



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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*AAUW Palm Springs Branch  
Luncheon*

**Saturday, March  
10, 2-4 p.m.  
(note the  
time change)**

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

Gerald Ford Drive)

- BRING ELIGIBLE (GRADUATE OF A 2 OR 4 YEAR COLLEGE) FRIENDS.

- INTRODUCE THEM TO AAUW AND TO THE PALM SPRINGS BRANCH.
- WE WILL TALK ABOUT OUR MISSION, OUR ACTIVITIES and TECH TREK.
- LET THEM KNOW HOW MUCH FUN WE HAVE
- **ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN US!**

### **Menu**

Tea Sandwiches, fresh fruit and dessert

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

**NO CHARGE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND GUESTS, BUT  
THEY NEED A RESERVATION**

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

## **Remaining 2018 Programs**

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

**May 12- TBD**

**June 9- Annual Planning Meeting**

## **President's Message**



Another month has come and gone and here we are writing the newsletter for March. There's a lot to talk about so I will get started.

March 10<sup>th</sup> is our Membership Reception at the Marriott Shadow Ridge from 2-4. We will have refreshments and the cost for members is our usual \$25.00. The reception is for current members, new members and prospective members. We will have information regarding AAUW so that all of us can benefit from the information. We encourage you to bring a guest who could be a prospective member for our Branch. There is no charge for your guest. To make your reservation call Sharron Cantarini at (760) 296-3512. I hope to see you there.

April is fast approaching, and the State Convention will be held April 27-29 in Irvine. It will

be held at the Marriott Irvine Hotel. What a great time to meet other AAUW members, learn more about AAUW and enjoy the company of other women from around our state. There will be lectures, meetings and get togethers that will inform and entertain you. I encourage you all to attend. You can register on line at [aauw-ca.org](http://aauw-ca.org).

April also holds sad memories for our Branch. It was a year ago that we lost Elizabeth Nash. Elizabeth was a wonderful President and friend to all of us. She shall be missed. In her memory we have established an Elizabeth Nash Memorial Fund. Your donations can help keep her memory alive and continue the good work that Elizabeth started.

Springtime in the desert is always a season of beginnings and endings. We always regret the end of the gorgeous winter season here, and think about the hot summer ahead. But in so much of our country, the bitter cold and snowy weather is leaving and St. Patrick's Day is ahead. May the luck of the Irish be with you all. See you at the member reception on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pat Fredericks**

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

## **President Elect's Message**

Well, March is upon us already. I wanted everyone to know that I appreciate the contributions made to the AAUW Fund by our Branch Members. And, I appreciate the Tech Trek donations, too.

When I learned that Elizabeth Nash had some boxes of AAUW documents in her den, I contacted her niece to see if I could pick them up. I must admit that it was difficult to drive up the beautiful, long driveway to her home. I was flooded with memories of my very special friend and former leader of our Branch.

Liz's niece was warm and welcoming. When she saw the tears in my eyes, she pointed to a very large photo in a niche in the entryway and she said: 'Every time I come in the front door I say: I love you, Aunt Liz and I miss you very much'. It was a poignant and emotional moment and it made me feel close to Liz.

As you know, we have created the Elizabeth Nash Memorial Sponsorship Fund for Tech Trek Campers. I will be contacting members with a request for donations to this Fund.

### **Sharrell Blakeley**

President Elect and Fundraising Chair, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



## **Palm Springs Branch 2017-2018 Board of Directors & Officers**

**President:** Pat Fredericks  
**President Elect:** Sharrell Blakeley  
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**AAUW Fund:** Sharrell Blakeley

**Tech Trek:** Peggy Shippen (541) 686-8619  
**Tech Trek Treasurer:** DeeDee Warren (808) 640-2619

Membership VP: Sharron Cantarini  
Secretary: Joanne Lane  
Treasurer: Gillian German

***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, 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.*

**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.*

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Happy Hour Spirits:  
Lunch Bunch: Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121  
Out and About: Martha McCool (760) 771-5428  
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**If you are in need of an electronic PDF copy of Sandscripts or a printed and mailed version please call or email:**

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## 2018 AAUW Convention

AAUW California's biennial convention will be April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (**18000 Von Karman Avenue** in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active.", a counterpoint to today's social media driven hysteria. There has never

been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Come celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend informative and revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peace builders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" The



convention's grand finale will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek! Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the California Perspective and on our [state website](#). Register now for reduced registration and hotel rates.

[Click Here for Convention Registration](#)



## Membership

Dear Members,

Saturday, March 10, 2018 will be our Annual Membership Reception at The Grill from 2:00p.m. - 4:00 pm. Your **guest** can come **FREE** for tea sandwiches, fruit plate and desert with tea and coffee. Please send me your RSVP with guest names and your \$25.00.

We want to WELCOME everyone who comes and share how great it is to be a member of our AAUW Palm Springs group. See you all on March 10th

**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](mailto: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](mailto:michelle.newman@csusb.edu)**



## Tech Trek



The **TT Camper Selection Committee** met at Chris Ellet's home and selected 12 CV girls to interview. They will meet again on March 22nd and select nine Campers and 1 alternate to go to AAUW Tech Trek Camp for a week this summer at UC Irvine.

