



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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**AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon
Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.**

The Grill, Marriott Shadow Ridge
9002 Shadow Ridge Road, Palm Desert
(Off Monterey between Frank Sinatra and Gerald Ford)



Annual
Membership
Luncheon

**Bring a friend who is eligible to join AAUW and join us
for this very special event!**

The is NO CHARGE for prospective members and guests,
but they need to make a reservation

- **Welcome: Pat Fredericks, President**
- **Introduction to AAUW: Shelley Mitchell, Program VP**
- **Meet our Activity Groups: Marsha Riley, Activity Group Coordinator**
- **Who are our guests today? How can they join? Sharron Cantarini: Membership VP**
- **Table discussions: Why did you join AAUW and what do you like most? Ask prospective members—what would you like to get from AAUW?: Sharrell Blakeley, President Elect**

Menu Choices

- Hamburger with French Fries, or
- Chicken, Spinach, Strawberry, Walnut Salad with rolls, or
- 3 cheese Flatbread with roasted tomato sauce with fresh herbs and a side salad

Chef's choice for dessert

Cost: **\$30** if you make a reservation or send a check.

\$35 if you do not have a reservation by March 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



Another month in 2019. Wow, guess it's my age but they sure seem to go faster. I remember as a kid I thought summer would never come so I didn't have to go to school. Oh well, every day is blessing that I am thankful for.

This month is our member reception. It's the time to invite your non-member friends to attend our reception. We don't have a speaker, but we will talk about AAUW and what members get from the participation with our group. Our activity groups are really great and thanks to all of you and Sharron our

membership Vice President, our membership has really grown in the last several years. We would like to continue that growth.

Our Tech Teck program is going to be sending 8 students to UC Irvine and 2 students to Whittier. UC Irvine can only take 8 students and the Board approved 10 students, so we had to find another location for the 2 other students approved. I know that the Tech Teck committee would have liked to send more to Whittier, but the Board voted to stick with the 10 students in hopes that next year we will be able to send more students. The program from the State may be changing and we need to be able to continue our program and still stay in compliance with the State.

My term is drawing to a close and at this time I would like to thank everyone for making my two years so great. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the members and working with the Board and the Activity Chairs. Without all of you this branch would be nothing. The celebration of our 70 years was very well attended, and some history was shared by members who have belonged, not for 70 years, but for some time. It was great to hear Lilliane Shuman's story about going back to school to get her degree so she could join.

In May we will install the new Board that you will approve in April. I know that you will support them as you have supported the current leadership. They are a dedicated group of women and are truly committed to this Branch and organization in total. That's indicates how important this organization can be and how the total support of the members can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting this month and in the future.

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch



President Elect's Message

As you know by now, I have sent this special email out to you, our members, regarding the slate of officers to be proposed in March, elected in April and installed in May. Our Nominating Committee is comprised of Chairperson Anne LeConde, and members Tricia Doran and Judy Schurr. They want our members to know that there are 4 empty slots in their proposed slate. The vacancies are listed below:

Elected:

(1) President Elect

This position has two years to serve under Sharrell Blakeley, when her presidency begins on July 1, 2019. In addition to two years serving on the Board, this position will assume the presidency in July of 2021. Also, please know that the fundraising responsibility has been removed from the position as

there is now a separate fundraiser position on the Board.

So, you have 2 years to learn the job and make a difference in our Branch

(2) Program Vice President

This position has two years to serve under Sharrell Blakeley, when her presidency begin on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2021. The Program Chair is responsible for 8 meetings (no meetings in June, July, and August and December is the Holiday Party). Selection of speakers for the remaining 8 Luncheons for the 2019/2020 year is underway and several have already committed to a presentation. Please volunteer to serve as the Program Chair, knowing you have a dedicated group to assist you

Appointed:

(1) Tech Trek Coordinator

This position has 2 years to serve under Sharrell Blakeley. Former Coordinator, Peggy Shippen, has administratively organized this appointed position with a calendar, forms, special duties. A Tech Trek Committee is in place to provide support to the Coordinator. If no one serves in this position the Branch will no longer be able to support the Tech Trek Program. Please volunteer to serve as the Coordinator, knowing you have a dedicated group to assist you

(2) Historian

This is a new position that ensures the monthly Board Minutes, financial report, Sandscripts and any other critical Branch business is submitted to the Newsletter Editor for online placement of historical documents.

