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AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon

Saturday, February 10, 11:30 a.m.

Marriott Shadow Ridge
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert, CA 92211
(Off of Monterey between Frank Sinatra Drive and Gerald Ford Drive)

Title IX Update with
CACILIA KIM

AAUW strongly supports Title IX



Signed by President Nixon in 1972, Title IX was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. Cacilia Kim will update us on this important legislation and recent

Cacilia Kim is currently at Legal Aid at Work (LAAW) and holds the title of Special Counsel. She works mainly in LAAW's Gender Equity & LGBT Rights Program and handles a variety of cases, including Title IX federal class action lawsuits seeking equal access to education, and state, federal and administrative actions on behalf of military service members who were sexually assaulted during their service. LAAW is a non-profit, legal services organization that assists low-wage workers.

Before her transition to LAAW, Ms. Kim worked at the California Women's Law Center (CWLC). CWLC is a statewide civil rights organization solely dedicated to addressing the comprehensive and unique legal needs of low-income women and girls. As an attorney at CWLC, Ms. Kim litigated Title IX federal class action lawsuits, numerous military and veteran-related matters, and state and administrative actions on behalf of pregnant and parenting students.

Prior to joining CWLC, Ms. Kim was an attorney at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, specializing in securities class action litigation. She also worked as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman, advising the Senator on legislation affecting low-income children and families.

Ms. Kim received her law degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating with honors in 2001.

Menu Choices

- Spinach and sauteed shrimp salad with rolls and butter
- Greek salad with rolls and butter (vegetarian)
- Grilled chicken club sandwich with fries or fresh fruit

Chef's choice for dessert

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation by **Monday, February 5**
\$30 if you do not have a reservation.

You may make a reservation by calling Sharron Cantarini at (760) 296-3512 or gerald8870@sbcglobal.net.

You may also mail a check to Sharron at 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta, CA 92253.

Please indicate your menu choice when you make a reservation. If you make a reservation, you will be expected to pay for your meal.



Attorney J. Cecilia Kim who was the attorney for Helen James who was expelled from the Air Force because she was lesbian

Read the full article in the Washington Post **[HERE](#)**

Remaining 2018 Programs

March 10- Shelley Mitchell- Membership Tea

April 14- Officer Stacy Austin- How to protect yourself from scams and frauds

May 12- TBD

June 9- Annual Planning Meeting

President's Message



Wow, it's already February. Time sure does fly when you are having fun! The January luncheon speaker, Joyce Oneko was just great. It should serve to remind us how very lucky we are to have been born in the United States. To wake up every morning not knowing about the future of the day must be just horrible.

As I write this article I am looking out on Monterey Bay and freezing! It is beautiful, but coming from the desert, it is cold. I am here with 700 others REALTORS with many AAUW members. We in California are lucky to have so many dedicated women who believe in Women's rights. We make a statement at National and at our very own state.

I am so proud to belong to both groups of women who share a common goal. One voice can make a change, but many voices can make a big difference. We need to remember that we can make a difference if we work together.

I hope that 2018 is your best year and for our mission as leaders. See you at our luncheon.

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



Palm Springs Branch 2017-2018 Board of Directors & Officers

President: Pat Fredericks

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Lunch Bunch: Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121

Out and About: Martha McCool (760) 771-5428

Reel Revelers: Bayla Adelman (760) 568-9621

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

VISION: *AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.*

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

DIVERSITY: *In principle and in practice,*

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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.

Sandscripts or a printed and mailed version please

call or email:

Michelle Newman

(909) 537-8140

michelle.newman@csusb.edu

VALUE PROMISE: *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.*



2018 AAUW California Articles of Incorporation Vote Results

As of January 22nd, 2018 the vote to change AAUW California back to a Public Benefit Corporation **failed due to four “no” votes.**

As explained in the pre-vote materials and on the ballot, just one “no” vote causes the measure to fail per California Corporate regulations governing Mutual Benefit Corporations (our current classification). Our pre-vote materials extensively explained the ramifications of a “no” vote and its long-term impact to the organization. We are now facing a lengthy and expensive legal process to reclassify AAUW CA to a Public Benefit Corporation. The ballot measure members recently voted on was the most efficient and cost-effective process. AAUW CA must be reclassified, one way or another, in order to remain an affiliate of AAUW and to participate in all AAUW programs, to include Tech Trek.

Any member who cast a “no” vote has the opportunity to change that vote to a “yes” vote up until February 10, 2018, by contacting governance@aauw-ca.org and requesting that their vote be changed. After that date, AAUW CA will move into a complex and costly appeal process with the State of California.

