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**October 10, 2015 is Tech Trek Day at the
 AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon!!!**

This is the meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet our Tech Trek Campers and learn of the experiences they had, attending a week of learning and fun at University of California Irvine.

Our Campers for 2015:

Abigail Vera, Angelie Ilustrisimo, Heidi Nunez-Ruiz, Jackqueline Celedon, Jasmine Reyes, Migdalia Sanchez, Miriam Hernandez-Ramos, Sophia Burgie, Willow Shook



The luncheon will be held at The Grill, Shadow Ridge (Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford), Palm Desert.

Menu choices: Sautéed Shrimp Salad and Spinach with Blood Orange Dressing or Pulled Pork Sandwich with Pickle Chips and Cole Slaw.

Vegetarian: Swiss Cheese, Bell Pepper, Spinach Burger with French Fries or Salad.

Drinks: Coffee, Soda, Water included

Dessert: Chef's choice.

Please return this reservation form with your check for \$25.00. Make check payable to AAUW Palm Springs and mail to Norma Stempler, 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-3712 or call 760-324-3090 no later than October 6, 2015.

Name: _____

Luncheon choice: Salad Pulled Pork Veggie Burger

Number of Reservations _____ **Phone/Email** _____

October 2015 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President****WELCOME BACK TO OUR SEASONAL RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS!**

Although our seasonal residents have been away, many of you continue to be deeply involved and provide year-round support for our Branch. For example, Roberta Young manages our Branch's Book Group activities from her summer home, using the Internet. We appreciate your continuous involvement and year-round support for our Team.

It is truly a pleasure to work with our Branch members. It is clearly evident to me that careful planning and team-work is an important part of AAUW and our Branch's organizational structure.

Although some of our summer months are for our recess, there is never a dormant period for the AAUW Branch. We continue to work together as a team. We welcome our new members and provide support for our continuing members. We review our progress and analyze our needs. We develop annual schedules, recruit speakers and organize programs. We develop and launch fundraising activities as well as advertisement for the Branch, and much, much more. We could not operate effectively without our wonderful Teams.

One of my favorite subjects is Team-Work. For some of my earlier years, I served as a leader and did not fully understand the impact of effective Team-Work. Fortunately for me, I continued studying Leadership and I learned that our key resources in Team-building are: People, Money, Facilities, Time and Energy. Our enthusiasm, passion and drive will expand energy and as we work together we will become strong teams.

One of my goals is to team-build and expand the number of members who are participating on our Teams.

We have some outstanding members who continually lead and/or support various Branch activities. Thank You!!! These leaders can use your support. I want to make sure you have an opportunity to assist these leaders and events. A "To-Do" card, shown in this newsletter, will be made available at each luncheon meeting for members to complete. There are many, many choices outlined on this card for participating in OUR Branch's success. Some activities might only require one to two hours per month. Some activities may be completed from the comfort of your home, here or away from the Desert. Every member is important to us and we encourage you to join our Team.

**REMEMBER: "NONE OF US IS AS STRONG AS ALL OF US,
WORKING TOGETHER."**

Starting with this month's *Sandscripts*, we are including members' birthdays in the calendar on the last page of the newsletter.

If you are so motivated, you can make a donation to Tech Trek or AAUW Funds in honor of someone's birthday.

Palm Springs Officers

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 Magdalena Hamilton 636-5261
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 Afternoon Book Group:
 Roberta Young 734/658--9981
 Great Decisions:
 Joanne Bourquin 772-2832
 Reel Revelers:
 Bayla Adelman 568-9621
 Out and About: (committee)

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.

Save the Date!
AAUW CA Funds Celebration Luncheon
Sunday, October 18, 2015, 12 – 3:00 pm
Irvine Marriott Hotel
\$40.00 per person – RSVP deadline: Oct. 7
Call Elaine Levey for carpooling.

Palm Springs AAUW Directory

By now you should have received your new AAUW Palm Springs branch membership directory. Besides every member’s name and address(es), the directory includes members names by zip code, which we include to promote car-pooling.

There is a list of our officers, with their phone numbers. A description of Tech Trek and the AAUW Funds that we raise money for is given in the front of the directory. Also, there is a list of the dates and programs for the year.

