



**March 2016**

## **GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM**

Thursday, March 10th, 1:00 p.m.

Tahoe Yacht Club located in the Boatworks Shopping Center  
Tahoe City

In honor of Women's History Month, North Tahoe AAUW will be presenting its traditional Chautauqua program with four of the branch's members portraying these historically significant women

*ABIGAIL ADAMS  
CLARA BARTON  
DOROTHY DAY  
SOJOURNER TRUTH*

Feel free to bring a guest. This always popular program is a wonderful opportunity to introduce prospective members to North Tahoe AAUW.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS**

Since March is the month of St. Pat's Day, we will be hosting a paid evening (\$15 each) for an Early St. Pat's Day Dinner of Corned beef and Cabbage on **Friday, March 11th at 6pm**. It is BYOB for this event.

Because our home is on the small size, we are limited to the first 16 people to respond. So get your reserved spot early by RSVP-ing to <[johnnieleedon1@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com)> or calling 775-832-8089 by **Friday, the 4th of March**. Green (of course) will be the color of the evening!

## **CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Looks like Winter is back after our week of Spring-like weather. It sure was nice to have a break in the storms, but we are not quite ready to give up skiing for the season so we are happy to see this latest storm. Every little bit helps.

We have been successful in filling our vacant board positions for the next two years except for President-elect. It is very helpful to have a willing participant take this on as she will see how the board functions over the course of the next year and have the opportunity to make a direct influence on the direction the branch will take. Please let Martha ([Martha@omegaport.com](mailto:Martha@omegaport.com)) or Nancy ([nhcline@gmail.com](mailto:nhcline@gmail.com)) know if you would like more detailed info

on what this position entails. (We'd even take names of people whom you'd like to recommend for this position!) This is such a good way to "ease" into our leadership structure.

Our February meeting at the North Tahoe Arts Center was very informative. Kellie Cutler described their functions and the different events they sponsor. Check out their website at <http://www.northtahoearts.com> to find out what's happening there. You might even find a special activity for your grandchildren!

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, April 21 - for an AAUW dinner at Petra in Northstar Resort. Cost is approximately \$50 per person and will include a glass of wine, salad, entree and dessert. Our branch will receive 50% of the proceeds (less tax and tip) for the dinner that night that we can put towards Tech Trek, Girls State, or another area in need of funding. Any additional purchases, the branch will receive 10%. Please join us for a lovely evening of good food, wine and conversation. Friends are invited. More information to follow.

We are hosting the May inter-branch luncheon this year with the South Lake Tahoe, Incline Village and Truckee branches attending. It would be great to have good representation and the program should prove to be very inspiring. So please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 12, at 4pm, at Carol Eyre's lovely home in Incline.

Hope to see you at our March meeting, the very popular annual Chautauqua presentation.

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## TECH TREK

Tech Trek Summer Science Camp July 10-16, 2016, UC DAVIS. The nomination process is complete for this year's Tech Trek campers. Using AAUW criteria, Science and Math teachers at North Tahoe School nominated 14, 7th-grade girls for the interview process. Teachers Lindee Eckert, Lisa McCready and Rene Arington, and school secretary Terri Tangney, continue to whole-heartedly support this program, as does new Principal Chad Lindeen. NTS has helped the program, the girls, and our branch, for many years. Thank you NTS teachers and staff!

These NTS teachers invited the nominees to a meeting before school on Feb 12, for the girls to learn more about the program; and Meri McEneny represented our branch. During the meeting, many girls were taking notes on their laptops, and checking email for their TT camper application, essay form, and parent certification form, which are due March 1 to Meri. The teachers and Meri are available to help the girls or parents with the forms.

The girls heard first hand how Tech Trek makes a difference in girls' lives. Science teacher Eckert told them about a previous student of hers who attended Tech Trek through our branch. Kia learned about robotics at camp, started a robotics program at NTS after camp, then started a robotics program at the high school and now is helping coordinate the camp at Stanford! The nominees were told how good their odds are of attending. For instance, an AAUW branch in Marysville/Yuba City sends 6 girls to camp as we do, but out of 32 middle schools! New this year, no cell phones at camp.

Next steps are to read the teachers nominations, review the AAUW interview and camper selection procedures, pick up the girls applications, essays and parent forms, then schedule the all-day of interviews. Our branch interview team consists of Ann Folsom, Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, Vera Daegling, and Meri McEneny. Former TT coordinator Eileen Hacker has been invited to our team. NTS reserves a meeting room for us during a school day in early to mid-March. The interviews are about 20 minutes for each girl. Selection of our 2016 campers will be complete by April 1. Selected campers may be invited to our interbranch high tea May 12 to hear former camper Roxana Cabrera.

