



**Palm Springs's Branch**



# *Sand Scripts*

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## **AAUW Mission**

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



**Sandie Newton Host of *Desert Chat* on KESQ is Our Speaker for Our October Meeting**

**Time: 11:30 AM**

**Date: Saturday October 8, 2022**

**Meeting Location:**

**The City of La Quinta Wellness Center**

**78-450 La Fonda**

**La Quinta, CA 92253**

We will be meeting at the City of La Quinta Wellness Center. Sandie Newton, Coachella Valley Resident and personality

will be our speaker. Sandie is a former host of such recognizable shows as PM Magazine, Hollywood Insider and NBC's Prime Time. Sandie brings a wealth of local and national experience to Desert Chat on KESQ which features local businesses, services and events in the Coachella Valley along with pertinent features about local nonprofits. She will speak to us about Desert Chat and the local nonprofit scene. Sandie's **NEW** show on KESQ has garnered incredible attention as she highlights all of the incredible non-profits in the Coachella Valley. She is featured in the Desert Sun weekly and her show is Saturday evening at 6:30. You will not want to miss this **informative, insightful and valuable presentation.**

The Wellness Center is located in the La Quinta Civic Center Campus on the east side of La Quinta Old Town on 78-450 La Fonda which is one block south of Calle Tampico.

The cost to attend the meeting is \$30.00. This includes lunch catered by Panera. Lunch choices are as follows:

**Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich**

Tomato basil bread, Feta cheese, Cucumber, Emerald Greens, Red onions, Peppadew peppers, Tomatoes, Hummus

**Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich**

Chicken salad, Emerald Greens, Sliced Tomatoes, Mayonnaise, Mustard

**Asian Sesame Salad with Chicken**

Chicken, Sesame seeds, Almonds, Romaine, Wonton Strips, Asian Sesame Vinaigrette

Beverages will be agave lemonade, iced tea and water.

We will be collecting the \$30.00 cost of the meeting at the door or in advance by Zelle. See finance article for more information on Zelle

If you want to attend you must let Sharron Cantarini know by either calling or texting her at 760-296-3512 or emailing [Sharroncantarini@gmail.com](mailto:Sharroncantarini@gmail.com) on or before the October 5, 2022 deadline. You must also let her know what you want to order from the list above, the number of guests you are bringing, if any, and what they want to order. **IMPORTANT: Please note that Sharron has a new email address.**

If you tell Sharron you will be attending, but do not attend you will be invoiced \$30.00.

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## Finance

I am happy to report that our Palm Springs Branch is offering a choice of using a Zelle account to pay fees for our events. Our Zelle account is up and running with U. S. Bank. Most banks offer Zelle, which is free and easy to use. Payments move directly between bank accounts. By choosing this method of payment there are no more checks or credit cards.

Starting this month, you may send the fee for the branch meeting to me, Gillian German fast, free and easy. If your bank is affiliated with Zelle, you follow the steps to enroll with your bank online. If your bank is not affiliated with Zelle you can get the app through Google Play or the Apple App Store. In order to pay AAUW-PS you add it as a recipient to your Zelle account using the phone number of our Treasurer, Gillian German (714)745-3362. Make sure that the name you use for your Zelle account is one I will recognize.

If you prefer, you may also mail a check to Sharron Cantarini (luncheon check) or you can bring your check to the meeting.

Gillian German  
Finance Officer



## Kathi Farber President's Message

Welcome to our new year where COVID is mostly behind us.

It is my great honor to begin our new year as your new President of AAUW Palm Springs. I look forward to a rich and rewarding year of fulfilling our mission of gender equity for women and girls. This has been a guiding principle for most of my life and I am thrilled to join this AAUW chapter to achieve this goal.

The cornerstone of our Branch is encouraging girls to become involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through **Tech Trek Camper Sponsorships**. Under the outstanding leadership of Janet Braslow, this past year we sponsored 13 Tech Trek girls who participated in both on campus and virtual camps. We will showcase the participation of those girls at a special luncheon on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

It is going to be an exciting year reuniting with those of you I have already met and getting to know new and "past" members whom I have not yet met.

We will continue with in person monthly meetings and some in person and some zoom interest groups. These groups are going strong. Look below to discover some what you would like and find out how to join in.

