



December 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you like attending plays, performances, and movies and visiting museums of various sorts? Would you like to do so with some of your fellow AAUW North Tahoe members and enjoy an optional group lunch or dinner on either side of a given activity?

If you find yourself saying YES!, please send me an email expressing your interest and any ideas for outings. Some of us are considering forming a **Cultural Activities Interest Group** in our Branch and are wondering who would like to participate. Please see a blurb on page 4 in this newsletter about an outing to the Century Summit Cinema in south Reno on January 23rd, 2022 at 12:55 PM to see a recorded Bolshoi Ballet performance.

On November 17th, our AAUW National organization held a virtual celebration of **AAUW's 140th Birthday**. Wow, it is inspiring and empowering to be associated with a group that has been advocating for and working towards gender equity for all over that many years.

Click [here](#) to watch a 1-1/2 minute video that celebrates AAUW's 140 years and begins with "We've led the way on gender equity for 140 years...AAUW has empowered women and girls to follow their dreams", followed by amazing

photos of the projects and people that our group has supported and encouraged over those years.

During the celebration, **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director General of the World Trade Organization and one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021, received the AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award.

During her conversation with our new **AAUW CEO Gloria L. Blackwell**, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala described being a new college graduate in 1977 and how significant it was for her continued graduate study at MIT to have received an AAUW International Fellowship. What we do and support matters!

The recording of their conversation will be available soon, and I encourage you to watch some or all of it. The paperback edition of Julia Gillard and Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala's book, "*Women and Leadership, Real Lives, Real Lessons*" will be available this spring.

I look forward to visiting with many of you at our holiday luncheon on **December 16th**.

Enjoy all of your holiday celebrations this month and Happy New Year 2022!

JoAnn S. Cobb – jscobb@sbcglobal.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS

January 13 @1:00 pm - The Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe. See location below.

February 10 @1:00 pm - Member Appreciation Luncheon – Location TBD.

Our January general meeting will be held on Thursday, **Jan. 13 @1 pm** and will feature Ben Visnyei from the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe.

We will meet in the Tahoe City Public Utility District (PUD) Board room, 221 Fairway Dr., Tahoe City. **Full vaccination and masks** are required.

We're tentatively planning to hold our annual Member and Mission Partner Appreciation Luncheon on **Feb. 10**, depending on the situation with the pandemic.

Priscilla Mills - VP Programs
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Holiday Party

Our in-person holiday party is a go! We've had many positive responses and are looking forward to actually getting together again.

Please respond to your Evite soon, if you haven't already. If you didn't receive an Evite, please email Priscilla at pmills7624@yahoo.com.

The party will be on **Thursday, Dec. 16, 11:30** at Priscilla's house in Kings Beach (address in the invitation). Again, this get-together is for **fully vaccinated members** only.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

January 13: 10:00 am (Zoom)



AAUW FUND

A Little Help Needed...

We came oh so close. Thank you to all who have contributed to the AAUW Fund via the Annual Appeal or in response to the recent AAUW Fund Events. It is because of you that we are just \$50 from reaching our \$750 goal for a North Tahoe Branch gift honoree. Can we do this before the December 31st deadline???

I trust you found the three AAUW Fund Events showcasing the 2021 grant recipients/fellows well worth the watch. If you were not able to tune in, there is another opportunity at <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2021-fund-events>.

Meri caught up this way and after watching one session, remarked "*We are part, an important part, of an incredible organization. I will be sure to watch the other two webinars this month. Great women, great work.*"

If you feel so inclined to close the gap and meet our goal, you can send your checks to **Patricia Watters** at 1788 Orlen Lane, Templeton, CA 93465. Patricia will go to the AAUW National website to complete the "paperwork" and then send the checks to AAUW National to process.

Thank you...sincerely,

Barbara Ramsey - AAUW Fund Chair
bj3ramsey@gmail.com



Joanne Shope, from ALA (American Legion Auxiliary) in SLT, submitted the balance of **\$375**, to Patricia Watters,

which was the amount ALA was holding for us in their account. We will now be able to pay the tuition directly to CA Girls State for 2022. We are still waiting for confirmation from Joanne that our reservation for 2022 has been submitted to California Girls State.

Linda Larish and Christine Madden –



Since our membership meeting with the Tech Trek girls, I attended a Zoom meeting on Oct. 26 with new AAUW-CA TT director Karen Manelis.

Please watch this YouTube video for the full meeting, or simply to get acquainted with our new director Karen:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek-branch-coordinators-meeting/>

Karen Manelis was **president of AAUW California** when the Tech Trek Math/Science Camp for Girls was established in **1998**.

Ms. Manelis directed the Tech Trek camp at California State University in Fresno from 1999 (inception) to 2007 when she moved to Washington. She has been the director of Tech Trek Washington since 2013.

Here are a few bullet points from the meeting:

- Branch packets arrive in December.
- Absolute dates for branches: \$ to camp treasurer and names to camp director, both in April.
- Primary goal of camp: keep campers, et al., in 1 dorm.
- Suggest using Tech Trek alums for interviews.

