



September 2017



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2017-2018 season of AAUW North Tahoe (CA) Branch!

Thanks to all of you for your commitment to AAUW and its mission. We are starting this year with our commitments to support the education of young women of Lake Tahoe fully funded. Thank you for your generosity.

While we all enjoyed the very warm summer weather at Tahoe, our Branch did not "go on vacation". During our June general meeting, two special awards were awarded to members for outstanding service to this branch. AAUW Named Grant Honoree is **Meri McEneny**. Our Branch Service Award for 2016-17 went to **Nancy Cline**. Congratulations and thanks to both of you for all you do for this branch.

Also in June, the first-ever STEM Trek Day took place in Tahoe City, thanks to the vision of our members Meri McEneny and Christine Madden. You will find an article below.

On June 22, Carol Eyre hosted a marvelous "High Tea" at her home. Please look below in this newsletter for an account of the festivities at the Tea.

The Aloha Summer Party is Sunday, **August 27**. Wear your Hawaiian clothes and enjoy a summer afternoon with the possibilities of swimming, kayaking, and standup paddle boarding.

Our new leadership team met on July 30 to plan for this upcoming year. We start off the year with the **September 14** general meeting at Donner Memorial

State Park. On **September 24**, there will be a new members wine and cheese party, co-hosted by Ginger Wilson, our new co-membership officer who herself is still new to our AAUW. Thanks Ginger for stepping into a leadership position. What a great way to get to know many of our great members.

On the National AAUW news front, branches will be named consistently across the country. Our official name is "**AAUW of North Tahoe (CA) Branch**". Voting results from the 2017 biennial election were distributed by email and are posted at this website: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election>. Members of the National AAUW board of directors are listed, along with public policy priorities, by-laws changes, and resolutions. Members voted not to approve a new "advocate" member category and voted not to change member degree requirements.

On September 10, 2017, the polls will open for AAUW California members to vote on a change to AAUW California's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through SurveyMonkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those members for whom AAUW-CA does not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard, prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online. Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone.

We are excited to launch this new AAUW of North Tahoe (CA) Branch year!

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BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next meeting will be **Tuesday September 12** 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

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

GENERAL MEETING

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

September 14- 11:30 AM- Trudy Lesem and Johnnie Lee Don, this year's program chairs, are pleased to bring you an outing to **Donner Memorial State Park in Truckee** for the September 14th meeting at 11:30 AM.

We will be meeting at the new Visitor Center (located at 12593 Donner Pass Road) that replaces the small museum of old near the monument. Parking is \$10 per car (\$9 for seniors) so carpooling is advised. We will look forward to you joining us for a picnic lunch on tables to the right of the center -with you supplying your bag lunch and NT AAUW supplying the lemonade and dessert. At **1 PM**, we will view a movie and be given a volunteer-led tour. The exhibits include Washoe life, the 1840's immigration, the Donner Tragedy, the Chinese railroad builders, and early automobile travel over Donner Summit. Enhanced audio and captioned videos are available. The museum exhibits are small but mighty... not unlike the women who survived not only the misplaced trust in a guide named Hastings, but also one of the most severe winters on record.

An RSVP to Johnnie lee ([775-832-8089](tel:775-832-8089)) or [<johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) by September is only to get an idea of how many plan to attend for the tour guide's information. Spouses, friends, houseguests are welcome.



SUMMER PARTY

Our Aloha Summer party will be held on Sunday, **August 27th, 1 - 4 PM** at 5472 North Lake Blvd., Carnelian Bay, CA.

Join us for some fun and good company with friends, old and new. Wear your Hawaiian attire and bring your own drinks and an appetizer to share. Enjoy swimming, kayaking or standup paddle boarding. Carpooling is recommended.

Kindly RSVP to Johnnie Lee Don at johnnieleedon1@gmail.com or [\(775\) 832-8089](tel:775-832-8089).

We hope to see you on August 27th!



HIGH TEA

In the afternoon of June 22nd, our AAUW branch hosted the 2nd annual High Tea in Carol Eyre's garden. Tables were set up on the lawn and the patio for the 60 people who attended. Traditional high tea refreshments were provided by A Catered Affair from Carson City. Several of our Tech Trek girls attended to act as hostesses, and two previous Trekkers (Chelsea Austin- 2013 and Allison Steward- 2016) spoke to a very receptive audience.



