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techtrek!
science & math camp for girls

**Saturday, October 12th
11:30 am
Acqua Pazza
Restaurant at
The River in
Rancho Mirage**



Bonnie Paul with the eight Tech Trek girls we sent to Irvine camp in July 2013.

The October 12th meeting is when we will be introducing you to the eight girls who attended Tech Trek Camp at U.C. Irvine this past July. Each girl will be speaking about her experience at camp, what it has meant to her to have been chosen to attend, and how it will influence her in the future. I encourage you to come out and show your support of the girls and Tech Trek. It is most enjoyable to see the young faces that will be the future of AAUW.

Our meetings are open to friends and those interested in learning about AAUW, our projects, and having a desire to join.

Make new friends. You will be seated with people who came from the same state as you.

MENU

_____ Your Choice of _____

Cobb Salad Arturo Style

Rotisserie chicken, bacon, ham, tomato, bleu cheese, hard-boiled egg, avocado and red onion

Domestic "Kobe" Burger

Tuna Panini

Served with garlic aioli

Chicken Sandwich

Grilled chicken breast, avocado, Swiss cheese and bacon, served with organic mixed field greens salad

Farfalle Primavera

Bow-tie pasta served with grilled vegetables, garlic, extra virgin olive oil

_____ **Flourless Triple Chocolate Cake**

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Price: \$22.00

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$22.00 PER PERSON, payable to: AAUW Palm Springs, and mail them to: Vivian Penniman, 79528 Morning Glory Court, La Quinta, 92253-4846 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 9TH.

Name _____ salad _____ burger _____ tuna _____ chicken _____ pasta _____

Telephone or email _____ number of reservations _____

October 2013 President's Message Gerry Johnson, President



Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be (John Wooden)

Some wonderful programs and study groups for the coming year have been organized.

However, I would love to hear from new members as well as longtime members who may have time for leadership, or maybe want to help on a certain program or have new ideas of something AAUW should pursue. Please feel free to email or call me anytime for your input. From the survey, we have received great suggestions on how we might change. If you haven't done so, send me your survey with all of your great ideas.

On September 3rd we had a very productive Board Meeting. We are now looking for a larger place for the October board meeting. Please come and join in the discussion of what we should do. Fundraising is a topic of interest as we move forward. Fundraising is often supported by branch members; we would love to try involving more community participants.

Some ideas coming out of this meeting were: With 4 trained Start Smart members there was talk of restarting it for 2014-2015. Joanne Bourquin, Elaine Levey, Lynn Sacher and Mary Dimon are all possible contacts if you are interested. The new statewide Financial Literacy project has six sections; one is interviewing skills. More information is available online for you to digest and decide. I look forward to all of your comments by email, phone or at board.

Many members have shown an interest in Travel. On September 4th "Mile...Mile and a Half" was shown at the Camelot and some AAUW members met there for food/wine/movie and discussion. It was a Tugg movie which was a fund raiser. Over 200 people showed up! Our Branch could do a fund raiser using "Invisible War" a movie which AAUW recommends. The other thing is that it made me think maybe travelling to Mt. Whitney might be an interesting Travel Day. What do you think? Make your interests known!

I attended Book Group in August and was impressed by the discussion. This is one group you won't want to miss!

Our next group beginning is the Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group on Tuesday, September 24th. It will be a morning coffee at the home of Mary Anne Kaestner.

There seems to be interest in the theater and dining. All we need is an interested person to get it started. Maybe this is your interest?

If you have an interest let me know and I'll see that you meet together.

We will have sign-up sheets at our next two meetings for our two new special interest groups: travel and Eleanor Roosevelt. Interest was also high on the survey returns for gourmet home dining and bridge so we can also have sign-up sheets for those two. If you cannot come on the 21st email me and we can pre-add your names. Other suggestions for mah jong and live theater need more time to percolate or for a leader to emerge.

I hope I met you at our outstanding September Branch Meeting at Lulu's or will meet you at our October 12th Branch meeting at Acqua Pazza. Bring a prospective member. Remember the dues are \$25 less if she joins at the meeting.

