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11:30 am, Saturday, September 13th

The Grill at the Shadow Ridge Resort, Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford



Please come hear Ms. Angie Negro, Director of Victim Services and Clinical Therapist for Shelter From The Storm. She has 13 years experience working for this highly regarded agency. Prior to her current position, she was working in the field of child welfare in West Philadelphia. She has a Master's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Social Policy and Social Work Practice. She specializes in working with victims of domestic violence.

Shelter From The Storm is the Coachella Valley's only shelter-based provider of emergency and adjunctive services to victims of domestic violence. They are also one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive providers of programs dedicated to abused women and children.

Shelter From The Storm offers in-house all the core programs needed by families as they begin to create safe and healthy lives.

Ms. Angie Negro will provide us with a very informative presentation on services provided by Shelter From The Storm. The services provided truly reflect the AAUW mission by empowering women and children to achieve equity and reach their highest potential.

Please plan to attend this luncheon presentation and **BRING A FRIEND.**

CAESAR SALAD:
Shaved Parmesan and Olive Oil Croutons.
Add: Grilled Chicken, Shrimp or Seared Salmon

OR

Grilled Chicken COBB WRAP: Butter Lettuce, Blue Cheese, Maple-Bacon, Tomatoes, Ranch Dressing.
Served with French Fries, Fruit or Chips
Dessert and Beverage

PLEASE RETURN THE RESERVATION FORM BELOW WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$26.00. Make your check payable to: AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to: Joanne Bourquin, 43618 Salerno Court, La Quinta 92253-4971 (760-772-2832) no later than Sept. 5th.

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Name(s) _____ **circle one:** Salad (chicken, shrimp or salmon) or Wrap?

Telephone or email _____ number of reservations _____



Sept. 2014 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new. (Albert Einstein)

Elizabeth Nash and I attended the District Leadership Conference at Pomona College in Claremont on August 9th. It was a great way to begin our new year as we received so many ideas for our Mission-Based Programs such as Tech Trek, Speech Trek and Title IX.

Did you see the news about a 13-year-old girl who pitched a no hitter game on a boys baseball team? I think she is a new role model for girls who excel in athletics.

An important emphasis at the meeting was on "Because we've always done it that way." I believe we began changing this past year, as we offered programs that were different from what we have done before. And, I know our new programs were lovely, such as the Membership Tea.

We have some great programs for this coming year. I hope you can join us for the knowledge and the fun. Of course, we are a giving group also. Elizabeth Nash just sent out the Phantom Cruise letter in the mail. Please donate whatever you can to help the various Funds that AAUW supports nationally and locally.

As a new year begins choose what interests you and attend. The general meetings always have wonderful speakers and yummy lunches. Or maybe you would rather attend a study group such as Book Club, Reel Revelers, or the Eleanor Roosevelt Study Group. Travel is always good and I know there are members who are interested in going on short day trips here in the Valley as well as longer trips to other destinations. We will be happy to have you with us. The Board had a very successful planning meeting this summer and because of that we now have many wonderful meetings planned for the next year. Among other things we will be showing "The Invisible War" which is such a timely topic about discrimination of women in the military. Although there has been some progress there are still many traumatized women and girls here, and all over the world.

A special thank you to Vivian Penniman who has kept our reservations for our membership meetings so well organized. Unfortunately, she will not be able to do our September meeting because of her health at the moment. But do make reservations with Joanne Bourquin. We now need a Reservations Chair as well as a photographer for our meetings. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these positions.

Yes, we are in change and growing as a super branch of AAUW. As James Gordon said, "It's not that some people have willpower and some don't. It's that some people are ready to change and others are not."

We definitely are on our way to STEAM in the Palm Springs Branch as well as a few new traditions. Remember, you can make a difference not only to you but others. Thanks to all of you dedicated members for helping to make this Branch GREAT! We will be happy to have your suggestions as well. Call Gerry at 760-323-4319.

Joyce Kornbluh wrote that her sister Sheila Kornbluh, age 65, died suddenly May 2, 2014. She made a donation to our general fund in her sister's memory.