After this branch coordinators meeting, we were sent a survey to gauge interest in next year's camps, and the main points I responded to were:

- Our branch is interested in participating in an in-person camp for 2022.
- We request 5 spots.
- Camp at UC Davis, or Stanford, Curie (we were asked for a 2nd choice).
- I am willing to participate in a Branch Coordinators Group.

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator
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MEMBERSHIP

The 2021-22 directory on the website has been updated.

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

It is password protected. Contact Dianne Lange at diannelange@me.com for the password.

Please note the following changes:

- New email address for **Ginger Wilson**: wilson.virginia775@gmail.com
- New residence address for **Diane Buckman**: 435 Rose Garden Ct, Reno NV 89509

Johnnie Lee Don – johnnieleedon1@gmail.com

Cheryl Allen – cherylkallen@cs.com

To get a **membership application form**, download it from our website (*JOIN NOW* on upper right of home page) or click here: [Member Application Form](#)



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

We regret to share with you that **Diane Buckman's husband**, David, passed away on November 8. Please keep Diane and family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Diane and David were married for 67 years, and those of us in AAUW NT Branch have shared in their lives for a number of fun years. Diane says she has wonderful memories of their time together and even recently, they had taken a drive in the country and enjoyed themselves immensely. Unfortunately, due to our smoke-filled summer, they only got up to the lake for four days this Fall.

The day of his passing, David and Diane had a lovely afternoon visiting with their children. She is grateful that he passed peacefully and did not

suffer. Calls are very welcome. Diane's phone number is 775-827-8114.

If you wish, donations in David's memory can be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation (UNR Foundation).

Memorial gifts can be made to a school or college memorial fund, or to the general University of Nevada, Reno Memorial Fund.

Check should be payable to the UNR Foundation with the honoree noted, along with their address (Diane Buckman - PO Box 12685, Reno, NV 89510) and directed to:

UNR Foundation/0162
Reno, NV 89557

The Foundation will send an acknowledgement to the family.

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:

Rachael Swift - Sympathy for loss of mother (sent 11/6/21).

Foriver (Truckee River Watershed Council) – Thank you for presentation (11/19/21).

Diane Buckman – Sympathy for loss of spouse (11/19/21).

The Bolshoi Ballet is coming to Reno...

Not live, unfortunately, but broadcast at the Century Summit Theater at the Summit shopping complex. Several members plan to go to the **January 23, 12:55 PM** performance of **Jewels**.

If you are interested, let **Jo Ann Cobb** know by **December 8**. She is ordering tickets (\$18 each) so that we can sit together.

To see the entire ballet schedule, go to bolshoiballetincinema.com.



*Very best wishes to our
December Birthdays!*

Dec. 04 - Jean Wernette

Dec. 09 - Judy Snook

Dec. 11 - Sandra Wolfe

Dec. 15 - Jo Ann Cobb

Dec. 18 - Fritzi Briner, Martha Cirata

Dec. 31 - Patricia Watters, Ginger Wilson

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Please join us on **December 28th** at **12:30 PM** for a Book Group meeting, via Zoom, as we discuss "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Our book review will be led by **Martha Cirata**. If you are not signed up for Book Group and would like to join us, please contact Esther.

Esther Sonnenberg – 530.412.3045 (cell)
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BRIDGE

COVID has impacted the bridge group as it has impacted everything for the past 2 years. Until now, members of the group who have participated have been playing on Trickster, an online vehicle for playing.

The first "live" bridge game was held on Thursday, **November 18th**, at the home of **Linda Larish** in Incline Village. **Dianne Lange, Linda, and Mike and Betsey Husted** played. Everyone was vaccinated, including the booster.

In January it is my intention to attempt a "live" game again, hoping that the COVID numbers are down and people are vaccinated, thereby feeling safer. The community offered through AAUW, whether "live", through Zoom or our online Trickster, has been a saving grace during these challenging times.

Betsey Husted - betseyhusted18@gmail.com



GOURMET

Nine members of Gourmet/Friday Nites spent a beautiful day in Genoa on October 28th, dining at the historic [Pink House Restaurant](#). The weather was perfect, and we were able to dine outside on their covered porch. After lunch, some of us went shopping in the quaint town.

It was so lovely to meet in person and have such a wonderful outing. We hope to meet again in January.

Linda Larish – llarish@sbcglobal.net



Lunch at the historic Pink House restaurant, Genoa



Genoa Square



WALKING GROUP

The October walk around Spooner was postponed a week because of snow. Instead, we walked the East Shore paved path on **November 1**. Eight walkers were present...the most who have walked so far! After the walk, six of us had lunch at the Tunnel Creek Café.

On Monday **November 22**, we enjoyed a walk around Spooner Lake.



Contact Dianne Lange at diannelange@me.com if you are interested in joining the group.



CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 16: Holiday Party
- 28: Book Group