



May 2019



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Are we THERE yet? ALMOST! The end of the July 2018 – June 2019 AAUW year is just around the corner. Before we wrap up another successful year, we've got some work to do. At our **May 9** meeting, we will:

1. Approve the 2019-2020 Budget
2. Adopt changes to our Bylaws and Standing Rules
3. Elect the 2019-2020 Leadership team

Communications Officer Dana Loury has delivered all three of the proposals from the Branch Leaders to your inbox. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ann or me.

Our branch hosted this year's *Interbranch* meeting for sisters of the South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Nevada, and Truckee Donner branches. We were awed by a presentation from Dr. Katy Dynarski. Funded by an AAUW-CA Community Action Grant, Katy and her colleagues initiated GOALS – *Girls Outdoor Adventure in Leadership and Science* - to engage high school age girls in field work at a Sequoia National Park camp. Many thanks to Program leaders **Johnnie Lee Don** and **Rachael Swift** for organizing this beautiful gathering.

Look for more activities this Summer with AAUW friends. Petra will offer s'mores fun in **June**. They share proceeds from a delicious dinner with wine and dessert toasted around a firepit with our members and friends. Bring that company visiting you this summer, too!

Celebrate **Fourth of July** in style! We will partner with the AAUW Truckee-Donner branch to ride a vintage car in the Truckee parade. Let's get the word out that we ALL win when women and girls are empowered! We've come a long way and still have a way to go.

Several members expressed interest in meeting with new and old AAUW friends during our snow-free Summer months. Expect to hear about "pop-up" Summer meetings from several of our interest groups. Or create your own gathering for the plays, concerts, and activities offered at Lake Tahoe!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, efforts, and contributions with us this year. We are grateful for your support.

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

May 9 -10:15 AM at Tahoe Yacht Club.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 9: Support your Leadership team by attending this important 'BBS 2019-2020' meeting to vote on Budget, Bylaws and Slate of New Officers.

June 6: (Note change to 1st Thursday): Welcome New/ Thank Outgoing Officers Appreciation Luncheon

June 8: 3rd Annual **STEM Trek Day** @ TERC

GENERAL MEETING

Camaraderie was the keyword at our AAUW North Tahoe hosted **Interbranch** meeting- before, during and after! From Tahoe Nevada branch lending us their lovely tablecloths to South Lake Tahoe turning out a couple carloads of attendees, to our own **Carol Eyre's** colorful napkins and **Patricia Watters'** complimentary wines, we were bound to have a most successful event! And we did!

Rachael and I cannot even remember all of our members who came early and helped with set up and those who stayed afterwards to help clean up! But even more especially, our AAUW NT members came with smiles of greetings and exhibiting the outstanding friendliness, which I consider a hallmark of our Branch (and the reason I joined). Our new members, **Barbara Ramsey** and **Mindy DuBois** also attended the luncheon. So, to those of you who more than supported this event, Rachael and I send our heartfelt **"THANK YOU!!"**.

Now on to the two events left in store for you this year:

MAY 9 - 1 pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club:

Calling all members! We need your attendance at this BBS Meeting (Budget, Bylaws and Slate of Officers). This is an important business meeting your Leadership Team has worked hard on. We will be bringing it to you in the most efficient manner possible and then showing a short video: *A Rethinking of the Past, Present, Future of Women in Power*. It is quite well done! And of course, there will be goodies.

JUNE 6 - Noon at the Don Residence:

(please note this is the 1st Thursday of the month)

We will have a light salad luncheon to Thank the Outgoing Leadership Team and to Welcome Incoming Leadership.

RSVP's are encouraged so we know how many members plan to attend. Johnnie Lee is at **633 A Lariat Circle, Incline Village**. Kindly call her at 775-832-8089 or email: <johnnieledon1@gmail.com> **by May 31st**.

Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs



SAVE THE DATE CHEERS FOR CHARITY

JUNE 20, 2019

Calling All Members to join us for a **Petra fundraiser, Cheers for Charity**.

