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### CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

While not official until December 21, Winter is here! Snow is accumulating at higher elevations and ski resorts are opening after a long Summer’s nap. Many of us are snuggling into new routines for the season, loading up with books and crafts or making plans for a trip to thaw out in mid-Winter. Let’s share some holiday cheer at the **Winter Party** at Carol Eyre’s cozy home in Incline Village on **December 14 from 4 to 7 PM**. Reservations and checks payable to North Tahoe AAUW should be sent to Carol Eyre by **December 1**.

As the year draws to an end, we take time to celebrate AAUW of North Tahoe. Jan and I are thankful for the opportunity to work with an energetic leadership team and for support from our wonderful members to bring vital programs to our community. Following the success of the inaugural STEM day in June, branch leadership agreed to continue the program this year. We will need your vote at the January 2018 member meeting to approve adding this event to our 2017-18 budget.

In case you missed the November member meeting, Cathee St. Clair touched our hearts with her journey to help children express their feelings with art. She may offer an adult class to bring out our inner-artist later in 2018. We’ll be sure to give you notice.



Patricia, Meri, Cathee St Clair and Johnnie Lee with the giant egg of the Elephant Bird, extinct by 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> century.

We wish you joyful gatherings with family and friends to celebrate the holidays.

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## BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. There is no meeting in December. The next leadership meeting will be Thursday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The location and time will be announced at a later date.

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

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/branch-leadership/>

Our current financial officer, Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, will finish her term on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Leadership team is looking for a candidate to shadow Ruth at the beginning of next year to become familiar with the position.



Summary of Financial Officer's Duties:

1. Branch banking
2. Send membership checks to AAUW CA and National with branch dues report
3. As needed, make additional dues report as new members join

4. As donations arrive, record and send to designated party: Tech Trek, American Legion etc., with necessary information.

5. Prepare monthly Financial report for Leadership Team

6. Once a year:

- Send branch annual report to AAUW National
- Prepare annual budget with Leadership Team
- File income tax with AAUW national
- File e-card CA income tax
- Pay insurance and PO box rent

## GENERAL MEETING



Mark your 2018 calendars to join us at the Tahoe Yacht Club at **1 pm on January 11<sup>th</sup>**. You will not want to miss out as AAUW-NT provides a Dynamic Duo from Tahoe Forest Wellness Neighborhood and Center For Health.

Trudy Lesem, our Program Co-Chair, has arranged for Maria Martin, MPH, RDN and Wendy Buchanan, Director of Wellness Services, to talk about the Wellness Neighborhood, what it is, what services it provides, as well as why it is important to each of us. This meeting is open to family, friends and the general public. Please consider joining us.

The Tahoe Yacht Club is located at 700 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City.



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Annual Winter Party will be on Thursday **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, 4-7 pm at Carol Eyre's home in Incline Village. We hope you'll join us for some holiday cheer!

The menu is a hearty appetizer "fork-only" buffet (attached to the last page of this newsletter). Cost is **\$35/person**.

RSVP by **December 1<sup>st</sup>** by mailing your check payable to “North Tahoe AAUW” to Carol Eyre at 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village, NV 89451.



On October 15, the opening day for reservations, AAUW NT requested 6 spots at UC Davis Tech Trek camp in 2018. We have sent 6 girls for the last several years due to the support of members, sister organizations (Rotary, Tahoe League for Charity, and Kiwanis NLT) and parents.

Although our branch has sent campers every year since its inception, the number of campers attending in 2018 may dip below 6, due to increased requests to attend the UC Davis camp (and camps across the State), but no increase in the number of facilities, instructors or volunteers. Our UC Davis camp coordinators, Martha Rees and Susan Wheeler, are doing everything possible to be fair to the branches while opening access to areas with growing student populations. The UCD 2018 Tech Trek camp currently has 94 spots available and 101 requests. Below is a request from the Marysville/Yuba City branch for additional campers from their branch:

*“The Marysville/Yuba City Branch definitely meets the criteria of having under-served students. Yuba County is one of the lowest counties socio-economically in the state. There are no four-year colleges in either Yuba or Sutter County, and we are very multi-cultural with three large minority ethnic populations. We also serve 35 schools, which makes it extremely difficult to narrow our search down. In the past, we have sent six students, but we have been able to raise more money and can now afford to send eight students. Many of our applicants are from under-served populations. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve more girls.”*