AAUW California Governance Committee



Membership

Welcome New and Renewing Members

**Gwen Donovan
Guinevere Kerstetter**

[Click Here for Membership Directory](#)
(directions and password below)



Hello Everyone.

Remember Saturday, February 10 is our next AAUW luncheon.

Please call or email me your choice of menu **by Monday, February 5.**

We all welcome our new members and please spend some time sharing who you are and how important AAUW is to all of us.

SHARRON CANTARINI
Membership VP



Put the Name with the Face!

The online membership directory now contains an excel spreadsheet of our members as well as a word document with PHOTOS (as available)! Both are available by following the directions below

There are 4 easy steps to accessing the directory:

1. Log onto the branch's web page **<http://palmsprings-ca.aauw.net/>**
2. Click on the **Members Only Tab** below the branch name
3. You will be directed to a page to enter a password; enter **palmsprings** (all one word, no caps) and Click **ENTER**
4. You will be taken back to the home page. Simply **click back on the Members Only Tab** again and you can access the directory and newsletters !

If you notice that your information is wrong or need to update your information

please contact **Michelle Newman** at (909) 537-8140 or
michelle.newman@csusb.edu

- If you would like a visual representation of these directions please
[CLICK HERE](#)

- If you would like help walking through this process please call or email
Michelle Newman and she would be happy to help

(909) 537-8140 or michelle.newman@csusb.edu



Tech Trek



The 17 Nominations and Applications & Essays are now being distributed to our Branch TT Selection Committee to read and score. They will meet on February 21st to select students to be interviewed. Final selections will be made in March. Thanks to **Barbara Battino** for copying and distributing these packets.

Dr. Janet Braslow volunteered to compile a list of women STEM professionals in the CV who might be willing to make a donation to our Tech Trek Campers Sponsorship Fund. She put together a draft of that letter. **Cathy Trevino** will work with Janet and begin mailing/emailing the letters. **DeeDee Warren**, our TT Treasurer, has agreed to provide Janet with feedback so we know whether or not this campaign is successful. Thank you Janet for leading the way on this project!

Peggy Mengel will be writing a letter to the young women in our TT Alumni Club about the TT Sunday Luncheon at of statewide TT Camper Alumni in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Tech Trek at the AAUW-CA State Convention. Since we have \$1,000 from the Best Buy grant, we will offer to pay the \$50 lunch fee each girl and a parent to attend. Although our AAUW insurance covers member-drivers to any AAUW event, we will ask parents to drive the girls to Irvine. Here's the registration website for anyone interested in attending the State Convention - April 27-29 -
<http://www.aauw-ca.org/2017-convention/>

My heartfelt thanks to all! - donors and members who work on the branch Tech Trek Team!! Our program is a success only because you've made it so.

Peggy Shippen
Tech Trek Coordinator
shippen63@gmail.com

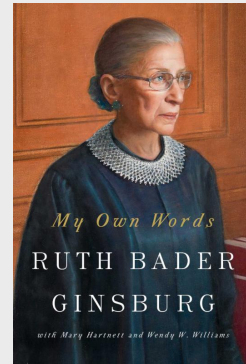


Interest Groups

Book Discussion

The book for the **February 21** meeting is *Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach.
The meeting is at 2:00 PM at the home of Beth Bangert:
55385 Laurel Valley, La Quinta, CA 92253.
Beth will also lead the discussion.
Please call Anne to RSVP: (760) 862-1913 or email her at
lacondeanne@gmail.com.

Roberta Young (734) 658-9981 (cell w/ voice mail)
roberta-young@juno.com



2/21 *My Own Words*
By: Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Hostess: Beth Bangert

Discussion: Beth Bangert

3/21 *Born a Crime*
By: Trevor Noah

Hostess: Anne La Conde

Discussion: Gail Wahl

**4/18 CHOOSE BOOKS FOR
2018-2019**

Hostess: Angie Love

Discussion: Roberta Young

5/16 *Lab Girl*
By: Hope Jahren

Hostess: Sue Beatty

Discussion: Sue Beatty

Out and About



AAUW members are invited to join the
La Quinta Historical Society
for another fabulously interesting
"Out & About Event":

LA QUINTA WATER TOUR

Learn about La Quinta's Water History
(lunch included)

- **Date:** Thursday, March 22, 2018
- **Time:** 8:15 a.m. - (return at 3:00 p.m.)
- **Meeting place:**
La Quinta Museum (760-777-7170)
77-885 Avenue Montezuma,
La Quinta, CA 92253
- **Cost:**
 - **\$50 for Members of the La Quinta Historical Society or**
 - \$60 for Non Members of the La Quinta Historical Society