**TT Courses** that will be offered to **Campers at the UC Irvine Camp** this year are: Environmental Science, Biology, Robotics, Computer Coding, Aerospace and Video Technology.

**Peggy Mengel** says Halely Clawson, Chief Meteorologist has agreed to meet with our **Tech Trek Alumni Club** at the KESQ-TV studios on April 19 after school. Cathy Trevino and Peggy Shippen will be there to help and represent the branch.

**Janet Braslow** will host our **TT Camper Orientation and Fun at the Lake** at her home on Shadow Lake June 9<sup>th</sup> 2:30-5. The Orientation Committee has finalized the agenda and duties have been assigned for the event. Janet's husband will launch his camera drone to amaze the girls and Janet has an amazing AAUW photo shoot planned.

**State Convention Celebrating TT's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** We have one Camper from the Class of 2015 and her father who have expressed an interest in going to the TT Luncheon. Several members on the branch Tech Trek Team will also be attending!

**TT Fundraising.** **Sharrell Blakeley** will hold a special TT branch fundraiser in April. **Janet Braslow & Cathy Travino** spearheaded a new effort to solicit donations from the community. Donation letters are being sent to many STEM professionals in the CV.

**Adele Rexton** will again purchase the TT Bears that we give to our TT Campers at the October Luncheon. Thank you, Adele!!



New Members Eli Gentry and Jean Tello will join our TT Team next on the Camper Selection Committee. Welcome ladies!!

Members interested in helping with Tech Trek or giving input,  
please contact

Peggy Shippen  
Tech Trek Coordinator  
[shippen63@gmail.com](mailto:shippen63@gmail.com)

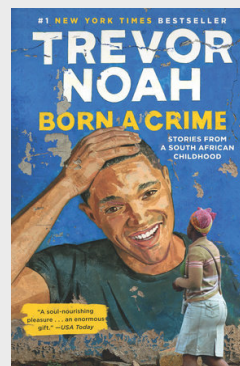


## Interest Groups

### Book Discussion

The book for the **March 21** meeting is *Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach.  
The meeting is at 2:00 PM at the home of Anne La Conde:  
73 135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92260-4763  
Candice McKenzie will lead the discussion.  
Please call Anne to RSVP: (760) 862-1913 or email her at  
[lacondeanne@gmail.com](mailto:lacondeanne@gmail.com).

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



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](http://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](http://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](mailto:marthamaemccool@gmail.com)

## Reel Revelers

Reel Revelers will meet at the home of:

Sandy and Bob Weisenberg  
72964 Skyward Way  
Palm Desert, CA 92260-6035

**Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.**

The movie to be selected at a later date

**Bayla Adelman**

[baylaadelman@cs.com](mailto:baylaadelman@cs.com)



## Lunch Bunch

**LUNCH  
BUNCH**



The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on:

**March 12th** at

**Pacifica Seafood Restaurant** at The Gardens on El  
Paseo at **noon**.

Please RSVP to Marsha Riley by March 11 and join us for  
a delightful lunch.

Marsha

(760) 296-3991

[mriley61@hotmail.com](mailto:mriley61@hotmail.com)

# Our Members Express their Gratitude



Thank you soooo much for the beautiful e-card Sharron Cantarini



Thanks a million for my lovely birthday surprise. It is just wonderful. Hugs and kisses from Louette Riley.



## Photos from our February Luncheon














## March Birthdays

<b>Pamela Roberts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Judith Pochini</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Lillian Shuman</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Patricia Koehler Mauritzen</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Geri Robertson</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Pantea Ilbeigi</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Judy Urrutia</b>	<b>31</b>



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 	5	6 Happy Birthday Pamela Roberts 	7	8	9	10 2-4 pm Membership Reception
11	12 Lunch Bunch Noon 	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Judith Pochini Happy Birthday Lilliane Shuman 	17 St. Patrick's Day Happy Birthday Patricia Koehler Mauritzen Happy Birthday Geri Roberts 
18	19	20	21 Book Discussion 2:00 p.m.	22 Tech Trek Selection Committee Meeting- select 2019 campers Out and About: LQ Museum 8:15am	23	24
25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Pantea Ilbeigi 	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Judy Urrutia 

March 4 Oscars  
 March 6 Happy Birthday Pamela Roberts  
 March 10 Membership Reception  
 March 12 Lunch Bunch at Pacifica  
 March 16 Happy Birthday Judith Pochini  
 March 16 Happy Birthday Lilliane Shuman  
 March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  
 March 17 Happy Birthday Patricia Koehler Mauritzen  
 March 17 Happy Birthday Geri Roberts  
 March 21 Book Discussion  
 March 22 Tech Trek Selection Committee Meeting  
 March 28 Happy Birthday Pantea Ilbeigi  
 March 31 Happy Birthday Judy Urrutia

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