



February 2016

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, February 11; 1 PM

North Tahoe Arts Center

380 N. Lake Blvd.; Tahoe City, CA (next to the old Fire Station)

Here is an opportunity to get better acquainted with the talent and work of our area's accomplished artists.

Kellie Cutler, Executive Director, will give us a tour of the gallery. We look forward to seeing you all there.

FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS

We will meet on February 12th from 6PM to 8PM to celebrate St Valentine's Day . . .Early. . . at Skip and Johnnie Lee's home. We ask that the ladies attending bring the very best dessert they like making as we will dedicate the evening to "Life is short. . . Eat Dessert First"! No dinner will be served. And we are asking the men attending to bring the very worst Valentine gift they can think of (a peek into one of our many thrift stores should give you some ideas. . .nothing too expensive). Prizes for Best Dessert and Worst Gift will be given. Tea and coffee and Hot Rum/WhiskeyToddies will be available. The color for the evening is **Red**. RSVP to johnnieleedon1@gmail.com.

CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year! And Happy Winter! Such a welcome change in our weather this month. We hope you are finding ways to enjoy being out in the snow or enjoying the spectacle as it falls.

The Gourmet group shared many wonderful soups with us at the January meeting. Thanks so much for your contributions – they were all delicious. The program on iFoster, a local-owned resource site for foster children who are ready to transition into independence, was excellent. If you'd like to find out more about this organization, go to iFoster.org.

Here is a brief "Financial State of the Branch" report. And it's good news! We have just a \$400 shortfall to fully fund all our mission-based projects for 2015-16. Tech Trek is fully funded (\$5400).

AAUW Funds is fully funded (\$750). Girls State is fully funded (\$500). We have \$600 towards our High School Scholarship, leaving our shortfall at \$400.

We want to acknowledge and thank the **38** of our **65** members who donated nearly half of these funds when they renewed their membership. Two other members contributed \$500 and \$600 respectively, which was extremely generous! While we can't always count on individuals' generosity at this level of contribution, we can't stress enough that every donation, no matter the amount, helps provide wonderful programs for young girls.

In order to help all our members access the directory on our website, we are publishing the case-sensitive password. We will let you know when the printed directories will be available. In the meantime, please use the online resources available to you.

Directory Password (case sensitive): NorthTahoeAAUW

If you'd like to help us complete the funding for our High School Scholarship, here is how you can contribute for a non-taxable donation:

<p><u>Write</u> your check to Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee (TTCSC) as it is a 501(c)3 registered organization specifying on the memo line AAUW-North Tahoe Scholarship. <u>Send</u> your check to NT AAUW, PO Box 5612, Tahoe City, CA 96145</p>

Martha | 775.831.9438 | martha@omegaport.com

Nancy | 530.546.4840 | nhcline@gmail.com

BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Even though we are only half way through the current AAUW year, it is time to start planning for the next term. The board will be fulfilling the function of the nominating committee as we have a few open positions to recruit. It is essential we fill these positions as managing the branch goals would become a significant challenge. The open positions are: President-elect, Co-Membership (1), Co-Girls State (1), Programs (2). We hope out of 65 members we should be able to find 4 women willing to serve. Please give this some serious consideration. We will review the duties and time commitment that goes along with performing the job when you receive a call. We'll be talking soon.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 23rd from noon until 2pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club. We will be reviewing "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Linda Schwoob will be the discussion leader and will also bring treats. Bring your lunch and a beverage. The schedule for our book selections and meeting locations is posted on the website. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

You can find the current 2016 schedule of books, locations, and treat hostesses at the branch website. Paste <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/book/> into your internet browser box and click. No password required.

BRIDGE MARATHON

Happy bridge playing. Participants in the Marathon are asked to make contributions to any of 4 AAUW Funds of their choice. We want to thank the 22 bridge participants that contributed a total of \$910 to one or more of these funds. This is the only fee and then players enjoy arranging, playing matches at their convenience and enjoy prizes and an end of the year party in late May or early June. The year goes by fast so hopefully many of you are enjoying playing the 16 hand matches especially on snowy days. Scores are sent or given 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. Here's to good cards and fun playing. Cheers, Sue DeVoe [530.546.5120](tel:530.546.5120) or Rose Orenstein [530.318.1460](tel:530.318.1460)

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, February 16th, at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City from 10 am to noon. The subject will be "The Islamic State". We begin with a 20 minute video followed by discussion. Anyone interested in joining our group is welcome. A reminder to group members will be emailed one week prior to the meeting. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

INSTITCHES

February 17 at 2pm we will meet at Johnnie Lee's home in order to take a small tour of Handmade at the Lake at 873 Tahoe Blvd (route #28). This is where Karen Colbert, a well-known quilter, oversees her small quaint shoppe which, as the name implies, sells handmade items. If you are thinking of buying something for a special person, you need to appreciate the work that goes into handmade items and bring lots of money (or credit cards). We may then adjourn to ALIBI ALE HOUSE for wine, women, and song (although someone besides me must sing :) at 3 pm when it opens. RSVP <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

- 20: InStitches
- 26: Book Group

FEBRUARY

- 11: General Meeting at North Tahoe Arts Center
- 12: Friday night cocktails
- 16: Great Decisions
- 17: InStitches
- 23: Book Group



GENERAL MEETINGS -- SAVE THESE DATES

The February 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
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.