



January 2019



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our Winter Party Luncheon at Jake's on the Lake was fabulous! As if the gorgeous lake view wasn't enough, we shared lively conversations over delicious food. Prizes were raffled to members who attended our September, October, and November meetings. Congratulations to **Lew Madden** for sporting the "ugliest" sweater. (Look for pictures at the end of this newsletter.) **Ann Yuhas** and **Shirley Hale** deserve credit for putting together this delightful afternoon for us.

November elections are over, and AAUW-CA's public policy committee issued a 2018 update on women's reproductive health. Claire Noonan, Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW branch member, declares that the outlook for progress on women's issues is promising with more than 100 seats in the House of Representatives now held by women.

December marks the **35th anniversary of our branch.** AAUW National's Board of Directors officially recognized our organization on **December 12, 1983.** We thank our early leaders, including continuing members **Very Daegling, Terry Yagura, Carol Eyre Susan Hassenplug, Sue DeVoe** and **Betsy Peterson** for their vision to create our warm and welcoming branch.

January may have been named for Janus, an ancient Roman god. Janus was the god of beginnings, time, and endings. Often depicted as having two faces, he

looks to the future and to the past. Ann and I look back to the start of our AAUW year in July, proud of our branch's accomplishments to advance equity for women and girls. But, before we turn the page on our calendars and greet the New Year, we want to wish you and your loved ones happy and peaceful holiday celebrations.

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

Thursday **January 10, 2019** at Fairway Community Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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.

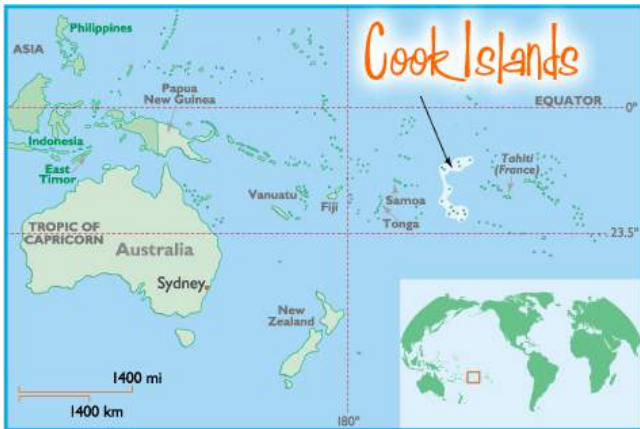
March 14: Video Presentation of "**A Rethinking of the Past, Present, and Future of Women in Power**".

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

GENERAL MEETING

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS: WORLDWIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL AND SERVE.

If you're sitting at your desk having Robinson Crusoe daydreams, the Cook Islands might be a great vacation place for you. It doesn't get much more remote or more beautiful—what with the perfect beaches, deep jungle and coral lagoons. Each of the 15 islands seems more breathtaking than the last.



Please join us on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1 pm** @ The Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway drive, Tahoe City) when **Cheryl Allen** will give a presentation on her experience volunteering and vacationing in the Cook Islands with the organization **Global Volunteers**.

Friends and family of all AAUW NT members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



A great part of the Winter Party fun was the winning of Door Prizes by **John** (and Susan) **Hassenplug**, **Terry** (and Ken) **Yagura**, and **Lew** (and Christine) **Madden**. Lew Madden also won, !hands down!, almost unanimously, the *Ugliest Sweater* Prize! He is a brave man!

Prizes given for attendance at any of the Fall general meetings were won by **Pat Castellucci**, **JoAnn Cobb**, **Sharon Filardo**, **Kathie Julian**, and **Dana Loury**. Congrats, ladies! You did not have to be

present to win but you had to have attended a general meeting to be eligible.

Rachael and I thank everyone for your commitment to AAUW NT and especially to General meeting attendees, as we work to bring you topics of interest.

Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs



Tech Trek nominations forms for 2019 have been sent to 7th grade teachers Lindee Eckert and Lisa McCready, and principal Chad Lindeen, at North Tahoe School. Each teacher is requested to submit up to 5 nominees for camp.

Once the nominations are returned by mid-January, Meri will meet with the nominees at school, explain and distribute the application forms which include an essay section. Our branch Tech Trek committee of **Christine Madden**, **Priscilla Mills**, **Sharon Filardo** and **Meri McEneny** will review the applications and interview the girls on a day in mid-February. The committee is required to read policy manuals from AAUW-CA and National, including Diversity and Inclusion, and Prevention of Sexual abuse and bullying. Thank you, committee members!

Our branch leadership also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AAUW-CA codifying Tech Trek policies and practices.

This month, I am requesting names of Tech Trek campers in upper high school or college who might want to apply for Junior and Senior Counselor positions at Tech Trek camp. Names need to be submitted to camp coordinators by mid-January.

At our December leadership meeting, Kym Pipkin suggested asking Tahoe Art Haus Cinema in Tahoe City if they will be showing *RBG*, the documentary on Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in hopes of our branch viewing it as a group. Tahoe Art Haus has no plans at this time to bring the movie but will contact Meri if they have room in their schedule. Great idea Kym! More News about **STEM Trek day June 8, 2019**, in our next newsletter.

Happy New Year!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator –
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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our new member **Jan Burt**.

