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AAUW MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION



SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE: 2:00-4:00 P.M.

**MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE, 9002 SHADOW RIDGE ROAD
PALM DESERT**

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend this reception and learn more about the Palm Springs branch of AAUW.

- VIEW NEW INFORMATIVE AAUW VIDEO (15 MINUTES) CALLED 'ONE' AAUW
- LEARN ABOUT EXCITING AAUW PROGRAMS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS
- SANDWICHES, FRUIT, DESSERT WILL BE SERVED

Your reservation is due by Tuesday, MARCH 7, 2017. Send your check for \$25.00 (made out to AAUW-PS) to Sharron Cantarini, 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta 92253-8156. An additional \$5.00 (\$30.00) will be required for checks received after the deadline date of March 7th. It is hard on the staff when we have to add additional food at the last minute.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS/GUESTS. Please list guests' names and phone numbers or emails below your name.

Member Name: _____ Phone/Email _____

Guest Name: _____ Phone/Email _____

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March 2017 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President**

During the 2016-17 year, our Branch has been blessed with outstanding women speakers. These women have great leadership skills and have broken glass ceilings in their chosen professions. Our Program Vice President, Sharrell Blakeley, set a goal, during our Strategic Planning sessions, to bring the best possible, available speakers to us. She is certainly accomplishing that goal! These speakers have shared their struggles, challenges and successes experienced on their roads to success. Our February speaker, Andrea Milne, received her Fellowship from AAUW (and partially from our Branch!) to complete her Doctorate in History. We were very excited to hear about her research and accomplishments.

As women, we know that it takes support to prepare for and secure professional jobs that might lead to breaking through the glass ceiling. We know that we cannot do this alone. In addition to family, friends, mentors, teachers, professional colleagues and other contacts, assistance from organizations like AAUW is also very beneficial. I decided to do an in-depth report on AAUW Grants and Fellowships.

I am truly impressed with the distinguished history and magnitude of grants offered by AAUW. According to our recent AAUW Outlook magazine, "AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016-17 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational opportunities- breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities.

American Fellowships are funded at \$6,000-\$30,000 for women who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research and preparing research for publication. Career Development Grants are funded at \$2,000-\$12,000 for women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers. Community Action Grants - Individuals funded at \$2,000-\$7,000 one year, or \$5,000-\$10,000 for two year grants. International Fellowships are funded at \$18,000-\$30,000 for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the U.S. who are not U.S. Citizens or permanent residents. International Project Grants funded at \$5,000-\$7,000 for alumnae of AAUW's international Fellowship program who are living in their home countries. Selected Professions Fellowships are funded at \$5,000-\$18,000 for women pursuing full-time study in a master's degree or professional degree program in which women are underrepresented, including STEM, law, business and medicine.

I encourage all members to become familiar with and support these AAUW Fellowships and Grants as they are very important sources of funding for qualified candidates.

"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD" --Nelson Mandela

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.

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Nominations for Officers for 2017-2018 – election at April meeting:

President: Pat Fredericks
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Secretary: Joanne Lane
Treasurer: Gillian German

Buddies: This is a call for members who would like to be a buddy to a new member. We are anticipating quite a few new members after the Membership Reception on March 11.

The Buddy Group was organized because new members usually did not have anyone to connect with initially. Many times, new members had to find someone or a group and then begin making connections. As a new member, knowing that there is one person she can touch base with can make all the difference in how she eventually becomes an enthusiastic and productive member of the branch.

If you bring a guest and she joins our branch, I can sign you up to be her buddy.

To be a buddy, send me your name, phone number and email address.

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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.

Board Meeting 10:00 am Tuesday, March 7th at Indian Ridge Clubhouse. RSVP to Elizabeth Nash.

Tech Trek Committee Meeting: 1-3 pm Tuesday March 21st at Louise Kermode's home, 38731 Desert Mirage Drive, Palm Desert. RSVP at (760) 776-0064.

Public Policy

The 115th Congress has made clear that rolling back women's reproductive **choice** is one of their top priorities. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights a policy principle since 1977. We won't let legislators turn back the clock on reproductive health!

AAUW supports the right of every woman to access safe, accessible, affordable, and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services. **Tell your members of Congress that, as a constituent, you stand with AAUW in opposing all efforts to restrict women's access to these critical health services!** The issue is family planning. The early issue is sex education in the public schools. By middle school, the hormones are raging. The girls and boys are going through puberty. Their bodies are changing in appearance and they need to know about what is happening to them and what can happen to them. They need information about avoiding an unwanted baby. They need access to contraception, to all kinds, to devices, to pills, to medicine including Plan B - the morning-after pill. When contraception is too late, the next step has to be the woman's **choice**. She is the one who is stuck. She has to carry the mistake. She cannot hide the mistake, and she is burdened by this mistake for her lifetime. Yes, after the first year, she could give the child away. Adoption is an alternative **choice**. After all, Steve Jobs said his biological mother who gave him away was a young, unwed college graduate student.

