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GENERAL MEETING

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

March 9, 1:00 at the Gatekeepers Museum in Tahoe City. Several of our members will present special women from history to celebrate Women's History Month.

April 13, 1:00 at the Yacht Club in Tahoe City. Ellen Magnani will present the program that was scheduled for January but was cancelled due to the weather.

Our February general meeting held at the Boys and Girls Club included an informational presentation by Patti Boxeth on the Alert Tahoe Project. This system of networked sensors helps to protect the Lake Tahoe Basin from wildfire. If you missed Patti's talk, look up the website alerttahoe.seismo.unr.edu. Alert Tahoe is a bistate, multiagency effort to keep us safe from wildfire. Thanks to the Gourmet group for providing the delicious soup lunch.

Our film night at the Tahoe City Cinema featuring *Hidden Figures* was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Meri McEneny for arranging the event and thanks to everyone who spread the word to make it a success.

The budget for 2017-18 is drafted and being reviewed. It will be presented at the March general meeting and voted on at the April meeting. Luckily, the budget remains relatively stable so expenses are pretty close to what we had this year. Our slate of officers for 2017-18 is complete. A dynamic group is assembled to lead us into the next AAUW year.

Hope to see you at the ever-popular Chautauqua presentation March 9, 1:00pm at the Gate Keepers Museum.

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CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Despite so much snow, rain, and wind, your leadership continues to address our mission objectives. They are busy planning events for the upcoming months. This spring will bring forth our Interbranch Luncheon at South Lake Tahoe in May, a STEM Day (a new event for us) and a Tea Party Fundraiser in June with the proceeds benefiting Tech Trek. So please save the dates: May 13 at 11:30 (Inter-branch lunch), June 10 (STEM Day) and June 22 for the Tea.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 7**, beginning at **2 PM** at the home of Meri McEneny.

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).



HIGH TEA

*You are cordially invited to attend a **HIGH TEA** on Thursday, June 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. in the garden at 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village, Nevada.*

*Refreshments provided by A Catered Affaire.
Speaker: Chelsea Austin, 2013 Tech Trek alumna
'Downton Abbey' attire--dresses and hats for ladies, coat & tie for gentlemen.*

*Cost \$25/person.
Proceeds benefit the Tech Trek program.
Reservations required by June 10th,
limited to 60 people.*

For reservations, please send your check made payable to North Tahoe AAUW to: Carol Eyre, 208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village, NV 89451.

We would like to include some of the Tech Trek girls from past years, the cost is \$25 to sponsor a girl. Please contact Meri McEneny at 775 831-6071 or mmceneny@gmail.com for further information.

Organizing Committee: Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre, Linda Larish, Meri McEneny. For further information, email carolceyre@aol.com.



UC Davis Tech Trek camp 2017. We have 9 great nominees for this year's camp; thanks to North Tahoe School Science and Math teachers Lindee Eckert and Lisa McCready. The girls are busy submitting their applications and essays, which are due to Meri by Feb 17; most are already submitted. Interviews are scheduled for March 10 at the middle school where the final 6 campers, plus 2 alternates, will be selected. The interview team is Vera Daegling, Trudy Lesem, Christine Madden, and Meri McEneny. Tech Trek suggests questions to ask in the interview, and we ask questions that arise from the girls' essays and application answers. This year's camp is July 23-29, 2017 at UC Davis. Sponsors such as NT AAUW, Rotary, Kiwanis, TLC, are invited to Visit Day on Thursday, July 27, at UCD.

As a reminder, the UC Davis camp coordinators are committed to keeping the camp fees at \$900 per girl. They achieve this by keeping all activities on the UCD campus (no bus trips), all meeting spaces are on-site at our Thompson Hall dorm, and the core classes are consistent so materials can be re-used.

Local Tech Trek Event. At this month's leadership and general meetings, there was support for the STEM Day project headed by Christine Madden and Meri McEneny. Christine and Meri have offered initial project funding, and at the general meeting, Terry Yagura generously donated \$250 to STEM Day. Thank you, Terry! STEM Day will bring former Tech Trekkers together for a day of classes, fun and activities at the TCPUD Fairway Community Center on Saturday, June 10, 2017, 8am-4pm. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Three presenters are committed to STEM Day: Dr. Kathleen Scully, UCSD, molecular biologist, Surita Cox, Technology founder, and Dr. Jasmine Woodworth, retired aerospace engineer. Our

own local Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP) is committed to lead a spontaneous learning “game” and lead an outdoor activity, like a hike up the Rim Trail. SWEP will also provide equipment, such as microscopes.

NT AAUW members please join us on Saturday, June 10. Your help is requested with registration, or snacks, and to enjoy the girls, the presenters, and each other. Come for some or all!

Hidden Figures. Thanks to members, spouses and friends who attended the viewing of *Hidden Figures*, a movie about African American women scientists working at NASA in the 1960's, at the Tahoe Art Haus Cinema. What a great crowd for a great movie on a rainy night! Truckee branch member Arlene Becker attended with two of her Tech Trek campers and two other Truckee members. Also attending was Courtney Hart, who introduced herself after the movie, then attended the general meeting with speaker Patti Boxeth the next day, and joined NT AAUW. Welcome Courtney!

