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**October 8, 2016 is Tech Trek Day at the
AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon!!!**

**11:30 am at The Grill at the MARRIOTT SHADOW RIDGE
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert**
(Off of Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford)

This is the meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet our Tech Trek Campers who have entered 8th grade, and learn of the experiences they had last July, attending a week of learning about math and science and having fun at University of California Irvine.



Alejandra Castillo
Mafer Galaz
Camilla Gutierrez
Ebanee Jimenez
Leah Moreno
Sarah Peterson
Jocel Sanchez
Valerie Soto
Alyssa Traylor

Menu choices:

1. Gourmet Burger with Fries
2. Salmon Caesar Salad
3. Miguel's Pasta (Broccoli and Sundried Tomatoes) with Putanesca Sauce (vegetarian choice)

Dessert: Vanilla Ice Cream with fruit compote

Coffee, Soda and Water included

Write Menu Choice on check for \$25, payable to **AAUW Palm Springs**, and mail it to Pat Fredericks, 75375 Painted Desert Drive, Indian Wells 92210-8332, (760) 674-4649 by **October 3rd**.

Name(s): _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Phone/E-Mail: _____

October 2016 President's Message**Elizabeth Nash, President**

Our September 10th kick-off meeting for the year was outstanding. Our speaker was Peni Nelson, General Manager and Founder of the Jacqueline Cochran Flight and Education Center. She made an outstanding presentation, reviewing her exciting aviation career which began in 1984. She shared many of her memorable experiences meeting world leaders, as well as challenges she faced in receiving the promotional opportunities that she earned. Her presentation was very motivating as she highlighted the importance of setting Goals, focusing on treating every customer with respect, kindness and consideration. Peni received a standing ovation from our members, and we are thrilled that she is planning to become a member of our Branch. She is truly a wonderful role model for everyone.

We are making progress in our Branch. Our membership is growing and our name is becoming better known in the community. At our September meeting, we had many, many guests who learned about AAUW through the *Desert Sun*. We must constantly reach out and serve our communities in order to continue to grow and be effective.

It is wonderful that our Branch has been operational since January 11, 1949. We are blessed to have several members who have 50 years of membership with AAUW. So, in appreciation and acknowledgment to them, they will not be required to pay any Branch dues, beginning in FY 2017-18. This recommendation was made by our VP of Membership, Sharron Cantarini, and approved by our Board.

As we grow in membership, we need to improve our communications and support of our new members. Marsha Riley, the Buddy Group leader, developed a wonderful informative brochure and questionnaire that will be helpful to all members. She will also be available to assist members in using our Buddy Group system.

At our October 8th luncheon-meeting we will meet our nine eighth-grade girls who attended Tech Trek camp at U.C. Irvine from Sunday, July 10 to Saturday, July 16. We will hear about their experiences and meet their families. It takes a committed AAUW team from our Branch to pull together this life-changing event for our girls. It also takes financial donations from our members and others to fund this wonderful experience.

Thank you for Tech Trek donations, and all AAUW donations received to date from our Fund-raising campaign. The youth of today will be the employees, parents and leaders of tomorrow. So, let's join together to support our Tech Trek girls by giving them information and experiences to help them make wise choices for their futures.

There are so many members who consistently perform their duties to make sure we achieve our Goals. Without you, we would not be able to operate successfully. I truly appreciate your support.

“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.” **Margaret Mead**

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Lunch Bunch Phyllis Greene 772-7121
Out and About: Angie Love 779-5658
Reel Revelers:
 Bayla Adelman568-9621

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10:00
am Board Meeting at
Board Room at Indian
Ridge. RSVP to
Elizabeth Nash.

Fundraising

We are off to a good start in our fundraising. So far we have collected just over \$2000.00 in our fall drive. Sharrell Blakeley, Pat Fredericks, Mary Ann Kaestner, Francie Spears, Carrie Allen, Barbara Battino, Jeanne Hirshfield, Brenda Lonsbury-Martin, Bonnie Paul, Norma Stempler, Patricia Pastrick, Mary Held-Swift, Peg Cook, Bayla Adelman, Phyllis Greene, Patricia Doran, Iris Anderson, Barbara Hawkins Villani, Pamela Roberts, Lynn Ostrick; Adele Ruxton; Gerry Johnson; and Jean Dietrich donated to Tech Trek. Jeanne Hirshfield, Joanne Bourquin and Judith Pochini each gave to AAUW Funds and Francie Spears gave to the Educational Fund.

