



October 2017



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The weather has brought winds and the first feelings of fall. The night temps are lowering and after a very warm summer here at Tahoe, it is time to enjoy crisp but still warm walks in the woods.

Our first AAUW meeting of the 2017-18 season was an outdoor event in just such weather. We enjoyed a picnic lunch and short business meeting at Donner Memorial State Park on September 14 followed by an informative film about the Donner's immigrant wagon train and their winter of 1846.

After the film, we were met by a volunteer guide, Mr. Rick Mitchell. His information and delivery style was compelling.

Mr. Mitchell has been a volunteer guide at Donner Memorial State Park for one year. He became inspired by the local history when his daughter was in 4th grade and they both read all they could find on the migration west. He stated that his family vacationed starting at South Pass in Wyoming and followed the historical Oregon trail much of the way west. Mr. Mitchell's daughter is now 27.

Mr. Mitchell took us on a short walk to a large boulder where two families from the Donner party built a cabin and lived during that horrible winter. He helped us envision how 18 members of those families coped with the struggles to survive. He truly made the history come alive.

Thanks to Mr. Mitchell for a great presentation and thanks to Trudy and Johnnie Lee for planning the program.

You won't want to miss the **October 12** program that presents our 2017 Tech Trek campers and Girls State representative. These young women will thrill us with stories about their experiences! It makes us proud to know how AAUW- North Tahoe contributions make a positive and lasting impact on these young lives.

By now, every member has received an email or postcard requesting your vote to change AAUW-CA to a public benefit organization from a mutual benefit organization. This designation is necessary to align the California organization with National AAUW's status. In less than a minute, you can cast your vote to (1) agree to an online vote and (2) approve AAUW-CA's change to a public benefit organization. Polls close **October 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia by email or phone.

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday **October 10** at the home of Christine Madden.

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/>

GENERAL MEETING

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

We hope you can join us on **October 12th** from **11:30 to 1:30** at The Fairway Community Center for a Salad Luncheon provided by your AAUW Leadership Board. The program will center around presentations from AAUW North Tahoe's six Tech Trek Girls as well as our American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Attendee, Bailey Shaw. This is always an outstanding event. Before the girls' talks, Meri McEneny will show slides of the actual events at UC Davis where she and Dana Loury attended on visitors' day.

The Center is located at 330 Fairway drive in Tahoe City. From Route 28 in downtown Tahoe City, make a right turn onto Grove Street (at the 6-story Peppertree Motel). Follow Grove St up the hill, past the Elementary School and turn left onto Fairway Drive. Follow this almost to the end and the Center will be on your left with a paved parking lot in front.



SUMMER PARTY

On Sunday August 27th, Meri McEneny hosted our Aloha summer party at the picturesque lakefront home of Dave and Shirley Allen in Carnelian Bay, where many AAUW parties took place in the past. We all had a wonderful time reconnecting with friends while enjoying the delectable foods and drinks.

Thank you to Meri for hosting a great party, to her friend Deborah for the delicious upside down pineapple cake, to Johnnie Lee Don and Carol Eyre for organizing and clean up, and to Susan Hassenplug for taking pictures (including the beautiful photo on our newsletter banner).





Our 2017 Girls State delegate, Bailey Shaw, will join us at the General Meeting and Salad Luncheon on October 12th.

The following is Bailey's Thank You letter to our organization for making it possible for her to experience the week-long event held on the Claremont-McKenna campus this past June.



Dear Johnnie Lee and Christine,

I am sorry it has taken me so long to contact AAUW after Girls State, but the minute I got back my schedule went crazy. I just wanted to say I LOVED IT! Honestly, Girls State was such a positive, uplifting, and emotional experience for me. The whole week taught me how to break out of my comfort zone and also showed me that sometimes winning isn't the goal. During the week I ran for a county position, but got disqualified for my speech going over time. Instead of just accepting this, I pushed myself and ran for a state position where I gave a speech to the whole camp. Again, I did not get the position, but I ended up being on my city's expo team and absolutely LOVED it since I got to spend more time with the friends in the city.

The girls I met there were the most amazing people and we all connected very deeply. Girls State taught me important social skills, gave me a deeper understanding into how government works, and made me incredibly excited for my future. On top of all that, I feel more prepared for college and I am going to write about my experience as one of my college essays.

Thank you so much for allowing me to experience Girls State. It is a memory I will treasure forever. I cannot express how much it meant to me and please pass this message along to the North Tahoe AAUW members.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Bailey Shaw

AAUW FUNDS

AAUW National recently announced that more than \$3.7 million in funding for fellowships and grants was awarded to 250 women scholars and non-profit organizations for the 2017-2018 academic year. Twenty six of those recipients are from California.

If anyone is interested in attending one of the luncheons to celebrate their accomplishments and hear about their goals, please contact Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com). The luncheons will be in South San Francisco on **Oct 28th** and in Danville on **Oct 29th**.



