



January 2016

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, January 14; 12 NOON
At the Tahoe City Yacht Club

Soup Luncheon kindly provided by the Gourmet Group

Speaker: **Serita Cox, Co-Founder and Executive Director of iFoster.**

iFoster was launched to help the 3.3 million children living in foster and kinship care who, without proper support, grow up to be homeless, incarcerated, uneducated, and too often young parents themselves. Launched in October 2010, the iFoster community is supporting over 1.8 million children across 50 states, and is growing by over 100,000 monthly.

iFoster provides life changing resources to help raise our most vulnerable children and youth. For a preview of what this innovative program does, check out their webpage at www.iFoster.org and join us for an interesting and informative program on January 14th.

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS

TOP SECRET: Your mission, should you accept it. . . ,

1. Search online and investigate **ALIBI ALE WORKS**, the newest brewery at North Lake Tahoe.
2. Check your calendar for **Friday, the 8th of January, 2016** to see if you are free.
3. Decide to give it a try by e-mailing <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> that you are up for it.
4. Show up at **4 pm @ 204 E. Enterprise in Incline Village** (298-7001) which is off of Tanager which is off of Village which is off of Route 28.
5. Sample Beers responsibly and, if snowy, wear boots.

The owners, Kevin Drake of Kings Beach and Rich Romo of Incline Village along with assistant brewer Matt Garcia have made the space of a former NAPA Autoparts and SOS Body Shop into a cozy public house for locals. They recycled wall trim from fermenters' shipping crates, bar tables made of trusses from a burned down house, and a bathroom floor from laminated pennies to name just a few of the interesting aspects of the space. Art work adds to the ambiance.

For non-beer-drinkers there is white wine and red and a fruit-based soda along with Kombucha, a fermented tea. But they do not mind if you bring in your own soft drinks, take-out, snacks, or your dog, etc. Think for this first time: If we are enjoying the non-TV environment, we can order in pizza, or chicken wings, etc., from Rookies or peruse the outside food truck menu.

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS NOTE: Can folks let me know if a **Starlight Snowshoe Hike** at Diamond Peak at 5pm on February 12, 2016 for \$13 without IVGID pass (\$3 off if age is 55+) or \$10 with IVGID pass would be of interest ????? Hike includes guides, exclusive access to Diamond Peak and Snowflake lodge and also available is light fare and bar by BRIMM'S. We would need to pre-register.

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you all!!!!

A big thanks to Barbra Briggs for hosting our joyous Holiday Party at her lovely home with her fantastic 17 ft. tree adorned with over 5000 lights. Everything was decorated so beautifully - truly a sight to behold. Another thanks goes to Julie Ginocchio for planning and organizing the party and arranging for Marlise Catering to provide the very delicious food. It was very well attended and we all had a fabulous time.

As we round out the old year and march into the New Year, many of us make resolutions. Do you know the real definition of "resolution" and how making resolutions came about as a custom? Here is a link with the definition and some history behind it: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_resolution Hope you enjoy reading it.

We hope you will include AAUW in your resolutions for the New Year, whether it is attending more general or interest group meetings, or a willingness to take part in the leadership of the branch. Do you have ideas for resolutions for our Branch? Where should our focus be for 2016? Please send your thoughts to either Martha Cirata (Martha@omegaport.com) or Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com).

We have added a new social event to our calendar: Friday night cocktails on one Friday during the month. Thanks to Johnny Lee Don for hosting the past two events. While lightly attended, the conversations, food and wine were all great. Look for the January night out and come join us.

It's time to review our finances, which is to be a constant theme and activity throughout the year. In January, you will receive a letter from the Board to explain where we are in our annual fund-raising, where our dues money goes and what projects still need to be funded. Please look for it in your snail mail. Our current plans stand at sending 6 girls to Tech Trek, 1 girl to Girls State, identifying a named grant for AAUW Funds and providing a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating High School senior. We managed to do this last year and, with a little help, we can continue again this year.

Hope to see you all at our January Soup Luncheon on Thursday, January 14th, at noon at the Tahoe City Yacht Club. Serita Cox of iFoster – an organization providing support to those in foster homes - is the scheduled speaker.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still looking for 3 people who are willing to spend some time finding replacements for the outgoing officers. This activity occurs within the January/February timeframe, and will give you an opportunity to learn more about the functioning of the branch and meet more of our members. Most of the effort is on the phone. Duties include:

- a. Working with the Board to determine what offices need filling for 2016-17
- b. Contacting viable candidates and presenting the duties of the offices being vacated.
- c. Presenting the new slate of officers to the current board and preparing an article for the newsletter.

