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DR. MONA KHANNA

**January 14, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE GRILL ROOM
9002 Shadow Ridge Rd., Palm Desert**

Destined to Serve: The International Journey of Disaster Relief

Dr. Mona Khanna highlighted almost 20 years of international emergency response with a three-month mission to Liberia during the Ebola epidemic. A founding member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a triple board-certified practicing medical doctor and an Emmy award-winning medical journalist, she is known as “Dr. Mona” in the media. When she returned from Liberia, she was named the 2015 Chicagoan of the Year for her humanitarian and disaster relief work. In the past 18 years, she has volunteered her time and medical skills after 5 hurricanes, 4 earthquakes, 2 tsunamis, 1 plane crash, 1 typhoon, 1 flood, 1 disease outbreak and 1 terrorist attack. She has also provided humanitarian relief to 10 developing countries, bringing her overseas aid work to a total of 14 countries.

Dr. Mona was the first U.S. physician to use the media to raise awareness of disasters by reporting from the front lines while providing emergency medical aid in 2001. Since then, scores of physicians have used the media to report on disasters.

Dr. Mona has written from the front lines about the SARS epidemic, Superstorm Sandy, the Haiti earthquake, and Hurricane Katrina. Her disaster and humanitarian work have also taken her to slums in India, a children’s orphanage in Thailand, schools in Suriname and Guyana, the Amazon Jungle in Brazil, post-tsunami battered Sri Lanka, church-based clinics in the Dominican Republic, the frozen tundra of the North Pole, the Ukraine and Israel.

Menu: Chicken Pantry Salad _____ Classic Reuben/Fries _____
Vegetarian Gourmet Burger/Fries _____

Write Menu Choice on Check for \$25.00, payable to **AAUW Palm Springs** and mail to Norma Stempler, 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage 92270; (760) 324-3090 **no later than January 5, 2017.**
. \$30.00 at the door

Name: _____ # Reservations _____ Phone/Email _____

January 2017 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President****HAPPY NEW YEAR--- HAPPY NEW YOU!**

“Yesterday is gone, Tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let us begin.” Mother Teresa

As we set our 2017 Resolutions and Goals, let us develop personal and professional goals. In order to move ahead in life, it is important to set goals. These goals should cover specific desired changes in such life areas as Physical, spiritual, mental, social, emotional, financial, business, educational, etc.

Make sure your goals are written and have a timeline. Then review your goals periodically, with an accountability partner, if possible. At the end of the year review your accomplishments to see how many goals you have achieved. I have practiced this Goal Setting activity for many years, and I am always amazed and pleased to see how many of my written goals have been achieved by the designated dates.

As President of the Palm Springs Branch, I am thrilled that we are achieving our goals through the commitment of our leaders and members. I am excited to see a growing **POSITIVE TEAM SPIRIT** demonstrated by our members. Members are enthusiastic and very supportive of AAUW State, National, and our Branch activities.

We are achieving our Strategic Planning Goals with enthusiasm and excitement. Our membership is growing rapidly and our new members are eagerly participating in various Branch activities.

We are fortunate to have outstanding speakers at our monthly luncheon/meetings. Announcing these luncheons in our local newspaper has increased our visibility in our Desert communities. We are continuing Fundraising efforts and developing ideas and plans to increase our Fundraising outcome.

The Tech Trek committee is working diligently to ensure that we have adequate funds to support our selected young women who are entering the eighth grade in the fall. These young women will experience the life of a college student and participate in selected STEM programs. On July 9-15, 2017, our selected young women will attend the Tech Trek Science Camp at UC Irvine.

Our “Out And About” activities are very popular with our members. We also enjoy our Great Decisions group, Reel Revelers movie group, Book Discussion Group, Lunch Bunch and Happy Hour Spirits groups.

We all are excited by having annual special events, such as our Holiday Party recently hosted by Sharron Cantarini and her husband Jerry, and our Annual Membership Tea which will be held in March.

