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## Educational Progress in California

**11:30 am September 21, 2013 at LuLu's  
California Bistro, 200 S Palm Canyon Dr.  
Palm Springs (760) 327-5858**

Our meetings are open to guests and this is a topic that should be of interest to many when it comes to the education of girls and young women. Bring your friends so that they can become acquainted with us and our many valuable education-centered projects.

Below is the URL for the complete article that was in the *Desert Sun* introducing the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program that motivates teachers on how to work with girls when it comes to these subjects. Read, learn, and find out what is happening in the education of girls and young women in our Coachella Valley.

<http://www.mydesert.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2013307200010>

### MENU Choice of:

#### Chicken Caesar

Romaine lettuce chopped and served with grilled chicken breast

#### Domestic "Kobe" Burger

#### Tuna Panini

Served with garlic aioli

#### Russian Panini

Sliced turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, cole slaw with Thousand Island dressing

#### Linguine Checca (Vegetarian)

Linguine with diced Roma tomatoes, Mozzarella, and basil

#### Flourless Triple Chocolate Cake

#### Coffee or Iced Tea

**PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK for \$22.00, per person, payable to: AAUW Palm Springs and mail to: Vivian Penniman, 79528 Morning Glory Court, La Quinta, 92253-4846 NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 19TH.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ chicken\_\_\_burger\_\_\_tuna\_\_\_Russian\_\_\_pasta\_\_\_

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



### **President's Message**

### **Gerry Johnson, President**

Summer is melting away quickly and many members are busy planning wonderful programs and study groups for the coming year. However, there is still room for many other members to join in the fun. I would love to hear from new members as well as long-time members who may now have time for leadership, or maybe helping 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. If you have not already done so, please fill out the survey in this issue. Members at the summer board meeting did do it but we would like more opinions, please. We want to hear everyone's voice.

In July we had a very positive retreat. Among other things it was decided that we would try to have some meetings at places other than country clubs and, hopefully, provide less expensive food. Our next Board meeting will be at the office of Lori Duffy in Palm Desert on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served. I have an idea I want to try. I will provide the refreshments and suggest that each member attending put money in a pot to cover the expense. However, the money will go to one of our special funds or perhaps to a fund for programs to help pay for speakers. If you have any ideas, let me know.

Pat Fredericks has generously offered her home for the December Holiday Party. If you like to plan parties, please let Pat or me know of your interest. We need help with food, bartending, games, raffles, music and whatever else!

Pat Fredericks, College Relations, is also very busy organizing ideas for a program in the spring. She says that on September 3<sup>rd</sup> she will collect the money from CSU Palm Desert to become a supporter of AAUW. Also, she is in the process of arranging speakers including the softball coach from COD and Doris Wilson from CSU. She is also working on getting some college freshmen and high school girls to attend a meeting to introduce them to AAUW. She has so many good ideas and, of course, is welcome to any help or suggestions that you members have. Give her a call.

Some of you will be attending our planning meeting for the Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. It will be a morning coffee at Mary Anne Kaestner's home at 10:00 a.m. Bring all of your good ideas and we will begin. If you live way down in La Quinta or elsewhere, you may want to attend this meeting and continue with people living in the western part of the Coachella Valley, or you may decide to begin a new group in the eastern Coachella Valley. Anything is possible. But do come and find out about this exciting group.

### MEMBERSHIP

Belonging to AAUW is a “growing” experience. It is an opportunity to meet women and men who saw a college education as a means to enhance their life experience. You all are part of this elite group. As such, we hope you will introduce someone to AAUW by bringing that person to a General Meeting or one of the interest group gatherings. The Membership Committee will then provide potential members with information on joining the Palm Springs Branch.

You are our Outreach Team! Help AAUW Palm Springs Grow!

**Co-Membership Chairs: Vanette Hickey (760-200-5143), Sandra Levander (760-674-9282), Joyce Kornbluh (248-320-8509), Pat Weber (714-321-2960).**

### ARE YOU AN AAUW ACTIVIST? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

There are so many issues affecting women at the forefront of the news today. Many of them seem to be perennial. Some that we have fought in the past and thought that we had won are back to be fought again. AAUW takes a stand on many of these issues and needs our support to make its voice heard loud and clear in Washington, D.C. and state capitals. Our voices can be heard very easily through the means of “The Two Minute Activist.” To sign up to receive *Action Alerts* directly, rather than forwarded to you, simply go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>. From there you sign up. You will then receive alerts via your e-mail—take one minute to read them and one minute to answer them, and you are an AAUW Activist. We need all of you.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190

### SPEECH TREK

Our committee will meet again Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Mary’s home at the Springs, 1 Harvard Ct., Rancho Mirage. There will be a reminder sent prior to the meeting. Members will also be receiving emails that month.

