



March 2019



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

While February is the calendar's shortest month, it's been an eventful month for us at Lake Tahoe. SO MUCH SNOW!! But, looking out the window today at the bluebird sky reflected in the blue-white snow reminds us of the wonder of winter. We look forward to the rescheduled **March 14 soup luncheon** and appreciate the flexibility of our members and leaders.

Ann and I are amazed by the ease with which our branch positively influences young girls' and women's lives. Together, we've helped young girls in our community through Girls State, Scholarships, Tech Trek, and STEM Trek sponsorships. Your generous contributions to AAUW Fund provide money for women's research and programs throughout the world. We're proud to foster relationships with our local colleges to enable young women to succeed in their chosen careers.

Our Leadership team is preparing our branch to continue its valued missions. In the next few weeks, we'll be offering updated branch **Bylaws and Standing Rules** as well as a **budget** for the upcoming year.

One of AAUW's missions is to develop women leaders. Please consider taking one of the leadership positions offered for next year to share the responsibilities of operating our branch. Branch officers are President, President Elect, Membership, Programs, Secretary, Communications, Finance, AAUW Fund, Girls State, Tech Trek, Scholarships, By-

laws, and Nominating Committee. You'll be rewarded with strong friendships and meaningful accomplishments.

If you would like to attend AAUW-CA's 2019 annual meeting in San Diego on *April 6, 2019*, please let us know. Membership topics are discussed in the morning, and Leadership Development is presented in the afternoon. <http://www.aauw-ca.org/january-2019-edition-of-the-california-perspective/>

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

March 14th -10 AM, Fairway Community Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 14: *Turning Up the Love* Soup luncheon and presentation by **Kelly Campbell**, Senior Director of Marketing for Vail resorts in Tahoe.

April 13 (Saturday): **Inter-branch Luncheon** hosted by AAUW NT at DW Reynolds Center (Incline Village) at 11:30, with speaker Dr. **Katy Dynarski**, a biogeochemist 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.

See **flyer at the end of newsletter** for more information.

GENERAL MEETING

Well, here we are AGAIN, trying to Share the Love with our AAUW North Tahoe Branch Members along with the valued community supporters of our programs. We will be Turning Up the Love along with tasty soups, breads, and dessert on **THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, AT NOON**, at The Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City).

Joining us will be **Kelly Campbell**, *Senior Director of Marketing for the Tahoe Region of Vail Resorts*, the leader in mountain resort, destination-based travel. In her role, Kelly leads brand strategy and positioning for Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood Mountains. She believes the key to driving strong business results can be attributed to two factors: building a high performing team and using a targeted, data-driven marketing approach.

Prior to falling in love with Lake Tahoe and joining Vail, she held marketing leadership roles in advertising, communications, and business development for publicly traded companies Primedia and HD Supply as well as boutique digital marketing agency, Geary Interactive.

Kelly received a Bachelor's degree in Recreation and Park management from Penn State University and a Master's Degree in Mass Communication and Media Studies from San Diego State University.

When she isn't 'geeking out' on brand strategy, you will find her hiking, skiing, and practicing yoga in beautiful South Lake Tahoe.

SOUPS ON along with this engaging and energetic young woman. **RSVP PLEASE**, by Monday, **March 11th** by emailing Johnnie Lee Don <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> or leaving a message at 775-832-8089.

If you RSVP'd to the 14th of February and still plan to attend, we have you on the list. And, again, we will be featuring hearty meaty soups as well as gluten free veggie soups.

Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs



The interview date for Girls State is set for Wednesday, February 27. **Nancy Cline, Linda Larish, Ann Yuhas and I** plan to take part. We should also have a representative from the South Shore American Legion join us.

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com



On February 13, interviews were conducted at North Tahoe School to select this year's Tech Trek campers. Eight nominees were interviewed for **5 spots at camp**. The interviews were uplifting and fun; the selection process is grueling! The interview committee is **Sharon Filardo, Christine Madden, Priscilla Mills, and me**. AAUW National requires that all nominees be notified by mail of their selection or alternate status. These letters will be mailed by February 25, and campers will be named next month in the newsletter.

This year's nominees are a wonderful and talented group of girls. Each committee member will be asked to choose 2 of this year's girls to contact occasionally, such as to invite them for STEM Trek day, or for opportunities to help the branch, or future TT activities like Junior Counselor. Thank you, team!

