



**December 2016**



Our Holiday Party is Saturday, **December 17**, from **2 to 5 PM** at the home of Pat Castellucci. What a great way to celebrate the season with AAUW friends and family.

The party will be catered with heavy appetizers, wine, coffee and tea included for \$30.00. Please RSVP by mailing your check written to North Tahoe AAUW to:

Pat Castellucci  
PO Box 1149  
Truckee, CA 96160

Your check must reach Pat by **December 10**.

Pat's home address is 10288 Badger Lane A, Truckee, CA, 530-550-1812.

From North Lake Tahoe on Highway 267: Travel on 267 then turn left onto Brockway Road. It is the first signal after the airport stop light. Get Ready! Now turn left immediately onto Hope Court. (That is where the railing stops on the left.) Follow Hope Court. It will

curve right and at the fork go right onto Badger Lane to 10288 A (only building on the right). There is a bench and chandelier on the porch.

From Highway 89: Travel on Highway 89 and turn right onto West River Road and continue until stop sign by Jax Diner. Turn right, cross the river and continue through the roundabout. Just past the flashing yellow light turn right onto Hope Court. It will curve right and at the fork go right onto Badger Lane to 10288 A (only building on the right). There is a bench and chandelier on the porch.



## **CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

We hope that you are surrounded with the love of your dear ones on this festive season. We are so thankful to all of you in AAUW for the help and support you provide during the year. It is wonderful to have all our mission objectives funded so early. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!!

Our November meeting with Carol Holzgrafe was very stimulating, informative and energizing. We all exchanged a lot of ideas for educating our youth on sexual harassment, shared experiences and had a lot of good

discussion about the changing roles of women and the impact on our society. We had good attendance including several guests. Many thanks to Shirley Hale for hosting our speaker, to Carol Eyre for opening her home, Julie Ginocchio for organizing the meeting and Sue Devoe for arranging for the snacks.

With the Holidays fast approaching, we are starting to look forward to our Holiday party at Pat Castellucci's home in Truckee. Her home is always so beautifully decorated which is perfect for a fun and festive event. This year it is an afternoon catered party on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM. Please see the separate article above for more detailed information.

Sharon Filardo has suggested that since our mission objectives are fully funded that we look to our community and support Toys For Tots! Please support this very worthwhile program. More information is listed below.

We hope to see you at the Holiday Party and in the meantime, stay warm and dry as winter is fast approaching!!

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*Jan* | 775.831.1329 | [brickpot@yahoo.com](mailto:brickpot@yahoo.com)

## BRANCH LEADERSHIP

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 10**, beginning at **2 PM** at the home of Martha Cirata.

Approved meeting notes are available under "Communications" on the branch website. You will also find a list of officers and board members on the website at ([www.norhtahoe-ca.aauw.net](http://www.norhtahoe-ca.aauw.net)).



Thank you, NT AAUW Members! Because of your generosity at the beginning of the AAUW year this Fall, all our annual branch projects are funded.

Recognizing our branch's local community projects are fully funded for the year, Members attending the November 10 general meeting decided to support our local **Toys for Tots** program that is sponsored by the US Marine Corps. We ask members to drop off new, unwrapped toys at any collection site in your community where you see the US Marine Toys for Tots Banner (see suggestions below). Unwrapped toys for children between infancy and 14 years of age, in the value range of \$10-\$20, should be dropped off to collection sites **by December 12, 2016**. The toys will be distributed to the families on December 17, 2016.

Thank you for helping our community provide a special Christmas for all children! If you prefer, you can make a cash donation. Make checks out to the Marine Foundation, Toys for Tots, Tahoe-Truckee and mail to c/o Meera Beser, P.O. Box 178, Kings Beach, CA. 96143.



### Drop-off Locations:

Kings Beach - Chevron Station, Spindleshanks, Event Center, Bank of the West, Fire Department.

Tahoe City - Fire Department, Bank of America, Bank of the West, Chase International.

West Shore - Obexers General Store, Sunnyside.

Truckee - Moody's Bistro, Edges Electrical Group, Chase International, Edward Jones.

