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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TEA

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00 PM**

**At the home of Anne and Kenneth LaConde  
73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert**

**You and your prospective member guests are invited to attend our Palm Springs AAUW Membership Tea**

Our Tea organizer Francie Spears is requesting each member bring finger foods or petite desserts (nothing that needs a fork or spoon to eat). Please select a dish from the list below:

Petite Tea Sandwiches: (Egg Salad, Chicken Salad, Turkey, Cucumber with Cream Cheese, Vegetarian, or Meat Sandwiches), Tiny Meatballs, Cheese and Crackers, Deviled Eggs, Cocktail Franks, Bite Sized Scones

..... AND FOR DESSERT: Petite Cupcakes, Bite-Sized Fruits, Cookies, Brownie Bites, Petit Fours, or Tiny Éclairs.

### **Entertainment: Rancho Mirage High School Students' Musical Tribute**

Please return this reservation form with your check for \$10.00, and give us the name(s) of prospective members you will bring. (These guests attend free.) Also, please list the food you will bring. Make your check payable to AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to Elizabeth Nash at 721 Indian Ridge Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92211, or call 760-772-0645 no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Prospective Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Food I am Bringing: \_\_\_\_\_

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## March 2015 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.  
 (Theodore Roosevelt)... Remember: Team Means Together Each  
 Accomplishes the Mission. (Louise Boley, San Fernando Valley AAUW Pres.)

**These past two years we have gone through the process of changing and refining our Palm Springs AAUW branch. Some things worked well and others not so much. But in the end, I believe we have not failed but have succeeded in accomplishing many of our goals. I am proud to say that we have succeeded in the programs we offer and sponsor and now we have a new strong set of nominated officers eager to go forward for the next two years. Thank you, Joanne Bourquin, Willie Mills, Elizabeth Nash and Adele Ruxton for all your work in getting the new officers committed.**

**With March being Women's History Month we stop and remember how women's diverse occupations and interests have changed this past 50 years. Just as women have strived for equal rights, the right to equal pay, changing positions in the work force and more, progress is happening. Some areas are changing faster than others. The computer growth has helped women in many areas as well as in areas of math and science. My granddaughter doesn't think a thing about it that she is better at math than the boys. That's progress.**

**Remember the post war suburban growth and gated community growth? Now the younger set is saying they want to go back to a community where they can walk to the store. What comes around goes around. I quote Helen Keller who said, To keep our face toward change, and believe like free spirits in the presence of fate, is strength undefeatable.**

**Come enjoy our Membership Tea in March and enjoy a delightful pool-side event. We will be providing a wonderful musical presentation by the new Rancho Mirage High School. This school of the arts provides wonderful theater to the public and I try to attend all of it.**

**By educating women and families we are helping to keep this world safe and orderly. I am proud to be a part of AAUW and its commitment to making the world better and safer. Thank you to all of you who use your talents and skills to keep our branch a High Functioning Organization!**

*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.*

**Palm Springs Officers**

President: Gerry Johnson ..... 323-4319  
 President-Elect: Elizabeth Nash 772-0645  
 Program VP :  
   Elizabeth Nash ..... 772-0645  
 Membership VP:  
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   Pat Fredericks ..... 674-4649  
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   Jeanne Hirshfield..... 324-2190  
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   Bonnie Paul ..... 568-6577  
 Sandscripts: Elaine Levey ..... 360-6440  
 Sunshine: Elisabeth Spiro ..... 836-0478  
 Afternoon Book Group:  
   Sue Beatty ..... 346-7478  
 Great Decisions:  
   Joanne Bourquin ..... 772-2832  
 Reel Revelers:  
   Yvonne Michelsen ..... 200-9661  
   Bayla Adelman ..... 568-9621  
 Out and About:  
 (committee)

**Nominations for 2015-16 Officers**

Elections will be held at our April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

**President: Elizabeth Nash**

**President-Elect: Pat Fredericks**

**VP Program: Sharrell Blakeley**

**VP Membership: Gerry Johnson**

**VP AAUW Funds/Fundraising:**

**Pat Fredericks**

**Secretary: Joann Lane**

**Treasurer: Lori Duffy**

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Joanne Bourquin

Members: Wilma “Willie” Mills, Elizabeth Nash, Adele Ruxton

**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.

## TYKE TREK is Happening on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm.

Vista del Monte Elementary School, Palm Springs

Third grade has 33 girl students in three classes.

We will organize three science enrichment groups led by our members. Students will rotate to all three topics during these active, hands on STEM programs. Science topics in the past have included Insects, Plants, Water Cycle, Slime, Bubbles, Light/Color. If you choose to lead a group you may pick your topic.

This year we are being asked to adhere to Common Core Standards.

Thanks to: Barbara Villani, Bonnie Paul, Hope Boyd, Barbara and Jack Foyil, Jeanne Hirshfield, Gerry Johnson, Anne LaConde, Angie Love, Ronda Ostergaard, Lynn Sacher and Lilliane Shuman. All have signed on already.

### WE NEED MORE HELP.

Choose to lead or assist in a group, be a time keeper, photographer, or.....???