It is the woman's **choice** and she must have a realistic choice to continue with an unwanted pregnancy or a wanted pregnancy that medical testing has shown will result in a gravely disabled child. Some women choose this but that's the point. It's their choice. That's what we are talking about here, **choice**. Chocolate or vanilla, **CHOICE!**

The U.S. House and Senate have already undertaken several efforts to threaten women's health care access and autonomy, which means we must act quickly together. More harmful efforts are expected, including:

- Cutting funds to Planned Parenthood.
- Limiting abortion coverage for nearly all women.
- Enacting abortion bans that disregard the needs of women.

AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed **choices** regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. That's why we're asking members and supporters to speak out for reproductive **choice** as part of our "10 actions/100 days campaign." Tell your members of Congress we're watching and will hold them accountable; tell them to oppose these and *any* efforts to restrict women's access to reproductive health care.

Last month, I gave you contact information for our newest senator, Kamala Harris. Here is how to contact our member of Congress: Dr. Raul Ruiz, California's 36th Congressional District. His local office is at 43875 Washington Street Suite F, Palm Desert, CA 92211. Phone: (760) 424-8888. His Washington, DC Office is at 1319 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515. (202) 225-5330.

Jackie Drucker (760) 200-5101 JudgeJackie@mac.com

Because you are member of AAUW, you now have access to exclusive members-only discounts (does not have to be AAUW-related) at Office Depot and OfficeMax:

- Up to 80%
- Exclusive [very] low printing costs
- Online or in store

Click on this link to access the page and print your card: <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw>

A 2013 survey of AAUW **Tech Trek Camp Alumni** who attended the camp in California between 2006 and 2009 demonstrates the program's lasting effects on many levels, including interest and confidence in STEM fields, decision to pursue STEM curricula, and future career plans:

- 82% of girls take more science classes in high school;
- 77% completed precalculus (37% is the national average);
- 91% reported an increase in self-confidence and ability to be successful in science; 78% in math;
- 73% said it introduced them to STEM college major;
- 23% were attending 2-year colleges
- 87% said it introduced them to new STEM careers.
- 82% of girls take more science classes in high school;
- 73% were enrolled in four-year college and expecting to graduate in 4 years.

Palm Springs Branch has, over the last 15 years, sent 117 Coachella Valley 7th graders to AAUW Tech Trek Camp. The community truly benefits when these STEM-educated young women return to work, contribute and serve as positive role models in the Coachella Valley.

Please say YES! I want to give my support to sending Coachella Valley girls to AAUW Tech Trek STEM Camp with my yearly tax-deductible donation. **Tech Trek Donations are tax deductible:** Make your check out to "AAUW." Send checks to: DeeDee Warren, TT Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert, 92255-1423. On the memo line write: "Palm Springs area campers - UC Irvine Camp."

In connection with **Women's History Month**, here are some facts about AAUW:

November 28, 1881: Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards meet in Boston with 15 alumnae representing eight colleges to discuss the needs of college-educated women. In addition to broadening opportunities and assisting other women in higher education, they discuss the formation of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

In 1885 the Association of Collegiate Alumnae issued its first research report in conjunction with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor. The report, *Health Statistics of Women College Graduates*, establishes that, contrary to popular belief, women's health is not adversely affected by attending college.

In 1888 First fellowship granted. "Nowhere has the AAUW demonstrated its practical idealism and its educational power and promise more fully than in the establishment of fellowships to advance women who give promise of scholarly distinction."

In 1907, ACA begins the study of equal pay.

March 1921, The Southern Association of College Women (founded in 1903) and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae merge to form the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

1938 Discrimination in academia documented. *The Living Wage for College Women* is published. It documents widespread sex discrimination in academia and serves as the basis for future campaigns to improve the status of women on campus.

June 1940 AAUW assists refugees. AAUW begins raising money for its War Relief Fund, which assists European scholars and university women who are displaced by the military occupation and no longer able to continue their work.

June 1949 Revision of bylaws. AAUW revises its bylaws to state that the only requirement for membership is a college degree, thereby reaffirming that women college graduates of all races are eligible for membership.

