



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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**AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon  
Saturday, April 13, 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 Meeting**

Vote on budget for 2019-20

Elect officers for 2019-20

Shelley will speak on the importance of AAUW Funds

Lynne Stolzer will get us excited about fundraising.

Plan for next year—what kind of programs do we want?

## Menu:

- Caesar salad with salmon and rolls and butter
- Greek salad (vegetarian) with rolls and butter
- Chicken club sandwich with fresh fruit
  
- 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.**

**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.

**REMINDER: May Luncheon will be on May 18, 2019**

## **President's Message**



Welcome to Spring, or so the calendar says. Whatever, it is, 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 compliment any organization and Joann Lane has kept our minutes with clarity. Please make sure that you attend our April luncheon to show your support for these officers and activity chairs who have served for the past two years. Our chapter has grown with many new members....we are currently at 133 members, the largest we have been in a number of years and the Activity groups have played a great part in the interest in our branch.

April is also the time for our state convention. It will be held from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> in Irvine. I encourage any of you to attend and see what 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 two years 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 not only support Tech Teck, we also support a scholarship with One Future and this year we are sending two college students to a Student Leadership Conference. They will meet with college student leaders from all over the country and will report back to us in the fall. 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 13<sup>th</sup> at Shadow Ridge.

**Pat Fredericks**

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch 2017-2019



## President Elect's Message

This month's Membership Luncheon was deeply meaningful to me. There was a great amount of connectivity in the room, friendly conversations and a warm welcoming of guests. My sister, Sharron Cantarini, Membership VP, suggested to the Board and the Board approved, that we eliminate the formal designation of an annual Membership Luncheon since we welcome new members at every Luncheon Meeting.

Members who have recently joined and those who were guests at the Luncheon told me repeatedly how welcomed they have been by our Branch members from the moment they joined. They now receive a New Member Packet, they have a designated tag on their first day of joining, and they have an opportunity to introduce themselves. New members are also contacted by Marsha Riley, our New Member Liaison.

We will always have an ongoing presentation of the history of AAUW and its impact in the world. Shelley Mitchell, Program VP, did an outstanding job of explaining our purpose of equity for women and girls. I watched the room as Shelley was speaking and longtime members, as well as new members were mesmerized by her powerful message.

As always, Peggy Shippen, Tech Trek Coordinator, gave an articulate and powerful overview of our primary program for TT Campers. Marsha Riley, Activity Group Coordinator, presented a new format for an online response to

attendance at activity groups which will considerably assist the host of the event.

And much appreciation goes to Anne LeConde, Nominating Committee Chair, and her team, Tricia Doran and Judy Schurr for presenting a proposed slate of officers, to be elected at next month's Luncheon meeting.

**Sharrell Blakeley**

President Elect & Fundraising Chair



## Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019 Board of Directors



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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

After April 16, 2019, **Norma Stempler** will be moving to be near her daughter.  
Her new address will:

Norma Stempler  
Merrill At Green Valley Ranch  
1935 Paseo Berdy Pkwy  
Henderson , NV 89012

Dear Members, Our fiscal year ends June 30 and begins July 1. Last week,



Gillian German, our Financial Officer, and I received a notice from AAUW National stating they would not accept anymore applications and checks for 1/2 year admission to all AAUW branches. Of course, we were very disappointed about this decision.

This means that any new applicants applying AFTER March 17, 2019 to June 30, 2019, their annual dues will apply to the new 2019-2020 year. I am distributing 2019-2020 Annual Dues Invoices to our members at our luncheons. There is an enclosed returnable envelope you can submit your payments to Gillian German or submit it to me at the luncheons. Thank you for complying to our deadline of submitting your checks ON/BEFORE June 1, 2019.

Thank you

**Sharron Cantarini**

Membership Vice President

## Membership Badges

Sign up at a meeting or contact Linda Rudolph at (760) 537-1503 to order your magnetic badge for \$10 each. The minimum order at the engraver is 4, so I can only place an order when I have 4 or more.

Linda Rudolph  
(760) 537-1503

## April Member Spotlight Angela 'Angie' Love



### 1. How Has AAUW Empowered Me?

I grew up in an era when women tended to stay in the background. My college years were in the '50s which were somewhat derisively referred to as "The Silent Generation." Women were not supposed to be too assertive (a nice term for aggressive or bossy). AAUW, along with advanced age, has emboldened and empowered me. I spend little time worrying about what others think. I know my rights and stick up for them as well as

the rights of others, especially those of children with disabilities. When I moved to the desert I promised myself I would never be in charge of anything again, no more president of anything, no more involvement in homeowners' associations, etc. for me. However, some of my most rewarding times in our AAUW Branch have been as Co-President, Program VP, Membership VP and organizer of past "Out and About" events. Nevertheless, I vow never to be in charge of anything again.

