



Sand Scripts

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AAUW Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.



Courtney Weir, Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association, Coachella Valley is our Speaker for our April Meeting

Time: 11:30 AM

Date: Saturday April 9, 2022

Meeting Location: Bobby Botina's Mexican American Grille

At The River

71800 CA Hwy 111 Bldg C (the former Flemmings location)

We are meeting in person again at Bobby Botina's Mexican American Grille with Courtney Weir, the Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association, Coachella Valley.

Courtney Weir has been a non-profit executive for over 20 years, serving important missions right here in the Coachella Valley as well as on the national and international level. For the past 5 years she has served as the Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association, Coachella Valley, whose mission is very close to her heart as her beloved grandmother passed away from the disease. Courtney always knew that she wanted to serve this important cause and to fight for not only the dignity and care of families

facing Alzheimer's and dementia, but to also work progressively for a cure by funding crucial research. Cortney lives in La Quinta with her husband of 33 years and several animal rescues and is often visited by her two adored adult sons.

Lunch at Bobby Botina's

Lunch costs \$30 per person. It will be held in a private room that seats 50 people, so we will not be crowded together.

The menu choices are:

- MARGHERITA PIZZA- Tomato sauce, mozzarella and basil
- CHICKEN MOLE PIZZA- Mole chicken, crumbles of queso fresco, onions and cilantro
- BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA- BBQ chicken, Monterey cheese, and grizzled barbecue sauce on top
- PEPPERONI PIZZA- Pepperoni, marinara sauce and cheese
- AL PASTOR PIZZA- Pork marinated with pineapple, red onions, marinara sauce and cheese
- RED & GREEN PEPPER PIZZA- Red and green peppers, onions, mushrooms and cheese
- ANGUS BEEF & MUSHROOM PIZZA- Angus beef, grilled onions, sauteed mushroom, Monterey cheese and cilantro
- EVERYTHING PIZZA- Tomato sauce, mozzarella, pepperoni, sausage, ham, Angus beef, red and green peppers and onions

DINNER SALAD IS INCLUDED..

Please decide what you want to order before you arrive at the restaurant so that things run smoothly.

The River has several parking lots. You will want to park in the lot off Highway 111 on the east side of The River. Bobby Botina's is the first building you come to from the parking lot. It's next to P.F. Chang's.

If you are heading west on Highway 111, turn into the first driveway on the right after Bob Hope. If you are heading east on Highway 111, you need to make a left hand turn in the first turn apron after Rancho Las Palmas. If you end up in the parking lot next to Babe's, you can either walk to the restaurant at the other end of the center or go back to the closer parking lot.

We are now collecting the cost of the meal in advance by paying online or by check and there will be a cut off date for when that payment must be received. If it is not received in time you cannot attend the meeting.

If you have sent a payment but do not attend your money will not be refunded.

The deadline for payment is April 6, 2022.

You can pay by sending a \$30.00 check to Sharron Canterini at 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta, CA 92253 before the April 6 deadline. If after the April 6th deadline, please call Sharron and let her know you are coming to the meeting and bring your check to the meeting.

[Resister and pay online here](#)

President's Message

Well, it's been a while since I have written an article for Sand Scripts. Your Board of elected and appointed leaders think its gone quite well since we instituted the process of having 8 of us assume the presidency for the month, during the annual 8 months

we meet at luncheons (both on Zoom and in-person now).

April is my month to serve as President and it's also our Annual Meeting month where we hold a brief meeting (with Minutes) to approve both Nominations for leadership and the proposed budget for 2022/2023. We also have an outstanding speaker, about whom you will read in this issue, and we're dining again at Bobby Botina's in Rancho Mirage. Everyone enjoyed our last in-person luncheon there and we were all quite gleeful about seeing each other again. Please mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 9th at 11:30 a.m.

I vividly recall the last in-person Board meeting at my home on March 10, 2020. We made the decision to cancel the Saturday luncheon on March 14th and we didn't see each other, face to face, for the next 2 years. I must give credit to every single member who stayed with us through the last 2 years of trying to cope with Zoom meetings and Zoom speakers. It was very tough at times but our members are women warriors and we stuck together.

As you know, our next month in May is our last luncheon meeting, as we go dark for June, July and August (except for Board business over the summer). Again, please plan to attend both the Annual Meeting on April 9th and the May meeting on May 14th.

Sharrell Blakeley
April President

Nominating Committee Report

Our annual branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9. At that time we will vote to elect officers for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The terms of officers were adjusted to staggered dates so the entire board doesn't change at one time.

TERMS OF OFFICE

One Year Terms: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

President: Committee of 8*

Secretary: Shelley Mitchell

Program VP: Laura Eaton

Two Year Terms: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024

President Elect: Gayle Cox

Membership VP: Sharron Cantarini

Finance Officer: Gillian German

Fundraising VP: Kathi Farber

*The following members will serve rotating terms as president: Sharron Cantarini, Shelley Mitchell, Janet Braslow, Marsha Riley, Kathi Farber, Gillian German, Sharrell Blakeley

Gillian German and Sharron Cantarini, Nominations



**Calling all AAUW adventurers!
Grab your compass and join the
expedition to AAUWLand at the
AAUW Annual Event on
Saturday, April 30th 9-3 via
Zoom.**

We will all be explorers, searching for new routes to connect to AAUW and its mission.

