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AAUW MEMBERSHIP TEA



SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

NORMA STEMLER'S HOME 760-324-3090

1 REED COURT, RANCHO MIRAGE 92270-3712

(Take Bob Hope entrance to The Springs, north of Country Club. Make quick left on Colgate; Reed Court is 2nd street on the right.)

Francie Spears, Tea Organizer, has requested that all members bring finger foods (i.e., petite sandwiches, cheese/crackers, deviled eggs, bite size scones, cookies, petit fours or tiny eclairs).

Membership co-Chairs, Gerry Johnson and Barbara Villani encourage all current members to bring prospective new members to the Tea.

Please send reservation form to Norma Stempler with your check for \$10.00, PAYABLE to AAUW PS (no charge for prospective members).

NAME _____ PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS _____

FOOD YOU ARE BRINGING _____

March 2016 President’s Message



Elizabeth Nash, President

One of the many ways that AAUW empowers the Advancement of women and girls is by ensuring that the Title IX regulations are being enforced by our Educational leaders, in our Educational systems.

Title IX which was signed into law in 1972 as a portion of the U.S. Education Amendment, states that “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.” In 2013, the Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights sent a letter stating: “The sexual harassment of students, including sexual violence, interferes with students’ right to receive an education free from discrimination and, in the case of sexual violence, is a crime.” This officially expanded Title IX from applying to just athletics to covering all areas of education.

Title IX Enforcement: Every school, by law, is required to designate a Title IX Coordinator who must be readily available for school faculty, staff and students to contact.

Title IX Non-compliance Consequences: The loss of reputation and precious school monies for lawsuits filed are the most common costs of Title IX violations.

AAUW’s Title IX Research and Advocacy: AAUW has advocated for many years, for the U.S. Dept. of Ed. to publish a resource guide. A year ago, Congress finally gave them permission to do so, but did not allocate the funds for distribution. This is the reason the Dept. of Education approached AAUW asking if members would distribute the Colleague Letters and new Title IX Resource Guide to Superintendents and Title IX Coordinators throughout the United States. During our AAUW National Convention in San Diego last year, we were all asked by leaders from the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights, and our National AAUW President, to take this challenge very seriously and implement it as soon as possible.

I asked Pat Fredericks and Peggy Shippen to work together to fulfill this very important task for our Branch, and they did a wonderful job. Peggy Shippen has leadership experience including delivering new Title IX materials through her AAUW branch in Oregon. Pat Fredericks has a wealth of leadership knowledge and experience with our local leaders and communities. Together they achieved the following: Prepared the Title IX packets containing Colleague letters and new Title IX Resource Guide to Superintendents and Title IX Coordinators. They delivered them to Palm Springs Unified School District Superintendent, Desert Sands Unified School District Superintendent, Coachella Valley Unified School District, College of the Desert and Cal. State University San Bernardino. They reported their reflections from their experiences ranged from “Uneventful, to the materials being very well received.” One of the recipients expressed gratitude for the materials and stated “they had just received a Title IX Complaint.”

Thank you Pat Fredericks and Peggy Shippen for completing this National AAUW Title IX Education outreach for our branch, for reporting our branch results to AAUW National, and for providing specific information to share with our wonderful dedicated Branch members.

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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.

Election of Officers for 2016-2017

The following have been nominated to serve our branch. Other nominations will be accepted. Call Joanne Bourquin or nominate them at the March meeting. Election takes place at our annual meeting in April.

President:	Elizabeth Nash
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Program VP:	Sharrell Blakeley
Membership VP:	Bayla Adelman
Secretary:	Joann Lane
Treasurer:	Gillian German

Leading Policy Action in Statehouses

In the wake of some of the most unproductive sessions in the history of the U.S. Congress, AAUW has started a wave of advocacy in the states to close the gender gap. AAUW policy staff and volunteers from across the country are working with state legislators who have previously supported equal pay bills to help draft and introduce legislation that will give working women sorely needed protection from pay discrimination.

AAUW is pursuing legislation in 24 states plus 13 additional states that our coalition partners are targeting to take the 2016 legislative session by storm. “With AAUW’s resources, analysis and the grassroots support from members, we are offering state legislators what they need to get crucial protections on the books,” says AAUW State Policy Analyst Kate Nielson. “It’s an exciting, collective push for change.”

Do your part and answer our state “Two Minute Activist” calls. Even if we are no longer getting short paychecks, our daughters and granddaughters probably are.

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.

Legal Advocacy Fund-Supported Plaintiffs Win Settlement

In January 2016, the plaintiffs in the LAF-supported case *Moshak v. University of Tennessee* successfully settled their Title IX lawsuit against the university. As part of the settlement, the university will pay more than \$1 million. Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser are former employees of the University of Tennessee's women's athletic department. In 2012, they filed suit against the university, alleging sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The plaintiffs claim they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger of the men's and women's athletic departments.

Gender discrimination in sports remains a significant problem, for athletes as well as for coaches and administrators who support women's athletics. The *Moshak* plaintiffs shared a professional commitment to women's athletics at a university that has a rich history of excellence in women's sports. Their allegations show just how pervasive discrimination against women's sports and women athletes can be.

Legal Advocacy Fund: the How and the Why

Mollie Lam is the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund senior manager. Mollie manages LAF's case support program, working with plaintiffs to challenge discrimination and harassment in education and the workplace.

Mollie will discuss new cases which LAF is championing including *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education* which highlights a significant underlying factor that contributes to the wage gap: employers' practice of relying on an employee's prior salary history to set new salary levels. You will hear about a victory of LAF supported plaintiffs at the University of Tennessee and a case involving servicewomen who are fighting against retaliation for reporting sexual assault and rape.

