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CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,
As I gather casserole dishes to take to a shared Thanksgiving feast, I reflect on how thankful I am to be part of this organization of members who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world. We are so fortunate to live in this beautiful place, today blanketed with the first snowfall.

Snow and accompanying rain bring welcome relief for drought- and fire-ravaged California. I know many of you have contributed money, lodging, and other resources to our neighbors in Paradise. We've received notice that 42 of the 45 members of the AAUW Paradise branch have lost or believe they have lost their homes. Below are ways you may personally provide assistance:

- 1. Donate gift cards** to stores such as Target, Penny's, Macy's, K Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Walmart, Raley's, etc. Send any gift cards to the state office:
AAUW of California | 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100 | Sacramento, CA 95833
The office manager will send them to a contact in the Paradise branch for distribution.
- 2. Paradise members are in need of housing** in Northern California. If you have any information about rentals, please contact Carol Holzgrafe at 530-774-4009 or email her at carol@holzgrafe.com.

3. Donate through recognized 501(c)(3) organizations

- Nvcf.org. The North Valley Community Foundation.
- For animals: Nvadg.org. The North Valley Animal Disaster Group rescued and are caring for a couple thousand dogs and cats plus horses, donkeys, pigs, llamas, rabbits, birds, tortoises, pet snakes and more.

Ann and I look forward to joining you at the Winter Party December 13 at Jake's on the Lake. Let's enjoy a carefree afternoon of good company and delicious food together. Please see the announcement on p. 2 for details and instructions for registering.

Patricia Watters - pwrl@aol.com
Ann Yuhas - dannyuhas@hotmail.com

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday December 12 at Meri McEneny's home in Carnelian Bay. (Time TBD after Meri returns from India).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 28: Happy 137th Birthday, AAUW!

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.

February 14: Soup's On... for this special day of love and caring. Come for the warmth, the celebration and the appreciation of all our AAUW NT members.

March 14: Video Presentation of *"A Rethinking of the Past, Present, and Future of Women in Power"*.

***April 13:** Note this Saturday in April will be the **2019 Inter-branch Luncheon** hosted by AAUW NT*

HOLIDAY PARTY

Remember to reserve your seat(s) at our Winter Luncheon on **December 13, Noon to 3 pm** at Jake's on the Lake. Spouses and guests are welcome.

Price/person: **\$45.80**. See invitation on last page of newsletter for menu.

RSVP to Shirley Hale with your entrée selection by December 5 (d-shale@sbcglobal.net or 530.583.0679).

Mail check payable to "AAUW North Tahoe" to P.O. Box 5612, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Payments should arrive by December 7.

GENERAL MEETING

On November 8, seventeen members attended a very informative tour of **UC Davis Tahoe Science Center** on the Sierra Nevada College Campus (Incline Village).

The Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences was the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certified lab building in the country. The additional expenses to obtain LEED certification were offset by substantial cost savings from rising energy prices over the last 10 years. Carol, a volunteer docent at TERC, introduced us to research projects that monitor lake clarity and tackle problems caused by invasive species. We finished the tour by watching a 3-D movie that had us flying over a geological map of Lake Tahoe while the narrator discussed the importance of continuing research efforts to understand, restore and sustain our beautiful lake for the enjoyment of future generations.



GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS: WORLDWIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL AND SERVE.

Please join us on **Thursday, January 10th** to hear our very own **Cheryl Allen** talk about her experience volunteering and vacationing in the Cook Islands, fifteen droplets of land cast across 2 million square kilometers of the blue Pacific Ocean. She will share with us how the organization, Global Volunteers, partners with local people while using the skills of folks like Cheryl. The Islands are simultaneously remote and accessible, modern and traditional with a strong cafe culture and a burgeoning organic and artisan food scene. The Islands live confidently in the 21st century.



Friends and family are most welcome to join members at the Fairway Community Center, 330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City at **1 pm**. Light refreshments will be served.

Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs



Tech Trek responsibilities in December are:

1. Request a Junior Counselor application from the UC Davis camp coordinators to distribute to our former Trekkers who are older high school students.
2. Receive the 2019 camp packet and send the nomination pages to our fabulous 7th grade teachers, Lindee Eckert and Lisa McCready. These teachers choose to work on the nominations over their Christmas holiday. Thank you Lisa and Lindee!

Our 3rd annual STEM Trek day **June 8, 2019**, continues to evolve beautifully. Truckee Donner

branch member Phoebe Landre asked to join the STEM Trek day committee thereby bringing us to full representation of our 4 local branches: Debra Tufts from Tahoe Nevada, Jan Lynds from South Shore, Patricia and Meri from North Tahoe and consultant Robbyn Tolles from Reno branch.

Our working title for the day is: ***Women Solving Medical Mysteries***, and to that goal we have tentative confirmation from Dr. Carol Scott, Incline Hospital, and Esmeralda Clark, UNLV School of Nursing. In addition to the Medical Mystery, we are looking to offer two young women speakers from the Aerospace industry, one in software engineering (confirmed), and one in jet propulsion. Plus, activities with SWEP.