At the end there is room to write in new members’ names and other information.

Elaine Levey, 760-360-6440

Gerry Johnson with directory

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.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

At our Strategic Planning meeting on June 6, 2015, our members selected three major goals and supporting objectives to achieve these goals during this fiscal year.

We selected a committee to strengthen membership activities. The committee members are: Barbara Villani, Gerry Johnson, Norma Stempler, Sharron Cantarini and Francie Spears.

We celebrated the achievement of our goal to increase branch publicity. Joanne Bourquin was successful in having our September luncheon/meeting publicized in our local newspaper, *The Desert Sun*.

We are looking for additional committee members to assist Joanne with the Marketing and Branding of our Branch.

We achieved another publicity objective by voting to continue having our Website Service managed by AAUW.

For our finance objective to strengthen our finance committee, we selected Elaine Levey, Elizabeth Nash, Pat Fredericks. We also recommended these committee members: Marsha Riley, Ronda Ostergaard, and Lynn Ostrick. The written recommendations from our former Treasurer, Lori Duffy, will be included.

This is the card that we are handing out at meetings, asking for help from our members. If you haven't handed one in, please cut this one out and give it to Elizabeth Nash.

AAUW PALM SPRINGS BRANCH MEMBERS - FOLLOW-UP "TO DO" CARD

"IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF AAUW, AND THE PALM SPRINGS BRANCH"

- I will volunteer to be a Hostess, and/or assist with Monthly Programs, as requested.
- I will assist with making telephone calls to members who have been absent from our events, as requested.
- I have expertise in Finance, and would be willing to serve on the Finance Committee.
- I have skills in the area of Marketing and I would be willing to serve on the Marketing/Publicity Team.
- I enjoy dining out and would be willing to assist with a Monthly "Lunch Bunch" activity.
- Membership is important to the Branch and I would be willing to assist with activities to support our members.
- I enjoy Fundraising and I would like to serve as a committee member, and/or assist with Fundraising.
- Other- I would like to assist with _____

Please complete this section and leave it at the Reception table. (Or mail it to the President) We will contact you ASAP.
(Please print)

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

OPEN SALARY RULE

The Department of Labor has just announced a final rule that it will prohibit federal contractors from retaliating against employees who wish to share and discuss information concerning salaries. Many employees have been fired after such discussions. Women, especially, have often been kept in the dark about the going salaries for comparable work even though federal contractors are required to pay equally. Lilly Ledbetter's case was a classic example of someone not realizing that he or she had been underpaid for years. This rule further extends a previous Obama ruling for greater transparency in this salary area. Even though federal contractors are required to pay equal salaries for equal work, you cannot receive it if you do not know what it is. It goes into effect January 2016.

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

FUNDRAISING

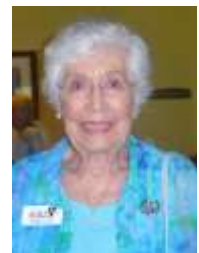
The mailing requesting funds for Tech Trek and AAUW Funds has been a great fundraising event. So far we have raised over \$3,000.00 and less than half of our members have responded. This event will continue through November, so if you have not yet made your tax-deductible donation you still have time. Plan on attending our monthly luncheons to see what else the fundraising committee has in store for you. We are looking forward to having a white elephant sale later in the year so start thinking about what you would like to contribute to this fun event. I am about half finished with a throw to contribute and I may have time to complete another.

Thank you all!
Pat Fredericks, Fundraising VP, 760-674-4649

Photos from our September meeting:



Norma Stempler, Sharrell Blakeley, Sharron Cantarini, Phyllis Greene and Bonnie Paul



Ann LaConde and Elizabeth Nash, Barbara Villani, Adele Ruxton, Lilliane Shuman and Angie Love

A huge, **THANK YOU**, to everyone who helped send our girls to Tech Trek Camp 2015.

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

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

College Relations

California State University is busy getting ready for classes which start soon. The students are involved in clubs and events on campus that raise the awareness of the community about the University. Students will be volunteering to mentor kids at the Coachella Valley Boys and Girls clubs, the Big Brother and Big Sisters, and other organizations in the valley. Stay posted to see what the young ladies of this University are contributing to our valley and the younger girls in these different clubs. I am working on putting together an AAUW group to continue this wonderful work

Pat Fredericks, 760-674-4649

Thanks to the Membership from Barbara Villani and Gerry Johnson

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. (Albert Einstein)

Thank you to our members for renewing in a timely fashion so we could get the directory out for our first meeting. Thanks to Elaine Levey for all of the hard work she put into getting the directory together.

