



February 2018



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

February is a short month full of special days: Super Bowl Sunday, Groundhog Day, President's Day, Chinese New Year, and Valentine's Day.

With so much to celebrate this month, we hope you will make attending our general meeting February 8th at the Tahoe Yacht Club a special day too. Details for the General meeting are included in this newsletter.

Our January meeting at the Tahoe Yacht Club was a program presented by Maria Martin of Community Health and Wellness Care for Tahoe Forest Health System. She shared information about the new Wellness Neighborhood program that is comprised of a team of health professionals with a mission to educate, inspire, and empower our communities to improve their health. We were introduced to many services available in our community (see links below). A new Center for Health is opening in Tahoe City in the spring of 2018.

Tahoe Forest website: <https://www.tfhd.com/>
On the first page, you can scroll down to the "Health and Wellness Events" and click on "Learn More"

Wellness Neighborhood:
<https://www.tfhd.com/wellness-neighborhood>

Wellness Challenges:
<https://www.tfhd.com/rethinkhealthy>
Sign up for the *21 days of Positivity* challenge!

Affordable Lab Screens:
<https://www.tfhd.com/wellness-neighborhood/news/868>

Fitness classes:

<https://www.tfhd.com/wellness-neighborhood/move>

Even though it is February, it is time to begin the process of filling leadership positions for next year. Please reach into your heart and think of how your participation can help this AAUW Branch. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and make new friends. You will contribute to programs that empower women and girls as well as attend social gatherings that strengthen personal connections in this special place. Don't wait for a call, you can send an email or call our nominating committee members, Carol Eyre (carolceyre@aol.com) or Diane Morrison (tahoe.rose10@gmail.com).

Jan Potter | 775.831.1329 | brickpot@yahoo.com

Patricia Watters | 530.583.4780 | pwrl@aol.com

BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next leadership meeting will be Thursday, **February 8th**, 10 AM at Meri McEneny'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 <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/branch-leadership/>

OPEN POSITION ON LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our current financial officer, Ruth Arizaga-Whisler, will finish her term on June 30th, 2018. The Leadership team is looking for a candidate to shadow Ruth to become familiar with the position. Please contact Jan Potter or Patricia Watters for more information.

GENERAL MEETING

Dr. **Robert J. Leri**, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer of the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) will address the AAUW North Tahoe at the Tahoe City Yacht Club on Thursday, **February 8 at 1:00 p.m.** The talk is open to all members, family and friends as well as interested members of the public.

Before joining TTUSD in early 2012, Dr. Leri was the deputy superintendent of educational services at Arcadia Unified School District. Prior to that assignment, he was the director of assessment, technology, and information services there, and has also been a principal and classroom teacher.

Dr. Leri spent time in Japan as a university student and English teacher and speaks Japanese. He has a doctorate in education and a masters degree in educational leadership from the University of La Verne, received his credentials from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies and Journalism from San Diego State University.

TTUSD covers three counties - Placer, Nevada and El Dorado and is primarily funded by local property taxes in addition to a voter-approved parcel tax (Measure A). TTUSD's annual budget is approximately \$59 million with just over 4,000 students in 12 schools.

Dr. Leri has been a force since his arrival and has made a huge impact on the youth in the community. TTUSD now boasts an overall graduation rate of 96% (89% in 2011) and 93.6% for Hispanic students (75.3% in 2011). His focus is to provide students "21st-century skills" with attention to "rigor, relevance, and respectful relationships", and pathways to possibilities and student success. Please join us for this exciting speaker.

Our **March general meeting** honors Women's History Month and International Women's Day with our customary Chautauqua meeting.

As Trudy Lesem's favorite program, if anyone is interested in signing up to do a presentation, please contact Johnnie Lee ([775-832-8089](tel:775-832-8089)) or [<johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) and she will relay the good news to Trudy. It is one of the highlights of our general meetings; please consider this as a way to raise Trudy's spirits as she recuperates.



This year, our branch has 5 reservations at the UC Davis Tech Trek camp on **July 22-28, 2018**. Meri is grateful we kept 5 spots. Visit Day at UCD is Thursday **July 26, 9-noon**, please mark your calendar now.

Co-president Patricia Watters is volunteering as a Dorm Mom this summer, and Meri McEneny will help as needed on the final days of camp following Visit Day. If you're interested in helping, don't miss Patricia's article at the end of this newsletter about the many opportunities to volunteer and make a difference.

