



September 2019



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Summer is almost over...while we'll miss the beautiful weather and time spent with family and friends, we won't miss the traffic or the extra loads of sheets and towels. Several of our interest groups soldiered on during the summer and now we're gearing up for another year of informative programs, fellowship, and fun.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME PARTY

Please come to the **Welcome Party** to greet our newest members at co-President Ginger's home on Sunday, **September 22 at 4:00 pm**. Last year's event was well attended and gave us all an opportunity to get acquainted with our newer members. Optional: bring an appetizer to share or a bottle of wine if you can. Mandatory: a smile.

ALERT!! GOURMANDS!!

The **Gourmet Group** is leaderless and in need of your ideas. The biggest obstacles to eating our way through another year were finding an agreeable date for the pre-set dinner groups with our busy members and having weather cooperate.

Come to **Linda Larish's Gourmet Group Think Tank** (LL's GGTT) on Tuesday, **September 10, 3-5 pm**. Bring your calendars, an appetizer and whatever you prefer to drink.

A few ideas: ditching pre-set groups; selecting a few pre-set dates (two/three/four?) and having members sign up for when they can host/come; doing lunches

during winter months and dinners when there is no danger of snow; potlucks without a country; ?? We're open to new ideas!

LEGAL CORNER

AAUW files amicus briefs in cases that impact women in three broad areas: employment and education protection; health care and reproductive rights; and voting rights. You can support AAUW's efforts by donating to AAUW Fund and selecting the **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund**. Please notify our Finance officer, **Patricia Watters** (pwrl@aol.com), if you make a direct donation to AAUW National.

From time to time, we'll highlight a case in which AAUW has filed a brief.

IN MEMORIAM

Our AAUW family has lost two active and beloved members over the spring and summer: **Trudy Lesem** and **Julie Ginocchio**. Both joined our branch in 2004 and were active in Gourmet and Bridge groups. Julie also was our leader for Great Decisions. Both Trudy and Julie will be sorely missed.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Oct 10: Presentations by our Tech Trek and Girls State girls.

2019-2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Elected Officers	
President(s)	Kym Pipkin, Ginger Wilson
President-Elect	<i>Open</i>
Membership VP	Cheryl Allen
Programs VP	Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre
Finance Officer	Patricia Watters
Recording Secretary	<i>Open</i>
Communications/Newsletter	Dana Loury
Appointed Officers	
AAUW Fund	Rachael Swift
Girls State	Christine Madden, Linda Larish
Tech Trek/STEM	Meri McEneny
By-laws/Parliamentarian	Jo Ann Cobb
Nominating Committee Chair (non-voting)	TBD
Scholarship Officers	Ellen Magnani, Kathie Julian
Interest Group Leaders	
Book Group	Mary Koons
Bridge Group	Betsey Husted
Friday Niters	Johnnie Lee Don
Gourmet Group	<i>Open</i>
Great Decisions	Linda Schwoob
InStitches	Julie Elmen

LEADERSHIP MEETING

September 12 - After Truckee Tahoe airport tour, at **Ginger Wilson's** home in Truckee. Bring your own lunch.

GENERAL MEETING

Sep 12 – 10 AM - Truckee Tahoe Airport

We are kicking off this new AAUW year with a **Tour** of the **TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT** (10356 Truckee Airport Rd., Truckee, CA) at **10 AM** on **September 12th**. There will be a short meeting followed by a tour and the option to remain for lunch, bringing your own Brown bag or ordering at the quite delicious Red Truck Cafe.

Learn how pilots fly safely in our high altitude mountain flying conditions and are monitored to follow the Good Neighbor “Noise Abatement” procedures. Become informed about Pathway to Aviation and other programs encouraging youngsters to go into aviation.

For a history of Truckee Tahoe airport, click on the link below:

<https://trucketahoeairport.com/news/48-truckee-tahoe-airport-history-and-stats>

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AAUW NAMED GIFT HONOREE and BRANCH SERVICE AWARD

At our June 6, 2019 meeting, in addition to thanking the outgoing Leadership Team for providing direction and installing and giving a huge cheer to the new Leadership Team, two awards were presented.

