



May 2018



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Spring, AAUW members! It seems like the year is flying by and summer is almost upon us. This year's Inter-branch event hosted by Tahoe Nevada branch was April 18 with dinner and a program continuing the theme of STEM education for girls and women. Several of our members attended and enjoyed the evening (see report written by Meri McEneny on pages 3-4).

Our April general meeting speakers enriched our connections to the Lake Tahoe region. We all are familiar with the many moods of the Truckee River, but we learned so much about the ecology of the broader river watershed from Brenda Gilbert and Lisa Wallace of the Truckee River Watershed Council. They showed us several completed projects and told of plans for over 50 restoration projects to improve the vital functions of the watershed.

Mary Koons, a new member this year, contributed to our understanding of this system with cards that display a quilt Mary crafted to hang on the wall at the council's Truckee offices. We're also proud that another new member, **Courtney Hart**, serves on the council's board.

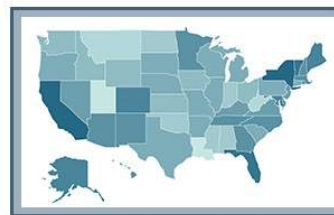
Plan to attend the **May 10 general meeting, 1 PM** with the program presented by Alec Lee of the amazing "**Aim High**" program. Please note that we have a new venue, the Tahoe City PUD Board Room, 221 Fairway Dr.

Be prepared to vote at the May 10 meeting for the 2018-19 slate of officers. This dynamic team of experienced leaders will administer our mission projects as well as create thoughtful opportunities for our own personal growth next year. The budget for next year will also be presented for a vote by members at the May meeting. We thank our current Leadership team for designing a budget to serve our growing membership and to make impactful contributions to our community (slate of officers and budget proposal are on pages 10-11).

Speaking of voting, watch your email for a ballot from AAUW National. You are asked to cast your votes online between April 25 and June 9 on three AAUW National Bylaws amendments.

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AAUW in the News on Equal Pay Day!

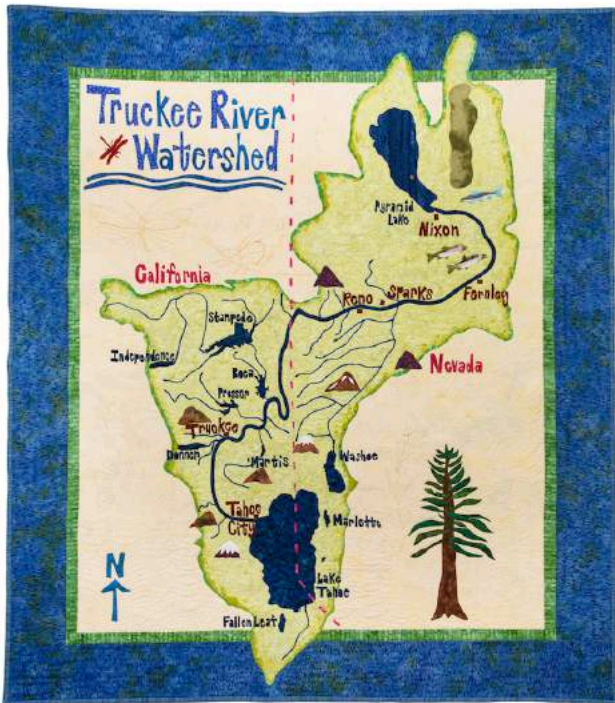
AAUW was cited in more than 1,200 news clips, including in USA Today, Associated Press/New York Times, People magazine, ABC News, Us Weekly, CNBC, and Time magazine, as well as in media in 49 states and Washington, D.C. More than 35 AAUW members had letters to the editor published,

BRANCH LEADERSHIP MEETING

All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings. The next leadership meeting will be Thursday, **May 10th, 10 AM** at Christine Madden's home in Carnelian Bay.

