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### CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!**  
California’s General Election Day is November 6. If you’ve been house-bound and without a television for the past several weeks, you may not have noticed the abundance of signs and campaign messages asking you to vote this way or that.

As educated women, we don’t rely on slogans or gossip to guide our votes. But reading the Voters Guide still leaves me baffled from time to time. Our AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee evaluated the 11 ballot propositions presented for the November election from the lens of AAUW principles and priorities. The Committee found that most of the propositions have no bearing on our public policy priorities. In summary, they recommend:

- Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond – NEUTRAL
- Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond –SUPPORT
- Prop 4: Children’s Hospital Bond –NEUTRAL
- Prop 5: Property Tax – NEUTRAL

NO POSITION on the following measures:

- Prop 3: Water Bond
- Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal
- Prop 7: Daylight Saving Time
- Prop 8: Dialysis
- Prop 10: Repeal Costa Hawkins/Rent Control
- Prop 11: Ambulance Drivers
- Prop 12: Farm Animals

Fuller evaluations of these propositions are provided in the Public Policy Positions attached at the end of the newsletter.

Last month, we asked “Why Does AAUW Matter?” This question was answered at our October 11 Membership Meeting when five Tech Trekkers and our Girls State delegate told us how grateful they are for community support from AAUW North Tahoe and other local sponsors that enabled them to attend the UC Davis and Claremont College camps this past summer. Thank you for your part in making their lives better for these experiences.

*Patricia Watters* - [pwrl@aol.com](mailto:pwrl@aol.com)  
*Ann Yuhas* - [dannyuhas@hotmail.com](mailto:dannyuhas@hotmail.com)

### Mentor a college student



Our branch expects to improve our partnerships with **Sierra College** in Truckee and **Sierra Nevada College** in Incline Village 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? Contact **Ann Yuhas** ([dannyuhas@hotmail.com](mailto:dannyuhas@hotmail.com)) for more information.

### LEADERSHIP MEETING

**November 8 at 1:30 PM** (after tour and lunch) at Dana Loury’s home in Incline Village.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**November 8:** Private docent tour (\$5 Donation) of TERC on Sierra Nevada College campus at **10:30 AM**. Lunch afterwards in SNC cafeteria.

**December 13:** Winter Party Luncheon

**January 10:** "Global Volunteers: Worldwide Opportunities to Travel and Serve": **Cheryl Allen** will talk about her experience working with Global Volunteers in the Cook Islands.



*Save the Date*

*Winter Party Luncheon  
Thursday, December 13, 2018  
Jake's, Tahoe City  
Noon - 3 PM  
Spouses and Guests Welcome!*

An Invitation with details will be in your email inbox soon.

## GENERAL MEETING

**RSVP by November 1st**, for the Tour of UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) located on the Sierra Nevada College Campus (291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village) on **Thursday, November 8th at 10:30am**.

The Tour is \$5 and the luncheon to follow, at Sierra Nevada College's small but tasty All You Can Eat Buffet is \$13.54 including tip and tax.

We have a "casual count" of 25 NT-AAUW members, attendees at the Tech Trek Luncheon in October, who plan to join the Tour. If you were unable to attend the October meeting and wish to join us on

the Tour, please email <[johnnieleedon1@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com)> or <[racswift@gmail.com](mailto:racswift@gmail.com)>, Program co-VPs, or call Johnnie Lee @ (775) 832-8089. The Center needs to know how many docents will be required.

Please also indicate if you plan to stay for lunch. The Fall menu includes a full salad bar, fresh baked rolls, fresh baked desserts, two soups (one of which is usually vegan and gluten free), a featured pita and a featured sandwich, and an entree such as chicken with potatoes, peas, mac and cheese.

The Tour promises to be the highlight of our efforts this year to bring you fun as well as educational and interesting events. It includes an overview of its premises that won a Certified Green Award (LEED Platinum), a 3-D Movie about efforts to keep our beautiful lake pristine, as well as research projects TERC has led, both past and present, in this area.

<https://tahoe.ucdavis.edu/>

A BIG

*Thank You!*

*To all the lovely Taco Bar and Salad Bar providers for the October Luncheon Meeting!*

The Tech Trek girls as well as our Girls State candidate were so appreciative of the fresh ingredients (many came back for seconds) and we loved how everything was so colorfully displayed and prepared. I think we all enjoyed a lovely taste of pretty much everything. I know I did!

