



January 2017

GENERAL MEETING

We encourage you to bring spouses, friends and any family members to our programs.

**January 12, 1:00 PM
Tahoe City Yacht Club**

No refreshments will be provided so bring your own beverage or snack if you wish. Our presenter will be our own Ellen Magnani, She will tell about her trip to Russia and then on to Kazakhstan to see her daughter-in-law join the space shuttle.

**February 9, 12:00 noon
Kings Beach Boys and Girls Club**

This will be a soup luncheon. The presenter will be Patti Boxeth showing wildfire imagery. Parking in the area is limited, so please try to carpool.



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's official! The trees are decorated, snow is on the ground and the holiday spirit is in the air! We hope this finds you enjoying the hustle and bustle of the season... with a big dose of outdoor fun!

Our holiday party at Pat Castellucci's beautifully decorated home was wonderful. The food, provided by Marlise, was delicious and the wines donated by Donna Benner added a special touch. It was very well attended and we all had a great time. Many thanks to Pat for opening her home and Linda Larish and Donna Benner for helping with the planning and Barbra Briggs for greeting.

2016 in AAUW has been a busy one. Your financial support for our mission objectives will allow 6 girls to attend Tech Trek, one girl to attend Girls State and our branch to nominate a deserving member for an AAUW Named Grant award. At our January Leadership meeting we will be reviewing our objectives and our budget for the New Year. If you have thoughts or ideas please contact Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com), Jan Potter (brickpot@yahoo.com), Ruth Arizaga-Whisler (rawhisler@gmail.com) or another board member. Your input is highly appreciated and valued.

The Nominating Committee will be gathering to look at all the positions for the 2017-2018 term. We know there will be several open slots so please think about your strengths and skills and where you might benefit from participating on the leadership group. Holding a leadership position not only provides you an excellent opportunity to learn how our branch, California AAUW and AAUW National operate but a chance to develop closer, more meaningful relationships with women with similar goals.

We hope to see you all at the meeting on **January 12**. Ellen Magnani will be sharing her pictures and experiences from her daughter-in-law's assignment on the International Space Station.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!!

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 10**, beginning at **2 PM** at the home of Martha Cirata.

Approved meeting notes are available under "Communications" on the branch website. You will also find a list of officers and branch leaders on the website at (www.northtahoe-ca.aauw.net).



Christine Marsh Madden, Johnnie Lee Don, and last year's recipient Ella Barzel met with Jeff Ream, NTHS counselor, in November. Ella and Jeff will be targeting possible GIRLS STATE candidates until Winter Break with a nifty flyer designed by Christine. The American Legion Auxillary chairs and our own AAUW chairs will then meet in early January to interview candidates. The 2017 Girls State- the 74th in its history- will be held on the Claremont McKenna College Campus in Claremont, Ca. from June 26th to July 1st. A big big Thank you to all who donated early on as we are fully funded. Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Our group will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City on Tuesday, January 31st from noon until 2PM. We will be reviewing "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Gisela Steiner and Diane Morrison will be our discussion leaders. Bring your lunch and a beverage, treats will be provided by Shirley Cabo. A reminder will be emailed to members one week prior to the date of the meeting. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.



BRIDGE MARATHON

Happy Holidays! Enjoy the fun season with the many decorations and festivities including relaxing games now and in 2017. Players can schedule games at their convenience.

There are some changes to the Bridge list in that Lynn Flagg will be Trudy Lesem's partner and her address is 9900 Wilbur May Parkway, Apt. 1301, Reno, NV 89521, phone 775-770-2037, cell 775-762-4220. Another change is my Tahoe number is now 530 213-6019 and the answering service is more reliable.

Many thanks to those that have contributed to one or more of the AAUW tax deductible AAUW funds. Here's to wonderful cards and fun playing in 2017.

Scores are sent or given to Rose Orenstein 530-546-2559 or myself. Please call us if you have any questions.