Approved meeting notes are available under "Communications" on the branch website. <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/communications/>

The Story of Mary's Quilt



Designer and Sewer: Mary Nyquist Koons; Quilter: Celeste Percy; Photographer: Jeremy Koons

Mary Koons' connection with the Truckee River Watershed Council began in 2013 when she volunteered as a "weed warrior" to remove salsify from her neighborhood and golf course.

While attending a river talk that Fall, she had difficulty visualizing the entire watershed from the small maps that had to be pieced together. The Truckee river watershed is unique because the river ends in Pyramid Lake and doesn't reach the sea.

Mary's love of rivers and maps, combined with her love of textiles and sewing talent (starting at the age of 8), inspired her to create a quilt map of the river watershed. Her design was the culmination of research from 4 different maps and many online

illustrations, as well as visits to the reservoirs on the river and to Pyramid Lake.

Her special quilt hangs in the office of TRWC and is used during river talks to show the CA watershed's relationship to the entire watershed. It also serves as a remarkable conversation starter for visitors. Mary encourages us to stop by the TRWC office in Truckee to take a look at the quilt.

GENERAL MEETING

May 10th at 1pm in the Boardroom of the Tahoe City PUD: A talk by Executive Director, Alec Lee of **AIM HIGH**, a summer program begun thirty years ago with 50 students in San Francisco. <https://www.aimhigh.org/>

And, you may ask, why do I want to hear about this program? Could it be because of its expansion in 2012 on a campus in Kings Beach?

Today, **Aim High** is the largest summer academic program in the Bay Area with a 2016 enrollment exceeding 2000 students. All in all, led by Alec Lee and Eleanor McBride, nearly **10,000 students** have been served since **1986** and some of them are our own Tahoe/Truckee area students!



Aim High has received awards from John Hopkins University, Bank of America's Neighborhood Builders program, the San Francisco Foundation and the National Partnership for Educational Access. Co-founder Alec Lee was awarded the White House Champions of Change for distinguished service to the field of summer learning in 2016.



Please join us. The Tahoe City Public Utility District is located at **221 Fairway Drive** (just down the way from the Community Center and across from the new Fire Station). The talk is open to friends and families of AAUW-NT and the public.

For a **list of meeting programs**, visit our website: <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/>

AAUW Tahoe Nevada Inter-branch Meeting- April 18

Several members attended the Inter-branch dinner hosted by AAUW Tahoe Nevada in Incline Village: **Diane Buckman, Christine Madden, Kathie Julian, Terry Yagura** and **Meri McEneny** with guest Katie Obrien (STEM coordinator for Boys & Girls Club NLT).

Program Topic- **STEM Education**

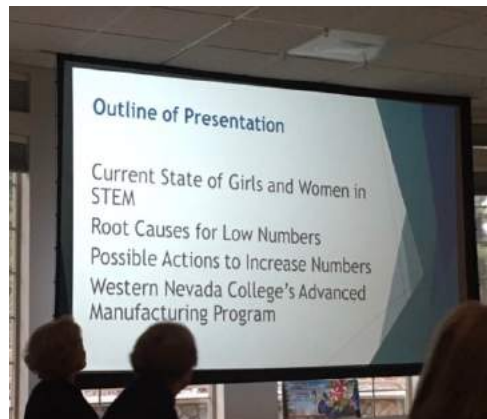
Speakers:

- Dr. Georgia White- Director of Career and Technical Education at Western Nevada College (WNC)
- Emily Howarth (M.S.)- Manufacturing professor at WNC

The focus of the evening was on preparing girls for careers in STEM fields. In addition, information was

given about programs offered by AAUW affiliates to help young girls become interested in STEM.

Dr. **Georgia White** began the program with a presentation on "Drivers", driving forces at the root cause for low numbers of girls in STEM classes. Her information was taken from Cracking the Code: Girls' and women's education in STEM (published in 2017 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization).