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AAUW Fundraising

SUGGESTED GOAL FOR 2014:

The 2014 Fundraising Goal for AAUW Funds and Tech Trek will be a minimum of \$4,000. The committee agreed to raise funds by:

1. Developing an invitation for a “Phantom” Non-Cruise event to be mailed to members, members-at-large and former members by August 15, 2014. Members will be encouraged to send in donations between \$50 to \$500+.

Funds raised will be donated to TECH TREK and various AAUW FUNDS, as directed by the donors. Funds donated will be tax deductible.

2. Showing of the Film “The Invisible War” is scheduled for Nov. 8th, 2014. Funds raised will be donated to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund.

Additional fundraising ideas may be introduced throughout the Fiscal year.

The committee will be meeting on the following dates:

Thursday, September 11, 2014, Thursday, October 9, 2014, Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014, December (Dark), Thursday, January 15, 2015, Thursday, February 12, 2015, Thursday, March 19, 2015, Thursday, April 16, 2015, Thursday, May 12, 2015.



Elizabeth Nash, 760-772-0645

Funds Committee Members: Jeanne Hirshfield, Angie Love, Sue Beatty, Lori Duffy, Gerry Johnson, Anne LaConde; Elaine Levey, Advisor

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.

ELECTIONS ARE COMING

The summer is nearly over and this fall will bring us another opportunity to exercise our most precious right, the right to vote. There are many issues challenging us to be informed and to deliberate our personal choices. AAUW takes stands on certain issues, our Public Policy, especially those involving women, and we need to add our voices to empower our leaders. To do so, we need to stay informed by actively pursuing pertinent information.

Be sure that you are registered properly. Have any of you moved? If so check your voter registration and remind any friends that have moved to do so. Voting by mail is the easiest way to register your vote.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190



AAUW Palm Springs **branch board meeting**, Tuesday, September 2nd 10:00 am at PF Chang's in Rancho Mirage. Lunch can be ordered at 11:30. Bring water if you want it earlier. All members are invited.

RSVP to Gerry at 760-323-4319

Save the Date!

**The AAUW-CA Funds
Celebration Luncheon**

**Honoring 2014-2015 Funds Fellows and Grant
Recipients in California**

Sunday, October 19, 2014
12:00 – 3:00 pm
(Registration 11:30)

Old Ranch Country Club
3901 Lampson Ave.
Seal Beach, CA 90740
\$40.00 per person

RSVP Deadline: October 8

Contact Elaine Levey about carpooling – 760- 360-6440 or elainlev@gmail.com for the registration form

Check out our branch website:

**http://palmsprings
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Tech Trek

The 2014 Tech Trek Ice Cream Social and Swim outing was a great success thanks to all the hard work of committee members in selecting and preparing both the students as well as their parents for the July 12th week at University of California, Irvine.

You could feel the excitement in the air from AAUW members and parents discussing the opportunities that awaited their daughters at camp, while the girls met each other and hung out in the pool.

Tech Trek leader Barbara Foyil worked tirelessly to pull things together and her hard work was apparent at the party as things went like clockwork. Bonnie Paul and Lilliane Shuman shared their past Tech Trek camp experiences. Bonnie also welcomed each student and parent guest and led the meeting. She encouraged the students to seize this one week camp to the fullest, and to better understand the rules and dress code requirements in preparation for the event.

Everyone enjoyed the ice cream, cookies, and lemonade on this hot day in June. There is plenty of energy within AAUW Palm Springs, willing to expand this program to include more students from our local communities. We started this process this year by adding one more girl student to our previous eight candidates, but it may be time to increase our goal and raise funds to fill slots left empty by other branches, perhaps even doubling our previous numbers.

Our membership will have the chance to meet these promising young women at our October meeting. Mark your calendar and come out to see the results of this program in action.



Barbara Maccarillo, Adele Ruxton and Gerry Johnson – Tech Trek supporters



Louise Kermode received the 2014 Senior Inspiration Award last spring. Each city in Riverside County selects a resident who demonstrates a zest for physical and mental well-being through volunteerism and active engagement in the community.