We've raised \$157.00 with our drawing at our September luncheon. The winner, Gerry Johnson, contributed her winnings to our branch's Tech Trek fund. Thank you, Gerry. Stay tuned for more information about Tech Trek and other funds that make up AAUW. Plan on attending our October luncheon to hear all about this year's attendees at Tech Trek. I'll see you there.

Pat Fredericks

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.

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

Hello Everyone. After a long hot and humid summer, we are glad Fall is here and are now ready and excited to start our new year with AAUW Palm Springs. At the end of summer, our membership total was 106. Now, after our September 10, 2016 luncheon, our branch of AAUW new total is 110. This is so exciting to see us grow, develop new relationships, and have fun with it all.

Our AAUW Palm Springs branch has several **Honorary Life Members**, which means these members have been AAUW members for **50 or more years**. At our board meeting, I presented a proposal that we not charge these Honorary Life Members their branch dues – *they have paid their dues*. It was unanimously passed into motion effective 2017.

Let us welcome all our new and current members and join in the fun, excitement, and enthusiasm of this upcoming year.

Sharron Cantarini, V P Membership 760.296.3512

New members not included in 2016-17 Directory:

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Buddy Groups

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to become a Buddy. Our membership is growing. Volunteering to become a Buddy to someone new is an essential first step for the new member to feel a part of our AAUW community. As new members join, I will match them up with volunteers on the list. One consideration is looking at the zip code of each of the Buddies. Logistically, you would be in the same area and it would make it easier to get together.

I will email you when a new person joins and match you with your buddy. At that point, it will be your responsibility to contact her.

THANK YOU....THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS:

Bayla Adelman
Jackie Drucker
Chris Ellet
Pat Fredericks

Gillian German
MaryAnne Hoppe
Elaine Levey
Angie Love

Wilma Mills
Elizabeth Nash
Mary Davey Schambach
Norma Stempler

I will be asking for more volunteers at our next luncheon. You may also email me if you would like to be a buddy.

Marsha Riley, mriley61@hotmail.com

AAUW Action Network

As a member of AAUW Action Network, you belong to a dedicated community of members and supporters that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Since AAUW's founding in 1881, our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. The messages you send through the **Two-Minute Activist** tool play an important role in the work we do. As an Action Network subscriber, you receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress, find detailed information on legislation currently under consideration, and write letters to the editor of your local paper. To get in the action network, go to www.aauw.org or VoterEd@aauw.org.

To be an energized Advocate read your news bulletin called AAUW in the Statehouse. Each month, we'll receive updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy, and insider information about good and bad bills in the states. We are already tuned in to what's happening at the federal level. Let's take the extra step and learn more about what's happening in our own backyard. AAUW members make a difference in statehouses across the United States. With chapters and branches in all 50 states; Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and Guam, our members are able to make a real impact on policy. We can take our advocacy efforts to the next level.

AAUW is dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has all the information she needs to cast her VOTE.

Jackie Drucker, Public Policy

The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our 2016-2017 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients!

The Southern California AAUW Funds Luncheon Sunday, October 23, 2016

Noon to 3:00 p.m.
(Registration 11:30 a.m.)
Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Avenue - Seal Beach, CA
\$40/person

The RSVP Deadline is October 11, so don't delay!

Lunch will be a Morgan salad (mixed greens, grilled chicken breast, mango, papaya, seasonal berries) which can be served vegetarian.

Register online at
www.aauw-ca.org/FallFundLuncheon
Or mail a check payable to AAUW-CA to:
1331 Garden Hwy #100
Sacramento, CA 95833

2016-2017 Directories

Your new AAUW Palm Springs branch Directory was mailed to you on September 12th. The programs for the year are listed on page 5. On page 42 the members are listed by zip code, to help with car pooling and the new Buddy system (see page 4).