Four main drivers:

1. **The Learner:** A big driver is **self-efficacy**, the learner's belief in her ability to succeed in specific situations or to accomplish a task. One belief that many of us have heard is that *girls aren't good in math*. Self-assurance is vital for success and confidence often comes with trial and error, which girls may not experience as much as boys, through the games they play or help at home.
2. **Parents and Peers'** beliefs and expectations may affect a girl's success or even her exposure to STEM. Parents' education and socio-economic status affect a girl's exposure to STEM; more educated and higher earning parents often encourage their daughters in STEM. Inviting parents to STEM events can increase their support for their daughters. Peers influence girls who want a feeling of belonging.
3. **Schools** influence girls' involvement in STEM with the availability of learning materials and activities and by promoting critical thinking. Teachers can highly influence girls in STEM as role models and to debunk stereotypes.
4. **Society**, especially mass and social media, can reinforce stereotypes and promote a negative influence on choosing STEM classes. But supporting gender equality and promoting

changing social norms can start to counter those effects.

Emily Howarth is the manufacturing professor at WNC and her lab looks like a ton of fun. Her Mechatronics lab is supported by Siemens Corporation and her students, including many women, are working in a dozen or more Nevada Tech companies. The lab focuses on Manufacturing Technicians, the layer between Engineers and Maintenance. The program offers 3 levels of certification: job skill classes (a few weeks to a few months), a 1-year technician certificate, and a 2-year AAS (Associate of Applied Science) degree. Tours of the manufacturing lab are available for all ages and backgrounds.

After the eye-opening and inspiring presentations, a couple of Tahoe Nevada members talked about their efforts to create a STEM event like Tech Trek or joining the similar program at UNR, but neither have received support so far.

When the discussion was opened to the floor, **Meri McEneny** discussed our branch's long involvement with **Tech Trek**, our 100th camper last year, and our new **STEM Trek Day** event. Several questions came up regarding STEM day, such as cost. Meri encouraged the large and accomplished Tahoe Nevada branch to find members, friends, family or community members to create their own STEM event. Some asked if they can attend our STEM Trek day and Meri will send Jane Dykstra, their Programs chair, the flyer.



Crocker Art Museum Outing – May 16

Invites You to Spend the Day at the **CROCKER ART MUSEUM** May 16, 2018

Itinerary

- 8:30 Depart Truckee Tahoe
- 10:30 Arrive Crocker Art Museum
- 1:30 Lunch Break in Midtown
- 3:00 Depart Sacramento

Museum Admission

- \$10 Adults Under 65
- \$8 Seniors (65 and older)
- \$8 College Students
- \$5 Youth (7-17)
- FREE Children (6 & under)

Call by May 14th (530) 550-7451 To Book Your Seat

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THE NTTT FREE SENIOR SHUTTLE MADE POSSIBLE BY:

Thanks to a suggestion from **Mary Koons**, the North Tahoe Truckee Transport (NTTT) has scheduled a round-trip shuttle service to visit the **Crocker Art Museum** (<https://www.crockerart.org/>) in Sacramento on Wednesday **May 16**.

- Shuttle is **free** for age **60 and older** (\$10 for younger).
- Registration is first come, first served with space for 30 passengers.
- To register and reserve your seat by May 14, call **(530) 550-7451**.
- For this trip, a registration form is not needed. When you call, dispatchers will take down information required for the form.
- E-mail or call **Mary Koons** (marynk31@gmail.com, 541-554-5319) to be added to our list of AAUW participants. There will likely be other groups on the bus with us.

- Due to large group size, there will be a central pick up point in **Truckee** and one in **Kings Beach**. Locations and times will be given closer to the date.
- Itinerary and Museum admission prices are listed on flyer.
- A docent-led tour is being pursued.
- Coffee, snacks, lunch can be purchased in the museum café before the free time in midtown at 1:30 pm.
- Bus will depart Sacramento at 3:00 pm.



By late April, our 2018 Tech Trek campers will register online directly with the UC Davis camp. Hooray! We have safely delivered this year's campers into the hands of the UCD coordinators. Our next interaction with these girls will be at **STEM Trek day, June 9**, and then on **Visit Day** at UCD Tech Trek camp on **July 26**. We will see them experiencing their Tech Trek core classes and have lunch with them at that amazing food court cafeteria near their dorm. I hope some members will join me in attending Visit day and see our own co-President **Patricia Watters**, aka, Dorm Mom!

