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Branch Meeting
Saturday, November 10, 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)

**What is it like to be a Muslim Woman
in the Coachella Valley?**

Ifthika “Shine” Nissar, M.A.
Shine’s career as the
Principal of the



Early Childhood Education programs of Desert Sands Unified School District began in 2015 with many years of college beginning in 1990 when she migrated from Sri Lanka.

Shine has extensive experience in Program Administration & Leadership, Curriculum, Family Community Engagement and Teaching typical and atypical students. She is an adjunct instructor at COD and UC Davis Extension. She has served at the Riverside County Office of Education, Family YMCA of the Desert and First 5 Riverside.

Currently Shine provides care for her 90 year old mother with Dementia with the support of her husband Zinnoon and is studying for her doctorate.

Menu Choices

- Caesar salad with salmon/rolls and butter
- Veggie burger with fresh fruit
- Flatbread with grilled chicken and pesto with a small garden salad with balsamic vinaigrette

Chef's choice for dessert

Cost: \$25 if you make a reservation or send a check. \$30 if you do not have a reservation by November 5.

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.

President's Message



What a great luncheon we had in October. A great big THANK YOU to the Tech Trek committee and helpers. The girls were outstanding and so impressive with their stories. I talked with a new member who had been a member of several other branches and she was so surprised since she had not been a part of a Tech Teck group, and what we had accomplished with our girls and the program.

November's luncheon will be a very informative one with our speakers. I sincerely hope that you can all be there. Our luncheons are a great time to meet and talk with our members, some new and others long-time members. For us to work together successfully, it is important for us to know about each other, our strengths and our weaknesses. We can then work together to achieve our AAUW goals and strengthen our branch.

Our Holiday party will be the second Saturday in December. Remember you must make a reservation to enter through the gate. Your name must be on file with the gate guard. We are asking each member to bring a dish of finger food and if you want alcohol please bring that as well. If you are planning on bringing a guest, please register them as well.

Our 70th anniversary will be in January. What a wonderful time to celebrate our years of existence. 70 years is a long time and we have had some wonderful years and successes. Come help celebrate our branch and how we have grown, both in members and stature.

Time moves on and we need to move with it. We are looking for new leaders both as officers and as activity chairs. We have some great activities that allow our members to stay on top of world events; great movies; wonderful books; tours of our valley and great food at different restaurants. If you have any interest in becoming more involved, please let me know. I know that you are out there, so please call and become an important part of our leadership. See you in November.

Pat Fredericks
President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch

President Elect's Message

All of us who attended the branch luncheon last Saturday had the opportunity to hear firsthand from the campers whom we sent to UC Irvine for a week in July. WOW - what an exciting presentation it was from every single one of them. They discussed their core assignment at camp and how it has impacted their decisions to pursue STEM careers in high school and beyond.

Every single parent came up to me and hugged me, stating that their daughter is a different person - more confident and committed to studying more and definitive about going to college. They had tears in their eyes, thanking our branch for the financial support of their daughter.

The message from me this month is to request a donation to Tech Trek so we can continue to send Coachella Valley girls to STEM Camp. I urge you to remember that this is the cornerstone program of our branch and we must raise funds to continue our sponsorship of campers. We appreciate every dollar, small or large, that you contribute to this extraordinary effort of our branch.

Thank you, in advance, for sending in your check. Please write the check to:
AAUW CA SPF

And, mail your check to:

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P.O. Box 11423

PALM DESERT, CA 92255

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



[Click here to view a larger version of the invite](#)

JOIN AAUW PALMSPRINGS BRANCH
FOR OUR ANNUAL

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4-7 p.m.

At the home of Pat Fredericks
75375 Painted Desert Drive
Indian Wells, CA 92210

Please bring finger/toothpick food

"heavy" appetizers, shrimp, small sandwiches, cheese and crackers, cold cuts, fruit, veggies and dips, etc. & beverage of your choice

RSVP

RSVP by December 1, 2018

(760)674-4649 or pfredericks4444@gmail.com

Please let us know if a guest will accompany you
and what you will be bringing as a food item



Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019 Board of Directors



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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.*



Membership

REMINDER: Luncheon dues will increase February 2019

Sharron Cantarini
Membership Vice President
(760) 296-3512

November Member Spotlight

Gillian German



1. How has AAUW empowered me?

What an honor to be selected for our November member spotlight feature. There are countless ways AAUW membership and being a



member of our board has empowered me. As AAUW Financial Officer for two years I have been afforded the opportunity to use my financial and leadership skills, as well as being inspired to volunteer and participate in various fundraisers and projects. Most recently we visited College of the Desert to register students to vote in the next election and in future elections.

In the mid 90's I became a member of the Anaheim Hills Branch in Orange County, California. After we retired and moved to Palm Desert I joined our Palm Springs Branch. From the first meeting I felt right at home. Everyone was so friendly and helpful. Being elected Treasurer my first year of membership was a blessing. I have made many great friends while communicating with members to discuss finances and membership

issues.

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

Initially, being new to the desert, I joined AAUW for social reasons, to meet intelligent, interesting women. I found the Palm Springs Branch to be an extraordinary organization. I am impressed with our fellow members being so friendly, worldly-wise, and full of that volunteer spirit.

One of my favorite projects is the Tech Trek Program where our branch sends middle school girls to UC Irvine for one week to participate in STEM classes. Our Tech Trek committee is very dedicated to empowering these students, so they may discover and select their future educational and professional goals. I am proud of the fact that all of us, as AAUW members, do our part in empowering many women and girls in our community.

