



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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President's Message



As I sit here writing my last newsletter as President, I am reflecting on my years with AAUW and the growth I have experienced in this Branch. As I said at the Luncheon, no one person can do this alone. It takes all of us working together to make a difference and make a difference we have.

Our membership has grown from 65 to over 130 in the past three years with members bringing in new members and our Activity groups offering all our members an opportunity to experience the fellowship of our Branch. The activities we have are amazing and offer growth in international knowledge; growth through reading some wonderful books and great conversations over lunch. The movies that we have experienced have been very entertaining and offered us an array of different stories.

The Palm Springs AAUW offers members an opportunity to meet others who appreciate the value of education and are willing to contribute their

time and effort to help others. Our projects like Tech Trek open the eyes and minds of young people to the wonders of science and technology. I'd like to especially thank our members who have provided financial support to send two CSU students to Baltimore to participate in the AAUW Student Leadership Conference at the University of Maryland.

The Board of Directors has steered our group to great heights. Our financial situation is rewarding because of our Financial Vice President; our Membership V.P. has guided our continued growth; our Program Vice President has provided us with some great speakers; our Secretary has kept us informed and up to date on issues facing us; and finally our President-Elect is very involved with the activities of our Branch and is ready to lead us to greater heights.

What more can be said about this Branch? It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your President and I will continue to be involved with this wonderful Branch. To all of you I say "Thank You" for your support and continued friendship.

Pat Fredericks

President, AAUW Palm Springs Branch 2017-2019



President Elect's Message

I sent the following message to our luncheon speaker last Saturday.

"Our Palm Springs Branch members certainly appreciated your presentation on Saturday, Jennifer. You brilliantly, and poignantly discussed what a significant role the Women's Liberation Movement of the 60's and the 70's played in the advancement of women's rights in this country. And, you acknowledged how much more must be done to tell the story of what feminism really means - telling feminist stories about our social and economic achievements through film, in our school books, women's history month, global presentations and through organizations such as AAUW that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

We need more champions like you, Jennifer, committed to feminist stories and women's liberation."

I feel honored to have been installed as your next President, starting July 1st. I will spend the summer getting more fully prepared to serve as an officer for this wonderful group of women. Our first luncheon is scheduled for September 14, 2019. Hope to see you there.

Sharrell Blakeley
Palm Springs Branch
President (July 1, 2019)



Palm Springs Branch 2018-2019

Board of Directors



Palm Springs (CA) Branch

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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 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



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**



The Status of Women and Girls in CA ~ 2019

For the past eight years Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. It is an impressive document and I would encourage members to log on to:

www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf

and review the findings – they may surprise you.

This year's report entitled, *Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity* “celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety.” It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in CA. The following bills passed during the last legislative session were significant in making strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls; you may recognize some of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California.
(SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY: Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION: Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace — excluding bathrooms — for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS. Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)

EXTORTION: Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS: Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' RESTROOMS: Requires public schools serving students in grades six to 12 that meet the 40 percent pupil poverty threshold required to operate a federal Title I school wide program to always stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with no-cost feminine hygiene products. (ASSEMBLY BILL 10, GARCIA)

*Above material referenced from Mt. St. Mary's University annual *The Status of Women and Girls in CA 2019*

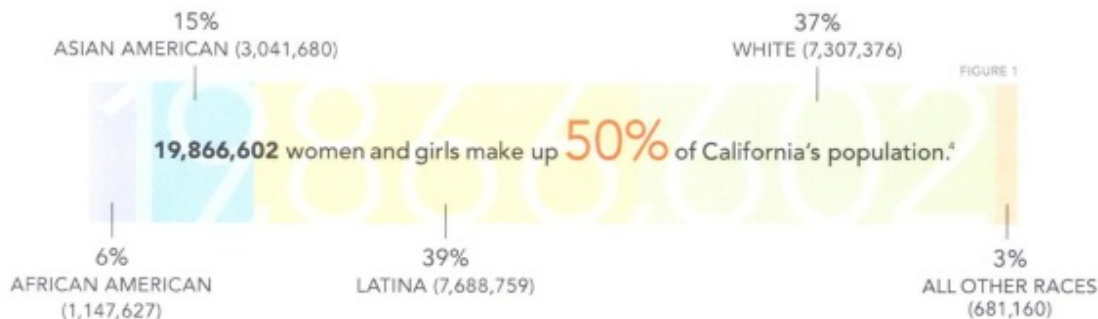
Attached are two pages of graphic statistics that pretty much summed up the report's findings. The intent this year was to contrast how women of different ethnicities and race, socio-economic status, age, sexual identification and orientation are faring and their ability to respond to different sets of opportunities and challenges.

