



March 2018



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

What an amazing winter! Absolutely beautiful if you like sunshine. Though there is little snow for skiing Tahoe, it is a great place to augment skiing with snowshoeing and hiking. Get outside most days and you will never suffer from the winter blues from lack of sun.

We had an interesting and informative meeting on February 8 presented by Dr. Robert Leri, Superintendent Chief Learning Officer for Tahoe Truckee Unified school district. Dr. Leri shared the many positive changes implemented in the last few years and the huge positive impact on the district's students. Our members responded with many questions and thoughtful comments.

The budget for 2018-19 is drafted and will be reviewed at the March Leadership Meeting and presented at the **April General Meeting**. The Nominating Committee work is also near completion. This year, the Branch Annual Meeting will be in **May** with membership voting for the elected board and the budget.

Thanks to so many members for your contributions to the Leadership Team.

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Leadership Committee Slate for 2018-19

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents Patricia Watters, Ann Yuhas
President Elect Open
Co-VPs Membership..... Cheryl Allen, Ginger Wilson
Co-VPs Program..... Johnnie Lee Don, Rachael Swift
Financial Officer..... Kym Pipkin
Recording Secretaries... Sharon Filardo, Linda Larish
Communications..... Dana Loury

Appointed Officers

AAUW Fund..... Nancy Cline
Girls State..... Christine Madden
Tech Trek Coordinator..... Meri McEneny
Bylaws/Parliamentarian... Jan Potter
Nominating..... Patricia Watters

Special Interest Groups

Book Group..... Mary Koons
Bridge..... Sue DeVoe, Betsey Husted
Friday Nitters..... Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre
Gourmet..... Pat Castellucci, Gisela Steiner
Great Decisions..... Julie Ginocchio, Linda Schwoob
InStitches..... Nancy Cline



AAUW North Tahoe Co-President Patricia Watters and Kym Pipkin plan to attend AAUW California's biennial convention April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). Please contact Patricia if you are interested in attending the convention.

The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active", a counterpoint to today's social media-driven hysteria. There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Come celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend informative and revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peace builders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" The convention's grand finale will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek! Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the California Perspective and at the [California state website](#).

BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next leadership meeting will be Thursday, **March 8th**, 11 AM at the Gatekeeper's museum in Tahoe City.

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/>

GENERAL MEETING

Our March meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 8th**, at **The Gatekeeper's Museum at 1pm**.

The team behind the [North Tahoe Truckee Transport Seniors shuttle bus](#) will share a fun 15 minute-presentation to inform our members about this FREE but under-utilized service. They need to get the word out to ensure that their grant funding will continue for the next three years. They are in their 4th year of operation and have expanded service thanks to a new partnership with Tahoe Forest Hospital.

Following the talk by NTTT is one of the most popular meetings of the year, **Chautauqua**. This event is open to the public and in the past, presentations have been so outstanding as to encourage people to join AAUW NT. There will also be an opportunity to share information about some fearless pioneers who changed the world and to snack on cookies. The Gatekeeper's Museum is located at [130 West Lake Blvd, Tahoe City](#).



Chautauqua was an adult education movement in the U.S., highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers, and specialists of the

day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America".

The first or "mother" Chautauqua was organized in 1874 at a campsite on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in NY State. The educational summer camp format proved to be a popular choice for families and was widely copied by the "daughter" Chautauquas. Within a decade, *Chautauqua assemblies* (or *Chautauquas*) sprang up in various locations across North America.

The popularity of the Chautauqua movement can be attributed in part to the social and geographic isolation of American farming and ranching communities. People in such areas would naturally be hungry for education, culture and entertainment, and the Chautauqua Movement was a timely response to that need in the late 19th century and early 20th century.



On February 15th, our Tech Trek interview committee of Christine Madden, Joan O’Lear and Meri McEneny spent a good day in the conference room at North Tahoe High School with 7 smart, talented and eager 7th grade girls nominated for the 2018 UCD camp. As usual, it wasn’t an easy decision because the girls are all deserving, and each appreciates what a special opportunity this is. But, after discussion and nudging, we agreed on our campers; thank you, Christine and Joan!

Our 5 Tech Trek campers are: Cassandra Munoz, Sabine Alvarez, Zuridey (Zuri) Vazquez, Ava Sayles, and Kiele Myers. Alternates are: Berenice (Beri) Gallardo, and Annalin Gaus. The selected campers have until March 28 to submit their signed Attendance Agreements, Parent Contribution forms, and \$50 contribution, if possible.

