



January 2020



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we look ahead, 2020 is nearly upon us, and it is going to be an eventful year... we will celebrate the **100th anniversary** of women getting the right to vote, as well as the most important election in our lifetime where issues that matter the most to us are at risk. Primary elections are coming up March 3. Now's the time to begin planning at the branch level how to address these activities in our communities. Women who vote can influence the outcome of an election!

What opportunities could our branch consider?

Voter Registration. AAUW CA is well positioned to undertake voter registration, especially with our college/university relationships. Millennial women are an important target group. Research shows that a lack of information on the candidates and a lack of policy debates on issues of importance is the main reason some millennial women don't participate in the election process and may not even register to vote. We could get involved by organizing a [voter registration drive](#) at Sierra College in Truckee (would need to coordinate with the Incline chapter regarding Sierra Nevada College in Incline). Don't forget: a successful voter registration drive must be a compliant one, so we would be sure to review the AAUW Guide to [GOTV Dos and Don'ts](#) on the National website.

Voter Education. AAUW aims to increase women's political influence and educate voters on issues that are important to women and girls. These targeted efforts help increase the number of women voting.

We could consider sponsoring nonpartisan issue forums, perhaps collaborating with another organization such as the League of Women Voters as well as our sister branches around the lake. Key AAUW issues: Equal Pay for Equal Work; Investing in Education; Reducing Student Debt; Strengthening Social Security; and Implementing Paid Leave.

Truckee Parade. Following up on last year's fun event, this is the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage—how about dressing as suffragettes? Combining with a vote registration effort by passing out forms? setting up a booth for registration? This is just a start...but early planning will ensure greater success! We can also ask our AAUW CA Public Policy Team for assistance.

If you have an interest in any of the above, please come to our meeting in January so we can get a jump on this.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 9 - 1 pm: Adventuring in Patagonia

February 13 – 12 noon: Soup Luncheon

March 12 – 1 pm: Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation

LEADERSHIP MEETING

January 9: 11:30 am, Fairway Community Ctr, TC.

GENERAL MEETING

On **January 9, 2020**, come out to show your support for our branch at our general meeting, **1 pm** at the Fairway Community Center. Listen to our past co-President, **Jan Potter**, speak about her adventures in Patagonia. Family and friends are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

“Adventuring in Patagonia” by Jan Potter

Living here, I know you love the mountains and blue waters of our region, so you are sure to love “Adventuring in Patagonia”. Back in the 70’s when Yvon Chouinard chose Patagonia as the name of his company, he knew it was a beautiful vast land just waiting to be explored. It is still remote and wild, with little development and endless possibilities for “visitors like me”. I had the opportunity to travel in Patagonia last March for two weeks as part of a month trip to Argentina. See you on January 9th.



AAUW FUND

January is the time of year when members of the Leadership Committee (elected and appointed officers) are asked to nominate candidates for the **AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree** and for the **Branch Service Award**.

For every \$750 that our branch contributes each year to the AAUW Fund, we can nominate one Named Gift Honoree. This award is the highest honor we can bestow on a member for outstanding service in promoting the programs and goals of our branch and the national AAUW. This year, our branch managed to

donate \$1,531.50 to the AAUW Fund which means we qualify for **two Named Gift Honorees**. It is the first time since 2009 that we have had enough contributions to qualify for two Honorees. Thank you very much to everyone who donated to this worthy cause!

Recipients of this award in the past few years have been:

2019 Jan Potter
2018 Ruth Arizaga-Whisler
2017 Meri McEneny
2016 Nancy Cline
2015 Kym Pipkin
2014 Martha Cirata

The AAUW North Tahoe **Branch Service Award** was created a few years ago to complement the Named Gift Honoree, especially when there is more than one outstanding candidate. Whereas the Named Gift Honoree is an AAUW national award, the Branch Service Award is managed within the North Tahoe branch.

To qualify for the Branch Service Award, the candidate must have:

- 1- been a member for at least five years.
- 2- made significant contributions of time, mentoring, leadership, and recruiting.
- 3- held at least one elected or appointed board position.
- 4- performed as chairperson of an interest group

Past recipients of this award have been:

2019 Johnnie Lee Don
2018 Carol Eyre
2017 Nancy Cline
2016 Patricia Watters
2015 Darlene Rempfer
2014 Lynn Flagg

I will be contacting the Leadership Committee by email later this month for their nominations for these awards. So ladies, please think carefully about who you wish to honor this year for their outstanding service to AAUW.

