



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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What was the Coachella Valley like in 1949?
Some of our long-time members will share
their memories of the early days of our
branch!

**AAUW Palm Springs Branch
70th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon**

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Acqua California Bistro (at the River in Rancho Mirage)

71-700 CA Highway 111

Rancho Mirage, CA 92270



*You may choose one from
each category.*

(Choices will be made at the restaurant)

First course: Wild mushroom soup;
Granola parfait; or Caesar salad

Main course: Grilled pork chop; Linguine with shrimp; or Smoked salmon
omelette

Dessert: Tiramisu; apple crisp with ice cream; or vanilla or cappuccino ice
cream.

Cost: \$36.18 per person

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

President's Message



Happy New Year. As we look back on 2018 and forward to 2019 let's take a minute to look at our accomplishments and where we want to go in 2019. Our membership has increased a great deal in the last several years. I hope this continues. Our new members have had a number of different activities to choose from to become involved. Our continuing members have kept those activities alive and well for the benefit of all our members. Therefore, a big 'Thank You' to those Activity Chairs for all their hard work. The branch is better because of your efforts.

Where do we want to go in 2019? We want to continue and build on our success with Tech Trek. What a great program for the young girls in our valley! I only wish we could send every 7th grader, but our budget cannot afford that. I think we do extremely well to send 9 or 10 girls. We are also looking at creating a scholarship program with OneFuture Coachella Valley. If we provide \$1,200.00 OneFuture will match it for a \$2,400.00 scholarship for a young woman to attend college. We would like to be able to do this with our members approval and support.

We need to continue to bring interesting speakers to our luncheons. We always learn from our speakers and that makes us better understand what is happening in our neighborhood. If you have any suggestions for speakers please contact me or Shelley Mitchell.

These are my last months as President, and it has been a real pleasure to serve in that capacity. Sharrell Blakeley will be installed as President in May and will take over in July as the new year for AAUW begins. I know that you will support her as

you have supported me for the last two years.
May peace and joy come to you through 2019 and in the future.

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



President Elect's Message

Some thoughts before our New Year begins:

- My sister, Sharron Cantarini, as Membership Chair has done an outstanding job of bringing in new members, who are eager to engage in our activities. I realized that as President Elect, I didn't even know everyone in the Pink Book and so my mission has been to engage every single one of you and put a name with a face.
- Pat Fredericks had a wonderful Holiday Party this past weekend. She decorated her home with Holiday items that would make Santa envious. Everyone had a great time and it was a very spirited evening.
- Our 70th Celebration at Acqua on the The River in Rancho Mirage, is a time to reflect on the pioneers who made our successful Palm Springs Branch thrive and grow. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of our past leaders and current members who recognize the importance of AAUW in making a difference in the lives of women and girls.
- Tricia Doran took on the challenge to chair the update our Policies and Procedures. It doesn't sound like very exciting work, but it's the foundation upon which we operate and the document is available to all members.
- I've noticed that members come to our Luncheons a bit earlier each time in order to share friendships and bond with each other- it makes my heart sing to see the camaraderie in the room and know that we are all on this journey together

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect & Fundraising Chair



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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 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

January Member Spotlight

Laura Eaton



1. How Has AAUW Empowered Me?

I am a new AAUW member. I joined last May. I was so impressed by the women I met at the Palm Springs branch and the causes that AAUW supports that I signed up at the end of the first meeting I attended. The more I know about AAUW, the happier I am that I joined.

2. What Is My Favorite Aspect Of Our Palm Springs Branch?

My favorite thing about the Palm Springs branch is the women who belong to it. They are intelligent, interesting and caring people. In particular the commitment of the Palm Springs branch to opening doors for girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics is important to me. I am glad to play a part in this endeavor.

3. Education/Life's Work?

I graduated from Loyola Law School in 1978. I practiced law for over 40 years. For the most part my practice involved real estate law. The most fulfilling part of my legal career, however, was the work I was not paid for. It was the pro bono work I did for the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law. For over ten years I helped poor families solve legal problems involving custody and visitation rights of children, spousal and child support, establishing paternity for unmarried parents and obtaining restraining orders in domestic abuse situations. I enjoyed my work at the Buhai Center because I was making a difference in people's lives by helping them solve difficult personal problems.

