



April 2021



CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I am not the deep thinker or writer my two cohorts, Jo Ann and Kym, have proven to be over these past months, with their Co- Presidents Messages, in our award winning "LAKE VIEWS" newsletter. I do think we have all benefitted from their views and been awed by their passion. I have been tasked with this month's message and with March being Women's History Month, I would ask that you keep in mind the following: *Although we live in the present and look to the future. . .we learn eternal truths from the past. . .and the greater one's knowledge of what has been achieved, the better one knows what to do.*

And I am sure you have all read about great women of the past and their many gifts to us. I have, however, been fascinated lifelong with 'ordinary' women who have reached different levels of achievement, against pretty big odds historically. And I have met some of the **BEST** of these women in the **AAUW North Tahoe Branch, California**. 'Ordinary' women, who upon getting to know them, have been shown to be, oh! so surprisingly enterprising in areas of volunteering, education, business, finance, health, science and the arts. In other words, **extraordinary!** And these same women have never stopped leading the way, as the success of our branch demonstrates! So, **Thank You** . . . for your support this past unrelenting

year . . . for learning new technologies in order to study and communicate. . . for kindness and thoughtfulness to each other. . . for encouraging little things that brought comfort. . . for service in the community. We are indebted to you! You know who you are!!! You are AAUW North Tahoe!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS

April 17 @ 9:30 am (Zoom): AAUW-CA Annual Meeting

May 13 @ 1:00 pm (Zoom): Installation of officers and Awards presentation

LEADERSHIP MEETING – May 13, 10:00 am (Zoom)

GENERAL MEETING

AAUW-CA Annual Meeting: Saturday April 17, 2021 @ 9:30 am (Zoom)

In lieu of our April AAUW North Tahoe Branch Meetings (Leadership & Member), please attend the **AAUW-CA Annual Meeting** via Zoom to find

out what is happening within our state organization and in branches throughout the state.

- Get an update on why AAUW National is proposing a change to our Bylaws to eliminate degree requirements.
- Did you know that there is a **Speech Trek** program? Watch the 1st Speech Trek video and consider whether we would like to bring this program to our branch!
- Be inspired and think about what activities, events and ideas we could try in our North Tahoe branch.

Click on this link to see the Agenda & Register: [Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:30 AM - AAUW CA Annual Meeting registration](#)

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Christine Madden and **Linda Larish** conducted interviews of three Juniors from North Tahoe High School. Jo Ann Cobb was very gracious and generous in offering to host the Zoom interviews so that we had unlimited time.

We chose an outstanding candidate, **Denali Cooke**. She will attend the virtual program the week of June 28th through July 2nd. Her favorite classes are AP U.S. history and AP chemistry. She plays a variety of sports, is passionate about fine arts and is involved with Girls Scouts. She is co-president of her high school computer science club and has many other qualities that made her stand out as an excellent candidate. Denali is in the process of completing forms. Joanne Shope (South Lake Tahoe American Legion Auxiliary representative) will submit the fee to CA Girls State and registration will be complete.

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- Rotary Club of Tahoe City continued their generous support of Tech Trek with an \$850 grant. I sent a Thank you letter to the Club in care of Lewis Madden.
- Three of our five 2020 Tech Trek girls have applied for the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek camp.
- A Big Thank You to the three 7th grade teachers from North Tahoe School, including a new teacher from the school's STEAM program, who nominated 9 girls to apply this year for the virtual camp. Only 5 girls applied however.
- **Cheryl, Kathie, Christine** and **Meri** spent a rewarding afternoon interviewing these 5 girls for the 5 spots our branch has in the 2021 Virtual TT camp.
- It was perhaps the least stressful interview session, perhaps Ever, because *all the girls* were selected to attend camp; no alternates, no rejections. Yay!
- Amazingly, none of the girls thought a summer week on Zoom was a hardship.
- Costs are \$400/girl. Our branch will request a \$20 parent contribution.
- VTT camp will help with laptops or Internet if needed. The focus is Robotics.
- Camps are scheduled for June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30.
- Cheryl Allen has applied as a "coach" for VTT, making her the 4th volunteer from our branch! **Patricia, Priscilla, Meri** and **Cheryl**, yay **AAUW North Tahoe!**
- Volunteers are still needed! From the comfort of your own home! Science skills are not required, just a willingness to help the girls with organizational and coaching skills.