Our grant request to the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation was not successful but we learned quite a bit in the process. In the future, we may apply for a grant from National. We will investigate keeping AAUW-CA Special Projects Fund (SPF), a 501 (c) 3 organization, as an administrator for future grants or other donations for STEM Trek day which would then be tax deductible. Even without the TTCF monies, our branch costs are not large. UC Davis TERC offered to co-sponsor the event and reduced our room renting cost substantially (from \$800 to \$188). Food services will be the largest cost. Per person lunch at the SNC cafeteria is about \$13. Perhaps members attending the day may consider sponsoring one of our North Tahoe girls for lunch!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator –
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MEMBERSHIP

The **Wine and Cheese Welcome** for our new members hosted by Ginger Wilson on **October 28th** was a big success. Everyone had a great time reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones while enjoying delicious appetizers prepared by Ginger, Cheryl and Ann, and paired with wines brought by Patricia.

The event allowed new members to meet the leadership team and learn about interest groups. Photos of the gathering are posted on pages 7-8.



Our membership count is at **71 members**. We have one new member this month -- **Jan Burt**. Jan moved to Truckee part time and has joined the Book Group. She is not totally new to AAUW since she used to attend book group meetings with her mother, **Lois Linn**, and has kept up with the book group reading list ever since. Please welcome Jan!

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) 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/>

The **membership directory** has been updated and copies can be purchased for **\$10** at general meetings. 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 for the password to access the 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.

In Memoriam

The memorial service for **Helen Foster**, a long time member of AAUW North Tahoe, will be held on Saturday **January 5, 2019, 1 PM** at the Pioneer United Methodist Church in Auburn (1338 Lincoln Way). Helen joined AAUW North Tahoe in 1984 and served in many leadership positions including president in 1998-2000.

Margie Arthur, a devoted member of our branch, passed away on November 11 at her home in Southern California surrounded by her family. She was president in 2002-2003 and served in many other capacities during her years at Lake Tahoe.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The turkey has been eaten and we're ready to discuss Robin Wall Kimmerer's book "*BRAIDING SWEETGRASS*" led by Esther Sonnenberg. We'll meet at Christine Marsh-Madden's with treats by Muffy Betker. We meet from 12n-2 with BYO lunch on **Tuesday November 27**.

Our December meeting is special for those of you who love cookies - our **Annual Cookie Exchange** will be held **Tuesday December 11 from 12-2**. If you'd like to participate, bring 1-2 dozen cookies or treats you have made and you'll be able to exchange them for treats made by other members. We need helpers to set up tables beforehand at the Gate Keepers' Museum in Tahoe City.

Linda Schwoob will be our Moderator for Jodi Picoult's book "*SMALL GREAT THINGS*." Bring your lunch and beverage to dine at 12n before the 12:30 discussion begins.

We usually meet the last Tuesday of each month (except December.) A reminder and driving directions are emailed one week prior to the meeting. Please contact Mary Koons if you'd like to be added to our AAUW Book Group email list.



October Book group meeting

Happy Holidays to all and to all a Good Read!

Mary Koons- 541-554-5319 or marynk31@gmail.com



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

Betsey Husted- betseyhusted18@gmail.com



BRIDGE

Bridge is traditionally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm.

No bridge is planned for December due to the holidays. **Barbra Briggs** will be hosting in January.



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions held its last meeting for the year on November 13th at Sharon Filardo's home. The subject was "Global Health Issues" and we had 20 members in attendance.



Halloween Bridge meeting



Our discussion group is based on the education put forth by the "[Foreign Policy Association](#)" which began under Woodrow Wilson in 1918. Its mission is to educate us with new world challenges and to strengthen international understanding. The information is presented contextually with a non-partisan objective.

The first meeting for 2019 will be held at the [Tahoe Yacht Club](#) in Tahoe City on **January 15th**.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for 8 months (excluding summer months and December) from 10am until noon. Great Decisions members will receive an email reminder and location logistics one week prior to each meeting.

We will contact members when the new 2019 books arrive in January.

We wish you all a joyous holiday season and good wishes for the coming year.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES

Carol Eyre will be hosting our Holiday InStitches meeting on Wednesday, **December 19 at 2pm**. Carol's home is located at [208 Rifle Peak Ct, Incline Village](#).

Please **RSVP - Yes or No - by Saturday December 15** so Carol can prepare her holiday treats - carolceyre@aol.com or 775-298-2832. Remember to bring your project to work on. Hope to see you all there.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com

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/>)

NOVEMBER

27: Book Group
28: Bridge Group
29: InStitches

DECEMBER

11: Book Group
13: Winter Party Luncheon
19: InStitches

JANUARY

10: General Meeting
15: Great Decisions

AAUW North Tahoe Wine and Cheese New Member Welcome

October 28, 2018







Winter Party

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Noon -3 PM

at

Jake's at the Lake

780 North Lake Boulevard

Tahoe City, CA 96145

*Join AAUW North Tahoe Friends
for an Afternoon of Holiday Cheer.
Spouses and Guests are welcome!*



Luncheon Menu

Caesar Salad

Choice of Entree

Herb Crusted Fresh Fish

with herb panac and parmesan cheese crust, served with lemon butter, capers,
risotto cake, seasonal vegetables.

Seven Spiced Ranch Steak

with gorgonzola fondue, Yukon gold potatoes, arugula, asian pear, pimentos

Rosemary Chicken Breast

herb roasted Au Jus, Garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables.

Seasonal fruit cobbler dessert

Coffee or tea

No host cash Wine Bar \$6.00 per glass

Price per person **\$45.80** (includes tax and gratuity)

RSVP to Shirley Hale at d-shale@sbcglobal.net or 530.583.0679 before December 6, 2018.

Please **mail checks** to AAUW North Tahoe, P.O. Box 5612; Tahoe City CA 96145

Ugly sweaters encouraged

Raffle prizes