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**Branch Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2018**  
**11:30 a. m. at The Grill, Marriott Shadow Ridge**  
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert  
(Off Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford)



Meet the girls we sent to Tech Trek Camp last summer. They will tell us about their week at U.C. Irvine participating in STEM classes and activities and having a great time. They will also share how this experience may shape their futures.

### Menu Choices

- Hamburger and french fries
- Greek salad (vegetarian)--with rolls and butter
- Cobb wrap with fresh fruit

Chef's choice for dessert

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation or send a check, \$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](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.

## President's Message

Welcome to the New Year, well at least AAUW's New Year. I am sincerely happy that the summer seems to be over. The humidity really got to me this summer.

Our first luncheon was a great success. We welcomed several new members and had a great speaker. We had some



technical problems, but for our first luncheon of the season I thought it went very well. Our speaker from OneFuture Coachella Valley, Sheila Thornton, was very informative about the program to facilitate our local students to be prepared for advanced education be it college or another avenue.

Our activity groups are starting up this month. Please remember if you are not part of an activity group and would like to be, call the chairperson to let them know your interest. The groups are great fun, a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and renew friendships.

We will be doing voter registration in each of our cities this fall. We received several volunteers at our luncheon, but can always use more. We will be taking registrations the first two weeks in October, the date and time as well as the location are up to the volunteers. The final day for the county to accept registrations is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we need to get the forms into the county by then. Good locations might be Trader Joe's, but you must first ask permission. We will be meeting prior to the dates of registration to hand out materials and have a short orientation.

I find that once our year starts, time flies by, there are so many things to do. **Remember that our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is in January and we will be celebrating!**

Thank you to all the elected leaders and to the activity group leaders for their continued leadership and support. No one person could possibly be responsible for all our accomplishments, so remember to thank those who help make this Branch so successful. Also remember October is Tech Trek month and our speakers will be our Tech Teck girls. See you there.

**Pat Fredericks**  
**President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch**

## **President Elect's Message**

As you know, our next Luncheon in October is dedicated to our TechTrek Campers. I know you are going to be impressed by the extraordinary caliber of this year's group. Get ready to acknowledge that your support made a difference in launching all of them on a STEM journey.

This is a gentle reminder to bring your personal checks to assist us to send future Campers to UC Irvine. This is the cornerstone program of our Palm Springs Branch and I strongly encourage you to support our efforts.

Thank you for everything you do to make our Branch an outstanding one, of which we can be proud.

Sharrell Blakeley  
President Elect, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



## Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019 Board of Directors



President:	Pat Fredericks
President Elect:	Sharrell Blakeley
Program VP:	Shelly Mitchell
AAUW Fund:	Sharrell Blakeley
Membership VP:	Sharron Cantarini
Secretary:	Joanne Lane
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*AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.*

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

**VISION:** *Equity for all.*

**Values:** *Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion. Intersectionality.*

**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.*



## 2018-2019 Approved Budget

[Please Click here to download a copy of the budget](#)

PALM SPRINGS BRANCH BUDGET (2018-2019)			
	MEMBERS	DUES	AMOUNT
GENERAL OPERATING REVENUE			\$ 8,290
GENERAL BRANCH RESERVE			\$ 3,644
TECH TREK RESERVE			\$ 2,463
BEST BUY GRANT			\$ 619
INCOME-GENERAL FUND:			
BRANCH DUES	126	\$ 21.00	\$ 2,646
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 17,662
EXPENSES			
GENERAL FUND ADMINISTRATIVE:			
ADMINISTRATIVE (POSTAGE, SCRAPBOOK, COPIES)			\$ 1,000
CONVENTION - WASHINGTON D.C.			\$ 1,500
INSURANCE			\$ 500
	SUB-TOTAL		\$ 3,000
MEMBERSHIP			
DIRECTORY			\$ 300
MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION			\$ 350
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE			\$ 120
	SUB-TOTAL		\$ 770
CONTINGENCY FUND			
			\$ 200
	SUB-TOTAL		\$ 200
MONTHLY PROGRAMS			
TECH TREK			\$ 325
			\$ 2,000
	SUB-TOTAL		\$ 2,325
TOTAL EXPENSES - GENERAL & RESERVE			\$ 6,295

## Membership

Reminder: February 2019 we have the luncheon increase from \$25 to \$30

Sharron Cantarini  
 Membership Vice President  
 (760) 296-3512

## October Member Spotlight

Mary Davey Schambach

A yellow spotlight beam shines down from the top left, illuminating the text below. The background is a purple gradient with a decorative orange and black pattern of Halloween symbols (pumpkins, ghosts, stars, bats) on the left and right sides.

