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AAUW Mission

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



**Angela Allen, Director of the Osher
Lifelong Learning Institute**

Speaker For Our March Meeting

Time: 11:30 AM

Date: Saturday March 12, 2022

**Meeting Location: Bobby Botina's
Mexican American Grille**

at The River

**71800 CA-111 Bldg C (the former Flemings location)
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270**

We are finally having an in-person meeting at a restaurant (aren't we tired of Zoom) with Angela Allen, of OLLI as our speaker. Angela will tell us about the wide variety of cultural, arts and social courses OLLI offers both on the University campus in Palm Desert and on Zoom. She will also tell us about some exciting travel adventures that OLLI will be offering in the future. You will not want to miss this.

Angela Allen moved to the desert in December 2001 and started her career in nonprofit as a volunteer with the Palm Springs Film Festival very soon after. She was

hired full time as the manager of the newly formed Film Society and built the program from 15 members to close to 1000. She was hired away in 2008 to work as the personal assistant to well-known community philanthropist, Jackie Lee Houston. When Mrs. Houston passed away in 2011, Angela continued her nonprofit work in fund development for Olive Crest, providing hope and healing for children who are suffering from trauma and abuse. This last August, at the time in life when most people are expected to retire, she was thrilled to have accepted her “Dream Job” as Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, at Cal State San Bernardino’s Palm Desert Campus. Where Angela says, “I get paid to do everything I would do, if I was actually going to retire, like traveling and take mind stimulating classes with like-minded people. What could be better?”

Lunch at Bobby Botina’s

Lunch costs \$30.00 per person. It will be held in a private room that seats 50 people, so we will not be crowded together.

We will order when we get there. The Menu choices are:

MUSHROOM BURGER- Mushrooms, beef patty, Monterey cheese, bacon, grilled peppers, onions, guacamole, grilled pineapple, ketchup

PINEAPPLE CHICKEN TACOS (3)- Chicken and grilled pineapple. Topped with Monterey cheese, onions, Chipotle mayo

CHICKEN MOLE TACOS (3)- Mole chicken, onions, crumbles of queso fresco cheese, and chopped cilantro

BBQ CHICKEN TACOS (3)- Shredded chicken in barbecue sauce. Topped with coleslaw (Green cabbage, red cabbage, cilantro, carrots)

VEGGIE TACOS (3)

CHICKEN OR VEGGIE FAJITAS- Skillet filled with onions, red and green peppers, served with Mexican rice, refried beans, or corn tortillas. Garnished with lettuce, pico de gallo, sour cream and guacamole

ASIAN CHICKEN SALAD- Lettuce, red and green peppers, Mandarin oranges, cilantro, sesame seeds, tossed with Asian dressing and wontons

CHEESEBURGER SLIDERS (4)- Slider size Burgers, topped with cheddar, tomatoes, pickles and thousand island

Iced tea, sodas and water are included as beverages.

The River has several parking lots. You will want to park in the lot off Hwy 111 on the East side of the River. Bobby Batino’s is the first building you come to from the parking lot. It’s next to PF Changs.

If you are heading West on Hwy 111, turn into the first driveway on the right after Bob Hope. If you are heading East on Hwy 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 Babes, 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 going to be collecting the cost of the meal in advance 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. You may register by mailing a check to Sharron Canterini at 79783 Joey Court, La Quinta, CA 92253 before March 9

Or you can register online and pay with a credit card by clicking [HERE](#)

President’s Message

Most of our long time members are aware of the history of AAUW, but some of the newer members may not be. AAUW history began in 1881 when a small group of women college graduates came together to advance women in their careers and to encourage higher education. They have published hundreds of research reports,

advocated for many new laws that include equal pay, Title IX amendment, family and medical leave, and the fair pay act to name a few. It is inspiring to learn of all the important actions they are taking on behalf of women and girls. Three issues they completed in January are listed below:

- 1.) The National AAUW Civil Rights Coalition working on policy updates on behalf of the leadership conference held January 22nd sent a letter to Congress urging support of legislation to advance safe, healthy and inclusive school climates. This includes counseling not criminalization in schools, civil rights principles for safe, healthy inclusive school climates, keeping students safe and protected in school.
- 2.) A letter was sent to the Senate urging passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. This act promotes healthy pregnancies, long term economic security and work place fairness.
- 3.) They released a statement from AAUW and more than 70 women's community leaders ahead of the January 6th anniversary of the insurrection at the U. S. Capitol. They pledged to fight for our democracy. They asked for full accountability of all those involved in the insurrection and the continual disinformation. Also they included a plea that leaders who represent us, or those running for office build the democracy we deserve. Additionally, lawmakers in 49 states have proposed more than 500 bills making it harder for people to vote. AAUW National urges all Americans to contact Senators and demand they support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom To Vote Act.

Remember the great value you get when paying your annual dues renewal to be an AAUW member. They are representing us daily to promote equality for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Gillian German
Finance Officer
President for March



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



ANNUAL EVENT

Charmen Goehring, Meetings Planner,
meetings@aauw-ca.org

WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE SNAKES??

Just kidding-no snakes will be found on this AAUW California adventure! What will be found is inspiration, adventure, and connections galore! Join us for our virtual Annual Event on April 30th to hear fabulous speakers like AAUW CEO Gloria

Blackwell, Policy Rockstar Lisa Maatz, and the Dancing Rocket Scientist Jasmine Sadler!

Get caught up on all the incredible work and successes of AAUW California branches from the past year. Hear our Speech Trek finalists. AND, there won't be a dull moment when we venture through a series of "open space" sessions in the afternoon, on a variety of topics covering all things AAUW, equity, women, and girls. More details and registration information will be coming soon.