Petra restaurant is located at Northstar Village and we have joined them in past years for a lovely evening with dinner, drinks and s'mores by the campfire. We receive 50% of the monies collected and 10% of any additional alcohol purchased. Funds are used for programs such as Scholarship or STEM Trek Day. This is a great way to help fund our programs while enjoying the company of friends!

Event: Cheers for Charity

Where: Petra at Northstar

When: **Thursday 6/20/19 at 6 pm**

Cost: \$71.09 (\$55 + tax and gratuity)

More details to follow next month! Don't hesitate to call, text or email me with any questions.

Linda Larish

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Our 2019 Tech Trekkers are working directly with the UC Davis TT coordinators now. They are invited to **STEM Trek Day** on **June 8** in Incline Village, as are this year's alternates, and previous campers and nominees in the last 5 years.

2014 TT camper Alejandra Rodriguez has been selected as Junior Counselor for UC Davis camp. Congratulations Alejandra! This is a great honor as only 8 girls per year are picked for JC. You may remember her as our guest speaker last August for the Member Appreciation Brunch at Carol Eyre's home. We can see Ale in action at **Tech Trek Visit Day** on Thursday, **July 25, 2019**.

Kiwanis Club of North Lake Tahoe has been a supporter of Tech Trek for several years, and now they ask for our support of their annual *Community Benefit Auction and Wine Tasting*, **May 5, 11am -**

3pm, at Sunnyside Lodge. Please find tickets online at: <http://kiwanisnlt.org/club-events/>.

Since the number of TT campers for our branch has been reduced due to greater demands in larger branches, with Leadership Team approval, I requested Kiwanis NLT to consider changing their support of \$500 from Tech Trek to our **local STEM Trek Day**. STEM Trek offers hands-on activities which are proven to increase student understanding but require funding for equipment or materials. I trust Kiwanis will appreciate and support our local one-day camp which serves and inspires many girls throughout the Tahoe Truckee area.

STEM Trek day June 8, 2019, Women Solving Medical Mysteries & Exploring Space, 8:30am-3:30pm, TERC at Sierra Nevada College.

We have 8 current and former health professionals volunteering to help the girls understand vital signs and use medical devices during the morning clinical case study.

Do you have Blood Pressure monitors that you might label and loan us for the day? Please contact Meri if you do. Our committee has applied for five grants; two have been denied and three are outstanding.

The final **STEM Trek schedule** is shown on p. 10. Seating is limited due to participation from all 4 local branches, and we want to maximize the number of student attendees.

Sierra Nevada College requires catering for meals on campus. **RSVP by May 10** to Meri for *Breakfast* (\$8), *Lunch* (\$12) or both (\$20). Please consider sponsoring meals for a girl.

Thank you, Members, for your support!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek coordinator
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SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I have been evaluating **15** female applicants from North Tahoe High School who aspire to major in STEM subjects next year in college. Tahoe Truckee Scholarship committee uses the Award Spring software to facilitate the evaluations done by committee members.

The categories include *Letter of Recommendation, Financial Need, Personal Qualities, Community/School/Work* and *Scholastic Achievement*. These five areas are all weighted equally with a possible of 10 points in each area.

We are looking for a girl who is dedicated to following a STEM field for the four years of her undergraduate schooling. Some already anticipate graduate work down the road. We also want our **\$5,000** to truly be needed (\$2,000 for first year and \$1,000 each for next 3 years with full-time studies and a minimum 3.0 GPA).

The committee will be meeting on Tuesday May 7th to select the candidates for many scholarships from various groups and individuals. The results will be announced at the Awards Assembly at North Tahoe High School on **June 12th at 6:00 p.m.** It is open to the public, and I encourage interested members to attend.

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MEMBERSHIP

It is almost time for our **annual membership renewal** mailings! We will be mailing your membership renewal forms and information in **mid-May**, so watch for them in your snail mail.

We received two new member applications in April: **Mindy DuBois** and **Barbara Ramsey** – see their introductions below. Our two new members bring our total membership count to **74**.

Cheryl Allen & Ginger Wilson – Membership Co-VPs

Please welcome **Mindy DuBois**! She is planning to join Book Group, Gourmet Group and Great Decisions.

