



Summer 2014

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Palm Springs Branch

# Sandscripts

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**Join us at our Palm Springs AAUW summer planning meeting**

9:00 – 3:00

**Saturday, July 12, 2014**

The Grill at Shadow Ridge, enter from Monterey south of Gerald Ford

\$32 covers pastries and fruit in the morning and lunch

**Help plan 2014-2015 events**



**The Tech Trek Committee has a huge announcement!!!**

**This year we are not sending 8 girls to Tech Trek Science, Math, & Technology Camp. For the first time we are sending 9 girls.**

## Speech Trek

Next year's topic was just announced:

***College: Is it worth the time and expense?***

Those of you on the committee may come across articles this summer which support either side of this argument, so please read the article and save it for the contestants. We want to get to the high school students BEFORE they write their speeches this time around.

Mary Dimon  
760-424-8985



## June 2014 President's Message

**Gerry Johnson, President**

*When one door of happiness closes, another opens: but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us. (Helen Keller)*

On May 10<sup>th</sup> I was installed as president for one more year. Tricia Doran did a lovely job in installing all of us for 2014-2015. Thank you so much, Tricia, for everything you do. Also, thank you, Jeanne Hirshfield for a very informative program on Valley issues of water and other environmental issues. The speaker, Katie Barrows, is Director of Environmental Resources at CVAG. She is well worth hearing!

As a member of AAUW for 50 years, I have seen many women choose to be active in AAUW and then for a time drift off to other interests in other organizations. But many come back. In fact, I met a past president recently at Verizon. Carrie Allan greeted me with a hug and said she was finishing up on some important projects in her other organizations and then plans to come back into AAUW.

I thought about that again on Saturday when Iris Anderson attended the meeting after the recent passing of her husband. She said her family encouraged her to stay connected by attending AAUW as she did before his passing. We have other members who returned to AAUW after taking care of their husbands for a long time and were mostly home bound. They are now busy in many positions, helping our local branch to grow and become engaged in exciting issues for women and girls today. So, when you are ready, please come back. Choose your interests. Come to our exciting Saturday meetings, or join a book club or committee. We will be happy to have you with us.

We will be having our Summer Planning Board Meeting at The Grill at Shadow Ridge on July 12, 2014. Everyone is welcome. We will be planning many activities for next year and hope to finalize as much as possible at the meeting. Among other things we hope to have a fund raiser with the viewing of "The Invisible War." This is such a timely topic and can be used to discuss other traumatized women and girls here and all over the world.

It was exciting to be able to send the alternate girl to Tech Trek and the fact that we had enough money in the account to pay for her. Hopefully, we can continue with nine girls again next year. Barbara Foyil is doing an excellent job as chair and her committee is truly dedicated to this program. Thank you so much to all of you.

Contestants for Speech Trek will be from the east valley next year, and many have indicated that the topic should be perfect for the students in the schools there: "College: Is it worth the expense?" This should be very interesting! Mary Dimon and her committee are so dedicated to this program; I know we will have another successful event this coming year.

The AAUW Funds committee will be sending out information about their funds. The Funds are dedicated to bringing a world built on human rights and gender equality, sustainable development and global integrity. Thanks for all of your dedication and work, Elizabeth Nash and committee.

We have now heard from the state that a new slate of officers has been elected and that state dues will be raised by \$4.00 in 2015-2016. The vote count was much better this year. Thanks to all who made your voice heard and voted. Also, don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already done so. Please send your checks to Chris Ellet ASAP.

A special thank you to Angie Love who has been so wonderful in helping and guiding me in solving many problems I have encountered this year as president.

I also would like to thank Elaine Levey for all her help in all the things a person needs to know about being President and her outstanding job as editor of *Sandscripts*. She has been most helpful in emailing information to everyone. Thanks again, Elaine.

**Palm Springs Officers**

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**AAUW Palm Springs Website**

Our website was set up by AAUW, and is now being cared for by our new member Kristine Drake.

Take a look:

**<http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net>**

**Many thanks to Patty Pastrick, who has served as branch photographer for many years. Patty has decided to retire, so we are looking for someone to take pictures at our meetings. Please call Gerry at 760-323-4319.**

**Tech Trek News**

On June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a party at the home of Chris Ellet to celebrate the nine girls who will be attending Tech Trek Camp.