Please contact Barbara (322-3987) or Bonnie (568-6577) to add your name or ask any questions.

## PUBLIC POLICY - TIPPING

### DID YOU READ THE ARTICLE?

I am talking about the article in the last edition of the *AAUW Outlook* concerning wages and tipping. If you did you will probably never look at tipping in quite the same way again. I know that I never shall. The federal laws governing tipping and the accompanying wages go back to the first federal minimum wage law in 1938 when the minimum wage was .25 per hour. In 1966 the federal minimum wage had risen to \$2.13. That is when people working in service jobs that usually receive tips were separated from other workers and their federal minimum wage has stayed at \$2.13. The expectation is that their tips will bring them up to the minimum wage. Some states require the full federal minimum wage of \$7.25 or more to be paid but about half still allow \$2.13 an hour as base pay. The national median for tipped workers comes out to less than \$9.00 an hour. If you earn as little as \$30.00 a month in tips you fall under the law that allows that minimum wage of \$2.13. We have to do better than this for our many service workers. Think about all of this when you calculate your next tips and be as generous as you can be. Better yet and at the same time support those forward thinking people who are working for decent wages that make tipping unnecessary.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190



AAUW Palm Springs **branch Board Meeting**, Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at the clubhouse in Chaparral Country Club (on Portola between Hovley Lane and Magnesia Falls, Palm Desert. All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

## Pictures from our February meeting at Lulu's in Palm Springs:



From left, Marty McCoy, Lynn Ostrick, Anne LaConde and Ronda Ostergaard



New member Jean Dietrich with Mary Ann Kaestner

## AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015 | San Diego



**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**





## Exciting Tech Trek News!!!

In years past the Palm Springs branch sent 8 girls to Tech Trek Camp but this year due to the camp being expanded we will be sending 9 girls. We wish to make the increase in number a permanent annual occurrence. It is our hope that the branch membership will assist the Tech Trek Committee by helping to sponsor these young women.

Attending camp on a university campus helps girls, especially those whose parents may not have gone to college, to see themselves seeking higher education. The university campus experience gives girls a chance to think about the opportunities a college education can afford them. Camp field trips encourage maximum interaction and instruction in environments where STEM professionals work. Girls are immersed in a world in which they are empowered by their capabilities and encouraged to think about themselves not just as young women but also as future doctors, scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists.

The selection process for Tech Trek Camp 2015 has begun and the committee is waiting to receive the names of girls nominated by faculty from the numerous middle schools in the Coachella Valley.

Committee members: Adele Ruxton, Angie Love, Bonnie Paul, Chris Ellet, Gayle Cox, Joyce Cohn, Lilliane Shuman, Louise Kermode, Mary Ann Kaestner, and Phyllis Greene.

Branch coordinator: Barbara Foyil

**Donations are needed to help us raise the funds to send our girls to Tech Trek Camp.**

**Send your donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262.**

**Checks are to be made out to: AAUW SPF (Special Projects Fund).**



Know someone who needs a little extra sunshine in her life? Call or email Elisabeth Spiro at 760-836-0478 or [ebspiro@gmail.com](mailto:ebspiro@gmail.com)

### BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the home of Barbara Villani, 1028 E. San Lorenzo Road, Palm Springs, 760-322-3987. Willie Mills will lead the discussion of *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony. The book for April is *America's Women* by Gail Collins. In May we will choose the books for next year.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information call Sue Beatty at 760-346-7478 or email her at [ssbeatty@icloud.com](mailto:ssbeatty@icloud.com).

### GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. It provides the local community with a unique opportunity to learn about issues of global importance.

On March 17<sup>th</sup> Great Decisions will meet in the Clubhouse at the home of Beverly Anderson (50865 Paradise W #E, La Quinta) from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Chapter 2, "Privacy in the Digital Age," will be discussed after viewing the DVD. Beverly's number is 760-771-0838 if you need to call for directions.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

### REEL REVELERS

We are meeting at Anne and Ken LaConde's home, 73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, 760-862-1913. We meet at 6 pm on February 26<sup>th</sup> for our pot luck, so call Anne by the Tuesday prior to choose your dish. Joyce Kornbluh will be our moderator for the discussion of *American Sniper*. The next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621  
Yvonne Michelsen, 760-200-9661

### "OUT AND ABOUT" GROUP



If you are planning to attend the March 11<sup>th</sup> play, "La Gringa" at the Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre in Rancho Mirage and want to meet for dinner at Livreri's Bella Napoli beforehand, plan to be at the restaurant between 5:15 and 5:30. The show starts at 7:30 pm.

You must get your own theater tickets. Call 760-296-2966 to see if any are available.

Call Angie Love at 760-779-5658 or e-mail [randalovebrds@aol.com](mailto:randalovebrds@aol.com) if you want to join us for dinner.

Barbara Villani  
1028 E. San Lorenzo Road  
Palm Springs, CA 92264-8114



**March 2015**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3 10:00 am Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 1:00 pm Tyke Trek 5:30 pm "La Gringa"	12	13	14 2:00 pm Membership Tea
15	16	17 10:00 am Great Decisions	18 2:00 pm Book Group	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 6:00 Reel Revelers	27	28