



GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, April 14, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
Incline Village Hospital Community Room
880 Alder Avenue, Incline Village

This is an important branch business meeting:

- Election of Officers for 2016/2017
- Approval of Bylaws Changes
- Adoption of 2016/2017 Branch Budget

Branch business will be followed by a program which is a secret. Clue: it is related to another one of this year's programs.

Your attendance at this meeting is important as there are decisions to be made which will affect the coming year. Your vote counts, please plan to attend.

enthusiastic and informative portrayals of these women. Well done, ladies!

It looks like spring is upon us. Snow is melting around our homes, the days are getting longer, and it's time to start planning for the 2016-17 year for our branch. At our March meeting we reviewed several items that we will vote upon at our "annual" meeting this month. It is called an "annual" meeting because we vote on any changes in dues, the slate of officers, any bylaws changes, and the budget for the next year. This year, we will be voting on the following items, which were sent to you via email in March:

- The proposed bylaws changes
- The slate of officers for 2016-17
- The proposed budget for 2016-17

Every two years, the State and National AAUW organizations review and update the bylaws. The changes they make to our bylaws are mandated by them and do not require a vote of approval by our members. Our Branch takes the opportunity to review the bylaws as well, and make changes that allow us to operate more efficiently. Our bylaws committee, headed by Jan Potter, met in February to review and suggest changes to the bylaws. Their proposed changes were approved by our Board and then sent to AAUW-CA for approval, which we have received. Now it is up to you to approve them at the April meeting.



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our branch was so lucky last month! We had four special women from history attend our March meeting in celebration of Women's History Month: Abigail Adams, Clara Barton, Dorothy Day, and Sojourner Truth. They each had quite a story to tell about their lives and the times in which they each lived. We thank Christine Marsh-Madden, Diane Morrison, Julie Ginocchio, and Linda Larish for their

The slate of officers for 2016-17 is as follows:

- Co-Presidents – Nancy Cline & Jan Potter
- President-Elect: Open
- Co-Vice Presidents for Programs – Julie Ginocchio & Terry Yagura
- Co-Vice Presidents for Membership – Cheryl Allen & Martha Cirata
- Finance Officer – Ruth Arizaga-Whisler
- Co-Secretaries – Linda Larish & Sharon Filardo

The proposed budget for 2016-17 was reviewed at the March meeting and sent to all members via email for review. It is essentially the same budget that we used for this year, as our membership and expenses are relatively stable. If you have questions regarding the budget, please forward them to Ruth at rawhisler@gmail.com before the next meeting.

Please see the attached flyer for information on the AAUW Petra Dinner on April 21st. Information on reservations will be sent in an email in a few days so please watch for it. Spaces are limited. We hope to fill up the restaurant to maximize the funds we can earn.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 14th. Until then, hope you are taking advantage of the beautiful weather!

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FRIDAY NIGHT COCKTAILS

We were a disappointed bunch at having to cancel The Early Saint Pat's Evening but not to worry, we may have a Late St. Pat's Lunch in the works for June 24th! (So keep track of the green items you would have worn.)

We will not be gathering in April, preferring to encourage one and all to attend the Petra Event on Thursday, April 21 at Northstar. Nor will we meet in May when the AAUW Hosted High Tea will be a grand *Happening* at the home of Carol Eyre on Thursday, May 12 at 4 PM. (I am already looking for a garden party hat!)

Many Thanks to one and all who made the evenings unexpectedly fun, frivolous, and tasty.



HIGH TEA

Thursday, May 12th, 4:00 p.m. at 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village. Our branch is hosting the Interbranch Meeting this year to which the South Lake Tahoe, Truckee and Incline Village branches are invited. The speaker is Roxana Cabrera, one of our former Tech Trek girls and now a graduating senior at UC, Davis. Food will be provided by A Catered Affaire, cost is \$25 per person, a substantial portion of which is a contribution to Tech Trek. We hope by this date that Spring will have sprung and high tea attire is encouraged.

CALLING ALL TEA CUPS -- If you have bone china tea cups & saucers and tea pots which you are willing to loan for the High Tea, please email carolceyre@aol.com



Wednesday, March 16, was interview day at North Tahoe School for the 11 nominated girls vying for the 2016 Tech Trek program. How to pick just 6 out of this incredible group of 7th grade girls?! Fortunately, we started with good evaluations from the Science and Math teachers who nominated the girls.

