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AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon

Saturday, May 12, 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)



ARE YOU READY?

STATISTICALLY WE KNOW THAT AT SOME POINT
OUR COMMUNITY HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF FACING
A MAJOR CATASTROPHIC DISASTER

Our speaker, **Ken Eklund** will help us think about how we can prepare to keep our

community and ourselves safer.

Ken has been working for 15 years in emergency preparedness within Sun City-Palm Desert and for eleven years, has had his own business fastening things in homes and businesses, to make them more secure in an earthquake.

He is President of the Coachella Valley Emergency Preparedness network. Our 400 members share info on preparedness and help any entity get up and running sooner, better and for free. Director at Large for SCPD's Emergency Preparedness. We have 620 volunteers in our community, and my job is reaching out to share our 24 years of experience with anyone that cares.

Contributing writer to the Community Association Institute news magazine. Frequent free speaker on preparedness in our valley.

Menu Choices

- Hamburger with French Fries
 - Flatbread with grilled chicken and pesto with salad
 - Greek Salad (vegetarian)
- chef's choice for dessert

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation by **Monday, May 7th** \$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

Remaining 2018 Programs

June 9- Annual Planning Meeting

President's Message



As we near our summer break I would like to look back on the year for just a minute. Our luncheons have been a great success, thanks to **Shelley Mitchell**. The speakers have informed and entertained us. I'm sure that the upcoming year will be even better.

Our membership has grown to 121 members. What an accomplishment. Thank you to our members who have introduced friends to our group and encouraged them to become part of our branch. In sharing AAUW with others, we have grown the organization and made it even better. **Sharron Cantarini** has done a wonderful job of welcoming these new members as well as our continuing members to our luncheons, always with a

smile.

Gillian German has done an unbelievable job with our finances. Her reports each month show the attention and oversight that an organization needs in keeping the books. Her reports are detailed, but simple enough for even me to understand. We are in great financial shape.

Joanne Lane keeps our minutes and they are concise and organized. You always know exactly what happened at our meetings, but without a lot of unnecessary discussion. She is always right there with the information that we need.

A great big thank you to **Sharrell Blakeley**. What would we do without her? She works tirelessly for AAUW and for Tech Trek. I can always count on her to have my back and be there. She has raised money for Tech Trek and continues to be committed to the organization and the young girls we support through education. AAUW continues to make a real and positive difference in the lives of the Tech Trek girls.

Our group chairs have continued to keep these fun groups together. There is almost something for everyone. The opportunity to get together with other members on a more personal basis is priceless. The companionship that is built into these groups makes our organization unique. If you don't belong to one of our groups please take a look at the available ones and pick a group to have fun with.

Please remember we have an installation on May 14th at our usual luncheon. We also have a strategic planning meeting on June 9th. This meeting will be planning for the year as well as for our future. Your input is important, and I encourage you to attend. It will be from 11:00 to 1:30 and will include lunch. There is a charge for this meeting, it will be our usual \$25.00. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, a big thank you to ALL our members. Your continued support and efforts have made this branch the best. The buzz at our luncheons, the friendship formed by your attendance at our functions and your commitment to AAUW sets us apart from the usual groups. I look forward to another successful year in 2018-2019. You all make my life easier and much more enjoyable. Have a great summer and "I will see you in September".

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

President Elect's Message

I just have one request: Please, please contribute to the **Elizabeth Nash Memorial Fund**. You know how much she loved our Tech Tech Program and I hope you feel honored to honor Liz. Any amount, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Please send to your donation according to the following:

Make Checks Payable to: AAUW PS

Memo Line: AAUW CA SPF

Mail to: TT Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert CA 92255

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect and Fundraising Chair, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

CORRECTION:

TECH TREK CHECK WRITING
TT Fundraiser in Memory of Elizabeth Nash*

Write Check to: AAUW CA SPF
Memo Line: UC Irvine Camp- PS Branch

PS Branch Members,

Our apologies for printing incorrect instructions for writing TT donation checks on the Liz Nash flyer. Please make note of the correction.

Checks not written correctly will need to be returned to be re-written.

*We've been made aware our well-intended Liz Nash flyer distributed at the April luncheon gave the impression that we have an Elizabeth Nash Memorial "Fund" when clearly we do not. Our branch is not set up with the IRS to have such a tax-deductible "fund".

What we are having is a Tech Trek "Fundraiser" in Elizabeth Nash's memory. Elizabeth's niece, Regina Major, encouraged us to do this on behalf of her Aunt. Our flyers needed to reflect that accurately.

