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CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hope and optimism are in the air as more friends, family, and community members get the vaccine! While we will not suddenly be able to do everything like we could before the pandemic, we can sense that soon we will be able to do some things that we have sorely missed during the past year. It is fun to ask friends and family, what is one of the first things you look forward to doing? It is too early to say when we will start holding in-person North Tahoe AAUW meetings and events, but I anticipate that by the end of the summer we will have more clarity on when we might do so.

Having written the above with enthusiasm, it is important to remember how unevenly people and groups have been affected by the pandemic and the economic downturn, especially women. Since last spring, the term “shecession” has appeared in the news to refer to the current economic downturn, because women lost more jobs than men initially and then more women than men in families with children ended up leaving their jobs to provide needed childcare and remote-school support and supervision as the months wore on and everyone was at home. We do not know how deeply this will affect the already existing equity gaps between men’s and women’s wages/salaries, career advancement, and leadership roles.

Thank you for supporting the AAUW at the North Tahoe Branch, California, and National levels! We have many good programs through our Branch that support girls and young women at the local level. And it is through the California and National levels of our organization that significant policy and legislative changes are championed to address existing and new inequities in education, the workplace, and leadership throughout our country.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS

- March 11 @ 1:30 pm** (Zoom): **Aim High** and **Beyond Aim High**
- April 17 @ 9:30 am** (Zoom): **CA AAUW Annual Meeting**

LEADERSHIP MEETING – March 11, 10:30 am (Zoom)

GENERAL MEETING

Thank you for Zooming on February 11th for NT AAUW's *Member Appreciation With-Out-the-Soup-Luncheon* with a "*Show the Love*" quiz which attendees failed spectacularly!

Everyone did much better at relating "what inspires (you) to be so good to us". Words like: *intelligent, creative, friendly, warm, caring, hospitable, generous with time and efforts*, all flowed together with the belief in what AAUW stands for and strives to accomplish.

Of note: **Diane Buckman** joined us and let it be known that she and David have been married **65 years** on Valentine's Day. . ."and are still hanging in there!" Now that is a fine example of "Show the Love"!

Click [here](#) to view the video recording of the February 11 meeting.

March 11, 2021 @ 1:30 pm

After meeting our Scholarship recipient, *Jaquelyne Velazquez-Gutierrez*, on Zoom and hearing about her isolating virtual college experience, we are excited to have **Alec Lee**, Executive Director of **AIM HIGH** (aimhigh.org), speak to the current state our educators and students find themselves in.

What if we don't go back to normal after the pandemic? What might shift in education? What have we learned? Can we reimagine the future of education? How do we recover?

Please [join us on Zoom](#) on **March 11th at 1:30pm** for this informative talk and to show your support for program speakers.

A link to register for the meeting will be sent a week before the meeting.

AIM HIGH is also running a monthly Virtual Learning Series, free and open to all, through Spring 2021.

aimhigh.org/our-events/

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April 17, 2021 @ 9:30 am

In the spring of 2020, our California AAUW leaders pivoted very successfully to holding the Annual State Convention via Zoom. They will be doing the same thing this year on **Saturday, April 17, 2021** starting at **9:30 am**.

In lieu of our April general meeting, we encourage you to attend the Annual State Convention. This is a great opportunity for members throughout California to find out how our state leadership is supporting and encouraging all branches to thrive and grow during these unusual times.

Please click on the following link to see the agenda for the Annual Meeting and register for this inspirational gathering of California AAUWers:

[Saturday, April 17, 2021 9:30 AM CA AAUW Annual Meeting registration](#)

AAUW Bylaws Change Proposal

The National AAUW is proposing a Bylaws change that would remove the membership requirement of a degree. Voting begins on April 7th.

Rationale: AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity, yet the requirement for membership explicitly denies access to membership to those without college degrees. AAUW does not promote equity for all women and girls if the organization maintains exclusionary membership requirements. The membership requirement is not fair, is not right, and is not equity. This is simply the right thing to do.

