



March 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing this column as I look out my window at the lovely new snow that is covering my yard on this auspicious day of 2/22/22. Since I was a child growing up in northern Michigan, the white stuff falling from the sky has always seemed magical to me, and I remember how we used to go outside and hold our open mouths to the sky with great glee and anticipation to catch some of that magic. Now living in the drought-prone west, the falling snow fills me with hope that our lands and living things will have enough moisture to grow and thrive so that we are all sustained throughout the coming year.

What fills each of us with hope as we move through our lives? Over the weekend, I read an article about Mary Latham (<https://www.moregood.today/>) who spent 3 years and 31 days traveling to every state in the U. S. in search of finding more good. She embarked on this journey after sitting for hours in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital as her mom's life came to an end because of cancer. As she endured those hours, she wondered how others find hope in the midst of darkness, and she remembered her mother's words after the Sandy Hook murders in Connecticut, "There are always going to be tragedies and horrible things that will happen in the world and in our lives, but there will always be more good out there, if you

look for it." So, Mary went looking for that good, using her mom's old Subaru Outback to keep her memory close. Mary is writing a book about what she discovered, and in the article that I read, she summoned up some of what she has learned so far:

1. **There is a shortage of ears in America.** People desperately want to be heard. They want to be listened to and understood.
2. **Kindness is time.** Show up for people. Do good deeds.
3. **Life is a trust fall – and asking for help is OK.**
4. **The only antidote to hurting is helping.**
5. **My mom was right.** You cannot be a passive bystander waiting for 'good' to reveal itself. Because good things are rarely passive, they're about being proactive. It's about seeing an opportunity and actually doing something.

The news is often filled with what is not working, including dire predictions for our future, especially for the health of our home the planet Earth and the state of our democracy. What can we each do to help create a better and healthier tomorrow? What can we each do to further our AAUW Mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy?

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LEADERSHIP MEETING

March 10: 10:00 am (Zoom)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS (Thursdays)

March 10 @ 1 pm (Zoom) – Erin Holland, North Tahoe Fire Protection District

May 12 @ 1 pm – Mindy Carbajal, Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe

PROGRAMS

March 10 at 1:00 pm via Zoom - *Erin Holland* from North Tahoe Fire Protection District will fill us in on our local forest fire situation.

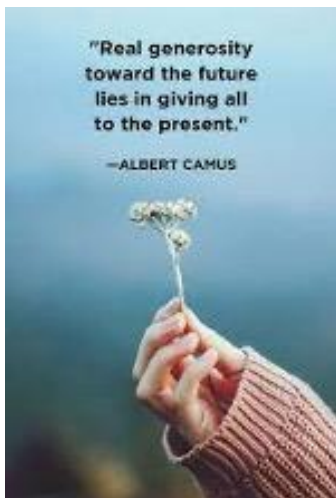
Saturday April 30 (9:30 – 1:00, Zoom webinar) Members are encouraged to attend the virtual [AAUW California Annual Meeting](#).

May 12 at 1:00 pm- *Mindy Carbajal* will give us a presentation on the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe. Virtual or in-person yet to be determined.

Priscilla Mills - pmills7624@yahoo.com



AAUW FUND



Thank you so much for being a part of California's significant contribution to the national AAUW Fund, **\$494,020**... nearly a half million dollars for scholarships, grants, leadership programs, and other activities to ensure equity for women and girls.

North Tahoe Branch raised an impressive **\$1,093**. I am so proud of our members!!

Barbara Ramsey - AAUW Fund Chair
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We have received four applications for the June 2022 Girls State program. Jeff Ream, counselor for NTHS has been given dates for in-person interviews for the applicants. We will coordinate with him for a final date.

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SCHOLARSHIP

On Thursday, February 10, 2022, AAUW North Tahoe held their General Membership zoom meeting.

We were delighted to hear from our 2021-2022 Scholarship recipient, **Mariana Bravo Corona**. She is a very accomplished young woman who excelled in all her coursework at North Tahoe High School, including several Advanced Placement STEM courses. She maintained a G.P.A. of 4.2 at North Tahoe. Kathie and I were both very impressed with all aspects of her application. She was a consistent Distinguished Scholar and a Student of the Month as well! She is a first generation to attend college in her family. An older sister has already graduated, and her brother will be in college at the same time Mariana will be.

Mariana is attending Loyola Marymount University located in Los Angeles on the west side of the city near Playa Vista. This is a private Jesuit university with small classes and close ties with professors. As a freshman, she is following coursework that introduces various engineering fields to the freshman in engineering. She

expressed an interest in Civil Engineering to our group. Mariana gave us a brief summary of her campus life and answered several questions from our members. She appears to be very happy with her choice, and we wish her well with her studies!

