



January 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to **2022** and whatever the New Year may bring!

The past two years have certainly honed our coping and flexibility skills, so we should be ready for the surprises that 2022 is likely to bring our way.

I read an article last fall about how many people make New Year's Resolutions to begin on January 1st, but unfortunately peter out after a few weeks. The article recommended starting new hobbies and habits whenever you are inspired to do so throughout the year, so that they don't carry the additional baggage of New Year's Resolution failures of the past.

Last fall, I decided that I was going to devote time and effort to birding, after being an Audubon Society member for over 30 years and occasional birder. So far, I have read two of the bird books from my to-read shelf (gifts of Christmases past) and went on four birding outings with local nature groups. I am signed up for the Tahoe Institute of Natural Sciences Bald Eagle Count on January 14th and received two new bird books under the Christmas tree. I am excited and devoted, so far. What new hobbies or interests have you pursued in the past year?

Which brings me to our beloved **AAUW North Tahoe Branch**. Have you considered trying out one of our Interest Groups that piques your

interest but would be a stretch for you? The fledgling Cultural Activities group is trying out its wings starting in January, and we will see if it can fly before making it official.

How about saying YES to an Officer position for the **2022-2023 AAUW year** when our 2022 Nominating Committee puts out the call for volunteers in a couple weeks, and become a mover and shaker in our group?

I encourage you to greet the New Year with open arms and try something new!

Jo Ann S. Cobb – jscobb@sbcglobal.net

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS (Thursdays)

January 13 @1:00 pm – featuring Ben Visnyei from the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe.

Meeting will be held at the Tahoe City PUD Board Room (221 Fairway Dr., Tahoe City).

February 10 @1:00 pm – “*Show the Love*” Member Appreciation Luncheon, also at TC PUD Board room.

NOTE: Both events are subject to being changed to Zoom meetings due to Covid, but please save the dates!

Priscilla Mills - pmills7624@yahoo.com

LEADERSHIP MEETING

January 13: 10:00 am (Zoom)



AAUW FUND

You Did It! THANK YOU!

Awesome...that is what you are.

My heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the AAUW Fund, allowing our branch to meet the \$750 goal of naming a gift honoree. Take pride not only in this accomplishment but in knowing that you are furthering the AAUW mission of equity, justice and opportunity for women and girls.

In January, the leadership team will think about who to nominate for our Named Gift Honoree. This is the highest honor bestowed on one of our members. The nominated awardee should have demonstrated outstanding leadership and work in supporting the AAUW North Tahoe programs and goals. It is asked that along with the nomination, a brief written justification be submitted.

Congratulations!

Barbara Ramsey - AAUW Fund Chair
bj3ramsey@gmail.com



Fliers and applications were delivered to Jeff Ream, North Tahoe High School counselor in late November.

We will review applications in January and conduct interviews in February.

Linda Larish and Christine Madden



The future of Tech Trek residential camps is not a sure thing due to persistence of Covid, but the AAUW-CA Tech Trek board is planning for in-person residential camps in summer 2022.

Our **UC Davis camp** is scheduled for **July 17-23, 2022**. Yippee! The Tech Trek board made this decision under the direction of new director Karen Manelis after reviewing data from all the campus contacts.

You were introduced to Karen in our last newsletter but if you missed that, she was president of AAUW California when the Tech Trek was established in 1998. She 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.

Get to know Karen on this YouTube video from our branch coordinator meeting on Oct. 26, 2021: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek-branch-coordinators-meeting/>.

Our UC Davis coordinators Martha Rees and Susan Wheeler are planning a meeting for us, Northern California branch coordinators, in January.

Our branch packets containing the nominations forms are due in early 2022. In advance of the packets, I contacted our great partners at North Tahoe School, and got an enthusiastic reply from Principal Lindeen and 7th grade teacher Mrs. Verkler. Other teachers contacted include Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hamel, and Ms. Hatten.

Once again, we will ask for 10 nominations and then select 5 girls for interviews. All forms for teachers and students will be electronic. Stay tuned about recommendations for interviews! We might take the suggestion to ask some of our Tech Trek alumnae to help with interviews.

If you are a former member of the interview team, please contact me with your interest in participating in 2022 at mmceneny@gmail.com.

The schedule will involve reading electronic forms in late January/February and conducting interviews in late February/March.

Thank you in advance for your time, interest, and enthusiasm!

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.

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

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 card was sent to:

Carol Eyre – Sympathy for loss of daughter (11/26/21)

Holiday Party

Fourteen vaccinated members gathered at the lovely home of Priscilla Mills in Tahoe Vista for a delightful holiday luncheon on December 16th.

Many thanks to the organizing committee: **Priscilla, Jo Ann, Kym, Johnnie Lee, Linda L.** and **Rachael**, and to all the participants who made the party a very memorable one.



For more photos, click on the link below:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9UmQ7rX2YFHzbwAh9>



*Very best wishes to our
January Birthdays!*

Jan. 27 - Esther Sonnenberg

Jan. 29 - Patty Orlando

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Happy New Year! Book Group will gather once again via Zoom, on **January 25th** at **12:30 PM** to review “*The Code Breaker*” by Walter Isaacson. Our discussion will be led by **Cheryl Allen**. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent to the Book Group list. Please sign up in advance.

Note: Esther Sonnenberg is no longer able to be the Book Group Leader. If you can fill in for her for the remaining few months, please email Esther at esther.sonnenberg@gmail.com. Thank you!!

Esther Sonnenberg – 530.412.3045 (cell)



GOURMET

We are hoping to have an event in late January or February, but it has not been finalized. More information will be forthcoming in January.

Linda Larish – llarish@sbcglobal.net



GREAT DECISIONS

Greetings and Happy New Year from Great Decisions!

Wishing all our AAUW members a happy and omicron-free new year – plenty of warmth during these snowy days and a larder full of goodies to sustain you.

Great Decisions will have the first meeting for 2022 on **Tuesday, February 21st at 10 am**.

By then, our briefing books will have arrived and hopefully dispersed to members who ordered them.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for 8 months of the year to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

Linda Schwoob – lschwoob@yahoo.com



WALKING GROUP

We ventured out on the groomed Pinedrop trail in North Tahoe Regional Park (Tahoe Vista) on Monday Dec. 20th.



Jo Ann, Dianne and Rachael on the Pinedrop trail

I plan to continue our walks through the winter whenever weather and road conditions permit.

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



CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 13: General & Leadership Meetings
- 25: Book Group