Thanks to Kathie Julian for volunteering to be a back-up interviewer. Kathie read the applications and essays and was willing to serve if needed. Thank you, Kathie!

With Tech Trek 2018 well on its way, time to ramp up for **STEM Trek day, June 9**, 8:30 am-4 pm, to be held again at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City. Tahoe City PUD is helpful and supportive. Again, our sisters at Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP) will join us on June 9. Also confirmed is local dentist, Karen Kucharski, and Oracle Senior Director of Application Users, Laurie Pattison, aka Carol Eyre’s daughter. Requests have been sent to a clinical nurse instructor at UNLV; a co-president of a Technology firm; and local science teachers for a “Fun with Science” presentation. Our members are invited to attend STEM Trek day to learn and enjoy. During our recent interviews, all Tech Trek nominees this year were invited to the June 9th event, and soon, all former campers and nominees through 12th grade will be invited.

Short-term subcommittee members are welcome for STEM Trek day. Next month, in the April newsletter, will be a list of service opportunities for the event. I hope you will enjoy participating in whatever calls to you. It was a fun and rewarding experience last year. Johnnie Lee is again coordinating food and drinks for

the day, thanks Johnnie Lee! To find out more, contact Meri, mmceneny@gmail.com; or Christine, madden@garlic.com.

Thank you AAUW North Tahoe members, for supporting Tech Trek and STEM Trek day!

Meri McEneny
Tech Trek Coordinator



AAUW FUND

Tech Trek Donation Change

(from Linda Stinebaugh, State Project Coordinator AAUW California Tech Trek)

After a two-year trial period, AAUW national office has returned administration of the ten California Tech Trek camps to AAUW California. The AAUW California Special Projects Fund (SPF) now serves as the fiscal agency. Since SPF is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) entity, **donations are tax deductible**. Branch members and other donors should follow the following steps in order to make tax exempt donations to Tech Trek:

- Write your checks payable to **AAUW CA SPF**.
- Give your checks to your branch treasurer or other assigned branch officer.

The branch treasurer will send your donation to the treasurer of the Tech Trek Camp where you are sending your campers. The camp treasurer will process and submit the donations to SPF for deposit. SPF will acknowledge all donations of \$250 or more. Branches will acknowledge donations of \$249 or less.

This means we will go back to the way it was a few years ago. Tech Trek donations will be handled as above, written to AAUW CA SPF. Donation checks written directly to AAUW Fund or any of the participating funds i.e, Eleanor Roosevelt, will only count toward our named gift honoree and not to Tech Trek. We can no longer rely on our Tech Trek funds to qualify us for a named gift honoree. Information will be provided at renewal time. Any questions, please contact Nancy Cline, nhcline@gmail.com



Our interviews for Girls State will occur on Monday March 5th at the High School. Counselor Jeff Reams is still working on getting two more candidates. Joan O’Lear will join the panel with our South Shore American Legion representative as Johnnie Lee will be out of the country at that time.

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP



Book Group raises a finger salute after reviewing “The Power of One” on January 30th.

Book Group will meet on **February 27th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City. We will review “Rules of Civility” by Amor Towles. Cheryl Allen will be our moderator and Muffy Betker will be treat provider.

Our **March 27th** meeting will also be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club. We will be reviewing “Life in a Jar” by Jack Mayer. The March moderator will be Linda Larish and treat provider will be Gisela Steiner.

We meet from noon until 2PM on the last Tuesday of each month. Bring a bag lunch, ice water will be available, or bring your own beverage. It’s always a different experience when you read a book with friends as you allow for deeper discussion about the text besides being a great way to expose yourself to variety.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

A big Thank You to Rose and George Orenstein who hosted bridge at their lovely home on January 24 that was so enjoyed by all.

On **March 28**, Kym and Jerry Pipkin will host bridge at their lovely home at 201 Shoreview Dr. in Tahoe City. Please call (530) 583-8419 or email them ASAP (kymberly.pipkin@icloud.com).

If there is lots of snow, other arrangements will be made which will be discussed at the **February 28** bridge get together at Sue DeVoe’s, 8740 Brockway Vista, Kings Beach. Please RSVP to her immediately. Play is from 1-3 pm hosted by Sue DeVoe and Trudy Lesem if she is available. We will also be honoring Barbra Briggs with a lunch for her starting at noon, as she celebrated her **90th birthday on January 30th** with lots of celebrations, which we would like to continue. Parking will be available thanks to our nice neighbors.