To launch the trip, the morning session will:

- Kick off with inspirational words from Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO, and Lisa Maatz, Senior Adviser, Ohio Citizen Action and former AAUW Policy Rock Star.
- Focus our telescopes on the year's accomplishments.
- Honor our AAUW expedition leaders with the announcement of the Named Gift Honoree, Equity Champion, and Top 10 Branch Fund Contributions.
- Review our advocacy efforts.
- Share important news and updates.
- Hear the inspiring words of the three Speech Trek finalists (throughout the day).
- Listen to the hosts of the breakout sessions pitch their topics.

During the afternoon route we will:

- Be introduced to the accomplished candidates for the 2022-23 board of directors.
- Meet a dancing scientist, Jasmine Sadler, owner and founder, The STEAM Collaborative.
- Honor the three winners of the 2022 Branch Activity of the Year Award and hear about what they did.
- Award a Speech Trek winner.

Along the way, we will wind into unfamiliar territory. Instead of the usual workshops, you will have the chance to venture out and “Choose Your Own Adventure” with a self-guided journey deep into the “topical” jungle of AAUW ideas that you might be interested in talking about.

We will offer multiple Zoom breakout rooms hosted by Trail Guides, members who have offered to host informal conversations on topics they hope you might want to talk about. No agendas. No Powerpoints. No handouts.

We'll just network and share thoughts, stories, experiences, and maybe some debate. There's no set trip itinerary. You will be able to move freely back and forth between breakout rooms to stay and share or take off and find another! So, don your pith helmet and register for Adventures in AAUW-land!

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Finance

Hi Ladies:

We will be voting on the budget proposal for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at the annual branch meeting on Saturday, April 9th. A copy of the proposed budget was included in the March Sand Scripts. We are also including it in the April Sand Scripts for your review. I look forward to seeing you at our annual luncheon meeting.

Gillian German
Finance Officer

Interest Groups

Book Group
Wednesday, April 20
2:00 p.m. on Zoom

We will be choosing books for the next year's reading and discussions. RSVP to Mary Schambach that you are coming, she will send you a Zoom invitation to sign in to the meeting. She will also send a list of books that we are considering.

Reel Revelers

Thursday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom

Carol Marcuse will lead our discussion of *Don't Look Up*. This film has been nominated for Best Picture, Music (original score) and film editing. Check it out and see who is staring in the movie.....it doesn't get much better than this.

Watch it on Netflix and join us for a discussion

Contact Marsha Riley for more information and the Zoom Link

Out and About

Razzle Dazzle Shine: Songs from Broadway and Hollywood

Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, at the Annenberg Theater

April 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets for this event are selling fast.

- **Order yours now by clicking *HERE***
- **Click on "events" at the top of the page and then click on the April 10 performance.**
- **Choose your seats and pay online.**

You may also order your ticket using the Box Office number, (760) 325-4490, but it will cost \$8 more per ticket if you do it that way.

We will have lunch together beforehand at Spencers. Email Marsha Riley for information or to make a reservation for lunch.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

10:00 a.m. on Zoom

The topic for the next Great Decisions meeting is Climate Change. We will cover article #2 in the essay book: The renewed climate change agenda. Zoom meeting information will be emailed a week before the meeting. Please RSVP to Judy Schurr (jschurr@earthlink.net).

Tech Trek Update

Tech trek will be both on campus and Virtual this summer. We were granted nine residential spaces, five on the campus of Whittier College and four at UC Santa Barbara, and four virtual camp spaces. The Tech Trek committee has been busy reviewing and evaluating student applications and essays and will be interviewing students over the next two weeks. It is so fascinating to read their essay thoughts and meet them, but so difficult to select the finalists. We always wish we could send more of these outstanding girls to this amazing STEM camp opportunity but are limited by the funds in our Tech Trek SPF Camper fund.

The tech trek committee members who spend many hours on this wonderful project are Louise Kermode, Peggy Shippen, Gail Aune, Barbara Battino, Jean Tello, Kathi Farber, Gayle Cox, Phyllis Dunn and Carol Marcuse.

Our Tech Trek Orientation and Fun at the Lake Party will be on May 7th.

Janet Braslow and Gail Aune, TT Chairs



Member Spotlight Jean Dietrich



How has AAUW empowered me?

Over 50 years ago I joined AAUW in Torrance, Ca. One project in that branch stands out for me. In 1989 our branch determined that a great need in our community was a way to cut down on trash going into the Palos Verde landfill. It had only a maximum 10 year lifespan before it would no longer be able to dispose of the trash from our affluent and densely populated area.

My partner and I became a committee of two to gather information to bring to the branch. While doing our research we found ourselves at the landfill interviewing management and walking around huge piles of diapers, refrigerators, broken bicycles, plastic and glass bottles, stacks of cardboard, newspapers, and hundreds of other no longer wanted items. As we watched bulldozers pushing around piles containing many items that would take decades to decompose, we knew something had to be done!

