



February 2017

GENERAL MEETING

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

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.

Ellen Magnani’s January 12, 2017, presentation of her trip to Russia and then on to Kazakhstan to see her daughter-in-law join the space shuttle will be rescheduled.

her daughter-in-law's months with the International Space Station.

This AAUW year 2016-2017 has been wonderful because we started the year back in July with funds for all our mission objectives. We had monies to send six young women to Tech Trek and one to Girls State, to nominate a deserving member for an AAUW Named Grant Award, and to meet all our other budgetary needs. Well done everyone!

Believe it or not, it is time to develop our budget for 2017-2018. Your branch leaders were canvassed by email (due to our "snow event") to review the budget and they made recommendations for next year’s budget and a Named Grant Honoree. Thanks to modern communications, we have received valuable input and great ideas from all of them.



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2017 has arrived at Tahoe in a Big, Big way with snow, rain, snow and more snow. Don't know if this was a first but we had to cancel the leadership and the general meeting due to an official weather advisory to "shelter in place". We will all have stories to tell and hope you are now able to get out and about. Please don't despair as Ellen Magnani will present at a later time, sharing the tales of Russia, Kazakhstan and

It is also time for us to begin the process of filling leadership positions for next year. Please consider your hearts and think of how your participation can help this AAUW Branch. Being part of the leadership team is a wonderful opportunity for you to use/develop your skills and talents and to get to know a great group of women with similar goals and values. We are looking for women to fill the following positions: President-elect (1), VP- Programs (2), VP- Membership (1), Girls State (1). Many of the leadership positions are filled with 2 people to

share ideas and responsibilities and provide an opportunity to learn from one another. Please contact Nancy Cline or Jan Potter to find out about time commitments, etc.

Hope to see you all at the February 9th general meeting where we will learn about the latest technology in aiding wildfire detection and suppression.

Enjoy our beautiful Tahoe winter.

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 7**, beginning at **2 PM** at the home of Johnnie Lee Don.

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).



What is the AAUW Fund? The AAUW Fund is a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed. This prevents overfunded and underfunded areas that keep AAUW from reaching our full mission potential. By donating to the AAUW Fund, you are helping incubate and grow our highly successful, community-based, mission-driven programs, such as Tech Trek and Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, Elect Her, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, the AAUW National Convention, research, and other initiatives.

In the past, AAUW's national membership dues covered the costs of managing and running mission-based programs. Though membership numbers have remained steady the past several years, membership dues have remained the same, and program costs have risen annually. AAUW national membership dues cover just 30 percent of the funds needed to support the mission-based programs and advocacy efforts that are fundamental to AAUW's ongoing effectiveness.

Thank you for your support in the past and please keep this in mind when it comes time to renew your membership in June.

Carol Eyre, AAUW Funds Chair



UC Davis Tech Trek Camp 2017. School closures due to snow have pushed back the nomination process from our 7th grade teachers at North Tahoe School. These teachers are the start, and backbone, of our Tech Trek program. Tech Trek Chair Meri McEneny hopes to meet with the teachers the week of January 17-20, weather permitting, to help with forms or answer questions. NT AAUW once again will send 6 girls to TT. This year's camp is July 23-29, 2017.

The UC Davis camp branch coordinators met in Roseville on January 7th to discuss the schedule, fees, and any changes to the UCD camp where our NTS girls attend. Meri and a few others attended via phone conference. The UC Davis camp serves girls from Siskiyou County to Marysville to Truckee and Tahoe.

Martha Rees and Susan Wheeler are camp coordinators again this year. Yeah! Martha and Susan are prepared, flexible, fun and responsive to the branches, girls and parents. They are committed to keep the camp fees at \$900 per girl. They achieve this by (1) eliminating vehicle field trips (all excursions are within walking

distance on the UCD campus), (2) keeping the same dorm (Thompson Hall) which has sufficient meeting space on-site and no other rooms need be rented, and (3) by keeping the core classes consistent, but updated, so materials can be re-used. Staying with Thompson Hall keeps the camp size to 94 girls.

Local Tech Trek Event. Christine Marsh-Madden and Meri McEneny met recently to brainstorm ideas for a proposed 1-day Tahoe Tech Trek event this Summer for up to 50 former NT AAUW Tech Trekkers still in our school system. Two rooms at the TCPUD Fairway Community Center have been reserved for Saturday, June 10, 2017. Christine and Meri have committed \$1,000 to the event.