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Shape the Future

What a great month for our branch to extend ourselves to others in order to recruit new members and regain former members who have not renewed their membership. Do you have a friend, business associate or acquaintance who expressed interest in AAUW? Please invite them to join us to hear from our Tech Trek presenters. What better way to give them a taste of who we are than for them to learn more about one of the organization's exciting projects.

Besides inviting someone you know, the Membership committee would like suggestions of community leaders you think should be invited. Your suggestions would serve a two-fold purpose: attendees to the October meeting and an opportunity to form relationships with other organizations. It's a "Win Win" for all involved. Contact any one of the Membership Co-Chairs: Vanette Hickey 760-200-5143; Sandra Levander 760-674-9282; Pat Weber 714-321-2960.

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.

Speech Trek

State has sent a brochure which should be sent to all schools as well as a notice for the bulletin boards in addition to the poster. The notice is for students to attend an informational meeting. Time and place for the meeting will be up to those committee members who are contacting schools.

The board voted to support Speech Trek so our notice of intent to participate form is on its way. Our October meeting, the 15th at 2:00 will be at Mary Dimon's house on Harvard Ct. in the Springs in Rancho Mirage.

Public Policy

THE CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE PROCESS

While AAUW-CA supports the initiative process here in California, it believes that there are changes that could correct some of the weaknesses that have shown up in recent elections. Some of these are people from out of state paid to come and collect signatures on petitions for special interests and untold amounts of money being spent without real accountability. AAUW-CA has taken up this topic as a recommended study area for branches and some are pursuing it. It should be an area of concern for all of us and I will try to keep us informed as the study continues.

Are you a **TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST** yet? Again, if not, why not?

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

College/University Relations

Cal State U San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus is becoming a member soon. The very first freshman class arrives on campus on the 19th of September and the campus is looking forward to their arrival. Of the 105 students, two thirds are female, so we have a group of women to draw from. Also Cal State Palm Desert Campus has received the September 2013 fund from the Berger Foundation and Channel 2 for making a difference in our Valley. The presentation was made at the September 10th Associates event. That event featured Janice Lyle from Sunnylands as the guest speaker.

Pat Fredericks, 760-674-4649

AAUW Funds

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013–14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

Come hear one of our Fellows at our November 10th (Sunday) luncheon. She is an International Fellow, studying for her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at U.C. Riverside.

Elizabeth Nash and Elaine Levey
760-772-0645 and 760-360-6440

Tyke Trek Visited Vista Del Monte School

On May 23rd, once again TEAM TYKE TREK visited Vista del Monte Elementary School in Palm Springs. Forty third grade girls were introduced, in a very non-threatening way, to the wonders of science. This year our projects included Ronda Ostergaard's ever popular Insects Aren't Icky. Bayla Adelman led her favorite project, The Water Cycle and the Importance of our Climate. Green Slime is a messy project if ever there was one. Upside, it's chemistry at its best; all about polymers, formulas, etc. A strong staff consisting of Barbara Villani, Jack Foyil, Mary Ann Kaestner, and Anne LaConde made it work. Francie Spears, our own Bat Lady and the ever wonderful Olli were the stars of the day. Olli, although aging, still managed to put on a performance that both delighted the little girls and taught them about mammals, bats in particular.

Other participants were Patty Pastrick, Bonnie Paul, Barbara Foyil, Lilliane Shuman, Gail Hughes, Terry White and me, the retiring Tyke Trek chair. Barbara Villani will be chairing the program this coming season. I know she can count on your support.

Barbara Maccarillo, bmaccarillo@aol.com

AAUW Funds Fall Luncheon

It's not too late to join us on October 19th – we will carpool to the AAUW Funds Luncheon at Knotts Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park. This is a celebration honoring the 2013-2014 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients in Southern California.

Register at www.aauw-ca.org or send your \$40 check to AAUW-CA, 1331 Garden Highway, #100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Indicate your choice of grilled chicken Cobb salad or vegetarian lasagna. Beverages and dessert are included. **The luncheon is worth every penny as the fellows and grant recipients are truly amazing!**

Please RSVP by October 8th.

