



April 2020



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Strange times...wish we all had access to a crystal ball to know when the COVID-19 crisis will abate. For now, all in-person AAUW meetings and interest groups are on hold. The Leadership Team has approved purchasing **Zoom technology** (\$15/month) which will allow all of us to attend virtual meetings from the safety of our homes. (The free version times out any meeting at 40 minutes). The screen will look similar to a chessboard with each person signed in having their own square (anyone remembers Hollywood Squares?). This could be used for book club and other interest group meet-ups, and general and leadership meetings. Details to follow soon!

For my entire adult life, I have always looked at my calendar to plan my week ahead. So many times I have longed for two or three days in a row when I could just be in my house, without a medical appointment, or a meeting, or something due at work, or guests, or traveling. This has taught me to be careful for what I wish. Practicing gratitude now!

And this from **Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW**: *“The issues we have long been fighting for are now alarmingly urgent: Low-wage workers — 54 percent of whom are women — are bearing the brunt of the coronavirus pandemic as they lose jobs by the millions. Those who’ve been working part time — again predominantly women — often don’t have basic employee benefits, including health insurance coverage. The increasing numbers of gig workers also have no benefits.*

The nation’s lack of paid sick and family leave is endangering both the physical and economic wellbeing of countless American families. Retired women — who are twice as likely as men to be living at or below the poverty line — are more vulnerable than ever. And the burden of student debt — two-thirds of which is held by women — feels especially onerous for those who are unemployed.

We are confident that the severity of the crisis will eventually lessen, and as it does, society will turn its collective attention to rebuilding the economy. Throughout the coming weeks, months and years, AAUW will accelerate our efforts to address the persistent and underlying inequities that are crucial for a full recovery. Together we can ensure that we end up with a better, more economically secure world for women.”

Stay safe!

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

April 9 – Online via Zoom

GENERAL MEETING

The April 9th meeting has been cancelled.

The scheduled April presentation of *“Climate Change- Science and Solutions”* by **Dr. John Henry Beyer** has been re-scheduled for our **September 10th** meeting at 1pm. We hope you will mark your calendars for this engaging explanation of complex

concepts as Dr. Beyer offers us a path forward under what might otherwise feel like insurmountable challenges.

Johnnie Lee Don – johnnieleedon1@gmail.com

Annual Business

On March 19, all members were emailed a list of **proposed officers** and a **budget for 2020-21** approved by your Leadership team at their March 12, 2020 meeting.

In the safety of our own homes, we will vote for 2020-21 elected officers and to approve the 2020-21 budget with a secure "SurveyMonkey" electronic program. Expect an email **around April 15**. You can simply mark "Yes" or "No" in response to the two issues, then click "Done". It will take a minute or two of your time. **Please vote by April 25**.

Patricia Watters – pwrl@aol.com



Our candidate, Reilly Scott, is in the process of completing her application. It is due March 31st and she says she will have it submitted. Because of social distancing, we were unable to meet with her in March as planned. Her monies have been paid by ALA to Girls State so now we just need to see if it will take place in June.

Linda Larish – llarish@sbcglobal.net

Christine Madden – madden@garlic.com



Our 5 Tech Trek campers and 1 alternate were notified of their selection in late February. Two families have submitted their forms and \$50 contribution. By April 15, our final camper contact information and forms will be sent to the UC Davis Tech Trek coordinator. At this time, the July camp is still scheduled.

STEM Trek day on May 9, 2020 has been cancelled.

TERC is closed indefinitely. All branch committee members and scheduled presenters have been notified. North Tahoe School personnel have been notified. Many presenters are interested in participating if the event is rescheduled.

Meri McEneny- mmceneny@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I attended the planning meeting for the Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee (TTCS) on February 12 at the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District office. The calendar for this year was discussed. The Awards Assembly for North Tahoe will be held on **June 10** at 5:30 pm. The public is encouraged to attend.