So Rachael and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to the following folks: Carol Eyre (who even brought but could not stay), Cheryl Allen, Kathie Julian, Sharon Filardo, Jamie Casey, Patricia Waters, Ginger Wilson, Ann Yuhás (in spite of her recent shoulder surgery), Pat Castellucci, Meri McEneny, Jo Ann Cobb, Dana Loury, Linda Larish, Christine Madden, Martha Cirata and Terry Yagura. Rachael and I could not have pulled off this great meeting without your help.

We not only fed about 40 people with a lovely feast complete with delicious desserts, we also

- listened to the most enthusiastic of girls relate their adventures at UC Davis as well as their heartfelt thanks to AAUW NT for the opportunity
- saw a video prepared by our Girls State delegate, Teah Williams
- met lovely and appreciative parents
- and generally were moved to unforeseen heights at how much is brought to us through the hard work of Meri McEneny and the donations of our members, and what this has all accomplished and continues to accomplish... so we Thank You ALL most sincerely too!

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



## GIRLS STATE

I am so glad that those of you who attended our October event were able to meet our outstanding delegate for 2018, **Teah Williams**. I know you all felt her enthusiasm for the Girls State event.

I have reached out to our American Legion contact for Girls State 2019 to request a spot for a candidate. She informed me that she has submitted the request for both a North Shore girl and a South Shore girl, so we are right on track for next year.

*Christine Madden – [madden@garlic.com](mailto:madden@garlic.com)*



*Christine Madden and Teah Williams*



What a fun and heartwarming luncheon was had on Oct 11, honoring our 2018 Girls State representative Teah Williams, and our 5 Tech Trek campers: Cassie, Sabine, Kiele, Ava and Zury. Several proud parents and a proud aunt attended the luncheon.

Each of the TT girls was outstanding during their 5-minute talks, using their index cards and vivid memories. We felt their gratitude for being able to attend camp, and their amazement at all the eye-opening proceedings. Even though they shared many experiences, each spoke of their unique realizations and lessons learned; and each spoke of the special people they met at camp, either other girls, teachers, dorm moms or women at Professional Women's Evening. Two of the girls talked about learning "time management"; never too early for that!

The girls were awarded certificates from Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery, and US Representative Tom McClintock. This is a special group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Well done girls!



*Left to right: Kiele, Sabine, Meri, Cassie, Zury & Ava*

(See pages 8-10 for more photos)

Thank you, Program Co-VPs **Johnnie Lee and Rachael**, for organizing so many members for the delicious salad and taco bars, and to our members, TLC, Rotary and Kiwanis for supporting this amazing program. Thank you everyone, for the sweet card to Meri!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual STEM Trek Day **June 8, 2019**, is moving along nicely! This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event is scheduled all day at the Tahoe Environmental Research Center (TERC) in Incline Village next June 8. That day will involve 5 local AAUW branches: North Tahoe, Tahoe Nevada, Truckee-Donner, South Shore, and Reno; girls will be invited from the Tahoe and Truckee branches. The Nevada Tahoe branch is in the process of reaching out to their schools to recommend girl students for the day.

Reno branch member Robbyn Tolles is helping us find a “theme” for the day; she is researching a clinical case study, involving a young person, that each presenter may address from the perspective of her field. Our draft Title is: Women Solving Medical Mysteries!

In anticipation of us being successful in receiving a grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, our branch has been accepted by AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund (SPF), a 501 (c) 3 organization, to administer our grant or other donations for STEM Trek day.

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## AAUW FUND

### Encourage Organizations & Women Scholars in Your Community to Apply for Funding!

AAUW has a wide range of fellowships and grants for community projects and women pursuing research, certificates, or advanced degrees. Could someone you know be in next year’s class of AAUW fellows? Encourage them to apply now — deadlines begin November 1!

[READ MORE »](#)

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>



## MEMBERSHIP

Including new members and late renewals, we now have **71 members!** We encourage you to bring interested friends to our General Meetings so that they can learn more about what we do and also possibly choose to join our AAUW branch at the meeting. Remember that the **Shape the Future** program allows us to offer **free memberships** as we gain more new members who join at a General Meeting.

The **Wine and Cheese Welcome** for our new members will be held at on **October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Ginger Wilson’s home in Truckee. We sent an Evite to all members who joined in the last two years. This is an event for new members to learn more about our leadership team and the activities of our various interest groups.