Many thanks to the following members who made donations to AAUW Funds in response to the letter we sent out in August: Joanne Bourquin, Joyce Cohn, Chris Ellet, Mary Held-Switt, Elissa Hepner, Jeanne Hirshfield, Elizabeth Hutchison, Mary Ann Kaestner, Joyce Kornbluh, Anne LaConde, Elaine Levey, Brenda Lonsbury-Martin, Angie Love, Elizabeth Nash, Deanna Neal, Ronda Ostergaard, Patty Pastrick, Judy Pochini, Nancy Terrel and Barbara Villani. As of this writing we have taken in \$1,185 for AAUW Funds.

Legal Advocacy Fund

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to legal advice and backing of major cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

Tech Trek

Tech Trek! Science & Math Camps for Girls celebrated its 15th year as a premier one-week experience on the campus of eight colleges and universities in California this year. More than 9,000 girls have attended the ten camps located at UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara (Hypathia and Blackwell), CSU Fresno, Sonoma State, Stanford University (Curie and Hopper) and Whittier College.

The goals for Tech Trek Science and Math Camp for Girls were to encourage a diverse group of young women entering eighth grade to take math and science courses through high school, motivate students to attend college and inspire young women to consider careers in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

Tech Trek has become a tremendous educational success in California and Tech Trek Camps are now offered nationally. Check this out at www.aauw-techtrek.org.

Tech Trek alums were the speakers at a Tech Trek reunion and fundraiser planned by the Fremont branch at DeVry University attended by science faculty, parents and AAUW members.

A Math & Science Conference for 600 eighth grade girls has been held on the University of Redlands campus for the past 19 years and for 300 girls on the campus of Mt. San Jacinto College from Banning and Beaumont for the past 13 years.

There will be a Tech Trek committee meeting on September 26th at the home of Barbara Foyil, 860 N. Calle De Pinos, Palm Springs, at 10:00 am. All are welcome; RSVP by September 24th, 760-424-8627.

AAUW Palm Springs board meeting: Tuesday, October 1st at 74245 Highway 111, Suite 102 (High Tower) at 10 am.

All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

On Wednesday, October 16th, at 2:00 in the afternoon, our AAUW Palm Springs Branch book group will be meeting at the home of Anne LaConde to discuss *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. Please contact Anne at 760-862-1913 or email her at ken.anne7@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

The book for November is *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom.

All members are welcome.

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 the October movie at the meeting on September 26th. The September meeting will be at Magdalena Hamilton's home, 78810 Falsetto Drive, Sun City Palm Desert. Her phone number is 760-636-5261.

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.

Assistant Reservations Person Needed. Work with Vivian Penniman – take reservations for luncheons and help at the welcome table. Call Vivian at 760-360-8052.

Luncheon / Event Greeters Needed. Greet members and guests upon arrival at our luncheons and events. Make them feel welcome. Introduce new and potential members. Call Gerry at 760-323-4319.

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

The new **Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Study Group** will discuss AAUW research reports as well as books such as *Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way* by Robin Gerber and *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg.

The planning meeting will be held on September 24th at 10:00 am at Mary Ann Kaestner's home, 255 E. Avenida Granada #111, Palm Springs.

Please call her if you are planning to come: 760-416-7534

Sept. 21, 11:30 am	Welcome Back Meeting, Lulu's PS
Sept. 24, 10:00 am	E. Roosevelt group planning meeting, PS
Sept. 26, 10:00 am	Tech Trek Planning Committee, PS
Sept. 26, 6:00 pm	Reel Revelers, Sun City Palm Desert
Oct. 1, 10:00 am	AAUW branch board meeting, Indian Wells
Oct. 12, 11:30 am	Tech Trek Girls, Acqua Pazza, RM
Oct. 15, 2:00 pm	Speech Trek Committee Meeting, RM
Oct. 24, 6:00 pm	Reel Revelers
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