



AAUW Mission

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

Weather in the Coachella Valley: Is it Changing? Did we Actually Have a Hurricane?

Patrick Evans, KESQ's Morning and Noon Meteorologist, Our Speaker for Our October 14th Meeting will fill us in on all of the latest information.

**Saturday October 14, 2023
11:30 Socialization and Lunch
\$40 per person all inclusive**

**Morton's The Steakhouse
74-880 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260**

Menu:

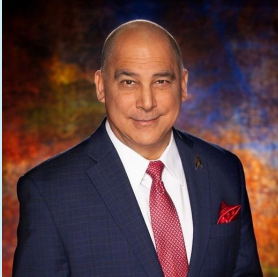
**Chopped wedge salad with bacon on the side
Caesar salad
Chicken sliders
Shrimp Louie bites
Homemade chips
Dessert: Double Chocolate Mousse**

Drinks

Iced tea, water

If you choose not to have lunch, please indicate on your reservation request. There is no charge to attend if you do not eat lunch., Send all requests for reservations to *Martha Blackburn* by Tuesday, October 10. Thank you.

You may pay online through Zelle (425 318-0754) in advance, or by cash, check or credit card at the meeting. Our branch's policy is that if you order lunch, you will be expected to pay even if you are unable to attend.



Patrick Evans, News Channel 3's morning and noon meteorologist is the speaker for our October lunch meeting. In August 2002, Patrick moved to the Palm Springs area to help launch the new Coachella Valley CBS affiliate, where he served as Chief Meteorologist for nearly 17 years. Following the merger with KESQ, you now see Patrick at 5:00 to 7:00 a.m. and 12 Noon on News Channel 3 and at 12:45 p.m. hosting "Eye on the Desert".

Patrick has become "the face" of many charitable and major philanthropic events as spokesperson or Master of Ceremonies. In April of 2014, Patrick was the 366th recipient of a Star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars as a result of his work with philanthropic organizations throughout the Valley. Patrick also earned an Emmy Award for his work on the KESQ morning newscast. Patrick has served on the Board of the Family YMCA of the Desert, the Desert Symphony, and Loma Linda Children's Hospital Foundation, Read with Me, Pathfinder Ranch, and Animal Samaritans.

Interesting Side Note ... Patrick does a spot-on impersonation of Frank Sinatra! Patrick is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Coachella Valley.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE GUESTS!



President's Message

October and Fall are here!!! We are all busy planning and preparing for this year! We have many important dates coming up.

The Anniversary Committee, chaired by Pat and Aurora, are hard at work creating an amazing anniversary fundraiser for **January 13, 2024!**

Fundraising activities, chaired by Gina and Amy, include a Hockey Fundraiser with the Firebirds **February 10, 2024**. The theme for the Hockey Game is Pink in the Rink which supports women and cancer. Proceeds will go towards our STEM activities. They are also working on a Purse Auction for March. Date to be determined.

Recruiting new members is crucial for success to achieve the mission of AAUW. Please remember to **bring a guest to the October Lunch Meeting**, where we will have a meteorologist speak about our changing climate and its effects on our Valley. We need more brand recognition and a higher profile in the community. It is important to talk about our mission and what we do when you are out and about.

Our branch needs some volunteers for the following positions: newsletter editor, parliamentarian, nominating committee chair, speech Trek chair, sunshine lady, and TT treasurer.

We will have a state Director speak with us where you can ask questions about

AAUW. You can participate in the zoom meeting with Sharyn Siebert who is currently the AAUW California Director of Branch Support. She will be speaking to us via Zoom on **October 19 at 7:00pm**. Sharyn will speak about what AAUW CA does for us and how they can assist us. She will also speak about Tech Trek, Gov Trek and Speech Trek. A link will be emailed before October 19.

Kathi Farber, Branch President



President-Elect's Corner

Please take a minute to review the current members of the 2023-2024 Leadership Team. We would be delighted to have more members join the team. Please contact Kathi Farber regarding available opportunities.

President: Kathi Farber
President Elect: Judy Schurr
Vice President Programs: Laura Eaton
Vice President Membership: Sharron Cantarini
Co-Vice President Fundraising: Gina Rotolo/Amy Dailey
Secretary: Shelley Mitchell
Financial Officer: Christine Anderson
Tech Trek Coordinator: Janet Braslow
Interest Group Coordinator: Marsha Riley
Publicity Coordinator: Susan Rosenberg
Public Policy Coordinator: Gayle Cox
Nominating Chair: Linda Rudolph
Grant Writer: Carol Marcuse
Tech Trek Treasurer: Phyllis Dunn
TTAG Chair: Aurora Wilson
Meeting Chair: Martha Blackburn
Newsletter Editor: Shelley Mitchell
Website Manager: Judy Schurr
Directory Editor: Judy Schurr
Zoom Co-Chairs: Shelley Mitchell/Judy Schurr

At the Sept. 5, 2023, Board meeting the following minutes were approved. You may click on them to see them: *April* and *May 2023* Board minutes; and *May 2023 Planning Meeting* minutes. The Board also received the *August 2023 Branch and SPF Fund financial reports*.

Submitted,
Judy Schurr, President-elect

AAUW Palm Springs received an \$11,000 grant from Anderson Children's Foundation for the 2024 Tech Trek STEM Camp Program which will underwrite camp admission for local junior high school girls to attend in-person and virtual camp sessions at state university programs. Pictured



from L-R: AAUW grant writer Carol Marcuse, Anderson Children's Foundation representative Brianna Ullhorn and AAUW co-vice president of fundraising Gina Rotolo.

