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INSTALLATION OF 2015-16 OFFICERS

Saturday, May 9th 11:30 -- 2:00 pm (11:30 Social; 12:00 Lunch; 12:45 Program)

***INDIAN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB 76375 Country Club Dr., Palm Desert
Between Washington Blvd. and Portola - (760) 772-7272***

INSTALLING OFFICER, PATRICIA "TRICIA" DORAN

President: Elizabeth Nash
VP Programs: Sharrell Blakeley
Secretary: Joann Lane

President Elect and Fundraising: Pat Fredericks
VP Membership: Gerry Johnson
Treasurer: (OPEN)

Entertainment by Violist Ariana Major and Violinist Isabel Escalante

Violist Ariana Major, grand-niece of Elizabeth Nash, began her musical career at the Pasadena Conservatory of music. In 2011 she received her Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Howard University, Washington D. C., where she taught school for several years. Violinist Isabel Escalante started her musical career at El Conservatorio de Musica de Carabobo in Valencia, Venezuela. In 2003 she was granted a full scholarship at the University of Mississippi where she received her Bachelor's degree with honors in Violin performance. Ariana and Isabel are both in the process of completing their Master's of Art Degrees in Teaching at the Longy School of Music of Bard College, Los Angeles Campus. The piece they will play is String Duo No. 1 in G major, first 2 movements by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

LUNCHEON MENU: Avocado and Mango Salad with Chicken: Cilantro marinated breast of chicken atop butter lettuce, diced avocado, candied pecans, mango chunks, sliced strawberries, dates and raisins, tossed in light lime vinaigrette with a sprinkle of feta cheese.

Vegetarian Option: Grilled Portobello Salad set on baby greens with roasted beets, shaved onion, roasted bell peppers, feta cheese and red wine vinaigrette.

Dessert: Chef's Choice

Please return the reservation form with your check for \$29.00 per person. Make your check payable to AAUW Palm Springs, and mail it to: Norma Stempler, 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (760-324-3090) NO LATER THAN MAY 5th.

Because this is a private country club, no one without a reservation will be admitted.

Name _____ Telephone or Email _____

Avocado, Mango, Chicken Salad _____ Grilled Portobello Salad _____ No. of reservations _____



May 2015 President's Message

Gerry Johnson, President

We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road: in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive. (C. S. Lewis)

This past year we have swerved here and there with changes that needed to be made and asked what needs to be accomplished in the future to make our Branch better. I do think we are what C. S. Lewis would call progressive and worthy.

Thanks to Pat Fredericks for organizing our April luncheon. It was very well attended and the food was delicious. Dean Brown-Welty at CSUSB spoke about all the exciting things that are happening on the Palm Desert campus. It will be exciting to watch these immediate plans come to fruition.

Election of officers was held and we will be installing them at the May meeting which Elizabeth Nash has planned. I'm happy to say that we will have the most wonderful musical treat.

I recently interviewed some seniors at one of the high schools here in the valley to choose a student to receive one of the \$1,000 scholarships given by the Board of Realtors in Palm Desert. We interviewed six amazing students. One of the students was number one out of about 300 seniors. She has been accepted at many fine schools including UC Berkeley. I asked the counselor if she was offered a scholarship by the University as is commonly done to many outstanding California students who attend there. We were told no she didn't because she is a Dreamer. She came here when she was a toddler and has lived here ever since. However, the University of California has chosen to not offer any Dreamers scholarships because of being a Dreamer. We were also told that this student was not chosen for other scholarships for this very reason and other dreamers have also been excluded. Of course, others don't choose the number one student because they assume that they receive lots of scholarships because they are number one. I am wondering if we need to walk back to the right road when we have such a bright student who will return as a doctor and give so much to the valley.

Thank you to all of you who use your talents and skills to keep our Branch a High Functioning Organization!

Our branch treasurer has had to resign for health reasons. We desperately need a new treasurer to keep track of income and expenses in our branch. If you are able to do the job, please contact Elizabeth Nash at 760-772-0645.

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.

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Great Decisions:
Joanne Bourquin 772-2832
Reel Revelers:
Bayla Adelman 568-9621
Out and About:
(committee)

2015-16 Officers

Elections were 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: open – we need you!

