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May 2014

GENERAL MEETING

Our May 2014 meeting is the annual Interbranch Luncheon. The South Lake Tahoe Branch will host at **Lake Tahoe Community College on Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 AM**. Please look for the invitation sent separately. This event is a great opportunity to find community with AAUW members from around Lake Tahoe and get to know this great educational resource.

Please note that our **checks must arrive in South Shore before May 1st** so mail them now!! Later you will receive directions and a list of North Tahoe Branch members attending to facilitate carpooling to South Shore.

With our spring weather this should be a fine outing!

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Spring is peeking out! Hope you are all enjoying our mountains or enjoying some far away travel destinations. We are such an active group of travelers; however, summer seems to pull us all together to tell our stories of adventure. So it will be this upcoming summer season.

South Lake Tahoe AAUW will be hosting our inter-branch luncheon this month and there is more information on that here in our newsletter. *We will be voting on a new slate of officers there*, so please also check our announcement of who has been nominated. Many are 2nd year positions, so it is not a long list of new nominations.

Our April meeting was a lively fundraising affair at Petra in Northstar attended by 36 members and guests. Dinner was paired with wine, followed by s'mores toasted outside around the campfire. All agreed this could be a successful annual fundraiser.

Remember to vote! Our branch members will receive an email from AAUW-CA outlining the election procedure for AAUW-CA officers and the small dues increase needed by our state organization. Go to the website to get further information on the candidates and the dues increase. (<http://www.aauw-ca.org>)

Our many interest groups are keeping us busy, and I hope activities will continue through the summer. Check out news from them in this newsletter.

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NORTH TAHOE BRANCH ELECTIONS

Your Nominating Committee names the following candidates for 2014-2015 officers:

President:	Susan Lynnes-Parks
Co-Vice President, Programs:	Carol Schleicher
Co-Vice President, Membership:	Julie Ginocchio

Nominations (with permission) will be accepted prior to voting by the general membership.

These officers continue the second year in their positions:

Financial Officer:	Kym Pipkin
Recording Secretary:	Nancy Cline
Co-Vice President, Programs:	Darlene Rempfer
Co-Vice President, Membership:	Betsy Peterson
Communications Officer:	Patricia Watters

AAUW NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

What would AAUW look like with you in a key role in AAUW leadership? AAUW is now seeking applications from dedicated, hardworking, creative, and forward-thinking team players for 2014–16 national committee and task force appointments. The May 1 deadline is fast approaching so visit the national website to [learn more](#) and [apply now!](#)

AAUW-CA ELECTION

Please make sure you have a chance to voice your opinion and vote on a much needed state level annual dues (\$4.00) increase this year as well as six officers. We have an opportunity to participate in the 3 week open election period from April 12 through May 3. For more information on this go to the website: <http://www.aauw-ca.org> to request a paper ballot, call 888-995-3463 by April 22nd.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

In just a few short weeks, we'll all be filling out our renewal form on line, printing it out, and mailing it in with our check(s). We want to make it as easy as possible for our members to contribute to Tech Trek, Girls' State, and AAUW Funds. But here are three great reasons why it makes sense to make out separate donation checks to "AAUW CA SPF" (Tech Trek), "American Legion Auxiliary" (Girls State), or "AAUW Funds" (AAUW Funds).

1. If you write a separate check to a specific entity, rather than to our branch, it is a tax deductible charitable donation that you could claim on your taxes. The donation is not deductible if you make the check payable to North Tahoe AAUW.
2. OK, not everyone itemizes their deductions. Think instead of our branch's tax status. Our tax status with the IRS and FTB (CA Franchise Tax Board), and charity reporting status to the Office of the Attorney General are greatly simplified if we are "small," meaning that we don't accept \$25,000 or more in donations or have an account balance of more than \$25,000 per year. Any donations that were included in the member's annual dues check are deposited into our branch account, thus inching us closer to losing the "small" status.
3. And if that's not enough to consider, it'll mean less work for the finance officer...fewer trips to the bank, fewer checks to be written, less chance she'll flub the finances...

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE MARATHON

Wednesday, June 4 at 4:30 PM is set for the end-of-the-year gathering at the home of Betsy Peterson: 5717 Nile Road; Agate Bay.

GOURMET

Dear fellow gourmands, Hope you are well and enjoying the delightful spring weather. I heard reports that the Feb/March dinners were spectacular, and for those who had to reschedule, I'm sure you will be in for a treat when you do have it.

Japan looks to be fascinating, and I know I have had quite an interesting time looking up recipes from that island. You should be hearing from Lynn, Barbra and Julie, Susie, Trudy or myself soon. Thanks to everyone who has already hosted! We're halfway through the Gourmet year.

GREAT DECISIONS

The May meeting for Great Decisions will be on Tuesday, May 20th. It will be held at Linda Schwoob's home on the West Shore and the moderator will be Carol Schliecher. Our subject for the month of May is "Energy Independence". Directions will be mailed one week before the meeting. *Great Decisions meets the third Tuesday of each month.*

INSTITCHES

InStitches will meet Wednesday, May 21st, 10 a.m. at the home of Kathy Zacher. Please bring your current project and a sack lunch and let Kathy know if you will be attending. *InStitches generally meets the third Wednesday of each month.*

PLAY READING GROUP

Playreading Group will meet on Thursday May 1st at 1pm at Pat Castellucci's house. Name of the Play: "Black Coffee" by Agatha Christie. Carol Anne Schleicher will do the casting. Call her no later than Monday April 28th. Her telephone: 530-583-5898 or Cell: 951-312-2537

MEMBERSHIP

Please let Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com) know about any member news that should be recognized via a card or note from our branch.

DIRECTORY. Updated copies of the 2013-14 Member Database and Directory are available at our NT AAUW website, <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/member-information>. Please contact Patricia Watters at northtahoeaauw@gmail.com if you need the password for this secured information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(also available on the website at <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>)

APRIL

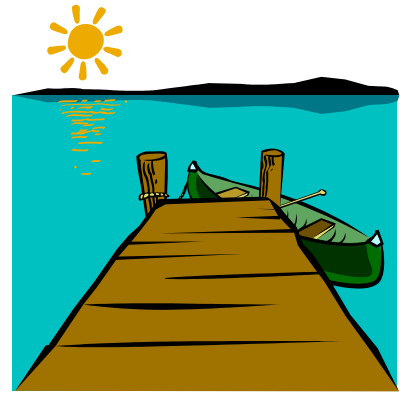
29: Book Group

MAY

1: PlayReading Group
10: General Meeting; Interbranch Meeting
20: Great Decisions
21: InStitches

JUNE

4: Bridge Group End-of-Year Gathering



2013-2014 OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please refer to the website (<http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>) or your member directory.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the associate, RN, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. Membership is not by invitation.