While they are in Davis, Patricia and Meri will be investigating prospects of additional camp space or if anything is brewing for a new camp (and having a special time with the girls and women of Tech Trek!).

North Tahoe School 7th grade teachers Lindee Eckert, (Math) and Lisa McCready (Science) attended our glorious Holiday Party at Carol Eyre's home, and requested the 2018 TT nomination forms to work on over their Christmas holiday. They returned the 10 nominations two weeks earlier than last year. Thank you, Lisa, and Lindee!

Meri met the nominees at lunchtime on Jan 10th, and told the girls a brief history of AAUW, our branch, and the TT program. The girls received their Student Applications with directions for the 400-500-word essay on the subject: How would you use Math or Science to make the world a better place? Their applications, essays and Parent Certification form are

due to Meri by February 1st. The conference room at North Tahoe High School is reserved for interviews on February 15th.

ATTENTION! Are you interested in being more involved with AAUW NT, but on a limited basis? Here are a couple of areas you could help. Meri is looking for a back up person for the **TT interviews on February 15**, in case one of the three members scheduled to interview is unable to attend. The team consists of Christine Madden, Joan O’Lear and Meri McEneny. Trudy Lesem’s availability is doubtful as she nurses a leg problem in Walnut Creek; and Vera Daegling asked to be called only if necessary. You, our back up volunteer, would only be called if the team needs a third person. Please consider. Call Meri at 775 831-6071, or mmceneny@gmail.com.

Another short-term need is for subcommittee members for STEM Trek day, Saturday June 9, 2018, 8 am- 4 pm in Tahoe City. STEM Trek day was such a rewarding success last year that we are eager and pleased to offer the 2nd annual event at the Fairview Community Center. We have reserved the room, have suggestions from last year’s girls, and a couple of *pretty firm* presenters for 2018. Christine and Meri would welcome a couple more members to bounce around ideas. Contact Meri at the information above.

Meri McEneny- mmceneny@gmail.com
Tech Trek Coordinator



As scheduled, the recruitment posters were brought to the high school advertising the **2018 Girls State Week** for any junior girls interested in attending. Every summer, usually in June, over 20,000 young women all over America gather, in their respective states, for a week of learning leadership skills. The girls are put into “states” and are offered the opportunity to run for state and national offices.

Our branch, along with the South Shore American Legion Auxiliary Unit, is again sponsoring a girl to attend. Christine Madden and Johnnie Lee Don will be

scheduling interviews with the interested junior girls in mid February. The Unit representative from South shore will also join in the interviews.

Christine Madden and Johnnie Lee Don

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, **January 30th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club. We will be reviewing “The Power of One” by Bryce Courtenay. Our moderator will be Mary Koons, treats provided by Jan Potter.

Our **February** meeting will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club on Tuesday, the **27th** from noon until 2 PM. We will be reviewing “Rules of Civility” by Amor Towles. Our moderator will be Cheryl Allen and treats provided by Muffy Betker.

We provide our own lunch and beverage. We always meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Our book group has provided a wonderful forum launching many literary journeys as we exchange and challenge ideas and perceptions.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

We look forward to seeing you at the February Bridge Gathering on Wednesday, **February 28**, from 1-3 pm, hosted by Trudy Lesem and Sue DeVoe at 8740 Brockway Vista (Sue’s home) as there is more parking and less snow at lake level. Please RSVP ASAP to Sue DeVoe ([530 546-5120](tel:5305465120)).

Have a wonderful February, Valentine’s and Presidents Holiday time.

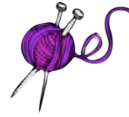
Sue DeVoe- devoetahoe@gmail.com | 530-546-5120



FRIDAY NITERS

This month's "Year of The Dog" Celebration will be a fun event with good food, conversation, laughs, wearing of reds and golds and open to everyone within our AAUW NT family and friends.

On **Saturday, January 27th at 5 pm** come gather at The Don's home ([633 A Lariat Circle, Incline Village](#)) with your New Years' resolutions to enjoy your Chinese Horoscope, dragons, masks and all things Chinese. Your hosts ask only that you RSVP by the Monday before which is January 22nd, in order to know what food to contribute (Chinese of course): [<johnnieleedon1@gmail.com>](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) or [775-832-8089](tel:775-832-8089). It is BYOB.



INSTITCHES



Martha, Diane, Mary with Christmas sprays



GOURMET

Gourmet Group hostesses- The get-together for February/March is upon us. This year's theme is Irish and New Orleans. The hostesses names are O'Lear, Potter, Steiner, Swift and D. Wilson. The sooner you call your guests, the better the dates will be. Have fun!