Congratulations to AAUW’s 2015-16 fellowships and grants awardees!

AAUW is excited to announce the 241 fellowships and grants offered for the 2015–16 award year. This exceptional group of women and nonprofit organizations will receive over \$3.7 million to carry on AAUW’s legacy of scholarship, research, and action. During the award year, the recipients will pursue graduate studies and community projects to empower women and girls in the United States and around the globe. Who are these remarkable women and organizations from our area who will join the ranks of AAUW’s prestigious awardees? Thirteen American Fellowships awardees go to school in California; five Community Action Grant recipients, two International Fellowships, three Selected Professions Fellowships and seven Career Development Grants are in California.

For more than 125 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, having provided nearly \$100 million in fellowships and grants to over 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations around the world. To find out more about AAUW’s fellowships and grants programs, visit the aauw.org fellowships and grants webpage and read our Following the Fellows blog series.

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.

VOTE!!!

AAUW's Public Policy Program, adopted every two years by every member vote, establishes the federal action priorities on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guides the work of the national staff. The adoption of the Public Policy Program is the culmination of a process involving state public policy chairs and many other AAUW members. Leaders regularly solicit feedback, and members complete surveys online and through an every-member publication. In the fall of even-numbered years, the AAUW Public Policy Committee uses this information to develop a proposed Public Policy Program, based on viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive contribution. Once the draft is developed, it is posted online for a period of comments and submission of additional proposed revisions. The APC then finalizes the proposed Public Policy Program, and the AAUW Board of Directors reviews, amends as necessary, and approves it before it goes to the membership for a vote in the spring of odd-numbered years. The strength of the AAUW Public Policy Program is that it originates and ends with the membership.

Please be sure to vote in the state and Association elections. The link is in the email that you received in April. One of the important things we are voting for is whether to discontinue the requirement that new members hold a college degree of any kind.

Let your vote count. Go to <https://vtnw.com/elections/org/aauw-ca/> plus the code you were sent for the state ballot, and https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/omoVote/Ballot_Form.asp?type=D&voter_mid plus your member number and pin to vote on Association issues.

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Pictures from April 2015 meeting:



Anne LaConde, speaker Sharon Brown-Welty and Pat Fredericks; Lilliane Shuman and Gail Hughes; Tricia Doran and Gail Hughes; Pat Mauritzen and Arlette Butler; Sharron Canterini and Sharrell Blakeley; Barbara Foyil and Lilliane Shuman; Lynn Ostrick and Bayla Adelman (with Angie Love in the background); Elizabeth Nash and Gerry Johnson.

MEMBERSHIP: Our current membership count is 90 + 2 new members who joined with the Shape The Future campaign this past week = 92. I have worked with Shermaine Jones, Membership Specialist at AAUW Headquarters for the past few months updating our records.

Shermaine has a personal note on her emails I would like to share: **BLESSED ARE THE CRACKED FOR THEY ARE THE ONES WHO LET IN THE LIGHT!**

“We must not see any person as an abstraction. Instead, we must see in every person a universe with its own secrets, with its own treasures, with its own sources of anguish, and with some measure of triumph.” quote from Elie Wiesel. These quotes are nearby as I continue to assist in membership and treasurer roles due to recent resignations due to health issues.

NEW Members are being enrolled at meetings, events, and the tea at a special rate available through the month of June. **NEW** or lapsed for two years members can enroll for \$65.50. This is half Association dues of \$24.50 +state \$20+ branch \$21. Our May meeting will be a Shape the Future event, so please bring prospective members and we will continue to grow. At one time our membership was 146; let’s get back to that number or higher.

RENEWING MEMBERS dues are \$90 if Palm Springs is your main branch. A dues invoice will be sent soon. You may turn in your dues at our May 9th meeting; forms will be available.

A drawing will be held on June 6 at our Summer Planning Meeting for FREE Association dues. Get your dues in before May 30, 2015 to be eligible.

See you at the May meeting; hope you’ll join me wearing a hat.

Barbara Hawkins Villani

Congratulations to the Tech Trek Science and Math Camp Girls for 2015!!!

