

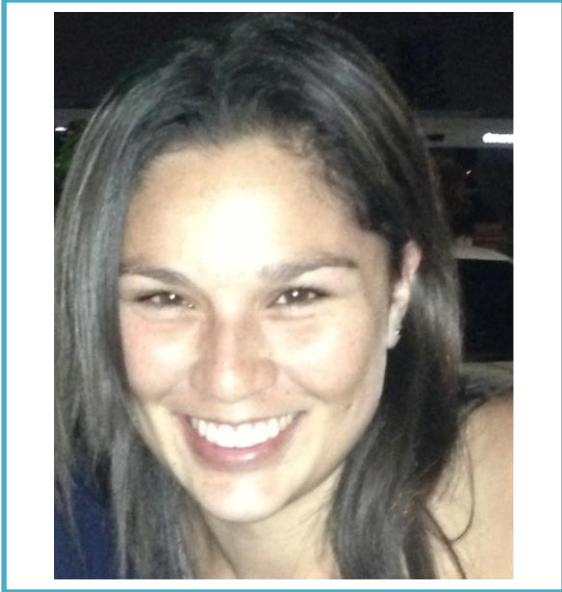


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Come hear AAUW Funds award recipient **Ana Laura Quezada**. She is studying for her Ph.D. in Bioengineering at U.C. Riverside. She will be giving a talk about "Transport in the Mammary Glands."

The aim of her research is to develop and analyze a sophisticated multi-layer mass transfer model of the mammary glands, mainly the lobular system in which most breast tumors originate, in order to understand hyperthermic sessions as a treatment for breast cancer. She is also working on the analysis of breast milk to understand its relationship with this disease.

Make new friends. You will be seated with people who came from the same state as you. **Please note: Because this is a private country club, no one without a reservation will be admitted.**

AAUW Funds
SUNDAY, November 10th
11:30 am
Clubhouse at
Indian Ridge CC
76375 Country Club
between Washington and Portola
Palm Desert

MENU:

Oriental Chicken Salad

Teriyaki chicken strips, lettuce, water chestnuts, scallions, baby corn, cashews, crisp won ton with oriental sesame dressing

Or

Mediterranean Salad

(Vegetarian option)

Hummus, baba ganoush, roasted tomatoes, grilled Portabella mushrooms, fire-roasted peppers, couscous, tzatziki, artichoke and toasted pita

Dessert: tropical fruit eggroll with mango sorbet

Price: \$29.00

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$29.00 PER PERSON. Make your check payable to: AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to: Vivian Penniman, 79528 Morning Glory Court, La Quinta, 92253-4846 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 5TH. **No one without a reservation will be admitted.**

Name _____ Oriental chicken salad _____ Mediterranean Salad _____
Telephone or email _____ number of reservations _____

November 2013 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President



There are three kinds of people in the world; those who make things happen; those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. (Tommy Lasorda)

Do you know about STEAM? Floyd Rhoades was the Valley Voice in the Desert Sun on 9-14-13. He notes that not everyone has the right-brained orientation or interest to be motivated toward or successful in a STEM emphasized curriculum.

Rhodes says: "When we put all the emphasis on right-brained education, what happens to the left-brained students? What about an A for the Arts? So, I'm all in favor of getting all those STEM academics emphasized, but let's do so under a full head of STEAM."

I believe there are many members who would like to see the arts included and the Board discussed the possibility of "Putting the A in STEAM. Therefore, if you have an idea for a program in the arts for a meeting or fund raising, please feel free to email or call me anytime for your input.

With four trained Start Smart members who can help with the training, Pat Fredericks volunteered to investigate this project by consulting with the former chair, Mary Dimon. Hopefully, we can be up and running for 2014-2015. If you are interested you can contact Pat Fredericks, Joanne Bourquin, Elaine Levey, Lynn Sacher or Mary Dimon.