A SNAPSHOT OF WOMEN & GIRLS IN CALIFORNIA

5% of California's women identify as **lesbian, bisexual, or transgender**.¹

11% of all California women are **differently-abled**, with more than one-third (36%) of women 65 years and over being differently-abled.²

8% of California veterans are women; **women veterans** account for less than one percent of California's women.³



California's **undocumented population** is estimated to be **2.5–3 MILLION** people, roughly half of whom (48%) are women.⁵

34% of all California women have **never been married**.⁶

38 is the **median age** of California women.⁷

California registers as **1 of 5** states with the **greatest degree of religious diversity** in the nation.⁸

Looking for Learning Opportunities?

By Susan Browne Rosenberg

I only recently started taking classes at our local Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the California State University, San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus. This program began at the Cook Street campus in 2003. Conveniently located across the street from the CAICV office, the OLLI program provides intellectually stimulating programming for the large and growing 50+ population in the Coachella Valley. If you are not on their email list, here is a link for more information.

They have affordable group trips planned to Washington, DC and Phoenix this year. In November, my husband and I will be joining nearly 50 other locals on a cruise of the Adriatic Sea visiting Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina. This area of the world was not even on my radar. But the deal was too reasonable to pass up. There may even be one or two cabins left on the small ship with only 25 cabins. And just recently, I learned that there is a second OLLI learning center in Rancho Mirage that is associated with the University of California Riverside. Although there is a small UCR campus building on the corner of Cook and Frank Sinatra in Palm Desert, the OLLI classes are mainly at the Annenberg Center on Bob Hope Drive in Rancho Mirage.

<https://www.extension.ucr.edu/osher/events.php>

"I AM ALWAYS READY TO LEARN ALTHOUGH I DO NOT ALWAYS LIKE BEING TAUGHT."

– Winston Churchill

APPROVED Bylaws

Please click on the link below to view the approved bylaws

[**CLICK HERE FOR BYLAWS**](#)

Women Hurt Most by Student Loan Crisis

From AAUW'S Mission & Action Newsletter...

When women take the stage to get their diplomas this spring, they'll be graduating to staggering debt. As of early 2019, women hold almost two-thirds (\$929 billion) of the country's \$1.46-trillion student debt, according to **a new analysis** of AAUW's report **Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans**.

"Sadly, as women graduate, they are already at a significant financial disadvantage, with higher debt and lower pay in their first jobs than men," says Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW.

Meanwhile, the Class of '19 is the most racially and ethnically diverse U.S. college student body ever — and women comprise a growing majority of students. Women earned 57% of bachelor's degrees in 2019.

"Despite all the advances women have made in education, they still face a pay gap from the moment they graduate," says Churches.

To address the crisis, **join AAUW and call on lawmakers** to:

- Safeguard and expand Pell Grants and other aid.
- Support efforts toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.
- Help meet students' academic and financial needs, including affordable

access to child care.

- Narrow the pay gap through equal-pay legislation at the local, state and federal levels.

How can you help? One way is to tell **#5GradsYouKnow** about AAUW's free **Work Smart online** salary-negotiation course, so they can enter the job market on strong financial footing.

AAUW Palm Springs Branch on Facebook

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

JUNE

June 19, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Angie Love's Home

17 Maximo Way, Chaparral Country Club

DISCUSSION LEADER: Angie Love

DIRECTIONS TO Angie's Home

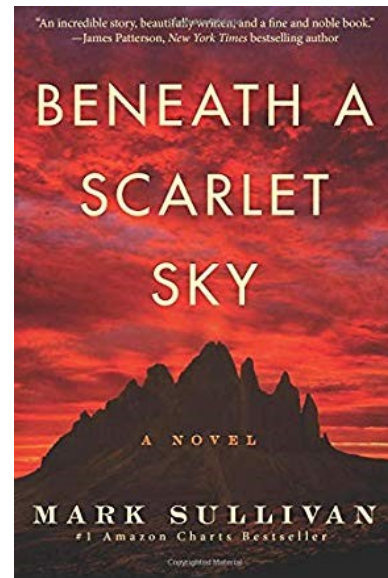
From Portola going South, turn right into Chaparral.

Stop at Gate

From Portola going North, turn left. Stop at Gate.

Follow Chaparral Drive to Conejo Circle, turn right.

Turn right at Maximo. #17 on the left.



