



Palm Springs Branch

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Saturday, May 14th 11:30-2:00 PM
INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Indian Ridge Country Club

76375 Country Club Dr., Palm Desert, 760-772-7272

(Between Washington Blvd. and Cook Street - across the street from Palm Valley CC)



Shawn Shepherd is the enthusiastic Development Director for Cal State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus. Shawn raises funds to build out the CSUSB campus to the more than 120 undeveloped acres at their Palm Desert site. She has a Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration from the University of Vermont, and a Master's in Theatre History and Criticism from Washington State University.

There are many benefits to an AAUW/University partner membership committed to supporting students, faculty and staff. A partnership also supports information, programs and events. Our Branch is pleased to have a partnership with Cal. State University, San Bernardino - Palm Desert Campus.

Past President Gail Hughes will install the officers for 2016-2017, and there will be some important announcements.

MENU CHOICES: Avocado and mango salad with chicken _____
Vegetarian option: Avocado and mango salad with fried brie _____

Please return the reservation form with your check for \$26.00 per person. Make your check payable to AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to: Elizabeth Nash, 721 Indian Ridge Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760-772-0645 or 310-612-4384) NO LATER THAN MAY 9th.

Please note: **BECAUSE INDIAN RIDGE IS A PRIVATE COUNTRY CLUB, NO ONE WITHOUT A RESERVATION WILL BE ADMITTED.**

Name _____

Number of Reservations _____ Phone/E-Mail _____

May 2016 President's Message**Members, Goals, Norms****Elizabeth Nash, President**

So many wonderful things are happening in our Branch this year. It was with great delight that we welcomed eight new members who joined our Branch during the March Membership Tea. We have over 100 members now and the number is growing. We welcome our new members as they bring new ideas, new experiences, skills, enthusiasm and support to our Branch.

We also pause to thank those members who have served for 50 years in our Branch. What a bountiful wealth of knowledge and experience these members have brought to our Branch! They have served in all areas of leadership, mentored new members, and funded many AAUW programs and much, much more. We plan to honor these members at our May 14th Installation Luncheon.

As we all work together as a TEAM on our common Goals, we look forward to great achievements for our Branch!

In planning for our current and future successes for our Branch, we developed a Strategic Plan during our 2015 Branch Planning Meeting. Through an interactive small group and large group method, our members selected three major goals, with SMART Objectives.

Goal # 1: STRENGTHEN MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES: FOCUS ON ACTIVE RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS, AND SUPPORT AND RETENTION OF CONTINUING MEMBERS.

Goal # 2: INCREASE BRANCH PUBLICITY- MARKETING AND BRANDING

Goal # 3 STRENGTHEN FINANCE FOR BRANCH COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS

In addition, at our June 2015 Planning Meeting, our members accepted **NORMS** for our group which express the values of our team. Group Norms make sure all team members know what is expected of them; they support the needs of the team members, evaluate the group's performance, help all members know what is important and provide a guide for behavior. **The POSITIVE NORMS FOR OUR BRANCH ARE:** 1. **Begin and end meetings on time;** 2. **Stick to an agenda; anyone can question someone for being off agenda;** 3. **Treat people with respect, one person speaks at a time, no sidebars;** 4. **Treat everyone as a potential source of valuable insight and expertise;** 5. **Be willing to take on responsibilities;** 6. **Encourage those who suggest new ideas;** 7. **Speak with pride about the organization;** 8. **Don't criticize the organization in the community;** 9. **Be helpful and supportive of others in the organization;** 10. **Share information to make the organization better;** 11. **Do what will serve the needs of the organization, rather than what will serve personal needs only;** 12. **No plops;** 13. **HAVE FUN!**

We will revisit these GOALS and NORMS at our June 11, 2016 Planning Meeting.

New AAUW Research on Women in Leadership

Women are not new to leadership; think of Cleopatra or Queen Elizabeth. Think of the women who led the civil rights and education reform movements. But women are still outnumbered in the most prestigious positions, from Capitol Hill to the board room. *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership* examines the causes of women's underrepresentation in leadership roles in business, politics and education and suggests what we can do to change the status quo. <http://www.aauw.org/resource/barriers-and-bias/>

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 Joanne Bourquin 772-2832
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 Bayla Adelman 568-9621
 Out and About: (committee)

Officers Elected for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

President:	Elizabeth Nash
President Elect:	Pat Fredericks
Program VP:	Sharrell Blakeley
Membership VP:	Sharron Canterini
Secretary:	Joann Lane
Treasurer:	Gillian German

FundRaising

Our fundraising efforts have been quite good, but we are looking for new ideas. If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with me. Our committee will be meeting over the summer to discuss ideas for our fall drive. Our support for Tech Trek is vital and we need to find ways in which we can raise money without continually going to our members. The members of the fundraising committee are open to suggestions.

Our committees will be forming soon and if you are interested in serving please call President Elizabeth or me. Become involved and make a difference in a girl’s future. Their future is our future and we need to invest in it. Take care, and those of you who leave the desert for the summer; we will miss you and look forward to your return.

Pat Fredericks

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.

Membership

Our Palm Springs Branch will present six of our members with an honorary life certificate at the May 14 meeting. Each of these six members have been members of AAUW for 50 plus years. They are all active members of our Palm Springs Branch. We are glad to be honoring their service and membership.

Carrie Dao Allan joined Palm Springs branch in 1965. Carrie was branch president from 1988-90.