I am very excited about joining AAUW! My mother was



president of her AAUW chapter for years in Hinsdale, IL, where I grew up. I am looking forward to getting involved in AAUW and the community.

I went to the University of Arizona in 1980-1984. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. I was a finance major.

I have lived in Hinsdale, IL, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Orange County, CA, Mendham, NJ, Alamo, CA, Danville, CA, and have lived in Incline Village for the past three years with my husband Doug DuBois.

I raised my three children, Erik, 26 years old, who is an officer in the Navy, Alex, 24 years old, who is a flight instructor for Lufthansa in AZ and has been hired as a pilot for United Airlines, and Paige, 21 years old who is a junior at Sonoma State University, in Alamo, CA.

I am still working as a pilot for United Airlines. I have been there 30 years! I am currently a 777 Captain flying mostly internationally. I come from a flying family. My dad was a Captain for TWA for 38 years, my brother is a 777 Captain for American, my sister and her husband are both 767 Captains at Fed Ex, and my son is about to embark on his career at United. My husband is an A320 Captain at United also.

We moved to Incline Village after vacationing here for years and to enjoy the beauty and all of the outdoor activities. I enjoy traveling, reading, socializing and all activities outdoors. I hike, bike, ski, kayak, snow shoe, paddle board, play tennis, and I am starting to learn pickle ball and golf. I would like to learn bridge one day!

Please welcome **Barbara Ramsey**! She plans to join Book Group, Gourmet Group, Bridge Group and Great Decisions.



Upon graduation from the University of Wisconsin, I drove out to San Francisco with my college roommate. She introduced me to skiing at Alpine Meadows where her uncle had a cabin. It became our "go to place" and later served as a honeymoon retreat, having married husband Bill whom I

met as a Coronary Care Nurse and he as an Orthopedic Intern. Soon, we were bringing our two children up to Tahoe to enjoy the summer and winter activities.

After being renters for many years, we bought a property in Tahoe Donner and built a second home in 1987. That second home became our refuge when in October of 2017, our Santa Rosa home burned in the Tubbs Fire. We soon found our 1800 Sq. Ft "getaway cabin" would not serve as a permanent residence given our married children and grandchildren now numbered 11 with 3 dogs. As fate would have it, a neighborhood home we had long admired came up for sale and we moved down the block. It is different being local, but we are finding it very enjoyable and the community warm and welcoming.

As a Registered Nurse, I have worked various specialties in Bay Area hospitals and did private duty nursing when living in Hawaii for the last year of my husband's UCSF residency. Upon moving to Sonoma County, while the children were young, I became an active volunteer which eventually led to going back to school for a Masters in Non-profit Administration at the University of San Francisco. Using both my degrees, I worked as an Executive Director of a non-profit home health agency. Now fully retired, volunteering for non-profit causes has remained an integral part of my life.

Having been a docent at a nature preserve for many years, I love to be outdoors observing the flora and fauna. I am passionate about the environment and hope to instill stewardship into my grandchildren's life. I also ski, hike, kayak, canoe, golf, play bridge and read as much as possible.

Empowering women and girls is a high priority for me. AAUW'S mission is one I can strongly support. I am pleased to have this opportunity to become a member.

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

The most 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.

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

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group is currently reading "CODE GIRLS" by Liza Mundy. Discussion on Tuesday **April 30** will be led by **JoAnn Cobb** at the home of Terry Yagura.

On Tuesday, **May 28**, **Diane Morrison** will lead the discussion of BLOOD OF FLOWERS written by Anita Amirrezvani. The meeting will be held at Squaw Valley Chapel in Olympic Valley. You may want to bring a warm sweater or jacket.

We meet at 12 pm to enjoy our BYO lunches together and discuss our book of the month from 12:30 -2 pm on the last Tuesday of the month. We have lively discussions and welcome all.

For more information, please call Mary Koons 541-554-5319 or email Marynk31@gmail.com

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BRIDGE

After having to cancel BRIDGE two months in a row due to SNOW, the Bridge group met on April 24th at the home of Betsy and Roger Peterson - in Agate Bay. The game in May will be on either the 22nd or the 29th - stay tuned - at the home of Richard Lashbrook and **Patricia Watters** in Tahoe City.