The High Tea was successful in raising **\$1,500 for Tech Trek**, with more than half from generous donations.



Lost and (hopefully) Found High Tea Centerpiece Vases- Please bring them to the general meeting as Johnnie Lee Don and/or Linda Larish will collect them at the Donner Outing on September 14th.



Christine Marsh-Madden and Johnnie Lee Don, in heading up this program this year, wish to give a great BIG round of applause to all you members who donated to this worthy program offered by the American Legion Auxiliary. This year is the 74th anniversary of the program, which was held at the Claremont-McKenna campus at the end of June. We have not been assigned a sponsoring ALA unit so the checks have not as yet been deposited, but are being held by our treasurer. If this is a problem for anyone, please let Christine <madden@garlic.com> or Johnnie Lee <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> know. We hope to have information from the ALA soon.

AAUW NORTH TAHOE SCHOLARSHIPS

At the North Tahoe High School Awards Night on June 14th, the AAUW-North Tahoe Branch presented two scholarships. Alissa LaFerriere received \$4,000 and Kyra Mattson received \$1,000.

Alissa is graduating Summa Cum Laude and is a Valedictorian. Her GPA is 4.0. Alissa is particularly interested in the STEM areas of study and would like to be a high school or college math teacher or professor. She will be attending Santa Clara

University. Throughout her high school years, Alissa was active in school leadership and sports. She is a dancer and is a member of Toastmasters.

Kyra is headed to Marymount Manhattan College where she will major in marketing. She is a dancer and choreographer who wants to own and run her own dance and performing arts school. Kyra founded the NTHS Performing Arts Club, which produces annual musical plays. She likes to mentor younger children on the ski slopes, in the dance studio or as a babysitter. Kyra has a 3.4 GPA and was captain of the school's cheerleading squad.

Congratulations to Alissa and Kyra, and THANK YOU to members who contributed to our scholarship fund.



STEM Trek Day

Thank you, NT AAUW members, for supporting and attending our first STEM Trek day on June 10, 2017. Christine and I, and many of you, thought it was a great success, and we garnered many ideas for improvement.

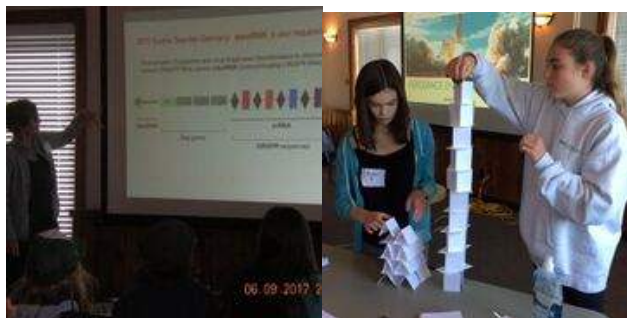
Our initial vision was 3-fold:

1. Keep all girls nominated for Tech Trek involved with each other through high school.
2. Keep them involved with STEM, and planning to attend college.
3. Keep them involved with our NT AAUW branch.

We met our vision! Evaluations from the girls were supportive, encouraging, and full of ideas. Yes, evaluations were included in their schedule and information packets. Contact me if you want to see the tally of responses. One response seen often was to spend more time with the presenters, to understand how and why they chose their careers.

But first, let me say how grateful and unexpected was the support of our membership! To Ten of you in particular (you know who you are!), a **Very Big THANK YOU** for your food, service and enthusiasm.

The day began with a profound presentation from Dr. Kathleen Scully, on CRISPR, a decades-long study in discovery through molecular biology, leading to “gene editing”. Dr. Scully gave a simplified, yet perhaps challenging presentation about the intelligence, creativity, collaboration and persistence that underlie scientific research in general, and the human genome in particular.



Second presenter, Serita Cox: She dazzled the girls at STEM Trek day even more so than she did at our program meeting about her non-profit *iFoster*. What a powerful woman and role model, who came from “aged-out” of foster care to receiving one of 14 Canadian-wide Physics scholarships, to managing an international Fortune 500 company, to living in Truckee sponsoring a national non-profit assisting foster kids. Whew!

