



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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AAUW Palm Springs Branch Luncheon Saturday, May 11, 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)



Jennifer Hall Lee

Fulbright Scholar 2018

"Women's Liberation: Is Feminism Global?"

Keynote Speaker

Changing The Picture, 2017 in Potsdam Germany
Women's Leadership Network, 2017 in Pasadena, California
Conferee on Women and the Environment, 2016 in Islamabad, Pakistan

Filmmaker

Independent documentary filmmaker. Directed "Feminist: Stories from Women's Liberation." Jennifer has a 25 year career in visual effects for feature films. Her credits as a VFX editor include, Forrest Gump, Ghost, Back to the Future 2, Beowulf and more!

Writer

Published essayist in books such as, "Love Her, Lover Her Not: The Hillary Paradox", and "The Future if Unruly Women in the Catholic Church." Jennifer has also written op-eds for newspapers and a feminist movie review for "Women's Rights: Reflections in Popular Culture."

Menu:

- Southwestern Chicken Salad w/ rolls and butter
- Baby Kale Salad poached pear, goat cheese, walnuts, dried cranberries and a lemon-dijon vinaigrette (vegetarian) rolls and butter
- Hamburger and French Fries

Chef's choice for dessert

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

\$35 if you do not have a reservation.

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



As we near our summer break I would like to look back on the year for just a minute. Our luncheons have been a great success, thanks to Shelley Mitchell. The speakers have informed us and entertained us. I'm sure that the upcoming year will be even better!

Our membership has grown to 121 members. What an accomplishment. Thank you to the members who have introduced friends to our group and encouraged them to become part of our branch. Sharron Cantarini has done a wonderful job of welcoming these new members as well as our continuing members to our luncheons, always with a smile.

Gillian German has done an unbelievable job with our finances. Her reports each month show the attention and organization that an organization needs in keeping the books. Her reports are detailed, but simple enough for even me to understand.

Joann Lane keeps our minutes and they are concise and organized. You always know exactly

what happened at our meetings, but without a lot of unnecessary discussion. She is always right there with the information that we need.

A great big thank you to Sharrell Blakeley. What would we do without her? She works tirelessly for AAUW and for Tech Teck. I can always count on her to have my back and be there. She has raised money for Tech Trek and continues to be committed to the organization and the young girls we support through education.

Our group chairs have continued to keep these fun groups together. There is almost something for everyone. The opportunity to get together with other members on a more personal basis is priceless. The companionship that is built within these groups makes our organization unique. If you don't belong to one of our groups, please take a look at the available ones and pick a group to have fun with.

Please remember we have an installation on May 11th at our usual luncheon. We also have a strategic planning meeting on June 9th. This meeting will be planning for the year as well as for our future. Your input is important, and I encourage you to attend. It will be from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm and will include lunch. There is a charge for this meeting, it will be our usual \$25.00. I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, a big thank you to ALL our members. Your continued support and efforts have made this branch the best. The buzz at our luncheons, the friendship formed by your attendance at our functions and your commitment to AAUW sets us apart from the usual groups. I look forward to another successful year in 2018-2019. You all make my life easier and much more enjoyable. Have a great summer and "I will see you in September".

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch 2017-2019



President Elect's Message

Saturday's Luncheon was very special - we elected our 2019-2021 Branch officers. Peggy Shippen was elected as Fundraiser VP which is a new Board position and Laura Eaton is our new Program VP. You know the rest of us: Gil German as Financial Officer, Sharron Cantarini as Membership VP, Shelley Mitchell as Secretary and myself as President.

We will be installed at the May meeting and we will be ready to provide leadership when we start our new year in September of 2019. We're preparing a calendar of events for the next two years and will soon disseminate the calendar in Sandscripts.

Let's all express our appreciation to Pat Fredericks, our President for the past two years, and to Joann Lane, our Secretary for the past several years.

Sharrell Blakeley

President Elect & Fundraising Chair



Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019

Board of Directors



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Secretary:
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Pat Fredericks
Sharrell Blakeley
Shelley Mitchell
Sharrell Blakeley
Sharron Cantarini
Joanne Lane
Gillian German

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

Dear Members, As we approach the ending of our 2019 fiscal year, I want to thank those of you who have sent in your 2019-2020 annual dues. I have delivered and mailed out all invoices. I am looking forward to July 1, 2019, when all of you have sent in your checks to our Financial Officer Gillian German therefore, we should have an accurate account of AAUW Palm Springs branch members.

Those of you who have not paid the dues yet, remember before June 31, 2019, our branch has to sent our share of the money to the State of CA and to National in Washington. I appreciate all that you contribute to our branch. Our next luncheon is May 11 2019 - see you there.