Please consider joining us in one of these vacant positions. Thank you.

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect & Fundraising Chair



Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019 Board of Directors



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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Pat Fredericks
Sharrell Blakeley
Shelley Mitchell
Sharrell Blakeley
Sharron Cantarini
Joanne Lane
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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

Just a friendly reminder that luncheons are now \$30 not \$25.

Sharron Cantarini

Membership Vice President

March Member Spotlight Peggy Shippen



1. How Has AAUW Empowered Me?

This is my 30th year as a member of AAUW. A colleague recommended I join after I became Personnel Director at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, OR and shared my experience of gender discrimination (promotion) while working for my previous employer.

I was impressed with AAUW's education for women mission as I grew up in Flint, Michigan where "community education" - founded by visionary C.S. Mott – was part of our fiber. AAUW's research showing inequities in



education for women and girls and its public policy of legal advocacy in fighting illegal discrimination made the organization an immediate “fit” for me. Being a member of AAUW liberated me from wondering “what’s wrong with me” when it came to experiencing discrimination. I’ve found an AAUW “home” in every state we’ve lived: Oregon, Wyoming, Montana and now part-time in California.

I’ll never forget the first AAUW Convention I went to in Portland, OR watching a huge group of women “discuss” policy changes according to Robert’s Rules done the old fashioned way before electronic document and e-voting. Those AAUW women taught me how to lead democratically. With that knowledge, I’ve been empowered to model and advocate for this type of

leadership inside and outside of AAUW. AAUW-Eugene allowed a few of us to develop new mission-based programs for teachers and students - fulfilling retirement goals that never would have been possible elsewhere. AAUW-Palm Springs gave me the opportunity as Tech Trek Coordinator to develop the kind of leadership skills I never thought I had.

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

My favorite aspect of our PS branch is working with energetic women who enjoy learning, leading and collaborating to “give back” to the community in a way that enhances democratic participation and creates educational and career opportunities for women and girls. I love the meaningful discussions with smart, well-read, eclectic, open and fun AAUW women. The friends I made in Girl Scouts growing up are “silver” but the friends I’ve made in AAUW women are “gold”!

3. Education/Life’s Work?

Career-wise, I was a late-bloomer. With a BA degree in Special Education and a MS in Rehabilitation Counseling (specializing in alcoholics and their families) in hand, my career path was like walking a road with many forks. Breaking glass ceilings along the way, I was just trying to find the career that “fit.” I was the first alcohol and drug counselor to provide group counseling to women in Phoenix halfway houses. I was the second women claims investigators/employer consultant and, eventually, insurance saleswomen to work for SAIF Corporation – Oregon’s state workers compensation agency. In Douglas County, Oregon, I was the first woman SAIF employee to walk through the mills, onto logging sites to investigate claims and wait in the lobby after hours to chat with doctors to advocate for the first early return-to-work and light duty jobs for injured workers.

My personnel education and training in the ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) proved invaluable when I went to work as a Human Rights Investigator for the State of Montana. I was the expert in ADA law and was assigned many disability discrimination cases. I also investigated the largest case (12 women plaintiffs) of sexual harassment in housing - an apartment complex manager sexually harassing single women renters. That eventually settled for \$250,000 – an amount that was unprecedented at the time and widely publicized. Of all the jobs I’d had, this is the one that was the most rewarding and enjoyed the most. I finally found my career “fit.”