Two sessions, one morning, one afternoon, with Ashley Phillips & Jan Ellis, Environmental educators with Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships, (SWEP) got the girls and a few of us members, on our feet and observing the world around us with spontaneous problem solving, a hula hoops exercise and a nature hike.

We had a rocket scientist in Dr. Jasmine Woodworth, a retired aerospace engineer with Aerojet, who designed the nozzle exit cones for the Titan rockets. Who knew this was so interesting! Jasmine studied chemistry, and loved physics, and found a rewarding career with rocket launchers. From Newton’s Third Law of Motion she took us through propulsion, thrust, fuels, motors, components, igniters, oh my! Another testament to women in aerospace such as those of the movie “Hidden Figures”.

The snacks! The lunch! The best! Our goal next year is to not have too much of a good thing! Thanks for your generous response, NT AAUW members.

North Tahoe eighth grade math teacher Nancy McNair gave us Fun with Math, and one could easily see why Nancy has earned the highest awards in her 25 years teaching at North Tahoe School. Measurements, calculations, observations, and data sheets: it was fun, and all the girls were engaged and learning.

Rounding out the day was Environmental ecologist Christine Ngai Ryan, who gave a lively description of the life of a research biologist, and why they are so interesting! Christine told the girls how biologists approach a problem, decide on an investigation and produce results, which in her case, provide information about our Tahoe environment.

Thank you to all our great presenters, the enthusiastic girls, the helpful folks at TCPUD Recreation Department, and to our members who empower women and girls.

Meri McEneny & Christine Madden

UC Davis Tech Trek Camp Visit Day

On July 27th, Meri McEneny and Dana Loury spent the morning at UC Davis visiting our six Tech Trek girls during their weeklong camp.

We first met Sage in Engineering core class, soldering a circuit board to make a burglar alarm. We then visited Melissa and Marina in Anatomy/Physiology, dissecting a set of sheep lungs and removing the heart to save for next day’s class. Next stop was the Genetics class where Hannah displayed her poster summarizing activities like extracting strawberry DNA and dissecting a cow eyeball. We then moved to 3-D Math and Arts where Valeria and Ava showed us their creative designs drawn with a compass. Ava told us her favorite activity was to attend the professional women’s evening where she learned about the career of a CSI archeologist. We were happy to see the girls excited and engaged in their activities.

After class, we joined them for lunch at the cafeteria. They all said they were enjoying their time at camp and were not homesick because they were kept very busy every day.

We left campus feeling gratified and energized, knowing that our branch support of Tech Trek enriched the girls' lives by allowing them to experiment, learn and discover about STEM fields. We are thankful to AAUW Camp directors Susan Wheeler and Martha Rees and their volunteer staff at UC Davis, and especially to our branch members for their generous contributions to Tech Trek.



Visiting our Tech Trek girls at UC Davis

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book group will be meeting on **September 26th** at the home of Betsy Peterson. The book to be reviewed is "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor. Our moderator will be Martha Cirata, dessert provided by

Diane Morrison. Book Group meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 12 until 2 PM. Members provide their own lunch. Always with a lively discussion, we have become a group of friends who share a love of reading books with a varied subject matter. A reminder and directions will be emailed one week prior to the meeting.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

We thank the participants that could get matches in last year, and for all your support of AAUW. Bridge will have a different format this year than the Marathon format, as participants had trouble getting together due to weather, travels, health, etc. We will enjoy getting together for party bridge and playing every month from 1:30 to 4:30 PM on the 4th or 5th Wednesday of the month. The time can be flexible depending on what the hostess and participants want. One can play with their partner, or be matched up with someone else available from the roster that will be emailed to all interested.

I will host the first play date on Wed. **August 30** from 1:30-4:30 PM. My address is 3740 Brockway Vista Ave, Kings Beach, CA. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We can discuss contributing \$1 +/- per participant, which would go towards the place winners for the day to be used as they please.

Other play dates for the year will be Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 27, Jan. 24 or 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23 or 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22 or 29. The hostess can decide if they want to host on the 4th or 5th Wed. and let us know when they sign up. Players will take turns hosting the bridge play which can be from 1 to 4 tables depending on how many can play at that time, and sign ups will be available at each gathering. Call or email the hostess if you can play, have any questions, need a partner, etc. RSVP preferable by the week before to help planning by the hostess.

Looking forward to seeing you on our first gathering of playing and organizing for the year. Your help and input are appreciated. Many thanks.

