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GENERAL MEETING

The first General Meeting of the North Tahoe AAUW Branch for 2016-2017 will be held **Thursday, September 8, 12:00 noon**, at the **Tahoe City Yacht Club**, 700 North Lake Blvd., Tahoe City.

We will begin the year with a very special program--our 2016 Tech Trek Girls and our Girls State delegate will share their experiences. The girls' parents have also been invited.



A salad lunch will be served. Please bring your own beverage. Water will be available, Drink Tahoe Tap! Please RSVP by Monday, September 6, to Johnnie Lee Don at 775.832.8089 or johnnieleedon1@gmail.com.

Please watch your email for the meeting **agenda** with details on the speakers and sponsors.



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings to you all!! Here it is September and we are starting the 2016-2017 AAUW year, which promises to be great one. The summer weather has been warm and sunny and the Persoid meteor shower was the best of ten years. Let us each be a meteor shower of friendship and inspiration to each other and our communities by inspiring to educate and gain equal rights for girls and women.

We had an awesome AAUW Summer party hosted graciously by Linda and Les Schwoob. Many thanks to Les Schwoob and Jim Cline for their help parking cars. The food was divine and all 32 attendees had a wonderful time. Many saw pictures of Ellen Magnani's trip to Russia and her daughter-in-law flying off to work at the International Space Station for three months. Thanks to all, especially Linda and Les and the set-up and clean-up crew for such a great party.

Your new AAUW board met at Terry Yagura's in July to get to know each other and plan for the coming year. Becoming a board member is a great way to make long lasting friends while learning about our Branch and AAUW and their operations. The President-elect and By-laws/Parliamentarian positions remain open, so if you are interested, please contact either Nancy Cline or Jan Potter.

Our branch has chosen to put our efforts to sending young girls to Tech Trek and Girls State, offering a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior, and recognizing an outstanding member via an AAUW Named Grant. While we are still waiting for approval of a grant request (\$850) from Tahoe City Rotary to complete our Tech Trek funding, we are very happy to report that all our financial goals have been met!! Many thanks to all of you who have so generously donated and to Martha Cirata and Cheryl Allen for their hard work on membership, recruiting and soliciting donations. We have 67 members. We hope you will join us at our September 8 meeting featuring our 2016 Tech Trek campers and Girls State representative.

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Meri McEneny, Tech Trek Chair

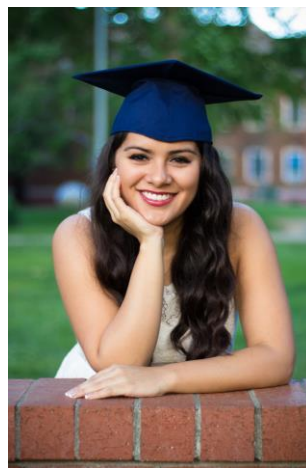
Our 2016 Tech Trek girls will delight and inform us at our September 8, 2016 luncheon at the Tahoe City Yacht Club. The summer science camp attendees will tell us about the people, places and things that they experienced during camp at UC Davis, July 10-16, 2016. This year's campers are Melissa Verduzco, Victoria Martin, Jackie Valdez, Ella Chan, Allison Steward & Kili Lehmkuhl. Allison and her family moved to Las Vegas after returning from Tech Trek camp, so she will not be at our luncheon.

All the girls wrote heart-felt thank you notes to our branch, and the notes will be at the luncheon. I will read Allison's note since she will not be there to speak of her experiences. All the other girls are using their thank you notes to fine tune and expand their thoughts for a confident speech to our group. They are working at using cue cards rather than reading

from a script! I will briefly share my experiences at Tech Trek Visitor's Day.

Special luncheon attendee this year is 2013 camper Chelsea Austin. Chelsea was accepted as a Junior Counselor this year, serving at the Stanford University Tech Trek camp. She will share with us her new role at Tech Trek.

Also attending the luncheon will be representatives from our Tech Trek partner organizations. Patti Boxeth represents Rotary, our own Nileta Morton represents Tahoe League for Charity, and David Conover joins us from Kiwanis. Please attend the luncheon to hear our campers and to thank our local partners.



Former Tech Trek camper Roxana Cabrera (2006), was the guest speaker at the High Tea Gala. Roxana graduated this March from UC Davis with a degree in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior, with a minor in Chicano(a) studies.

She is studying for the MCAT test to apply for medical school. Her goal is to be a primary care physician. She thanks all of us who contributed to her attending the UCD medical internship in Oaxaca, Mexico last fall.