We had a few new people join us this year. The more the merrier. If anyone is interested in playing, please contact me, **Betsey Husted**, at betseyhusted18@gmail.com or 702-499-4332.

Happy Spring Everyone!



GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions meeting for **May 21st** will be held at the home of Priscilla Mills. The subject for the meeting is *Nationalism in Europe - European Populism and Immigration*. Our discussion leader will be **Priscilla Mills**.

Opposition to mass immigration has had a similar electoral effect on both sides of the Atlantic so this topic will prove to be very interesting.

The meeting time will be from **10 am until noon** (please note the time change from earlier meetings this year). We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. A reminder with driving instructions will be emailed to members on the week prior to the meeting.

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INSTITCHES

The regular meeting of InStitches will be held at the home of **Diane Morrison** on Wednesday **May 15th at 2 pm**. Please RSVP to Diane (tahoe.rose10@gmail.com) by Monday May 13th.

Remember to bring something to work on and any completed work for show and tell. We really enjoyed seeing what everyone has been working on at the last meeting. There is so much talent in this group. Our meeting is open to all and we look forward to seeing you there. A reminder will be sent a week before.

Nancy Cline- nhcline@gmail.com

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.

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

APRIL

30: Book Group

MAY

9: General Meeting

15: InStitches

21: Great Decisions

28: Book Group

INTERBRANCH LUNCHEON

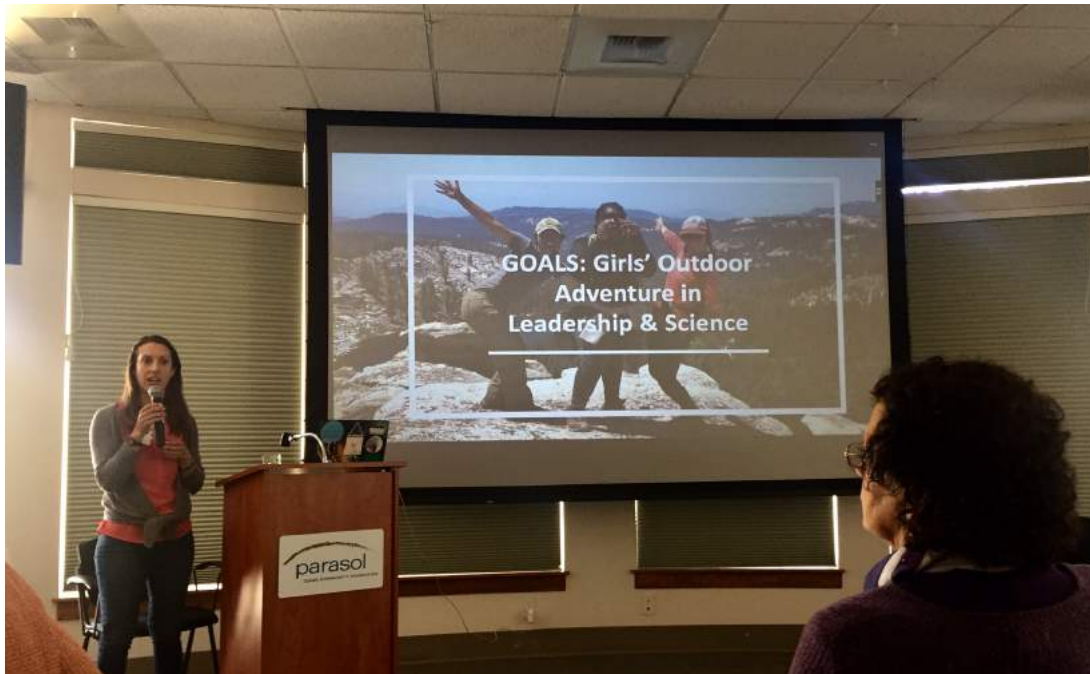
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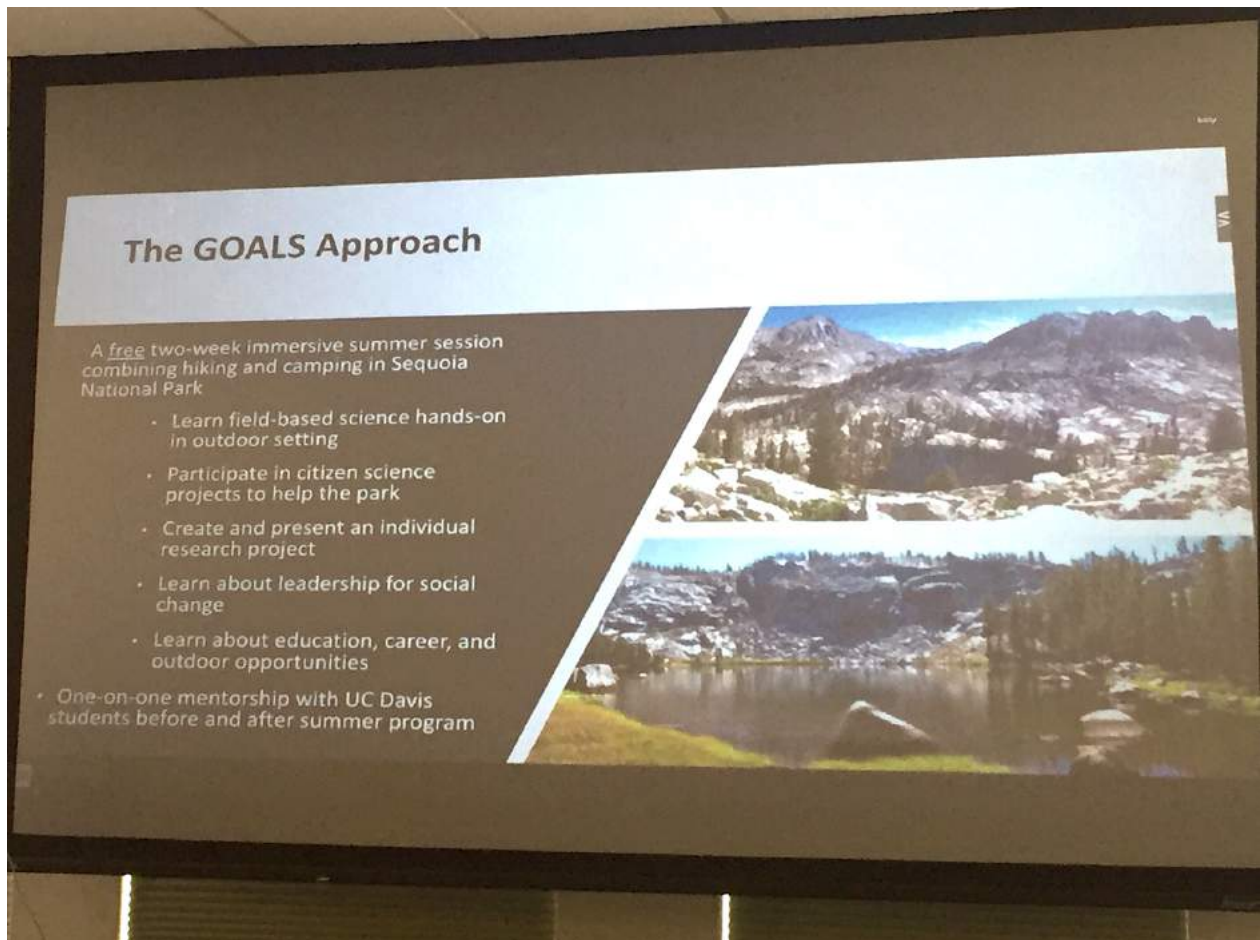
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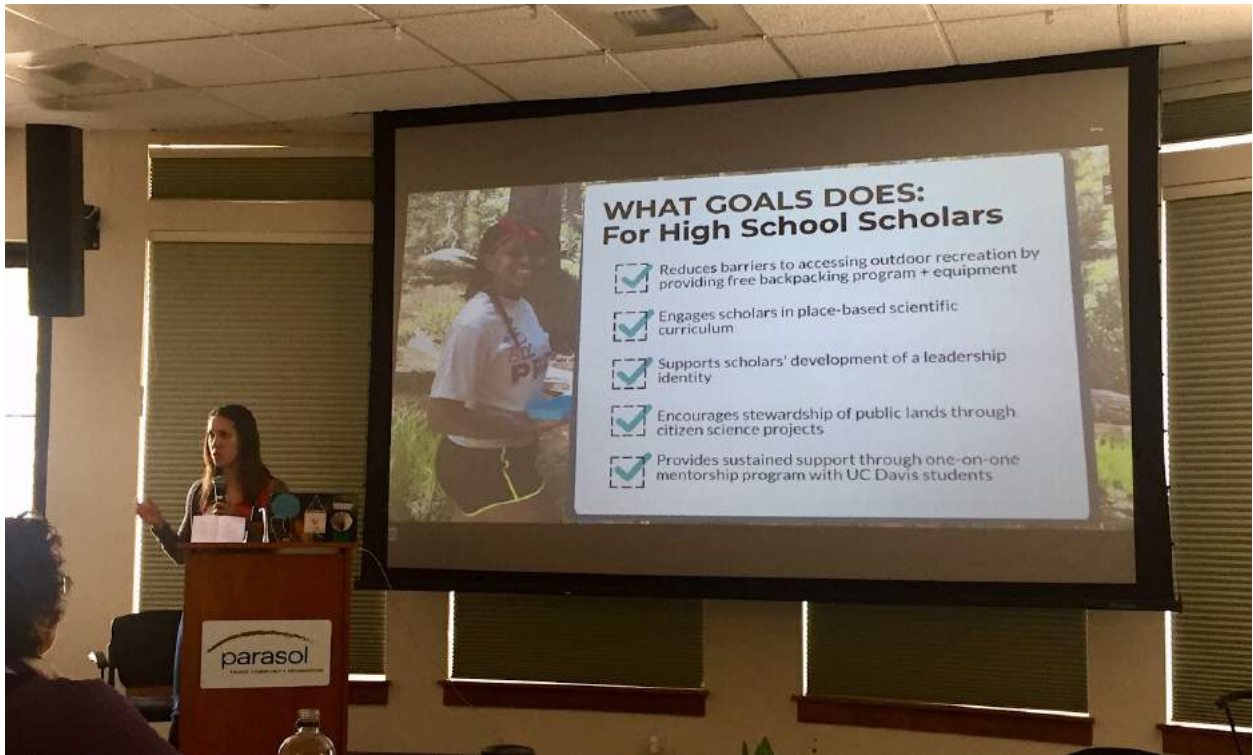






