



December 2015

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday party will be December 15 at the home of Barbra Briggs in Star Harbor from 5-8 PM. The event will be catered. Participants will be asked to bring their own beverages.

A separate invitation will be emailed to members in early December. The cost is \$25 per person.

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS

Our cocktails gathering on Friday, the 13th of November was a fun event. Ellen McBride won 1st place for the most items worn inside out. (You can ask her what that entailed. There were some other weird-looking fashions that evening. NOTE: Sue DeVoe emailed us that in South America it is Tuesday the 13th that is supposed to bring Bad Luck. She also let us know the following interesting fact: 11/13/15 is the only time that odd numbers in our calendar come together in this century.

The Friday Night Cocktails event will be up and running again in January. It occurs on the 2nd Friday of the month so that would make it January 8th 2016!!!! We are shooting for a 4pm event. Ideas most welcome! <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Are you enjoying our few snowy days and staying warm? It is great to see the trees trimmed in white and icicles hanging from the roofs!!

Our November meeting with Dr. Ann Sura's presentation on "Sleep" held everyone's attention. We didn't catch anyone nodding off during it! She captured our interest and answered many questions from those of us with sleep issues. Thank you to Carol and Christine for bringing her to the branch. It was very informative.

Thank you to the 24 people who responded to the October Survey on our financial situation. The Board is very concerned about the number of ways we "nickel and dime" our members in order to raise the amount of money we need to maintain our mission-based programs, i.e., Tech Trek, High School Scholarship, etc. Our total obligation is about \$7400/year. A proposal was presented to the membership through the survey for individuals to voluntarily give a supplemental amount each year, in addition to the \$100 dues. (The branch keeps \$31 per member from the \$100 dues and that money

covers our administrative expenses only). This year, half of our members provided nearly half of our fundraising needs at renewal time. In considering what amount would fully fund our programs without having to continually ask for more donations throughout the year, \$100 was selected by 70% of the respondents. We will bring this idea forward to the membership after the first of the year for more discussion and a vote. Please give it your careful consideration over the next few months.

Several members have asked how to send in additional donations. We will send out a fundraising letter with all the particulars in January. However, if you would like to send in a donation before the end of the year, here is how you do so:

Tech Trek (tax deductible) – write your check to AAUW and put “Tech Trek” on the memo line. We still need approximately \$1200, assuming we receive Tahoe City Rotary’s gift of \$850.

High School Scholarship (non-tax deductible) – write your check to NT-AAUW, and put “HS Scholarship” on the memo line. We still need \$1000 for this fund

Girls State (tax deductible) – write your check to American Legion Auxiliary and specify “Girls State” on the memo line. Our shortfall is \$125.

Send your checks to: NT-AAUW | PO Box 5612 | Tahoe City, CA 96145

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party at Barbra Briggs’ lovely home, December 15th, from 5-8pm. Wishing you all a very safe and Happy Holiday season.

Martha | 775.831.9438 | martha@omegaport.com

Nancy | 530.546.4840 | nhcline@gmail.com

GIRLS STATE

The Girls State project is running well and we are now working with the counselor at North Tahoe High. He will have five candidates selected for us to interview the first part of January. The American Legion Auxiliary representative will also be able to participate in the interview process. We hope to have the rest of the Girls State funding needed (\$175) by the end of the year. Please donate now! Your check can be made out to: American Legion Auxiliary and sent to: NT AAUW, PO Box 5612, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Thank You!! Ingrid Eccles and Johnnie Lee Don.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP

The meeting for December has been scheduled for Thursday the 17th, from noon until 2 pm. Carol Eyre will be our hostess at her lovely new home in Incline. The book we will discuss is “The Painted Drum” by Louise Erdrich. Our moderator will be Trudy Lesem.

This meeting will be our annual Book Group cookie exchange (bringing cookies is optional). We look forward to seeing everyone for a festive holiday gathering and

lively discussion. An email will be mailed a week in advance as a reminder with driving directions.

The January 26th meeting will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club from noon until two. An email with details will be sent prior to the meeting. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

BRIDGE MARATHON

We hope you are enjoying bridge matches. There has been a change so we will now have 10 matches to play. The change is that Pat Castellucci has a busy travel schedule so Lynn Flagg will be playing with Trudy Lesem rather than with Pat. Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy some relaxing bridge during the season. Scores are sent to Rose Orenstein. The roster and score sheets can be downloaded from the branch web page [Copy and paste this into your internet browser-- <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/bridge>. Call us if you have any questions. Cheers, Sue DeVoe 530.546.5120; Rose Orenstein 530.318.1460

GREAT DECISIONS

November 17th was the last meeting for 2015. The subject was "Human Trafficking" and was moderated by Rose Orenstein who did a great job on a difficult subject. Our first meeting for 2016 will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club from 10am to noon on Tuesday, January 19th. Julie Ginocchio has ordered new books for our group for the new year. Call or email Julie if you have not ordered or paid for a book. The Great Decision interest group wishes all a joyous holiday season. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month and welcome new members.

INSTITCHES

INSTITCHES will begin meeting at 2:00 p.m on January the 20th, the third Wednesday, at Johnnie lee Don's home (633 A Lariat Circle) in Incline. You need only RSVP if you are coming. You can help take down Christmas decorations . . . just kidding! <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>

MEMBERSHIP

Hard copies of the Directory are currently at the printers and we hope to have them soon.

Please let Linda Larish [llarish@sbcglobal.net] or Sharon Filardo [spfilardo@aol.com] know about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DECEMBER

- 15: Holiday Party
- 17: Book Group

JANUARY

- 19: Great Decisions
- 20: InStitches
- 26: Book Group



GENERAL MEETINGS -- SAVE THESE DATES

The December program is shown in a separate announcement. Programs for the remainder of the year are still being firmed up, but here is the tentative schedule for the 2015/2016 year. Please mark your calendars for AAUW General Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
January 14	1 PM	iFoster Co-founder & Executive Director Sarita Cox. Soup luncheon at Tahoe City Yacht Club
February 11	1 PM	Kellie Cutler, Executive Director, North Tahoe Arts
March 10	1 PM	Chautauqua Program for Women's History Month. Abigail Adams + 2 more volunteers to portray notable women in history. Location TBD.
April 14	1:00 pm	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers, program and location TBD
May 12	4 PM	Interbranch Meeting. High Tea at 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village. Roxana Cabrera (former Tech Trek Girl currently at UC, Davis.
June 9	12 noon	Installation of Officers, Bandana Picnic Lunch. Location and speaker TBD.

2015-2016 OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The list of officers and directors is posted on the website (www.northtahoe-ca.aauw.net) and included in the 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.