Tahoe Vista - Home of Sharon Filardo

Happy Holidays, Sharon Filardo



Christine Marsh-Madden and Johnnie Lee Don met with the NTHS counselor Jeff Ream and with Ella Barzel, last

year's Girl State Delegate, to get set-up for the coming year. Ella's input was quite valuable and both Christine and Johnnie Lee acknowledge and appreciate all that Jeff does to further this experience by alerting eligible girls, meeting with them, and encouraging them to apply. They also learned about an orientation held each year in Sacramento in March about which Ella spoke of as being quite valuable. Christine and Johnnie Lee will incorporate this new information into an improved time-line for NT AAUW actions.

## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

Our November meeting will be held at Martha Cirata's home on **November 29th** from noon until 2 PM. We will review "On Gold Mountain" by Lisa See. Our discussion leader is Trudy Lesem, treats provided by Fritz Briner. Our holiday cookie exchange will be on **December 13th** at the home of Sharon Filardo from noon until 2:00.

Driving directions will be emailed one week prior to our meeting. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month with the exception of the December cookie exchange. The Book Group wishes all a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.



## BRIDGE MARATHON

We hope you are enjoying bridge matches. We are happy to welcome Lynn Flagg back as Trudy Lesem's partner in the AAUW Marathon. Her information has been added to the Bridge Marathon member list. Pat Castellucci will be playing with Ellen Magnani when Joanne is away and she can also play with Linda Larish and/or Nancy Zachariasen when they are available to play. Feel free to play as many matches as you would like. Scores are sent or given to Rose Orenstein and they can be averaged. Participating members make donations to the AAUW fund of their choice which is described at the bottom of the roster and is greatly appreciated as many of you have already donated. Many thanks for supporting one or more of these wonderful causes.

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 and Rose Orenstein 530.318.1460



## FRIDAY-NIGHTERS

There *would* be a 3rd Friday experience in December EXCEPT that the very next day is NT AAUW's Winter Party at Pat Castellucci's lovely home (and are we not too old to party two nights in a row?) And you can bet that on the 3rd Friday of January (which is the inauguration) we will also not be partying. So, we are moving to the **4th Friday, January 27th 2017** and will have something new to do.



## GREAT DECISIONS

Our 2017 book will be distributed in December by Julie Ginocchio. Members will be contacted when they are available. Our first meeting for the new year will be on **January 17th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month and starting in January, we will meet from 1PM to 3PM. You will receive an email reminder and driving directions. We have had a wonderful year with many interesting topics. Wishing all a healthy and happy holiday season from our Great Decision members.



## INSTITCHES

There will be no meeting in December but we will be coming back strong in the New Year. Wow! January 18, 2017!



## MEMBERSHIP

Contact information for current members is available in database and booklet formats at <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>. You will need the password listed under "Membership Communications" below to access the confidential information.

**Directories.** Johnnie Lee Don has a few directories left (\$10) and will carry them in her car to various events so if anyone would like one - just let her know. You can always email her to have one sent to you:  
[johnnieleedon@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon@gmail.com)

**Membership Memo.** If you have friends or family members you would like to have join our branch, please pick up our new member applications which are available at our meetings right next to the name tag boxes. If you would like a new member packet between meetings, contact either Cheryl Allen or Martha Cirata and they will cheerfully email or snail-mail a membership packet to you or the prospective new member.

**Photo Policy.** Photographs may be taken at any of our events, meetings, or parties with the intent of putting these pictures in our newsletter, on the website or other social media. If you have had a picture taken and you do not wish to have your picture published, please alert the photographer and Patricia Watters, our Communications Officer, within 5 days to remove your picture. A signed release form will be required from the parents of minor children.

**Member Communications.** 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.

North Tahoe AAUW website:  
<http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>  
Member Directory Password:  
**NorthTahoeAAUW** (case sensitive)

AAUW California website:  
<http://www.aauw-ca.org>  
User name: **member**  
Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



## CALENDAR

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

### NOVEMBER

29: Book Group

### DECEMBER

13: Book Group Cookie Exchange

17: Holiday Party

### JANUARY

10: Branch Leadership Meeting

17: Great Decisions

27: Friday Nighters

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*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.*