A **20-year reunion for Tech Trek** will be held on Sunday April 28 during the AAUW-California convention (April 27-29) in Irvine, CA. In attempting to notify as many of our former campers as possible (we celebrated our 100th camper last year!) about the reunion, our TT camper database received a much-needed update. That database began in **1998** with Amber Bazan. For the first 10 years of Tech Trek, we communicated with the girls through home phones and P.O. Boxes. Many of those landlines are now disconnected, but not all! Slowly, we are improving the number of email addresses. Our email announcement of the TT reunion included a description of STEM Trek day and an invitation to attend or participate.

A *Save the Date* flyer for the **June 9, STEM Trek day** at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City was sent to all 7th-12th grade Tech Trek nominees and campers. One camper from 2006 (now a software

engineer) contacted our branch out of the blue to ask about being involved with this year's TT girls, and now she's hoping to attend STEM Trek! A final schedule of presenters and their topics will be emailed to the membership and the girls soon.

Thank You to members who have signed up to volunteer at STEM Trek day! **Johnnie Lee** is again coordinating food and drinks for breakfast, snacks and lunch, so if you'd like to bring something to share at lunchtime, please contact her. Lunch items are welcome even if you cannot come for the presentations.

Please contact **Meri**, mmceneny@gmail.com; **Christine**, madden@garlic.com or **Johnnie Lee**, johnnieleedon1@gmail.com, if you'd like to help in any way. Please come for some or all of the day, no volunteering is required to enjoy the presentations. It's a fun and interesting day. Thank you!



Our committee (**Christine Madden** and **Joan O'Lear**) met March 5th with the representatives from the South Shore ALA Unit and selected **Teah Williams** as our candidate for 2018. Her sister was our candidate three years ago!

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group will be meeting **April 24th** to discuss “Hillbilly Elegy” by J.D. Vance at **Trudy Lesem’s** home. **Trudy** will also moderate and **Martha Cirata** will bring treats. This book touches on the question “Have working class whites fallen into the self-sabotaging and crippling delusion that they cannot improve their lot by their own effort?” This subject invites a soul searching and worthy discussion.

The **May 29th** meeting will be held at **Terry Yagura’s** home. We will discuss “Remarkable Creatures” by Tracy Chevalier. Our moderator will be **Fritzi Briner**, treats provided by **Nancy Cline**. This book is based on the true story and fascinating tale of two female paleontologists in the Victorian era who are up against skepticism of the evidence found with their discoveries.

Our book group is an enclave of readers, an invested audience where discussions are active and imaginations are stimulated. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month from noon until 2pm. Directions with a reminder will be emailed the week before our meeting.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



BRIDGE

The March Bridge Game was held on the 28th at the home of **Kym and Jerry Pipkin** in Talmont Estates/Tahoe City. Fortunately, the weather was beautiful, so no problem getting up the steep hill to their home.

Jerry and Kym and **Betsey and Mike Husted** played with **Linda Larish** sitting in to watch initially. Eventually, Linda grew more adventurous and began substituting for one, and then another of the players. This was an interesting change from the usual two or three tables, and allowed for exchange

of ideas about different methods of bidding. Kym and Jerry were gracious hosts.

The next bridge game in **April** on the **25th**, will be at the home of **Betsey and Mike Husted**: [4967 Nadia Court, Reno, NV. 89511](#). The Husted home is in Galena Forest Estates located off the Mt. Rose Highway about 13 miles below Incline Village. The home phone number is 775-622-0424, and the email address is: betseyhusted18@gmail.com. Please RSVP to Betsey. The game will begin at 1 PM.

May bridge will be on **May 30th** at 1 PM at the home of **Nancy and Jim Cline**: [1363 Kings Way, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148](#). Her cell phone is 530-401-5464 and her email address is nhcline@gmail.com. Please RSVP to Nancy.