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2021-virtual-tech-trek-internal/>

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SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I attended a virtual Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee on February 25th. We will be reviewing applications from North Tahoe High School girls with an interest in STEM fields for their college majors.

The committee reviewed the process involved in evaluating the applications. We will be using the same software as last year. The review process will likely begin in early April. Students are evaluated on Scholarship, Financial Need, Letters of Recommendation, Personal Qualities, and School and Community Activities.

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MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome our newest member, **Sharon Ekin**, to AAUW North Tahoe! She brings our membership count to 57. Sharon is planning to join Book Group and Bridge Group. Here is a short introduction:



Before migrating to the Tahoe Area, Sharon lived in Boulder Colorado for 36 years. She and her husband moved here 12 years ago -- during a December snowstorm! They moved to be closer to their two daughters,

one of whom lives in Cedar Flat and the other in Kings Beach. Now they have three granddaughters and one grandson.

In addition to spending time with her daughters as they were growing up, Sharon’s varied careers included teaching, managing real estate, working for H&R Block, and accounting for the University of Colorado. She is now enjoying retirement and

spending more time with her daughters and grandkids.

Sharon’s hobbies include piano lessons, bridge, learning Spanish, reading, pickleball, hiking/walking, skiing, travel and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.

Nancy Cline encouraged Sharon to join our branch. Sharon joined AAUW because she wants to meet with other women who share her interests. She likes the mission of AAUW and is looking for ways to support it. Sharon is looking forward to making new friends and learning new things! Welcome Sharon!

The member directory is available on the branch website:

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

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

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



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 in the past month:

Alec Lee and **Marianne Evans** – Thank you for AIM HIGH presentation

Kym Pipkin – Sympathy for sudden loss of husband Jerry



Very best wishes to our April Birthdays!

- 04 – Linda Larish
- 07 – Vera Daegling
- 21 – Kathie Julian
- 28 – Jan Burt

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **April 27th**, at **12:30 pm**, via Zoom, to review “*World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks and Other Astonishments*” by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Please note, this book replaces our previous selection for this month. Our reviewer will be **Barbara Ramsey**.

A meeting invitation will be sent to those signed up for Book Group, but if you would like to be added to this discussion, please contact one of us.

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BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group is expanding its Trickster Play. While **Linda Larish, Patricia Watters, Dianne Lange** and **Betsey Husted** continue to play on Saturdays at 2 PM, with substitutes being utilized when necessary, a new

group is being launched, facilitated by Patricia Watters.

Beginning this Friday at 2 PM, **Patricia, Barbara Ramsey, Sharon Ekin** and **Kym Pipkin** will be playing. Members interested in substituting include **Nancy Cline** and **Sue DeVoe**.

We look forward to more members joining the Trickster Bridge, and the possibility of live play when all are vaccinated and Covid numbers are down, perhaps by the end of summer.

Betsey Husted – betseyhusted18@gmail.com



GOURMET

I have sent an email to the members who were signed up last year to see how many might be interested in an outdoor gathering with masks (when not eating) and social distancing. There was overwhelming interest in meeting during the summer. I will be asking a couple of people to host.

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GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions meeting for April will feature “*Struggles with the Melting Arctic*” moderated by **Jo Ann Cobb**. This chapter discusses the coldest war: a return to great power competition due to the melting Arctic. We will meet on Tuesday, **April 20th** from **10am until noon** via zoom. Zoom registration will be sent out the week before the meeting.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

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IN STITCHES

The In Stitches group is still meeting via Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 1 pm to 2 pm. Following our March 17th (St Patrick's Day) meeting, **April's meeting** will be on the **15th**.

Members are working on a variety of projects - knitting, crocheting, quilting, and needlepoint. A favorite part of each gathering is an informal "show & tell", when anyone who wants to share progress or get help on a current stitch project can do so.

Contact **Julie Elmen** (jdelmen@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to the In Stitches group email list. Remember - all skill levels are welcome to join us.

North Tahoe AAUW website:

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

AAUW California website:

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

Username: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



CALENDAR

APRIL

- 15: In Stitches
- 17: AAUW-CA Annual Meeting (Zoom)
- 20: Great Decisions
- 27: Book Group