*Carol Clark, Marysville/Yuba City Branch*

Resolving the issues of facilities space, instructors and volunteers for a new week-long camp is possible in the future, particularly given the life-changing power of the Tech Trek program and the inspiration it gives to all involved, but there are no current plans for a new camp. At least for this year, our UCD camp coordinators are first asking branches for voluntary

reduction in reservations, but will ultimately decide on the number of reservations allotted each branch. They have asked for our ideas, and suggested these ideas:

- Priority given to those branches with the greatest volunteer participation in/for the camp itself
- Priority given to those branches that reach out to under-served populations
- Maintain the same numbers per branch as in past year

Our branch has asked if there are open spots in other camps, and about our monies already deposited for 2018 campers. No reply yet on open spots, but our money, if unused, remains held in a fund until needed.

At press time for the newsletter, we received word that **our branch is given 5 spots at the UC Davis camp on July 22-28, 2018**. I am grateful we kept 5 spots! One of the camp directors, Martha Rees, gave up a spot in her Grass Valley branch as well, so we are in good company. The good news is that the branches with increasing student enrollment can send more deserving girls. Tech Trek is a wonderful program that will continue to grow and improve girls’ lives! More to come about possible spots available in other camps, the future of more camps in California, or perhaps a developing Tech Trek program in Nevada.

Meri McEneny- [mmceneny@gmail.com](mailto:mmceneny@gmail.com)  
Tech Trek Coordinator



## AAUW FUND

Our third quarter report has been received from AAUW National and I am happy to report that **our branch has donated \$5,295 to AAUW Fund**, year to date. Please bear in mind this includes any funds sent directly to National for AAUW Fund as well as those funds donated to Tech Trek. AAUW Fund is a large umbrella of funds, one of which is Tech Trek.

For every \$750, we can identify a named grant. Since this is the highest honor a branch can bestow upon a member, the leadership team has decided to

nominate only one member, so as not to diminish the impact of the award.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cline ([nhcline@gmail.com](mailto:nhcline@gmail.com)).

## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

Book group will meet on **November 28<sup>th</sup>** from noon until 2 PM to review "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Our moderator will be Gisela Steiner, Hostess, Linda Schwoob (if there is no ice on the road), and treats provided by Diane Buckman. You will be notified of any change in location due to unsafe road conditions.

Our **December 12<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be held at the Gatekeeper's Museum in Tahoe City on the West Shore from noon until 2 PM. We will be reviewing "The Little Paris Book Shop" by Nina George. Our moderator will be Trudy Lesem. This meeting will be our **annual holiday cookie exchange** gathering. Each member is to bring one to two dozen cookies to share. Bring your lunch and a beverage.

We generally meet on the last Tuesday of each month. A reminder and driving directions will be emailed one week prior to the meeting.

Book Group wishes all a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Linda Schwoob- [lschwoob@yahoo.com](mailto:lschwoob@yahoo.com)



22 witches gathered in Carnelian Bay on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>



### BRIDGE

The Bridge Group will enjoy bridge Wednesday, **November 29<sup>th</sup>** at the Tahoe City Yacht Club, kindly hosted by Ellen Magnani, [530-525-1210](tel:530-525-1210). We hope all can attend this fun event along with the December Bridge gathering at Barbra Briggs, [530-583-3011](tel:530-583-3011), on **December 27<sup>th</sup>** in her beautifully decorated home with its spectacular 2-story Christmas tree among many holiday decorations.

Please inform the hostesses promptly as to whether you can play or not. All games are from 2 to 4 p.m. and we look forward to enjoying the play and time together. Julie Ginocchio would like to be a substitute player when needed. ([530-546-8864](tel:530-546-8864))

Have a wonderful holiday season with good cards and fun, memorable times.

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## GOURMET

Chairs Pat Castellucci and Gisela Steiner are excited to announce that Gourmet is still growing with **26** members this year, which include 6 brand new folks! The themes include possible forays into the cooking of China, Portugal, Ireland, New Orleans, Russia, Scandinavia, as well as "Patriotic" and "Around the World". What fun!

There will be four Gourmet "Events" over the course of the year, encouraging the Hostesses to use their creativity and flexibility as the Gourmet events need not be all "dinners". It has been found that a Brunch or a Picnic works very well, so why not a Bar-B-Q? A Luncheon? A Breakfast? A Cocktail Party?