Finance

Dues renewal notices will be sent to members mid April via email. The dues payment is for the upcoming **fiscal year** beginning July 1, 2022. An e-renewal letter from National AAUW will state it is time to renew your membership. You may renew by using the secure link in the e-renewal message and pay by credit card or mail a check to your finance officer. Please contact Gillian if you have any questions.

The National AAUW board of directors voted to gradually increase member dues for the next two years. Dues will be \$67 for 2022-2023 and \$72 for 2023-2024. \$64 is tax deductible. Current life members will not be affected. Life memberships acquired after July 1, 2022 will reflect higher dues. In its memo, the National board stated "AAUW dues have been flat since July 2018...this measure is essential for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity."

Dues last year were \$113. Branch and state dues will remain the same this year plus the additional \$5 for the National dues increase. The new dues amount totals \$118. That is \$67 for AAUW National, \$31 for our Palm Springs branch and \$20 for State AAUW. If you are not paying dues on line, please mail your check to: Gillian German, Finance Officer,, 78174 Links Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211

Gillian German
Finance Officer

Interest Groups

Book Group

Wednesday, February 16, 2021

2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Beth Bangert will lead the discussion of *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* AND *Ida B. the QUEEN* by Deesha Philyaw & Michelle Duster

When you RSVP to Mary Schambach that you are coming, she will send you a Zoom invitation to sign in to the meeting.

Reel Revelers

Thursday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our March film will be *Middle of Nowhere* on Netflix.

Watch it on Netflix and join us for a discussion led by Roberta

Contact Marsha Riley for more information and the Zoom Link

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions interest group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The discussion will cover Topic # 1--Outer Space Policy. The article for this topic can be found at pages 17-28 of the Great Decisions essay book. Zoom meeting identification and password will be sent out a week in advance. Please contact Judy Schurr with any questions.

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.

You may 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. Otherwise, *use their website* and order your ticket that way and there is NO additional charge to buy your ticket

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



What are You Doing this Year to Mark Equal Pay Day?

Ginny Hatfield and Shelley Mitchell
AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that on the average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn. Started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996, the goal of Equal Pay Day was to raise awareness about the gender wage gap.

Each year this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The date normally moves earlier each year as the wage gap closes, as women's average wages rise faster than men's. Equal Pay Day was traditionally a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved. And this year the news is even better – all women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on March 15, 2022. Better, but we're still not there.

On June 10, 2021, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which had passed the House of Representatives and amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 by providing more effective remedies to victims of wage discrimination based on sex, was filibustered in the Senate on a 49-50 vote. Now is the time to let your elected officials know how you feel about this failure to codify pay equity.

AAUW Branches throughout the country have marked this day with activities that highlight the wage gap. Here are some suggestions for things your branch can do.

- Write your representatives in Congress to encourage them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Encourage your local city council or county board of supervisors to issue a proclamation in support of pay equity.
- Wear Red to symbolize that women's paychecks are "in the red" when compared to

men.

- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper or offer to submit an op-ed.
- Share a timely post on social media to spread awareness.
- Hold an event on your local campus and offer cookies to women that are proportionately smaller than the ones you offer to men. Also invite participants to become student affiliate members of AAUW.
- Invite community members to an “unhappy hour.”

Whatever you decide to do, start planning now. We can’t wait for equal pay!

You can get more information and samples of proclamations and letters from the *National Committee on Pay Equity*. You can also find out more on AAUW National’s website on Pay Equity at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/pay-gap-faqs/>.

Tech Trek Update

The Tech Trek student selection process is well under way. All 16 Valley middle schools were contacted and the process explained. So far we have nominations from eight middle schools. The nominated students will start working on their applications now, and the Tech Trek committee will review all of them and select the finalists to interview. We will know our selected campers by April 15th! We have requested 10 on campus spaces and 4 Virtual camp places. Thank you for all your contributions to make this life changing experience possible.

We are looking for **volunteers to help with our Tech Trek Alumni**. Now that there are fewer COVID restrictions we would like to resume field trips and projects for our past TT campers. We also need to keep in touch with them to track their educational and career progress in the years after TT camp. Please contact Janet Braslow jhbraslow@aol.com if you are interested or would like more information.



Member Spotlight Arlene Gottschalk

1. How has AAUW empowered me?

AAUW has empowered me through their commitment of advancing equity for women and girls. To me, Gender Equality is the civil rights issue of the 21st century. The AAUW community offers me hope and specific actions to reach that goal.



2. What is my favorite aspect of our Palm Springs branch?

My favorite aspect of our Palm Springs branch is meeting amazing and talented women who are committed to goals that I hold dear. My life is enriched through the friendships I am forming and the groups I am participating in. Together, we have greater impact.

3. Education/Life work's?

My undergraduate studies were in English with a minor in theater. Completing a BA, I traveled, started a family, and relocated to Northern California. I continued with my studies and received teaching credentials and a MA in Education. Over the next years, I taught in public schools, served as Executive Director of a County Arts Council, worked as Legal Administrator in a Corporate Law Office, and then circled back to Education on college level. My passion throughout has focused on building positive and professional environments where each individual has the opportunity to achieve excellence, mastery and pride in their work.

I am currently in the process of working on the 3rd edition of “Caregiving Toolkit”, a

book with forms and checklists which make caregiving easy to manage.

4. What do I do for fun?

I find joy in hiking, sailing, horseback riding, and traveling. Art has always been my “happy place” – visual and performing arts, books and films, etc. Ceramics, theater, and more recently watercolors have been creative outlets.

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Recommended by Marsha Riley



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Recommended by Sharrell Blakeley

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	\$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 - Tech Trek & STEM	\$ 1,019.90	\$ 771.91	\$ 771.91		\$ 771.91	
Ending balance - Tech 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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