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**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.**

## The Invisible War

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

The Tolerance Education Center, 35147 Landy Lane, Rancho Mirage



Join us in viewing this award-winning film about harassment, sexual and otherwise, in the military and the cover up by those in power. With abuse of women so prominent in recent news, this is a timely program.

Proceeds will go to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. AAUW is in the forefront of fighting for women's rights and the Legal Advocacy Fund provides legal and financial aid to women who face discrimination, harassment and abuse. Please invite friends and family to this event, and let's have a good turnout.

*There will be a discussion after the film, and refreshments will follow.*

**Directions:** Landy Lane is parallel to Bob Hope between Gerald Ford and Dinah Shore. From the 10 freeway or Dinah Shore, take Bob Hope south to Ginger Rogers. Turn left and then turn right on Landy Lane. From Gerald Ford go north on Bob Hope to Via Marta. Turn right and then turn left on Landy Lane.

There is a small parking lot behind the building, or park on the street.

**If you need a ride to the meeting, contact Elaine Levey at 760-360-6440.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$15.00.**

Make your tax-deductible check payable to: AAUW Funds, and mail it to: Barbara Oliver, 78316 Moongold Road, Palm Desert 92211 (760-345-8498) no later than Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or email \_\_\_\_\_ number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

**AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.****Nov. 2014 President's Message****Gerry Johnson, President**

*None of us is as smart as all of us. (unknown) We have to work together in order to achieve the highest goals for the organization.*  
(Elizabeth Nash)

These thoughts have been going through my head recently as we (the members) try to improve our programs and help in any way we can to fund our AAUW Funds and Projects. At our Tech Trek meeting last month we met the girls who went to camp and heard their wonderful stories about summer camp at UCI. We also have received many donations towards next year which is greatly appreciated.

November promises to be a wonderful meeting when we watch *The Invisible War*. This is a must see for everyone. So, bring your friends to watch and discuss. I saw this movie at convention and am hoping my granddaughters will be able to see it, which is hard with their busy school schedules and studies. As we will own the copy of the movie, we are hoping we can do some other projects where it can be used. There will be more information about that at a later date.

At the last Board Meeting we discussed offering Tyke Trek this next year. Barbara Villani and Bonnie Paul will be working with a group of interested members who would like to participate in the program. Please let Barbara or Bonnie know if you would like to participate. This may be something that may interest our new members: it is short term – some planning before and then doing a science lesson for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls at Vista Del Monte Elementary in Palm Springs. In the past, we have offered this program at other elementary schools, but we need more volunteers for that. If interested, call Barbara or Bonnie for more information. We would be delighted to have you join us.

The holidays are almost here and it is a busy time for all. However, if possible please give some of your time to AAUW and you will find it very rewarding. Members, please think about getting involved and you will enjoy AAUW to the fullest.

One member told me that she only comes to the Saturday meetings. Another member said that she only goes to Book Club and another one told me that she is only interested in Tech Trek. That's the beauty of AAUW, you can choose what you want to do and enjoy it. As I have said before, things happen and we need the camaraderie of other women (men are welcome also) and that's the time to get involved in AAUW. Thanks to all the dedicated members for helping to make this Branch GREAT!

*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.*

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**AAUW Fundraising**

We are very pleased to report that the “Phantom Cruise Fundraiser” selected by the Branch Fundraising Committee, has achieved outstanding results. The donations received total \$3,575.

Our Members designated their donations for the following groups:

- Various AAUW Funds .....\$885
- Tech Trek .....\$2,690
- Grand total.....\$3,575

In addition to the donors who were listed in the October *Sandscripts*, we are pleased to thank the following donors for their support received since Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to the various AAUW Funds: Christine Ellet, Patricia Fredericks, and Angie Love.

Thank you to the following who donated to Tech Trek: Iris Anderson, Mo Barkemeyer, Diane Jessup, Lynn Ostrick and Adele Ruxton. Also, Elaine Levey and Jimmy Ryan (friend of Barbara’s) made donations to Tech Trek in memory of Barbara Maccarillo.

Ellen Funck (friend of Barbara’s) made a donation to Tyke Trek in memory of Barbara Maccarillo.

Our Fundraising records reveal that this year’s donations exceeded last year’s by \$1,109. In 2013 our fundraising efforts resulted in donations totaling \$2,366; this year we have received donations totaling \$3,575.

**HATS OFF TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!!!**



Elizabeth Nash, 760-772-0645

Fundraising and Funds Committee Members: Sue Beatty, Lori Duffy, Barbara Foyil, Jeanne Hirshfield, Gerry Johnson, Anne LaConde, Angie Love and Norma Stempler; Elaine Levey, Advisor

**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.

**PUBLIC POLICY:****CA ADOPTS “YES MEANS YES” SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY**

California has become the first state to require a “yes means yes” definition for colleges and universities when they are investigating sexual assault reports rather than a “no means no” definition. The new law requires an affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. This law applies to all institutions of higher learning, whether public or private, if they receive funding from the state. It also requires faculty and staff who review complaints about sexual complaints to have special training and requires the health services to be equipped to deal with sexual assault. The action that California has taken gives us a leadership role that we should be proud of. New York Governor Cuomo has followed our lead and has instructed New York State University to set a similar policy. This is also AAUW’s Public Policy at its best.



Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

**Election 2014 – Make Sure Your Voice is Heard**

Here is a summary of the AAUW-CA positions on the propositions:

Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 – AAUW-CA supports this initiative

Proposition 2: State Budget. Budget Stabilization Account. Legislative Constitutional Amendment – AAUW-CA is neutral on this initiative

Proposition 45: Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes. Initiative Statute – AAUW-CA opposes this initiative

Proposition 46: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits. Initiative Statute – AAUW-CA opposes this initiative

Proposition 47: Criminal Sentences. Misdemeanor Penalties. Initiative Statute – AAUW-CA supports this initiative

Proposition 48: Indian Gaming Compacts. Referendum – AAUW-CA did not study this initiative

AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting**, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at PF Chang’s in Rancho Mirage. Lunch can be ordered at 11:30. Bring water if you want it earlier. All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

**Happy Holiday Party  
Sunday, December  
14, 2014 - 4pm until  
7pm**

**Hosted by: Beth and  
Steve Bangert,  
55385 Laurel Valley  
(PGA West), La  
Quinta**

**(Members, please  
mark your  
calendars: more  
information will follow)**

**Pictures from October Meeting with the Tech Trek girls:**



New member Barbara Oliver who is now doing reservations, dorm mom Bonnie Paul, President Gerry Johnson and Tech Trek Chair Barbara Foyil, and new member Gayle Cox.



Adele Ruxton, Karen Cheney, Patty Pastrick and Marty McCoy, Yvonne Michelsen and Mary Ann Kaestner, Patty Pastrick and Lilliane Shuman, Pat Mauritzen and Elizabeth Nash, Ronda Ostergaard and Gail Hughes, Elaine Levey and Ronda Ostergaard



Thank you for your Tech Trek contributions made to the "Phantom Cruise" mailing. For those who missed the sailing date and still want to make a donation, please return this form with your donation and send it to:

Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: AAUW SPF (Special Projects Fund). Put Tech Trek on the check.

## Elect Her

If you want a woman to run for office, you might have to ask her not once, not twice, but seven times.

Maybe that explains why so few women end up in Congress (we're at just 18.5% representation right now). It certainly sheds some light on why 24 states have never elected a woman governor, 22 states have never elected a woman to the U.S. Senate, and four states have never elected a woman to either chamber of Congress.

It's clear that, thanks to things like cultural stereotypes, women are not running for office. And it's everybody's loss. How can our governments represent everyone's point of view, let alone come up with the best ideas and solutions, if governments are only run by men?

We have work to do when it comes to women's representation in political leadership. And AAUW is proud to work with Running Start to train the next generation of Shirley Chisholms, Olympia Snowes, and Tammy Baldwins through a program called Elect Her – Campus Women Win. We work with colleges and universities across the country to hold leadership training to get students ready to launch their political careers in student government.

This year, Elect Her will hold training on 50 campuses, including training at 13 new schools in five new states. We're especially excited to announce that Elect Her will reach:

- Multiple campuses in California and New York, two (very populous) states that have never elected a woman governor
- 14 states that have never elected a woman to the U.S. Senate, including Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia
- The University of Northern Iowa, our first site in Iowa, a state where voters have never elected a woman to either chamber of Congress

There are thousands of Elect Her alumnae, and many have taken the skills and tools they learned from Elect Her and used them to launch successful campaigns for student government positions and even for local office!

Even more inspiring, 95% of alumnae from 2014 said that Elect Her prepared them to run for office. More than 50% of women surveyed after the training said they were thinking about running for office, and 21% reported that they planned to run in the next 10 years.

With Elect Her, we're changing the way women view their potential when it comes to political leadership so they can say yes the first time someone asks them to run.

## TYKE TREK NEEDS YOU!

Tyke Trek is a science morning for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders at Vista del Monte Elementary School in Palm Springs. AAUW members teach and assist some fun science lessons. If you are interested in helping please contact Bonnie Paul at 760-568-6577 or [happygma13@gmail.com](mailto:happygma13@gmail.com) or Barbara Villani at 760-322-3987 or [bhvillani@gmail.com](mailto:bhvillani@gmail.com) or. You will make some third grade girls very happy!

Thanks, Barbara and Bonnie

### BOOK GROUP

The Afternoon Book Group will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 2 PM at the home of Joanne Bourquin (43618 Salerno Court, La Quinta, 760-772-2832) to discuss *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. All members and their guests are welcome. For information call Sue Beatty or email her at [ssbeatty@icloud.com](mailto:ssbeatty@icloud.com).

The book for December 17<sup>th</sup> is *Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro.

Sue Beatty, 760-346-7478

### REEL REVELERS

Reel Revelers is scheduled for Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – the place will be announced. We always welcome new homes to go to. The movie will be chosen close to the date of the meeting.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

### Travel Group

We will go to the CV Rep Theater in Rancho Mirage on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, to see *The Chosen*. This is a small theater with excellent plays. The website is <http://www.cvrep.org/cv-reps-plays-cv-reps-2014-2015-season>. Please buy your own tickets. (Many of us have purchased tickets for the series.) To purchase tickets call the box office at 760-296-2966. If you want season tickets with the group, the dates are: Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

“This award-winning play (based on the book by Chaim Potok), is the story of two boys, two fathers and two very different Jewish communities – “five blocks and a world apart” – in Brooklyn, in the 1940’s. This is a heartfelt story of friendship and important choices that two families make on the path toward understanding, respect and reconciliation.”

Those who wish to join other members for dinner before the play should make a reservation by calling Angie Love at 760-779-5658.

### ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP STUDY GROUP

The study group will meet at 10:30 am November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a discussion of Elizabeth Warren’s book, *A Fighting Chance*. The meeting will be held at the home of

Call Mary Ann Kaestner for more information. 760-416-7534



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

Barbara Villani  
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**November 2014**

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