



September 2018



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Do you agree with this maxim?

*If you're lucky enough to live at Lake Tahoe, you're
lucky enough.*

We thought so!

We start the year with our mission-related programs funded. That's right, thanks to your generous contributions when you renewed your memberships, our AAUW Fund, Tech Trek, Girls State, and Scholarship programs will

- fund a national AAUW endowment gift for US and international women's fellowships
- send five local 7th grade girls to a week-long STEM camp
- send a local high school girl to Girls State government leadership camp,
- provide a local high school girl with up to four years of financial assistance to pursue college STEM studies

Your Leadership Team met in July to plan our activities for the coming year. Our member meetings will focus on impactful programs to drive educational and economic equity for women and girls. Look for details in this and future newsletters. Be sure to leave a little time for socializing with old and new friends.

Watch for an **electronic survey** from northtahoeeaauw@gmail.com in your email inbox. Your responses to 10 questions will guide the Leadership Team to steward branch resources for

programs and activities that mean the most to you, our members.

AAUW National published a statement to object to the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court. You've received an email, too, with ways to voice your opinion to Senators Kamala Harris and Dianne Feinstein. Get more information here: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/web/commmon/public/content?content_item_KEY=15505

Congratulations to **Ruth Arizaga-Whisler**. She is recognized with the AAUW Fund Named Gift award for her dedicated service to our branch as Financial Officer for the past several years.

Carol Eyre is also recognized for her gracious support of our branch with the Branch Service Award. We add a BIG THANKS to Carol and an industrious crew for a beautiful Summer Party on Sunday (see photos on p. 6-10).

Led by **Meri McEneny**, the branch's third STEM Trek program for our community is already underway. AAUW-CA recognized this innovative program with an award during the 2017-18 year.

AAUW North Tahoe promises an exciting year ahead. We are proud to be part of this powerful organization that strives for gender equity for women and girls.

Patricia Watters - pwrl@aol.com

Ann Yuhas - dannyuhas@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 13: Talk at Fairway Community Center at 1 PM by April Shackelford, one of the foremost experts on **Defensible Space** at NLTFPD.

October 11: Salad luncheon with Tech Trekkers at Fairway CC- 11:30 AM

November 8: Private docent tour (\$5 Donation) of **Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC)** on Sierra Nevada College campus (291 Country Club Dr., Incline Village) at 10:30 AM- Featuring 20 min 3-D Movie of Tahoe In-Depth and a talk on the building's unique ecology-friendly architecture.

Lunch can be had afterwards at a reportedly Extremely Good All You Can Eat Buffet for \$12.77 + tax (menu available about 4 weeks prior).

LEADERSHIP MEETING

The leadership team will meet on **September 13 at 11 AM** at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City. All members are welcome to attend branch leadership meetings.

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

GENERAL MEETING

Hello all AAUW- NT members,
Welcome to a new season of programs with my new co-chair lady, **Rachael Swift**, who is already showing herself to be an immensely valuable resource!! I hope you all had a lovely summer despite the various smoky days and that very smoke brings us to our first and most timely program with one of the foremost experts on this subject: a talk on **Defensible Space** by April Shackelford of NLTFPD.

Please join us on **September 13th @ 1 pm** at the Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City) for this meeting which is, of course, open to friends and families of our members. A light snack will be served.

Johnnie Lee Don (johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) and *Rachael Swift* (racswift@gmail.com)

April Shackelford – Forester at North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District



April has been interested in forests since a very early age. Growing up in the central valley of CA, but spending summers in the Stanislaus National Forest made forests special places to visit. She followed a forestry and environmental science path in school to better understand these special places and their functions, and to be better suited for a career where she

may be able to improve their condition. Eventually earning Associates, Bachelors, and Masters degrees in this field, she found employment with the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District (NLTFPD) where she is able to seek funding and apply it to fuels reduction projects which also greatly improve forest health and ecosystem function.

Her master's thesis looked at the effects of fuel moisture on consumption rates and chemical speciation of carbon and nitrogen in smoke and in soils. The prescribed fire she used for her study was conducted by NLTFPD. She has conducted a monitoring assessment of lands owned by IVGID to better assess fuel loading and the effects of the prescribed fire program managed by NLTFPD and has been able to apply and develop her skills with Arc GIS mapping software. She works with homeowners to improve defensible space compliance and has come to understand a lot about Lake Tahoe and regional forests, and the concerns of residents in the Wildland Urban Interface. She is inspired to continue doing fuels reduction work to improve forest health and protect communities.



