



February 2020



## CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Anyone else yearning for summer yet? Last month's presentation by Jan Potter on her trip to Patagonia has inspired me to travel—by browsing travel catalogues and sites from the comfort of my couch watching the snow fall. Thanks for a stellar program, Jan, and to our Program Mavens, **Johnnie Lee** and **Carol!**

And this month, we'll all enjoy homemade soup and catching up with each other while thanking the representatives of our benefactors (see General Meeting on page 2) who have contributed generously to the success of our mission programs.

**Convention News:** The California AAUW State Convention will be held this year in San Francisco. The State Convention is held in even years with the location rotating between Southern and Northern California. Since it will be another four years before we have the opportunity to attend in our own backyard, we're hoping that as many of our members as possible will take the opportunity to attend. One workshop to consider attending: Leadership Development.

Our branch has set aside **\$750** to be divided up among however many of our members would like some financial assistance to attend.

Unfortunately, the specifics aren't available as this newsletter is being drafted. Please check California AAUW's website ([aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/](http://aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/)) as the details should be available in late January. What we do know: The convention will be held **April 17-19** at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel in **Millbrae**. There will be a group rate for the hotel stay, with a cut-off date to get the group rate. If you volunteer to assist at

the convention, you'll get a break on the registration fee. Volunteering in my case meant checking people in for two specific workshops during the three-day convention. Once the workshop started, I was free to attend. Easy! and a great way to meet like-minded women with a purpose. The early bird gets her best shot at volunteering for whatever strikes her fancy.

**4th of July Truckee Parade:** We're on! **Pat Castellucci** was late to a meeting and graciously "volunteered" to coordinate our efforts along with **Ann Yuhas**. This year, we'll have two vintage automobiles driven by **Patty and Larry Orlando** and double the amount of PayDay candy bars to hand out (see below). July 4th will be on a Saturday. For anyone who does not want to walk the mile route, the autos will have room for you! Dress all in white to honor the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage!

**Not so Fun Fact:** Equal Pay Day for ALL Women should be on December 31, but it's not. The average woman must work far into the next year to earn what the average man earned the previous year. This year, **March 31** is recognized as **Equal Pay Day**, and for women of color, it's even later in the year. While many of us are retired, this is the reality for our daughters and granddaughters. Unfortunately, there is no coupon for 23% off on all goods and services if the bearer is female to even this discrepancy in the value of our work.

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## LEADERSHIP MEETING

**February 13 - 10 AM**, Fairway Community Center.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**February 13** - 12 noon: Soup luncheon

**March 12**- 1 pm: Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation

## GENERAL MEETING



**ANNUAL SOUP LUNCHEON:** *Member and Mission Partners' Appreciation Event* will be held at the Fairway Community Center on the **13<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 at 12pm.**

We hope you will join us so we can show our appreciation of our members' ongoing and enthusiastic support of our Mission Programs: TECH TREK, GIRLS STATE, SCHOLARSHIPS and STEM TREK DAY.

We will also be 'showing the love' to our Mission Partners: [Rotary Club of Tahoe City](#), [Tahoe League for Charity](#), [Kiwanis North Lake Tahoe](#), [Tahoe Environmental Research Center](#), [American Legion Auxiliary](#) and [Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee](#).

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Linda Larish and Christine Madden met with Jeff Ream, counselor at North Tahoe High School, in mid-December to provide information sheets, applications and fliers for Girls State. We have contacted Jeff recently to see if he has identified prospective candidates. We are looking forward to the interview process in mid-February.

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Christine Madden – [madden@garlic.com](mailto:madden@garlic.com)



Ten Tech Trek nominations were received on Jan 13 from our new nominating teachers Julia Anderson, Science, and Devon Hamel, Math. I was initially concerned about what they might submit their first time, but the nominations were detailed and thoughtful, like they've done it all their life. Thank you, teachers!

Meri will meet the nominated girls in Julia's classroom on Jan 21 during lunch to give an overview of camp, their applications, instructions and deadlines. The 2019 TT campers have been invited to join us for lunch to offer their insights to the new girls or answer questions. Studies show that young people listen more to their peers, imagine!