2016 CENTURY CLUB

Many thanks to members giving \$100 or more toward our branch missions:

Marion Adams
Cheryl Allen
Ruth Arizaga-Whisler
Donna Benner
Patricia Castellucci
Nancy Cline
Sue DeVoe
Johnnie Lee Don
Ingrid Eccles
Carol Eyre
Sharon Filardo
Shirley Hale
Linda Larish
Trudy Lesem
Dana Loury
Christine Marsh-Madden
Meri McEneny
Diane Morrison
Betsy Peterson
Kymberly Pipkin
Janet Potter
Darlene Rempfer
Linda Schwoob
Esther Sonnenberg
Gisela Steiner
Karen Wagner
Patricia Watters
Deborah Wilson
Terry Yagura
Kathy Zacher

HOW OUR CONTRIBUTIONS IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

Our NT AAUW Branch granted several honors and awards last spring.

Scholarship

On June 8th, North Tahoe High School Awards Night, Jaycee Lanza received the \$1,000 North Tahoe AAUW Scholarship. She is headed to UCLA this fall where she plans to study marine biology. Jaycee has been active in school leadership and academic activities and in

community music and theatre. She is ranked second in the Class of 2016 with a 4.32 GPA.

Tech Trek

Six amazing young girls were selected by NT AAUW members Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, Vera Daegling, Ann Folsom, and Meri McEneny from a qualified pool nominated by North Tahoe High School teachers Lindee Eckert and Lisa McCready.

Congratulations go to

Victoria Martin Gomez

Ella Chan

Lisbeth "Jackie" Valdez

Kili Lehmkuhl

Allison Steward

Melissa Verduzco

These rising 8th grade students immersed themselves in AAUW's Tech Trek STEM activities at UC Davis July 10-16, 2016.

Many thanks to our interview team, the teachers, and NTHS secretary Terri Tagney.

Tech Trek Alumni

Two former North Tahoe AAUW Tech Trek campers gained recognition this year: Kea Jolicoeur, a 2005 camper, and Roxana Cabrera, a 2006 camper. Kea was Assistant Director at the Stanford Tech Trek camp this summer after graduating last year from Cal State University San Luis Obispo in Mechanical Engineering. Last winter, Kea was the subject of the opening article in National AAUW's magazine Outlook. Roxana graduated from UC Davis in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior, and is studying for the MCAT to apply to medical school. She attended a 6-week UCD medical internship in Oaxaca, Mexico last fall. This past spring Roxana was keynote speaker at our NT AAUW inter-branch tea and spoke about Tech Trek's impact on her life.

Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary is the proud supporter of the Girls State program. In 1940, the dream of California Girls State became a reality. It saw 125 girls in attendance, at \$15 fee per girl and a \$500 working budget for the entire week. It has moved many times (even at our own Squaw Valley from 1971-74), been in recess during the war years 1942-45, been brought low by the Asian Flu in 1957, and finally in the 1980's limited to 540 girls to ensure a quality program. Currently, the session uses the Claremont-McKenna Campus and costs \$400 per girl. Our candidate for this experience was Ella Barzel. She is a senior this year at North Tahoe High School.

Volunteers from the ALA staff the sessions that take place in all 50 states. They provide a valuable learning ground in citizenship and the processes of city and state government. They come away with a deeper understanding of government operations, less intimidated by government, able to see it for what it should be ordinary people working for the good of society.

Thank you all for your contributions to the lives of these young women.

NORTH TAHOE BRANCH AAUW AWARDS

Branch Service Award

This is the 3rd year that our Branch presented the Branch Service Award to honor a member that contributes to the continuing success of our branch. It was announced at our June meeting that our award this year is to Patricia Watters, our fabulous communication officer. How could we all stay connected without her! Congratulations.

Named Grant Honoree 2016

At our June Installation of Officers/Awards meeting, the Board presented Nancy Cline as our Named Grant Honoree for 2016. This is considered the highest award the Branch can

bestow on a member. Nancy has held numerous offices since joining AAUW in 2008: VP of Membership, Secretary, and co-President, all of which are two-year term offices. She developed our website and was our first website mistress. She has participated in several interest groups and has been the lead for the InStitches group. In addition, Nancy initiated our very successful Petra dinners which help to fund our Tech Trek girls!

The Named Grant program is made possible through the donations of our members to AAUW Funds. By donating \$750 to the National AAUW, we support the legal, educational, and advocacy arms of our parent organization. We have been able to honor one member nearly every year, and Nancy is very deserving of this recognition. Thank you, Nancy, for all you have done to make our Branch successful!



Did you know you can log in to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ to check your voter status, verify your polling place, and download the Voter Information Guide and background on ballot measures.

At this time, CA AAUW recommends

- Proposition 51, support – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support – The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose – voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support – extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support – The California Multilingual Education Act. allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners. A full report will be in the September edition of Perspective.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

On Tuesday, September 27th, the book group meeting will be held at Carol Eyre's home in Incline Village. The book we will be discussing is "Edward E. Eyre, California Pioneer". This book was written by Carol's father and gives an accounting of California history as it relates to the Eyre family members and events as far back as 1866. Carol will lead the discussion. If you haven't read the book, join us anyway for some interesting stories. The meeting will be held from noon until 2pm. Directions to Carol's home will be emailed one week prior to the meeting with a request for a head count. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Bring your lunch! A beverage will be provided. If you wish to join us, contact Linda Schwoob at lschwoob@yahoo.com. Newcomers are always welcome.