Watch out for our special September **Tech Trek bulletin** coming soon.



AAUW FUND

Wondering who benefits from some of the money that is contributed to AAUW Fund?

Annual luncheons are held in 3 different locations in October in California to provide an opportunity for you to celebrate and honor the 2018-2019 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients. Tickets are \$45.

- Sat. **October 6** in South San Francisco
<https://san-francisco-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>
- Sat. **October 7** in Danville
<https://danville-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>
- Sat. **October 13** in Seal Beach
<https://seal-beach-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

RSVP by **September 26th**. If you have any questions, please call the **AAUW-CA Office** at 916-448-7795.



ALA GIRLS STATE

Our 2018 delegate, **Teah Williams**, attended the 75th session of the American Legion Auxiliary's CA Girls State: ***Changing the World, One Girl at a Time***, on June 25-30 at Claremont McKenna College.

In Teah's words:

"It was amazing and easily the best experience of my life. I am currently putting together a photo presentation describing my experience and I will send out as soon as it is finalized. Thank you so much for this opportunity!"

Thank you Members, for your support of Girls State!

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Our group last met in June when we celebrated the end of our 2017-2018 Reading Season. We met at Sue DeVoe's home and enjoyed a potluck lunch on a warm spring day at lakeside.

We chose 9 new books for the 2018-2019 season. We will read **6 non-fiction and 3 fiction books**. Women authors wrote 6 of the books we plan to read. There was much discussion about all the books on our original list of 33 recommended books.

Our first meeting will be held at the University of Nevada, Reno as we meet with Dr. **Kjerstin Gruys**, the author of *MIRROR MIRROR OFF THE WALL: HOW I LEARNED TO LOVE MY BODY BY NOT LOOKING AT IT*

FOR A YEAR. Stay tuned for the location of the meeting on Tuesday September 25, 2018. The discussion promises to be lively, interesting, timely, and fun. Julie Elmen, Kjerstin's mom, will be providing a treat. Mary Koons will moderate. All are welcome!

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month from **12 noon to 2 pm**. Bring a lunch and beverage. Mary will be sending an updated version of our reading calendar. We still are in need of some moderators later in the year.

Mary Nyquist Koons- (541) 554-5319 - marynk31@gmail.com



BRIDGE

August Bridge will be held on the **29th** at the home of Patricia Watters and Richard Lashbrook in Tahoe City on 1875 Silvertip. So far, participants include: Trudy Lesem and Lynn Flagg, Rose & George Orenstein, Kym & Jerry Pipkin, Nancy Zachariasen, Patricia Watters & Richard Lashbrook.

We are always looking for bridge players, so if you have friends, family or neighbors who might be interested, please give me their contact info and I'll be happy to get in touch with them. It might be a side-door for bringing in new AAUW members, who knows. They could certainly play as guests.

It is the time of year for bridge group members to sign up for the month they would like to host. Probably Sue DeVoe will be hosting in September unless someone else steps forward. A big THANKS to all those who hosted in this past year!

Betsey Husted- betseyhusted18@gmail.com



GOURMET

After I receive the list of participants, the group will be hearing from me about a questionnaire regarding what months they will be in Tahoe, how many people they can accommodate, etc...

We will then meet at my house, probably in late September, for information and schedules. I hope we will have another wonderful group this year.

Pat Castellucci – mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net



GREAT DECISIONS

Greetings from Great Decisions! We hope you had a wonderful summer. Our group is anticipating an eventful fall with three more interesting topics in the next three months, each tackling a different global challenge facing America today.

Our subject for **September 18th** will be “US Global Engagement and the Military”. The meeting will be hosted by Sharon Filardo and moderated by Shirley Cabo. Treats will be provided by Kathie Julian.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from **10 am until noon**. Always a lively discussion, informative and engaging.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES

Our first meeting on Wednesday, **September 19th** will be held at the home of Sue Devoe at **2 pm**. Sue's address is 8740 Brockway Vista, Brockway and her phone numbers are: (h) 530-546-5120 or (c) 925-389-8774. Sue's email is devoetahoe@gmail.com.

Please RSVP **yes or no** by Monday September 17th so Sue can plan snacks. We will discuss our meeting schedule for the coming year as well as possible group projects and field trips. Weather permitting, you might want to bring your swimsuits to swim before or after, as the lake water is warmer this year. Hope you can make it to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow stitchers. All are welcome.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to everyone who has renewed your AAUW North Tahoe membership! As of mid-August, **61 members** have renewed their 2018 – 2019 membership.