Betsey Husted- betseyhusted18@gmail.com



FRIDAY NITERS

ARBOR DAY will be celebrated on **Friday, April 27th from 1-3pm** at **GLASSES WINE BAR** at 760 Mays Blvd., Unit #8, Incline Village (in the Village Center across from the Post Office which is off of Route 28 at Southwood Blvd). The 4 wine Tastings-of-Your-Choice will also include fruit, cheese, and crackers. The cost is **\$15**. **GLASSES** is run by Kathleen and Rob Martens and will be opening just for AAUW-NT. The event is limited to the first 14-15 folks responding by email to Friday Niters Chair **Johnnie Lee Don** <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> or by calling her at 775-832-8089 no later, please, than **Monday, April 23rd**.

Arbor Day (which may be surprising to attendees of Friday Niters Events) is actually April 27th! It was started in **1872** by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska when he proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees. It was observed first in that state with the planting of more than a million trees! It is now observed throughout the nation and the world. The wearing of tree colors is requested.



GOURMET

We are having our April/May get-together. Hostesses, please call your guests, and to those who already had their guests, a big Thank You. Just remember you can have a brunch, lunch or dinner.

Gisela Steiner- tgsnowshoe@suddenlink.net

THANK YOU

To all AAUW friends:
I want to thank all of you for your kind deeds, thoughts, prayers and concerns. Your thoughtfulness helped me to be strong during this phase of the cancer. Hugs to all of you!



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet on Tuesday, **May 15th** at the home of **Linda Larish**. The subject will be "Media and Foreign Policy". "Fake news" has entered the zeitgeist and cyber warfare, hacking and misinformation have posed complex security threats. How are actors using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? This will be a complex, current and interesting topic, and one that will make our discussion lively and illuminating.

Cheryl Allen will be our moderator and **Linda Larish** will provide treats.

We meet from 10 am until noon on the third Tuesday of each month. Directions with a reminder will be emailed the week before our meeting.



INSTITCHES

Our Stitches group will be doing something a little different in May. We will be taking advantage of the shuttle service to the Crocker Museum on Wednesday **May 16th** (our regularly scheduled date). We can stitch, knit, etc... while we leave the driving to NTTT. Please see the separate article in the newsletter for reservation information. This will be a very fun and enjoyable experience, hope you can join us.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership count is now **76!** We are welcoming two new members this month: **Jamie Casey** and **Gwen Cole**. See the introductory information about Jamie below.

Look for your **membership renewal** to arrive in the mail towards the end of May -- please remember that the AAUW national yearly dues are now \$59. Total dues are **\$110** (unless you are a dual member). In the meantime, any new members who join between now and June 30th will be automatically renewed until June 30, 2019.

Cheryl Allen and Ginger Wilson

Introducing our new member

Jamie Casey



I am Lake Tahoe native, having been born at home at my family's home in South Lake Tahoe. I have traveled all over the world and have never seen anything as beautiful as Lake Tahoe. I emigrated from South to North in 1974 and have never regretted it. I still have a brother and sister in South Shore and visit them

now and then.

I had a great childhood. I learned to ski when I was two. In 1952, the snow was up to the eave's edge of our two-story house. My sister and brother took me up to the peak of

the roof, put tiny wooden skis on me and I got to zoom down to the snow at the eave's edge.

I learned to sail as a small child in a 7'11" sailing dinghy. I would sail with my dog from Camp Richardson to Zephyr Cove. When I got to Zephyr Cove, I had to call my mother to come pick me up because the waves were too big. She would drive the pickup over and we would load up the boat and the dog and go home.

I attended High School at South Lake Tahoe High in the "New School" which of course is now the "Old School". My class was the first to attend there and we had almost 200 graduates. After high school, I began college at San Jose State. I finished my studies at UNR with a degree in English in 2002.