BRIDGE MARATHON

The list of people interested in playing bridge is being prepared and will be sent out ASAP. All interested bridge players are welcome to join the 2015-2016 BRIDGE MARATHON. Partners enjoy arranging and playing with the other Marathon partners 16 hands of bridge in homes at their convenience during the year. There will be awards and a fun bridge party for all in June.

Participants are encouraged to make donations to support the AAUW interests of their choice. Many have already made contributions when they sent in their memberships; but, if not, please contact Sue DeVoe or Nancy Cline for the donation choices and information. Last year's 24 participants donated \$910 to their choices of Tech Trek, Girls State, NT AAUW scholarships, and AAUW Fund ranging in amounts from \$10 to \$100+. This is a fun way of raising money for

these educational causes which are so helpful and appreciated.

Play can start immediately among those that played last year and recorded scores can be sent or given to Rose Orenstein, Box 2960, Kings Beach, CA 96143 who tabulates the scores and announces the winners at the June Bridge Party. New players will be hosted by continuing Marathon players who will provide them with the score sheets and further marathon instructions at that time.

Congratulations to last year's winners: 1st- Julie Ginocchio and Janice Comstock, 2nd - Kim and Jerry Pipkin, 3rd- Rose and George Orenstein. Here's to a fun year of good cards and fun play. Call if you have any questions. Cheers, Sue DeVoe [530 546-5120](tel:5305465120) or [925-339-8774](tel:9253398774) Rose Orenstein [530-546-2559](tel:5305462559)



FRIDAY-NIGHTERS

(formerly Friday Night Cocktails)

We will be kicking-off on Friday at 3pm October 14th at Burnt Cedar Beach, 665 Lakeshore Drive in Incline Village. It is predicted it will be 60 degrees and sunny with sunset at 6:02 pm. (Amazing what you can find on the internet!). Bring your own drink and a hearty appetizer/item to share. Dessert will be provided!!! (and we know how you AAUW-folks LOVE your dessert)! Last year we told folks to look for the table with the sunflower display and when we got there, a rehearsal dinner was taking place and they were decorating all the tables with--you guessed it--sunflowers.

Perhaps we need to choose something different. Ideas anyone???? The one with the best idea will win a prize! And we will let you know in a reminder closer to the date, so email your ideas to me. Please join us and RSVP to me at 775-832-8089 or johnnieleedon1@gmail.com



GOURMET

The Gourmet group will have their 1st meeting on Oct. 20th at Pat Castellucci's home at 5pm. Bring an appetizer and your choice of libation. If you haven't signed up to be part of this group, there is still time to do so. Just come to Pat's house. To confirm your attendance please call either Pat at 550-1812 or Gisela at 587-8753.



GREAT DECISIONS

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at Sharon Filardo's home from 10am to noon. The discussion will be on "Climate Change" and Jan Potter will be moderator. We will watch a video on the subject first and then have the discussion. This is a hot topic and will prove to be both informative and interesting. We are in need of host homes for future meetings with a TV room large enough to accommodate at least 15 people. We have extra folding chairs if needed. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for 8 months of the year. October will be our last meeting for 2016. Contact Julie Ginocchio to volunteer your home for the coming year: dnundergal@toll.com An email reminder with directions will be emailed one week prior to the meeting.



INSTITCHES

We will be meeting at Sue DeVoe's home at 8740 Brockway Vista in Brockway, CA from 10am to 1 pm on October 19.

We are 12 this year and we meet in members' homes each month doing our own thing . . . knitting, laughing, stitching, complaining, crocheting, talking, enjoying, eating, organizing things, bringing along a friend. We are pretty free and easy (but not cheap!) and sometimes there will be a crafty item to make if interested.

We will be trying something new this year-- letting the Hostess set the time of the get-together at either 10 to 1 or 1 to 4 or 2 to 5 and even the day if it is something grand and fun and has food (just kidding about the food). So, do read your newsletter to keep up with this group (and because it contains a wealth of info).

Please bring your own brown bag to the early meeting (10-1) and do not plan to stay to dinner on the later meetings (1 to 4 and 2 to 5).