Interest Groups

Book Group

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting is on Zoom. Contact Mary Schambach to get the link

Great Decisions

Tuesday, Oct. 17th

10:00 AM -- via Zoom

Great Decisions is a foreign affairs discussion group. The topic for October is Climate Migration. If you are interested in participating, please contact Judy Schurr.

Lunch Bunch meets on the last Friday of the month

September 29 at 11:30 am.

We will be meeting at D' Coffee Bouteaque, 73131 Country Club Dr. STE C 1 in Palm Desert, Ca. The restaurant is located between Bristol Farms and Sherman's Deli in the shopping mall. Please email Marsha Riley at mriley61@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Reel Revelers is the first Thursday of the month,

October 5 at 3:00PM. The movie is *Call Me Kate*. Watch it on Netflix and join us on Zoom for a discussion led by Linda Rudolph

Contact Marsha Riley for information or to RSVP

WE NEED YOU!

Our most important meeting of the year, our Tech Trek Luncheon is approaching on November 11. We need volunteers bringing fresh ideas and energy to plan and execute the gathering that highlights our major focus—Tech Trek.

The committee will likely meet twice in October (possibly by zoom or hybrid) and help the day of our AAUW Palm Springs branch meeting with the Tech Trek students as our speakers. Contact Janet Braslow at jhbraslow@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Tech Trek Luncheon Committee. Thank You!

Janet Hartzler Braslow



Member Spotlight Christine Anderson

1. How has AAUW empowered me?

Primarily, joining AAUW has led me to meet a lot of wonderful women. My husband and I have been visiting the desert for years but moved here full-time 3 years ago - right as COVID was just beginning. It was very difficult to meet people when we couldn't get out, which caused some loneliness. So it has been wonderful getting out and more involved with the meetings and interest groups.



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

I love the dedication to Tech Trek. I love that we are helping to expose young girls to fields of study that they might not have thought they were capable of. Or that these areas of study were even available to them!

3. Education/Life's work?

I earned my degree in Accounting and worked for over 40 years in the Financial Services industry - primarily in Financial Reporting for major insurance companies. I managed a team that was responsible for internal, state and SEC reporting of over \$1.5 Billion of assets. I was also very interested in Financial Systems work and spent time in the systems areas. There I was heavily involved in process improvements through automation and report writing.

4. What do I do for fun?

Since I retired I have been catching up on making quilts for all my grandchildren. I didn't have much time for sewing when I worked. I also love to read, so I've been reading a lot of books that I had accumulated over the years. I'm in a great book club that has expanded the genres I normally lean to. I especially love time spent with family and friends. I can't get enough of that. And finally, we have a 2-year old Aussiedoodle named Watson. He keeps us very busy!



Public Policy

GovTrek is a virtual program for Jr. and Sr. high school girls designed to elevate the next generation to pursue careers in public service and elected office. Over 6-2 hour Saturday sessions, students will engage in interactive and inspiring activities with exposure to women legislators, career options and inner workings of a political campaign. It will

be from Feb.3 to March 7th with a campaign competition March 16th. I would like to have 2 more volunteers to help pass out program information to the 16 high schools in our valley. Contact Gayle Cox, bigbearnorm@gmail.com, if you can assist. Thanks much!

School Board Project

There is a dangerous wave sweeping across our country to withhold certain historical information from students and to preclude student access and exposure to educational materials and/or campus events concerning a number of historically marginalized groups, including persons of color and people in LGBTQ+ communities. These efforts include financial and other forms of support for candidates for school board positions who support these policies and who would then be in a position to see them come to fruition.

These policies are antithetical to AAUW California's public policy priorities to ensure "equal access to quality public education for all students" including "access to diverse curriculum that represents historically accurate information." This is why AAUW California is determined to do everything we can to stop this movement from taking hold in our beautiful state, and why we have entered into a collaboration with Equality California to identify, recruit, and support candidates to run for nonpartisan school board races up and down the state.

Recently several of our members attended an AAUW CA Webinar on this project. It provided an excellent discussion of the breadth of the problem and the scope of the proposed solution, along with a representative from the League of Women Voters to guide members with some useful tips about speaking out at school board meetings.

Those who attended the webinar agreed that it was valuable and we were inspired to think about how our branch might be able to participate. You will be hearing more about this and we will need volunteers to help. To see the webinar for yourself or to download the AAUW CA School Board Project Toolkit, click [HERE](#)

Purse Auction Fundraiser



Our upcoming Purse Auction is now scheduled for March. Start thinking about donating new or gently used purses and goodies to put inside for this fundraiser. Use your imagination, but some ideas for goodies could be rounds of golf, passes to museums and zoos, a time share week, spa treatments, gift certificates to fine dining, tickets to the theater, and always...WINE!

We also need donations of prizes for our Gala 75th Anniversary Fundraiser in January. You can send donations to Amy Dailey or Gina Rotolo. They can also provide

you with more information!

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Marie Tharp: Mapper of the Deep

July 30, 2020 marked 100 years since the birth of Marie Tharp, a pioneering geologist and cartographer who created some of the world's first maps of the ocean floor.



Tharp was one of the first women to work at the Lamont Geological Observatory (now the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University). That was in 1948, a time when women weren't always welcome in the world of science. Despite these extra obstacles, she went on to change the course of history for geology and ocean exploration.

Tharp began her career at a time when few women became scientists. Because of her gender, she wasn't even allowed on the ships that collected the seafloor data that she used to make her maps; she didn't set foot on a research cruise until 1968. Her early evidence of seafloor spreading was dismissed as "girl talk."

Today, Marie Tharp is recognized for the revolutionary that she was. In 1997, the Library of Congress named her as one of the four greatest cartographers of the 20th century. She died of cancer in 2006 at the age of 86, but her legacy lives on in the countless women scientists she has inspired.

<https://marietharp.ldeo.columbia.edu/about-marie-tharp>

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