I look forward to reaching our goals together as we join our individual strengths.

## Interest Groups

### Reel Revelers

Our film is *Red Joan*  
Thursday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.

Watch it on Netflix and join us for a discussion led by Roberta Young. . RSVP to Marsha by email and she will send you the link

### Lunch Bunch

LUNCH BUNCH will be held at The Vue Grill in Indian Wells on Friday, September 30th (the last Friday of the month) at 11:30 am. We will be in the Wine Room on the second floor. Please email Marsha Riley, [mriley61@hotmail.com](mailto:mriley61@hotmail.com) if you plan to attend. Come join us for great food and lots of fun on September 30th!

### Happy Hour

AAUW happy hour for October 20th from 3pm-5pm at the Lake La Quinta restaurant! Please have anyone who wants to attend Text me at 949-677-1166 or email: [Pattiekelleher@gmail.com](mailto:Pattiekelleher@gmail.com). The Maximum is 14 attendees. I can also do a Waitlist if we have cancelations! ;) Pattie Kelleher  
RSVP DEADLINE: Sat. Oct 8th, 2022.

## **Book Group**

Wednesday, October 19

2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Book: *I Dreamed of Africa* by Kuki Gellmann

Discussion led by Mary Schambach

Contact Mary Schambach and she will send you the link (and a copy of the book if you need it).

## **Great Decisions**

Great Decisions will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, to discuss U.S. Industrial Policy. The Zoom link will be sent out the week prior to the meeting. If you are interested in attending please contact Judy Schurr at [jschurr@earthlink.net](mailto:jschurr@earthlink.net) Thank you.

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## **Great Decisions-- 2023**

AAUW Palm Springs members are invited to participate in the upcoming 2023 Great Decisions interest group--a foreign policy learning/discussion group, which meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Participation involves reading 8 topical essays and watching video-taped lectures compiled by the Foreign Policy Association. The 8 topics for 2023 are: Energy Geopolitics; War Crimes; China's Foreign Policy; Economic Warfare; Elections in Latin America; Global Famine; Iran and the Gulf States; Climate Migration.

This "world affairs group" is expected to read the chapter narratives ahead of time and come prepared to discuss the questions at the end of each chapter. The Great Decisions group starts in January, meeting for 6 months, through June. The group does not meet in July and August, and finishes the 2 remaining chapters in September and October.

The Foreign Policy Association briefing books will be available for pre-order sometime in October. Please contact Judy Schurr to be placed on the participant interest list and for further details (email [jschurr@earthlink.net](mailto:jschurr@earthlink.net), or call 760-837-9297).

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## **AAUW CA Town Hall**

It was a pleasure to attend the AAUW-CA Townhall webinar Meeting on 9/11/22. The newly elected state board were so enthusiastic in their presentation for their vision and plans for the new year. They anticipate participation with all of our 118 California Branches.

Many of the board officers and committee chairwomen gave a brief review of their job descriptions and plans for the future. President Sandi Gabe welcomed us and discussed membership, peer group meetings and how she will assist branches with the National Community Hub Website. Additional board members and committee members presented plans for Tech Trek, Diversity Equity and Inclusivity, Branch Support Committee, Public Policy, Programs, Gov Trek, Communication Committee, Finances, Speech Trek, AAUW Fund and Membership.

AAUW-CA is here to assist our branch wherever we need it. They presented many great ideas for our branch to have a successful year.

Gillian German

If you want more information, you may click here to watch or download the recording of the meeting



2021-2022 AAUW Fellows/Grant Recipients

## AAUW 2022 Fund Events

39 inspiring California fellow and grant recipients will share nuggets of their fascinating studies at four fall AAUW Fund virtual events. See what, and who, your AAUW Fund dollars support. Sign up for one or all to learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and other topics. Things can pan out for your branch too. You can file a claim asking one of these scholars to speak at your virtual or in-person event.

Registration is required

**October 15, 2022**

10 am – 12 Noon

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**October 22, 2022**

10 am – 12 Noon

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**October 23, 2022**

1 pm – 3 pm

*Click [HERE](#) to Register*

**November 12, 2022**

10 am – 12 Noon

*Click [HERE](#) to Register*



## Member Spotlight Phyllis Dunn

1, How has AAUW empowered me ?