At 7:30 am Vera, Ruth, Ann and Meri arrived at the school, set up all our paperwork in the conference room, and headed off for the pre-interview meeting with nominees and teachers in Mrs. Eckert's classroom. We gave a brief history of AAUW and our mission since 1881 to "improving educational opportunities for women and girls". We spoke also of the ongoing involvement of North Tahoe AAUW in Tech Trek starting with the first program in 1998 when Vera was coordinator and we sent one girl to the initial Stanford camp. We made the point that AAUW, and each of us personally, wants all these girls to attend college, to improve their lives and improve the world.

Meri showed everyone the most recent National AAUW Annual Report which showcased the involvement in Tech Trek of former local girl Kea J. who had been a student of Mrs. Eckert's. After attending Tech Trek Kea started a robotics program at the middle school, then one at the high school, and she graduated from college with a degree in Engineering last year. Kea is co-coordinator of the Stanford camp this year.

We reviewed the interview process with the girls, told them a couple of the twelve questions suggested by National which we would ask them, and confirmed that they knew their interview time slot and location. The majority of the girls arrived at their interview early, often with their school-given laptop computer. They are an impressive group of girls!

The girls went to their first class period, and we four went to the conference room to prepare for the interviewees. We divvied the 12 questions from National among us and systematically asked each girl the same questions during their individual interview.

Often, we each had questions about the girl's essays. After the fun, interesting, and inspiring interview sessions with the girls, began the grueling evaluation and selection process. How to choose?!

We referred often to the guidelines in the Camper Selection Procedure from National, in particular, that Tech Trek's goal is to "encourage a diverse group of young women to take math and science courses throughout high school, to motivate students to attend college and to inspire young women to consider STEM careers". Also, "Tech Trek includes (*but not exclusively*) girls who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a science camp but who have a real interest, aptitude and promise in math and science. Did I mention that all the girls were or had been Distinguished Scholar's or on the Honor Roll throughout middle school, and most, perhaps all, were in Advanced Math?

After a good amount of give and take during our deliberations, we chose 6 campers and 2 alternates. As they have not received their notification letters yet, I will hold off on their names until next newsletter. Let me just say, a couple of these 12-year old girls were "over qualified". This is an

amazing group of girls. We should be rightly proud of sponsoring them to Tech Trek.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The April meeting for Book Group will be held on April 26th. The book to be reviewed is "Tahoe Beneath the Surface" by Scott Lankford. The moderator is Sue DeVoe. The meeting will be held at Marian Adam's home in Tahoe City. Book group meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. A reminder for the meeting and directions to Marian's home will be emailed to all members of book group one week prior to the meeting. 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

Enjoy continuing to play Marathon Bridge Matches. Our final fun bridge celebration for all will be Thursday, June 2 at the home of Barbra Briggs at 5 p.m. where we will enjoy more bridge, food, libations, awards and many treats. Here's to good cards and fun play scores are send or given to Rose Orenstein or Sue DeVoe whom you can call if you have any questions. Sue Devoe 530 546-5120 or Rose 530 546-2559.



GREAT DECISIONS

The April meeting for Great Decisions will be held on April 19th. The subject is "Migration", a hot and interesting topic in current foreign affairs. The moderator for the discussion will be Ruth Arizaga Whisler. The meeting will be held at the Tahoe Yacht club from noon until 2pm. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. All are welcome. Great Decision discussion group is held on the third Tuesday of each month. Mark your

calendar. An email reminder will be sent one week prior to the meeting.



INSTITCHES

We will be taking a break in April, as AAUW's Evening @ PETRA at North Star on April 21st will be the very next day. But we will be back **May 18th at 10am at Johnnie Lee's home at 633A Lariat Circle, Incline**, to end the year with a salad luncheon and a discussion of next year's activities which hopefully will include learning to crochet, learning to knit, learning to use multi-colored rafia and learning to make fabric pinecones. We may also get Irene York to again show us how to make Comfort Pals as that was a highlight of this past year. RSVP via johnnieleedon1@gmail.com now please, even if not attending in May, to let us know if you are interested in joining us next year as we will be making a Hostess list.

****There will be a reminder sent out about the luncheon for those of us with forgetful problems.****



MEMBERSHIP

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.

The user name for the AAUW California website (www.aauw-ca.org) is **member**. The password is **aauwca**. These words are required for access to the state directory and certain forms and documents. The words are case sensitive with no punctuation – enter exactly as shown.

NT AAUW website Directory Password
(case sensitive): NorthTahoeAAUW



CALENDAR

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

APRIL

- 14: General Meeting
- 21: Petra Event, Northstar
- 19: Great Decisions
- 26: Book Group

MAY

- 12: High Tea, Interbranch Meeting
- 18: InStitches

GENERAL MEETINGS -- SAVE THESE DATES

The April 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 |
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| 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. Tahoe Yacht Club. A special program on India, including photographs, by Meri McEneny and Jan Potter |

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.