



May 2020



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Today's world is so very different than we ever imagined it could become. This generation of children will forever be impacted and life in general, will be forever changed.

Zoom has become one of several ways to facilitate group communication for work environments, classrooms, support groups, friends and families. AAUW also uses Zoom and our branch has used it in the past. We have now subscribed to a more inclusive plan, Zoom Pro, which allows for longer meetings and a higher level of security to help prevent "Zoom-bombing". As explained by **Jo Ann Cobb** who has been hosting our Zoom meetings: *"Zoom-bombing occurs when organizations advertise the link to their meetings on public websites. Our branch doesn't do so. We require our members to register for our meetings before they receive a link to the actual meeting. We also use the "Waiting Room" feature, which means that when you click on the link for our meeting, the host for the meeting has to "Admit" you to prevent uninvited people from joining the meeting".* Zoom can be used for Leadership as well as Interest Groups meetings.

To participate in a Zoom meeting, members will receive an invitation from the host with a link to register for the meeting. Then it is up to each member to register if she wants to participate. After registering, participants will receive an email with information and a link to join the meeting.

I participate in a weekly Zoom meeting and find it a great way to interact with friends that we cannot see

in person. We would encourage you to give it a try. The Leadership Team continues to discuss ways for our Branch to remain active during these times and will do our very best to keep each one of you informed as to what is happening.

Today, a friend shared a Mark Twain quotation that I believe is a good message for today, tomorrow and the next day. *"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."*

With that, the Leadership Team hopes you stay safe and stay well.

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Election of 2020-21 Officers and Approval of 2020-21 Budget

Thanks to all of you who voted in the comfort and safety of your homes to elect the 2020-21 Officers and to approve the budget for next year.

As of April 30, when the polls closed, 38 members voted unanimously to elect the officers and approve the budget.

Though so much has changed since the proposed budget was approved by our Leadership Team on March 12, 2020, we will have a dedicated Leadership team that will responsibly allocate branch resources to accomplish our educational, economic, and social goals. Your support matters!

Patricia Watters - pwrl@aol.com



Reilly Scott, our candidate, has been registered with Girls State by ALA and has completed her application. Unfortunately, the 2020 session in June has been canceled. Girls State, however, is in the process of developing an **online program** for all applicants. Obviously, this isn't as enriching as being there, but at least Reilly will receive a lot of the content. She will also be able to take credit for Girls State in her college applications. Meanwhile, we will be in contact with her to make certain that there is a smooth transition to her online program which will roll out by early May.

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Like much everything else, our beloved Tech Trek camp at UC Davis was cancelled this year.

Even though our leadership team voted to retain this year's girls for next year's camp, the State organizers and other branches voted to select a new group of girls next year. Rightly so, as it is a camp designed for 7th grade girls.

Our girls and parents have been notified, and their \$50 contributions returned. Teachers and staff at North Tahoe School were also notified. Thank you, Kym, for sending the refunds and letters to the families.

Our question now would be: **How do we recognize this year's girls?**

With our 2020 STEM Trek Day cancelled weeks ago, what kind of recognition or opportunity might we give this year's girls? The girls may be exhausted with remote learning activities.

I invite you all to make suggestions for our consideration. We know these girls are much more disappointed than we are! Please send me any suggestions, truly, to acknowledge our 2020 Tech Trek girls. Send them to **Meri McEneny**, mmceneny@gmail.com. Thank you!



SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I have been very busy reviewing scholarship applications from 21 candidates from North Tahoe High School. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting on **May 5th** via Google Hangout to actually award the scholarships to specific students.

At this point, we don't know how these will be presented to the candidates. It's doubtful that they will have their traditional awards assembly. When it's appropriate, we will let the AAUW membership know about our recipient.

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MEMBERSHIP

Time to Renew!

It's that time again! Each spring, current NT-AAUW members have the opportunity to renew their commitment to our branch and to our various projects.

During the **week of May 25th** 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. Note that this year, we are requesting **your birthday (month and day only)** on the form. This information will allow us to celebrate birthday honorees at our general meetings.

Please take the time to review your information carefully. These renewal forms help us keep an accurate membership database so that we can stay in contact with all our members. We need to receive your completed 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. Thanks for your cooperation!

Cheryl Allen – cherylkallen@cs.com

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.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group is Zooming! We held our first Zoom meeting on April 28th, thanks to the help of Jo Ann Cobb.