For a long time, I've wanted to get involved with a program that helped educate & empower women. Getting involved in our local TechTrek program has done that for me.



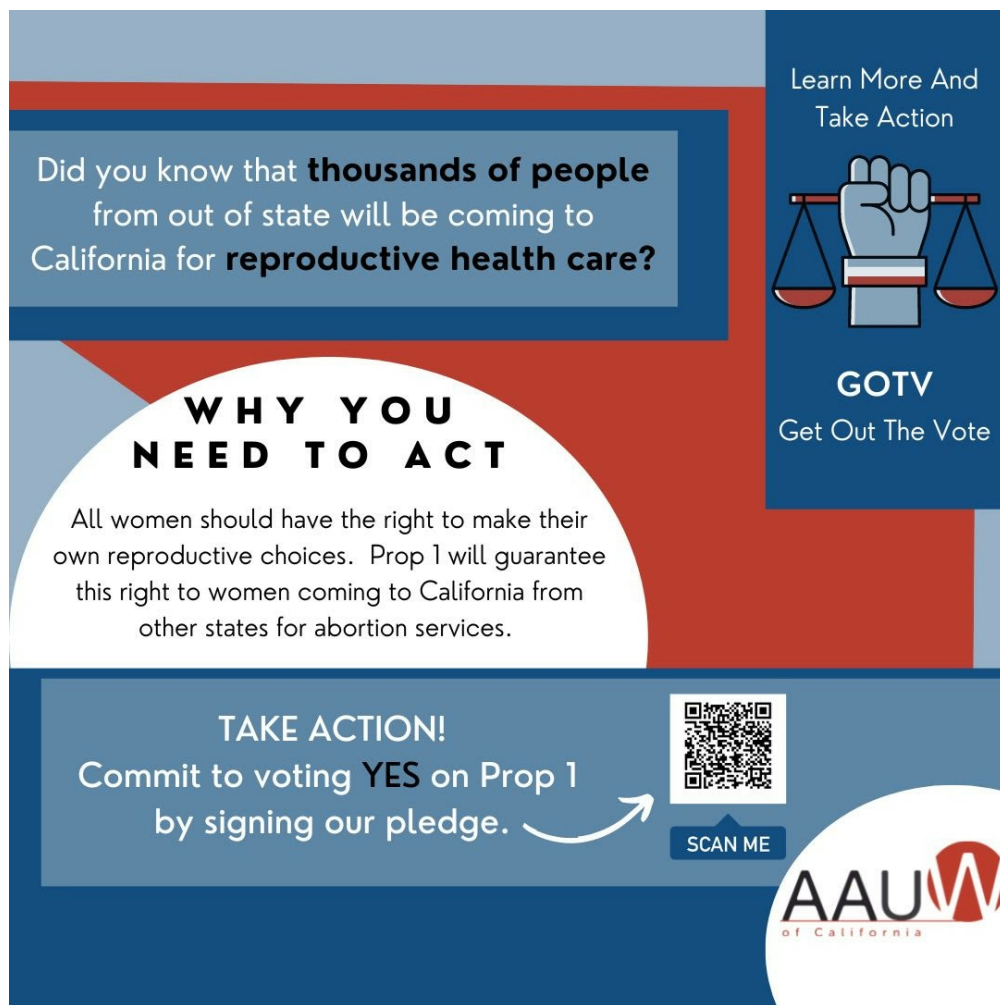
2, What is my favorite aspect of our Palm Springs branch?  
just enjoy interacting and working with educated, like minded women at our luncheons and on the TeckTrek program

3, Education/Life's work?

I have a BS in Accounting and an MBT in Taxation from CSU Northridge. I'm a CPA and was a partner in a CPA firm located in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles.

4. What do I do for fun?

For fun I like going to the movies, reading mysteries, jewelry making, and yoga.




Did you know that **thousands of people** from out of state will be coming to California for **reproductive health care**?

**WHY YOU NEED TO ACT**


All women should have the right to make their own reproductive choices. Prop 1 will guarantee this right to women coming to California from other states for abortion services.

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National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The national theme, Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope, challenges us to envision a great future knowing that our hope and resilience can lead us there.

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