Please **RSVP**: to Angie by **June 14, 2019**

E-mail: randalvbrds@aol.com

Phone: 760-779-5658 (home)
760-574-2418 (cell)

JULY

July 17, 2019 at 2:00 PM

Sharon Seraphin's Home

Sun City Shadow Hills

80588 Camino San Lucas,
Indio

Please **RSVP** to Sharon by
July 12, 2019

seraphinsharonj@aol.com

OR

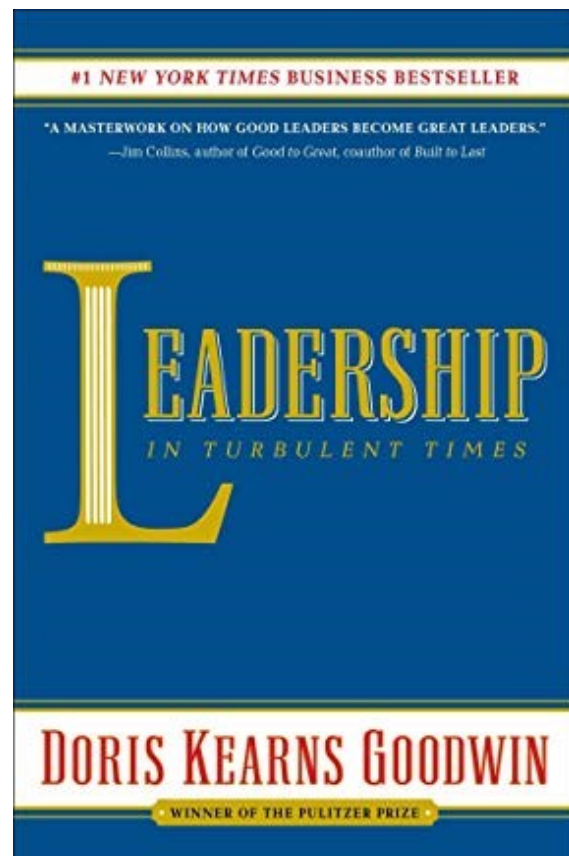
760-834-8144 (Home)

760-485-7648 (Cell)

Discussion Leader: Sharon
Seraphin

**DIRECTIONS TO SHARON'S
HOME**

From Palm Springs or Palm



Desert, take I-10 to Jefferson and exit NORTH.
Go to Sun City Blvd and turn right to enter Sun City Shadow Hills.
Turn right on Camino San Grigorio.
Turn left on Camino San Lucas. Address is 80588

AUGUST

**August 21, 2019 at
2:00 PM**

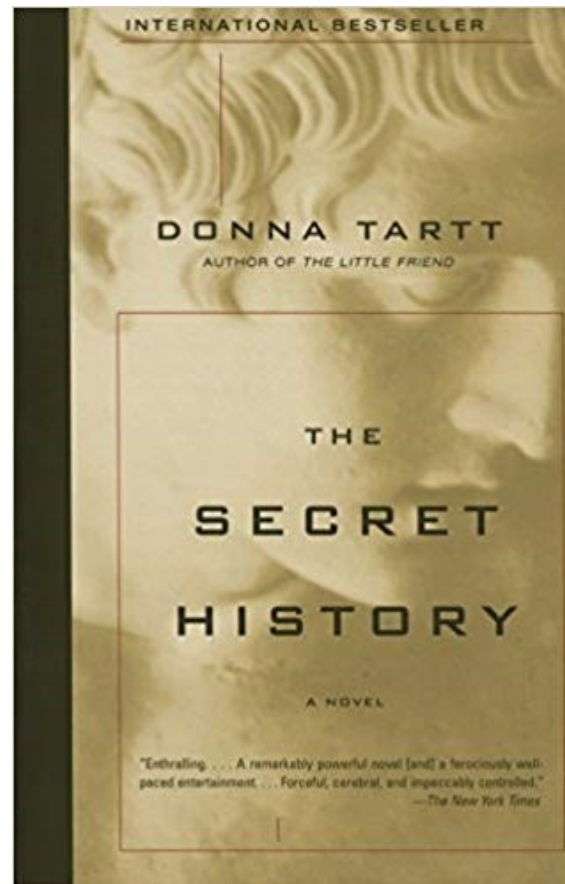
**Elaine Levey's Home
Sun City Palm Desert
78708 Platinum Drive, Palm
Desert**

**Please RSVP to Elaine
by August 16, 2019
elainlev@gmail.com**

OR

**760-360-6440 (Home)
818-326-2277 (Cell)**

**Discussion Leader: Arlene
Addison
DIRECTIONS TO ELAINE'S
HOME**



Turn right into Sun City Palm Desert from Washington (north of 10 Fwy)
Stop at gate
Go through the gate and take the first right onto Ryan's Way
Go to stop sign and turn left on Allegro
Turn right on Platinum. 78708 is on the left, past the Obama flag. There is a hydrant at the end of the driveway.