On March 20, 2015 the Tech Trek committee met and it was quickly decided who the Tech Trek Girls for 2015 would be. A huge thank you to the ladies who read the 36 applications/essays and then conducted the interviews of the 16 finalists.

Tech Trek Committee: Angie Love, Adele Ruxton, Louise Kermode, Lilliane Shuman, Phyllis Greene, Gayle Cox, Mary Ann Kaestner, Bonnie Paul, and Coordinator Barbara Foyil

Tech Trek Campers:

Abigail Vera
 Angelie Ilustrisimo
 Heidi Nunez-Ruiz
 Jackqueline Celedon
 Jasmine Reyes
 Migdalia Sanchez
 Miriam Hernandez-Ramos
 Sophia Burgie
 Willow Shook

Schools:

Desert Springs Middle School, Desert Hot Springs
 James Workman Middle School, Cathedral City
 West Shores High/Middle School, Salton City
 Desert Ridge Academy, Indio
 Desert Ridge Academy, Indio
 Cahuilla Desert Academy, Coachella
 Palm Desert Charter Middle School, Palm Desert
 Col. Mitchell Paige Middle School, La Quinta
 La Quinta Middle School, La Quinta

Alternate:

Jasmine Baca West Shores High/Middle School, Salton City

Thank you to all of the AAUW Palm Springs Branch members who contributed to Tech Trek this year. It is your monetary support that makes this wonderful project so successful.

Urgent Need

Tech Trek Camp at UC Irvine is increasing its enrollment from 80 to 100 campers for 2015. As there is an increase in the number of girls, an increase in staff is required. As a result, there is a need for five dorm moms for the UC Irvine camp.

Please help. Perhaps one of you is just waiting to be asked.

You may contact Sylvia Fath at sylviamf@earthlink.net or call 760-285-1721 if you have any questions regarding the request.

Branch Coordinator: Barbara Foyil



BOOK GROUP

The book group will meet on Wednesday, May 20th at 2 PM at the home of Elaine Levey, 78708 Platinum Drive, Sun City Palm Desert, 760-360-6440. We will choose the books for next year.

If you cannot make the meeting, please send your suggestions to Sue Beatty.

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

REEL REVELERS

At 6 pm on April 29th we will have a pot luck at Norma Stempler's home, 1 Reed Court, Rancho Mirage. Then we will discuss the film *Danny Collins*. Call Norma to find out what you can bring (760-324-3090).

The movie group will meet the 28th of May. Call Bayla closer to that date for event details.

Bayla Adelman, 760-568-9621

What is "GREAT DECISIONS?"

We are a discussion group, each of us eager to become involved in the understanding of world affairs. After reading a chapter of the Foreign Policy book, Great Decisions, we listen to a DVD for the chapter we are studying and hold a discussion on the questions given at the end of the chapter. We have read and discussed the first three chapters. We are now up to Chapter 4: **India Changes Course**.

Fed up with corruption, dynastic policies and ineffective public services, Indian voters catapulted Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party to power in the country's 2014 elections. For voters, Modi embodied real change and an India that wasn't stumbling, but running, to greatness. But for the U.S., change in India brings its own set of unknowns, heralding an age ruled by a prime minister new to national office and other policymakers who have been out of the public eye for a decade. Now, the U.S. has to determine how to best secure its interests as India asserts itself on the world stage. Will this change U.S./Indian partnerships? Will it benefit our economic and political relations with one of the world's largest democracies? What are your thoughts? Be sure to read Topic #4 and weigh in with your opinion.

Future chapters are: U.S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA, SYRIA'S REFUGEE CRISIS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BRAZIL IN METAMORPHOSIS. Published by the Foreign Policy Association, each chapter is written by a knowledgeable person, and maps and photographs are included in the book.

Great Decisions group participants are the most important element of any discussion program. At this time we have lively groups of ten and would welcome anyone who is interested in joining us.

Our 10 am May 19th meeting will be at the home of Angie Love: 17 Maximo Way, Palm Desert, phone 760-779-5658, or 760-574-2418 c.

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May 2015

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3	4	5 10:00 am Board Meeting	6	7	8	9 11:30 am Branch Meeting
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17	18	19 10:00 am Great Decisions	20 2:00 pm Book Group	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 6:00 pm Reel Revelers	29	30