Speaker: Dr. Katy Dynarski, co-founder of GOALS and recipient of an AAUW-CA Community Action Grant





L to R: Meri M., Linda L., Rachael S., Johnnie Lee D., Katy Dynarski (UC Davis), Patricia W., Christine M. and Jan Lynds (South Lake Tahoe)

“Women Solving Medical Mysteries And Exploring Space”

STEM TREK DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019, 8:30AM-3:30PM
UC Davis TERC, Sierra Nevada College, Incline Village, NV

8:30-8:50 am - Registration & breakfast provided

8:50-9:00 am - Introductions & outline of the day

9:00-11:30 am - Medical Mystery clinical case study with:

- Jennifer Hagen, MD, UNR Medical School
- Esmeralda Clark, FNP, UNLV School of Nursing
- Vital signs hands-on medical equipment training

11:30-1:00 pm - Lunch provided

12:10-12:45 pm - Kim Popovits, CEO Genomic Health, luncheon speaker

1:00-1:35 pm - SWEP team building activity

1:40-2:20 pm - Kelly Fox, software engineer, Johns Hopkins Univ. APL
“Past and Future Innovations in Spacecraft Systems”

2:20-2:35 pm - Break

2:35-3:15pm- Julia Levy, propulsion engineer Virgin Orbit, *NT Tech Trek 2005*
“For the Love of Rockets”

3:15-3:30 pm - Evaluations, gratitude and closing

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