Member  
**Spotlight**  
Mary Davey Schambach

**1. How has AAUW empowered me?**

I think that it's less important how AAUW has influenced *me*, and much more important how it has empowered *all* women over the past 137 years! I am incredibly proud to proclaim that I am an AAUW member even though I'm a "newbie." During my school/working/childbearing years, I avoided *all* formal groups. Time was my issue, but now AAUW has greatly enriched my retirement! I am surrounded by women who are intelligent, concerned, hard-working, and fun, and I am involved in activities which enrich my life and keep my brain busy. Thank you one and all for your friendship and your dedication to AAUW!

**2. What is my favorite aspect of our Palm Springs Branch?**

That's easy! The members! I come away from *every* event with a smile, and a happy brain! No matter the activity, when you put outstanding people together, great things happen! I do have one complaint however; no one has figured out a way to keep me from forgetting my name tag...just sayin'!

**3. Education/Life's work**

I *may* hold our Chapter record for the most schools attended prior to college -- 9! I started kindergarten in Aliquippa, PA and graduated from high school (my 3<sup>rd</sup>) in Karachi, Pakistan. My father was in the steel business and began working with USAID in 1959 when we went to Karachi, which turned out to be one of the most formative and positive periods of my life.

I graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA in 1965 with a French and History major. My passion was neither subject, however. It was learning as much as I could about as many things as I could. Dickinson was a small school with an outstanding faculty. A well-rounded education was promoted above all else. I took "electives" like, Greek, Spanish, Roman History, Art History, as well as the (minimum) requirements for my majors.

The most important thing I learned in college, however, was to read the New York Times every day. *All* freshmen were required to pick up the Times (free to us) at the student union every day, read it and know that any professor who had a freshman in class could give a "pop quiz" on any topic. Guess what I did this morning...on my iPhone?

The Monday morning after graduation I married Bob Schambach, and we shared a wonderful life with two sons until Bob's death in 2009. Bob taught Organic Chemistry at Whittier College for 30 years.

The problem with my B. A. was that I still longed for a forbidden career – nursing. Why “forbidden” you may ask. My paternal grandmother was a typhoid nurse, and “No daughter of mine will ever do that kind of work!” I fed the piggy bank during graduate school and early motherhood by teaching French and writing environmental impact reports.

In 1981, I finally became an RN. Ironically, my father was one of my first patients. Patient care was followed by hospital management positions, and in 1993 Bob and I opened Schambach & Associates, a medical billing company from which I retired in 2013.

#### 4. What do I do for fun?

TRAVEL!!!! I took my first around-the-world-trip by myself in 1961, and I haven’t stopped yet. During our early marriage and “kid times” we camped and camped and camped in 4WD vehicles, spent a sabbatical in Sweden, took trips to Australia, Hawaii, Europe and the Caribbean. When Bob died I continued to travel, but in the beginning I had a rule: “Don’t go anywhere that you went together” which led me to Africa. Since 2011 I have visited South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania and Morocco. I have taken thousands of photographs (anyone want to see them?), seen sights I never dreamed of and met amazing people, including Kuki Gallmann, author of “I Dreamed of Africa.” In Botswana last December, I also met *another* professor (biochemistry/microbiology) with two sons whose wife died 6 weeks after Bob died. *We* are taking another trip to Africa this Fall....



### 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

- **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**

## Public Policy



**Vote.** This mid-term election is extremely important. If you support President Trump, get out to the polls and show him. If you cannot abide President Trump, show your true colors as well, and vote. Vote if you are neutral on President Trump. Get your college kids to vote. They can

register at age 18. The boys had to register for the no-existent draft at age 18, register to vote as well. This election is as important as any we have faced in our life-time. We, in California, have to consider the effects of the new tax bill. We are on a no salt (stand and local taxes deduction) diet. I am trying to make this bi-partisan or non-partisan, but the bottom line is:

**VOTE on November 6, 2018**

Deadline to request absentee ballots must be received by  
Tuesday, Oct 30, 2018

## Important AAUW Dates and Updates

- On **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, the 2019 [AAUW National Election](#) opened with a call for candidates for election to the Board of Directors. As approved in the 2018 Bylaws Amendment Vote, the board structure and terms have changed. Learn more about the 2019 AAUW National Election and stay tuned for the opening of the bylaws and public policy priorities comment period on November 1, 2018.

Throughout the month, key wage gap information will be updated

- On **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, [Census Wage Gap](#) data will be updated with new racial stats. An official AAUW statement and social shareables will be available to use. stats, an official AAUW statement and social shareables will be available to use.
- On **September 13<sup>th</sup>**, federal and state wage gap data from the American Community Survey (ACS) will be updated. State policy guides and [state equal pay law data](#) will be available via [Fight for Fair Pay](#). Get code to embed the [gender pay gap map](#) and your state's social media graphic into your website

- On **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, the [AAUW Work Smart](#) online workshop tool will launch. This online tool is designed to help women negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. Attendees will gain confidence in negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role-play and learn the steps to plan and carry out the negotiation.
- Also on **September 26<sup>th</sup>**, is the update of the [Simple Truth](#) research report. *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* succinctly addresses these issues by going beyond the widely reported 80 percent statistic. The report explains the pay gap in the United States; how it affects women of all ages, races, and education levels; and what can be done to close it.