Thanks to all of you who recruited new members and continue to do so. Our newest member, Nancy Lipsett, joined at our Saturday Meeting. She read about us in the *Desert Sun* and came to our first luncheon. Nancy is a Stanford graduate and was a member in San Francisco. Thanks, Angie Love, for driving Nancy to the meeting and thank you Joanne Bourquin for being successful getting information in the paper.

Three people recently volunteered for our committee. Anne LaConde, Angie Love, and Sharron Cantarini have joined the Membership Committee along with Norma Stempler, Francie Spears and Mary Ann Kaestner. We really appreciate your support.

Please use your new directory to acquaint yourself with all of our wonderful Palm Springs members.



In the news.....

The front page article of The Coachella Valley Beacon for August is on AAUW past president and current member Carrie Dao Allen. Last spring she was named one of the most outstanding senior citizen volunteers at Senior Inspiration Awards ceremonies sponsored by the County of Riverside. She has volunteered with Mizell Senior Center for decades.

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 2 PM at the home of Ronda Ostergaard, 73-350 Desert Rose Drive, Palm Desert, 760-340-3714.

The book for the month is *Mrs. Poe* by Lynn Cullen.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information call Roberta Young at 734-658-9981 or e-mail her at roberta-young@juno.com.

REEL REVELERS

Our movie group, Reel Revelers, meets on the last Thursday of the month. Members see a movie, chosen by the discussion leader, on their own, then after a pot luck dinner we discuss the film.

We will meet at 6:30 pm on September 24th at Bayla Adelman 's home at The Lakes (43 Blue River Drive, Palm Desert) to discuss *A Walk in the Woods*.

Call Bayla to RSVP. Her phone number is 760-568-9621.

On October 29th we will meet at Gerry and Al Sabsevit's home at 78228 Fostoria Lane, Sun City Palm Desert, 760-772-3025.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, October 20th at ten o'clock at the home of Pat Fredericks, 75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells.

We will see the video and discuss the chapter HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A serious challenge to humanity. Bring any articles you find pertaining to human trafficking in our valley.

Call Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832 for directions. We will welcome comments, as well as discussion of the seven questions at the end of the chapter.

We may have another opportunity to see Pat's elegant, white poodle!

OUT AND ABOUT

The Coachella Valley Repertory season will begin this fall. Here are the dates and the plays that AAUW members will be attending, so you can order your tickets -- all at 7:30 on Wednesdays in Rancho Mirage:

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.

January 27 *A Class Act* - A Tony Award-winning lyricist (Edward Kleban) dreams of writing both the words and music for a Broadway musical. This biographical play recounts his struggles to achieve his dream.

March 16 *I Am My Own Wife* - The true story of a German transvestite who managed to survive both the Nazi regime and the repressive East German Communist regime.

April 27 *4000 Miles* - After suffering a major loss while on a cross country bike trip, 21 year old Leo seeks solace from his feisty 91 year old grandmother. Two outsiders find their way in today's world.

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.

Barbara Villani
 1028 E. San Lorenzo Road
 Palm Springs, CA 92264-8114



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 10 am Board Meeting <i>Happy Birthday Gail Hughes</i>	7	8 <i>Happy Birthday Vivianne Gladden</i>	9	10 11:30 General Meeting
11	12	13 <i>Happy Birthday Chris Ellet</i>	14	15 <i>Happy Birthday Evelyn Cumming and Terry White</i>	16 <i>Happy Birthday Shirley Singleton</i>	17
18 12:00 noon AAUW Funds Luncheon	19	20 10 am Great Decisions <i>Happy Birthday Mo Barkemeyer</i>	21 2 pm Book Group <i>Happy Birthday Lynn Sacher</i>	22 <i>Happy Birthday Mary Held- Switt</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Happy Birthday Micki Breitenstein</i>	27	28	29 6:30 Reel Revelers	30	31