Please welcome our two latest new members: **Julie Elmen** and **Patty Orlando**. They are both active women and wonderful additions to our membership.

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

### *Welcome to our new members*

#### **Julie Elmen**



I moved to Truckee 3 years ago with my husband, Ken, after 5 years in St. Louis, MO. Before that we had lived in Davis, CA. During our time in Davis, we enjoyed hiking and skiing in the Tahoe area. That experience prompted us to consider building a home in

Truckee. Two of our children now live in San Francisco, and one lives in Reno, so being close to them also played a role in the decision to move to this area.

I am retired now, after working in a variety of research, teaching, and consulting jobs related to my field - Developmental Psychology.

I love to hike, knit, read, and do jigsaw puzzles! I also play Mahjong and am taking Bridge lessons. We are

looking forward to the birth of our first grandchild in January.

I was a member of AAUW in St. Louis when we lived there the first time in the 90's. My friend Mary Koons encouraged me to join the North Tahoe branch. I look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming months and years!

## Patty Orlando



My husband, Larry, and I moved to Carnelian Bay, CA in 1977 from San Jose. We built our new home in Agate Bay, and started our family, who are all three married, and we have five grand children.

My profession was Fashion Merchandising for Roos Atkins of Northern California.

My time between Grandma fun and volunteering keeps me happy and busy. I also manage the Kings Beach Jazzercise Classes for Franchise Owner/Teacher Ginny Smith for 20 + years. Many friends from there are AAUW Members. I'm happy to be welcomed by you all!

**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-](https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/membership-information/)

[information/](https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/membership-information/)

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.

### 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

On **October 30<sup>th</sup>** we are discussing Peter Godwin's WHEN A CROCODILE EATS THE SUN at the home of Linda Schwoob. It is a timely juxtaposition of reading about Zimbabwe and Great Decisions' recent discussion about South Africa. They are similar histories and each reading enhanced the other.

Our **November** Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday the **27<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon to 2pm at the home of Christine Madden. Esther S. will be moderating Robin Wall Kimmerer's book BRAIDING SWEETGRASS. All AAUW members and their guests are welcome to attend.

In December, we will have our traditional cookie exchange. Please note, that meeting will be on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** – an irregular date for our group.

We usually meet on the last Tuesday of each month. Bring your lunch as we eat together for 30 minutes and then discuss the book while enjoying treats brought by one of our members. An email is sent the week before to remind and provide any updates in location or driving instructions. Hope to see you!

*Mary Koons*- 541-554-5319 or [marynk31@gmail.com](mailto:marynk31@gmail.com)



## BRIDGE

The October Bridge game is on Halloween! Costumes are encouraged, as is a good time. The game will be hosted by **Lynn Flagg** in Reno. At the time of this writing, it looks as if we will have twelve people, so three tables of fun.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** Bridge will be at the home of **Sue DeVoe** in Brockway/Kings Beach.

Bridge is traditionally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm. No bridge is planned for December due to the holidays, unless there is a general outcry to have it. **Barbra Briggs** will be hosting in January.

As always, all are welcome to participate in the Bridge group. Anyone with questions or concerns, please let me know.

Happy Turkey Day!

Betsey Husted- [betseyhusted18@gmail.com](mailto:betseyhusted18@gmail.com)



## GOURMET

All members and substitutes of the Gourmet Group, and their spouses, are invited to a Get-Acquainted and Orientation Party on Saturday, **October 27, from 4-6 pm** at Pat Castellucci's house.

Please **RSVP yes or no** to Pat (530.550.1812) and bring an appetizer to share and a beverage. Coffee and tea will be available.

**ALL MEMBERS-** Please bring your list of participants that Dana emailed you. It is also posted on our website:

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

**RETURNING MEMBERS:** Please bring last year's folder and instructions.

ALL will receive this year's schedule and list of themes.

**Pat Castellucci** ([mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net))



## GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions meeting for November has a change of location and date. We will be meeting at **Sharon Filardo's** home in Tahoe Vista on **November 13th, from noon until 2pm**.

Our subjects for discussion are lively, our briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. Written by carefully selected experts, each article offers policy options for U.S. officials as well as questions and tools for discussion.

The November discussion will cover "*Global Health: progress and challenges*". Our discussion leader will be **Mary Koons**, treats provided by **Linda Larish**. This will be the last meeting for the year.