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- Midterm elections are fast approaching and [AAUW Action Fund voter guides](#) will be released in late September. Be sure to check the policy and candidates guides for candidates positions on AAUW issues. And encourage people in your life to register to vote on Tuesday, **September 25**, National Voter Registration Day.
  - With the release of the Strategic Plan in August, AAUW's mission statement, value promise, vision statement, and diversity statement underwent slight changes. The new information can be found on the AAUW national website on the [About](#) page.



## Interest Groups

### Great Decisions



**October 16:**

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of:  
Anne LaConde  
73135 Fiddleneck lane  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 862-1913 (please phone that you plan to attend)

Please read **Chapter 8 "Global Health Issues"**  
and **answer questions on page 102**

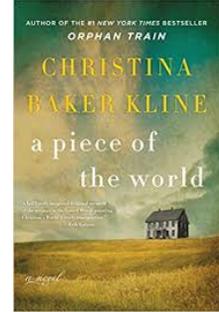
Joanne Bourquin  
(760) 345-4802  
[flutejeb7@gmail.com](mailto:flutejeb7@gmail.com)

### Book Club

The AAUW Book Club will be meeting on **October 17, 2018 at 2 P.M.** to discuss the book *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline at the home of Angie Love. Angie will also lead the discussion.

Angie Love  
17 Maximo Way  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 779-5658  
[randalovebrds@aol.com](mailto:randalovebrds@aol.com)



## Lunch Bunch



**October 8:**

Monday, October 8. Place to be announced. Please RSVP to

Phyllis Greene  
(760)772-7121  
[pgreene@dc.rr.com](mailto:pgreene@dc.rr.com)

## Out & About



### November Activity

#### A TOUR OF 3 NATIVE MUSEUMS

We will join the La Quinta Historical Society for our November Event: Harry Quinn, renowned archaeologist paleontologist, geologist, and historian.

Will lead us on a tour of three Native Museums:

The Torres Martinez Reservation  
The Cabazon Museum  
The Malki Museum

**Don't miss this opportunity!**

**Date:** Thursday, November 1, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 for La Quinta Historical Society Members

Or \$60 for nonmembers

**Lunch is included** at Whitewater Park

**Meeting place:** La Quinta Museum at  
8:20 a.m. on Nov. 1  
77885 Avenida Motezuma  
La Quinta, CA

**How to Reserve:**

Tickets may be purchased beginning on





Friday, October 5, 2018  
Deadline: October 30, 2018

**This event is limited to the first 25 that sign up.**

To purchase tickets, please visit the historical society website:  
[www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.laquintahistoricalsociety.com) or  
call 760-564-1283



**December Activity**

**A DAY “AT THE FACTORY”  
(NOT to be confused with a day “At the Races”!)**

Tour guide: Paul Sanders

Followed by a no-host lunch at  
Cheesecake Factory



Brandini Factory Tour Sign-up Sheet  
***Tour is Limited to the first 30 members who sign up***

**Date:**  
Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Arrival time:**  
10:15 a.m.

**Address:**  
42250 Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage.  
(Located behind Hobby Lobby)

**Requirement: Wear closed toe shoes**

**RSVP: Martha McCool**  
**MarthaMaeMcCool@gmail.com**  
760.771.5428

I will need your call back number for confirmation

**Tour is limited to the first 30 members who sign up**



**Reel Revelers**

October 25:



Reel Revelers will meet on Thursday, October 25, 2018. The home location TBD closer to the date.

Bayla Adelman  
(760) 568-9621  
[baylaadelman@cs.com](mailto:baylaadelman@cs.com)



## September Luncheon



October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	1	2	3	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Gail Hughes
7	8 Lunch Bunch 	9	10	11	12	13 Branch Meeting  Happy Birthday Christine 'Chris' Ellet
14	15 Happy Birthday Teresa 'Terry' White	16 Great Decisions 10:00 AM	17 Book Club 2:00 PM	18	19 Happy Birthday Linda Rudolph	20 Happy Birthday Mo Barkemeyer
21	22	23	24	25 Reel Revelers	26	27
28	29 Happy Birthday Sharon Seraphin	30	31 Happy Halloween			



- October 6 **Happy Birthday Gail Hughes**
- October 8 Lunch Bunch
- October 8 Columbus Day
- October 13 Branch Meeting
- October 13 **Happy Birthday Christine 'Chris' Ellet**
- October 15 **Happy Birthday Teresa 'Terry' White**
- October 16 Great Decisions
- October 17 Book Club
- October 19 **Happy Birthday Linda Rudolph**
- October 20 **Happy Birthday Mo Barkemeyer**
- October 25 Reel Revelers
- October 29 **Happy Birthday Sharon Seraphin**
- October 31 Happy Halloween

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