In the January 2019 "Board to Board" communication, the AAUW-CA co-presidents ask branches to consider adding Arts to STEM activities, creating **STEAM**. I am happy to encourage whatever empowers more girls. I wrote the STEAM teacher at North Tahoe School asking her to explain her program, and she sent me a free online course to attend later in February.

STEM Trek day, June 8, 2019 at TERC on Sierra Nevada College campus continues building up steam! Dr. Carol Scott, from the I.V. ER, had to decline to attend a conference. But she helped recruit an enthusiastic **Dr. Jennifer M. Hagen** from the UNR

Medical School! Check out Dr. Hagen's bio, <https://med.unr.edu/directory/jennifer-hagen>.

STEM Trek committee members Debra Tufts, Tahoe Nevada branch, and Jan Lynds, South Lake branch, applied to the Bessie Minor Swift Foundation to fund a portion of STEM Trek. Thank you, Debra and Jan! Their branches are both 501 (c) 3 organizations, a requirement of the Foundation.

We contacted Sunshine Deli and Catering in Incline regarding catering services for June 8.

Thank you, Members, for your support of Tech Trek and STEM Trek Day.

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator –
mmceneny@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member, **Jean Wernette** from Tahoe Vista. Welcome, Jean!

Print copies of the **membership directory** can be purchased for **\$10** at general meetings. They are free to new members.

The current member directory is available online at <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>

Contact Dana Loury, our Communications officer, at northtahoeaauw@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) 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/>

Cheryl Allen & Ginger Wilson – Membership Co-VPs

Membership Communications.

Please let our co-secretaries **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 book group met in late January celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Pig. **Sue DeVoe** brought traditional red and gold New Year decorations and Chinese sweets and lovely teas to share. Pu'er pressed tea was shared to take home and taste. **Christine Madden** shared her tea ceremony collection from China and several kinds of tea – including a block of tea from China. The discussion was lively and very interesting as we discussed "The Tea Girl from Hummingbird Lane." It was a very special day of celebration and stimulating conversation.

On **Tuesday February 26**, we will be discussing Tan Twan Eng's book "The Gift of Rain." Set in Malaysia during WWII, discussion will be led by **Mary Koons** with treats provided by **Linda Schwoob**. We each bring our own lunch at 12 and discussion follows soon after until 2. The Tahoe Yacht Club is a lovely winter setting.

March's meeting is the last Tuesday of the month on the **26th** from 12- 2 – also at the Yacht Club. We will be reading Bill Browder's "Red Notice" led by **Julie Elmen** and treats provided by **Diane Buckman**. All members are welcome and we enjoy including guests, too.

Mary Koons - marynk31@gmail.com



BRIDGE

Bridge group will meet on **February 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).

March bridge will be hosted by **Ellen Magnani** and **Sharon Filardo** on the **27th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club.

RSVP to **Sharon** (530.386.5335 – spfilardo@aol.com) and **Betsey** (775.622.0424- betseyhusted18@gmail.com)

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



GREAT DECISIONS

On Tuesday **March 19**, 2019, Great Decisions will hold its foreign policy discussion meeting on the subject of "The Middle East".

The meeting will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club from **1pm until 3pm** to allow skiers a morning of fun on our powdery slopes! Our discussion facilitator will be **Kym Pipkin**.

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month, starting with a video on the chapter and followed by a free discussion on the subject at hand covering questions at the end of each chapter. As our group delves into specific issues, we try to discuss what considerations our policy makers might have to achieve objectives in solving the problems that besiege our world and our nation. Always a lively discussion with our great group!

Books are still available. Contact Julie Ginocchio at dnundergal@tcol.com.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES

The **March** meeting for 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) by March 17th so she can plan snacks.

Remember to bring your latest project to work on - knitting, crocheting, needlework or any other hand work. Our meeting is open to all.

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

FEBRUARY

26: Book Group

27: Bridge

MARCH

14: Leadership and General meetings

19: Great Decisions

20: InStitches

26: Book Group

27: Bridge



INTERBRANCH LUNCHEON

Hosting Speaker

KATY DYNARSKI

Co-Founder of

“GOALS”

*Girls Outdoor Adventure in
Leadership and Science*

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 13, 2019**

11:30 Social Hour

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Program

at the DW REYNOLDS CENTER

948 Incline Way | Incline Village, NV

RSVP to JOHNNIE LEE DON by *APRIL 4, 2019*

\$35.00 includes Lunch and Beverages.

*Mail check payable to AAUW North Tahoe to
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**Any questions: contact Johnnie Lee@
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