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



## INSTITCHES

The regular meeting of the InStitches group has been moved to **Thursday November 29th** due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will meet at the home of **Patricia Watters**, 1875 Silver Tip Drive, Tahoe City at **2pm**.

We will be working on our holiday project that is a grapevine snow-person wreath, which looks to be a lot of fun - see below. Patricia will be providing the grapevine wreaths so all you need to do is bring your imaginations and decorations to personalize your wreath.

Please **RSVP - yes or no** - to Patricia ([pwrl@aol.com](mailto:pwrl@aol.com)) or 949-274-3938 **by Wednesday November 19** so she will know how many wreaths to provide. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact Patricia as I will be out of town. If you prefer to work on your own project, I hope you will still attend. It is always fun to watch everyone decorate their project. Hope to see you all there.

Nancy Cline- [nhcline@gmail.com](mailto:nhcline@gmail.com)



*Holiday project for InStitches*

**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

- 27: Gourmet Group Orientation party
- 28: New Member Welcome Wine and cheese
- 30: Book Group
- 31: Bridge Group

### NOVEMBER

- 13: Great Decisions
- 27: Book Group
- 28: Bridge Group
- 29: InStitches

# Luncheon meeting with Tech Trek campers and Girls State delegate

October 11, 2018







Patricia and Meri presented certificates from Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery and US Representative Tom McClintock to our Tech Trek campers and Girls State delegate.



Patricia shared her experience as Dorm Mom at Tech Trek camp.



Meri received a bouquet from Tech Trek parents and a Thank You card from our branch.

## AAUW-CA PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT MEASURES

There are 11 measures on the November ballot. They cover a variety of issues. The Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures and determined that most do not address issues in our Public Policy Priorities. We have classified those as “No Position.”

Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on our principles, but they include elements that undermine some of our priorities along with elements that support our priorities. The Committee adopted a “Neutral” position on Propositions 1, 4 and 5.

### **Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond – NEUTRAL**

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to build and preserve affordable homes for veterans and aid veterans in purchasing a farm, home or mobile home. While AAUW priorities do not address issues specifically related to veterans, we do support affordable housing for low income families. And many veterans are women. A negative aspect of the measure is that general obligation bonds are paid for from the state’s General Fund, where money is needed for schools, health care, other housing programs and state services.

### **Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond –SUPPORT**

No Place Like Home Act of 2018

Over 130,000 Californians are homeless. A great number of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Women comprise a significant percentage of the homeless. This measure does not involve a new state bond.

### **Prop 4: Children’s Hospital Bond –NEUTRAL**

Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in general obligation bond money to support 5 children’s hospitals in the University of California system and other public and private hospitals that serve children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. On the one hand, this measure supports health care services to children. On the other hand, the use of state funds to support private facilities diverts money from public projects, such as schools.

### **Prop 5: Property Tax – NEUTRAL**

Proposition 5 would amend Proposition 13 (1978) in the State Constitution to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer the tax-assessed value from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home's market value; (b) the new home's location in the state; or (c) the number of moves. This measure would assist some older or disabled women when they change residences. However, seniors already are able to retain their property tax base when they move within set parameters –Prop 5 expands that program. The Legislative Analyst states that this would reduce state revenues from property taxes by up to \$1 billion per year. Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services.

NO POSITION on the following measures:

**Prop 3: Water Bond** – \$8.8 billion in general obligation bonds for managing and developing water resources in ways that benefit the environment.

**Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal** –Repeals the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, removing \$4.7 billion in annual funding earmarked for transportation.

**Prop 7: Daylight Saving Time** – Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government changes the law.

**Prop 8: Dialysis** – A complex measure that would regulate the cost of dialysis treatment by establishing a cap on certain costs.

**Prop 10: Repeal Costa Hawkins/Rent Control** –Gives local communities the authority to make decisions on rent control basedon the housing needs of their communities.

**Prop 11: Ambulance Drivers** – Allows ambulance providers to require their workers to remain on call during breaks paid at their regular rate.

**Prop 12 : Farm Animals** – Bans the sale of meat from animals that are confined in spaces below specific sizes.

**NOTE:** Prop 9 (division of the state into 3 parts) was removed from the ballot by the State Supreme Court.

For additional information on ballot measures, go to the website for Ballotpedia.