Two new members volunteered to do very specific tasks for us but will not be permanent committee members unless they choose to do so; Pat Fredericks and Chris Ellet - Pat will do the invitations to our Speech Trek luncheon and mail them to participants and guests. Chris will do the programs and put them at each place at the luncheon, thank you both.

There are still four more of these minor tasks to fill so anyone interested please contact Mary Dimon; 760-424-8985; [mgdimon@outlook.com](mailto:mgdimon@outlook.com)

### AAUW FUNDS FALL LUNCHEON

Come carpool with us as we attend the AAUW Funds Luncheon at Knotts Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park.

This is a Celebration Luncheon honoring the 2013-2014 Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients in California.

Register at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) or send your \$40 check to AAUW-CA, 1331 Garden Highway, #100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Indicate your lunch choice of grilled chicken cobb salad or vegetarian lasagna. Beverage and dessert are included.

RSVP deadline is October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Liz Nash, 760-772-0645  
Elaine Levey, 760-360-6440

### Afternoon Book Group

The book group will be meeting at the home of Barbara Villani in Palm Springs on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 in the afternoon. We will be discussing *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter. Please let our hostess know if you are planning to attend. Barbara can be contacted at (760) 322 - 3987 or e) bhvillani@gmail.com.

The book for October is *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo and will be at the home of Anne LaConde.

All AAUW members are welcome.

Anne LaConde 760-862-1913

The **Reel Revelers** interest group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. We have a pot luck, followed by a discussion of the film.

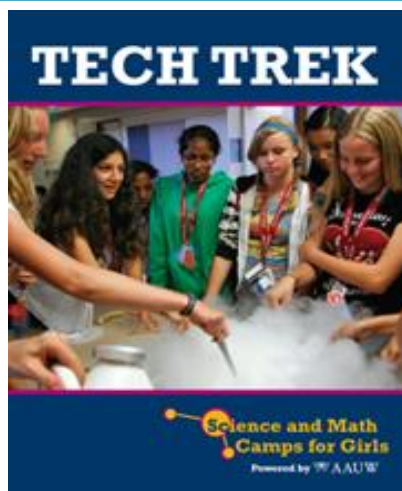
The September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at the home of Magdalena Hamilton in Sun City Palm Desert. Her phone number is (760) 636-5261.

We are looking for one or two presenters for each meeting. The presenter(s) will choose the movie and lead the discussion. Suggested movies are *The Butler*, *Blue Jasmine*, Woody Allen's new movie and *The Wolverine* with Hugh Jackman. Please call Bayla Adelman : 760-568-9621 or email her at baylaadelman@cs.com.

New groups starting in the fall: a **Travel Group**, which will include trips to interesting places in and outside of the Coachella Valley.

The second group is the **Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Study Group**. We 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



The Tech Trek committee met on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Billy Reed's for lunch and there were twelve very enthusiastic members in attendance. We are fortunate to have several former experienced members and happy that there are a few new ones. It was announced at this meeting that a group of lady engineers are holding their annual meeting in Palm Springs and it is their practice to donate \$2,000 to a local charity, and Tech Trek has been chosen to receive this scholarship. There are many new ideas in the works and we will be announcing these at the October general meeting that features our Tech Trek camp girls.

The next Tech Trek committee meeting is planned for Thursday, September 26 and the time and location will be announced at the September 21<sup>st</sup> general meeting at LuLu's. Our committee is open to all AAUW Palm Spring Branch members, so if you are interested, come to the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and join this dynamic group.

### MEMBER SURVEY

Please answer this survey (if you haven't already done so) and return it to Gerry Johnson at 2810 Via Esquela, Palm Springs 92262-3843. By responding, your voice will be heard so that we can plan interesting, thoughtful, fun meetings in the future. Let us know what you think.