The application process was opened for students on January 1 and will close March 31. At that point, Kathie and I will begin evaluating applications from all young women applying who plan to enter a STEM field of study. They are evaluated on:

1. Financial need
2. Personal attributes
3. Scholarship
4. Community service, school activities and volunteer activities
5. Letter of recommendation

Our scholarship of **\$5,000** goes to a young woman from the North Tahoe High School attendance area who has declared an interest in studying in a STEM field. The scholarship is distributed **over four years**. The first-year award is \$2,000, followed by a \$1,000 distribution in each of the three subsequent years, assuming they meet the Scholarship's conditions of continuing in a STEM field and achieving a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

At this point, we have two awardees. **Brianna Kismann** has entered her second year at the University of California, Santa Barbara, while **Jillian Ferre** has entered her first year in nursing at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

On another note, the Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee is looking for a volunteer Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer volunteer position for the TTCSC include recording and overseeing the disbursement of the scholarship funds for TTCSC; reviewing computer program records on scholars to ensure that they follow instructions and submit correct paperwork to receive fund distributions; and assisting scholars in the scholarship process by email if needed. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Milan Slikkerveer at rmtntop@gmail.com

Ellen Magnani – gilmagnani@aol.com

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SAVE THE DATE Thursday July 23rd

**Reno Aces vs Las Vegas Aviators
Baseball Game** in Downtown Reno.

Ticket Cost: **\$20** (we will receive \$2 for each ticket we sell).

Joint outing & fundraiser with our neighboring AAUW branches and all spouses, family, friends and neighbors are invited to attend!

For more information, contact **Jo Ann S. Cobb**, 650-483-6446 or jscobb@sbcglobal.net



PRECINCT STAFFING November 3, 2020

AAUW North Tahoe will be the **first** service club in the Tahoe area to staff a polling site!

We committed to staff the **North Tahoe High School** polling site from **6 AM - 9 PM** for the upcoming election. Placer County will pay our branch **\$750** for this service.

Several members committed to staff the polling site already, but we will accept names of those of you anxious to participate in this important election to supplement the staffing.

AAUW NT can publicize itself with banners and literature, as long as they are not political in nature.

If you want to add your name to one of the four-hour shifts (6AM - 11AM or 11AM - 4PM or 4PM - 9PM), please let me know.

Patricia Watters - pwrl@aol.com - 949.274.3938.



MEMBERSHIP

The most current directory is found on the branch website.

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

Contact Dana Loury, Communications officer, at 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), to receive a membership application form by email or USPS. 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) know about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

The following cards were sent to:

Christine Madden – Get well (2/27/20)

Lynn Flagg – Get well (3/8/20)

Marc Lamb (Tahoe Truckee Airport) – Thank you for grant to STEM Trek day (3/8/20)

Laura Abby Brown – Thank you for March presentation (3/12/20)

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

As you previously were notified, we are not meeting this Tuesday, March 31. We will delay discussion of "The Library Book" till a later date.

Our April book is "The Secrets We Kept," by Lara Prescott. We will notify you by email when we are able to meet again. If you are going gangbusters on your reading... here is May's selection, "A Woman is No Man," by Etaf Rum.

Meanwhile, we hope you are working through those stacks of books that you've been wanting to read. We should have a great list of suggested books for next year's selections! Please take care and keep in touch if you have any needs during this time. We miss you!

Martha Cirata - martha@omegaport.com

Carol Eyre - carolceyre@aol.com



BRIDGE

The Bridge Group is suspended until games can resume safely for everyone involved.

Betsey Husted - betseyhusted18@gmail.com



GOURMET

A note was sent to all current members requesting a comment regarding the format of the group this year. Several members responded and all said they liked the new simpler format, as no one person has a large burden on organizing and the hosts share the planned meal. We've had fairly good attendance at both events that have taken place this year.

Ginger Wilson and **Linda Larish** had hoped to schedule a cooking class and lunch at "Nothing To It" for April. That is put on hold but will be scheduled at a future date when the COVID-19 is no longer a risk. The event in early June and the picnic in July may also be postponed but we will address that at a later date.

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

AAUW California website:

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

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