Some members have shown an interest in Bridge. We don't have a bridge group as part of AAUW. However, I notice other branches have a bridge group within a local bridge group open to the public. I read in the paper that there is a new Duncan Bridge Center in Palm Desert. I am wondering if those interested in Bridge would be interested in getting AAUW members together to play Bridge at the center? What do you think? Make your interests known!

Our Tech Trek meeting at the Acqua Pazza was terrific. Bonnie Paul did a wonderful job of introducing the girls who attended UCI this past summer. The girls gave interesting accounts about their classes and were an inspiration to members wanting to continue this worthwhile project. Thanks to Barbara Foyil for planning the location, food, etc.

At the luncheon a father of one of the girls said he was a third grade teacher and would like Tyke Trek to come to his school. This could be a very good chance to have Tyke Trek in another school. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Barbara Villani. Be one of those people who make things happen.

I hope to see you at Indian Ridge in November. Bring a prospective member. Remember the dues are \$25 less if she joins at the meeting.

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Shape the Future

Have you noticed at the September and October branch meetings there are new faces? This is the look of a new Palm Springs AAUW member! They are coming from a variety of places; some are friends of our members, and others learned about us elsewhere. Whatever the reason, please welcome them.

Now collect your thoughts and see if there might be someone you would like to refer to our branch. We are fortunate that the program this year is diverse because different members are responsible for each month. There might be someone you know who would enjoy this new approach. All you have to do is contact the Membership Chair and we can supply the organization's information: What we are, Who we are, and Why we are committed to this exciting group. Is it your turn to guide someone to one of our General Meetings or one of the interest groups? Hope so!

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Public Policy

If it seems like we are fighting some of the same battles that we have fought before, it is because we are AAUW members and we can't stop fighting. However, we must also recognize some of the real gains we have made that positively affect the handicapped, the LGBT community and other minorities. If people had not made their voices heard these gains would not have happened. We cannot stop fighting. The women who came before us didn't and we cannot either. We are in AAUW, at least in part, because we want to make a difference. So it makes sense that we fully use AAUW's resources. AAUW gives us the tools and information to make our voices heard at the national and state level. USE THEM!

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

Let's all welcome Jennifer Porrelli as a new member to our Palm Springs AAUW branch. Her daughter, Jessica Berdick, was one of our Tech Trekkers for 2013. Jennifer was so proud. She always has a smile on her face and is eager to help. She will be a great member of our branch. Thanks to Lilliane Shuman for signing her up.

Bonnie Paul, Tech Trek Committee Member

AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting** 10 am Tuesday, November 5th at 74245 Highway 111, Suite 102 (High Tower). All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

Speech Trek: November: anticipated responses to letters from schools, follow-up emails, set up school visits, phone calls. Return intent to participate forms from schools before end of the month. We hope to have the number of students in place before the end of November.

December deadlines will be enforced if we have more than ten and hope to have eight "speaker ready" students for the February contest.

Mary Dimon, 760-424-8985

AAUW Funds: Phantom Letter Results

We would like to thank the following people who made donations in response to the Phantom Letter, during this past month: Joyce Kornbluh, Beth Bangert, Norma Stempler, Lilliane Shuman, Carol Woodward and Gail Hughes.

Since the beginning of the Phantom Dinner project, we have taken in a grand total of \$ 2,366.00

Thank you to all of our wonderful donors.

The AAUW Funds committee will meet on October 29th, 11:00 am, at Angie Love's home.

Do You Know Your Rights?

What would you do if you faced discrimination or harassment? Legal advocacy begins with workers and students who know their rights in the workplace and on campus. The Legal Advocacy Fund section of the AAUW website offers a wealth of easy-to-understand information about your legal rights. Explore AAUW's new LAF Employee Rights Information Center through the Know Your Rights at Work resource page, and learn about the laws that govern our rights in the workplace. Go to Know Your Rights on Campus to learn about our rights as a student, student athlete, or faculty member. AAUW members can be the first line of defense to protect workers and students from discrimination. As parents, friends, co-workers, and teachers, we can educate others about their rights, their responsibilities, and the ways LAF can help.

