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## PALM SPRINGS WOMEN IN FILM & TELEVISION



SANDIE NEWTON

**NOVEMBER 14, 2015**

**11:30 a.m.**

**MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE (Grill Room)**

**9002 Shadow Ridge Rd, Palm Desert**

**(Off of Monterey between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra)**

**Sandie Newton** has a distinguished broadcast journalism and film critic career, hosting television shows, serving as an entertainment reporter and film critic for KCAL in Los Angeles and as an anchor for E! Entertainment. She has been nominated for three Emmys and won a Katie Award for excellence in journalism. Sandie currently reports on 'Reel Talk' and Hollywood Steals for the Hallmark Channel. Sandie is a board member of the Palm Springs Women in Film and Television and she will focus on the organization's methods to increase the visibility of women in the entertainment field. This presentation will demonstrate that women and girls can achieve their highest professional goals in film and television.

**Menu:** Southwestern Taco Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Reuben \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Burger \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this reservation form with your check for \$25.00. Make check payable to **AAUW Palm Springs** and mail to Norma Stempler, One Reed Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (760) 324-3090 **no later** than November 10, 2015.

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

# of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

**November 2015 President's Message****Elizabeth Nash, President**

Being a member of AAUW is truly a wonderful opportunity and privilege. As members, collectively we participate in a tremendous number of programs and support systems to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. A recent report from our State President shows that California has 13,800 AAUW members. There are more than 100,000 AAUW members nationwide. This is a strong and powerful community of individuals which enables AAUW to break through many barriers and change lives forever.

Our Palm Springs Branch, chartered in 1949, is fortunate to have members who have been dedicated to the achievement of AAUW Goals for many years. From these members, we find leadership, guidance, support and encouragement to continue the Mission of AAUW.

We recently had a call for volunteers, through our "TO DO" card. I am pleased to report that members volunteered 31 times in various areas on the "To Do" List. Members volunteered in the areas of: Hosting Program meetings, telephoning members, Lunch Bunch, Marketing, Membership, Feasting for Funds, Happy Hour, Board Meetings, Book Group and Great Decisions.

You will see announcements in *Sandscripts* about some new activities for members, directly resulting from the volunteer responses gathered by the "To Do" card last month. We are continuing to make plans to involve other volunteers, as the opportunities and occasions allow.

In September, we learned so much about Human Trafficking from our recent outstanding speaker, Kristin Dolen. Thanks to Program Vice President, Sharrell Blakeley and her team for presenting this outstanding program.

We were all thrilled with the Tech Trek program and participants. Barbara Foyil as leader of this program, and her team members, do an outstanding job in raising funds, organizing, supervising and monitoring this program. Tech Trek truly changes the lives of many young Coachella Valley girls served by our Branch.

Members, we truly appreciate your on-going support of our Branch and your favorite AAUW Funds which are tax-deductible. Among these funds are Public Policy, The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, The Leadership Programs Fund, the Educational Opportunities Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, and AAUW Funds (which supports the program with the greatest needs).

I once read an impressive quote of 10 little, two letter, words that will change your life forever. They are

**"IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME"**

If each of us will continue to contribute our best efforts to AAUW, I believe our efforts, large or small, will contribute positively towards changing our world.

AAUW Charter Member Moya Henderson passed away on October 7<sup>th</sup>. One of the Stars on the Palm Springs Walk of Fame, Moya Henderson was 99 years old. We had hoped to help her celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next year.



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Out and About: (committee)

**DOES SIGNING AN ONLINE PETITION REALLY MATTER?**

This year has taught me that advocacy on my computer does make a difference. I cannot get out to demonstrations or attend meetings but I can keep informed about those things that I care about. Besides AAUW, I am connected to a number of internet advocacy sites belonging to environmental organizations. Several dire environmental threats such as drilling for oil in Alaska and the Trans Continental Pipeline were stopped because people expressed their opposition to them, mostly online. I feel strongly about the environment and global warming. What do you feel strongly about? Find an organization with an advocacy site where you can express your support for things you care about.

