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**COME EARLY !!!!! WHITE ELEPHANT SALE BEFORE AND AFTER PRESENTATION.
BRING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS THAT MAY BE A TREASURE TO OTHERS.**



BRaille INSTITUTE

**JANUARY 9, 2016 11:30 a.m.
MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE Grill Room
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert**

Yolanda Nava is an Emmy award winning television journalist, author, newspaper columnist and educator. She received her BA from UCLA. She is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and her career has focused on leadership development for Mexican American women and girls. In the summer of 2009 she suddenly lost her sight in both eyes and moved to the Coachella Valley to avail herself of the services of the Braille Institute, Rancho Mirage. She is currently completing a book about this experience called *Journey Through the Dark*, a straightforward and compelling narrative of lessons learned and of spiritual growth. She will discuss the Braille Institute's programs related to confidence building for women/girls in the areas of finance, personal care and all aspects of independent living.

Menu: Pantry Salad (lettuce, chicken, onion, tomato, pancetta, balsamic), Chicken Cobb Wrap (lettuce, blue cheese, bacon, tomatoes, ranch), Veggie Burger

Return reservation form with check for \$25.00 per person, payable to **AAUW Palm Springs**. Mail to Norma Stempler, One Reed Court, Rancho Mirage 92270 (760-324-3090) no later than January 5, 2016.

Name: _____

Luncheon choice: **Pantry Salad** ☐ **Chicken Wrap** ☐ **Veggie Burger** ☐

Number of Reservations _____ **Phone/Email** _____

January 2016 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President****HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day. ” Edith Lovejoy Pierce

As you face a new year and bring closure to the current year, take a moment to ask yourself what significant changes and events have I experienced in 2015? What positive Goals have I achieved in 2015? Whose life has been positively impacted by my words or deeds? What Goals, with timelines, am I setting for myself to achieve in 2016?

Often at this time of year many of us set New Year’s Goals and Resolutions. Unless we are very serious about these Goals and add a timeline to them, they mean little. They are just a Dream and are often quickly forgotten and ignored.

As President I am very pleased to see the number of Goals and Objectives we have achieved during this year. It was a pleasure to facilitate this strategic planning session and to gather important input from our enthusiastic members. One of the most significant parts of the Strategic Plan was the timelines we set for achieving our Goals.

Although work remains to be completed on some Objectives, I am pleased to report that we have increased our volunteers to support various areas of our organization. In addition to our popular Book Group, Movie Group, and Great Decisions, we have added three new activities to enhance the social interactions between our members: Feasting for Funds, Lunch Bunch, and Happy Hour. We have developed a Buddy System to support our members in addition to a Birthday Greeting card system for members. We have increased our Branch publicity and marketing through the printed Media and our Website. We have developed new Fundraising activities for our Branch. We sent nine girls to Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine this summer, and members have donated over \$3,815 through our Phantom trip fundraising efforts which began in August.

We have analyzed our Finances and the services provided by our bank, and have changed banks to improve our financial services. We have analyzed our bank accounts and have prepared a long range plan of our expected Branch income and expenditures.

We have also completed the Title IX Public Policy outreach into our Local School Districts to make sure that our girls are being provided equal opportunities in our schools.

There are so many wonderful things happening in our Palm Springs Branch it’s hard to mention all of them. However, none of them would be possible without the enthusiastic support and commitment of our members. I sincerely thank you for your support. Let us continue to work together and have a spectacular year in 2016!

We need someone to take over the chair of Tech Trek. (Barbara Foyil has had to step down for family health reasons.) The committee is in place and everything is organized for you. Please call Elizabeth Nash if you have any questions: 760-772-0645.

Palm Springs Officers

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Out and About: (committee)

Membership Badges: Sign up at a meeting, or contact Barbara Hawkins Villani at 760-322-3987 to order your magnetic badge (with the new logo) for \$10 each. Badges are available within three weeks of order.

White Elephant Sale

It's time to remind you about our White Elephant sale at our January luncheon. Please bring any items in good condition, either directly to the luncheon or call me at 760-674-4649 for directions to my house and I will bring the items for you.

I will have sign-up sheets ready, but you will need to give us a minimum bid for your item or items so that we all know how much to bid.

The proceeds from this will go to help our Tech Trek girls have a great learning experience next summer. Tech Trek is a wonderful way to introduce girls to the sciences and technology.

I look forward to seeing you at our luncheon. There will be no opportunity drawing at this meeting, but we will continue this after our January luncheon.

Pat Fredericks, 760-674-4649

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Feasting For Funds

Feasting for Funds is a fun way to raise money for Tech Trek. Members, alone or with others, hostess a meal or cocktail party.