Sue DeVoe, 530 213 6019, 925 389-8774 cell



FRIDAY-NIGHTERS

Here we are in 2017!!! How did the future get to be today? Julie had a great idea at our Pizza night-out in November and when looked into it we found that the Chinese New Year, in our time zone, is the date picked for our next get-together: Friday, January 27, 2017. It is The Year of The Fire Chicken! We will meet at Julie's home at 7pm wearing Red and bringing Chinese appetizers to share. We will see what sign we fall under, use chop sticks, drink our BYOB out of carried-with-us glasses and generally enjoy this laid back gathering as usual. Please RSVP to Johnnie Lee Don (775-832-80890 or by e-mail

[<johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) by the Monday before so our hostess can firm up appetizers.

The Chinese people spend many days preparing for the New Year celebration: think Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter rolled into one month. Some of the customs began as religious ceremonies ,i.e. worshipping heaven with hunted animal meat (reminiscent of old testament sacrifices) and later eating a creamy white rice pudding because that is what a shepherd girl fed Buddha after his Enlightenment. There is end of the year cleaning and decorating of your home from top to bottom to get rid of diseases and the preparation of lots of food for The God of Stove who returns to heaven to report family behaviors of the current year. And you had better hope it was a good report. There are many dishes, each with an auspicious meaning i.e. longevity, reunion, perfection, good luck, health, diligence and satisfaction. After dinner the children put a red envelope under their pillows waiting for it to contain brand-new money. That would probably bring a lot of satisfaction!



GOURMET

The gourmet groups will meet in Jan/Feb. The 3 groups will be: Briggs/Ginocchio, Pat Castellucci, Trudy Lesem. The group hosts need to call their guests with dates for get together. The theme is Italian/French



GREAT DECISIONS

We are a group that meets to discuss foreign relations and current world events. Our books for 2017 have not yet arrived but Julie Ginocchio will be contacting us after the first of the year to inform us as to where and when the books will be available. We will hold our first meeting for the new year on **January 17th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City from 1PM to 3PM. A reminder will be emailed to each member one week in advance of this date. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.



INSTITCHES

📅 **Wednesday, January 18th, 2017** sees our group at Carol Eyre's lovely home for a start time of 12:30 with a pot of soup on the stove, rolls and fruit! I expect it to be outstanding. When I open my fridge, it never has the interesting and tasty stuff that comes out of Carol's fridge! We will be working on our own "stuff" and I will bring a quilt top, with beautifully done squares, put together after 19 years, by one of our own AAUW members. And please bring anything to "show and tell" as we found that interesting at the last meeting as I showed some fine knitting of my mom's and Carol demo-ed the Comfort Pals that Irene York taught us a year ago. Please RSVP to Johnnie Lee Don (775-832-8089) or answer this e-mail <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> by the Monday before the meeting so that Carol knows how much to prepare.



MEMBERSHIP

Contact information for current members is available in database and booklet formats at <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>. You will need the password listed under "Membership Communications" below to access the confidential information.

Directories. Johnnie Lee Don has a few directories left (\$10) and will carry them in her car to various events so if anyone would like one - just let her know. You can always email her to have one sent to you: johnnieleedon@gmail.com

Tax deductibility of dues. National dues are partially deductible as a charitable deduction on your income taxes--\$46 of the \$49 dollars paid. State dues are NOT deductible as we are a 501(c)4 charity. Branch dues are only deductible if your branch is a 501(c)3. Questions about these and other financial matters? Please contact me at cfo@aauw-ca.org. Patricia (Pat) Ferrer, CFO, AAUW CA

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 Allen or Martha Cirata and they will cheerfully email or snail-mail a membership packet to you or the prospective new member.

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/>)

JANUARY

- 10: Branch Leadership Meeting
- 12: General Meeting
- 17: Great Decisions
- 27: Friday Nighters
- 31: Book Group

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