Please add to your Directory:

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| Anderson, Iris A. (Donald) | 760 340-4271 |
| 73189 Grapevine Street | 760 835-7166 c |
| Palm Desert, CA 92260-5955 | |
| e) donairis@aol.com | Birthday: 8/18 |
| 44489 Towne Center Way #461 (all mail) | |
| Palm Desert, CA 92260-6573 | |
| BA U of Washington, English, Education | |
| MA Seattle U, English | |

Correction to directory: Gerry Sabsevitz's
email: sabgerry@gmail.com

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Do you know any person, project, organization or who have made remarkable contributions to equality for women and girls. You can also nominate yourself or an organization for which you serve as an officer.

AAUW state/branch programs are not eligible for this award. **Deadline:** November 15, 2016.



Sharrell Blakeley and Marsha Riley



Wilma Mills, Chris and Steve Ellet



Mary Davey Schambach and
prospective member Kay



Prospective members Joan Lage and
Sharon Anderson with new member
Sharon Seraphin



Angie Love



Buddies Pat Mauritzen and Gillian German



Sharron Cantarini and Elaine Levey

GREAT DECISIONS

GREAT DECISIONS will meet at the home of Joanne Bourquin, 43618 Salerno Ct., La Quinta, 760-772-2832. There is no gate.

Discussion will be on Chapter 7, Climate geopolitics: The Road to Paris and Beyond. After viewing the DVD we will discuss the chapter and the questions on p. 84.

Remember to come early to enjoy delicious refreshments! We hope to see you on Tuesday, Oct. 18th at a little before 10:00 o'clock!.

Joanne Bourquin (760) 772-2832

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book for October 19th at 2 pm is *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff. The discussion leader is Ruth Kuhlmeier. We will meet at Angie Love's home, 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert, (760) 779-5658.

In November we will discuss *H is for Hawk* by Helen McDonald.

Roberta Young, (734) 658-9981
roberta-young@juno.com.

LUNCH BUNCH

On October 10th at noon we will dine at the Daily Grill on El Paseo near Monterey. Please call me to RSVP.

Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

OUT AND ABOUT

Coachella Valley Repertory Theater - If you wish to join AAUW members for the season and have not yet ordered tickets, our dates are November 2, January 25, March 15 and May 3 (call [760-296-2966](tel:760-296-2966)). If you wish to join us for dinner at 5:30 (the play begins at 7:30) call or e-mail Angie Love ([760-779-5658](tel:760-779-5658) or randalovebrds@aol.com). We do not have a restaurant choice yet but we will need numbers when we make a reservation. Elaine will send an e-mail with our restaurant choice. We were hoping to go to Bernie's Bar and Grill but it is scheduled to open Nov. 1 and that is cutting it very close.

Sunnylands - A group tour is being planned. We have given them three choices of dates and hope to visit in March.

Red Jeep Tour - This is a wonderful experience. We are planning the San Andreas Fault tour. These tours are expensive (\$107 per person) but well worth it. I presented the tour to the Board at our Sept. 6th meeting and we already have more than enough for one jeep.

Angie Love (760) 779-5658
randalovebrds@aol.com

REEL REVELERS

Call Bayla to find out when and where Reel Revelers will be meeting. We see the film on our own, have a pot luck and then discuss the film chosen by the discussion leader(s).

Bayla Adelman, (760) 568-9621

HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS

Happy Hour Spirits will meet on October 22nd at 5:00 pm at La Brasserie, 78477 Highway 111, La Quinta (southwest corner of Washington and 111). Call Joan to make a reservation..

Dr. Joan Cartwright, (415) 320-5335

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



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 10:00 Board Meeting | 5 | 6 Happy Birthday Gail Hughes | 7 | 8 11:30 General Meeting Happy Birthday Vivianne Gladden |
| 9 | 10 12:00 Lunch Bunch | 11 | 12 | 13 Happy Birthday Chris Ellet | 14 | 15 Happy Birthday Evelyn Cumming and Terry White |
| 16 | 17 | 18 10:00 Great Decisions | 19 2:00 Book Discussion | 20 Happy Birthday Mo Barkemeyer | 21 | 22 5:00 Happy Hour Spirits Happy Birthday Mary Held-Switt |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Happy Birthday Micki Breitenstein | 27 6:00 pm Reel Revelers | 28 | 29 Happy Birthday Sharon Seraphin |
| 30 | 31  | | | | | |