Tickets for this **tour** with **lunch included**, may be purchased:

- at the La Quinta Museum, located at 77-885 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta, CA 92253
- or by phone with a credit card at 760-777-7170
 - Museum hours: Tuesday - Saturday; 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - www.la-quinta.org

Please make your reservation early since there are only a **limited number of tickets available!!!**
Membership application is available at www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com, or by phone, or at the Museum.
All dues and contributions are tax-deductible:

Senior: \$20/year

Individual Member: \$25/year

Organization/Business \$100/year (24 or less employees)

Martha McCool

marthamaemccool@gmail.com

Reel Revelers

Reel Revelers will meet at the home of:

Beth and Steve Bangert
55385 Laurel Valley
La Quinta, CA 92253

Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

The movie to be selected at a later date

Bayla Adelman

baylaadelman@cs.com



Lunch Bunch

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The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on:

Feb. 12th at the **Vue Restaurant** in
Indian Wells at **noon**.

Please RSVP to Pat Fredericks and join us
for a delightful lunch.

Pat

(760) 674-4649

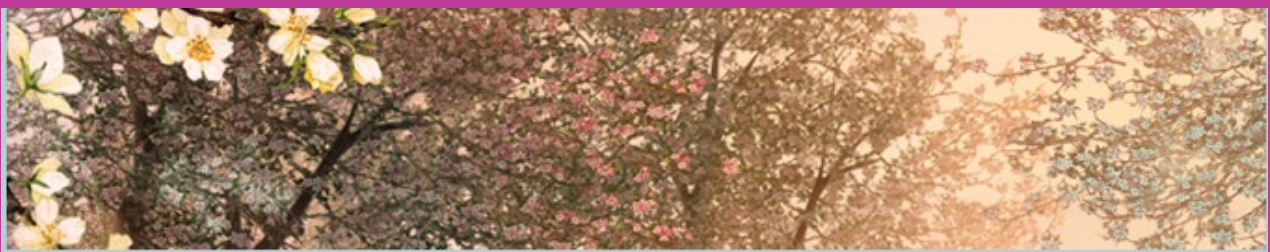
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Our Members Express their Gratitude

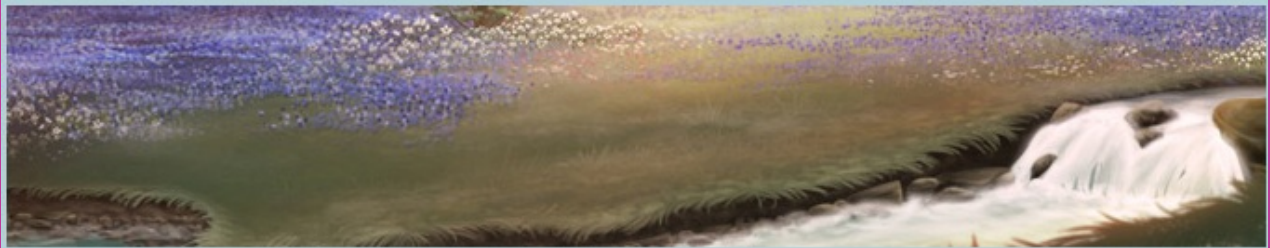


Thank you so much, Palm Springs AAUW, for thinking of me! Brenda





Thank you to the birthday wishes. Looking forward to seeing my AaUW friends soon!
Joyce



Photos from our January Luncheon








February Birthdays

Gerry Sabsevitiz 1
Ali Fuller-Babrowski 27



- The birthstone for February is Amethyst.
- Two zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
- Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February is Black History Month Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. http://www.history.com			1 Happy Birthday Gerry Sabsevit	2 	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10 11:30 Luncheon
11	12 Lunch Bunch Noon	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21 Book Discussion 2:00 p.m.	22 Reel Revelers 6:00 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27 Happy Birthday Ali Fuller-Babrowski	28			

February is Black History Month

February 1 Happy Birthday Gerry Sabsevit
 February 2 Ground Hog Day
 February 4 Rosa Parks Day
 February 4 Superbowl LII
 February 10 Luncheon
 February 12 Lunch Bunch
 February 14 Valentine's Day
 February 19 President's Day
 February 21 Book Discussion
 February 22 Reel Revelers
 February 27 Happy Birthday
 Ali Fuller-Babrowski

List of Important Days in February

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