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

Meeting and interacting with well-read, intelligent, active women is very special to me. Through book club, Great Decisions and involvement in Tech Trek I enjoy intelligent discussions with really smart women. I have developed some very close friendships and enjoy good times with branch members who have also aided and supported me during brief periods when I was in need of help.

## **3. Education/Life's Work?**

My parents were both immigrants and had no opportunity for a college education, but they made it possible for my brother and me to graduate from UCLA. I inherited an amazing memory from my mom which made school very easy for me and enabled me to graduate cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. I still have a good memory (notwithstanding the fact that I recently lost the one and only remote to my garage door), but it definitely is not what it used to be. My dad was very good at math and could do orders for his business in his head. I did not inherit this ability. Upon graduation from UCLA (English/Speech) I received a scholarship to Ohio State in the field of audiology and completed my MA there. However, I chose speech pathology as the more interesting and rewarding field. I worked for Los Angeles Unified for 30 years in several capacities with every grade level from pre-school through high school and with every speech and language disability from mild to moderate to severe. I worked for three years at a district school for the deaf and hard of hearing where my training in audiology was very helpful. I spent two years almost chained to a desk writing proposals for federal grants which, in spite of my lack of enthusiasm, were all funded. These were the two most boring years of my life. I also wrote the proposal for the District's Master Plan for Special Education. My last six years in LAUSD were spent in administration – a not altogether satisfying choice. After retiring from LAUSD I taught a graduate course in severe language disorders at Cal State Northridge. Graduate students really keep you on your toes. I was blessed in my choice of a profession. When I was working with children, I relished every moment – even when an autistic boy bit me. It was the first time he interacted with me. People often tell me how rewarding it must have been to be a speech and language pathologist and to be able to help so many children. It was indeed, but it was also profoundly challenging and interesting.

## **4. What Do I Do For Fun?**

I can tell you truthfully that I don't have as much fun as I used to. Losing my beloved Ray was the greatest loss of my life. I met him at an ice skating rink and we became ice dance partners. I was an avid skater, skier and tennis player but arthritis confines me to walking (unsteadily) and swimming. I love to read and belong to two book clubs. Some wise man said, "If you have a book, you are never alone." I am a news junkie but when the world gets to be too much for me I find comfort in another great love – classical music. Things change but there is still much to enjoy and I am grateful for every day of my long life.





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**



## Tech Trek



**2019 Campers Selected!**

This year, it was particularly difficult to select campers – all of the girls were amazing in scholarship and interest in STEM education and careers. All were highly recommended by their teachers. After much serious and heart-felt deliberation, the following 7th grade girls were selected to attend AAUW STEM Camp:

### **UC Irvine Camp**

**Cahuilla Middle School – Coachella**

- Mariabel Chaparro

### **Whittier Camp**

**La Quinta Middle School – La Quinta**

- Julissa Felix

**Desert Ridge Middle School – Indio**

- Freda Arriaga
- Michelle Willis

**John Glenn Middle School – Indio**

- Madison Wright

**Palm Desert Charter – Palm Desert**

- Idania Celballos
- Zoe Jacobson

**Raymond Cree Middle School –  
Palm Springs**

- Faith Garza

- Jaeleen Ramos

- Natalia Religa

**Alternate**

**James Workman Middle School**

- Paige Nalore

**Many, many thanks to  
our members on the  
Selection Committee  
for a job well done!!**

**Tech Trek Program Announcements**

**TT Camper Donations**-We have nearly \$5,000 to carry over for 2020 Campers!  
Thank you members!!!

**April's TT Camper Alumni Club** will meet at Anne LaConde's home to hear our members talk about their STEM careers. Thank you Peggy Mengel for your planning leadership and Anne for hosting!

**May's TT Camper Orientation and Fun Party** will be held at Janet Bralsow Hartzler's home on Shadow Lake – same wonderful venue as last year. Thank you Janet for your planning leadership and for hosting this event!

**At our April AAUW Luncheon** you'll be given a rare opportunity to hear Jessal Corona one of our TT Campers from 2014 talk about what TT Camp has meant to her over the last 5 years. Jessal is now graduating high school and is off to college in pursuit of a STEM career. Her mom, Isabel Garza will also be there!!

**Peggy Shippen**

Tech Trek Coordinator

**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

### Mahjong

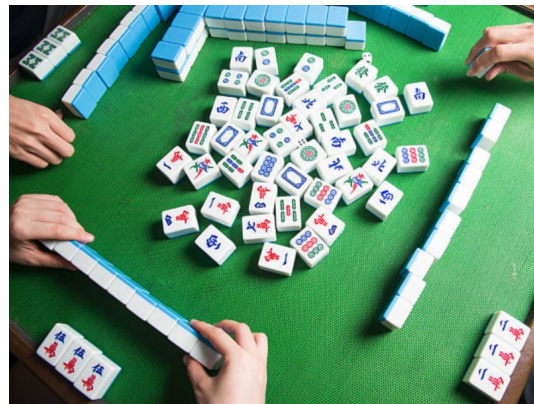
**Are you interested in learning how to play Mahjong?**

Please contact Marion Oppenheimer for more details!