4. What Do I Do For Fun?

Ernie and I were pilots “back in the day”; we owned a small airplane and flew all over the country. A magic carpet ride! Eventually, we aged out of flying and moved on to RV camping. I enjoy combining genealogy, history and writing. I’ve written my *Dad’s WWII Story*. Ernie and I are writing the colorful Shippen family history (Ernie dictating). I enjoy golfing, getting together



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**



AAUW Palm Springs Branch Facebook Page

A Facebook Page for our Branch of AAUW has been created by Susan Rosenberg. If you are a member of Facebook, please click on the link below to visit the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWPSBranch>

You should see the following photo at the top of the page.



Please click on the 'Like' Button so you will see future posts and invitations to events. If you can, please also invite some of your friends to like the page. The more “likes” we get, the more publicity we can achieve for our events.

If you mistakenly get taken to a similar AAUW PSB “friend” page with a green AAUW logo on it, this is not a page that you can “like.” The button “add friend” will appear. This will not get you updates on our events.

There is also a FB page for AAUW California that has frequent posts that may be of interest to the women in our branch.

Susan Browne Rosenberg
plmdsrtbrowne@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Book Club

The book for the March 20 meeting is *Soldier Girls: The Battle of Three Women at Home and at War* by Helen Thorpe
The meeting is at 2:00 PM at the home of Beth Bangert:
55385 Laurel Valley, La Quinta, CA 92253 (PGA West).

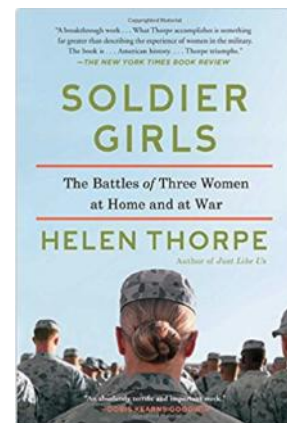
Please call Beth to RSVP: (760) 771-9215 or email her at beth@bangertfamily.com by **MARCH 15**.

DIRECTIONS TO Beth's Home

- Take Jefferson south of 111 to PGA West.
- Turn LEFT at the Stadium Gate (second gate to PGA West)
- Get a pass at the gate.
- Go right on Pebble Beach and then make 3 left turns to Laurel Valley
- Turn left on Laurel Valley to 55385 (fifth house on the left).

(Don't believe your GPS!)

YOU CANNOT ENTER THE GATE ON MADISON



Out and About



Date: Thursday March 7, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m. Sharp

Coachella Valley History Museum

82-616 Miles Avenue Indio, CA
92201

Phone: 760-342-6651

Docent led tour & Admission:

\$5 (Group Rate to be paid at the door)



Followed by Lunch at **12:30 pm**

Shields Date Gardens Restaurant

80225 Hwy 111 Indio, CA (1 block E of Jefferson)
(Individual checks)

When you RSVP to Martha McCool, kindly state if you will be attending BOTH the Museum's docent led tour and also dining at Shields Restaurant!

Reel Revelers



Reel Revelers will meet at 6:00 pm on March 28.

Location and selected movie information will be emailed in early March.

Jo Hillyard
johillyard1@gmail.com

Photos from our 70th Anniversary Luncheon









February Luncheon







March Birthdays

Pamela Roberts	6
Judith Pochini	16
Lilliane Shuman	16
Patricia Koehler Mauritzen	17
Geri Robertson	17
Desi Keck	19



March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Pamela Roberts!	7 Out and About 10:00 am	8	9 Luncheon at 11:30 am Shadow Ridge
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Judith Pochini! Happy Birthday Lillian Shuman!
17  Happy Birthday Patricia Koehler Mauritzen Happy Birthday Geri Robertson	18	19 Happy Birthday Desi Keck!	20 Book Club at 2:00 pm	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Reel Revelers 6:00 pm	29	30

March 6 **Happy Birthday Pamela Roberts!**

March 7 Out and About

March 9 Branch Luncheon

March 10 Daylight Savings Time

March 16 **Happy Birthday Judith Pochini!**

March 16 **Happy Birthday Lillian Shuman!**

March 17 **Happy Birthday Patricia Koehler Mauritzen!**

March 17 **Happy Birthday Geri Robertson!**

March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day

March 20 **Happy Birthday Desi Keck!**

March 20 Book Club

March 28 Reel Revelers



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