We are fortunate to be members of AAUW where we know that lives of women and girls are being changed daily by our support. **I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT OUR PROGRESS AND EAGERLY LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017.**

“All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim; have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.” Orison Swett Marden

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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.

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.

Women's March in Los Angeles

Please join us on the bus to the March for Women in Los Angeles on January 21, 2017.

The cost is \$35.00 per person and leaves at 5 am from Palm Springs, returning no later than 7 pm. Please call Carlyne at 909-964-3187 or email her at caralex@verizon.net for more information and to sign up and join the group in Los Angeles.

Join AAUW for the webinar to discuss the book *The Poisoned Table* written by Diane Michael Cantor.

Genre : General Fiction, Historical

Date: January 10, 2017

Time: 4:30 p.m. PST

Where: Online (You just need to register.)

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/01/adelante-discussion-the-poisoned-table/>

Cost: Free

Public Policy

We may, or may not, be disappointed in the National Election results. However, most of the action that impacts our goals takes place on a local level. AAUW staff met with state legislators from across the country. There we learned about expanding access to the ballot box, providing protections for victims of sexual assault, and ensuring that the rights of the LGBT community are upheld and expanded. We also engaged in many discussions about the transition to the new presidential administration and the corresponding impact on states.

AAUW is fortunate to have many great advocates in statehouses across the country. Legislators from nearly every state attended AAUW meetings about the 2017 state legislative sessions. There are many exciting policy proposals on the horizon and we hope to keep the momentum of 2016 going.

These meetings reminded me how many important partners we have beyond the legislative statehouses and governors' mansions. I encourage you to reach out to your lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and local elected officials. These public servants all play a crucial role in advancing and implementing the policies that we work so hard to pass. In the coming year, I look forward to actively working with you to influence action on issues impacting women and families. None of this could happen without your support. Areas of activity include available adequate health care for women and expansion of the charter school network.

We need to encourage legislators to think outside the box when it comes to advancing their constituents' causes, and use their vaunted position to make powerful statements. Whether you are meeting with your new representatives, touching base with old contacts, or lobbying on issues that you care about, consider asking your elected officials to use these creative tactics to advance your issues.

Make a New Year's resolution that is easy to keep. Write at least one letter a month to the editor of the *Desert Sun* about an issue that concerns you.

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Fundraising Success for 2017 Tech Trek STEM Campers

Goal: nine campers-sponsorships in 2018

Ms Santa is coming to town for Tech Trekkers who will be selected this winter to attend Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine this summer!! I am happy to report that Palm Springs branch members have now raised the \$8,550 needed to send nine (9) Coachella Valley 7th grade girls to attend the 2017 AAUW STEM Camp. Thank you all for your generous donations!!!

2016 has been a year of transition for the Tech Trek Committee. Our outgoing leaders remained true to our AAUW values; as they stood by the side of the new leaders and helped us learn what we needed to do so Palm Springs branch can continue bringing educational opportunities and encouragement to girls who are interested in STEM careers for years to come.

We have set a goal of \$8,550 to send nine (9) campers to the 2018 Tech Trek STEM Camp. We have about \$200 toward that effort. We'll send as many campers as we have money raised by fall 2017. The cost is \$950 per girl.