Within AAUW we need to continue to support those things our Public Policy advocates. We are still working hard for equal pay and a woman's right to control her own body. On college campuses more attention is being paid to sexual assaults on women because of our studies and advocacy along with others. As a switch on an old saying, "Let your Fingers Do the Talking."

Jeanne Hirschfield, Public Policy Chair, 760-324-2190

*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.

## FEASTING FOR FUNDS IS RETURNING!

Remember how much fun we used to have dining and getting to know one another in a small group while raising funds for our TECH TREK GIRLS?

Will you join us in raising money for Tech Trek? Show off your culinary skills by hosting a breakfast, brunch, luncheon or dinner. You can join with one or two other members in planning an event. The cost will be \$30.00 and the number attending depends on how many you can accommodate. Traditionally the number is not large. The date is up to you but check the AAUW calendar to avoid possible conflicts.

The more who sign up, the more money we raise for the Tech Trek Girls.

Lilliane Shuman, Jeanne Hirshfield and Angie Love have planned a Champagne Brunch on January 16, 2016, at 11:30 at Lilliane's home in Palm Springs. The cost is \$30.00 per person. The hostesses will assume all the costs of the brunch so all proceeds go to Tech Trek. This brunch will be limited to the first eight members who respond.

If you have questions about hosting an event call:

Lilliane Shuman	760-323-2170
Angie Love	760-779-5658

### What AAUW Funds Does

Espinoza Sanchez, a 2013–14 AAUW International Fellow, is used to pushing against stereotypes and assumptions about women in STEM. Gender stereotypes pervade hers and her colleagues' experiences at the Pollard Lab at Yale University, where she is a doctoral candidate. She says that subtle, unconscious gender bias, such as portraying female colleagues in a more lighthearted manner, reinforce gender stereotypes. "The adjectives used to describe people are important. When you describe a woman as 'easygoing' and a man as 'intelligent,' it makes a difference."

The difference means female scientists often fall prey to imposter syndrome, in which they doubt their qualifications or work longer hours than male counterparts in order to prove their abilities. Espinoza Sanchez questions the value of women making such sacrifices when studies show that the problem of women's falloff in STEM fields lies in part with employers, who systematically underestimate women job candidates.

Espinoza Sanchez recently shared her experiences as a woman working in STEM on a panel for STEM Makes Scents: The Women behind the Science of Fragrance, an event held at the U.S. Capitol by AAUW and the International Fragrance Association (IFRA) North America in cooperation with Rep. Elizabeth H. Esty (D-CT) and Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN). According to IFRA North America board member and panelist Joy Atkinson, connecting science with real-world applications is a key way to attract girls. Hands-on experiments that teach girls how to create fragrances, from household air fresheners to Rihanna's new RiRi scent, are fun and innovative ways to get girls excited about chemical engineering.

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:**

At our Board meeting on October 6, 2015, we addressed Goal #3, objective 3.1: “Strengthen Finances for Branch committees and programs”.

We approved the recommendations from the Finance Committee. These included investigating the services and charges from our current bank, and compare them to services and charges offered by other banks for non-profit groups. Choose a bank that provides us with the best services and charges.

We discussed our AAUW Fundraising account, the sources of these funds, and ideas for the Board approved allocations of these funds.

We re-affirmed that all bank accounts must be managed in a fiscally prudent manner, according to the policies and procedures established by our branch.

Photos from our October meeting:



Jackie Drucker and Elizabeth Nash



Sharron Cantarini, Barbara Foyil, Joanne Bourquin and Joann Lane



Angie Love and Jeanne Hirshfield



Barbara Villani and Anne LaConde



Marty McCoy, Karen Cheney and Brenda Lonsbury-Martin



Pat Mauritzen and Tech Trek Girl  
Bonnie Paul and Bayla Adelman



Patty Pastrick



Tech Trek Girls



Above: Gail Hughes

Elizabeth Nash and Lilliane Shuman



## TECH TREK

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

Send donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs 92262-6240. Checks are to be made out to AAUW with "Tech Trek" written on the lower portion of the check.

### The AAUW – Palm Springs Membership Team

You don't have to wait for a meeting to bring a new member into AAUW. We are all a part of the Membership Team!