Mary Davey Schambach

(562) 201-4749

maryschambach@yahoo.com

Lunch Bunch

Monday, June 10th at Spencer's in Palm Springs
at noon. Last year we had the largest
group! They will so separate checks. Please
RSVP to Linda Rudolph at
760-537-1503 or 1krquilter@gmail.com

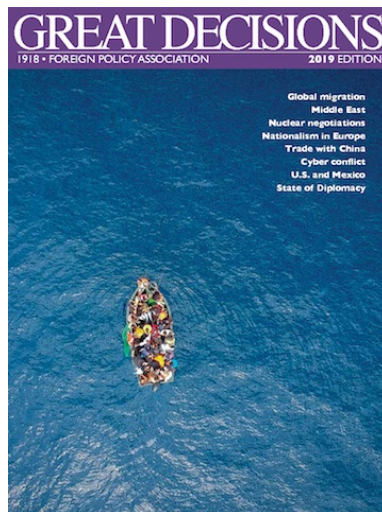


Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of:

Sharrell Blakeley
49505 Marne Court
La Quinta, CA 92253

The discussion topic for June is: "Cyber conflict and geopolitics."



If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sharrell by June 13, as you will need a gate code to enter her community. Sharrell's contact info:

sharrellblakeley@me.com

(760) 972-4441 H

(760) 992-4448 C

Looking ahead:
September 17, 2019
October 15, 2019

Happy Hour



AAUW Happy Hour activity group is back!

Sharon Guthrie and Judy Schurr have agreed to coordinate AAUW Happy Hour as a monthly activity. The first gathering will be on **Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 4 pm**, at AC3 Restaurant and Bar in the new Hotel Paseo located near The Gardens on El Paseo. **Singles and couples welcome!**

AC3 Restaurant and Bar was voted best new restaurant in 2019 by the Desert Sun. It is a

collaboration of the owners of two wonderful valley restaurants, Trio Restaurant and Copley's on Palm Canyon. You can view the menu at www.ac3palmdesert.com. The restaurant address is 45350 Larkspur Lane in Palm Desert. Valet parking is available.

Sharon and Judy are looking forward to lively gatherings. Please join them this month! Kindly RSVP to Sharon at Sharon.guthrie@csulb.edu no later than Sunday, June 2. For questions, please contact Sharon (949) 933-3541 or Judy (760) 641-9347.



June Birthdays

Brenda Weinstock	4
Pat Fredericks	5
Marsha Claybrook	7
Annette Funk	11
Bonnie Paul	11
Gail Auen	13
Gail Wahl	14
Barbara Battino	15
Marion Ann Oppenheimer	15
Michelle Newman	23
Joanne Bourquin	27
Cornelia Gould	30



July Birthdays

Gloria Korngold	3
Mary Jane Sanchez-Fulton	3
Jean Tello	3
Lynn Ostrick	5
Jeanne Hirshfield	20
Phyllis Greene	26
Phyllis Dunn	29
Barbara Hawkins Villani	30
Jean Dietrich	31



August Birthdays

Peggy Mengel	1
Hannah Cline	2
Peg Murray Cook	2
Angela Love	2
Lynne Stolzer	2
Arlette Butler	4
Kathleen Zeidel	6
Patricia Doran	7
Sandra Levander Weisenberg	7
Frances Miller	8
Magdalena Hamilton	15
Iris Anderson	18



Karen Chaney

22

Frances Kaufman

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Bayla Adelman


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June 2019

sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	saturday
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2	3	4 Happy Birthday Brenda Weinstock 	5 Happy Birthday Pat Fredericks 	6 Happy Hour 4:00	7 Happy Birthday Marsha Claybrook 	8
9	10 Lunch Bunch 12:00	11 Happy Birthday Annette Funk Happy Birthday Bonnie Paul 	12	13 Happy Birthday Gail Auen 	14 Happy Birthday Gail Wahl 	15 Happy Birthday Barbara Battino Happy Birthday Marion Ann Oppenheimer
16 	17	18 Great Decisions 10:00	19 Book Group 2:00	20	21	22
23/30 Happy Birthday Michelle Newman (23) Happy Birthday Cornelia Gould (30) 	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Joanne Bourquin 	28	29

July 2019

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August 2019

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