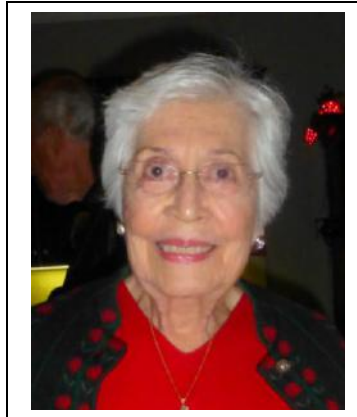
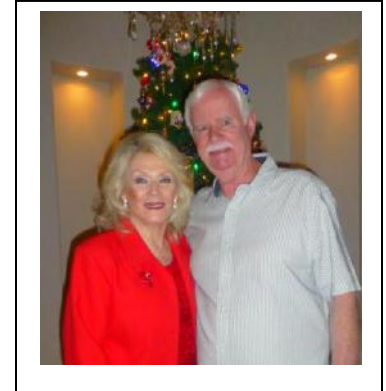
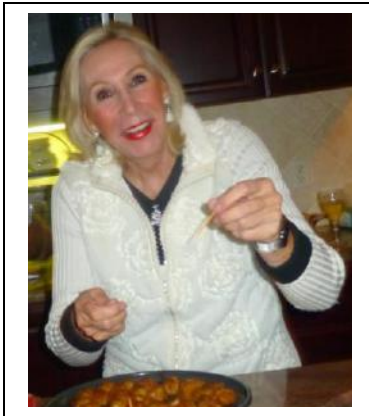
We will have our usual fundraisers at a couple of branch luncheons but most of our larger donations, in the past, have been from individual members who are passionate that local Coachella Valley girls are afforded an opportunity to have an educational opportunity they would otherwise not have.

We hope you will consider setting a goal of a full or half sponsorship, or any amount, for a 2018 Tech Trekker. Donations are tax deductible and can be made any time. Make checks payable to "AAUW" with "Palm Springs- UC Irvine TT STEM Camp" on the notation line. Send donations to: DeeDee Warren, TT Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert, CA 92255-1423.

Thank you all so much and have a Happy New Year!

Peggy Shippen, Tech Trek Chair, (541) 686-8619

Photos from Holiday Party



OUT AND ABOUT

SUNNYLANDS - Thirty two reservations were made by the deadline and we look forward to the tour on January 4th. Information regarding the tour will be sent to those who signed up.

COACHELLA VALLEY REPERTORY THEATER - If you have tickets for the January 25th performance and would like to have dinner beforehand, e-mail or call Angie Love. If Bernie's is open by then, I will make reservations for 5:30. The play starts at 7:30.

RED JEEP TOUR - February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. If you intend to join the tour send a check for \$107.00 made out to AAUW to Angie at 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert 92260. These tours are very popular and a deposit secures our reservation. Details later.

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

On January 18th at 2 pm we will discuss *The Same Sky* by Amanda Eyre Ward at the home of Beth Bangert. Call Beth at (760) 771-9215 to RSVP.

The book for February is *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981
roberta-young@juno.com.

LUNCH BUNCH

On January 9th at noon we will dine on the lake at Melange, in Le Chateau in La Quinta. Call or email Elaine Levey to join the group: (760) 360-6440 or elainlev@gmail.com.

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet at 5 pm January 21st at Sullivan's Steak House at the Gardens on El Paseo. You're invited!

RSVP to Dr. Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335.

REEL REVELERS

Our movie group will meet on January 26th at 6 pm at the home of Sandy and Bob Weisenberg, 72964 Skyward Way, Palm Desert. Call Sandy to tell her what you will bring to the pot luck: 760/674-9282. The name of the movie will be emailed to you closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, (760) 568-9621

GREAT DECISIONS

An email will go out about the January meeting, once the books arrive.

Joanne Bourquin, (760) 772-2832

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January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	New Year's Day (observed) <i>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Nash</i>	10:00 Board Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Brenda Lonsbury-Martin</i>	Sunnylands Tour			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	12:00 Lunch Bunch <i>Happy Birthday Suzanne McBride and Elisabeth Spiro</i>					11:30 General Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Martin Luther King Day	10:00 Great Decisions	2:00 Book Discussion			5:00 Happy Hour Spirits <i>Happy Birthday Carrie Allen</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			<i>Happy Birthday Anne laConde</i>	6:00 Reel Revelers <i>Happy Birthday Diane Hassett</i>	<i>Happy Birthday Gillian German</i>	
29	30	31				
	<i>Happy Birthday twins Sharron Cantorini and Sharrell Blakely</i>					