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CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Can it already be November? The leaves have changed color and the nights are dipping into the twenties. After our epic winter of 2016-17, we are sure you are all busy with pre-winter chores? Your AAUW leadership team is also making plans for our branch to thrive during the long Tahoe winter. The annual "Winter Party" will be on the second Thursday in December. Search inside this newsletter for all the details. It is guaranteed to be a stellar event.

Information of note is that Tech Trek management is returning to AAUW California from National AAUW, and as of November 1st, all checks written as a donation to Tech Trek should be written to "**AAUW CA SPF**" (SPF stands for Special Projects Fund). The SPF is a 501(c)(3) organization. The tax ID # is 68-0463071 and all donations are tax-deductible.

The October General Meeting and salad lunch was a hit! The community center was filled with proud parents, representatives of local service groups that contribute to our program, as well as Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery. Supervisor Montgomery and U.S. House Representative McClintock recognized the girls' achievements with certificates of merit. The Tech Trek campers are amazingly articulate young women for just starting 8th grade. Our 12th grade Girls State representative Bailey Shaw could not say enough about her week learning how local and state governments function. Thanks to Meri McEneny, Johnnie Lee Don, and Christine Madden for your dedication. You will find more details in the following articles. We are proud

of AAUW of North Tahoe's contributions to our community and dare to expect great things from these young women.



Mark your calendars for the November 9th General Meeting and presentation of "Art in Healing" by local artist Cathee St. Clair. AAUW of North Tahoe member **Terry Yagura** encourages us to enjoy Ms. St. Clair's message. Cathee expresses the fragility of our environment portrayed through poetry and artistic expressions. Read more at www.catheetclair.com/artist-in-residence/

See you there!

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be Thursday November 9th, 10:30 AM at Meri's home in Carnelian Bay.

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

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

Our current financial officer, Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, will finish her term on June 30th. 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

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

We look forward to the **November 9th** presentation by an independent artist teaching in the Tahoe-Truckee Schools, **Cathee Van Rossem St. Clair**, at the Fairway Community Center ([330 Fairway Drive](#), Tahoe City) beginning at **1 pm**. We will learn how Cathee cultivates Mindfulness, Empathy and Compassion in our schools through Egg Painting. Our own **Terry Yagura**, founder of Arts For The Schools, saw Cathee's work in 1987 and asked her to create a week-long workshop for children. As Terry says "It's not easy painting a story on a curving surface, in all directions, but they give 100 percent. Cathee draws them out in her wonderful way. They have to be quiet and focused and they are." Cathee uses storytelling, art and poetry to amazing ends. She maintains that language in art begins with a sensation, a straight line, a circle, a shape. Add a few quirky musings, vivid dreams, accidental epiphanies, and a few marks on canvas or stone or eggshell become visual stories that call attention to a moment in time.

One of Cathee's favorite quotes about The Egg Painting Compassion Project came from a student who completed this program many years ago:

"Eggs are perfect to paint on when you are learning about things that can break. When you know that something is really fragile, you take care of it. When you see that the whole earth and everything in it can be fragile ~ well, you can imagine how that makes you feel. Maybe if we cared for each other and the earth with our whole hearts, we would be happy, and we could relax and enjoy it together."

The Center is located at [330 Fairway Drive](#) in Tahoe City. From route 28 in downtown Tahoe City, make a right turn onto Grove St. Follow Grove St. up the hill, past the elementary school and turn left onto Fairway

Drive. Follow this to the end and the Center will be on your left with a parking lot in front.



WINTER PARTY

Our Annual Winter Party will be on Thursday **December 14th**, 4-7 pm at Carol Eyre's home (208 Rifle Peak Court, Incline Village, NV 89451).

The menu is a hearty appetizer "fork-only" buffet catered by Bella Affair. The detailed menu is attached to the e-mail with this newsletter.

Cost is \$35/person. RSVP by **December 1st** by mailing your check payable to "North Tahoe AAUW" to Carol Eyre.



On October 12, our branch enjoyed a wonderful luncheon to honor our 2017 Tech Trek campers and Girls State representative. These 7 young women spoke with grace, joy and gratitude about their camp and convocation experiences. The girls were supported by several parents, numerous AAUW members, and Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery and staff. Ms. Montgomery listened to each speaker then presented her with a certificate of merit. She remarked that most public policy issues have a basis in science, and she encouraged the Tech Trekkers to continue their interest in STEM subjects. She also encouraged our Girls State attendee to keep an interest in politics. Ms. Montgomery urged the girls to contact her with any questions about politics and said she was available to meet with them any Thursday or Friday in Tahoe.



Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery with our Tech Trekkers and Girls State representative.

Certificates were also sent from our congressional representative Tom McClintock, and given to the girls by Meri McEneny. Everyone enjoyed the delicious and bountiful salads provided by the leadership team. Excellent job, Tech Trek campers and Girls State representative!



On October 15, the opening day for reservations, AAUW North Tahoe requested 6 spots at UC Davis Tech Trek camp in 2018.

AAUW NORTH TAHOE SCHOLARSHIPS

Last June, our branch awarded scholarships to 2 senior students at North Tahoe High School. Alissa LaFerriere received \$4,000 and Kyra Mattson received \$1,000. Below are their Thank You letters.

Dear North Tahoe AAUW,

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship. It will be extremely helpful with paying my tuition at Santa Clara University as I pursue mathematics. It is amazing to feel supported by this amazing community I've grown up in. Thank you again for supporting my education and helping me pursue my dreams.

*Sincerely,
Alissa LaFerriere*

Dear North Tahoe AAUW,

Thank you so much for giving me this amazing scholarship! I am very excited to begin the next chapter of my life by going to college in New York City. I will be attending Marymount Manhattan College as a marketing major. I will also be pursuing a minor in dance. I have big plans for many successes and I cannot wait to get started.

My plan after college is to open a dance school and to run that business as well as teach dance classes.

Currently, I am working and saving money to help finance college and I plan to continue working part-time after I start school. I am extremely appreciative for this scholarship and I can guarantee that it will be put to great use!

*Thank you,
Kyra Mattson*

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The **October 31st** meeting will be held at Betsy Peterson's home in Carnelian Bay. We will be reviewing "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Our moderator will be Jan Potter.

The **November 28th** meeting will be held at Linda Schwoob's home in Tahoe City on the west shore. We will be reviewing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. Our moderator will be Gisela Steiner.

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month from noon until 2PM. Bring a bag lunch and join our group of avid readers. An email reminder will be sent with driving instructions one week prior to our meetings.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

Ellen Magnani will kindly host Bridge Group at the Tahoe City Yacht Club on Wednesday November 29th. Please R.S.V.P. to Ellen as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying playing bridge.

A big thank you to Dana Loury, our Communications Officer, who has updated the Bridge section of the AAUW North Tahoe website with the 2017-2018 Roster, Score Sheet, Chicago Score rules, and the Hostess dates which can be traded if there are difficulties. The Gould's might be available and any adjustment can be made by the 15th of the previous month so that it will be included in the AAUW newsletter for the next month.

Have a wonderful Fall and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Call me if you have any questions after November 2.

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GOURMET

The Gourmet Group get-together will be on Saturday **October 28th** at 4:30 pm at Pat Castelluci's home: [10288 Badger Lane "A"](#) in Truckee (Phone: [530-550-1812](#) or cell: 530-906-3828).

Please call Pat if you plan to attend. Bring an appetizer (finger food only) and a beverage of your choice.

Directions: from Hwy 267- Left turn onto Old Brockway Rd and a very quick left onto Hope Ct. Stay on Hope Ct. and veer to the right onto Badger Lane. Pat's Townhome is on the right.

For Truckee directions: if you come over the tracks, you will be on Brockway Rd. Make a right turn onto Hope Ct (past the Sierra Bible church), then follow directions to Badger Lane.



GREAT DECISIONS

The November meeting will be held on **November 7th**. The change of date is due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet at Kym Pipkin's home in Tahoe City on the west shore from 10 AM to noon. The chapter to be reviewed is "Nuclear Security" and our moderator will be Sharon Filardo.

We generally meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our book consists of eight subjects for discussion and can be purchased for \$25.00. It is written by the Foreign Policy Association, a non-profit educational/cultural organization, with a commitment to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the US and to further spread education and knowledge throughout an informed citizenry. Launched in 1954, the program has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

Join us – everyone has a voice and everyone listens!



INSTITCHES

The November InStitches meeting will be held at the home of Sue DeVoe (8740 Brockway Vista Ave, Kings Beach, CA) on Wednesday **November 15, 2017** at 2 pm. Please let Sue know by November 12th if you are able to attend. Her contact information is devoetahoe@gmail.com or 530-546-5120.