I made the mistake of marrying my high school sweetheart, who was drafted and sent to Vietnam. He was a medic on a helicopter picking up terribly injured and maimed soldiers and saw so many of them die. When he returned, we lived together and I thought I could make him better, but I was incorrect on that. He left me right after my first son, Caleb was born and there I was, a single Mom. I moved to Hawaii to live in the yard of a friend on the North Shore of Oahu. I got there just in time to see the Big Waves and they were absolutely huge, 40 and 50 ft high crashing on the shore. They did not surf those in 1974 but I am sure they do now. Caleb and I spent about 8 months in Hawaii, he learned to swim and walk long distances in sand. I came back to Tahoe because I missed the seasons. Hawaii is nice nearly all the time unless there is a hurricane but I really like the defined seasons in Tahoe.

I moved to the town of Tahoma in late 1974 and rented a small cabin on 7th street. I found so much community on the North Shore, a babysitting co-op and a food co-op too! I met really nice people and made a lot of friends. I met my second and best husband, Jim Casey, in 1975 while sunbathing in the nude on a friend's back porch. I think it was love at first sight although I had a boyfriend at the time who took Caleb and me to Mexico. We had a wonderful time and also figured out we were not meant to be together. When I returned to Tahoma, I met up with Casey and we got together. He really loved Caleb. We bought our first home in Tahoe Pines for \$10K. We moved in and it was a tiny place, 320 square feet! We spent some time improving the place and I became pregnant with our child. Forrest was born at home with the help of a doctor and several doulas. We did the "LeBoyer bath", Forrest opened his eyes and looked right into his brother Caleb's eyes. It was an incredible moment in our little cabin.

The boys are now men and really good dads and good friends also. They are married and have two children each. I was amazed that both my daughter-in-laws took

my advice to space their children 4 years apart. Now I have 4 grandchildren and they are so much fun! Caleb lives here in Tahoe City and Forrest lives in Central Carmel Valley.

I worked doing bookkeeping for my husband's business, Sierra Roofing and then Sierra Sheet Metal and Roofing. My husband and I had many wonderful adventures sailing on Lake Tahoe and on the oceans. I lost him to cancer in 2013. I am so grateful to have had 40 years with him. He was my soulmate. I am retired now and live to ski, sail, and spend time with friends and family.

I joined AAUW because my friend Carol Schleicher invited me to Great Decisions and I enjoyed the discussion group. I just returned from Canada where I had a fabulous time powder skiing!

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/>)

APRIL

24: Book Group
25: Bridge Group
27: Friday Nites

MAY

10: Leadership and General Meeting
15: Great Decisions
16: InStitches
Crocker Museum Outing
29: Book Group
30: 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.

Leadership Committee Slate for 2018-19

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents Patricia Watters, Ann Yuhas
President ElectOpen
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 Niters.....Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre
Gourmet.....Pat Castellucci, Gisela
Steiner
Great Decisions.....Julie Ginocchio, Linda
Schwoob
InStitches.....Nancy Cline



**FY JULY - JUNE BUDGET
2018-19**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

14,794.43

	2018-19 Approved by Leadership 3/8/18
REVENUE	
OPERATING REVENUE	
Membership	2,108.00
Additional Contributions anticipated from Members	
Tech Trek	3,000.00
Girls State	550.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
AAUW Fund	800.00
STEM Event	700.00
	6,050.00
Additional Anticipated Revenue	
Kiwanis	500.00
Rotary Club	850.00
Tahoe League for Charity (TLC)	850.00
Tech Trek Parents Contributions	250.00
Social Events	1,000.00
Petra dinner	0.00
	3,450.00
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE	11,608.00
EXPENSES	
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Tech Trek	4,500.00
Girls State	550.00
Scholarship	3,000.00
AAUW Fund	800.00
Convention	500.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	9,350.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:	
Insurance	300.00
Postage	50.00
Post Office Box	68.00
AAUW Funds Assessment	0.00
Meetings Cost and Supplies	300.00
Meeting Venues	200.00
Social Events	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	150.00
President's Pin	0.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	1,368.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,718.00
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES	890.00

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 3-8-2018

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