The first award, the **Named Gift Honoree**, is made possible through the donations of our members to the **AAUW Fund** that supports the legal, educational, and advocacy arms of our parent organization. We are able to honor one of our members for each \$750 our branch donates to the AAUW Fund.

The “Named Gift Honoree” is the highest honor our branch can present to one of our members. The 2018-19 honoree is **Janet Potter**. Jan has served on the Leadership Team for several years as Co-Membership chair, Co-Program chair and Co-President. Each position was a 2-year commitment. She also served as President-Elect and Bylaws Chair.

Congratulations and Thank You, Jan, for your service to our branch and to the mission of AAUW!



It has been a pleasure to serve North Tahoe AAUW. I believe in our mission. As a retiree from Kings Beach School, I wanted to affect the lives of young North Tahoe girls through our Tech Trek commitment. I also believe that when one chooses to volunteer to join the Leadership Team, one learns to love AAUW. Lastly, you all are a great group of women and I have made many friends. I am not leaving our group, just having a longer trip to get to events.

Jan Potter

The second award, the **Branch Service Award**, is presented to honor a member who has contributed to the continuing success of our branch over several years. This year's 2018-19 award was presented to our ongoing and never tiring Program chair, **Johnnie Lee Don**. In addition to co-chairing program for the last 2 years, Johnnie Lee led Girls State and InStitches in the past and started Friday Niters. Congratulations, Johnnie Lee, and a great big Thank You for all you do!



Dear North Tahoe AAUW Members,

*It was a **GREAT** honor to receive the **Branch Service Award for 2019**. I am in the very best company with former recipients: Lynn Flagg, Darlene Rempfer, Patricia Watters, Nancy Cline, and Carol Eyre.*

*While I do not feel I have influenced events on a level with their accomplishments, I know I have precipitated some interesting and educational (or at least fun) happenings. I want to say that none of AAUW NT endeavors would happen without the support of every member. I thank you all for the support I have received these past few years. I could not have had the success I had without each of you! **Thank You!***

Johnnie Lee Don

A Request from Johnnie Lee...

I would like to encourage you to brainstorm with some of your friends in the group and step up to take a co-position on any of the levels, be it as an Officer (**Recording Secretary** is still vacant and **Membership** is feeling lonely) or in an **Interest Group** (Gourmet would love a leader).

Many hands make light work. We need you, even if only part of the time this coming year. It is the very best way to make close friends, to know what is happening in the organization and to enjoy the year to the fullest. I know that everyone who has taken a Leadership Role for the coming year would join me in saying they have already had a lot of fun and laughs, as well as a feeling of a job well appreciated by members.



AAUW FUND

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all of our programs and activities. It supports research on gender equity in education and the workplace, challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, and sponsors daylong conferences that seek to interest girls in grades 6-9 in STEM fields, to name just a few of the many programs that fall under the AAUW Fund

umbrella. See the new **AAUW Fund diagram** and **video** by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/the-aauw-fund-faq/>

This October, three luncheons will be held in California to honor the 2019-2020 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients: October 5 in South San Francisco, October 6 in Danville, and October 27 in Seal Beach. RSVP by September 20.

To learn more, visit:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/fall-fund-luncheons/>

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Our communications chair, Dana Loury, is producing a full newsletter dedicated to two girl-inspiring STEM events: Tech Trek and STEM Trek Day. Look for it soon!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek coordinator

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GIRLS STATE

Note from **Maya Wong**, our 2019 Girls State delegate.

Dear Christine,

Girls State was an amazing experience and I'm so thankful that I was able to have the opportunity to experience it. Thank you to you and North Tahoe AAUW for sending me to Girls State.

Also, thank you again for your help with my return reservations. You made it very easy in the end.

If there is anything you'd like me to do for any girls applying next year, I'd be happy to help. Again, I can't possibly thank you and AAUW enough.