Redlands AAUW April Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 5, 2016, Social time: 5:30 PM, Dinner: 6:00 PM, Program: 6:45 PM

Note: Walk-ins are welcome at 6:45 to hear Ms. Lam's talk at No Charge

Where: University of Redlands Casa Loma Room

Cost for Dinner: Members & Guests: \$19

Reservations: deadline for the April 5th meeting reservation is Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

Please call 909-362-4955 or email reservation to rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org

AAUW Signs On to Support Women's Reproductive Health

AAUW joined an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Whole Women's Health v. Cole*, challenging a Texas state law that imposes significant restrictions on clinics that provide abortion care. The law would have the effect of closing the majority of the abortion care clinics in Texas. AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services.

We discussed *Whole Women's Health* in our Supreme Court preview call last October. Stay tuned for more information after the court hears arguments in March.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation (send your check payable to AAUW Fund to Pat Fredericks, 75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells 92210-8332) to help balance the scales of justice.



Photos from February 2016 Meeting: Peggy Shippen and Joanne Bourquin; Bonnie Paul and Gerry Johnson; Angie Love and Jeanne Hirshfield; Lou Riley, Gillian German and Gerry Johnson; Gerry Sabsevitz and Phyllis Greene; Marty McCoy and Patty Pastrick; Lynn Ostrick and Anne LaConde; Iris Anderson, Marsha Riley and Norma Stempler; three members from Michigan: Roberta Young, Joan Read and Gwen Donovan; Lynn Ostrick and Bayla Adelman; prospective member Phyllis Dunn and Brenda Lonsbury-Martin; Tricia Doran and Mary Ann Kaestner.

Change of email for Magdalena Hamilton: MGDLNHAMILTON@[GMAIL.COM](mailto:MGDLNHAMILTON@GMAIL.COM)



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

Out and About: Tour of the Cabot Pueblo Museum

When: Monday, April 11 at 10:30 am
Where: 67616 Desert View Ave., Desert Hot Springs, 760-329-8100
How: For those who do not wish to drive, car pools will be arranged
Cost: From 9 to 13 dollars, depending on how many join the tour. Pay at the door.
Lunch: After the tour we will have lunch at Two Bunch Palms, a 3 minute drive from the museum. The address is 67425 Two Bunch Palms Trail.

To join the tour, call or email Angie Love, 760-779-5658 or randalovebrds@aol.com

New rooms, new grounds and gardens are now open. Incredible stories about the man who helped settle the Coachella Valley will be presented. If you have never visited Cabot Lodge, you are in for a treat. If you have, you will want to see it again.

Driving directions: take your own best route to Gene Autry Trail. Go north. This becomes Palm Drive after you cross the freeway. Turn right onto Hacienda (Happy Teriyaki is on the right). Turn left onto Miracle Hill Rd. which is just past Maui Way. Take first right turn onto Desert View Ave. Go to 67616 which is on the left.



HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Our next meeting for the Happy Hour Spirits will be at 5:00pm on Saturday, March 19, at Bobby Mao's Restaurant. Bobby Mao's is located at 72840 Hwy. 111, Palm Desert in the Westfield Mall (next to Stuft Pizza).

Elizabeth Nash is organizing this month's gathering. Please call Elizabeth to reserve your place. She can be reached at 760-772-0645.

Dr. Joan Cartwright is the chair for our Happy Hour Spirits. She can be reached at 415-320-5335 if you have additional questions about this group. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

LUNCH BUNCH

Our Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30 am on Monday, March 14, at the Desert Willow Golf Resort Restaurant. The Desert Willow address is 38995 Desert Willow Dr., Palm Desert.

Elizabeth Nash is organizing this month's luncheon. Please call Elizabeth to reserve your place. Her telephone number is 760-772-0645.

Phyllis Greene Is the chair for our Lunch Bunch group. She can be reached at 760-772-7121 for additional information regarding this group.

REEL REVELERS

We meet at 6 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (February 25th) at Phyllis Greene's, 78594 Links Drive, Sun City Palm Desert, 760-772-7121 for a pot luck and then discuss *Lady in the Van*, which we see on our own. Call 760-772-7121, with pot luck choice by February 23rd.

The film for March 31st will be chosen closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 2pm to discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. We will meet at the home of Sue Beatty. Sue's address is: 163 West Torremolinos, Rancho Mirage. Sue's phone number is 760-346-7478 and her e-mail is ssbeatty@icloud.com.

If you plan to come, please let Sue know so she can leave your name with the guard at the Bob Hope gate.

The book for April is *Dead Wake* by Erik Larsen.

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

GREAT DECISIONS

GREAT DECISIONS will hold the March 15 meeting on Chapter 2, *The Rise of Isis*, at the home of Angie Love. Call her at 760-779-5658 to let her know you plan to attend so she can leave your name at the gate.

Meetings start at 10, end at noon.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

OUT AND ABOUT

The next play is *I am My Own Wife* on March 16th, the true story of a German transvestite who managed to survive both the Nazi regime and the repressive East German Communist regime.

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 1:00 Membership Tea
13	14 11:30 Lunch Bunch	15 10:00 Great Decisions	16 2:00 Book Discussion 7:30 Theater <i>Happy Birthday Judy Pochini and Lilliane Shuman</i>	17 <i>Happy Birthday Pat Mauritzen and Geri Robertson</i>	18	19 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 6:00 Reel Revelers		