



October 2018



## CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Why does AAUW matter? This is the question that all levels of our organization – national, state, and local branches – need to answer. National AAUW responded with a comprehensive review of its goals and operations to develop a new strategic plan to refine its focus on education and training, economic security, and leadership. All the while, National AAUW will strive to incorporate best practices to enhance governance and sustainability of the organization.

Take a moment to contemplate why our branch – AAUW North Tahoe – matters. How can we sharpen our focus on the things that matter?

Our branch voted in the Spring to increase local scholarships from a one-year grant of \$1,000 to a **four-year grant of \$5,000** to a female high school graduate who pursues STEM college studies. **Ellen Magnani** and **Kathie Julian** will lead our efforts to screen applicants and select our scholarship winner. Many thanks for their efforts to increase AAUW North Tahoe's impact on local girls.

The words "defensible space" bear repeating over and over during red flag fire-sensitive months. April Shackleford of North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District reminded us of ways to protect our property and loved ones. The before and after photos of Lake Tahoe's timbered areas were fascinating, and April related forest growth to fire dangers.

Both **Sierra College** in Truckee and **Sierra Nevada College** in Incline Village are local AAUW college/university partners. All students are allowed free e-memberships and two of the campus representatives can join AAUW branches. We expect to improve our partnerships with these local colleges and reach out to younger, more diverse members. **Sierra College** asks us to mentor their students. Do you have a special talent/skill that you can impart to a young student? See **Ann Yuhas** for more information. Branch leaders will schedule a day on the **Sierra Nevada College** campus to sign up student members to AAUW memberships and to vote. Look for dates and plan to join the registration event.

Be sure to turn out for the **October 11** presentations by 5 UC Davis Tech Trekkers and the Girls State representative sponsored by our branch members along with contributions from Rotary, TLC, and Kiwanis. Gratitude abounds!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 11:** Taco Bar and Salad Luncheon with Tech Trekkers at Fairway CC- **11:30 pm**.

**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 an All You Can Eat Buffet for \$12.77+ tax (menu available about 4 weeks prior).

## GENERAL MEETING

Hello all AAUW NT members - Please join us on **October 11th** in welcoming this year's **Tech Trek Attendees** and their proud parents, along with some distinguished guests and other community organization representatives for a **Taco Bar and Salad Luncheon** beginning promptly at **11:30 am** at The Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City). We will be honoring the girls and their families at this heartwarming meeting that so succinctly mirrors the use of the generous funding your membership in AAUW NT provides.

The girls are delightful in their innocent recounting of their experiences: *"I met amazing staff and students; I was surrounded by others who looked like me and had the same interests as me. It was the first time I knew I had: the ability to go to college; to make a difference; to make my family proud; to give back to my community. It was such fun! And at the Veterinary Clinic, I saw an X-ray of a dog that swallowed a wrench!*

And if anyone wishes to help provide for the luncheon, please contact **Johnnie Lee Don** ([johnnieleedon1@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com)) or **Rachael Swift** ([racsswift@gmail.com](mailto:racsswift@gmail.com)). Thanks again for all your support of our mission as AAUW NT members.

*Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs*



Ann Y., Meri, Ginger W., Christine M. and Priscilla M. enjoy lunch with Dorm Mom Patricia and our 5 Tech Trekkers at UC Davis during Tech Trek Camp Visit Day 2018.



Join us for our fun annual luncheon honoring our **2018 Tech Trek campers** on **Oct 11, 11:30am** at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City. We will hear 5-minute talks from our campers about their experiences and core classes: **Kiele Myers**, **Ava Sayles**, and **Zuridey Vazquez Lopez**, Anatomy; **Cassandra Munoz**, Genetics and **Sabine Alvarez-Bradford**, HE (High Energy) Engineering. Parents and supporters are invited, and North Tahoe School Principal **Chad Lindeen** will attend. Meri warmly invited some of our Tahoe League for Charity sisters when they generously included Tech Trek in their annual grant luncheon Sept 10. Thank you, TLC for your continued support!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **STEM Trek day June 8, 2019**, is already in the planning stages! As our girls have requested, the focus of the event will be the medical field.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event is scheduled at the **Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC)** in Incline Village who offered a reduced rental rate and to co-sponsor the event. The day will involve members (and ideas!) from 5 local AAUW branches: North Tahoe, Tahoe Nevada, Truckee-Donner, South Shore, and Reno. We will invite girls from the 4 Tahoe Truckee branches.

Thank you, Nevada Tahoe branch president Judith Miller, for recruiting speaker **Kim Popovits** who is the President and CEO of Genomic Health in the Bay area. **Esmeralda Clark**, Clinical Nurse Instructor at UNLV School of Nursing has put us on her schedule! Reno branch member Robbyn Tolles is helping recruit a speaker from the UNR Medical School, from where she retired in 2016; and she has some great ideas for the day!

This month, Patricia and Meri submitted a grant application to the **Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation** in the category of Youth Development and applied to AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund (SPF) to administer the grant. TTCF requires a 501 (c) 3 foundation to administer the grant, if awarded, and SPF agreed to accept our branch application to administer TTCF monies if we are granted.

In the TTCF grant, we request **\$5,000 for STEM Trek day** June 8, 2019; with an additional \$700 allocated from our branch. The TERC facility requires outside catering (first rights go to the food services at Sierra Nevada College) and we anticipate up to 80 girls and women at the event, therefore the grant request.