Maya Wong

Christine Madden- madden@garlic.com



MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership count is **67** members – including new members and renewals received so far. Most members have renewed – I am still waiting for a few stragglers. As soon as I am sure we have received all our renewals, I will create a Membership Directory with the current list. Copies of the directory will be available for sale (\$10) at our September general meeting.

The **Wine and Cheese Welcome** for our new members will be held on **Sunday Sept 22nd** from **4-6 pm** at Ginger Wilson's home in Truckee.

We will send an **Evite** to all members who joined in the last two years. This is an event for new members to learn more about our leadership team and the activities of our various interest groups.

Cheryl Allen- Membership VP - cherylkallen@cs.com

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

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.

Membership Communications.

Please let our corresponding secretary **Linda Larish** (llarish@sbcglobal.net) 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 this summer as an attempt to attract new and younger members. We met from 3-4:30 pm which gave us a chance to enjoy summer activities during the daylight.

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

In September, we'll begin our fall meetings on the last Tuesday of the month, **September 24** from **12-2**. **Linda Schwoob** will lead our discussion of **THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS IS**, by Laurie Frankle. **Fritzi** promises to bring us treats to share. Bring your own lunch and join others at 12 noon before we launch into our discussion from 12:30-2.

Linda Schwoob will host us at her **Tahoe City** home at 355 Bow Road.

All are invited and guests are welcomed, too. Please contact **Mary Koons** with any questions at 541-554-5319 or marynk31@gmail.com



GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions group will be meeting on **September 17, 2019** at the home of **Sharon Filardo** from **10 am until noon**. Sharon will be our group discussion moderator on the chapter "*Cyber conflicts and geopolitics*". Cyber operations instilling fear through social media and economic espionage are on a path to eventually usurp our current system of governance. This discussion will be interesting and challenging as we try to assess current and future threats to our cyber security.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for 8 months of the year. A reminder email and directions will be emailed to our members one week prior.

We hope everyone had a great summer and we look forward to stimulating and informative discussion sessions this fall.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



InSTITCHES

The In-Stitches group decided to meet during the summer months on a trial basis. Summer is an especially busy time with outdoor activities, travel, and houseguests, but we had a good turnout for the June 19th meeting at Carol Eyre's home. Our stitching and (no - not "b_tching") visiting took place in Carol's beautiful back yard!

The July 17th gathering at Julie Elmen's home was a bit smaller, but the group's enthusiasm is reflected in Carol Eyre's and Ingrid Eccles' faces in the photo below. At this meeting, we learned about **The Linus Project**, a nonprofit organization that collects handmade blankets and other items for children in need of a little extra warmth and security. In-Stitches members who wish to participate in The Linus Project can use their knitting, crocheting, and/or sewing skills to create a special item for a youngster. Julie will periodically deliver our handmade gifts to the Reno drop-off location.



Our August 21st In-Stitches meeting at Sue Devoe's home promises to be a good time together on the Lake. Sue has invited Stitches to bring swimsuits and to come early or stay late for paddle boarding and other water activities.

Wednesday, **September 18th**, is the tentative date for our next In-Stitches gathering; whether you've never stitched anything in your life, or are an experienced knitter, crocheter, or seamstress, you are welcome to join us!

Julie Elmen – jdelen@gmail.com

North Tahoe AAUW website:

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

AAUW California website:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/>

Username: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)

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

AAUW North Tahoe Summer Party

August 7th, 2019

Carnelian Bay

Hello to summer, farewell to the Allen's house!

On a beautiful Tahoe day with the lapping blue waves at our feet, fifty AAUW North Tahoe members, family, friends and scholarship recipients graced the familiar setting of the Allen residence in Carnelian Bay for our final summer party at the Allen's. The house changes ownership on Labor Day.

With delicious and abundant finger food, catered by Deborah Clark, we enjoyed each other's company and wine donated by several members and our member-winemakers Patricia Watters and Richard Lashbrook. Our scholarship recipients, Brianna Kissmann 2018, and Jillian Ferre 2019, plus others, enjoyed various beverages donated by Kym Pipkin and Jan Potter. Kym and Carol Eyre donated desserts.

Thank you all for a special and delicious good time!

Meri McEneny