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



FRIDAY- NITERS

Looking toward **September 22nd** from 10-12, there will be a BRUNCH to plan the year's events at Johnnie Lee Don's home- 633 A Lariat Circle, Incline. RSVP please by September General meeting.



Looking also for new ideas, so please feel free to slip a note, give a hoot, use the phone ([775-832-8089](tel:775-832-8089)) or e-mail <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> with your fantasy. So far we have tentatively planned:

- Chinese New Year- 4th Friday of January (26th) or open for discussion: National Popcorn Day?
- Valentine's Celebration- 3rd Friday of February (16th) or open for discussion: Margarita Day?
- St.Pat's Day Dinner- 3rd Friday of March (16th) or open for discussion: National Chip n Dip Day?
- No Housework Day- 4th Friday of April (27th) or open for discussion: Look-a-like Day???
- We might also like to attend a play at Truckee Community Theatre or a concert or a Hoe-Down or, or, or, or ???



GOURMET

Group leaders Pat Castelluci and Gisela Steiner will decide on a theme for this season. We will put together groups of 6 -8 people. Hostesses will have the option of serving Brunch, Lunch, Dinner or a picnic for the May/June gatherings. It is a great way to get to know each other.



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will be meeting on **September 19th** at Sharon Filardo's home from 10 AM until noon. The subject for discussion will be "Latin America", and our moderators are Jan Potter and Sue DeVoe, both of whom have a broad background on the subject

matter. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. The aim of our discussions is to inspire our members to learn more through global awareness and an understanding of foreign policy issues. We have eight chapters and eight ½ hour documentaries each tackling a different challenge facing America today. A reminder and directions will be emailed one week prior to the meeting.

Julie Ginocchio & Linda Schwoob



INSTITCHES

Our first meeting of the AAUW year will be held on **September 20th** at 2 pm at the home of Nancy Cline, 1363 Kings Way, Tahoe Vista. Please RSVP to Nancy Cline (nhcline@gmail.com) or 530-546-4840.

There are 12 confirmed members in the group this year and we are looking forward to getting together. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month (September – June) at 2 pm in members' homes. Sometimes the hostess provides a little goodie to share. Many of the meetings are set aside to work on our own crafts or hand projects i.e. knitting, hand sewing, addressing holiday cards, etc... and we are never at a loss for things to talk about. At our first meeting, we will discuss our plans and see how many might be interested in a special craft project i.e. pine cone wreaths or perhaps going on a field trip to a yarn shop or ???

The schedule of events will be posted on the website for future reference. We only ask you to RSVP to the hostess so she knows how many are coming. Reminder emails are sent out 1 week prior to the scheduled meeting. All AAUW members are welcome to participate.



MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 67 confirmed members for our fiscal year 2017 - 2018! Because of our members' generosity in sending donations, we have already completely covered our preliminary obligations for funding our educational missions. Thank you to

everyone who donated as part of their renewal process!

In addition to our returning members, we have signed up a significant number of new members in the last two years. We are planning to hold a Newcomers' Welcome Wine and Cheese Event for all these new members on **Sept 24th** from **4:00 to 7:00 pm**. In addition to providing an opportunity for us all to meet each other, our interest group leaders will be there to describe their group's activities and opportunities for the coming year. Save the date -- more information to follow!

Welcome to our New Members



Ann Lyman

I moved from the Bay Area (Piedmont) to Tahoe about ten years ago after my husband (Bob) retired and our daughters were out of college and on their own. I grew up in Orinda and have loved visiting Tahoe all of my life so it was a perfect place to move. Our children and

grandchildren are still in the Bay Area so we go back a lot! My background is in natural resources and the environment. I love to hike, snowshoe, kayak etc. and enjoy just about everything Tahoe has to offer.

I have been in a Great Decisions group for many years and I was happy to find out there was one up here. I enjoy politics (most of the time!), traveling and learning about the world... Great Decisions is a great way to help keep up on everything and enjoy others' insights into what is going on. I look forward to being a part of AAUW.

Mary Ann Peoples



I was born in Santa Rosa, grew up in Bakersfield and moved to Santa Monica my junior year in high school.