Join us for a Champagne Brunch on Saturday, January 16th at 11:30 am

Hors d'Oeuvres, Champagne
and a surprise menu

Where: At the home of Lilliane Shuman
687 Palomar Circle
Palm Springs, 92262

Cost: \$30 per person

Hostesses: Lilliane Shuman - 760-323-2170
Angie Love - 760-779-5658

We are almost sold out, but why not join with another member or members to host a Feasting For Funds. We would like to hold one each month. We keep the number of attendees small so we can get to know one another while supporting a good cause. If you would like to host a Feasting for Funds contact Lilliane the number above.

AAUW Public Policy

Since AAUW's founding our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would have never been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance our work to empower women and girls. With the member-endorsed Public Policy Program as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women.

The AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department, with input from the member leaders of the AAUW Public Policy Committee, leads AAUW's lobbying and grassroots efforts. However, AAUW member advocates across the country who give their time, energy, and voice to AAUW issues deserve the credit for truly advancing women.

We have many resources available, and the AAUW policy staff can be reached at 202.785.7793 or advocacy@aauw.org.

Jeanne Hirshfield, Public Policy Chair, 760-324-2190



Photos from the Holiday Party December 19, 2015. Our host and hostess, Sharron and Jerry Cantarini, are in the first picture.



Your continued support is needed to send girls to Tech Trek Camp 2016.

Send donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262-6240. Checks are to be made out to AAUW, not Palm Springs Branch or SPF (designation to Tech Trek can go in memo area of check).

Please return this form with your donation.

Name: _____ **Amount:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Tel:** _____

Make checks payable to AAUW

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Thank you Joan Reed and Roberta Young for recruiting Gwen Donovan.
Colleen Littell and Peg Murray Cook found our branch online.

Starting January 1, new members can join our branch for half AAUW dues (\$24.50)
Dues are listed on our application @ \$53 for half year dues.
Questions? Call Barbara 760-322-3987 or contact @ bhvillani@gmail.com

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Our next fun cocktail happy hour will be held at 5 pm on January 16th at La Brasserie, in the Point Happy shopping center on the southwest corner of Washington and 111. Lou Riley is in charge of this evening's event.

Joan Cartwright is the organizer for our new Happy Hour Spirits. She can be reached at 415-320-5335 if you have additional questions about this group. This is a fun group, and we welcome you to join us. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

LUNCH BUNCH

Our Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 am on January 11, 2016, at The Vue at the Indian Wells Golf Resort. This month's luncheon is being organized by Pat Fredericks. Call Pat to reserve your place. She can be reached at 760-674-4649..

Phyllis Greene is the organizer for our new Lunch Bunch group. She can be reached at 760-772-7121 for additional questions regarding this fun group.

REEL REVELERS

We meet at 6 pm on 4th Thursday of the month (January 28th) at Sandy & Bob Weissenberg's, 72964 Skyward Way, Palm Desert, 760-674-9282 for a pot luck and then discuss a recent film.

The film will be chosen closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, January 20th at 2 pm at the home of Marsha Riley, 48380 Via Solana, La Quinta. Her phone number is 760-296-3991 (home) or 925-522-9799 (cell). We will discuss *The Great Bridge* by David McCullough.

The book for February is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information about our Group, call Roberta Young at 734-658-9981 or e-mail her at roberta-young@juno.com.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will not meet in January. We will be notified when the new books are available, which will be soon.

That will be the time for new members to join our discussion group, and prepare to enjoy "Great Decisions." All members of AAUW are welcome.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

OUT AND ABOUT

Our next theater party will be January 27th at the Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre. The play is *A Class Act*, about Tony Award-winning lyricist Edward Kleban.

We have dinner before the play at 5:30 pm at Livreri's in the Atrium. Call Angie if you want to join the group for dinner. The play starts at 7:30.

Angie Love, randalovebrds@aol.com 760-779-5658

Our website: <http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Happy Birthday Liz Nash</i>
3 <i>Happy Birthday Brenda Lonsbury-- Martin</i>	4	5 10:00 Board Meeting, Indian Ridge	6	7	8	9 11:30 General Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Suzanne McBride</i>
10	11 11:30 Lunch Bunch <i>Happy Birthday Ronda Ostergaard</i>	12	13	14	15	16 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits
17	18	19	20 2:00 Book Group	21 <i>Happy Birthday Carrie Dao Allan</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>Happy Birthday Anne LaConde</i>	26 <i>Happy Birthday Dianne Hassett</i>	27 7:30 theater party <i>Happy Birthday Gillian German</i>	28 6:00 Reel Revelers	29	30 <i>Happy Birthday Sharrell and Sharron</i>
31 <i>Happy Birthday Joan Weil</i>						