



June 2019



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last October, we asked “Why does AAUW North Tahoe *MATTER?*” The simple answer is Because of *YOU!*

As our AAUW year draws to a close, Ann and I reflect on our **branch’s accomplishments.**

Because of you,

- Our branch has grown to 74 members. New members remark how friendly and welcoming are our branch members.
- Five 7th grade girls will attend a week-long Tech Trek camp at UC Davis this July.
- A local high school girl will spend a week at Girls State in Southern California this summer. You provided a travel stipend for the first time this year.
- One of our members will be honored with your contributions to AAUW Fund in her name. This money will further AAUW’s national and international work.
- Two local female high school graduates will receive scholarships this year from our branch to support their STEM studies.
- Our innovative STEM Trek program to encourage local girls grows in its third year from alliances with sister branches (South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Nevada, Truckee-Donner) and Tahoe Environmental Resources Center.

It has been our privilege to serve on the **Leadership team** with your dedicated Leaders who continue to steward our resources to expand AAUW North Tahoe’s impact in our community.

Because of them,

- The branch’s 501c4 (non-profit) status is reinstated.
- A new money market account was initiated that yields a higher return for surplus funds.
- A new donor advised fund for our branch is formed at Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation to shepherd your contributions to charitable organizations and assure your contributions are tax-deductible.
- Timely member communications in attractive newsletters, our resourceful website, and periodic announcements keep us “in the know” about issues and activities.
- Branch programs are entertaining, informative, and relative to our lives in this beautiful place!!
- As Interbranch host this year, our branch brought together sisters from neighboring branches to expand AAUW’s impacts.
- Two local colleges are AAUW partners who can offer AAUW programs to their students.

We hope you will join us IN or AT the **Truckee Fourth of July** parade this year. Some of us will ride in a vintage car and some will walk to proudly share our AAUW message to promote educational and economic equity for women and girls.

Indeed, AAUW North Tahoe **MATTERS!** Thank YOU!

Patricia Watters - pwrl@aol.com

Ann Yuhas - dannyuhas@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 6: Installation of new officers and Appreciation for outgoing officers luncheon.

June 8: 3rd Annual **STEM Trek Day** at TERC.

Sep 12: Up, Up and Away! to Truckee Tahoe Airport.

Oct 10: Salad luncheon with presentations by our Tech Trek, Girls State and Scholarship girls.

GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 6 - Noon at the Don Residence



Please plan on attending a light salad luncheon at the home of **Johnnie Lee Don** (633 A Lariat Circle, Incline Village) on **June 6th** at noon.

We will be saying a **BIG Thank You!** to our Outgoing Leadership Team for their hard work this past year, so come celebrate their dedication! Then we will be installing the New Slate of Officers for the coming 2019-2020 Leadership Team and wishing them a GREAT year ahead!

RSVP's are encouraged so that we know how many to expect. Kindly call 775-832-8089 or email <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> by **May 31st**.

Johnnie Lee Don & Rachael Swift – Program Co-VPs

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, Tech Trek

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 June 20, 2019 at 6 pm**

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

The menu will be sent out after it is finalized by Petra. In past years, it included shared appetizers, salad, entrée, s'mores and 2 glasses of wine or beer. We need a minimum of 20 diners. Petra requests a final head count by June 10.

Please send your check made out to "AAUW North Tahoe" for \$71.09 to Linda Larish (to be received by **June 9**):

526 Jensen Circle

Incline Village, NV 89451

Don't hesitate to call, text or email me with any questions.

Linda Larish

775-720-3384

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GIRLS STATE

On May 1, our delegate Maya Wong was presented with a \$400 check for transportation and expenses to attend Girls State on June 24-29 in Southern California.

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com



Left to right: Counselor Jeff Ream, Maya Wong, Christine Madden



The Kiwanis Club NLT fundraiser at Sunnyside was a rousing success. I congratulated Hal Slear, their president elect. He asked if our grant request has been submitted, and I gave a grateful Yes! Our request was to change their support of \$500 from Tech Trek to our local STEM Trek day. I trust Kiwanis will appreciate and support our local one-day girls science camp.