I met my husband at

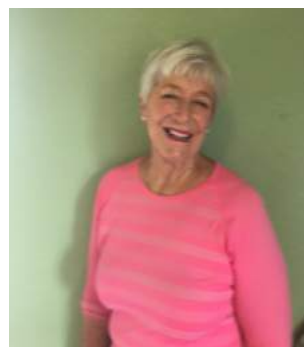
Stanford and in our 53 years of marriage (he died last year), we lived in 16 different places all over the United States. We always said when we retired we would have a place at Lake Tahoe and San Francisco and, lucky for us, it worked out!

We have owned our home in Incline Village since 1999. We moved back from the New York area where Lou ended his career in 2001. My husband and I were both very familiar with Northern California. My father was raised in Roseville, my mother in Santa Rosa. Lou grew up in San Francisco and San Mateo. All of our children graduated from Acalanes High School in Lafayette. Today, all our children live on the West coast. So, even though we loved the very charming small town we lived in on the Hudson River in New York, our family drew us back to the area where we had grown up.

Lucky for me, I was able to be a stay at home mom. In the 1970s, I started my own company and could work from home. I wrote and published K-12 art curriculum. My programs could be given by teachers or parents and were accepted as curriculum by the state of California. I ran my own company for over 25 years. Today, I serve on several boards and run a family foundation; our mission is to help create a more educated population. Primarily, we provide scholarships to students who are in the first generation in their families to attend college.

Reading is something I really love to do. I'm in several book groups. However, being with my grand-children, traveling and enjoying the cultural activities of the Bay Area and Lake Tahoe area are also high on my list. I am also a very involved Stanford alum. I rejoined AAUW because I enjoyed the people I met when I was a member. Now that I have more time, I hope I can attend more meetings than in the past.

Ann Yuhas



I grew up in Salem Oregon but left after graduation from high school, returning for a small period of time. I have lived in Truckee twice, once in the 90's and came back in 2008 because my son is here

and I was having surgeries and he requested that I move closer. Although it was a change, I believe it was one of the best decisions of my life. I LOVE Truckee!

My career is lengthy and I will attempt to be brief. I started in the Air Force. Got my first degree and became a teacher. I taught one year and then became the Girls counselor. Left Oregon and moved to California where I taught mainly challenged children. Then I got a master's degree in Educational Administration. However, I was unable to get a principal position, so I left education and started my own business promoting and placing women in management positions. At this time, I was Chair of the National Women's Political Caucus, which gave me good contacts. I was also giving motivational speeches to women's organizations. This business became an international contract labor firm, which was based in Tedington, England. During this time, I was living in Michigan and traveling back to Europe a lot. I even lived in England some during this venture. The venture ended in around 1998, when I moved back to Oregon, remodeled a place on the Salmon River at Mt. Hood and turned it into a Bed and Breakfast. During this time, I was able to cook for people, which I enjoyed, and did some demonstration cooking and some published recipes.

So, coming to the present time, I'm teaching yoga to seniors, and striving to stay in shape. I'm an avid bike rider (I rode my bike from California coast to Florida coast when I was only 65) so I look for people to ride with. I look forward to meeting strong women in AAUW!

2017-2018 CENTURY CLUB

Many Thanks to members giving \$100 or more toward our branch missions:

Cheryl Allen	Ruth Arizaga-Whisler	Donna Benner
Cecilia Betker	Shirley Cabo	Patricia Castelluci
Martha Cirata	Nancy Cline	Sue DeVoe
Johnnie Lee Don	Ingrid Eccles	Carol Eyre

Sharon Filardo	Ann Folsom	Shirley Hale
Courtney Hart	Susan Hassenplug	Betsey Husted
Linda Larish	Trudy Lesem	Dana Loury
Ellen McBride	Christine Madden	Meri McEneny
Diane Morrison	Nileta Morton	Betsy Peterson
Kymerly Pipkin	Janet Potter	Darlene Rempfer
Esther Sonnenberg	Gisela Steiner	Patricia Watters
Deborah Wilson	Sandra Wolfe	Terry Yagura

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)



CALENDAR

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

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.

AUGUST

- 27: Aloha Summer Party
- 30: Bridge

SEPTEMBER

- 12: Leadership Meeting
- 14: General Meeting
- 19: Great Decisions
- 20: InStitches
- 22: Friday Nitters
- 24: Newcomer Welcome Wine & Cheese
- 26: 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.