Rachael Swift- racswift@gmail.com



The flyers for the junior girls, as well as applications and interest letters were brought to Jeff Ream, school counselor, on December 12th. He will get

them out before the winter break and contact some girls he feels would be good candidates. We will check with him after the break.

A phone message from the ALA representative verified that we are on the roster for the June 2020 event. This will also be verified after the winter break in January.

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Tech Trek nominating forms and packets have been sent to our new nominating teachers at North Tahoe School: Julia Anderson, Science, and Devon Hamel, Math, after receiving the approval of Principal Chad Lindeen. I wanted to make sure that Chad didn't think his new teachers would be overloaded in their first semester. They are asked to submit their 10 nominations by January 10, 2020. Thank you, teachers!

STEM Trek day (STD) 2020 is scheduled for Saturday **May 9, 2020** at the TERC facility at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village. The steering committee of Jan, Judy, Phoebe and Meri is focusing the event on Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We have contacted the Society of Women Engineers in Reno, with an affiliate at UNR. Also planning something akin to Professional Women's Evening at Tech Trek, and a math challenge.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator –

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MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member, **Maria Snideman** from Tahoe City. Welcome, Maria! Our membership count is 64.

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 our membership VP, **Cheryl Allen** (cherylkallen@cs.com) for a membership packet.

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



In Memoriam

Gisela Steiner left us on December 8th but her smile and positive spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched. She joined our AAUW family in 1999 and was active in Book Club, Gourmet Group, Great Decisions and InStitches. She loved the outdoors, traveling the world and performing with the Tahoe Truckee Community Chorus. We miss her dearly and cherish the memories of times spent together.



2017 Holiday Party

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.

Two sympathy notes were sent in November & December: one to Amy Betker for her mother Muffy, and one to Ruth Steiner for her stepmother Gisela.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group had a very productive and tasty December meeting at Carol Eyre's house on December 10th. **Carol Eyre** and **Martha Cirata** will be co-leaders for the rest of 2019-2020. We chose the books for the next 5 months and everyone should have received their list of books. Please let us know if you haven't received it and we will send you one.

For our **January 28th** meeting, we are reading "*An Improbable Friendship: The Remarkable Lives of Israeli Ruth Dayan and Palestinian Raymonda Tawil and Their Forty-Year Peace Mission.*" We will see you at the Tahoe City Yacht Club on the 28th, at **12 noon**. The reviewer is Martha and Diane Morrison will provide treats. Happy Reading!

Martha Cirata- martha@omegaport.com

Carol Eyre – carolceyre@aol.com



BRIDGE

The North Tahoe AAUW Bridge group, which takes a sabbatical in December, will be having its next game on Wednesday, **January 22nd**, at the home of **Barbra Briggs** on the Lake in Tahoe City. Anyone interested may contact Betsey Husted at betseyhusted18@gmail.com, or 774-622-0424.

Happy New Year everyone!

Betsey Husted- betseyhusted18@gmail.com



GREAT DECISIONS

Happy New Year to all from the Great Decisions group!

Our first meeting in the new year will be on Tuesday, **January 21, 2020** when we will discuss "**Climate Change**". Weather permitting, we will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club from **10 am until noon**.

The books were distributed to many of our members who attended the AAUW holiday party on December 19th. Contact Linda Schwoob at lschwoob@yahoo.com to make arrangements for picking up your book if you did not attend the luncheon.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for eight months. We look forward to another year of understanding global issues and joining our thoughts and ideas in collective dialogue.

Linda Schwoob- lschwoob@yahoo.com



INSTITCHES



It was an honor to know Gisela. This photo was taken at the November meeting at my home. I wonder who received the gift she made and wrapped that day... I will never forget her.

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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

JANUARY

09: General Meeting & Leadership Meeting
21: Great Decisions
22: Bridge
28: Book Group

2019 HOLIDAY PARTY

Spindleshanks Restaurant

A fun time was had by all at our Holiday luncheon on December 19th. We had good participation with 36 people signed up and a few last-minute cancellations. It was a lively get together!

After lunch, we played a challenging trivia game of Christmas Around the World. **Christine Madden** won, **Kathie Julian** came in second and **Meri** took the booby prize. Thank you, Meri, for taking all the pictures!

Kym Pipkin & Betsey Husted









AAUW Truckee Donner Holiday Party



Meri, Ann Yuhas and Barbara Ramsey attended the AAUW Truckee Donner Holiday dinner. Barbara won the raffle prize!