



November 2020



## CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am honored to serve along with Kym Pipkin & Johnnie Lee Don as your 2020-2021 NT AAUW Co-Presidents. Also, as your President-Elect for next year, I look forward to one of you deciding to step forward soon and serve as a Co-President with me next year!

Please take your Rights and Responsibilities as a citizen to heart and make sure your voice is heard when you **VOTE** in our upcoming National, State, and Local Elections by **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Over the past few years, much has been written about how significant local elections and government are as a place where citizens can really affect policy, actions, and local laws. Two big issues throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin and Truckee are achievable (the missing/working middle) and affordable housing and transportation. Housing and transportation are related to Economic Security, which is part of our [National AAUW Strategic Plan](#).

It is important for us to pay attention to these issues for the health, prosperity, and well-being of our Lake Tahoe communities and to support our AAUW Mission. Please read closely the candidate statements for our local town councils, PUDs, and Parks & Recreation Boards and VOTE!

I have been thinking about how we attract new members to our North Tahoe AAUW branch and

the mission of AAUW “to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.” These thoughts have led me to ask the question, “**Why did I join our North Tahoe AAUW branch and why do I stay?**”

Please take a moment to answer this question for yourself, then email your response to me at [jscobb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jscobb@sbcglobal.net), so that I can collect them into a collage to help us understand how we may attract future members!

The first part of my answer to “*Why did I join our North Tahoe AAUW branch and why do I stay?*” is... for the Book Group!

After moving to Lake Tahoe in the Fall of 2017, I was looking to join a book group to replace the one that I had belonged to in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 20 years. My next-door neighbor in Kingswood West happened to know Linda Schwoob, so she introduced me to Linda because she knew Linda was in a book group. When Linda told me the book group was part of the North Tahoe AAUW branch, I remembered that I had heard about AAUW in the past, but I did not know anything about it really.

I joined for the book group, then discovered how much more our branch does, from interest groups that help us socialize, make friends, and learn about our community and national issues, to activities that support and encourage local

girls and young women to grow and explore their potential through Tech Trek, Girls State, and college scholarships. When reading the California and National AAUW websites, I am in awe of how hard the members of our organizations are working and volunteering to make our society a more just and fairer place for all girls and women.

During this pandemic, it has been difficult not to see each other in person, but we have adjusted to new ways of behaving, communicating, and staying connected. Some nonprofit groups have actually seen an increase in participation since holding virtual meetings and gatherings for various reasons, such as, no travel time or a willingness to check out a group without the pressure of new-person-in-the-room anxiety.

Please consider inviting someone new to one of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thursday-of-the-month Member or Special Interest Groups meetings to check us out!

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## LEADERSHIP MEETING

November 12 @ 10 am via Zoom.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### GENERAL MEETINGS

**November 12 @ 1 pm** (Zoom): [Jeff Fischer](#), owner of Darling & Fischer mortuaries: *"Everything You Wanted to Know about Death but Were Reluctant to Ask"*

**December 10 @ 7 pm** (Zoom): [Holiday Party](#)

## GENERAL MEETING

At the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, speaker [Imelda Valdez](#) spoke to our group about her work at the [Sierra Community House](#) (formerly the SAFE House). She described the safe house procedures for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, and the resources she attempts to coordinate for the individuals staying at the Sierra Community House.

Donations can be made to "[Sierra Community House](#)". Please write "*For Safe House*" on the memo line, and mail to:

Sierra Community House Finance Team  
948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV 89451

### GENERAL MEETING - November 12 @ 1 pm

Death is the inevitable end of life and we need to know our options and how to prepare ahead of time to help our families.

To address these issues, **Jeff Fischer**, owner of Darling & Fischer Mortuaries, agreed to speak to our **General Zoom Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Jeff and his wife, Peggy, are good friends of Carol Eyre and were her Incline neighbors. Carol prevailed upon Jeff to speak to our AAUW group.

TOPIC: **Everything You Wanted to Know about Death but Were Reluctant to Ask**

- Why make plans in advance, advance directives, hospice.
- Funeral and/or cremation planning and costs and travel insurance.
- Cemetery purchases or scattering options.
- Social security and military assistance, donation to science.

