



**June 2016** 

# **GENERAL MEETING**

June is a busy month as we wind down our 2015/2016 AAUW year. And our program agenda is no exception. We will begin with the Installation of Officers and Awards, followed by our traditional June meeting "Bandana Lunch", and then a program on India, including photos by Jan Potter and Meri McEneny. So, mark your calendar for...

# Thursday, June 9th, noon at the Tahoe Yacht Club

For the Bandana Lunch, bring a lunch tied up in a bandana or in a basket or box or any creative container you can dream up. You can include a beverage, but bottled water will be available. Write the "menu" on a card attached to the outside. There will be a table to

assemble all lunches. After the Installation of Officers, each person will draw a number and, as their number is called out, will select which lunch they would like to have. Bon appetit!



WOW! The Inter-branch tea at the home of Carol Eyre was elegant and wonderful!!! We had over 40 people in attendance amongst such a beautiful setting! Members from Nevada-Tahoe, South Lake



Tahoe, Truckee-Donner and our own Branch were all raving about the event. Seated at tables with flowered table-cloths and napkins and china teacups and pots, we all enjoyed delicious tea sandwiches, cookies and fruit.

Roxana Cabrera gave a very moving speech on her experiences at her Tech Trek camp, her accomplishments since

then and the impact AAUW has had on her. There were many weepy eyes in the audience. She is graduating from UC Davis this year and will be heading to medical school.

Many many thanks go to Carol Eyre for hosting and coordinating the event and thanks to her many helpers too. They have set a new standard for entertaining!!



By now, you should all have received your renewal form and letter. Please make sure you get it in by **June 10** along with your donation checks. We hope we can continue to provide the level of opportunities to young girls in our community while challenging and growing ourselves. There is a lot of administrative work to accomplish before the end of the month so it is important to try to get them in on time, so the earlier the better. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Cirata or Nancy Cline.

Some of the social highlights for our branch are the interest groups. They allow time for building and strengthening your old and new friendships while you pursue topics and skills that are your passion. If you are not currently enrolled in one or more of them, perhaps you might like to find out what they are all about. Our website offers a good description of each group. <a href="http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/">http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/</a> We have a terrific group of chair-women for all 5 areas.

We can't believe the AAUW year is almost over and what a year it was! We hope to see you at the June meeting, the traditional bandana lunch, for an exciting presentation on "travels to India and more" by Jan Potter and Meri McEneny. The meeting also includes the installation of officers.

Our thanks go out to all the members, officers and interest group chairs for all you have done to make this a banner year.

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Our 6 campers are now dealing directly with the UC Davis coordinators for final registration, core class selection, medical insurance and other forms for the July 10-16 camp. Please consider attending Visitors Day at UC Davis Thursday July 14 to be inspired by our campers and see Tech Trek in action.

Former Tech Trek camper Roxana Cabrera (2006), was the guest speaker at the High Tea Gala. She was amazing. I was so enthralled, proud, and teary, that I didn't take one picture, nor any notes from her articulate and sincere 15 minute, off-the-cuff speech. Roxana graduated this March from UC Davis with a degree in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior, with a minor in Chicano studies. She is studying for the MCAT test to apply for medical school. She thanked all of us who contributed to her attending the UCD medical internship in Oaxaca, Mexico last fall. Her goal is to be a primary care physician.

Here are highlights from her talk: Tech Trek required her first interview and got her to express herself more. Tech Trek encouraged her to try new things in high school. Here's the #1 thing I remember from her talk: our branch were the first ones to tell her she was smart. She is smart and a whole lot more.

Roxana gladly agreed to my request to talk with Logan Phillips, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader nominated this year for Tech Trek, who was my guest at the Tea. Logan and Roxana had a lively conversation going and coming from the tea. Logan hopes to be an orthopedic surgeon. She enjoyed their visit, and said she learned a lot at the Tea. Roxana accepted membership to AAUW for one year in the Give a Gift to a Grad program.

Meri McEneny, Tech Trek Chair



#### **CONVENTION 2016**

Nancy Cline and Jan Potter attended the annual California AAUW conference April 15-16 in San Mateo. The theme was "Empowering You!" They attended the President's Brunch where Donna Mertens (AAUW-CA President elect) hosted and discussed motivational ideas, recruiting leaders and alternative leadership structures. Later in the day a movie was viewed called "The Hunting Ground" showing how sexual assault is handled on college campuses nationwide. The second day was a series of workshops providing an opportunity to learn and share ideas on recognizing volunteers, implementing change, applying technology, AAUW Fund facts, and Strategic planning, They really appreciated the opportunity to attend and brought back a lot of new ideas. More detailed notes will be provided in a separate email.

was able to play all their matches so scores will be averaged.

We will celebrate this year at a fun social bridge gathering and award the winners at Barbra Briggs beautiful home on June 2.

Participants are asked to make a donation to the AAUW Fund of their choice and we are pleased to report that the 22 participants donated over \$900 to AAUW Funds, Tech Trek, North Tahoe High School Scholarships, and Girls State.

All bridge players are welcome to join this group of interesting and fun couples. We can get an earlier start arranging matches for 2016-2017 starting on July I.

Call if you have any questions or suggestions. Many thanks to the busy participants for making this a lovely year and here's to more good times ahead.

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## **INTEREST GROUPS**



#### **BOOK GROUP**

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club. The June meeting is our yearly pot luck luncheon. Members will be contacted for signups. Please bring your book recommendations for discussion as well as any fun, easy-read summer suggestions that our members might enjoy. The schedule for our book selections and meeting locations is posted on the website. We welcome new members and guarantee books selected that are fiction and non-fiction to surprise your literary appetites. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.



#### **GOURMET**

We are pleased to announce that Pat Castellucci and Gisela Steiner, veteran gourmet group members, have agreed to co-chair the Gourmet group. They bring many years of wonderful cooking and entertaining to this position. This promises to be a new season with many new ideas and lots of delicious dinners. So, if you haven't participated in this group before, we heartily encourage you to give it a try. Just check the box on your application or renewal form.



#### **BRIDGE MARATHON**

Participants in the Bridge Marathon enjoyed playing at their convenience during the year. Not everyone



#### **GREAT DECISIONS**

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Betsy Peterson from 10am to noon. The subject will be "The United Nations". We begin with a 20-minute video followed by

discussion. Our discussion leader for June will be Cheryl Allen. Anyone interested in joining our group is welcome. Our discussions are lively; our members are welcoming. This meeting will be the last session until September. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for eight sessions.

AAUW California website: <a href="http://www.aauw-ca.org">http://www.aauw-ca.org</a>
User name: **member** 

Password: aauwca (case sensitive)



# **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.

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



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

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# 2015-2016 OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The list of officers and directors is posted on the website (<a href="www.northtahoe-ca.aauw.net">www.northtahoe-ca.aauw.net</a>) 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.