Frances “Francie” Brown Spears joined Palm Springs branch in 1995. Francie has also been a member of AAUW in the following branches: Texas Woman’s Univ., Lompoc, CA, Newport-Mesa, CA, and Del Mar/Leucadia, CA. Francie was president of our branch 2003-2004.

Mary Vanette Hickey joined AAUW in 1966 in Concord, CA. She has been a member of Danville/Alamo CA, Laguna Beach CA, Prescott AZ, and Palm Springs since 1999.

Geraldine “Gerry” Johnson joined Klamath Falls OR branch in 1966, and continued her membership after moving to Palm Springs in 1982. Gerry was Palm Springs president from 2013-2015.

Patricia “Pat” Mauritzen joined her first branch in Long Beach, CA in 1958. She has belonged to Torrance, CA, Redlands, CA, and joined Palm Springs in 1999.

Margaret “Margy” Turlo joined her first branch in Livonia/Detroit, MI in 1957. She has been a member of Palm Springs branch since 1963. Margy served as Palm Springs president from 1978-1980.

Welcome New Member:

Cheryl Sexton 760-674-2343 h
 51 Sutton Pl. East 760-880-6088 c
 Palm Desert, CA 92211
 brilliantglass@dc.rr.com Birthday 7/16
 BS Truman State Univ., MO Business Ed.
 MA Truman State Univ., MO Guidance & Counseling

Thank you Gillian German for recruiting Cheryl.

Corrections/changes:

Anne LaConde’s: new email is lacondeanne@gmail.com
 Carol Scobie earned a BSN in Nursing

Give a Grad a Gift: <https://ww2.aauw.org/grad-gift/>

We all know that the future of our organization depends on today’s graduates. Did you know that as AAUW members, you can give a free national membership to as many recent graduates as you like? It’s free for you and free for them. You could even gift the entire graduating class of your local college or university! **With a gift of AAUW membership, you will...**

- Usher your grad into a community led by women for women, increasing their network to more than 180,000 AAUW members and supporters.
- Give them resources to advocate for women and girls locally, nationally, or online.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on the events and people who affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.



Marty McCoy, Anne LaConde and Liz Nash at April meeting; Trish Doran with her daughter Melinda, Bonnie Paul and Adele Ruxton; Sharron Canterini and new member Carol Scobie; new member Pam Roberts; our members wearing their fashion show outfits: Bonnie Paul, Anne LaConde, Peggy Shippen, Francie Spears and Sharron Cantorini. Cabot Pueblo Museum, with some of our members who toured there April 11th.

Our Tech Trek Treasurer, Lilliane Shuman, has retired, after doing a fantastic job for many years. Our new Tech Trek Treasurer is new member DeeDee Warren, 52 Sutton Place E, Palm Desert 92211.



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

Send your donations to our new Tech Trek Treasurer: DeeDee Warren, 52 Sutton Place E, Palm Desert 92211. 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

What is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders?

NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want.

As America's premier conference for college women, NCCWSL provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. Each attendee becomes a part of the conference's 30-year legacy.

In June 2016 NCCWSL will host nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world.

At this two and a half day conference, students

- Choose from more than 50 workshops that prepare them for life after college
- Meet inspiring role models including Women of Distinction awardees and speakers
- Make connections for life
- Discover their future from 100 graduate schools and employers
- Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action

GREAT DECISIONS

Our meeting will be at 10 am on April 19th at the home of Pat Fredericks, 75376 Painted Desert Dr, Indian Wells. Her phone number is 760-674-4649.

The May meeting will be at 10 am May 17th, discussing International Migration. For the meeting place, call Joanne.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

BOOK GROUP

On April 20th at 2 pm the Book Group will meet to choose books for next year. We will be at Anne LaConde's home: 73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, 760-862-1913, lacondeanne@ gmail.com.

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, May 18th to discuss *Dead Wake* by Erik Larsen at Sandy Weisenberg's home: 72964 Skyward Way, Palm Desert, 760-674-9282.

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

REEL REVELERS

We meet at 6 pm on April 21st at Norma Stempler's for a pot luck and then we'll discuss the film *Hello, My Name is Doris*, which we see on our own. Call 760-324-3090 with your pot luck choice by April 19th. Norma's address at The Springs is 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage.

The film for May 26th will be chosen closer to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

LUNCH BUNCH

Anne LaConde and Sue Beatty are inviting us for lunch at the California Pizza Kitchen on May 9th at 11:30 (on El Paseo one block east of Monterey, in Palm Desert). Call Anne at 760-862-1913 to RSVP,

Phyllis Greene, 760-772-7121

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

On May 18th at 5 pm we will celebrate Happy Hour at the Tack Room at the Polo Club, at Monroe and 50th in Indio. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

Dr. Joan Cartwright, 415-320-5335

OUT AND ABOUT

No more events are planned for this year. Your suggestions are requested for fun events for the fall.

Angie Love, 760-779-5658

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

Barbara Villani
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Su n.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 10:00 Board Meeting Happy Birthday Deanna Neal	4	5	6	7
8	9 Lunch Bunch	10	11 Happy Birthday Norma Stempler	12	13	14 11:30 General Meeting
15	16	17 10:00 Great Decisions	18 2:00 Book Discussion Happy Birthday Beth Bangert	19	20	21 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits
22	23 Happy Birthday Roberta Young	24	25	26 6:00 Reel Revelers	27 Happy Birthday Adele Ruxton	28
29	30	31 Happy Birthday Carol Scobie				30