Remember to bring your latest project to work on. Beverages and treats will be provided. If there are any other AAUW members interested in joining us, please let Nancy Cline know (nhcline@gmail.com). Hope to see you all there.



MEMBERSHIP

We held a New Member Welcome Wine and Cheese event on September 24th at Ginger Wilson's home.



The event was very well attended by both new and old members and provided a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with each other as well as learning more about the branch activities. The event included brief presentations from the branch officers and interest group leaders as well as lots of time for wine tasting and informal conversations. We all enjoyed meeting new people and learning more about each other.



Thanks to our Co-President Patricia for bringing the variety of fabulous wines produced by her vineyard!

Two brand new members signed up to join our branch at the event and we now have a total of **72 members!**

Welcome to our new members

Mary Nyquist Koons



I grew up in Minneapolis, MN and have lived most of my adult life in Eugene, Oregon. We have a home both in Truckee and in Eugene Oregon. We bought a vacation home in Truckee in 2013. Our daughter lives in Quincy with her family and our son lives in Roseville with

his family. Truckee is the perfect “in between” home to spend time with them, their spouses and our three grandchildren.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Nursing. I received a MS in Nursing from UCSF in 1981. I taught nursing, served on the Board of Planned Parenthood in Eugene for many years and have served in leadership positions in my church and community. I taught comprehensive sexuality education in adolescence for the United Church of Christ. I wrote and illustrated a children’s book “MOR FAR’S BLUEBIRDS”. Recently, I completed a 56 quilt series for a drug and alcohol treatment center in Eugene. It is on permanent display in the hospital complex and I published a book of quilts to inspire healing and meditation: “SLOGANS FOR SERENITY: 52

QUILTED MEDITATIONS”. I enjoy using textile arts to promote healing and spirituality. It has been especially meaningful working with my son, a professional photographer.

I am an avid reader. My husband and I love to travel. Our goal is to visit the great rivers of the world. I sew, quilt, knit and weave. My grandchildren are a delight to me. I love the water - especially in a boat or walking the shore of Lake Tahoe. I am learning Swedish and have translated several Swedish language children’s books into English.

I attended my first AAUW meeting in 1981 in Eugene and enjoyed the program on Storytelling. I wish I had joined then. I have been a donor to national AAUW scholarship programs. North Tahoe AAUW is the first local branch I have joined and I am very excited by the programs and its advocacy for young women scholars. I am excited to get to know the members.

Joan O’Lear



I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area. I graduated from North Hollywood H.S. in 1968, received my Bachelors of Arts and Sociology

from UCLA in 1971 and received my Masters in Education, a K-6 teaching credential and became a Language Development Specialist from California State University Northridge a few years later.

I taught elementary school in Hollywood and Northridge for 17 years. Then my husband and I made the best choice of our lives and moved to Tahoe. The first year, I worked at the Homewood Ski Area ski school. Then I got a job with TTUSD and taught English as a Second Language for 10 years at North Tahoe High School. We moved back down to Los Angeles for 3 years where I finished up my 30-year teacher career, home/hospital teaching for LAUSD.

The month after I retired, we moved back to our house in Tahoe. Since then, I have been volunteering

for a plethora of charities and organizations when I am not out hiking, skiing, riding horses or playing in Maui.

Four years ago, we bought a house in Carson City to see how the winter would be out of the heavy snow. We keep our Tahoe house and went back and forth except for the summer and fall when we would just move back to Tahoe (It's less than an hour away). Down in Carson City, I became active in the Carson City Republican Women and chaired the scholarship committee. (It was the closest I could come to supporting Tech Trek.)

This year, I decided to stay in Tahoe all winter, so to guarantee that I would, I purchased a North Star Locker and ski pass as well as rejoined AAUW! I originally joined the Tahoe Chapter in 2005 and have served as Membership as well as Tech Trek chairperson. I am truly happy to be back.

Membership Memo. If you have friends or family members you would like to have join 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) or Ginger Wilson (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. 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/>.

Membership 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/>

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

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CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER

- 25: Bridge Group
- 28: Gourmet Group
- 31: Book Group

NOVEMBER

- 07: Great Decisions
- 15: InStitches
- 28: Book Group
- 29: Bridge Group

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.