Looking forward to hearing from everyone if they can or cannot come.

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



FRIDAY NITERS



What is **Green** and **Gold** and **Purple** all over? A **Mardi Gras**

Celebration, that’s what! And the Celebration, to be held at the home

of Gil and Linda Larish, promises to be a fun evening of fellowship and food. They live at [526 Jensen Circle, Incline Village](#) and we thank them for offering their home.

The party will be on **Saturday, Feb 24th**, **beginning at 5:30pm** (note new time, please) and there will be prizes, masks and glittery beads as befits the occasion! Everyone within our AAUW NT family...and friends...are invited to wear greens, golds, and/or purples, BYOB, and an appetizer.

Please RSVP to Johnnie Lee at (775) 832-8089 or <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> on Tuesday, February 20th or Wednesday, February 21st to be assigned an appetizer (in the Mardi Gras tradition) to bring, as she will be away until then.

And let it be proclaimed, that Pat Castellucci, has won last year's St. Pat's prize for the wearing of the most Green and this year's Chinese New Year prize for the wearing of the most Red! Any challengers for Mardi gras colors??? It remains to be seen!



A fun and well attended Chinese New Year celebration at the Don's home on January 27th



GOURMET

March is coming around fast. Hopefully, the hostesses have had the chance to call their gourmet guests for their IRISH THEME DINNER. And before we know it, April and May are calling for our Russian or Scandinavian Dinner Theme. Have fun!



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, **March 20th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City from **10 AM until noon**. The subject of our discussion will be "Russia's Foreign Policy". Our discussion monitor will be Linda Schwoob and treat provider will be Ann Lyman. What has shaped Russia's attitudes toward Democracy? How can we find common ground?

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, 8 months of the year covering 8 chapters of our book. The books are provided by the Foreign Policy Association, a non-partisan, non-profit educational/cultural organization that aims to spread global awareness and understanding of foreign policy issues.



INSTITCHES

Our regularly scheduled meeting of InStitches will be held on Wednesday **March 21st** at the home of Diane Morrison. We will convene at 2 pm so please remember to bring your latest project to work on. Please RSVP to Diane at tahoe.rose10@gmail.com by March 19 if you plan on attending. Hope to see you all there.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com



Free Computer Classes

The [Kings Beach Library](#) offers FREE computer classes **every Thursday from 3-4 pm** (no reservation required). Classes are frequented by mostly seniors

working to enhance their computer skills. The library is located at 301 Secline St, Kings Beach (530-546-2021)

1st Thurs. - Exploring the Internet

2nd Thurs. - Q & A with Carl Leblanc

3rd Thurs. - iPhones explained

4th Thurs. – Varying topics (see flyer at the end of newsletter)



MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased that we were able to offer one of our two free memberships to our latest new member, **Jo Ann Cobb**. She brings our total membership count to **73**. We still have one completely free membership to give away to the next woman who joins our branch. Since this free membership expires on June 30th, 2018, it would be truly wonderful if we could find one more woman who would like to join our group at no cost for the rest of our membership year. Do let your friends know of this opportunity!

Just a heads up -- at the 2016 spring meeting, the AAUW National Board of Directors voted to increase the yearly national dues from \$49 to \$59. This increase goes into effect on March 16, 2018 and is the first time in over a decade that the AAUW national dues have increased. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's work to advance equity for women and girls. Our dues support salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more! This **\$10 increase** means that the national dues portion of our membership renewal will increase from \$49 to \$59, resulting in total renewal dues of **\$110** including our state and local dues, which will remain the same. A bargain, when you think about it! We will be updating our renewal

form to reflect the increase in national dues before we send out renewal notices in May.

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/>)

FEBRUARY

- 24: Friday Niters
- 27: Book Group
- 28: Bridge Group

MARCH

- 08: Leadership & General Meetings
- 20: Great Decisions
- 21: InStitches
- 27: Book Group
- 28: 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.

Free-Fun-Fabulous!
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4th Thurs. - Varying topics as follows:

Feb. 22nd Browsers versus Apps

Mar. 22nd Cloud storage

April 26th What is Cryptocurrency?

May 24th Social media

June 28th Evaluating Ads online

July 26th Photo Management

Aug. 23rd I.O.T. latest

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