You are welcome to address questions to Jeff ahead of time. You may send them to him directly at [jefffischer@gmail.com](mailto:jefffischer@gmail.com) or send them to [carolceyre@aol.com](mailto:carolceyre@aol.com).

An email with a [link to register for the Zoom meeting](#) will be sent in the next 2 weeks.



We will speak with Girls State administrators in November to see if they have a plan for 2021 and will approach counselor Jeff Ream at North Tahoe High School when indicated.

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## FINANCE CORNER

Dear Members,

I want to confirm the **FY 2019-20 Financial Statements** were reviewed according to Branch Bylaws.

*Branch Bylaw Article XIII. Financial Administration, Section 2. Financial Policies - "Financial statements will be reviewed annually."*

Accordingly, **Kym Pipkin**, current Co-President and past Finance Officer, reviewed FY 2019-20 Branch financial records and found them consistent with Bank of the West, Vanguard Money Market Account, and Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation statements for the same period.

Thank you again for your generous contributions to our Branch operations and mission-based programs.

I want to give you a brief update on the status of our accounts as we move through the fourth month of our fiscal year (FY).

We approved the **2020-21 FY** budget in April 2020 before we knew much about the COVID19 impact on our Branch activities. Virtually all of our meetings are now virtual. (I couldn't resist that double-entendre). Accordingly, the branch's operating expenses for speakers, venues, and meeting supplies are considerably

reduced, as we hold meetings with our monthly \$14.99 Zoom subscription.

Unfortunately, the pandemic cancelled our hopes to staff one of the Placer County polling sites this November. We couldn't raise the \$750 we anticipated for that effort. Neither can we anticipate raising money with the always-popular Petra dinner this year.

Many of our mission-based programs – Tech Trek, STEM Trek, Girls State - were cancelled or modified. It is unlikely that these programs will be able to physically meet again this year. Funds for these programs are being held for future programs; we consider these programs funded for the next event.

Despite the challenges they face to attend college this year, our scholarship recipients are resilient (as we would expect of them) and two of three young women have already requested their awards. We made commitments to award a total of **\$4,000** to the three women this year. If all the requests are granted, the balance in the TTCF Donor Advised Fund Scholarship subaccount will be less than \$4,000.

Looking forward, we will re-examine our pledge to local scholarship recipients of \$5,000/year as the FY 2021-22 budget is developed. It was March 2018 when the Leadership team decided to increase the first-year award to \$2,000 with continued awards of \$1,000 each of three subsequent years (assuming the young woman continues STEM studies with a B or better GPA). We recognize college costs are rising and hope to financially support local scholars. Please let your leaders know if you have suggestions for our scholarship program.

A copy of the FY2020-21 Budget and Actual accounting is attached to this newsletter on pages 5-7. As always, I welcome your questions and comments.

**Patricia Watters**- Finance Officer

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## MEMBERSHIP

Our current membership count is **55**.

The member directory is available on the branch website <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/members/>

Contact Dana Loury ([dn.loury@gmail.com](mailto:dn.loury@gmail.com)) for the password to access the online directory.

To get a membership application form, contact **Cheryl Allen** ([cherylkallen@cs.com](mailto:cherylkallen@cs.com)) or download it from our website: [Member Application Form](#)



## 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:

**Carol Eyre** - Get well (10/1/2020)

**Imelda Valdez** - Thank you for presentation (10/11/20)

**Rachael Swift** – Get well for husband Bill (10/15/20)

## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

NT-AAUW Readers will meet on **Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at **12:30pm**, via Zoom, to review "*Being Mortal*" by Atul Gawande. Our discussion leader will be **Martha Cirata**.

An invitation to join the Zoom meeting will follow. If you are not signed up for Book Group but would like to join this discussion, please send us an email. Happy reading!

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## GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Zoom meeting for November is on Tuesday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>** from **10 am until noon**. The discussion will be on the Philippines and led by **Kathie Julian**.