Corrections are highlighted in pink on the flyer.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,
Sharrell Blakeley, PE and Peggy Shippen, TT Coordinator



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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

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Happy Hour Spirits:
Lunch Bunch: Phyllis Greene (760) 772-7121
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Reel Revelers: Bayla Adelman (760) 568-9621

If you are in need of an electronic PDF copy of Sandscripts or a printed and mailed version please call or email:

full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Michelle Newman
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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.*



Membership

It is time for our **AAUW annual dues to be paid**. Our new year runs from July 1, 2018 thru June 31, 2019. We have 121 AAUW members, and National wants their share of the dues from our 121 AAUW members **BEFORE** the end of June 2018. One member suggested she would pay her dues in September since she will be gone all summer. I explained our dues are due now, not in September. It is difficult for Gillian German, our Financial Coordinator, to try to contact members over the summer months to collect their late dues.

Please make your check out to: AAUW Palm Spring for \$100 (Dual members within CA \$21 & Dual members outside CA \$41)

You can send your checks to:

Gillian German
78174 Links Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92211

Thank you all and see you at the May 12, 2018 monthly meeting at "The Grill".
Remember to call or email me by Tuesday May 8, 2018 with your reservations.

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

March for Our Lives

AAUW-Palm Springs Members March with Students
Supporting School Safety
Saying "Enough" to Gun Violence
March 24, 2018





The mission and focus of March For Our Lives is assure that no special interest group or political agenda is more critical than timely passage of legislation to effectively address the gun violence issues that are rampant in our country. We demand morally-just leaders to rise up from both parties in order to ensure public safety. [Click here for the March for our Lives website](#)



2018: Tech Trek Campers Selected. Palm Springs Branch TT Selection Committee announces the following nine girls from around the Coachella Valley to go to AAUW TT Camp at UC Irvine this summer:

- Leighanna Torres-Estrada - Desert Ridge, Indio
- Ariana FloresDesert Springs, Desert Hot Springs
- Riley Baker & Alexa Vasquez - John Glenn, Indio
- Jacqueline Jones & Shafaa Munjai - Palm Desert Charter, Palm Desert
- Gwen Waybill - La Quinta, La Quinta
- Alexa Duque & Mariah Young - Workman, Cathedral City
- ALTERNATE: Bella Rose Brannier - LaQuinta

Many thanks! to the TT Selection Committee for tackling a very difficult job of making selections from so many qualified and talented girls: **Barbara Battino, Janet Hartzler Braslow, Chris & Steve Ellet, Phyllis Greene, Louise Kermode, Ruth Kuhlemeier, Angie Love, Pam Roberts and Mary Schambach.**

I would also like to thank **DeeDee Warren, TT Treasurer**, for the time and expertise she has given over the last 2.5 years, making sure Tech Trek donations are sent to and credited to our TT held by the AAUW Special Projects Fund. This year, DeeDee also kept track of community donations from letters Janet Hartzler Braslow and Cathy Trevino sent out to professionals. DeeDee's willingness to do this extra work enabled us to evaluate how best to ask for TT donations from the community. **Thank you DeeDee for your invaluable contributions to Tech Trek!**

Upcoming TT Events in 2018

April 19th the Alumni Club will visit with Haley, Chief Meteorologist at KESQ-TV - Peggy Mengel, Chair;

June 9th the TT Orientation Committee will hold the yearly TT Orientation and Fun Party for newly selected Campers and their parents - Janet Hartzler Braslow, Chair.

October TT Meeting Chris & Steve Ellet will host

October 13th at the October TT Luncheon, the 2018 TT Campers will share their Camp experiences with members - Shelley Mitchell, Chair.

October 25th all TT Team Members will meet to solidify plans for 2018-19 TT activities - Peggy Shippen, Chair.

Peggy Shippen
Tech Trek Coordinator
shippen63@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Book Club

The AAUW Book Group will be meeting on **May 16, 2018 at 2 P.M.** to discuss the book *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren at the home of Sue Beatty. Sue will also lead the discussion

Please call Sue at (760) 346-7478 or e-mail **Sue** at ssbeatty@icloud.com if you are planning to attend the meeting so Sue can **notify the guard gate at the Bob Hope entrance to Las Palmas Country Club.**

Sue Beatty
163 Torremolinos Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270



Mary Davey Schambach

(562)201-4749

maryschambach@yahoo.com

Thank you Roberta!!

A big thank you to **Roberta Young** for running the Book Club for the past two years. Mary Davey Schambach will be taking over as the Book Club's organizer.



Reel Revelers



Reel Revelers will meet on May 31st at the home of :
Phyllis Greene
78594 Links Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92211

The movie will be chosen closer to the date.