A friendly reminder --- if you have not yet sent in your renewal form and check, please send them as soon as possible so that we can finalize our roster and create the ever popular AAUW North Tahoe Membership Directory. If you have questions about renewing, please contact **Cheryl Allen** (cherylkallen@cs.com) or **Ginger Wilson** (wilson_virginia@att.net).

We are planning to hold another **New Member Welcome Wine and Cheese** event this fall. The purpose of this event is to let all ladies who joined us last year meet the current leadership team and learn more about national AAUW as well as our local branch events and opportunities. Actually, we welcome anyone who wants to learn more about our branch– new member or not. Keep an eye out for the date and location to be announced soon!

Membership Memo. If you have friends or family members you would like to have joined our branch, 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/>)

AUGUST

29: Bridge Group

SEPTEMBER

13: General Meeting

18: Great Decisions

19: InStitches

25: Book Group

AAUW North Tahoe Member Appreciation Summer Brunch

August 19, 2018

Carol Eyre's home: 208 Rifle Peak Ct., Incline Village

Complimentary to members, \$15 for guests/spouses

Brought to you by your Leadership team

Apple French Toast Casserole - Carol Eyre

Cheese Souffle Roll - Ann Yuhas

Fruit Salad - Linda Larish, Johnnie Lee Don, Jan Potter

Mini quiches and phyllo puffs – Dana Loury

Coffee, Mimosa's, Bloody Mary's, juice, water, iced tea - Carol, Linda, Johnnie Lee, Meri McEneny.

Members attending: 42

Guests attending: 28

Two Tech Trek helpers: Julia Saxe and Skyler Kawecki-Muonio. One Tech Trek speaker: Alejandra Rodriguez.

Total attendance: 73!

It was a perfect summer day for our North Tahoe branch member appreciation brunch in the beautiful garden of Carol Eyre's home in Incline Village. The garden was adorned with a dozen or more umbrellas and festively decorated tables with colorful tablecloths & napkins, silverware, sweet woodruff centerpieces and tables of celebration drinks. The kitchen was teeming with our member-cooks, willing assistants, high school helpers plus bowls of fruit salad and warming trays of food. It was a feast, and delicious!





As brunch was winding down, our co-President **Patricia Watters** took to the microphone to thank our members for fully funding our mission-based programs and for their large turnout today. Patricia presented our Branch service award to **Carol Eyre** and the AAUW Fund Named Gift award to **Ruth Arizaga-Whisler**. Patricia also presented a Certificate of Recognition from AAUW-CA to **Meri McEneny & Christine Madden** for our branch's STEM Trek day.





Patricia gave the microphone to Meri to introduce our helpers: Julia Saxe and Skyler Kawecki-Muonio, both Tech Trek alumnae from 2015. Julia and Skyler are entering Junior year at North Tahoe high school this Fall; both play trombone in the HS Jazz Band, and each will be taking pre-calculus and chemistry in their Junior year. Julia plays varsity soccer and is in the Envirolution: Environmental Advocacy club. This summer, she is working at the Boys and Girls Club in Kings Beach. She is uncertain about her college goals but wants to attend a smaller, less urban college. Skyler plays varsity volleyball, and will be incoming Vice President of her Junior class. Skyler has visited UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly and Pomona Claremont colleges and loves them all!





Our guest speaker was Alejandra Rodriguez, a Tech Trek alumna from 2014 and entering her Senior year at NT HS. She gave a glowing account of her 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Lisa McCreedy, who nominated her to TT, encouraged her in science and math and opened her eyes to possibilities. She started joining HS clubs and sports last year to get her out of her comfort zone and has met amazing new people. Alejandra hopes to enter the medical field after college. Her uncle was in medical school when she was young and it inspires her even now. She is working with a mentor, Roxanne Cabrera, who is not only a North Tahoe TT alumna (2005) but is now in her 2nd year at UC Davis Medical School. Alejandra also wants to support and inspire her Latino peers to follow their dreams to attend college and to be a role model for her younger brother.

Our hostess Carol complimented our new sound system as she could clearly hear each speaker even from the far reaches of her garden!





It was a beautiful day in so many ways. Hats off to Carol and to the brunch committee, and THANK YOU to our members for supporting our branch!

Meri McEneny

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.