The Tahoe League for Charity generously increased their support for Tech Trek this year. Their grant now fully supports one Tech Trek camper. At a luncheon on September 11 at Jake's on the Lake, TLC honored its grant recipients, including AAUW North Tahoe Tech Trek, with lunch and a check. Thank you TLC!

Meri McEneny gratefully received the check and announced that in 2017, we sent our **100th camper** to Tech Trek! This year also saw 2002 camper **Mimi Precit** receive her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, and 2001 camper **Heather McNair** is finishing her Ph.D. in Oceanography. Congratulations to these impressive young women. **Roxana Cabrera**, who began her studies at UC Davis Medical School this July, has two new roommates also in medical school: 2 young women who attended Tech Trek with her in 2006!

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group members, please note the location change for our meetings in both September and October.

Carol Eyre will host Tuesday, **September 26th** when we will review "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor. Martha Cirata will moderate and Diane Morrison will bring treats.

Betsy Peterson will host Tuesday, **October 31st** when we will review "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Jan Potter will moderate and Nancy Cline will bring treats.

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month from noon until 2PM. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. A reminder and directions will be emailed one week prior to the meeting. Different views and perceptions on books by our members are always entertaining!

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

The Bridge group enjoys playing the 4th or 5th Wednesday of each month and players take turns hosting the gathering.

On **Sept. 27**, Lynn Flagg (775-762-4220) is hosting at her home from 1 - 4 p.m, and **Oct. 25**, Trudy Lesem (530-546-0519) will be hosting bridge at her home. Please call them if you can play, and call Sue or Rose if you have any questions.

The Bridge calendar, updated roster, new score sheets, and Chicago Scoring will be on the Bridge website soon.

A big Thank You to Vera Daegling who donated some of her mother's bridge cards for the bridge club to enjoy using. Her mother was an avid bridge player so had many lovely cards and Vera is happy that they can be used.

Sue DeVoe- devoetahoe@gmail.com | 530 546-5120



FRIDAY-NITERS

The Brunch on **September 22nd** has been **cancelled** (it went the way of Candy Tasting) . . but we still want your ideas on themes for the doings. We have heard that those NOT retired are too tired come Friday evenings, so we will try to plan activities on other evenings or weekends.



GOURMET

The gourmet group coordinators are working very hard to organize the hostesses for 2018. As soon as the hostesses and their guests are established, we will have a "get acquainted" meeting at Pat Castellucci's home. We still need a theme for 2018. If any of you have an idea, please call Pat. There will be a special notice when the "get-acquainted" will take place.



GREAT DECISIONS

The **October 17th** meeting will be held at Carol Eyre's home in Incline. We will discuss the chapter on "Afghanistan/Pakistan" (two hot spots!). Our moderator will be Betsy Peterson.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 10AM until noon. An email with directions will be sent one week prior to the meeting. This is a foreign policy discussion group that watches a 20-minute documentary on a subject followed by a discussion that is always lively and informative.

Please contact Julie Ginocchio at dnundergal@itol.com if you are planning to continue with Great Decisions in 2018. She can then order you a book and answer any questions you might have.



INSTITCHES

Our October meeting will be held on **October 18** at 2pm at the home of Martha Cirata, 14484 Donnington Lane, Truckee.

Please RSVP to Martha to let her know if you are coming: Martha@omegaport.com or 530-440- 9219. Directions to her home will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Please come and bring your latest project to work on. We have a lot of fun gabbing about everything from A-Z while making some progress on our projects. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.



MEMBERSHIP

We continue to grow! Our AAUW North Tahoe branch now has **68** members including Sandra Wolfe, our latest addition. Current membership information is available on the web site. We also have a membership directory booklet available for purchase at general meetings.

Welcome to our new member: Sandra Wolfe



I am a native Californian with my primary residence being in Pleasant Hill, California, with part time residences in Truckee and on Whidbey Island, Washington. My daughter and son in law and I purchased our Truckee home in 2002 so they could

ski in the winter and I could enjoy the Truckee summers. I have been retired since 2000 after teaching primary grades for 31 years. I am an avid gardener, and love to read and travel. I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I originally joined AAUW in 1965 when I was invited by the teacher next door to my classroom. I was new to the area and did not know anyone, so it was a good way to meet people who turned out to be lifelong friends. I am very active in the Pleasant Hill/Martinez Branch and am looking forward to meeting more AAUW members in the North Tahoe Branch.

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 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.

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/>
Member Directory Password:
NorthTahoeAAUW (case sensitive)

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

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 Dana Loury, our Communications Officer, within 5 days to remove your picture. A signed release form will be required from the parents of minor children.



CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

- 24: Newcomer Welcome Wine & Cheese
- 26: Book Group
- 27: Bridge Group

OCTOBER

- 10: Leadership Meeting
- 12: General Meeting
- 17: Great Decisions
- 18: InStitches
- 25: Bridge Group
- 31: Book 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.