Carol, Pat, Nancy, Judy



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will be meeting at the Tahoe Yacht Club on Tuesday, **February 20th**. This will be the first meeting of the New Year. The subject will be The Waning of Pax Americana. Our moderator is yet to be determine. Diane Morrison has offered to bring treats.

Our new books will be distributed before the 1st of February. We meet from **10 AM until noon** and always on the third Tuesday of the month. We look forward to a new year of lively discussions, solving world problems, good health and hopefully more snow.

Our February meeting will be held at the Truckee home of Gisela Steiner at **2 pm on February 21st**. Please RSVP to Gisela by February 20th if you are able to attend. Her contact information is tgsnowshoe@suddenlink.net.

Directions will be sent out about a week before our get together. Remember to bring your latest project. Hope you can all attend.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

We are starting off the new year with **72 members** – not bad! However, we do want to remind everyone that we still have two completely free memberships to give away to the next two women who join our branch. These memberships are the result of our participation in the national AAUW “Shape the Future” program. It turns out that these free memberships expire on June 30th, so we need to use them as soon as possible! If you know of anyone who would like to join AAUW but was held back by the need to pay for membership, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to try us out at no cost. We just need to contact them soon!

A couple of reminders with respect to new members and dues:

New members who join between now and March 15th pay only half the national dues, so their total fee to join is **\$75.50** instead of \$100. Members who join between March 16 and June 30 can apply their \$100 membership through the next year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). That means a 15-month membership for the price of one year. A pretty good deal! Also – national dues are going up for next year. So, if you know of women who are interested in AAUW and our programs, now is the right time to contact them to see if they would like to join.

Cheryl Allen and Ginger Wilson

Membership Memo. If you have friends or family members you would like to have joined 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.
<https://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/>.

Please contact Dana Loury, our Communications officer, at northtahoeaauw@gmail.com for the password to access the member directory.

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:

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>

AAUW California website:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

User name: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



CALENDAR

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

JANUARY

- 27: Bridge Group
- 30: Book Group

FEBRUARY

- 8: Leadership and General Meetings
- 20: Great Decisions
- 21: InStitches
- 27: Book Group
- 28: Bridge

WANT TO RELIVE COLLEGE CAMPUS LIFE?

Curious to see how campus life has changed since I attended college eons ago, I volunteered to serve as a dorm mom for this year's Tech Trek. In case sleep-deprivation isn't high on your list, the Tech Trek co-directors offer several other opportunities that you might be interested in helping with, in the lists below.

ACTIVITIES

Unless otherwise noted, all activities take place in Thompson Hall on the UC Davis campus.

July 21, 1:00 – 4:00pm *Preparing camper materials; putting packets together; setting up core classrooms (making sure teachers have materials they need for their classes from our storage boxes)*

July 22, 1:30 - 3:30pm *Help with camper registration and check-in*

July 22, 3:30 - 4:30pm *Escort latecomers to Opening Session (Social Sciences 1100)*

July 23, 7:00 - 8:30pm *Help campers with workshop*

July (date TBD): *SAFE Credit Union Financial Reality Fair activity*

July 27, 12:15 - 2:30pm *Prep and help campers activity*

July 28, 9:00am - noon *Help with tear down, packing, bringing things to cars, etc.*

WORKSHOPS

Workshops are still evolving. You can be part of the planning process. In order to make the camp as exciting as possible, Tech Trek will offer the campers a variety of hands-on workshops throughout the week. You can help with the following activities in this area. All activities can be done remotely.

- Identifying and recruiting workshop presenters (presenters should be comfortable presenting hands-on activities to middle school-aged girls)
- Contacting workshop presenters to gather and confirm workshop details (what equipment and room set-up they will need, parking passes needed, etc.)
- Ensuring presenters have necessary information for day of presentation (where to park, when to arrive, who will greet them, etc.)
- Maintaining workshop information on the camp calendar and Workshop Planning spreadsheet (a process exists)

If you are interested in participating with these life-changing experiences for young girls, please contact UC Davis Tech Trek Co-Directors Susan Wheeler or Martha Rees at techtrek-Davis@auw-ca.org.

AAUW members are invited to attend **Visitors' Day** at the UC Davis campus on Thursday, **July 26**. Expect to hear more about car-pooling opportunities as the date nears.

Patricia Watters
pwrl@aol.com

=====
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.