If you are interested in helping, please, please, please contact either Martha Cirata (Martha@omegaport.com) or Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com). We can really use your help!!!

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR FINANCE OFFICER

We are approaching the end of the year with a sense of gratitude for the generosity of all of you who had contributed to our projects and a hopeful expectation that those of you who had wholeheartedly supported our goals will make your contributions sometime soon so we can achieve our collective goals. Thank you in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to call to your attention a fact that may be causing a little confusion. AAUW National is aggressively campaigning to raise money for Tech Trek and STEM projects, among others, the same projects for which our own Branch is so eagerly appealing to your support in order to send six girls to Tech Trek Camp. Please, when you make your contributions think of your Branch first: money sent directly to AAUW National will aid in the same programs but our Branch will not receive those funds to support our goal of sending our six girls to camp. And remember that besides Tech Trek we also need funding for Scholarship and Girls State. At this moment we have a shortfall of \$ 2,075 for Tech Trek, \$940 for Scholarship, and \$115 for Girls State.

Please keep in mind when you write your checks:

- Checks for **Tech Trek** should be written to AAUW and in the memo line write Tech Trek.
- Checks for **Girls State** should be written to American Legion Auxiliary and in the memo line Girls State
- Checks for **Scholarship** or **General Fund** should be written to North Tahoe AAUW and in the memo line indicate Scholarship or General Fund.

Thank you, we count on your support. Happy Holidays and let's keep on giving. Ruth Arizaga-Whisler

TECH TREK

We are very pleased to announce that Meri McEneny and Ann Folsom have volunteered to fill the Tech Trek coordinator position. As you know, Tech Trek is a primary focus for our branch and it is extremely critical for us to have this position filled. We are thrilled they have stepped up to this position. Many thanks to Eileen Hacker for the wonderful job she did over the past couple years as Tech Trek Coordinator. We think many can attest how well prepared the girls were in presenting their experiences at our September meeting. Thanks Eileen!! And we wish much success to Meri and Ann as they proceed with this year's selection process!!

Shirley Hale, former Tech Trek Coordinator, brought the article in the AAUW Annual Report to our attention. Kea Jolicoeur, who is featured in the article about Tech Trek, was sponsored by our branch. The article is attached. Way to Go Kea!!!! What a wonderful impact our branch is making with a few resources!

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, the 26th of January from noon until 2pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club. We will be reviewing "The Martian" written by Andy Weir. Marion Adams will be our moderator and Nancy Cline will bring treats. The February meeting will be held on the 23rd at the Tahoe Yacht Club from noon until 2pm. We will be reviewing "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Linda Schwoob will be our moderator and will also bring treats. Bring a lunch and a beverage to both meetings. We meet on the last 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

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, the 19th of January at the Tahoe Yacht Club from 10am to noon and on the 16th of February from 10am to noon, also at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Julie Ginocchio will be contacting the members when the new books for 2016 have arrived. If you have not ordered or paid for a new book, contact Julie at [530-546-8864](tel:530-546-8864) or email her at dnundergal@ltol.com. The cost for the new book is \$25.00. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

INSTITCHES

January 20th @ 2pm at Johnnielee's home @ 633A Lariat Circle, Incline Village (call 775-832-8089) or email <johnnieleedon@gmail.com>. We will be doing "Sewing to a Tea: The Hidden Pin Cushion". Attendees can just watch or help me take down my Christmas tree (I may not be just kidding) and/or work on their own projects. RSVP please and let me know if you are bringing your own teapot or would like to look at my up-for-grabs collection. The craft does not hurt the teapot and does not take much time, so there will be plenty of time to take down the tree.

MEMBERSHIP

Apologies from Patricia Watters: I am tardy sending the **Directory** to the Printer. My mother passed this month, and I admit to being overwhelmed with family issues right now. I hope to have the directories available in January.

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/>)

JANUARY

- 14: Soup Luncheon and iFoster program
- 19: Great Decisions
- 20: InStitches
- 26: Book Group



GENERAL MEETINGS -- SAVE THESE DATES

The January program is shown in a separate announcement. Below is the tentative schedule for 2015/2016 Programs. Please mark your calendars for AAUW General Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
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.