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Advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



Speech Trek Fundraiser
The Yaghoubian Trio and Angie Love

MENU

Macadamia Nut Crusted Chicken with Apricot Sour
Cherry Chutney (or) Vegetarian Napoleon with
Seasonal Vegetable Ragout and Fragrant Jasmine
Rice with Aged Balsamic Syrup
Club Salad Greens, toasted almonds, goat cheese
Loaded Red Smashed Potatoes
Chef Jill's Fresh Vegetable Medley
Madagascar Vanilla Bean Creme Brulee with Berries

General Membership Meeting May 11, 2013

11:30-12:00- Social
12:00-12:45- Luncheon
12:45- 1:00- Announcements

1:00- FASHION SHOW

Talbot's of Palm Desert is presenting a fashion show of summer apparel. Talbot's has been a leading company, featuring classic styles in women's clothing, since 1947. It has been on El Paseo for twenty years. Talbot's has established an excellent record in providing classic styles of clothing of moderate cost and great workmanship.

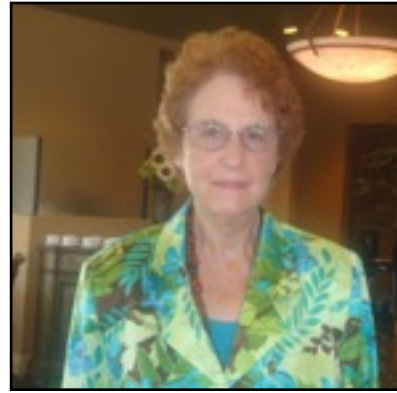
Valet Parking, \$10.00, play cards (\$10.00) will be given to use in the Casino. *Further directions, see page #6.*

PLEASE RETAIN THE ABOVE AND RETURN THE RESERVATION BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK for \$35.00, per person, (\$10.00 goes to AAUW projects) PAYABLE TO Palm Spring Branch of AAUW and mail to: Vivian Penniman, 79528 Morning Glory Court, La Quinta, 92253-4846 NO LATER THAN MAY 8.

NAME _____ ENTREE: CHICKEN OR VEGETARIAN

TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL _____ TOTAL RESERVATIONS _____

President's article – May 2013



Due to lack of interest, **Great Decisions**, one of our interest groups that has been around for decades, is going to stop meeting. This is sad because it is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in the world. The branch still has two book groups, and Reel Revelers, our movie group, is very popular, now under the leadership of Bayla Adelman. We welcome new interest groups.

The new slate has been elected, and many of our Palm Springs branch officers are new to our branch. I hope that you give them your full support.

AAUW's One Member, One Vote election process gives every one of us a say in the future of AAUW. Online voting began April 15 and closes June 10. Please vote. A voting guide is included in the current *Outlook* magazine and is posted on the www.aauw.org voter website, with a link also featured on the AAUW homepage.

Through May 2, members who prefer to vote on paper may request to have a paper ballot mailed to them by e-mailing connect@aauw.org or calling 800.326.2289.

Members can find their voter PIN and member ID on the back cover of the current *Outlook* magazine. A reminder e-mail, including online voting instructions, voter PIN, and member ID, was sent to all members with an active e-mail address.

Give a Grad a Gift to a woman or man who is graduating from a college or university in 2013. You can give a recent grad a free, one-year AAUW (and AAUW California) membership at no cost to you or to them. Expose a grad to the power that comes from joining a national women-led organization at aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift.



Dues renewal forms will be in the mail mid-May. Please renew your membership on time (by June 1st) to make life less hectic for your treasurer. Dues are \$90 for regular members, \$41 for life members and dual members whose main branch is outside of California, and \$25 for honorary life members or dual members whose main branch is in California.

Military Sexual Assault Hearings

March 20, 2013

Public Policy



It's been a busy few days for advocates fighting sexual assault and harassment in our nation's military. Last week, a blistering [New York Times](#) editorial noted

The Pentagon estimates as many as 19,000 service members are assaulted annually, but only a small fraction of the incidents — 3,191 in 2011 — get reported and about 10 percent of those cases proceed to trial. In all, around 1 in 3 military women has been sexually assaulted, a rate twice as high as the civilian rate.

The editorial went on to call for a reformed military criminal system: "Victims of assault, long discouraged from reporting attacks, should not have to complain to their bosses, and rely on them for justice."