The 2017-2018 list of members, schedule and duties can be found on our website:

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/gourmet/>

If interested in being involved, please call Pat @ [530-550-1812](tel:530-550-1812). Bon Appetit!



## GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions group meets for 8 months of the year. Each member has a resource book with eight chapters for discussion.

The topics for **2018** are as follows:

- The waning of Pax Americana?
- Russia's foreign policy
- China and America: the new geopolitical equation
- Media and foreign policy
- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- U.S. global engagement and the military
- South Africa's fragile democracy
- Global health: progress and challenges

The new books for 2018 will not be available until the middle of January.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, **February 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM to noon. We will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City for the months of February and March. The meetings for the remainder of the year are held in our members' private homes from 10 AM until noon.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. A reminder will be emailed with driving instructions one week in advance.

Our wishes to all for a joyous holiday season – good health and good cheer!



## INSTITCHES

Our November meeting was quite exciting at Sue DeVoe's. The wind and rain were pounding very hard on the retaining wall and splashing onto the windows. You would have thought we were on the Pacific ocean. It was quite fun!! We decided to pursue our Needle Felting class for April so keep your eyes open for more info as it becomes available.

The December In Stitches meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Cline on Wednesday, **December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**. Please let Nancy know by December 18<sup>th</sup> if you are able to attend. Her contact information is [nhcline@gmail.com](mailto:nhcline@gmail.com) or 530-546-4840.

Remember to bring your latest project to work on. Holiday cheer and treats will be provided. Hope to see you all there.



## MEMBERSHIP

We wish to welcome Carol Schleicher as a new member this month! Many of you already know Carol, since she has joined us again after a hiatus of a few years. She is an active participant in our Great Decisions and Book Groups. Welcome back Carol!

**Membership Memo.** If you have friends or family members you would like to have joined our branch, please pick up our new member applications that are

available at our meetings right next to the nametag boxes. If you would like a new member packet between meetings, contact either Cheryl Allen ([cherylkallen@cs.com](mailto:cherylkallen@cs.com)) or Ginger Wilson ([wilson\\_virginia@att.net](mailto:wilson_virginia@att.net)), and they will cheerfully email or snail-mail a membership packet to you or the prospective new member. Member applications are also available on our website. <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/membership-information/>

**Member listings.** Contact information for current members is available in PDF and booklet formats at <http://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>.

Please contact Dana Loury, our Communications officer, at [northtahoeaaauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeaaauw@gmail.com) for the password to access the member directory.

**Membership Communications.**

Please let Linda Larish [[llarish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llarish@sbcglobal.net)] or Sharon Filardo [[spfilarado@aol.com](mailto:spfilarado@aol.com)] know about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

**North Tahoe AAUW website:**  
<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>

**AAUW California website:**  
<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>  
User name: **member**  
Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



## CALENDAR

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

### NOVEMBER

- 28: Book Group
- 29: Bridge Group

### DECEMBER

- 12: Book Group
- 14: Holiday Party
- 20: InStitches
- 27: Bridge Group

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*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.*



## AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, December 14, 2017 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Carol Eyre's home, 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village

Catering by Bella Affair – Hearty Appetizer "fork-only" buffet

(Gluten-free: GF Dairy-free: D)

Sesame Seared Ahi on Wasabi-Cucumber Round (GF/D)

Toasted Almonds-Orange Marmalade Baked Brie with Crackers (GF)

Deviled Eggs with Applewood Smoked Bacon (without bacon too) (GF/D)

Pomegranate Arils, Maple Candied Pecans, Crunchy Salad Mix (GF/D)

(Shaved Brussels sprouts, nappa & red cabbage, radicchio & rainbow kale)

tossed with Blood Orange-Balsamic Vinaigrette

Sliced Herb Roasted Turkey Breast with Fresh Cranberry Sauce (GF/D)

and Petite Rolls

Meatloaf Muffins with Mashed Potato Frosting (GF/D)

Double-Dark Chocolate-Avocado Brownie Cookies (GF/D)

Wine & non-alcoholic beverages

\$35/person

RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>

Please send your check made out to North Tahoe AAUW  
to Carol Eyre, 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village, NV 89451