



April 2015

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California State University and The future of the Palm Desert Campus

Dean Sharon Brown-Welty

April 18th

11:30 am

Vue Grill (IW Club)

44-500 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells



Dean Sharon Brown-Welty became the dean of California State University Palm Desert Campus on July 1, 2014. Since joining the campus she has visited 14 of the 16 Rotary groups in the Coachella Valley. Because of her efforts these Rotary clubs have contributed over \$10,000 in scholarship money to the campus. She accepted on behalf of the University 112 acres of land from the City of Palm Desert. This land will be used for future development of the campus. Dean Welty will go into greater detail of her view of what the future campus will look like. Be sure to attend the luncheon on the 18th and learn more about the only four-year university in the Valley. We look forward to seeing you there.

The April meeting is our Annual Meeting where we vote for the nominated officers (see page 3) and vote on the 2015-2016 budget.

Menu:

Chicken Nicoise Salad, rolls and butter, coffee, hot or iced tea, lemonade, fountain soda. Vegetarian meal is available on request. Dessert is chef's dessert of the day.

Please return this reservation form with your check for \$26.00. Make your check payable to AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to Norma Stempler, 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270-3712, or call 760-324-3090 no later than April 15th. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Number of Reservations: _____



April 2015 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear. (Martin Luther King)

March 14, 2015 was a very special day. The Membership Tea at Anne LaConde's was perfect! Seven new members joined our branch and we do welcome them with open hearts. The new Rancho Mirage High School Band played several delightful instrumental pieces for us. It was amazing to hear how much they had learned in only one or two years as they are freshmen and sophomores. Next year some of them will be juniors and the following year they will be seniors. The students enjoyed the sandwiches and chips they received and I believe all members and guests also enjoyed all of the yummy finger food and tea and lemonade. Thank you to the committee for this lovely party.

Barbara Villani and her committee did a wonderful job organizing Tyke Trek at Vista Del Monte Elementary School in Palm Springs. The 33 third-grade girls were delightful and enjoyed all of their activities. The Principal asked the girls what they thought the words AAUW meant. Some suggestions were that they are women, teachers, educated and finally they went to a college or university. Luckily, they didn't say old.

It appears that we have made great headway on working with the COD and CSUSB Palm Desert campus administrations. Pat Fredericks has invited a very important administrator to speak at our next meeting in Indian Wells. Be sure to come and hear the latest university news and enjoy the day. Also, we will be voting for our slate of officers for 2015-2016.

At the Tea, Elizabeth Nash asked everyone to tell which AAUW program is their favorite. By listening to each one I felt that we do offer something for everyone. Thank you to all of you who use your talents and skills to keep our Branch a high functioning organization!

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.

New Members (those who joined at the Tea March 14th will be in next month's *Sandscripts*):

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 Afternoon Book Group:
 Sue Beatty 346-7478
 Great Decisions:
 Joanne Bourquin 772-2832
 Reel Revelers:
 Bayla Adelman 568-9621
 Yvonne Michelsen 200-9661
 Out and About:
 (committee)

Nominations for 2015-16 Officers

Elections will be held at our April 18th meeting

President: **Elizabeth Nash**
President-Elect: **Pat Fredericks**
VP Program: **Sharrell Blakeley**
VP Membership: **Gerry Johnson**
VP AAUW Funds/Fundraising:
 Pat Fredericks
Secretary: **Joann Lane**
Treasurer: **Lori Duffy**

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Joanne Bourquin

Members: Wilma “Willie” Mills, Elizabeth Nash, Adele Ruxton

AAUW Funds: Selected Professions Fellowships

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded to women who intend to pursue a full-time course of study at accredited U.S. institutions during the fellowship year in one of the designated degree programs where women’s participation traditionally has been low (see list below). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master’s programs:

- Architecture
- Computer/information sciences
- Engineering
- Mathematics/statistics

Fellowships in the following degree programs are restricted to women of color, who have been underrepresented in these fields:

- Master’s in business administration - second year of study only
- Law - third year of study only
- Doctorate in medicine - third or fourth year of study only

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.

Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing

When it comes to the engineering and computing workforce, which accounts for more than 80% of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) jobs, women remain dramatically underrepresented. Women make up just 26% of the computing workforce and 12% of the engineering workforce, and African American, Hispanic, and Native American women are especially underrepresented.

AAUW's upcoming research report, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*, will feature the latest data on girls' achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done.

Getting more women into STEM fields isn't only the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do. The solutions to problems of this century - from providing universal access to health care to eradicating poverty to curing cancer - will require the skills of engineers and computer scientists and the perspectives and approaches that come from diverse minds.

Solving the Equation will describe the current factors behind the persistent underrepresentation of women in the computing and engineering workforce and make evidence-based recommendations for change so that girls who want to invent the next Facebook or build the next Mars rover will feel empowered to do what inspires them.

EQUAL PAY DAY

It is time once again to remind ourselves that our battle for economic equality has not been won. We have made some progress but there is more still to be done. April 14, 2015, marks the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. According to census statistics released in 2013, women working full time the year round make on average 78 cents for every dollar a male earns doing the same work. The pay gap is even worse for women of color. For African American women the gap is 64 cents and for Hispanic women only 54 cents.

This year's date has an interesting twist as it also happens to be the birthday of fair pay advocate Lilly Ledbetter. Her legal challenge helped us make some gains but there is still much to be done. How about a few letters to the editor of *The Desert Sun*? I am going to write one. If you do, mention AAUW as this is one of our Public Policy issues.

Jeanne Hirshfield, 760-324-2190



Taken at 3/14/15
Membership Tea:
Elizabeth Nash,
Joanne Bourquin and
Barbara Villani on
the left. Iris
Anderson, Lilliane
Shuman and Lynn
Sacher on the right.