Thank you, members, for supporting STEM Trek day. Next year's event is going to be phenomenal!

*Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator*



## MEMBERSHIP

The renewal process for this year has been completed and we are pleased to report that we currently have **69 members**.

We invite our members to bring friends to our General Meetings so they can become familiar with what we do as a way to encourage them to become members. As we gain new members, the door opens for us to offer a free membership to another prospective member through the Shape the Future Program.

We will again be hosting a **Wine and Cheese Welcome for our new members**. The event will be held on **October 28**, 2018 at Ginger Wilson's home in Truckee. We hope all of our new members will be able to attend to enjoy getting to know our Leadership team and Interest Group Chairpersons. More specific information will be sent out in the next week or so.

The **membership directory** has been updated and copies can be purchased for **\$10** at the general meeting. They are free to new members.

Member information is also available online in PDF and booklet formats at <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>

Contact Dana Loury, our Communications officer, at [northtahoeaauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeaauw@gmail.com) for the password to access the directory.

New **lanyard name tags** have been made for all members. Please pick up your name tag to wear during the general meeting when you check in.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the **next general meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>**.

*Cheryl Allen & Ginger Wilson – Membership Co-VPs*

**Membership Memo.** If you have friends or family members who would like to join our branch, contact either Cheryl Allen ([cherylkallen@cs.com](mailto:cherylkallen@cs.com)) or Ginger Wilson ([wilson\\_virginia@att.net](mailto: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/>

### Membership Communications.

Please let **Linda Larish** ([llarish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llarish@sbcglobal.net)) or **Sharon Filardo** ([spfilardo@aol.com](mailto:spfilardo@aol.com)) know about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

We are meeting with **Dr. Kjerstin Gruys**, Assistant Professor of Sociology at UNR on **Tuesday September 25**. It promises to be a lively discussion of her book *MIRROR MIRROR OFF THE WALL*. Bring your bag lunch to NW Reno Public Library at **12:30pm**. This is a time change for this meeting only. All are welcome – please let us know if you're coming. Guests are welcome.

On Tuesday, **October 30**, we will be discussing Peter Godwin's book *WHEN A CROCODILE EATS THE SUN*. Muffy B. will be our discussion leader at the home of Linda Schwoob. We'll start our meeting with brown bag lunches at 12. Discussion begins at 12:30 with treats provided by Esther S. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome to attend.

I'm sorry to report there has been some inconsistent communication with members due to my email program. Please expect emails from me 1 week before each book group. If you don't receive an

email, please contact me. I'm committed to sorting this out. Dana has posted the book group calendar on the website.

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/interest-groups/book/>

For more information call or email Mary Koons-541-554-5319 or [marynk31@gmail.com](mailto:marynk31@gmail.com)



## BRIDGE

The bridge group will start up again in October with **Lynn Flagg** hosting on Wednesday, **October 24th**; play is scheduled from **1 to 4 pm**. Lynn's address is 9900 Wilbur May Parkway, Apt 1301 in Reno.

Please RSVP to Lynn (775.762.4220 or [lynnsflagg@gmail.com](mailto:lynnsflagg@gmail.com)) as soon as possible whether you can or cannot come for better planning in setting up tables, so the hostess does not have to follow up with those who did not respond.

At the October game, we will work on the hosting schedule for the next year. At this time, play in November is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, **November 28<sup>th</sup>** at the home of **Sue DeVoe**. Bridge will not be scheduled in December due to the holidays. **Barbra Briggs** will be hosting in January 2019.

The new bridge list includes two new names: **Nora Doolittle** and **Janet Sullivan**. Nora is off to a jump start as she has volunteered to host next August. Others playing in the bridge group not previously mentioned include Sharon Filardo, Mike and Betsey Husted, Linda Larish, Trudy Lesem, Ellen Magnani, Rose and George Orenstein, Betsy and Roger Peterson, Kym and Jerry Pipkin, Patricia Watters and Richard Lashbrook, and Nancy Zachariasen.

Newcomers are welcomed. If anyone is interested in playing bridge with us, it is never too late to sign up.

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## GOURMET

**Pat Castellucci** ([mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net)) and **Gisela Steiner** ([tgsnowshoe@suddenlink.net](mailto:tgsnowshoe@suddenlink.net)) are planning a get-acquainted party in October. Members of the gourmet group will be notified.



## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 16th**. Our subject for the month will be "South Africa's Fragile Democracy".

We will meet at the home of **Linda Schwoob** on the West Shore. Julie Ginocchio will be our moderator and Sharon Filardo will provide treats. Which countries have had a positive influence on South Africa and why? This should prove to be a fascinating discussion.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 10AM until noon. After a brief video, questions at the end of the chapter in our books are discussed. You never leave our meetings without learning something new about the world.

*Linda Schwoob*- [lschwoob@yahoo.com](mailto:lschwoob@yahoo.com)



## INSTITCHES

Our October meeting will be held on Wednesday **October 17** at 2 pm at the home of **Joan O'Lear**. Please RSVP to Joan by email: [onemaugirl@att.net](mailto:onemaugirl@att.net) or call 530-546-4011 by Monday **October 15th** so she can plan dessert. Joan's address is 1357 Kings Way in Tahoe Vista. Remember to bring your projects to work on. All are welcome.

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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/>)

### OCTOBER

- 11: General Meeting
- 16: Great Decisions
- 17: InStitches
- 24: Bridge Group
- 28: New Member Welcome Wine and cheese
- 30: Book Group

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