A planning meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Place: Escena Country Club in Palm Springs. Time: 10:30 am.

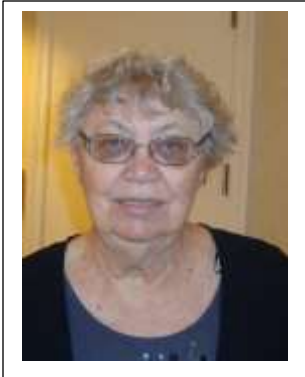
Barbara Foyil, 760-424-8627



**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.

**Your dues were due by June 2. Send your check asap to Chris Ellet, 49535 Loren Ct., La Quinta 92203-1347, phone: 281-639-8322. \$90 for regular members, \$41 for life members or dual members with a primary branch outside of CA and \$25 for other dual members and Honorary Life Members.**

### Pictures from May 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting



Gerry Johnson



Bonnie Paul and Adele Ruxton



Jeanne Hirshfield



Ioann Lane



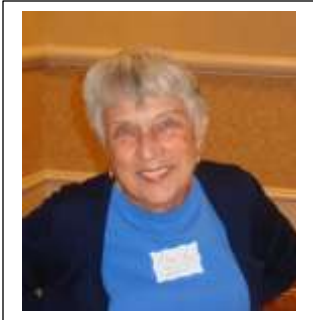
Faye and Lori Duffy



Michel Walker



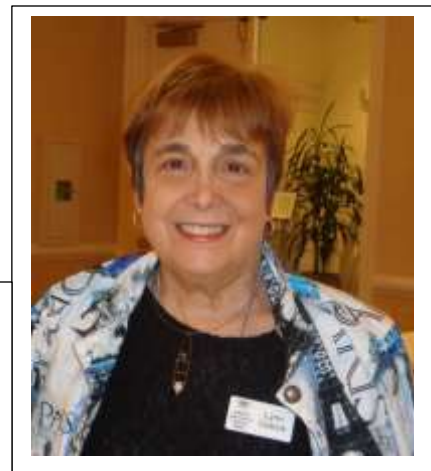
Tricia Doran and Mo Barkemeyer



Mary Ann Kaestner



Betsy Boyd



Lynn Ostrick



Chris Ellet and Joanne Bourquin



Iris Anderson



Bayla Adelman



Vivian Penniman

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the book group met and chose next year's reading list. The following books will be discussed: *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd (2 pm, June 18, home of Mary Dimon, 1 Harvard Court, Rancho Mirage, 760-424-8985), *Goldfinch* (October), *Plainsong* (November), *Art Forger* (December), *House of Morgan* (January), *Song Catcher* (February), *Elephant Whisperer* (March) and *America's Women* (April).

Please contact Sue Beatty at 760-346-7478 or email her at [ssbeatty@icloud.com](mailto:ssbeatty@icloud.com) so you can be put on the group's mailing list.

Sue Beatty, 760-346-7478

### REEL REVELERS

We met on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lynn and Neville Ostrick's beautiful home to discuss *Belle* and *The Lunchbox*.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> we meet at Phyllis Greene's. Film(s) to be announced.

Hiatus July and August; Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at Mary and Richard Dimon's.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

### ELEANOR ROOSEVELT LEADERSHIP STUDY GROUP

The Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Study Group met on May 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss Jimmy Carter's new book and plan the beginning of next year. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth Warren's book, *A Fighting Chance*, will be discussed. It will be at the home of Joanne Bourquin. Two other books to follow are *Drift* by Rachel Maddow and *Hard Choices* by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Mary Ann Kaestner, 760-416-7534

**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 available at [www.camelottheatres.com](http://www.camelottheatres.com). Come alone or bring somebody.



**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](mailto:ebspiro@gmail.com).**



**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

**June/July 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Dues are due	3	4	5 10:30 Tech Trek Planning meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 2 pm Book Discussion	19	20	21 Tech Trek Party
22	23	24	25	26 6 pm Reel Revelers	27	28
29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 9-3 PS branch planning meeting



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