High Tea Fundraiser. Once again Carol Eyre is opening her house for the delightful High Tea, a Tech Trek fundraiser, on Thursday, June 22, 3pm. Look for Carol's announcement in this newsletter. Guest speaker is Chelsea Austin, our 2013 Stanford Tech Trek alumna and 2016 junior counselor. Chelsea will tell us about her experiences as a TT camper and counselor and her future goals. She is currently a Junior at North Tahoe High, poised and confident. Also at the High Tea, we hope to have up to 10 former Tech Trekkers attend to help, to listen to Chelsea, and meet all of us fun NT AAUW women. Please consider sponsoring a Trekker at the Tea for \$25. Contact Meri at mmceneny@gmail.com or 775 831-6071 to sponsor a girl.



A Delegate and an Alternate were chosen from NTHS applicants for the 74th GIRLS STATE to be held June 26 to July 1, 2017. The Delegate is Bailey Shaw, a Distinguished Scholar with a 4.0 GPA and musician (Rotary Solo Competition on the clarinet and Jazz Band) with many other accomplishments ranging from mentoring (Peers), leadership (Teen Suicide Prevention), and sports (Soccer captain and Varsity Track and Field and Basketball) to activities such as Book club, Drama (she played the evil Queen in Alice in Wonderland and proclaimed it a lot of fun), and Youth in Action (a club that promotes a sober lifestyle for teens). Bailey is certified in Red Cross First Aid and ServSafe California Food Handlers. She also worked the summer at Vikingsholm Visitor Center where she had an amazing amount of responsibilities.

The only problem the representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary (Joanne Shope and Helen Foster) and our own AAUW representatives Christine and Johnnie Lee had was choosing between Bailey and the alternate, Jasmine Strydom, who has many accomplishments in her own right. She moved here her sophomore year and also has a 4.0 GPA. She engages in the sports of Softball (awarded Player of the Game twice) and Volleyball (captain) and also helps at school sporting events setting up, customer entry, and concessions. She is a great animal lover and is a volunteer at the Humane Society of Truckee. She also works at Fireside Pizza in Squaw. We are pleased to have met these outstanding young ladies.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The February meeting will 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. 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/>]

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FRIDAY-NIGHTERS

Trudy and Rolf Lesem have generously offered their home at 320 Rim Drive, Tahoe Vista, for March 17th which just happens to be St. Patrick's Day which follows Everything You Do Right Day and comes before First Walk In Space Day. No one will be admitted if wearing other than GREEN, as befits the occasion. The one wearing the most GREEN will win the gold at the end of the rainbow. Please let Johnnie Lee Don (775-832-8089 or <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>) know by the Monday prior (March 13th) which is the day after Daylight Savings Time, which, in turn, is two days after Day of Awesomeness. Trudy is providing traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage, and Wearers of the Green will provide appetizers. Please BYOB. Festivities commence at 6 PM.



GOURMET

It is now time for the hostesses to contact their guests for the March/April get-together. We have 3 hostesses: Nancy Cline, Gisela Steiner and Nancy Zachariasen.

The theme is "As you like it" or Greek.

New members Courtney Hart and Debra Neese-Walker are on the substitute list for this year.



GREAT DECISIONS

The March meeting will be held at the Tahoe 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.



INSTITCHES

Calling all InStitches members. *It is a token of healthy and gentle characteristics when women of high thoughts and accomplishments love to sew (or knit), especially as they are never more at home with their own hearts than while so occupied.* Of course, a man wrote that!!! Once you have laughed yourselves into stitches, call or e-mail and offer a homey place for our March 15th meeting.

Johnnie Lee Don (775-832-8089 or <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>)



MEMBERSHIP

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Courtney Hart:

I was born in Marin County and I spent most of my summers growing up on the West Shore or down at Fallen Leaf Lake. I went to UC Berkeley and started looking for jobs in the Tahoe area as



Courtney showing an Abalone caught on her first dive.

soon as I graduated. After 4 years on the West Shore, my husband and I moved to Truckee in 2009 and lived here for about 4.5 years before moving down to San Luis Obispo for a

Masters in Biology at Cal Poly; now I am back in Truckee! Although my studies and career aspirations tend to focus in marine science, I always end up back in the Sierras and I love the North Tahoe community because it always feels like home. I am a partner of a small forestry equipment leasing company but am looking for a career job in the field of biology and resource management. I also tutor math for high school students and teach ceramics at the Truckee Roundhouse.

I am an outdoors-woman and enjoy skiing, running, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and swimming. I like to draw, paint, sew and am an avid cook and baker. Lastly, I love to read and look forward to being part of the AAUW book club! I initially heard about AAUW at the *Hidden Figures* showing in Tahoe City. Being a woman scientist who feels strongly about providing educational opportunities to young women in the STEM fields, I jumped at the opportunity to meet all of you. While I do hope to network with the members of AAUW. I am excited to learn and get involved in the noble pursuits that this

group of smart, motivated women is undertaking.

Debbie Walker:

We moved to Incline Village from Portsmouth, Ohio in September 2016 when my husband, Alan Walker, became the President of Sierra Nevada College. I am originally from Washington State. Prior to moving here, I worked in medical management in several capacities and now I am involved in Sierra Nevada College activities as the wife of the President. I also volunteer in other areas, and like to garden and cook – a good combination! I am also learning stained glass and would love to learn to crochet. I love animals and have three cats and two dogs. My post college daughter, Emily, also shares our home. I learned about AAUW from several friends and joined because the interest groups appeal to me and it is a great way to meet people with similar interests. I look forward to being an active member of the organization!

Member listings. 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 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)

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/>)

MARCH

- 7: Branch Leadership Meeting
- 9: General Meeting
- 15: InStitches
- 17: Friday-Nighters
- 21: Great Decisions

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.