3. Education/Life's work

My education took quite a winding path with many obstacles. I completed two years of college majoring in life sciences and nursing. I married young, then over the next 30 years I worked in the medical field for doctors specializing in internal medicine. I supported my spouse through medical school, internship and residency. After he began a private practice in pediatric surgery I was the business manager for 15 years. In the mean time I raised four wonderful sons. I now have a large family with 9 grandchildren.

With the dissolution of our marriage and all but one son living independently, I had time for me for a change. I was inspired to continue my education, so I immediately registered to attend California State University Fullerton. Through my studies I earned a BS in Sociology with minors in Gerontology and Women's Studies, a MS in Counseling/Marriage and Family Therapy and a Doctorate of Psychology (Psy.D). For many years I counseled abused women and children at a women's transitional living center and was a family therapist at Catholic Charities for court ordered cases. In the last chapter of my career I trained to become a life coach. I began a practice as a life coach for midlife and older women. It was so fulfilling to empower and inspire women to follow their goals and improve their lives.

After 15 years of the single, student life I happily met my 2nd husband Randy. We were matched perfectly through eHarmony!! An internet dating success story. Several years after marrying we retired and chose to live in Palm Desert. We both love living in the desert and enjoy all it has to offer.

4. What do I do for fun?

I always enjoy getting together with my large family of kids and grandkids at gatherings for the holidays and birthdays. We don't see them as often since we live farther apart. It is special when we do meet to celebrate. For over 9 years I have been researching three family trees on Ancestry.com. I love the challenges and searching for long lost relatives. It can become addictive. Since retirement I have had more time to read many fiction and non-fiction books. I always have a book close by to read daily. My love of international and local travel has taken me to 26 countries and most of the United States. Recently we have taken many road trips through the western states. This has been so enjoyable and peaceful for us. Of course I have fun at all of our AAUW functions and always look forward to being with all of you.



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

- **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**

Tech Trek





Local STEM Women in History

In the fall of 1917, Doctor June McCarroll was driving her Model T down a stretch of highway to her office in Indio, California when she was run off the road by a truck. "It did not take me long to choose between a sandy berth to the right and a ten-ton truck to the left!" she later recalled. So she invented the white line down the middle of the road.



Doc June' Drew the Line on Safety

October 12, 2003 | Cecilia Rasmussen, LATimes Staff Writer

"Frontier doctor June McCarroll's legacy protects drivers even today, more than 80 years after her inspiration that center lines would improve highway safety. It took years for her idea to be accepted but she refused to quit, campaigning relentlessly with words and even a paintbrush. A five-mile stretch of Interstate 10 in Indio was named for her last year.

The Riverside County physician from the early 20th century joins hundreds of notables honored along the car culture's arteries."

Although a man in Michigan and another in Oregon also claim credit for this, June McCarroll is credited by the California Department of Transportation with the idea of delineating highways with a painted line to separate lanes of highway traffic. Unfortunately, at the time, the very good idea fell on deaf ears at the local chamber of commerce. So McCarroll went out paintbrush in hand and personally painted a white stripe down the middle of the road herself.

She then, with the help of women's organizations, proceeded to campaign relentless for highway delineation lines. In 1924, the idea was finally adopted in California and the rest of the world eventually followed. (Since then, whether to paint the lines white or yellow has been the subject of much controversy in transportation circles.)

The stretch of road where McCarroll had her truck encounter was later incorporated into Highway 99 and today is part of Indio Boulevard, and today a memorial plaque to McCarroll is located at the intersection of Indio Boulevard and Fargo Street. The state also later designated the stretch of Interstate 10 near Indio as The Doctor June McCarroll Memorial Freeway.

Peggy Shippen
Tech Trek Coordinator

Public Policy

Don't forget to

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE 2018

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE
November 6, 2018

Jacqueline Drucker
judgejackie@mac.com



Interest Groups

Book Club

The AAUW Book Club will be meeting on **November 14, 2018 at 2 P.M.** to discuss the book *White Houses* by Amy Bloom at the home of Anne LaConde. Anne will also lead the discussion.

DIRECTIONS TO Anne's Home

From Highway 74 south,

Turn left on Grapevine

Turn left on Joshua Tree

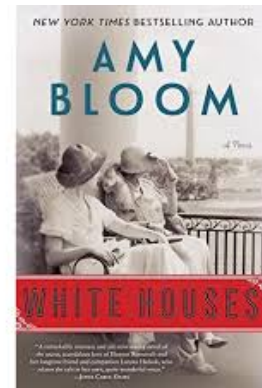
Turn right on Fiddleneck

From Portola south

Turn right on Grapevine

Turn right on Joshua Tree

Turn left on Fiddleneck



Anne LeConde
73135 Fiddleneck Lane
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 862-1913
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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 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.



Brandini Toffee



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



October Luncheon





November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:30-3:30 Out and About	2	3
4	5	6 VOTE ELECTION DAY	7	8	9	10 11:30 Branch Meeting
11	12 Thank you TO THOSE THAT SERVED HAPPY VETERANS DAY	13 Happy Birthday Jackie Drucker	14 Happy Birthday Joan Reed! 2:00 Book Club	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23 Happy Birthday Yolanda Nava!	24
25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Marsha Riley!	29	30	

November 1 Out and About Excursion
 November 6 REMEMBER to VOTE
 November 10 Branch Meeting
 November 12 Veteran's Day (Observed)
 November 13 **Happy Birthday Jackie Drucker!**
 November 14 **Happy Birthday Joan Reed!**
 November 14 Book Club
 November 22 Happy Thanksgiving Day
 November 23 **Happy Birthday Yolanda Nava!**
 November 29 **Happy Birthday Marsha Riley!**



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