



February 2019



### CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Winter!

In January, we enjoyed an interesting presentation by Cheryl Allen of her adventure to the Cook Islands. She learned about this new culture while helping students perfect their English speaking skills. Where will she go next?

February 14<sup>th</sup>'s meeting will provide us with the opportunity to "Share the Love" with our valued members and community partners. Together, we make a difference in the lives of young girls and women.

Our national AAUW organization warns us that **Title IX** is threatened by changes proposed by the Department of Education. Learn more about the Department of Education's actions to weaken Title IX and what they mean for students' civil rights and safety here: <https://www.aauw.org/article/the-attack-on-title-ix/>. We want to continue the work to level the playing field for women and girls started by **Bernice Sandler**, the **Godmother of Title IX**. Sadly, she passed away at 90 years old at the end of January. Read her tribute at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/08/obituaries/bernice-sandler-dead.html>

Here's a good snow-day activity for you. Sign up for the **free AAUW Work Smart Workshop**, an online user-friendly one hour and 10 minutes program to improve negotiating skills. <https://salary.aauw.org/> The exercises focus on strengthening our abilities to get the compensation we deserve and close the

gender gap where women still receive 80% of men's compensation. Personally, you'll find the techniques helpful in any negotiation, such as where to go on your next vacation. Go through the exercises at your own pace then spread the word about the free online course available to all members.

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### LEADERSHIP MEETING

February 14<sup>th</sup> -10 AM, Fairway Community Center.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**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 (Saturday):** Inter-branch Luncheon hosted by AAUW NT at Parasol Building (Incline Village) at noon, with speaker Dr. **Katy Dynarski**, a biogeochemist and postdoctoral scholar at UC Davis. She and a colleague will talk about the development of the *Girls Outdoor Adventure in Leadership and Science* (GOALS) program for Sacramento area high school girls (incl. gender non-conforming students) from backgrounds under-represented in STEM fields. Carol Eyre has graciously offered to accommodate them at her lovely home.

## GENERAL MEETING

Leadership will be "**Turning Up The Love**" to the "2/3's of us more likely to attend meetings when food is provided," on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT NOON**, at the Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City). Please join us for a taste of a variety of soups, breads, and a surprise dessert provided by Leadership in appreciation of all that the AAUW NT Branch Members support, fund, volunteer, and achieve. We know that this event will promote friendly, fun, and energetic conversations as well as boost the energy level of us all at a time of a lot of negative headlines.



Kindly **RSVP** by **February 7** to [johnnieleedon1@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) or [racsswift@gmail.com](mailto:racsswift@gmail.com) so our chefs can get creative. (As a matter of fact, **RSVP** now, so you do not forget) Our soup chefs include **Linda Larish, Ann Yuhas, Christine Madden, Jan Potter, Nancy Cline, Sharon Filardo, Rachael Swift and yours truly**. We expect to feature hearty meaty soups as well as veggie soups and a variety of breads. And then there is always, *The Surprise!!!!*

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



Interviews for our candidate will be held at the high school in February. **Nancy Cline, Ann Folsom and Linda Larish** have offered to help me and the representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary of South Shore to do the interviews.

Counselor Jeff Ream is working on selecting the girls for the interviews by the beginning of February.

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



## AAUW NT SCHOLARSHIP

**Brianna Kissmann**, recipient of a AAUW North Tahoe scholarship totaling **\$5,000 over four years**, has sent us this note of appreciation and update on her studies at the University of California Santa Barbara. This lovely note from Brianna is a reminder that your generous gifts to the AAUW scholarship fund are important and can make a difference in a young person's life.

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/activities/scholarships/>

*Scholarship Committee:*

*Ellen Magnani – [gilmagnani@aol.com](mailto:gilmagnani@aol.com)*

*Kathie Julian- [kathiejulian@gmail.com](mailto:kathiejulian@gmail.com)*

*Dear North Tahoe American Association of University Women,*

*I want to thank you for your generous scholarship that you gave me. I truly believe that attending Tech Trek in middle school, and participating in other STEM focused activities, helped spark my interest in STEM subjects, particularly chemistry.*

*With the help of the scholarship that you awarded to me, I am able to attend my top choice school, University of California Santa Barbara, majoring in chemistry. In addition to the scholarship I received from you, I am also using financial aid received through my school and money I earn at my part-time job to pay for my education. I promise that I will work hard during time here and make the best use of the opportunity you have helped give me. I'm off to a good start - I completed my first term over the summer with a 4.0 GPA.*

*With Gratitude,  
**Brianna Kissmann***



UC Davis camp dates are July 21-27, 2019, with Visit day on Thursday July 25. Please mark your calendars for July 25!