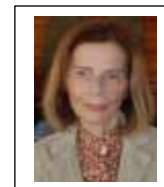
More pictures from our Membership Tea:



Upper left, Patty Pastrick and Phyllis Greene. Jackie Drucker, Norma Stempler and Virginia Baltieri. Part of Rancho Mirage HS band entertaining us. Hostess Anne LaConde. Linda Hodges. Coordinator Francie Spears. Gerry Johnson , Tricia Doran and Beth Bangert.

Joyce Cohn

Joyce Cohn passed away on Feb. 14, 2015 at the age of 83. I drove to Glendale and attended the funeral. Joyce's children, Carol, Susie, and Richard were so happy to have me there and for me to tell about how I knew their mother and the many things we did together over the years. I met Joyce in 1982 when she came into my computer class at the high school to learn about the Apple. In talking to her I found out that she had graduated from California State University San Bernardino and was thinking about substituting in the schools. I invited her to our AAUW luncheon and she immediately joined and was active from then on. In those days we did Home Tours. After one of them we had dinner, and Joyce, Lee Gilman, Joan Linden and I formed a book club that went on for years. From that the other book clubs developed and left but we still do have a well-loved book club which Joyce actively participated in.



Joyce was also active in Tech Trek until the time of her death. She loved interviewing the girls and visiting with them when we had our Tech Trek meeting after their week of math/science camp.

If you are interested in sending a memorial for Joyce, you can contact Lilliane Shuman to donate to Tech (see page 6). You can send cards to Carol Cohn at 5536 Lindley Ave, #32, Encino, CA 91316. Or, you can call Carol at 818-578-5692. I'm sure she would be happy to hear from you.

We are planning a luncheon sometime in late April or May for Joyce. You can contact me with questions or suggestions.

Gerry Johnson



Tech Trek News

The Tech Trek committee is in the process of interviewing the 16 finalists. We will have the names of the girls who will be attending TT camp for the next Sandscripts.

Donations are needed to help us raise the funds to send our girls to Tech Trek Camp. In years past the Palm Springs branch sent eight girls to Tech Trek Camp but this year due to the camp being expanded we will be sending nine girls. We wish to make the increase in number a permanent annual occurrence. It is our hope that the branch membership will assist the Tech Trek Committee by helping to sponsor these young women.

**Send your donation to: Lilliane Shuman, 687 Palomar Circle, Palm Springs, CA 92262.
Checks are to be made out to: AAUW SPF (Special Projects Fund).**

Committee members: Adele Ruxton, Angie Love, Bonnie Paul, Chris Ellet, Gayle Cox, Lilliane Shuman, Louise Kermode, Mary Ann Kaestner, and Phyllis Greene.

Branch Coordinator: Barbara Foyil

Tyke Trek (half-day science event for 3rd grade girls at Vista del Monte Elementary School) was held on March 11th. Thanks to all who helped: Angie Love, Anne LaConde, Barbara Foyil, Bonnie Paul, Gerry Johnson, Hope Boyd, Jack Foyil, Jeanne Hirshfield, Lilliane Shuman, Lynn Sacher, Mary Ann Kaestner, Ronda Ostergaard, and Barbara Villani.

AAUW members enjoyed working with Future University Graduates from Palm Springs. Girls formed three groups and rotated through three learning centers. Animal section studied entomology creating a new model of insect. Mineral section studied chemistry by making a polymer: slime. Vegetable section were botanists, and took home some seeds and plants.

A great time was had by all. We're hoping to evaluate this year, and gear up for another year.

Here are some pictures showing our members Gerry Johnson, Lynn Sacher, Mary Ann Kaestner, Bonnie Paul and Barbara Villani.



BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 2 PM at The Fountains at the Carlotta meeting room, 41-505 Carlotta Drive, Palm Desert, 760-340-7966. Faye Duffy and Shirley Singleton will be co-hostesses and lead the discussion on *America's Women* by Gail Collins. In May we will meet to choose the books for next year.

We are looking for a new chair for the book group.

All members and their guests are welcome. For information call Sue Beatty at 760-346-7478 or email her at ssbeatty@icloud.com.

GREAT DECISIONS



Great Decisions will meet at Tricia Doran's home (44844 Oro Grande Circle, Indian Wells) on April 21st at 10:00 AM. After watching the video on Chapter 3, Sectarianism in the Middle East, there will be a lively discussion of the questions on page 40.

Call Tricia at 760-340-0266 to let her know that you will attend.

Joanne Bourquin, 760-772-2832

"OUT AND ABOUT" GROUP

Date: Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
"Hold These Truths, the Journey of Gordon Hirabayashi."

During WWII in Seattle, university student Gordon Hirabayashi fights the US government's orders to forcibly relocate people of Japanese ancestry to internment camps. As he struggles to reconcile his country's betrayal with his passionate belief in the US Constitution, Gordon begins a 50-year journey toward a greater understanding of America's triumphs -- and a confrontation with its failures.

If you want to join us for dinner at Livreri's before the play, be at the restaurant by 5:30 and e-mail or call Angie Love so she can make a reservation. We have had a good turnout for previous plays and dinners.

Angie Love, 760-779-5658
randalovebrds@aol.com

REEL REVELERS

At 6 pm on March 26th we will have a pot luck at Sandy and Bob Weisenberg's home, 72964 Skyward Way, Palm Desert. Then we will discuss *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Call Sandy to find out what you can bring (760-674-9282).

The movie group will meet the 30th of April. Call Bayla closer to that date for event details.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621
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5	6	7 10:00 am Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 2:00 Book Group	16	17	18 11:30 am Branch Annual Meeting
19 Southern California Leadership Day	20	21 10:00 am Great Decisions	22 5:30 pm Out and About Theater Party	23	24	25
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