Thank you, **Christine Madden** and **Kathie Julian** for volunteering for the Tech Trek interview team. We all must read and sign the AAUW Code of Conduct manuals by January 31; then prepare to interview the girls, 1 day during the week of **February 24-28**. Interviewing is fun, selecting...less than fun!

**Rotary Club of Tahoe City** announced they granted our Tech Trek request. Thank you Rotary!

Meri attended the TT branch coordinators meeting in Lincoln. Dedicated, hard-working and enthusiastic AAUW women. El Dorado branch is very interested in our STEM Trek day.

### STEM Trek Day

Things are in the works for **STD 2020**, Saturday **May 9, 2020** at the TERC facility at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village. Our focus is [Aviation, Technology & Math](#).

Retired middle school math teachers Lindee Eckert and Nancy McNair are creating a math challenge.

Meri has reached out to: TCPUD for staff to join the Professional Women's roundtable; Sierra Central Credit Union for a financial literacy training; Nevada Senator [Jacky Rosen](#) regarding her STEM legislation and computer programmer career. Still to do: contact our member **Mindy Dubois** who is a pilot.

**Truckee Tahoe Airport District** granted STEM Trek Day **\$1,000**. Thank you TTAD!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator  
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## FINANCE CORNER

Here we are already! Half-way through the branch's July - June fiscal year.

Through your generous support of our branch activities and its mission-driven projects, we are growing financially stronger!

I want to share some of the highlights with you on **page 6**. Please let me know at any time if you would like to know more or if you have suggestions. Thank you!

Patricia Watters, Finance Officer - [pwrl@aol.com](mailto:pwrl@aol.com)



## MEMBERSHIP

Our interest group meetings have proven to be one of our most effective recruiting tools for new members. Please feel free to invite your friends who might like to join our branch to attend an interest group meeting with you. They can attend 3 interest group meetings or programs without becoming branch members and that should give them enough time and information to decide to join us. Prospective members only need an associate or higher degree from an accredited educational institution and an interest in empowering women and supporting educational opportunities for girls and women.

With the addition of our latest new member, **Laurie Gregory**, we now have **65** branch members.

Welcome Laurie! Below is her contact information. Please add it to your printed directory.

Mailing address: PO Box 336, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148.  
Home address: 6550 North Lake Blvd, Tahoe Vista, CA 96148

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Mobile phone: 530.448.1089

Email: [tahoelaurie@gmail.com](mailto:tahoelaurie@gmail.com)

Printed copies of the directory are available for \$10 at the general meeting. They are free for new members.

The most current directory is found on the branch website.

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

Contact Dana Loury, our Communications officer, at [northtahoeaauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeaauw@gmail.com) for the password to access the online directory.

If you know someone who would like to join our branch, contact **Cheryl Allen**, membership VP ([cherylkallen@cs.com](mailto:cherylkallen@cs.com)) to receive a membership application form by email or snail mail. The form is also available on the website.

<https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/about/membership-information/>

### Membership Communications.

Please let our corresponding secretary **Linda Larish** ([llarish@sbcglobal.net](mailto:llarish@sbcglobal.net)) know about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

The following cards were sent in the past month:

- Thank you card to Ann Yuhas for taking care of Gisela
- Get well card to Cheryl Allen

## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

AAUW readers are meeting at 12 noon on **January 28th** at the Tahoe City Yacht Club to discuss January's selection of *An Improbable Friendship*. See the January Newsletter for more details.

February's book selection is *Mary Coin*, by Marissa Silver. We will meet at the Tahoe City Yacht Club on **February 25th**, at 12 noon. **Cheryl Allen** has volunteered to be our facilitator, and **Sharon Filardo** is our treat provider. Happy reading!

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## BRIDGE

Bridge group played in January at the home of Barbra Briggs in Tahoe City at 1 PM on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a beautiful sunny winter day on the lake and Barbra is a wonderful hostess. Two tables of players had a very good time (see photos on page 7).