2019 Tech Trek nominations forms have been submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Lindee Eckert and Lisa McCready. Each teacher submitted 5 nominees for camp, but after nominations were received, 2 girls declined to apply. Meri met with the 8 other nominees at school to explain and distribute the application forms that include an essay prompt. Completed forms are due February 7.

This year, the 2-pronged prompt may be answered as an essay, poem, interview or journal, in 400-500 words. Mrs. Eckert created a Google Classroom online forum that the girls, the teachers, and I can access to distribute and receive forms, updates and completed applications and essays.

On February 13, **Christine Madden**, **Priscilla Mills**, **Sharon Filardo** and **Meri** will conduct interviews at the school. Thank you, committee members!

Branch coordinators for UC Davis camp met in Sacramento on Sunday, January 6 (what a storm day!). Besides clarifying this year's protocols, we discussed:

1. Allowing nominated girls to answer the essay question as an interview, journal, poem or traditional essay, whichever lets them express themselves best.
2. To better track girls after camp, ask members of our interview team to track a specific girl to stay in contact with through school.
3. To increase local knowledge about Tech Trek, invite a local news source to interview the girls after camp.

**4. Ask for volunteers from our branches.**

From Linda Stinebaugh, TT State Coordinator,  
[techtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:techtrek@aauw-ca.org)

*"Are you looking for something worthwhile to do in your spare time? We are looking for motivated individuals to volunteer for Tech Trek, our wonderful STEM program for girls. We have ten camps scattered throughout the state, so there is probably one located near you. If you have interest and skills appropriate for Tech Trek and would like to join us, please contact me. Our camps are looking for*

*dorm moms, teachers, workshop presenters, on-site volunteers, future Camp Directors, web editors, a Financial Liaison, and a new State Coordinator, as I am termed out at the end of this camp season".*

**Many opportunities exist to help for one or even half a day at camp**, for first day registration or last day packing up, for instance, or Professional Women's Evening, if that's the time you have or you want to experience "getting your feet wet" with the wonderful women and girls involved in camp. Please talk to **Meri or Patricia** with your questions, and interest!

Junior Counselor at Tech Trek:

Seven former North Tahoe Tech Trek campers, now in high school, have requested applications for Junior Counselor positions for TT. Camp coordinators select 8 JC's from throughout Northern California branches; names will be announced by April 1, 2019.

Our Tech Trek grant request to Rotary of Tahoe City was submitted this month.

**STEM Trek day June 8, 2019**, now has two foci for the day, reflected in our new working title: **Women Solving Medical Mysteries & Exploring Space.**

Our own 2005 TT alum Julia Levy will be speaking. Julia works for Virgin Orbit which is paying for her travel costs to attend. SNC Food services will be closed on June 8, so our task now is to secure a licensed food provider for breakfast and lunch items. Also, during the Medical Mystery segment, each team of girls will ideally have tablets or laptops for research related to the hypothetical medical case. Our committee is preparing to request a grant to pay for rental costs (~ \$1,000).

*Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator –*  
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**MEMBERSHIP**

Print copies of the **membership directory** 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 [northtahoeeauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeeauw@gmail.com) for the password to access the directory.

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 email or snail-mail a membership packet to you or the prospective new member.

Member applications are also available on our website.  
<https://northtahoeca.aauw.net/about/membership-information/>

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

### 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

Our Book Group members will have celebrated Chinese New Year – The Year of the Boar – by reading Lisa See’s book “TEA GIRL OF HUMMINGBIRD LANE” at our January 29 meeting.

February’s book group will meet on **Tuesday February 26** to discuss Tan Twan Eng’s “THE GIFT OF RAIN.” **Mary Koons** will lead our discussion at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City. **Linda Schwoob** will be bringing treats for us after our BYO Lunch.