1975, the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps is formed to monitor congressional hearings and lobby for bills that match AAUW's legislative program.

Through the hard work of the AAUW Lobby Corps, the Family Medical Leave Act passes in 1993.

New Book: Erwin Parent is a former Palm Springs branch member. He held the position of Public Policy Chair for several years. His wife Rosanna was elected president for 2010-11, but cancer prevented her from serving.

"My book, *Death of a Spouse, Turning Negatives into Positives*, is finally published and is available online at the following locations: bookstorebalboapress.com, barnesandnoble.com, Amazon.com. It will be available in Bookstores at a later date.

My second wife Rosanna was a 30-year member of AAUW. She belonged to 3 California Branches: Sacramento, Riverside and Palm Springs. AAUW is mentioned 16 times in the book. Prior to publication, I contacted people who were members at the time Rosanna belonged to confirm that what I was writing was accurate.

After I retired, I joined the Palm Springs Branch to support Rosanna and the work of the branch.

I have 3 sons, no daughters. At age 76, my first Grandchild was born, a girl, followed by another and then a Grandson. Recently the oldest, Virginia, who is in Kindergarten, won a ribbon for her first Scientific Project. I am so proud – she is slightly Autistic. I will be sure that these two girls are exposed to all the things that AAUW stands for and encourage them in their effort."

Photos from the February Meeting



Sharon Bock, Gail Hughes,, Barbara Villani and Bev Anderson; Elizabeth Nash, Martha McCool and Carole Haller; Joanne Bourquin and Gil German; Sharon Seraphin; Tricia Doran and Magdelina Hamilton; Peg Shippan with her guests from Oregon

Want to be a Tech Trek **Dorm Mom** or **Instructor** at the AAUW Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine? Positions open. Applications and info available. Contact Sylvia Fath, Camp Director.Sylviamf@outlook.com or text message at (760) 285.1721.

OUT AND ABOUT

JOIN US AT THE POLO GROUNDS



Where: Empire Polo Grounds on Ave. 50 in Indio
Date: Sunday, March 26
Time: Matches are at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm.
Arrive by 11:30.
Cost: \$25.00 for parking and admission

We will have reserved seating close to the action, the beautiful polo ponies and the skilled riders.

Lunch: drinks, pizza, hamburgers, sandwiches, salads, etc. can be purchased. No food may be brought in. During breaks you can socialize or walk through the beautiful adjoining gardens.

Time is short. Send a check payable to AAUW for \$25.00 per person to Angie Love, 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert 92260, (760) 779-5658, randalovebrds@aol.com.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet at 10 am, March 21st.
The place will be emailed to you.

Joanne Bourquin, (760) 772-2832

BOOK DISCUSSION

On March 15th we will meet at Roberta Young's home at 437 Calle Rolph, Palm Springs at 2 pm. Joyce Kornbluh will lead the discussion of *A Strangeness in My Mind* by Orhan Pamuk. Call Roberta to RSVP.

In April we shall choose books for next year.

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

LUNCH BUNCH

On March 13th we dine at the EIGHT4NINE restaurant in Palm Springs (849 N. Palm Canyon) at noon.

RSVP by March 6th to Mary Schambach at maryschambach@yahoo.com.

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet at 5 pm on March 25th at Bobby Mao's Chinese Restaurant, in the patio. The restaurant is located at the front of the Westfield Shopping Center on Hwy 111. (next to Stuft Pizza). RSVP to Elizabeth Nash at eliznash333@aol.com or (760) 772-0645..

Joan Cartwright (415) 320-5335

REEL REVELERS

Our movie group will meet on March 30th at 6 pm at the home of Gerry and Al Sabsevit, 78288 Fostoria Lane, Sun City Palm Desert, co-hosted by Elizabeth Nash, who will lead the discussion. Call Gerry with what you will bring to the pot luck: (760) 772-3025. The name of the movie will be emailed to you closer to the date of the meeting.

Bavla Adelman. (760) 568-9621

Check out our branch website: <http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>

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5	6 <i>Happy Birthday Pam Roberts</i>	7 10:00 Board Meeting	8	9	1	11 2:00 General Meeting
12	13 12:00 Lunch Bunch	14	15 2:00 Book Discussion 7:30 CV Rep play	16 <i>Happy Birthday Lilliane Shuman and Judy Pochini</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday Pat Mauritzen and Geri Robertson</i>	18
19	20	21 10:00 Great Decisions 1:00 Tech Trek Mtg	22	23	24	25 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits
26 11:00 Polo Matches	27	28	29	30 6:00 Reel Revelers		