We have many current issues and challenges besetting U.S. - Philippine relations. One of which is in regard to the U.S. law limiting our government from giving foreign assistance to countries with gross human rights violations. Another is the Filipino pivot to Russia and China.

This is another hot topic to discuss for our resolute and well-informed members to try and solve the problems of the world.

Great Decisions group meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 10am until noon or so. Zoom in if you want a dose of our discussion. We try not to impose a particular viewpoint but rather consider and weigh many views.

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

**North Tahoe AAUW website:**

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

**AAUW California website:**

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

Username: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

12: General and Leadership Meetings

17: Great Decisions

24: Book Group



Balance with Checking  
Account

\$7,563.49      \$7,393.50      \$7,499.51

**2020-21 BUDGET (approved by Branch membership 4-30-20) vs ACTUAL**

7/1/2020 balance

Bank of the West Checking Account 238002497	<b>\$5,929.48</b>	\$7,563.49	\$7,393.50	\$ 7,499.51
Vanguard Money Market Account No. 65593594	<b>\$10,152.25</b>	\$ 10,153.15	\$ 10,153.94	\$ 10,154.46
TTCF Donor Advised Fund	<b>\$7,484.97</b>	\$11,977.82	\$ 12,002.82	\$ 9,004.94

	Approved 2020-2021 Budget	ACTUAL				FY to date
		July	August	September	October	
<b>OPERATING FUNDS</b>						
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>						
<i>Membership Dues Collected</i>		\$ 5,244.00	\$ 141.00	\$ 220.00		\$ 5,605.00
<i>Less passthrough to AAUW National (\$59/pp)</i>		\$ (2,655.00)		\$ (59.00)		\$ (2,714.00)
<i>Less passthrough to AAUW -CA (\$20/pp)</i>		\$ (940.00)	\$ (20.00)	\$ (40.00)		\$ (1,000.00)
<i>Membership Dues for AAUW North Tahoe</i>	\$2,015.00	\$ 1,649.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 121.00	\$ -	\$ 1,891.00
<i>Social Events/Fundraisers Net Proceeds</i>	\$1,250.00					\$ -
<i>Directory Sales</i>	\$150.00					\$ -
<i>Tech Trek Parent Contributions (5*\$50 per camper)</i>	\$250.00					\$ -
<i>General Fund Donations</i>	\$0.00					\$ -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,665.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,649.00</b>	<b>\$ 121.00</b>	<b>\$ 121.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,891.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>						
<i>Insurance/AAUW Funds Assessment</i>	\$306.00		\$ 276.00			\$ 276.00
<i>Postage</i>	\$100.00					\$ -
<i>Post Box Rental</i>	\$64.00					\$ -
<i>Named Gift Honoree &amp; Awards</i>	\$75.00					\$ -
<i>Meeting Supplies</i>	\$200.00					\$ -
<i>Meeting Speakers</i>	\$100.00					\$ -
<i>Meeting Venues (inc Zoom &gt; 4.1.20)</i>	\$300.00	\$ 14.99	\$ 14.99	\$ 14.99		\$ 44.97
<i>Directory Printing</i>	\$105.00					\$ -
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$150.00					\$ -
<i>Convention</i>	\$750.00					\$ -
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>	<b>\$ 14.99</b>	<b>\$ 290.99</b>	<b>\$ 14.99</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 320.97</b>
<b>NET FY OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,515.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,634.01</b>	<b>\$ (169.99)</b>	<b>\$ 106.01</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,570.03</b>

## SPECIAL FUNDS

### AAUW FUND (Operates on Calendar Year; Funds held at AAUW National)

REVENUES							
<i>Member Donations on deposit reported by AAUW Fund (Jan-Jun 2020)</i>			\$ 361.00				\$ 361.00
<i>Member Donations during current FY (Jul2020 -Jun 2021)</i>	\$ 750.00	\$ 385.00	\$ -				\$ 385.00
<b>TOTAL AAUW FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 746.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 746.00</b>
EXPENDITURES							
<i>Level Required Per Named Grantee</i>	\$ 750.00						\$ -
<b>TOTAL AAUW FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>						<b>\$ 746.00</b>