Two professional women scientists have agreed to lead a class that day and several more have been contacted. We also hope to enlist women from the local Sierra Watershed Education Partnership (SWEP) and Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC).

We hope our NT AAUW members will join us on June 10, 8am-3:30pm, to help with registration, snacks, and working with the girls and the presenters. More details on costs to follow once the classes and teachers are confirmed. Costs to date are \$343 for room rental (includes a \$100 refundable deposit). We are excited!



The weather threw a monkey wrench into lots of planned events, not the least of which were the interviews needed for Girls State. NTHS was out for the entire week plus Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Of course, the Interviews will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Perhaps a non-snow day will be picked this time around.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The January meeting for Book Group will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City on the 31st from noon until 2PM. We will review "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Gisela Steiner and Diane Morrison will be discussion leaders and Shirley Cabo will provide treats.

The February meeting will also be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club on the 28th of the month from noon until 2PM. The book we will review is "The Blackhouse" by Peter May. Our discussion leader will be Cheryl Allen. We need a dessert volunteer. Remember to bring your lunch and a beverage to both meetings. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Stay warm out there and take care on those icy roads!



BRIDGE MARATHON

This is good bridge playing weather but the storms have made it difficult. February should be better. A big thank you to the participants in the Marathon that have made contributions to AAUW funds of their choice. This is the only fee and then players enjoy arranging and playing matches at their convenience. Prizes are awarded at an end of the year party in late May or early June. The year goes by fast so hopefully many of you are enjoying playing the 16 hand matches, especially on snowy days. Scores are sent or given to Rose Orenstein. The roster and score sheets can be downloaded from the branch web page [Copy and paste this into your internet browser-- <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/bridge/>]

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



FRIDAY-NIGHTERS

February 24th at 7:00 pm will be our next get-together and will be at the Dons' home (633A Lariat Circle, Incline Village). Celebrations will commence for some, all, or none of the following: International Polar Bear Day, Umbrella Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day, National Wear Red Day, or even Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day. It will, however, allow us to celebrate a v-e-r-y late Valentine's Day. It will be a dessert evening with a Caramels Taste Test. We will challenge your taste buds to identify which caramels are which. Some of the flavors are hot chili, butterscotch, fig and honey and maple. Please let Johnnie Lee (775-832-8089) or <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> know by Monday the 23rd if you plan to come. Twelve is the most we can accommodate for this event.



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

The January meeting for Great Decisions was cancelled due to inclement weather, power outages, and unplowed roadways. Many members have not picked up their book yet and should contact Julie Ginocchio at 530-546-8864.

The meeting for February will be held on the 21st from 1PM to 3PM at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City. The topic for the month is "The European Union". A discussion leader is needed for this meeting. Please contact Linda Schwoob if you can volunteer at lschwoob@yahoo.com.

The March meeting will also be held at the Yacht Club. The April meeting will be held at Dana Loury's home in Incline Village, and the May meeting will be at Linda Schwoob's home in Tahoe City.

Volunteer hostesses with an adequate TV facility to accommodate at least 15 people are needed for June, September, October and the first or second week of November.

We meet on the third Tuesday for eight months of the year for the eight chapters on foreign policy. A list of topics will be mailed to members prior to the February meeting so you can choose a chapter to volunteer as discussion leader and also offer to host at your home.

Happy New Year – we look forward to a year of lively discussions as we try to solve the problems of the world!



INSTITCHES

Soup's On! Again! Carol Eyre's delish pot 'o soup was so good that, weather permitting, our February Meeting will be held at Johnnie Lee's home on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:30pm with piping hot soup to tempt you to venture out in these challenging weather days. There will be Show and Tell, great food, good company, and perhaps some knitting, crocheting or needle work accomplished. Please let Johnnie Lee (775-832-8089) or <johnnieleedon@gmail.com> know by Monday, the 13th of February, if planning to attend.



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.

Century Club. The following members generously donated \$100 or more for our Branch missions from the following members:

Betsey Husted
Lynn Flagg
Susan Hassenplug

Thank you!

Shirley Allen. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at 10 am, at the North Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach for former member and past President Shirley Allen, who passed on in Carmel Valley, CA on December 27, 2016. All NT AAUW members are encouraged to attend.

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 AAUW-CA is not 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)



CALENDAR

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

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

JANUARY

27: Friday Nighters
31: Book Group

FEBRUARY

7: Leadership Meeting
9: General Meeting
15: InStitches
21: Great Decisions
24: Friday-Nighters
28: Book Group



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