Out of the 14 nominees, six girls will be selected for the week-long camp. Thank you branch members for funding this life-changing event! Thursday, July 14, is Visitor Day at the UC Davis camp for family, teachers, AAUW, and sponsors. Members are encouraged to visit during the morning of July 14! Contact Meri McEneny regarding Visitor's day, [mmceneny@gmail.com](mailto:mmceneny@gmail.com).

Junior Counselors. Last month we were asked by the UC Davis coordinators to submit names of former branch Tech Trek campers to apply for this year's Junior Counselors position at the UC Davis camp in July. After emailing and calling several former campers, four former Tech Trekkers asked to have their names submitted for applications. The four are: Quinn Lehmkuhl, 2012 camper; Isabel Giacomazzi, 2010 camper; Xochitl Perez, 2012 camper; and Gaby Adrade-Munoz, 2010 camper. Only 8 Junior Campers are selected for UC Davis, so Best wishes to our former campers!

## **GIRLS STATE**

Girls State is a leadership program of the American Legion Auxiliary designed to increase awareness and knowledge of the governmental processes while learning about the duties, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It will be held from June 27th to July 3rd this year and has been fully funded by our AAUW Chapter (Yeah! and many thanks to our members). Joanne Shope of the ALA has invested many years in promoting this program for juniors in High School and her knowledge and understanding of the program showed brilliantly during the interviews of the candidates in January. This year she was joined by Linda Norton, also of California. The two AAUW members involved in the interviews and selection were Ingrid Eccles and Johnnie Lee Don. The girl chosen is Ella Barzel along with an alternate, Xochitl (pronounced So-She) Perez. And choosing these two girls out of eight candidates was one of the hardest things imaginable. All the young ladies were so outstanding!

A big THANK YOU also goes to North Tahoe High School Counselor, Jeff Reams, who did an outstanding job of facilitating the actual interviews which could have been a logistic nightmare with all the candidates' different schedules. Another big THANK YOU to Kaya Williams, last year's Girls State Delegate, for "talking up" the Program so wonderfully.

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **BOOK GROUP**

Book Group will meet On Tuesday, March 29th, at the Tahoe Yacht Club from noon until 2pm. The title for the book to be reviewed is "Spare Parts" by Joshua Davis. Our discussion leader will be Diane Morrison. Lynn Flagg will bring dessert. Members are to bring their own lunch and a beverage. Our book group calendar is posted on the website. A reminder and headcount request will be emailed one week prior to the meeting. We meet on the last Tuesday of every 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

The year is going by so fast and we need to continue to enjoy playing and arranging for our 10 bridge matches. The annual end of the year Awards Celebration and fun gathering for all participants will be the last week in May or first week in June as many of the participants have very busy and exciting plans for the summer. The exact date will be announced in the April newsletter. Scores are sent or given to Rose Orenstein and contact us if you have any other questions.  
Sue Devoe [530 546-5120](tel:5305465120) or Rose [530 546-2559](tel:5305462559).

## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, March 15th, at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City from 10am to noon. The subject will be "The Kurds". Our moderator will be Ruth Arizaga-Whisler. If this subject interests you please join us as we always have a lively discussion. A reminder will be emailed to all members one week prior to the meeting. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our schedule for 2016 is posted on the website.

## INSTITCHES

INSTITCHES in March will be held at the warm and cozy home of Martha Cirata. . . it is sooooo conducive to relaxing as you look out the windows of the living room. . . you may not get much done! But do yourself a favor and join us for a lovely and relaxing time on **March 16th at 2pm**. We will be doing a Raffia Craft which looks to be fun and useful. (And you can always just watch.) The craft only requires that you bring yourself! Please RSVP to <[johnnieleedon1@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com)> or call 775-832-8089 prior to the get-together.

## MEMBERSHIP

National AAUW has updated our branch roster with returning member Susan Hassenplug, bringing our membership total to 65.

Directory Password (case sensitive): NorthTahoeAAUW
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*Please let Linda Larish [[llarish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llarish@sbcglobal.net)] or Sharon Filardo [[spfilardo@aol.com](mailto: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/>)

### MARCH

- 10: General Meeting
- 11: Friday night cocktails
- 15: Great Decisions
- 16: InStitches
- 29: Book Group



## GENERAL MEETINGS -- SAVE THESE DATES

The March 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
April 14	1:00 PM	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers, program and location TBD
May 12	4:00 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](http://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.*