4. What Do I Do For Fun?

I am also pleased about all the different Palm Springs branch group activities that I can be involved in.

I am an avid reader and I am excited about participating in the book club. Many of the book club selections are already on my Kindle and I look forward to reading books I wouldn't ordinarily choose to read on my own. The book club discussions, especially hearing the insights of the other members will make my reading experience more worthwhile.

I am also interested about getting involved with Great Decisions world affairs group. It will broaden my horizons because I will learn about the critical global issues we are now facing. I have not been a member of AAUW for long so I cannot say that it has personally empowered me, but I am sure that the knowledge I gain by participating in the Great Decisions and book groups will educate me and enrich my life. As we all know "Knowledge is power".

It is meaningful to me that the Palm Springs branch of AAUW empowers the middle school girls who participate in the STEM program. I was moved to hear from the girls the Palm Springs branch sent to STEM camp about what the experience meant for them. I am proud to be a member of an organization that supports women and girls in so many ways.

Sharron Cantarini

Membership Vice President



This is a great addition as it will allow for errors, changes or updates to happen easily and more efficiently.

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 Michelle Newman and she would be happy to help (909) 537-8140**



In the News



Eye on the Desert Announcement

Peggy Shippen and Pat Fredericks will be appearing on Eye of the Desert on January 2nd. They will be talking about AAUW and Tech Trek. **Please tune on on channel 2 at 6:46 P.M.**

Tech Trek

Donor Corner



Thank you!

2018-2019 Tech Trek Team

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Branch Tech Trek Coordinator



Interest Groups

Book Club

The book for the January 16 meeting is *We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

The meeting is at 2:00 PM at the home of Anne La Conde:

73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

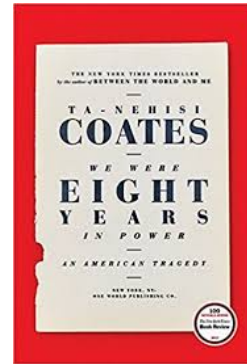
Joyce Kornbluh will lead the discussion.

Please call Anne to RSVP: (760) 862-1913 or email her at

lacondeanne@gmail.com.

Roberta Young (734) 658-9981 (cell w/ voice mail)

roberta-young@juno.com



Out and About

Out and About's excursion to the Brandini Toffee Factory in Rancho Mirage on December 6, 2018



Reel Revelers



Reel Revelers will at Sharrell Blakeley's home on January 24, 2019. Movie to be chosen later, please e-mail Elaine or Bayla to request a ride to the pot luck.

Sharrell Blakeley
49505 Marne Court
La Quinta, CA 92253

Elaine Levey
elainev@gmail.com
or
Bayla Adelman
baylaadelman@cs.com

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be having lunch at the Vue in Indian Wells on:

Monday, January 14, 2019 at 12:00 noon.

Please RSVP to Marion Openheimer
(760) 771-03356 or marionann@dc.rr.com

Hope to see you there!



Phyllis Greene
pgreene@dc.rr.com

Photos from our Holiday Party

**AAUW Palm Springs Branch's Holiday Party at the home of
Pat and Ward Fredericks on December 8, 2018**





January Birthdays

Brenda Lonsbury-Martin	3
Claudia Hagedorn	8
Dorothy 'Dottie' Bessares	10
Leslie Wachob	16
Herbert Pregozen	19
Carrie Dao Allan	21
Anne La Conde	25
Gillian German	27
Sharrell Blakeley	30
Sharron Cantarini	30



January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Eye on the Desert 6:45 PM (Ch. 2)	3 Happy Birthday Brenda Lonsbury-Martin	4	5
6	7	8 Happy Birthday Claudia Hagedorn	9	10 Happy Birthday Dottie Bessares	11	12 11:30 a.m. Luncheon
13	14 Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon	15	16 Happy Birthday Leslie Wachob	17 Book Discussion 2:00 p.m.	18	19 Happy Birthday Herbert Pregozen
20	21 Happy Birthday Carrie Dao Allan	22	23	24 Reel Revelers	25 Happy Birthday Anne La Conde	26
27 Happy Birthday Gillian German	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Sharrell Blakeley Happy Birthday Sharron Cantarini	31	1	2



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