Click this link for a further explanation of why this is being proposed and championed and what the exact changes are:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2021-comment-bylaws/>

NT AAUW Proposed Slate of Officers & Chairs 2021-2022

In January, the Leadership Officers voted to appoint **Kym Pipkin, Patricia Watters, and Jo Ann Cobb** to this year's Nominating Committee.

At the February 11th Leadership Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a proposed slate of Officers & Chairs for our 2021-2022 fiscal year. This proposed slate, shown on **page 7**, will be presented to our membership at the **March 11th Member Meeting**.

Like last year, each member will be sent an email later this spring with instructions on how to vote online.

Please note that there are still some **open positions** if you are interested in joining our Leadership Team! If we were meeting in person, nominations would be accepted from the floor during a member meeting; since we are meeting virtually due to the pandemic, please submit any "floor" nominations via email to the Nominating Committee members.



The Girls State session will be virtual and take place the week of June 28. We have three worthy applicants and have received their information.

We have set up a Zoom interview for Friday, **February 26**. Christine and I will conduct the interviews with Joanne Shope (ALA) if she has Zoom capabilities. Jo Ann Cobb has graciously agreed to host the Zoom visit to allow unlimited time for the interviews.

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Our journey to the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek (VTT) camp has begun!

- Kym and Meri signed and submitted the MOU (memorandum of understanding) with AAUW-CA for VTT.
- I “guesstimated” sending 11 girls to virtual camp: 5 - 2021 girls, and 6 - 2020 (incl. 1 alternate)
- Costs will be \$400/girl. VTT camp will help with laptops or Internet.
- Camps are scheduled for June 21-25, July 12-16, and July 26-30.
- Electronic nomination forms have been sent to our 7th grade teachers at North Tahoe School.
- Our branch interview team is reading the 6 online policy manuals before we can interview the new nominees. AAUW is to be commended for the high level of security they place upon protecting all the girls in the Tech Trek program.
- **Patricia Watters, Meri and Priscilla Mills** are volunteering as online coaches for VTT, yay!
- Volunteers still needed... from the comfort of your own computer! Science skills are not required but rather good organizational and helpful coaching skills.
<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2021-virtual-tech-trek-internal/>. Take a look!
- Meri is writing a TTCSC (Tahoe Truckee Community Scholarship Committee) Letter of Recommendation for Victoria Martin (TT 2016) who is applying to college in Biology. We are fortunate to know her.

Tech Trek of the Future Update:

The task force has created an idea board and received input from branches and supporters around the State. There may even be some enhancement to the Virtual camp this summer.

The task force is enthusiastic, inclusive and hardworking. Much more to follow!

The Orinda Moraga Lafayette AAUW branch hosted their last webinar “*Climate Change: Learn how to make a difference*” on Feb 21 before taking a break for March. Such good and helpful information for young women.

Replays of the recordings are on their website: <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/girls4stem-webinars/> in case you want to email it to your granddaughter or neighbor.

To celebrate the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** (February 11), Amanda Lynnes, IAATO Director of Environment and Science Coordination, penned a blog reflecting on the changing landscape of female empowerment and equality in the science community of Antarctica. Click on the link below.

Amanda is the daughter of Susan Lynnes-Park, a past president (2013-2015) of our branch.

[Look No Further Than the Antarctic Community to Inspire Girls into STEM - IAATO](#)

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MEMBERSHIP

We now have **56 members** in our branch.

Two new members have joined this month, **Barbara Roberts** and **Martha Russell**. Please welcome them to the group!

Barbara Roberts sent the following introduction information:

Personal History: *My family moved to South Lake Tahoe in 1956, when I was four. I don't remember them asking my opinion about the move. My parents soon purchased Surf and Sands Marina, now Timber Cove, and we lived over the pier. I simply cannot imagine a more perfect place to grow up. Swimming, water skiing, boating, laughing, hiking and waking to gorgeous vistas every day; that was my*

childhood. My life was idyllic. I graduated from South Tahoe High School in 1970, and after five years at UC Davis, and three years of teaching jobs around the state, I came back to my mountains. I taught English At North Tahoe High School for thirty (mostly wonderful) years and retired in 2004.