On May 3rd, the Tahoe Daily Tribune published an article about STEM Trek Day. See “AAUW branches joining to hold STEM TREK workshops” on last page of newsletter.

STEM Trek day June 8, 2019: Women Solving Medical Mysteries & Exploring Space, 8:30am -3:30pm, TERC at Sierra Nevada College...is fast approaching! See program on page 6.

After months of planning, we have an active committee from our 4 local branches, 10 health professionals volunteering to explain vital signs and medical devices, and 5 great presenters. TERC has been a valuable partner and will seat 90 of us at tables in their conference room.

From throughout our region, we have **45 girls** signed up, and **40 women**, including UCD Tech Trek coordinators, and my favorites, NTS teachers **Lisa McCready** and **Lindee Eckert!** The South Lake branch has received two local grants for a total of \$500. This, and contributions from ours and other branches, total \$1,800, and we are Right On Budget! Our generous members have paid for meals for our 15 North Tahoe girls attending. Thank you sincerely!

We still have three grants outstanding. Thank you, members for your support. A Very Big THANK YOU to **Johnnie Lee** for flying our presenter Esmeralda Clark here from Las Vegas and back!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek coordinator
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SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I have selected our 2019-2020 Scholarship candidate. She meets AAUW North Tahoe’s criteria for our \$5,000.00 scholarship: she is a young woman who will be entering a STEM field, full time, at a four-year university in the Fall. She has been accepted to several top universities and is deciding which one she will attend.

The areas evaluated by the members of the Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee were: Financial Need, Personal Qualities, Community, School and Volunteer Activities, Scholarship and a Letter of Recommendation. Our candidate scored extremely high in all areas and appears to be very dedicated to her chosen field.

Our candidate will be expected to continue in a STEM field of study and maintain a 3.0 grade point average for her scholarship to renew for the following three years. Her identity will remain confidential until it is announced on **June 12th at 6 pm** at the North Tahoe High school Awards Assembly. This is open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

Ellen Magnani - gilmagnani@aol.com
Kathie Julian - kathiejulian@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

Time to Renew!

It’s that time again! Each spring, current AAUW-NT members have the opportunity to renew their commitment to our branch and to our various projects. During the week of **May 26th** or sooner, you will receive a personalized renewal form, renewal information, and an envelope for you to return to us with your form, membership dues, and donation checks. Please review your personal contact information and make any needed changes. This is how we keep an accurate membership database.

We need to receive your renewal form, dues, and donation checks **by June 30th** so that we can update our database and verify our data with the national AAUW database. Thank you for your cooperation!

Cheryl Allen & Ginger Wilson – Membership Co-VPs

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

On Tuesday, **May 28**, **Diane Morrison** will lead the discussion of BLOOD OF FLOWERS written by Anita Amirrezvani. The meeting will be at Squaw Valley Chapel in Olympic Valley from 12-2 pm.

We will meet Tuesday **June 25th** at the home of **Carol Eyre** from 12-2 pm. We will be sharing a pot-luck luncheon before meeting to select our books for the next 5 months. Book recommendations should be sent immediately to our chair, **Mary Koons**, to be added to the ballot. We are experimenting with monthly themes for book selections.

We will continue to meet on the last Tuesday of the month during the summer months beginning with the theme of "beach reads" in July. We'd love to have you join us.

Mary Koons - marynk31@gmail.com



BRIDGE

May Bridge will be held on the **29th** at the home of **Patricia Watters** and Richard Lashbrook in Tahoe City. As of this writing, there are two tables with a possibility of a third. As both March and April bridge games were cancelled due to snow, it is nice to be playing again.

June Bridge will be on the **26th** at the home of Jerry and **Kym Pipkin**. Anyone with an interest in playing

please contact me: Betsey Husted - betseyhusted18@gmail.com, or 702-499-4332.