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

Two Future AAUW Palm Springs Members

Thank you to all the members that have been so patient with me as we welcome two new additions to our family. Michelle and Bryan Newman welcomed Rhylee Grace and Makenzie Mae Newman on April 3, 2019. After two weeks in the NICU, both babies are home and doing well.

Thank you again for your support!

Michelle Newman



Top Left: Big brother Jaxon with Rhylee

Top Right: Big Brother Jaxon with Makenzie

Bottom: Rhylee on the left and Makenzie on the right



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



REMEMBERING Lilliane Shuman 1930-2019

Lilliane Shuman, active in the AAUW Palm Springs Branch for many years passed away on March 30, 2019. She served as President of the Branch from 2004-2006 and was Chair of the Tech Trek Fundraising Committee for 15 years. Under her leadership, the branch was able to send over 100 7th grade girls Coachella Valley girls to AAUW STEM Camp. Lilliane served as the first Palm Springs Branch Tech Trek Treasurer training a successor four years ago.

Lilliane was born in Belgium. She and her parents and sister escaped to unoccupied France in 1940. They were separated when only her father could get passage to New York. Lilliane, her sister and mother ended up back in Antwerp and then Poland before fleeing to Cuba. Others in her family perished in concentration camps. Lilliane and her family were reunited with her father in New York in 1945.

Lilliane's college education was interrupted when she married a few years later and began having children. She worked for many years as a manager for Saks Fifth Avenue in Palm Springs but longed for a college degree. In 1997, at the age of 67, Lilliane returned to college and - like many AAUW'ers - obtained her bachelors degree from UCSB. Upon graduating college, the first thing Lilliane did was what she always dreamed of doing: she joined AAUW.

Lilliane was warm and affectionate. She gave generously of her time, talent and

resources ensuring the viability of our Tech Trek Program as it is today. We are so grateful and remember Lilliane with fondness and admiration.

Tax-Deductible Donations for TT Campers : Make Checks to: AAUW CA SPF
Memo Line: PS Branch - UC Irvine Camp
**Include a note saying it's in memory of Lilliane

Please also consider making a Non-tax Deductible Donation to our branch general fund used to support needs for the following endeavors: Tech Trek Programs (Alumni Club, TT Camper Orientation and TT Fall Luncheon); administrative, programs and fundraising.

Make Checks to: AAUW Palm Springs
Memo Line: General Fund
**Include a note saying it's in memory of Lilliane

To view her obituary please click on the link below:

<https://obituaries.desertsun.com/obituaries/thedesertsun/obituary.aspx?n=lilliane-shuman&pid=192274437>

Peggy Shippen, TT Coordinator



A Program of AAUW Alumni Club Palm Springs Branch

Continuing and building on the relationships forged at Tech Trek Camp is what our Alumni Club is all about! Our 4th club event was held on Saturday, April 6 at the beautiful home of Anne LaConde. Nine TT campers and their moms joined us for a catered luncheon that featured five of our own AAUW members on a lively panel discussion of their STEM careers. The girls asked insightful questions of our panel to learn not just about accounting, medical, technical and environmental options but how to balance work with play and to make choices that fit each unique individual. Many thanks to our esteemed panel: Janet Braslow, Phyllis Dunn, Chris Ellet, Susan Rosenberg and Sharon Seraphin.

Our focus is on the girls but member involvement in AAUW community outreach activities like Tech Trek is enriching for our members too. Of her experience Sharon Seraphin wrote: "This was my first involvement in STEM and a very worthwhile few hours of my time. I was happy to be there, and, to add inspiration to young minds. I think that it was a priceless opportunity for these young ladies to ask questions and register ideas from seasoned veterans who have gone through the path years ago. I shall be open to a meeting again next year to see how these girls fared through the suggestions and their plans as time progresses. It was a GREAT time for me!"

Peggy Mengel
TT Alumni Club Chair



Thank You Tech Trek Contributors!

TECH TREK CONTRIBUTION LIST

April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019

Honorary Donors - \$1,000+

Best Buy	Adele Ruxton
Louise Kermode	Frances Spears

Gold Donors - \$500 - \$999

Phyllis Dunn	Lynn Ostrick	Kars4Kids
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Silver Donors – \$200 to \$499

Sharrell Blakeley	Anne LaConde	The Eyelid Institute
Barbara Dunn	Mary Schambach	

Copper Donors – to \$199

Bayla Adelman	Brenda Martin	Lilliane Shuman
Gillian German	Judith Schurr	DeeDee Warren
Jeanne Hirshfield	Sharon Seraphin	Roberta Young
Angela Love	Peggy Shippen	

Updated AAUW Palm Springs Bylaws

To view the updated bylaws please click on the link below. You will be taken to another web browser to view.