This call for reform was echoed in a Senate hearing Wednesday. Over several hours, members of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel heard from survivors of military sexual assault, as well as representatives from the armed forces. AAUW submitted a statement advocating the protection of service members from

assault. One witness, BriGette McCoy, a former specialist in the U.S. Army, told senators about her experience:

I was raped during military service and during my first assignment — that was 1988, I was 18 years old; it was two weeks before my 19th birthday. That would not be the last time I was assaulted or harassed. This is my story, but it's not mine alone. That year, the year that I was raped, that same year, I was raped again by another soldier in my unit. His formal apology consisted of him driving by me on base, rolling down his window, and saying to me, "Sorry."

This issue was discussed at Friday's meeting of the Defense Department's Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, CAE, spoke before the committee, telling them that "AAUW strongly supports efforts to protect the rights of military service members and end the scourge of sexual assault and violence. Such protections are a long time coming, and they are the least we can do to support and respect the women and men around the world advancing this country's interests and safety."

AAUW will continue working with these groups to raise awareness and find legislative solutions to the problem of sexual assault in the military, particularly as women move into combat positions.

2013-2014 AAUW-Palm Springs Officers

<i>President:</i>	<i>Gerry Johnson</i>
<i>Vice President, Membership:</i>	<i>Vanette Hickey, Joyce Kornbluth, Sandra Lavendar, Pat Weber</i>
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<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Lora Duffy and Anne LaConde</i>

SPEECH TREK FUNDRAISER

The Yaghoubian Trio

An enthusiastic audience was treated to a wonderful recital by three talented siblings, Noah, Esther and Hannah who comprise the Yaghoubian Trio. They each performed a piano solo and Esther performed a cello solo, Hannah a violin solo and the sisters teamed up for a cello-violin duet. The rousing finale saw all three at the piano for Khachaturian's Sabre Dance.

A total of \$930.00 was raised and will be added to the Special Projects/Speech Trek Fund.



*Welcome
to
AAUW
Palm Springs
Branch*



ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY: NEW MEMBERS

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AAUW member news: We have lost long time member Rosa Guerra Reinhardt. She passed away in March.



AAUW Palm Springs Branch
2013-2014 New Member Application

You are eligible for membership if you have an Associate or higher degree from an accredited college or university. An undergraduate student, who is attending school on a full or part-time basis, may join as an affiliate.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

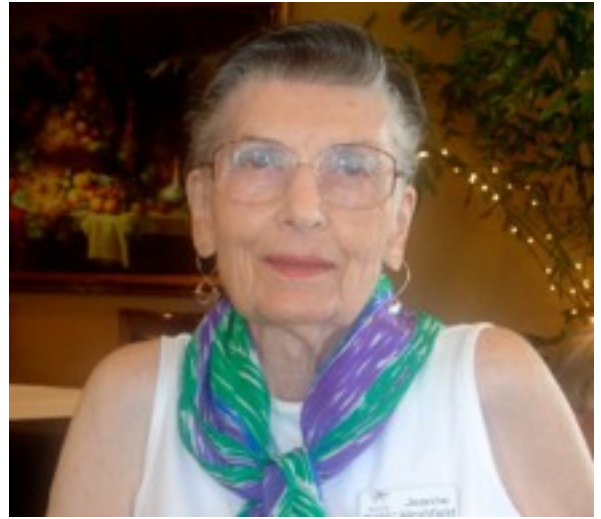
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL: _____

COST: \$90.00, per year SEND TO: Angie Love, 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert, CA, 92260-0333





BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club- Books will be selected for 2013-14. Please send a synopsis of a recommended book **if you cannot attend.**

Date: May 22, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Anne LaConde, 73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert.

RSVP: Anne Laconde- 760-862-1913 or

ken.anne7@verizon.net

Second Wednesday Afternoon Book Club-

Author Evelyn Erwin is speaking on her book,

Yesterseasons. The book is available @

Amazon.com. Books will be selected for 2013-14.

Date: May 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Vanette Hickey, 61011 Fire Barrel Rd, La Quinta

RSVP Vanette- 760-200-5143

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Great Decisions

Please see the President's Message, Page 2. A special THANK YOU to all of you who have been so loyal and helpful all these years. Beverly Anderson and Dolly Schultz.

REEL REVELERS

May 29, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Bayla Adelman, 43 Blue River Dr at the Lakes, Palm Desert. Film: TBA

**Additional luncheon directions: From I-10, S. on Bob Hope Dr. The Casino/Hotel is on the left. At Ramon, left. on Bob Hope. At stoplight turn left into casino grounds. From Hwy 111, N. on Bob Hope Dr. Proceed beyond Dinah Shore. Casino on right.*

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