We will be Zooming again on **May 26th**. **Linda Schwoob** will review "The Secrets We Kept," by Lara Prescott. We will each be enjoying whatever treats we can find at home! Please look for your **Zoom "Invite"** via your email, and plan to join us then.

We are a month behind our schedule due to the pandemic, so we will review the May book, "A Woman is No Man," on **June 30th**. In all likelihood, we will be Zooming then as well.

It's also time to start thinking about what books you'd like to see nominated for our 2020-2021 reading. Send your recommendations to Carol, please (carolceyre@aol.com).

Finally, Carol and I will be ending our term on June 30th. We are happy to assist a new book group leader get started. Who will it be? Maybe you???? Please let us know if you are interested in

carrying on the fun tradition of bringing people together to read interesting books.

Martha Cirata - martha@omegaport.com

Carol Eyre – carolceyre@aol.com



GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions meeting for April was held by using Zoom and it was a great success.

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, **May 19th**, will also be held using the Zoom format and the subject will be "India and Pakistan". Our moderator will be **Esther Sonnenberg**. Esther just returned from a trip to India and has many interesting tales to tell of her experiences in this fascinating country.

To join this meeting please contact **Jo Ann Cobb** who is our Zoom facilitator. She will direct you on how to sign in and participate: jscobb@sbcglobal.net

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 10am until noon. We will continue to hold Zoom meetings until it is safe to meet in private residences.

Linda Schwoob – lschwoob@yahoo.com



GOURMET

All events are on hold at this point. **Jan Potter** and **Diane Lange** are to host an event in late May or early June but we will wait to see what the COVID-19 situation is.

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AAUW North Tahoe website:

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

AAUW California website:

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

Username: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



One Thing that has made this Quarantine Bear-able is...

... living in Tahoe. *Ann Lyman*

... my small deck! *Kathie Julian*

... spending time with my granddaughter and pulling some rusty teaching skills out of my hat!
Martha Cirata

... keeping up with Family and Friends! *Nancy Cline*

... Zoom and access to the internet! *Cheryl Allen*

... no power outages. *Kym Pipkin*

... my wonderful husband and our beautiful environment! *Ellen Magnani*

... the satisfaction of accomplishing so many long overdue chores. Also, extra reading time!
Linda Larish

... still being able to socialize through Zoom! *Priscilla Mills*

... being able to go for a walk in the National Forest across the road from my house every day.
Jo Ann Cobb

... I talk to my friends and family every day. *Barbara Roberts*

... keeping in touch with family and friends via email, phone, zoom, etc. Everybody is checking on everyone to see how they are coping. I for one, look forward to when we can get together again. I miss giving and getting hugs! *Pat Castellucci*

... After 47 years in this house, it is finally getting mucked out. One doesn't realize how much stuff is here till you have NOWhere to put More Stuff. *Diane Morrison*

... the internet, with Zoom at the very top of my sub-list, followed by all the humorous things online like the jokes, songs, videos, etc. I have discovered that I really value seeing my friends and laughing at something humorous. *Judy Snook*

... It is so satisfying to tackle some of those "to do when time allows" projects. Normally, time never does allow, but these are not normal times. So, I've worked on a needlepoint project started almost 50 years ago, drawn some house plans, set up a Solo 401k plan, spring-cleaned the house, cleaned out files, and even done some cooking (for someone who doesn't like to cook). The only problem is that for everything that gets crossed off the list, two more things get added to take its place.
Carol Eyre

... the INTERNET! For shopping, for connecting with other people by Zoom, emails, playing online bridge, French language, watching Hulu movies, downloading e-books, YouTube videos on how to crochet with a hairpin loom, and much more! *Patricia Watters*

... my daily "To Do List". Every morning, I would write down 3 or 4 (sometimes more) things I wanted to accomplish by the end of the day. As it happens, my house was in need of a major spring cleaning so finding items for my To Do list was quite easy. Since I had plenty of time with no completion date, the cleaning tasks seemed easy. I scratched items off the list as they were completed which gave me a feeling of accomplishment and made me feel good. The second part of the To Do List was the reward waiting for me at the end of the day... A WELL STOCKED WINE CELLAR! *Sharon Filardo*

... being with my grandchild and my daughter and her husband, plus my other son who comes for dinner most nights. Just the four of us. It seems like life will never return to normal, but I have hope. Last of all sharing with friends what to watch on Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon. Every day I walk, read and trade the stock market (5 days a week). Take care everyone, hope to see you at a distance soon.
Shirley Cabo