Cheryl Allen & Ginger Wilson – Membership Co-VPs

Jan Burt



My husband Jim and I grew up vacationing in the Sierras: camping, swimming, hiking, fishing (his family), waterskiing (my family). As early as the 1950's, my family was driving up from Sacramento over the old Donner Pass with our little tin can trailers to spend

several summer weeks at Incline Beach. That was our personal paradise right up until Incline Village was developed and a casino was plopped down in the middle of our favorite beaver pond! (An environmental activist was born!). Thankfully, a lifelong impression had been made and nothing would erase the memories of the pines and the clear blue waters at (what we always claimed to be) the best beach on the lake.

I met Jim at our family cabin when I was 18 and quickly felt compelled to spend the rest of my life with him. We are both retired now but this journey has given me many hats: earning that "PHT" degree, becoming a "returning older adult student" not once but three times, mother to three wonderful millennials, grandmother to two delightful little girls, teacher, program director, writer and lover of nature in many forms.

We have been over 35 years at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the Midwest has been lovely to us in many ways with wonderful schools, parks, lakes, woodlands and interesting friends from all over the world. Lately, maybe because I am in my 60's, I have wanted to spend more time in the Sierras in these western landscapes with the people who love them. After several years of searching, Jim and I have a second home in Tahoe Donner and are looking forward to many long stays here, especially in the fall.

My mother, **Lois Linn**, made lasting friends when she joined this AAUW branch in the early 70's. In her later years, I was lucky enough to chauffeur her to Book Group and she often sent me a copy of the yearly book selections. Attending the Book Group and going to church at my mom's Squaw Valley Chapel are giving me a deep sense of belonging and of coming home.

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 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 northtahoeaaauw@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.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Our **January 29th** meeting will celebrate Chinese New Year with a discussion of "THE TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE" by Lisa See. **Christine Marsh-Madden** will be leading our conversation at the Tahoe Yacht Club. **Sue DeVoe** will bring treats for us to share.

We usually meet on the last Tuesday of each month from 12 -2pm. Bring your lunch as we eat together for 30 minutes then discuss the book while enjoying treats brought by one of our members.

All AAUW members are welcome to join us. If you'd like to join the group, just email Mary Koons. An email is sent the week before to remind and provide any updates in location or driving instructions. Hope to see you!

On February 26th we'll be reading and discussing "THE GIFT OF RAIN" by Tan Twan Eng.

Happy New Year to All.

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



BRIDGE

The bridge group met in November after Thanksgiving on the 28th at **Sue DeVoe's** home on the lake. Beautiful views, good bridge, and yummy snacks. We had a great turnout with 3 tables - and good weather for travel back and forth. No game was planned for December due to the holidays.

The next game will be on **January 23rd** at the home of **Barbra Briggs**: 2350 Star Harbor Dr., Tahoe City, CA 96145. She leaves her big beautiful tree up through January, so we are all looking forward to playing amidst her beautiful decorations. Hopefully we will start the New Year right with another great turn out.

So far **Betsy and Roger Peterson** plan to host bridge on February 27th at their home, **Ellen Magnani** and **Sharon Filardo** will host in March on the 27th. In January, we will be filling out the rest of calendar.

We have had a few newcomers, and look forward to welcoming more in the New Year! As soon as the list is finalized, perhaps in the February newsletter, I will be publishing a list of the newbies. Please anyone interested in playing some bridge with a friendly group, come join us!

Happy New Year Everyone!

Betsey Husted- betseyhusted18@gmail.com



FRIDAY NITERS

SAVE THE DATE. . .The first of the offerings for Friday Niters will take place on **Saturday, February 2nd @ 7pm.**

Do you like T-shirts with amusing sayings? Do you have T-shirts with amusing sayings? Can you find a T-shirt with an amusing saying? If so, plan to join us for the contest of all contests! We will have prizes for the Funniest, Wittiest, Funkiest, Most Artistic, Most Intellectual, and Most Profound among other categories, (no politics or other objectionable topics, please!). Hearty appetizers and BYOB will be the order of the evening.

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GOURMET

The folders with schedules for the coming months are available for those who have not yet received them. Please call Pat to make arrangements to pick yours up: 530-550-1812. Be sure to wait for the message to come on.

Dinners (or other times of the day meals) begin in January.

Pat Castellucci- mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will begin the New Year with a meeting held at the Tahoe Yacht Club, Round House Mall in Tahoe City on Tuesday, **January 15th**. The new time period for 2019 will be from **1pm until 3pm** (subject to change).

Members will be notified when the new books are available for pick up. The subject for the first month's discussion will be "Refugees and Global Migration". Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries reacted to migration? This should be a lively discussion and one that will be readily addressed by our sentient and enthusiastic Great Decisions members.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for 8 months. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and well informed New Year!

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES

Our first meeting of the New Year will be held at the home of **Pat Castellucci** on **January 16** at **2 pm**. Please **RSVP Yes or No** by **January 13th**. You can Reply ALL, call Pat at 530-550-1812 or email mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net

We all had a lot of fun decorating our snow person wreaths at Carol Eyre's in December. Many thanks to Carol for hosting, **Julie** for providing dessert and **Patricia** for her hours providing and making the grapevine wreaths. All the work was greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting is back to our usual. So remember to bring your projects to work on. We hope to see you there.

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AAUW California website:
<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>
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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 10: General Meeting
- 15: Great Decisions
- 16: InStitches
- 23: Bridge
- 29: Book Group

AAUW North Tahoe Winter Party
Jake's on the Lake, Tahoe City
December 13, 2018