Elizabeth Nash, 760-772-0645

Photos from September 21st AAUW Meeting



John Benoit, Dr. Pamela Clute,
Barbara Foyil and Gerry Johnson



Lynn Sacher



Mary Ann Kaestner



Ronda Ostergaard



Vivian Penniman
and Barbara Maccarillo



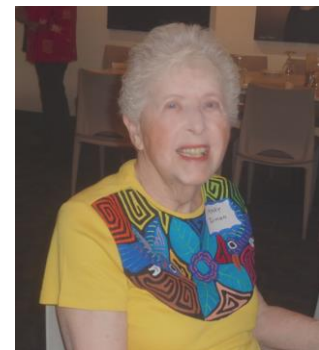
Joanne Bourquin



Elisabeth Spiro



Bonnie Paul and Angie Love



Mary Dimon



Pat Fredericks and
Barbara Villani

Tech Trek October 2013 Meeting Photos



Tech Trek Girls 2013



Bonnie Paul and Barbara Foyil



Elizabeth Nash
and Adele Ruxton



Angie Love



Vivian Penniman



Vanette Hickey



Tricia Doran



Dolly Schultz and
Peg Baker



Marty
McCoy



Jeanne Hirshfield



Nate and
Lilliane
Shuman

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

On Wednesday, November 20th, at 2:00 in the afternoon, our AAUW Palm Springs Branch book group will be meeting at the home of Sue Beatty to discuss *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. Please contact Sue at 760-346-7478 or email her at jkbeatty@juno.com if you plan to attend. The book for December 18th is *Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

Anne LaConde, 760-862-1913

REEL REVELERS

The regular meeting of the reel revelers is the 4th Thursday of the month which will be the 24th in October. We will decide on the November movie and date at that meeting. The October meeting will be held at the home of Willie Mills at 78548 Naples Dr., La Quinta. Her phone number is 760-772-4872.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

Classified Ads

Holiday Party Committee looking for members to help plan the Holiday Party and assist the evening of the event. Call Pat Fredericks at 760-674-4649.

Informal Gathering for a film and happy hour.

Every Friday afternoon a group of nice people, some AAUW, some not, view a film of their choice at the Camelot Theatre in Palm Springs, then gather in the Café for Happy Hour, dinner and good conversation. **No RSVP necessary.** Just show up. Schedule is in the paper or www.camelottheatres.com. Come alone or bring somebody. Details: Barbara Maccarillo, 760-318-0625

Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Study

Group: We will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, October 22nd. Please read the first two chapters of *Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way* by Robin Gerber and be prepared to discuss the "Eleanor's Way" section at the end of each chapter.

Please RSVP to Mary Ann Kaestner if you will attend the meeting at her home (255 E. Avenida Granada #111, Palm Springs): 760-416-7534.

Letter from Tech Trek Mother:

Hi Bonnie,

I just wanted to thank you and all the members of the AAUW for the wonderful luncheon we attended on Saturday. It was a real pleasure to be able to sit with your members and learn about all of their professions. I think Kaitlyn learned a lot. Also, I loved that you had the tech trek campers speak about their camp experiences. It was terrific to watch Kaitlyn stand up and speak in front of all of the adults. I cannot express how much this camp impacted Kaitlyn. She had the time of her life. So, thank you for all of your work and for sending these deserving girls to camp!

Sincerely, Susie Whitley



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Oct. 22, 10:00 am	Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group, PS
Oct. 24, 6:00 pm	Reel Revelers, La Quinta
Oct. 29, 11:00 am	AAUW Funds Committee, Palm Desert
Nov. 5, 10:00 am	AAUW Board Meeting, Palm Desert
Nov. 10, 11:30 am	AAUW Funds Fellow, Palm Desert
December 7	Holiday Party, Indian Wells
January tbd	Branch 65 th Anniversary Celebration, PS
February 8	Speech Trek Competition, Palm Desert
March 8	Membership Tea, Palm Desert
April 12	College/University Panel, Annual Meeting
May 10	Installation of Officers



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