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will hold its **June** meeting at the home of **Jean Wernette** on Tuesday, **June 18th**. The subject for discussion will be "*Trade with China*". We will be peering through statistical lenses to try to better understand this trade war and how it affects our relations with China, as well as other trade partners and the world economy. We meet from **10 am until noon** and Jean will be our moderator.

A reminder and driving directions will be emailed one week prior to our meeting.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month but with a summer break for July and August, and then resume our meetings in September, October and November.

Happy summer everyone - if the snow ever stops!

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES

Our last get-together of InStitches for the 2018-2019 year is scheduled for Wednesday **June 19th** at 2 pm at the home of **Carol Eyre**.

Julie Elmen will assume responsibility as Chair of this awesome group in July. I know Julie will have some wonderful ideas to present and will be a great leader. There was a lot of interest expressed to continue meeting during the summer so we'll get that all set up as well. We had a really good year, especially our holiday project decorating grapevine snowperson wreaths.

Please bring your latest project and any show n' tell items to share. A reminder notice with Carol's contact info will be sent out in advance. I hope to see you all there and thanks for all your support.

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

MAY

- 28: Book Group
- 29: Bridge Group

JUNE

- 6: General Meeting
- 8: STEM Trek Day
- 18: Great Decisions
- 19: InStitches
- 20: Petra Fundraiser
- 25: Book Group
- 26: Bridge Group

“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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AAUW branches joining to hold STEM TREK workshops

Staff Report

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. — Four branches of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) are collaborating this year to hold a STEM TREK Day of workshops at the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center.

This event is free for girls ages 12 through high school who live throughout the Tahoe Basin. It will take place June 8 in the TERC building, located on the campus of Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village. Organizers say the event promises an exciting opportunity for girls to relate to this year's theme: Women Solving Medical Mysteries and Exploring Space.

"Women are still hugely underrepresented in engineering and computer science," Judy Miller, president of AAUW Tahoe-Nevada chapter, said in a press release. "In fact, women earn less than 20% of the degrees in these two areas. We're encouraging girls in our area to pursue these studies by holding this STEM Trek Day here on the North Shore."

"For the first time, four AAUW branch affiliates around Lake Tahoe are joining forces to support our young women with a rich and evocative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) day," Debra Tufts, a member of the AAUW Tahoe-Nevada branch based in Incline Village, said in the press release. "The event is open to all girls aged 12

through High School in Lake Tahoe and Truckee schools, home school, and public school at home programs. The objective is to excite, ignite and rewire girls' conventional career choice thinking by exposing them to several STEM careers."

Six professionals will illustrate their career journeys, teach science and generate future possibilities in a day of hands-on experiments, lectures and journaling.

Pre-registration is necessary as space is limited. Participants will enjoy a full day of presentations and workshops, starting with check-in and a provided breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Lunch also is provided.

Presenters include a medical school doctor, a clinical nurse university instructor, the CEO of genomics, an applied physics lab and NASA SW engineer, a propulsion engineer, and environmental protection educators. The program also will highlight learning styles to reach participants through multiple senses. The day ends about 3:30 p.m.

Registration of the STEM Trek Day is open now. For information or to pre-register, contact Meri McEneny at mmceneny@gmail.com or call 775-831-6071. Or contact your school counselor, math, science or technology teacher.

The four AAUW branch affiliates taking part in this event are AAUW North Tahoe, AAUW South Lake, AAUW Tahoe Nevada, and AAUW Truckee Donner.



PROVIDED

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Staff Report

The community came together recently for the Tahoe Chamber's Connect for a Cause Charity Mixer to benefit Live Violence Free.

Attendees gathered at Lake Tahoe AleWorX April 25 to enjoy appetizers, self-poured beer and wine, and

live music from Adam Bergoch on the patio.

"Live Violence Free is an incredible charity, and it was wonderful to see the community give back to such a deserving organization," Emily Abernathy, Tahoe Chamber Director of Operations, said in a press release.

More than 70 community

members attended the event and together raised \$1,280 for Live Violence Free, whose mission is to end violence in the South Shore community through education and advocacy.

Lake Tahoe AleWorX provided artisan appetizers and discounted pricing to attendees.



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