The **February** game is planned at the home of **Linda Larish** in Incline Village on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**, the third Wednesday of the month.

The goal of the Bridge group is to offer a bridge game each month at some members' home. Normally, these games will be the 4th Wednesday of the month. This year, if weather creates a problem, we will try postponing rather than cancelling. Additionally, if members are unable to attend on the 4th Wednesday, we will try alternative dates. Anyone interested in playing with the group, please contact **Betsey Husted** at [betseyhusted18@gmail.com](mailto:betseyhusted18@gmail.com).



Barbra Briggs hosted January Bridge



## GOURMET

**Linda Larish** and **Ginger Wilson** are planning a lunch outing on Thursday **February 6<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for more details.



## GREAT DECISIONS

The **February** Great Decisions meeting will be held at the Tahoe Yacht Club on **Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to noon.

The subject we will discuss is "*Human Trafficking*" and **Cheryl Allen** will be our moderator.

The troubling conflation of labor trafficking, slavery and non-consensual human smuggling is prevalent throughout the world. We will discuss how the U.S. is involved in prevention initiatives and enforcement efforts.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month and a reminder email with location and subject will be sent to members one week prior to each meeting.

*Linda Schwoob* - [lschwoob@yahoo.com](mailto:lschwoob@yahoo.com)



## IN STITCHES

The AAUW In Stitches group meets monthly throughout the year on **Wednesday afternoons** from **2 - 4pm**. We have such fun together!

At our January meeting, we discussed doing a field trip in 2020 to Jimmy Beans Wool in Reno. Members brought handmade items (either self-made or gifts from others) for "show & tell". It's clear that the experience of creating, giving, and/or receiving hand-knit treasures is meaningful for AAUW In Stitches!



Here are tentative dates and hosts for February through June:

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Martha Cirata

March 18<sup>th</sup>: Pat Castellucci

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Diane Morrison

May 20<sup>th</sup>: Nancy Cline

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Patricia Watters

Contact **Julie Elmen** ([jdemen@gmail.com](mailto:jdemen@gmail.com)) for further details. We hope you'll consider joining one or more of our gatherings this year!

**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

- 06: Gourmet Group
- 13: General and Leadership Meetings
- 18: Great Decisions
- 19: Bridge and In Stitches
- 25: Book Group

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS as of DEC 31, 2019

### Account balances (Assets) as of Dec 31, 2019

Bank of the West checking account (Operating Funds)	\$ 6,485.23
Vanguard Money Market account (Interest-earning reserves)	\$10,109.64
TTCF Donor Advised Fund (Estimate for 12/31/19 includes \$768.50 contributions added in memory of members passed and other undesignated contributions) (earns interest, dividends, and capital gains; subject to TTCF administrative fees)	\$ 4,733.82
<b>Total account balances (Assets)</b>	<b>\$21,328.69</b>

### Transactions (Revenues/Expenditures) highlights through Dec 31, 2019:

1. Operating Funds
  - a. Membership. 63 of our 65 members pay branch dues. Honorary life members do not pay branch dues; paid life members do pay branch dues. (63\*\$31 dues = \$1,953)
  - b. Social Events.
    - i. Summer party net proceeds \$320
    - ii. Petra net proceeds \$522.50.
    - iii. Holiday party net proceeds \$0.
  
2. Program Funds
  - a. Tech Trek (Funds held at AAUW-CA Tech Trek SPF). Allen Foundation contribution of \$1,000 brings branch funding to \$7,771. Sufficient to pay \$4,500 fees for 5 campers.
  - b. Scholarships (Funds held at TTCF and TTCSC). \$7,970 funding is sufficient to fund \$4,000 scholarships (\$2k+\$1k+\$1k) at end of FY.
  - c. Girls State (Funds held at ALA and TTCF). \$580 funding sufficient for \$450 travel stipend. (ALA carryover covers fees)
  - d. AAUW Fund (Funds held at AAUW National). CY contributions of \$1,531.50 sufficient for 2 named gift awards.

**BRIDGE GROUP**  
January 22, 2020  
Home of Barbra Briggs