### TECH TREK (Funds held at CA-SPF)

REVENUES							
<i>Balance after 5 girls sent to 2019 camp</i>	\$ 491.00	\$ 8,771.00					\$ 8,771.00
<i>Member Donations (forwarded to UC Davis TT treasurer)</i>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 25.00				\$ 165.00
<i>Donation from Shirley Allen Foundation</i>	\$ 1,000.00						\$ -
<i>Tahoe League for Charity</i>	\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00				\$ 850.00
<i>Tahoe Rotary</i>	\$ 850.00						\$ -
<b>TOTAL TECH TREK REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,691.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,911.00</b>	<b>\$ 875.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,786.00</b>
EXPENDITURES							
<i>5 Trekkers at \$900 each for 2020 camp</i>	\$ 4,500.00						\$ -
<b>TOTAL TECH TREK EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 4,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 191.00</b>						<b>\$ 9,786.00</b>

### SCHOLARSHIP (Funds held at TTCF DAF)

REVENUES							
<i>Member Contributions to TTCF DAF FY2019-20</i>	\$ 5,170.00						\$ 5,170.00
<i>Balance after 2020 scholarships (\$2k + \$1k + \$1k)</i>	<del>\$ 1,170.00</del>						
<i>Member Contributions to TTCF DAF FY2020-21)</i>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 2,425.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 9,170.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,595.00</b>
EXPENDITURES							
<i>2021 + 2020 + 2019 + 2018 recipients</i>	\$5,000.00			\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 4,170.00</b>						<b>\$ 4,595.00</b>

<b>GIRLS' STATE</b> (Funds held at TTCF DAF)							
REVENUES							
<i>Carryover from 2018 reported by SLT ALA</i>	\$	630.00				\$	630.00
<i>Member Contributions to TTCF DAF FY2019-20</i>	\$	620.00				\$	620.00
<i>Member Contributions to TTCF DAF FY 2020-21</i>	\$	200.00		\$	45.00	\$	45.00
<b>TOTAL GIRLS' STATE REVENUES</b>	\$	<b>1,450.00</b>	\$	-	\$	<b>45.00</b>	\$ -
EXPENDITURES							
<i>ALA fee for 2019 recipient - \$50 held by ALA</i>	\$	400.00					
<i>Travel stipend</i>	\$	400.00				\$	-
<b>TOTAL GIRLS' STATE EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	<b>800.00</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>650.00</b>					<b>\$ 1,295.00</b>
<b>STEM TREK Event</b> (Funds held at TTCF DAF)							
REVENUES							
<i>TT Airport Dist Donation to TTCF DAF FY2019-20</i>		\$1,000.00					\$1,000.00
<i>Member Contributions to TTCF DAF FY2020-21</i>	\$	500.00	\$	80.00	\$	-	\$ 80.00
<i>Other Contributions</i>	\$	500.00				\$	-
<i>Kiwanis</i>	\$	750.00				\$	-
<b>TOTAL STEM TREK Event REVENUES</b>		<b>\$2,750.00</b>	\$	<b>80.00</b>	\$	<b>-</b>	\$ -
EXPENDITURES							
<i>Event</i>	\$	1,700.00				\$	-
<b>TOTAL STEM TREK Event EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	<b>1,700.00</b>	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>1,050.00</b>					<b>\$ 1,080.00</b>
<b>UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS</b> (Funds held at TTCF DAF)							
REVENUES							
<i>Member contributions to TTCF DAF FY 2019-20</i>	\$	668.50				\$	668.50
<i>Member contributions to TTCF DAF FY 2020-21</i>	\$	-	\$	2,090.00	\$	-	\$ 2,090.00
<b>TOTAL UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$	<b>668.50</b>					<b>\$ 2,758.50</b>
EXPENDITURES							
	\$	-				\$	-
<b>TOTAL UNDESIGNATED EXPENDITURES</b>	\$	<b>-</b>	\$	<b>-</b>	\$	<b>-</b>	\$ -
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$	<b>668.50</b>					<b>\$ 2,758.50</b>