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AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon

Saturday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.

**Geri Crippen-Richardson
Desert Region Coordinator
Riverside County of Riverside, DPSS Adult Services
C.A.R.E. Program**

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

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Geri is the Desert Region Coordinator for the C.A.R.E. Program (Curtiling Abuse Related to the Elderly), which covers Desert Hot Springs to Blythe. She has been employed by the CARE Program for 19 years. With 15 years in her current position. Her office is located in the Palm Desert Sheriff's Station.

Geri is responsible for educating local law enforcement, social service providers, and the local communities about elder abuse. She chairs the Palm Desert and Blythe monthly multidisciplinary elder abuse team meetings where challenging elder abuse cases are discussed and resolved toward protection of the victim, investigation and prosecution if the abuse is criminal. Geri also advocates strongly for seniors and dependent adults who are victims of consumer fraud, with the focus of guarding or regaining senior's assets, while providing support and assistance throughout the process.

Geri also serves on the Inland Empire Economic Crime Investigators Association.

Menu Choices

- Veggie burger with fresh fruit
 - Southwestern Taco Salad
 - Cobb Salad Wrap
- Chef's choice for dessert

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation by
Monday, April 9th
\$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

Please make checks out to AAUW Palm Springs Branch

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Remaining 2018 Programs

May 12- TBD

June 9- Annual Planning Meeting

President's Message



Welcome to Spring, or so the calendar says. Whatever, it is a busy time of year for our Palm Springs Branch of AAUW. The election of officers is this month at our monthly luncheon. We are fortunate that all our officers have agreed to serve another year. It really takes two years to become proficient in the position and to do the best job for the branch. I think you will agree that our programs have been really interesting, thanks to Shelley Mitchell; our fund raising has been great thanks to Sharrell Blakeley and our membership has grown thanks to the efforts of Sharron Cantarini. Gillian German has kept our finances on track with accounting

that would complement any organization and Joanne Lane has kept our minutes with clarity. So please make sure that you attend our April luncheon to show your support for these individuals.

April is also the time for our state convention. It will be held from the 27th to the 29th in Irvine. I encourage any of you to attend and see how we can learn from other branches. We need to continue our recruitment of new members and encourage them to become part of the leadership team for the continuation of our programs and instituting new ones.

April is also a sad month, as it was one year ago that we lost our then President, Elizabeth Nash. Our fund raising chair, Sharrell, has named April as Elizabeth Nash month and wants to increase our Tech Trek fund in her honor.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Each of these are action areas for this branch. We have made progress building our active membership and working in all these areas. By joining together in AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that women and girls have a fair chance. Please continue to look for new members who will share our objectives and continue to increase our effectiveness.

I look forward to seeing you at our April luncheon on the 14th at Shadow Ridge.

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

President Elect's Message

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH NASH



It is hard to believe that a year has almost passed since the death of our beloved Elizabeth Nash on April 22, 2017. As you know, she was the President of the Palm Springs AAUW Branch and served as a role model and leader. This photo at a Polo event captures our special friendship.

Liz was caring, purposeful, gracious and supportive of every Branch member. She gave the Branch a renewed sense of direction, vision and strength.

She made everyone feel welcomed, appreciated and special. She inspired us to be better women and leaders.

Elizabeth was passionate about Tech Trek and ensured that the program remained front and center in our Branch. In her honor, we established the **ELIZABETH NASH MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP FUND** to sponsor future Tech Trek Campers at UC Irvine.

Please make a donation to honor Liz's memory, spirit, and love of AAUW and our Tech Trek program.

Make Checks to: AAUW PS
Memo Line: AAUW CA SPF
Mail to: TT Treasurer, PO Box 11423, Palm Desert 92255

A Thank You Confirming Your Tax Deductible Donation to TT will be sent to you within 10 days

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect and Fundraising Chair, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



**Palm Springs Branch 2017-2018
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President: Pat Fredericks

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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.*

Tech Trek Treasurer: DeeDee Warren (808) 640-

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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

NOTICE

Our yearly dues are now upon us and due by May 1, 2018. AAUW National dues have been increased \$10/year.

(\$49) now \$59 + \$20 + \$21 = \$100
National State Branch

National dues are tax deductible and please make your check out to:
AAUW-Palm Springs



Welcome New Members

Ruthanna Metzgar
Jean Tello

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



Peggy Shippen
Tech Trek Coordinator
shippen63@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Book Discussion

The AAUW Book Group will be meeting on **April 18, 2018** at 2 **P.M.** at the home of Angie Love. Please call or e-mail Angie if you are planning to attend.

At the April Meeting, we will be discussing the books for next year. The members will make recommendations as we go around the room and then the members attending will choose the books, choose the discussion leaders for each book and hopefully, find a home for each meeting. Often the person who recommends the book will agree to be the discussion leader, but this is not a hard and fast rule. The person recommending the book should have finished reading the book before this meeting and whoever the discussion leader is, should also have finished reading the book before this meeting.



We do suggest that each person make no more than three book recommendations.

To plan ahead for the May 16th Meeting, the book is "Lab Girl" by Hope Jahren and the meeting will be at the home of Sue Beatty.

Angie Love:
17 Maximo Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260-0333

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

5/16 *Lab Girl*
By: Hope Jahren

Hostess: Sue Beatty

Discussion: Sue
Beatty

Great Decisions



Great Decisions will be meeting on
Tuesday, **April 10** at **10 a.m.** at the home
of:

Anne LaConde
73135 Fiddlenek Lane
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 862-1913

Joanne Bourquin
(760) 772-2832
flutejeb7@gmail.com

Photos from our March Luncheon



April Birthdays

Elaine Levey	9
Peggy Shippen	9
Barbara Dunn	14

Beverly Cole 20
Patty Pastrick 23
Yvonne Michelsen-Farwell 26



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 Last Day of Passover
8	9 Happy Birthday Elaine Levey! Happy Birthday Peggy Shippen!	10 Great Decisions 10 a.m.	11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Barbara Dunn! Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
15 	16	17	18 Book Discussion 2 p.m.	19	20 Happy Birthday Beverly Cole!	21
22	23 Happy Birthday Patty Pastrick!	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Yvonne Michelsen-Farwell!	27 AAUW Convention 2018 Educators. Leaders. Active.	28 AAUW Convention 2018 Educators. Leaders. Active.
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April 1 Easter Sunday
 April 1 April Fool's Day
 April 7 Last Day of Passover
 April 9 Happy Birthday **Elaine Levey**
 April 9 Happy Birthday **Peggy Shippen**
 April 10 Great Decisions Meets
 April 14 Happy Birthday **Barbara Dunn**
 April 14 Monthly Luncheon
 April 15 Tax Day
 April 18 Book Discussion Meets
 April 20 Happy Birthday **Beverly Cole**
 April 23 Happy Birthday **Patty Pastrick**
 April 26 Happy Birthday
Yvonne Michelsen-Farwell
 April 27-29 AAUW Convention 2018



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