We generally meet the last Tuesday of each month bringing our own lunches while we socialize before the book discussion begins at 12:30. All members and their guests are welcome to join us. Call or email **Mary Koons** for more information and to be added to our group email list. 541-554-5319 or [marynk31@gmail.com](mailto:marynk31@gmail.com)



## BRIDGE

The Bridge group met on January 23rd at the home of Barbra Briggs. We had three tables, consisting of Sue DeVoe and Barbra Briggs; Betsy and Roger Peterson; Ellen Magnani and Sharon Filardo ; Kym and Jerry Pipkin; Lynn Flagg and Nancy Zachariasen; and Betsey and Mike Husted. It was a beautiful day on the lake; we all enjoyed starting the year off with a fun bridge game and the goodies Barbra graciously provided.

**February** Bridge will be on the **27th** at the home of **Betsy and Roger Peterson** – 5717 Nile Rd, Carnelian Bay, CA. Kindly RSVP to **Betsy Peterson** (530.546.3193 -[betspete@hotmail.com](mailto:betspete@hotmail.com)) and **Betsey Husted** (775.622.0424 - [betseyhusted18@gmail.com](mailto:betseyhusted18@gmail.com)).

The Hostess assignment for the year is almost completed. Hosting the rest of the year will be:  
March - Ellen Magnani and Sharon Filardo  
April – OPEN  
May - OPEN  
June – Kym and Jerry Pipkin  
July - Nancy Zachariasen  
August - Nora Doolittle  
September - Betsey and Mike Husted  
October - Lynn Flagg  
November - Sue DeVoe  
December - Happy Holidays

Bridge games are usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month unless some intervening circumstances necessitate a change. We welcome new players.

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



## FRIDAY NITERS

**ANOTHER RSVP, PLEASE! Did you Save the Date: February 2nd???? SO SAD! It has now been changed to Saturday, February 9th but the time remains the same- 7pm!**

The first offering this new year of Friday Niters on Saturday is a T-shirt contest...(not **THAT** sort)...



Prizes to be given for the Funniest, Wittiest, Funkiest, Most Artistic, Most Intellectual and Most Profound! It will be at the Don's Home on **Saturday, February 9th, at 7 pm** (633 A Lariat Circle, Incline) featuring your hearty appetizer and drink of choice and of course, your T-shirt with non-political and non-objectionable saying! Come for the fun, company, and an end to "cabin fever".



Kindly **RSVP** by Monday, **February 4th** (or Tuesday, February 5th) as occasionally these events do not come off! [johnnieleedon@gmail.com](mailto:johnnieleedon@gmail.com) or 775-832-8089 to Skip or Johnnie Lee.



## GOURMET

Meals have begun and the theme for the first get-together is a choice between Australian and Jamaican foods. The choice for menu and recipes lies with the hostess, and everyone brings the assigned recipe and a beverage. I hope all are having fun exploring new cultures and foods around a "Get-to-know-you-better table".

For those of you who signed up but have yet to pick up your folder, please contact **Pat Castellucci** (530.550.1812 - [mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtnseapac@sbcglobal.net)) to make arrangements to pick up your folder after February 10.



## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 19th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City from **1-3 pm**.

Due to blizzard conditions, our January meeting was cancelled. In February, we will be covering the

chapter on **Refugees and Global Migration** that was scheduled for January. Our discussion leader will be **JoAnn Cobb**. We watch a brief video on the chapter in our book then discuss the subject and answer the questions at the end of each chapter.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon until ski season is over, then we will resume our normal time from 10 am to noon. Our lively discussions prove to be informative and entertaining.

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



## INSTITCHES

The **February** meeting of AAUW InStitches will be held at the home of **Martha Cirata** on **Wednesday the 20th at 2pm**. Please RSVP (yes or no) to Martha ([martha@omegaport.com](mailto:martha@omegaport.com)) by February 17th so she can plan snacks.

Please bring your latest project to work on - knitting, crocheting, needlework or any other hand work. Our meeting is open to all. We have a lot of fun gabbing/sharing tips and techniques while making progress on our projects. Hope to see you there. A reminder email will be sent out prior to our meeting.

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

### FEBRUARY

- 09: Friday Nitters
- 14: General Meeting and Leadership Meeting
- 19: Great Decisions
- 20: InStitches
- 26: Book Group
- 27: Bridge