Interests/Hobbies: *I love to read, chat, crochet, kayak, bicycle, walk, sing, dance, laugh, play, and any other great opportunity that comes along. I always want to try something new.*

Why AAUW: *After my husband passed, I was so missing intellectual conversation. Vera Belle Daegling said, “I have the answer.” She took me to Great Decisions, and after the first year, someone said I needed to join the organization to attend Great Decisions. Prior to this time, I had been asked to join numerous times, but Great Decisions gave me the boost I needed, and this time I stayed.*

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:

Dana Loury – sympathy for loss of father-in-law (2/9/21)

Rachael Swift – support for mom being placed on hospice care



Very Best Wishes
to our March Birthdays!

- 03 – Kym Pipkin
- 16 – Barbara Ramsey
- 19 – Janet Sullivan
- 27 – Ann Lyman



Book Group members met on February 23 to discuss
“American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Book Club will meet on Tuesday **March 30th** at **12:30 pm**, via Zoom, to review *The Splendid and the Vile* by Eric Larson. Our discussion leader will be **Betsy Peterson**. An invitation to join the Zoom meeting will follow.

If you are not already signed up for Book Group and would like to join this book discussion, please email Jo Ann. Happy Spring!

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BRIDGE

Four members of the Bridge Group: **Linda Larish**, **Patricia Watters**, **Dianne Lange** and **Betsey Husted** continue to play weekly bridge games on Trickstercards.com, with **Kym Pipkin** acting as our permanent substitute.

Patricia Watters, **Richard Lashbrook**, **Kym** and **Jerry Pipkin**, and **Betsey** and **Mike Husted** play couples bridge on Trickster. **Sue DeVoe** is practicing on Trickster and is involved with her local AAUW in the Danville area. She has responded that she could be available as a substitute.

As more members become vaccinated, and as the weather allows, we can see the possibility of a "live" game in the not too distant future. However, the convenience of Trickster and playing virtually may well become a permanent part of the Bridge Group. Anyone interested in playing on Trickster, please let me know.

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GOURMET

Still on hold, waiting for COVID to disappear!

A memo will be sent to members asking if **two members** are interested in hosting an outdoor gathering in June or July. We will go from there, depending on safety of gatherings.

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GREAT DECISIONS

Our Great Decisions meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 16th**, from **10 am until noon** facilitated by Zoom.

Our next chapter will be “**Brexit and the European Union**”. Why does the UK want to divorce the EU? Are there any repercussions to the US? We’ll soon find out and try to figure it out! Our moderator for the subject will be **Ann Lyman**.

Members will be sent a Zoom registration link one week prior to our meeting. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for 8 months - each

month covering one of the 8 chapters of our briefing book.

The [Great Decisions 2021 Calendar](#) is posted on the branch website.

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North Tahoe AAUW website:

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

AAUW California website:

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

Username: **member**

Password: **aauwca** (case sensitive)



CALENDAR

MARCH

- 11: Leadership and Member meetings
- 16: Great Decisions
- 30: Book Group

2021-2022 Leadership

Elected Officers	
President	Jo Ann Cobb
President-Elect	Open
VP Membership	Co-Chair (Open) & Cheryl Allen
VP Programs	Priscilla Mills
Finance Officer	Patricia Watters
Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corresponding • Recording 	Linda Larish Kym Pipkin & Johnnie Lee Don
Communications Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email • Newsletter • Social Media 	Dianne Lange Dana Loury Dianne Lange
Appointed Officers	
AAUW Fund	Barbara Ramsey
Girls State	Christine Madden, Linda Larish
Tech Trek/STEM Trek	Meri McEneny
By-laws/Parliamentarian	Priscilla Mills
Nominating Committee (non-voting)	3 members -TBD
Scholarship Officers	Ellen Magnani, Kathie Julian
Interest Group Chairs	
Book Group	Esther Sonnenberg
Bridge Group	Betsey Husted
Friday Nitters	Open
Great Decisions	Linda Schwoob
Gourmet Group	Linda Larish
Hiking/Walking Group	Dianne Lange
In Stitches	Julie Elmen