We ask that you contact either myself or the Hostess if UNABLE to attend. Johnnie Lee Don: 775-832-8089 or [<johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com)
Sue DeVoe: 530-546-5120 or [<devoetahoe@gmail.com>](mailto:devoetahoe@gmail.com)



MEMBERSHIP

Meet our newest members:

Deborah Wilson

We moved to the lake in 2013 when my husband retired. We had been living in the San Diego area for 5 years before moving here. Before that, we spent 6 years in London, 6 years in Munich, and 15 years in Saudi Arabia. I was teaching in the Communication Department at UCSD before coming here, where I teach part-time at both Sierra Nevada College and UNR. I joined AAUW after being encouraged to do so by Linda Larish, Christine Madden and Johnnie Lee Don (Great Ladies!) I have three daughters and six granddaughters. No boys! I have one sister (no brothers) my mother has only sisters, and my grandmother was one of 8 girls (no

boys). We're still waiting for that baby boy - but we love our female dynasty. My husband says we should just stick with what we do well.

Esther Sonnenberg

I am a returning member of NT-AAUW who has lived at Lake Tahoe for 38 years with my family. We came to Tahoe from San Francisco for more affordable housing (believe it or not) and to live in a beautiful, country setting. Our daughters were 8 mos. and 4 yrs. old at the time. Currently one of our daughters lives across the street from us with our son-in-law and her two daughters. The other is a teacher in Oakland and visits frequently. I am a retired Speech/Language Pathologist, and have worked in a variety of settings. My hobbies include: hiking, Jazzercising, yoga, reading, art, gardening and traveling. We have traveled all over the West, Midwest and Canada in our camper for the past 11 years, and have traveled internationally to Bhutan, Nepal, Thailand, Peru, Italy (Tuscany) and Patagonia (Argentina/Chile). We are getting ready to visit Burma/Myanmar in November. Most of our trips have included a cultural exchange (i.e. we like to meet the people!) as well as trekking. I enjoy supporting women and girls on their life journeys and am looking forward to getting acquainted and reacquainted with like-minded women.

Dana Loury

We moved to Tahoe from the San Jose/Cupertino area in 2014 after retiring. I worked as a research scientist in a pharmaceutical company for 15 years. Later, I worked part-time as a media library specialist and college advisor at my children's high school. I enjoy



hiking, biking, traveling, classical music and theatre.

My neighbor Johnnie Lee invited me to a party where I met some very nice members of our branch. Joining AAUW allows me to make new friends and support young women in their educational goals. I am Vietnamese American and came to the U.S. as a refugee in 1975. I met my husband David in graduate school at UC Davis. We have been married for 34 years and have 2 children: our daughter Erin lives in Santa Cruz, our son Philip (PJ) lives in San Francisco.

Dianne Lange

I've been a Tahoe resident since 1998 with a year or two of interruptions on the East Coast and San Diego. Tahoe is a magnet that always pulls me back. We came to escape the intense urban life of Southern California and for winter skiing. I had no idea the summer and fall were so wonderful. (I moved to Incline Village in January.) I think I may be semi-retired. I was a magazine editor (Self, Allure & Natural Health) and book author. Now I write for various websites and ghost write blogs. I'm interested in outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking and tennis in summer and skiing and snowshoeing in winter), needlework (knitting and needlepoint), and reading (fiction and non-fiction), and cooking...and wish there would be more time for everything! I am a member of the Incline Village branch and was Secretary for two years. I recently moved to Carnelian Bay and wanted to meet women with similar interests on this side of the state line. I also want to support scholarships for young women in California, now that I'm a CA citizen. I'm looking forward to being an active member of this AAUW branch.

Nancy Zachariasen

I live in Pasadena and visit Truckee several times each year. I have been coming to Truckee since 1995 when my husband and I found a house we liked in Tahoe Donner and bought it. My husband passed away several years ago, but my daughters and their families now live in the area, one in Reno and one in Truckee/Glenshire. I am retired from my profession as a Science Librarian and Archivist. Over the years I worked

for several organizations including Los Alamos Labs where I was responsible for setting up an archive of scientific papers from the Manhattan Project. I love to travel and have visited all the continents except Antarctica. I am now planning a trip to Antarctica next year and that will complete my visits to all seven continents. I also enjoy active sports like skiing and tennis, and love to play bridge and go to concerts. I joined North Tahoe AAUW primarily because I want to meet people in the area who share my interests and I am enthusiastic about an organization that supports opportunities for young women. I am looking forward to participating in as many activities as I can when I am in the area.

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 or Martha and we will cheerfully email or snail mail them to you. As you can see from reading about our new members, personal outreach to your friends brings new members to our branch.

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/>)

SEPTEMBER

- 6: Board Meeting
- 8: General Meeting
- 20: Great Decisions
- 27: Book Group

OCTOBER

- 13: General Meeting. The Food Hub, Farm to Market at the Boys and Girls Club, Kings Beach.
- 14: Friday-Nighters
- 19: InStitches
- 20: Gourmet
- 21: Great Decisions

2016-2017 OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS

The list of officers and board members is posted on the website (www.northtahoe-ca.aauw.net).

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.