[Updated AAUW Palm Springs Bylaws](#)

Tricia Doran

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.

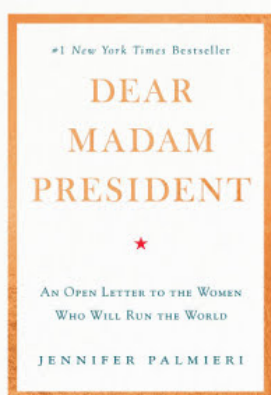
There is also a FB page for AAUW California that has frequent posts that may be of interest to the women in our branch.

Susan Browne Rosenberg
plmdsrtbrowne@gmail.com



Interest Groups

Book Club



AAUW Book Group Meeting

May 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Mary Schambach's Home

120 Lake Shore Drive, Rancho Mirage

Please RSVP: to Mary by May 10, 2019

E-mail: maryschambach@yahoo.com

Phone: (562) 201-4749 Cell

DIRECTIONS TO Mary's Home

From Indio, go west on Country Club

- Cross Monterey
- Turn LEFT at second light and enter Lake Mirage ("street" = Desert Lakes)
- Go into the driveway on the LEFT

- Stop at the gate and they will give you a "pass"
- Turn LEFT when you go through the gate
- Take the second RIGHT - I am on the left 1/2 down the block - 120 Lake Shore Drive FEEL FREE TO PARK IN DRIVEWAY!

From Palm Springs - Hwy 111, Turn LEFT on Bob Hope

- Go NORTH and Turn RIGHT on Country Club Drive
- Turn RIGHT at second light and enter Lake Mirage ("street" = Desert Lakes)
- Go into the driveway on the LEFT
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2019-2020 Schedule will be sent later!

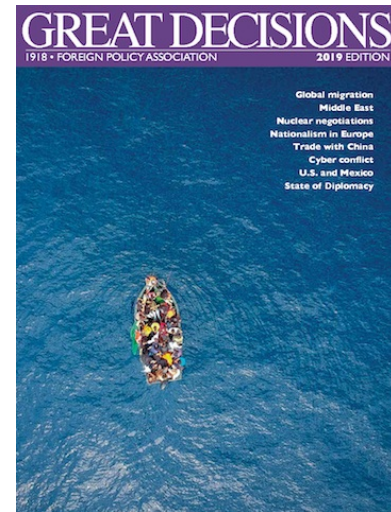
Mary Davey Schambach
(562) 201-4749
maryschambach@yahoo.com

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday,
May 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the home
of:

Judy Schurr
76433 Shoshone Drive
Indian Wells, CA 92210

The discussion topic for May
is: "Decoding U.S.-China trade."



If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Judy by May 16.

Jschurr@earthlink.net
(760) 837-9297-Home
(760) 641-9347-Cell

Looking ahead:

June 18, 2019
September 17, 2019
October 15, 2019



May Birthdays

Marlene Spector	5
Janet Hartzler Braslow	9
Norma Stempler	11
Lorraine Pregozen	15
Beth Bangert	18
Roberta Young	23
Ann Berman	26
Sue Beatty	26
Adele Ruxton	27
Mary Davey Schambach	31
Carol Scobie	31



May 2019

sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Happy Birthday Marlene Spector	6	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Janet Hartzler Braslow	10	11 Branch Luncheon 11:30 Happy Birthday Norma Stempler
12 Happy Mother's Day	13	14	15 Book Group 2:00 Happy Birthday Lorraine Pregozen	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Beth Bangert
19	20	21 Great Decisions 10:00	22	23 Happy Birthday Roberta Young	24	25
26 Happy Birthday Ann Berman Happy Birthday Sue Beatty	27 MEMORIAL DAY Happy Birthday Adele Ruxton	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Mary Davey Schambach Happy Birthday Carol Scobie	

May 5 Happy Cinco de Mayo
 May 5 Happy Birthday Marlene Spector
 May 9 Happy Birthday Janet Hartzler Braslow
 May 11 Branch Luncheon
 May 11 Happy Birthday Norma Stempler
 May 12 Happy Mother's Day
 May 15 Book Group
 May 15 Happy Birthday Lorraine Pregozen
 May 18 Happy Birthday Beth Bangert
 May 21 Great Decisions
 May 23 Happy Birthday Roberta Young
 May 26 Happy Birthday Ann Berman
 May 26 Happy Birthday Sue Beatty
 May 27 Memorial Day



May 27 **Happy Birthday Adele Ruxton**
May 31 **Happy Birthday Mary Davey Schambach**
May 31 **Happy Birthday Carol Scobie**



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