





President's Message by Sharrell Blakeley

I hope I will see many of you at our Holiday Party on December 7, 2019. I am watching my sister, Sharron Cantarini and her husband, Jerry, decorate their home in anticipation of sharing with AAUW members. We have much to be thankful for - our Branch has a lot of new members, many of whom have formed friendships.

Personally, I feel blessed to have such an outstanding group of women (and a few men) who strongly support our mission of equity for women and girls. As well, I am supported by a dedicated and committed Board who are always making suggestions

and recommendations to improve Branch operations.

As I look forward to the New Year, I am wishing everyone Happy Holidays

Sharrell Blakeley President AAUW Palm Springs Branch







Lunch With Our Wonderful Tech Trek Girls



At our November luncheon we met many of the girls the Palm Springs Branch sent to Tech Trek Camp last summer. Some of the girls at our luncheon attended the Tech Trek Camp at University of California Irvine and some participated in the Camp at Whittier College.

The girls who were able to come to our AAUW Luncheon brought their proud families. Each girl eloquently spoke about what was the most important

part of her week on campus as well as how Tech Trek influenced her decisions for the future.

Letters from the girls who could not attend the luncheon were read; thanking our branch for giving them this remarkable opportunity.

At the end of the program the girls were presented with bags with Tech Treks Bears as they posed for their picture.

We owe thanks and appreciation to Peggy Shippen for her stellar organization of the Tech Trek Committee and Sharon Hubbard who will be the new Tech Trek Coordinator for this coming year.

On December 7th we have a fabulous Christmas party at Sharron and Jerry Cantarini's house to enjoy and celebrate our Branch progress. *by Laura Eaton*, *Program VP*