A new member form can be found at our website –<http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>. Print out the membership form and have it completed by the prospective member and then send it to Barbara Villani with the dues check.

Any questions, call Barbara Villani at 760-322-3987 or Gerry Johnson at 760-835-1283.

Two new groups will start in November: Happy Hour and Lunch Bunch. These are both social, fun groups that will help us to get to know each other better.

Happy Hour will meet for the first time at 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at La Brasserie in La Quinta.

Lunch Bunch will start dining on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Bobby Mao's at the Westfield Shopping Center.

There is more information on page 7.

Come join us!!

A Memorial Gathering for **Joyce Cohn** will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at Gerry Johnson's home, 2810 E. Via Escuela in Palm Springs. Joyce's son and two daughters will attend. They are looking forward to meeting their mother's friends.

Please RSVP to Gerry at 760-835-1283 or [gjohnson37@dc.rr.com](mailto:gjohnson37@dc.rr.com) or Mary Ann Kaestner at 760-416-7534 or [mak56@verizon.net](mailto:mak56@verizon.net).



In Joyce's honor, donations to Tech Trek will be accepted.

*lost time is never found again and what we call time enough, always proves little enough.*  
(Benjamin Franklin)

### HAPPY HOUR

On Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm we will have our first Happy Hour at La Brasserie restaurant located in the shopping center on the southwest corner of Washington and Highway 111.

Please call Dr. Joan Cartwright to join us for our first Happy Hour. Her phone number is 760-289-7897.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for our first Lunch Bunch at 11:30 on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Bobby Mao's in the Westfield Shopping Center. We will dine and get to know each other. Please call Phyllis Greene to RSVP: 760-772-7121.

### REEL REVELERS

We are meeting at the home of Gerry and Al Sabsevitz at 78288 Fostoria Lane, Sun City, 2nd entrance off Washington, Phone # 760-772-3025. Call what you are bringing for pot luck, by Tuesday prior to our meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. The film is "He Named Me Malala," playing at the River. The storyline is events leading up to the Taliban attack on the young Pakistani schoolgirl.

The November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the home of Anne and Ken LaConde.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

### BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the home of Beth Bangert, 55385 Laurel Valley, La Quinta. Beth's phone number is 760-771-9215. Beth's e-mail is [beth@bangertfamily.com](mailto:beth@bangertfamily.com). We will discuss *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Lemmon Tzemach.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information about our Group, call Roberta Young at 734-658-9981 or e-mail her at [roberta-young@juno.com](mailto:roberta-young@juno.com).

### GREAT DECISIONS

At 10:00 am on November 17<sup>th</sup>, Great Decisions will meet at the home of Joanne Bourquin, 43-618 Salerno Court, La Quinta, to discuss our last chapter, "Brazil in Metamorphosis." Come and share in the video and discussion of the emergence of this tropical civilization into a democratically elected constitutional government.

This will be our last meeting until our new books are available in January.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

### OUT AND ABOUT

The Coachella Valley Repertory Theater season will begin this month:

November 4: *Happy Hour* with Gavin McCleod – the story of a father and son dealing with the father's diminishing ability to live on his own. Please buy your own tickets.

We will meet at 5:30 for dinner at Livreri's in the Atrium. Call or email Angie Love two weeks before the play so she can reserve a place for you. Some may wish to join us for dinner or play only.

Angie Love, [randalovebrds@aol.com](mailto:randalovebrds@aol.com) 760-779-5658

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 10:00 Board Meeting	4 7:30 pm CV Rep play	5 <i>Happy Birthday Hope Boyd</i>	6	7 5:00 Happy Hour
8	9 11:30 Lunch Bunch	10 10:30 Memorial for Joyce Cohn	11	12	13 <i>Happy Birthday Jackie Drucker</i>	14 11:30 am General Meeting
15	16	17 10:00 Great Decisions	18 2:00 Book Discussion <i>Happy Birthday Faye Duffy</i>	19 6:00 Reel Revelers	20	21
22	23	34	25	26 	27	28
29 <i>Happy Birthday Marsha Riley</i>	30					