**marionann@dc.rr.com**

(760) 771-3356 H

(760) 992-4799 C



### Book Club

**AAUW Book Group Meeting**

**April 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM**

**Anne La Conde's Home**

73135 Fiddleneck Lane, Palm Desert

Please **RSVP**: to Anne **by April 12**, 2019

**E-mail:** **lacondeanne@gmail.com**

**Phone:** (760) 862-1913 (home)

**We will choose our 2019-2020 books at this meeting! Always a great time!**

**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

Mary Davey Schambach

(562) 201-4749

[maryschambach@yahoo.com](mailto:maryschambach@yahoo.com)

**Out and About**



Former AAUW member, Dr. Priscilla Porter, graciously coordinated several docents to lead our AAUW members thru the museum. We thank her and her wonderful docent volunteers for

providing a marvelously entertaining, enjoyable, and educational experience as we toured the Coachella Valley History Museum in Indio!











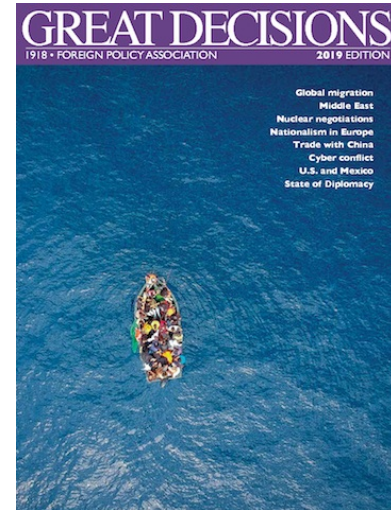
## Great Decisions

Great Discussions will meet on Tuesday,  
April 16, 2018 at 10:00 am at the home of

Judy Schurr:  
76433 Shoshone  
Indian Wells, CA 92210

The discussion topic for April is  
"European Populism and Immigration."

Please RSVP to Judy by April 11, if you  
plan to attend.



**Jschurr@earthlink.net**

(760) 837-9297 H

(760) 641-9347 C

### **Looking ahead:**

May 21, 2019

June 18, 2019

September 17, 2019

October 15, 2019

## Reel Revelers



Reel Revelers will meet Thursday, April 26  
at 6:00 pm.

Our host for April is Sandra Weisenberg.  
Movie choice and details will be sent out  
in early April.

At our March 28th meeting we will be exploring format options  
for our wonderfully large group.

Jo Hillyard  
**johillyard1@gmail.com**

## Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch will dine at Back Street Bistro on Monday, April 8 at 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Phyllis Greene:

[pgreene@dc.rr.com](mailto:pgreene@dc.rr.com)

(760) 772-7121 H

(760) 799-4498 C

Hope to see you there!



Phyllis Greene  
[pgreene@dc.rr.com](mailto:pgreene@dc.rr.com)

## March Luncheon







## April Birthdays

<b>Elaine Levey</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Peggy Shippen</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Barbara Dunn</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Patty Pastrick</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Anna Wittes</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Yvonne Michelsen-Farwell</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Cathy Trevino</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Candace McKenzie</b>	<b>28</b>



April 2019

31	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Lunch Bunch 12:00 noon	9 Happy Birthday Elaine Levey! Happy Birthday Peggy Shippen! 	10	11	12	13 Luncheon 11:30 am
14 Happy Birthday Barbara Dunn! 	15	16 Great Decisions 10:00 am	17 Book Club 2:00 pm	18	19	20
21 	22 	23 Happy Birthday Patty Pastrick! 	24	25 Happy Birthday Anna Wittes! 	26 Happy Birthday Yvonne Michelsen- Farwell! Happy Birthday Cathy Trevino! Reel Revelers 6:00 pm 	27 End of Passover 
28 Happy Birthday Candace McKenzie! 	29	30	1	2	3	4

April 1 April Fool's Day  
 April 8 Lunch Bunch  
 April 9 **Happy Birthday Elaine Levey!**  
 April 9 **Happy Birthday Peggy Shippen!**  
 April 13 Branch Luncheon  
 April 14 **Happy Birthday Barbara Dunn!**  
 April 16 Great Decisions  
 April 17 Book Club  
 April 21 Happy Easter  
 April 22 Earth Day  
 April 23 **Happy Birthday Pastrick!**  
 April 25 **Happy Birthday Anna Wittes!**  
 April 26 **Happy Birthday Yvonne Michelsen-Farwell!**  
 April 26 **Happy Birthday Cathy Trevino!**  
 April 26 Reel Revelers  
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