Louise has been an active docent at the Living Desert for more than 20 years. She volunteers at the Palm Desert library and she drives marines and sailors to and from the USO at Palm Springs International Airport and the Marine base at Twentynine Palms. In AAUW, she is an active member of the Tech Trek committee.

PROGRAM PLANS

The Program Committee plans to present OR assist with presenting the following Mission-Based programs:

Sat., Sept. 13, 2014	11:30-2:00.	Shelter from the Storm	Shadow Ridge, Palm Desert
Sat., Oct. 11, 2014	11:30-2:00	Tech Trek	Desert Princess, Palm Springs
Sat., Nov. 8, 2014	2:00 pm	The Invisible War film	The Tolerance Education Center, Rancho Mirage (Light refreshments will be available after the Film)
December ?, 2014	(tbd)	Holiday Party	Chris Ellet (Hostess)
Sat., Jan. 17, 2015	11:30-2:00	CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for Foster Children	Jackalope Ranch, Indio
Sat., Feb. 14, 2015	(tbd)	(Medical Theme - tentative)	Palm Springs
Sat., March 14, 2015	(tbd)	Membership Tea	Anne LaConde (Hostess), Palm Desert
Sat., April 18, 2015	(tbd)	College/University program (and election of officers)	Indian Wells
Sat., May 17, 2015	(tbd)	Installation of Officers /Luncheon	Rancho Mirage
June 18-21, 2015	AAUW 48 th	Association Convention	San Diego, CA

Program committee: Elizabeth Nash, Chair; Pat Fredericks, Jeanne Hirshfield, Angie Love

BOOK GROUP

At 2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 17th we will meet to discuss *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride. This book won the National Book Award for fiction and it's being made into a movie. From the bestselling author of *The Color of Water* and *Song Yet Sung* comes the story of a young boy born a slave who joins John Brown's antislavery crusade—and who must pass as a girl to survive.

The book for October 15th is *The Goldfinch* by Tartt. Please contact Sue Beatty (call or email her at ssbeatty@icloud.com) so you can be put on the mailing list for the group and if you want to attend.

Sue Beatty, 760-346-7478

REEL REVELERS

We will meet at 6 pm Sept. 18th at Mary and Richard Dimon's, 1 Harvard Ct., Rancho Mirage and discuss *The Giver*. Call to let Mary know what you will bring for the pot luck. 760-424-8985.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

New "Travel/Gadabout" Group

We will go to the CV Rep Theater in Rancho Mirage on Wednesday, November 5th, 7:30 pm, to see *The Chosen*. This is a small theater with excellent plays. The website is <http://www.cvrep.org/cv-reps-plays-cv-reps-2014-2015-season>. Please buy your own tickets. (Many of us have purchased tickets for the series.) To purchase tickets call the box office at 760-296-2966. If you want season tickets with the group, the dates are: Nov. 5th, Jan. 28th, March 11th, and April 22nd. Single tickets go on sale after Sept. 15th.

"This award-winning play is the story of two boys, two fathers and two very different Jewish communities – "five blocks and a world apart" - in Brooklyn, in the 1940's. This is a heartfelt story of friendship and important choices that two families make on the path toward understanding, respect and reconciliation."

Those who want will have dinner before the play. Those who wish to join other members for dinner before the play may make a reservation by calling Angie Love at 760-779-5658.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP STUDY GROUP

The Eleanor Roosevelt group will not meet in September.

10:30 am October 21st: Discussion of Ken Burns PBS Series: *The Roosevelts*, airing September 14 through 20. Home of Angie Love. RSVP to Angie at 760-779-5658 or randalovebrds@aol.com.

In November we will discuss Elizabeth Warren's book, *A Fighting Chance*.



Know someone who needs a little extra sunshine in their life? Call or email Elisabeth Spiro. Her phone number is 760-836-0478, email is ebspiro@gmail.com.



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.

September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 10:30 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 10:30 AAUW Funds Committee Meeting	12	13 11:30 General Meeting
14	15	16	17 2:00 Book Group	18 6:00 Reel Revelers	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Rosh Hashonah	26	27
28	29	30				



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