Bayla Adelman

(760) 568-9621

baylaadelman@cs.com

Great Decisions



GREAT DECISIONS will meet on May 15th at 10 a.m. the home of:

Angie Love
17 Maximo Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Phone (760) 574 2418.

Read Chapter 5, "Turkey: a partner in crisis".
We will discuss the questions on page 68.

Joanne Bourquin

(760) 772-2832

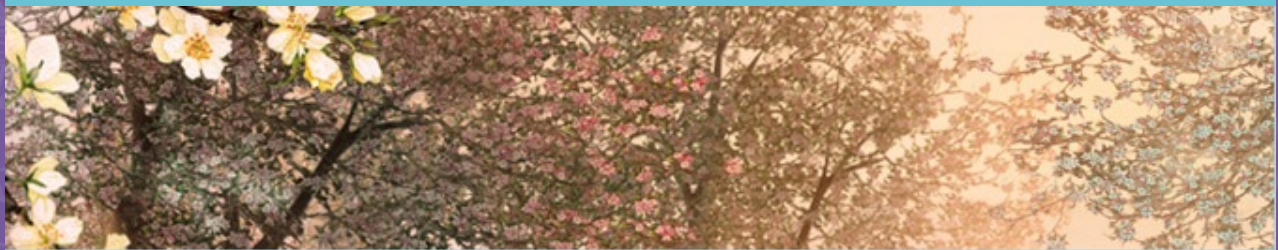
Photos from our April Luncheon



Our Members Express Their Gratitude

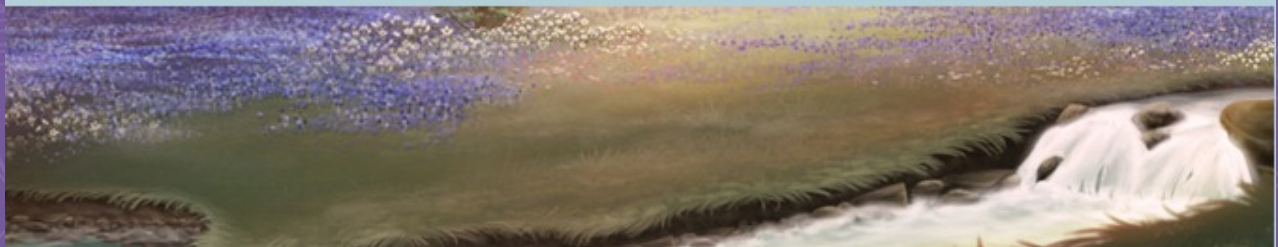


Thanks for the fun card, Pam! Love that you do this for the branch. See you soon. Peggy



Thank you, AAUW! I loved it!

Patty



Thank you, Pam. You sent the right card to a cat lover!

Hope to see you Saturday.

May Birthdays

Elia Gentry	2
Deanna Neal	3
Marlene Spector	5
Norma Stempler	11
Beth Bangert	18
Roberta Young	23
Anne Berman	26
Adele Ruxton	27
Bayla Adelman	28
Mary Davey Schambach	31
Carol Scoby	31



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Happy Birthday Elia Gentry	3 Happy Birthday Deanna Neal	4	5 Happy Birthday Marlene Spector CINCO DE MAYO
6	7	8	9	10	11 Happy Birthday Norma Stempler	12 11:30 Luncheon
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15 Great Decisions 10 a.m.	16 Book Club 2:00 p.m.	17	18 Happy Birthday Beth Bangert	19
20	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Roberta Young	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Anne Berman
27 Happy Birthday Adele Ruxton	28 MEMORIAL DAY Happy Birthday Bayla Adelman	29	30	31 Reel Revelers Happy Birthday Mary Davey Schambach Happy Birthday Carol Scoby		

May 2 Happy Birthday **Elia Gentry**
 May 3 Happy Birthday **Deanna Neal**
 May 5 Happy Birthday **Marlene Spector**
 May 5 Cinco de Mayo
 May 11 Happy Birthday **Norma Stempler**
 May 12 Luncheon
 May 13 Mother's Day
 May 15 Great Decisions
 May 16 Book Club
 May 18 Happy Birthday **Beth Bangert**
 May 23 Happy Birthday **Roberta Young**
 May 26 Happy Birthday **Anne Berman**
 May 27 Happy Birthday **Adele Ruxton**
 May 28 Happy Birthday **Bayla Adelman**
 May 28 Memorial Day
 May 31 Happy Birthday
Mary Davey Schambach
 May 31 Happy Birthday **Carol Scoby**
 May 31 Reel Revelers



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