The answer had to come from the city of Torrance. Trash had to be recycled. With the full support of our branch our strategy was: educate and persuade the City Council to support recycling with the use of city land, educate the public about the urgent need to recycle, and convince leaders of non-profit organizations to volunteer to staff the center in exchange for a portion of the profits.

We were successful. Remember, this was 1969 long before recycling was commonplace. The city had donated the land, fenced and landscaped the area. Many volunteers were staffing it. Bins began to fill and profits started coming in. AAUW had made a significant contribution to the protection of the environment and as a model for other cities before recycling became profitable private businesses. This project empowered me, my partner, and many of our members, showing them that AAUW could be a powerful change agent.

Note: *Desert Sun* March 3, 2022 “Today we are producing about 300 million tons of plastic waste each year: equal to the weight of the entire human population...Less than 10% of all plastic made has been recycled.” The author is urging support for the California Plastic Pollution and Reduction and Recycling Act on the Nov. ballot.

What is my favorite aspect of our Palm Springs Branch?

I thoroughly enjoy the programs at general meetings and have learned so much from the speakers. I also enjoy the out to lunch group.

Education and Life Work

I was a junior high teacher, worked for several years in non-profit management, and at 50 got my Master's Degree in Human Resources Management and began a very satisfying 15 year career in HR.

For fun

Reading, bridge, travel (we've been to 21 countries and almost every US state), RV

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Recommended by Janet Braslow

Following is a copy of the budget proposal for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Please review the last column on the far right for the proposed budget prepared by the members of our board. Our membership will be voting on the budget approval in April.

Gillian German
Finance Officer

AAUW PALM SPRINGS BRANCH		(Cash basis)		As of: 2/13/2022 << Change thi	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Remaining Bal	Budget
GENERAL OPERATING					
Revenue:					
Branch dues	\$1,953.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 899.00	\$ (2,201.00)	\$ 3,100.00
Donations	\$400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sponsor ads	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Total Revenue	\$2,353.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$999.00	\$ (2,101.00)	\$ 3,100.00
Expenses:					
Program:					
Luncheons (guests, anniversary)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
Holiday party	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ 100.00
Speaker fees and gifts	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
Total Program	\$200.00	\$600.00	\$ -	\$600.00	\$ 600.00
Membership:					
New member orientation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Interest groups brochure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Total Membership Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Fundraising:					
Fundraising activities		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
Total Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
Administrative:					
Bank fees	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$ 60.00
Conferences and travel	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$ -
e-Communications (Zoom)	\$248.40	\$200.00	\$149.90	\$50.10	\$ 200.00
Directory -Printing	\$295.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 300.00
Other supplies, printing and postage	\$118.00	\$350.00	\$556.50	-\$206.50	\$ 350.00
Website maintenance annual fee	\$119.88	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$ 360.00
Liability insurance	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$451.00	\$74.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$ 500.00
Total Administrative	\$1,366.77	\$1,945.00	\$1,192.40	\$752.60	\$ 2,270.00
Contingency		\$200.00			\$ 200.00
Total General Operating Expenses	\$1,566.77	\$2,745.00	\$ 1,192.40	\$1,352.60	\$3,170.00
Change in Net Assets- General Operating	\$786.23	\$355.00	-\$193.40	\$ (548.40)	\$ (70.00)
Beginning balance - General Operating	\$12,513.24	\$13,299.47	\$13,299.47		\$13,654.47
Ending balance - General Operating	\$13,299.47	\$13,654.47	\$13,106.07		\$13,584.47

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	2020-2021	2021-2022			2022-2023	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Remaining Bal	Budget	
TECH TREK & STEM PROGRAMS						
Revenue:						
Parent fees	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Revenue	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Expenses:						
TT Orientation and Fun Party	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
Fall Tech Trek luncheon	\$ 307.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Alumni Club activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing and postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous (Gifts for campers)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 307.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
Change in Net Assets- Tech & STEM	\$ (247.99)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	
Beginning balance - Teck Trek & STEM	\$ 1,019.90	\$ 771.91	\$ 771.91		\$ 771.91	
Ending balance - Teck Trek & STEM Programs	\$ 771.91	\$ 771.91	\$ 771.91		\$ 271.91	
TOTAL NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 14,071.38	\$ 14,426.38	\$ 13,877.98		\$ 13,856.38	

BALANCE SHEETS

	As of 6/30/2021	As of 2/13/2022
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 14,071.38	\$ 13,877.98
Dues receivable - CA and/or National	\$ -	\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 14,071.38	\$ 13,877.98
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Dues payable - AAUW National	\$ -	\$ -
Dues payable - AAUW California	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets:		
General Operating	\$ 13,299.47	\$ 13,106.07
Tech Trek & STEM Programs	\$ 771.91	\$ 771.91
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,071.38	\$ 13,877.98
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 14,071.38	\$ 13,877.98

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