1. Would you change the present monthly format (luncheons on Saturday) for any of the three meetings for which an audience is not required? (Tech Trek, Speech Trek, EF needs one)  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you said yes to #1, choose any change you would support
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Earlier brunch on Saturday
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ A tour of a valley attraction with dessert later
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ A fundraiser at a local theatre with dessert later
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ A meal at a restaurant on a weekday @ 4 – 6 p.m.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Your own suggestions \_\_\_\_\_
3. Would you favor establishing a transportation committee (West, Central, East Valley) to bring members to monthly meetings and special interest groups? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Would you support imposing a small charge for members who fail to keep reservation deadlines and to put these charges in AAUW Funds? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would you support a fundraising plan in which each Zip Code Group would be responsible for a fundraising event? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. What Special Interest Group would you join if it were offered?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Gourmet Home Dining
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Gourmet Restaurant Dining
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Travel
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ Investment
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ None of the above

Your suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

7. Would you favor paying good speakers? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Check the three of these fundraisers you would attend/support
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Antique Roadshow-like tea
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ Dec. holiday party at a home
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly raffles
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_ Fashion Show at a home
  - e) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-event letter
  - f) \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre Party
  - g) \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Auction
  - h) \_\_\_\_\_ Famous Author Speech w/wine and cheese
  - i) Musical Group
  - j) \_\_\_\_\_ Themed Potluck Dinner at a Home
9. Your suggestion for making new members feel at home is appreciated: \_\_\_\_\_

10. What do you see as this branch's greatest need to improve? \_\_\_\_\_

11. What would you be willing to do? \_\_\_\_\_





**Tyke Trek at Vista Del Monte School in Palm Springs 2013. Barbara Maccarillo is upper right.**



Barbara Villani



Bonnie Paul



Bayla Adelman



Patty Pastrick



Gail Hughes



Mary Ann Kaestner



Lillian Shuman



Joanne Bourquin

## AAUW CA Partners with LA Sparks!

Sunday, September 15  
12:00 Noon  
Staples Center, Los Angeles



### LOS ANGELES SPARKS VS. PHOENIX MERCURY

- Join AAUW members at the game as we **Stand Up for Title IX**
- Wear your Title IX T-shirt: Go to the [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) website to order one.
- Bring your friends and neighbors
- Get your tickets now: Copy and click on:  
[http://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/group\\_corp\\_start.html?l=EN&team=sparks&owner=1406264&group=838&err=&event=&customerID=](http://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/group_corp_start.html?l=EN&team=sparks&owner=1406264&group=838&err=&event=&customerID=)
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#### CLASSIFIED

##### ASSISTANT RESERVATIONS PERSON DESPERATELY NEEDED

Work with Vivian Penniman. Pleasant, patient person needed to 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.

Find them a seat at a friendly table.

Warm, outgoing personality a plus. Does that mean you?

**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 Theater in Palm Springs, then gather in the Café for Happy Hour, dinner and good conversation. **No RSVP necessary**, Just show up. All welcome. Schedule is in the paper or [www.camelottheatres.com](http://www.camelottheatres.com). Come alone or bring somebody. All welcome.

Details **Barbara Maccarillo 760-318-0625**

#### AAUW Celebrates 125 Years of Funding Fellowships for Women

Since 1888, the AAUW fellowships and grants program, which has distinguished the organization as one of the world's leading supporters of graduate women's education, has awarded nearly \$100 million in fellowships, grants, and awards to more than 12,000 women from 130 countries.

AAUW is giving \$3.7 million collectively to the 2013–14 fellows and grantees – which include 245 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls. One of the grant recipients will talk to us in November.

AAUW's program is unique because, unlike most educational funding, some AAUW awards can be used toward costs like child care, transportation, and other living expenses. AAUW fellowships and grants have supported many trailblazing women throughout the years. Notable alumnae include Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie, novelist Susan Sontag, psychologist Joyce Brothers, and astronaut Judith Resnik.

Thanks to the following members who made donations with their dues: Carrie Allen, Jackie Drucker, Pat Fredericks, Elizabeth Nash, Lynn Ostrick, Penniman family, Geri Robertson, Francie Spears and Nancy Terrell.

**Please send us your donation in response to the dinner invitation we recently sent out.**

Elaine Levey and Elizabeth Nash



### Upcoming Events

September 18, 2:00 pm	Afternoon Book Group, Palm Springs
September 21, 11:30 am	General Meeting – LuLu’s Palm Springs
September 24, 10:00 am	E. Roosevelt group planning meeting, PS
September 26	Tech Trek Planning Meeting
September 27, 6:00 pm	Reel Revelers, Palm Desert
October 12, 11:30 am	General Meeting: Tech Trek Girls
October 15, 2:00 pm	Speech Trek Committee Meeting
November 10, 11:30 am	General Meeting: AAUW Funds Fellow
December 6 or 7	Holiday Party, Indian Wells
January 11, 2014	Branch 65 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
February 8	General Meeting: Speech Trek Competition
March 8	Membership Tea
April 12	Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
May 10	General Meeting & Installation of Officers



**Barbara Villani**  
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