In March, at our Leadership meeting, we will be discussing and evaluating our North Tahoe AAUW Scholarship program.

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Nomination forms for Tech Trek 2022 arrived from AAUW-CA and were sent to our 4 participating teachers at North Tahoe School. Thank you, teachers!

Interestingly, even though we have a committed and expanded interview team for Tech Trek applicants, AAUW National does not require, nor encourage, interviews. Rather, they recommend relying on teacher nominations and their rankings, and the student applications. Something to consider going forward to simplify the Tech Trek selection process.

This week we will confirm and submit the MOU with AAUW-CA to initiate our relationship with Tech Trek 2022 and allow nominations to be submitted by our teachers. My recommendation to send 2 girls to Virtual camp has required a slight modification of the MOU which should be forthcoming. AAUW-CA TT Director Karen M., agreed with our intent to have both in-person and virtual campers, but this requires changing the “electronic box” we check on the MOU.

Teachers were asked to nominate 10-12, 7th grade girls, for our 5 in-person campers, and possibly 2 more Virtual campers. Once the teachers submit the nominees, the system automatically sends out applications to the girls and sends information to their parents. After

years of having piles of paperwork, now there is none!

The cost for Virtual camp is about half the cost of in-person, and the VTT camp was an amazing experience. I encourage our branch to add 2 girls this year for VTT, while the opportunity to send more girls to this type of STEM experience is available.

Branch coordinators keep track of all student and volunteer forms by logging into our branch folder at the UC Davis TT camp website. Lots of good changes in two years.

The website also tracks and responds to volunteer forms for Dorm Moms, Junior Counselors, and Virtual coaches. Three former campers have applied to the JC program, plus our former Truckee-Donner branch camper, Marion, now attending North Tahoe, who will help with our interviews. AAUW- CA suggested adding a former camper to the interview team, if we choose to have interviews.

We are requesting Saturday June 4, 9-12 noon, for our STEM Trek Day at TERC in Incline Village. Once again, four local branches will team up to invite all interested girls and members to this dynamic day. More info to follow once we receive a date confirmation!

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator
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MEMBERSHIP

Linda Larish has a new email address:
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Kindly make the correction in your printed directory booklet.

The [online member directory](#) is password protected. Contact [Dianne Lange](#) (diannelange@me.com) for the password.

The [2021-22 directory in booklet format](#) (PDF file) and *printing instructions* are on the website.

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](#)

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*Very best wishes to our
March Birthdays!*



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Please notify our corresponding secretary, **Linda Larish** (llarish526@gmail.com), about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch. A card was sent to:

Jane Ellis (friend of Meri McEneny) – Thank you for donation (2/10/2022).

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

SAVE THE DATE...

Community Fundraiser for TLC

On Sunday, **June 5, 2022**, **Tahoe League for Charity** will sponsor a regional *wine tasting event* at the Tahoe Yacht Club (in Tahoe City).

All profits will support the grants and scholarship programs of their club. Details will be forthcoming as they develop.

TLC has been a generous supporter of our Tech Trek program over the years. In 2020, it received one of our branch AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree awards.

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Esther Sonnenberg has chosen **The Henna Artist** by **Alka Joshi** for the March selection. Here is a “sneak peek” into this read:

Escaping from an arranged and abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone from her 1950s rural village to the vibrant pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the henna artist - and confidante - most in demand to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...

This book is available in Audible, on Kindle, in hard copy and paperback.

Esther will lead the book discussion via Zoom on Tuesday, **March 29th** at **12:30pm**. An invitation to register will be sent prior to the meeting. If you are not yet a member but would like to join in a discussion, please let us know.

Barbara Ramsey - bj3ramsey@gmail.com

Cheryl Allen – cherylkallen@cs.com



GOURMET FRIDAY NITERS

A luncheon is scheduled for **Friday February 25, 2022** to celebrate 2/22/22. It will be at the Old Post Office Café (in Carnelian Bay) at 11:30.

We have 11 positive responses. If you would like to join us, please contact me at my new email address below.

Linda Larish – llarish526@gmail.com



GREAT DECISIONS

On Tuesday, **March 15th**, Great Decisions will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom from **10am until noon**. The subject we will discuss is "Climate Change" and how we can reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions.

Our moderator will be **Priscilla Mills**. This is a timely subject for our intrepid Great Decision members to analyze as we seek to determine future climate expectations.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for eight months of the year. We each study our briefing books supplied to us by the Foreign Policy Association. The discussion follows a video that we access at each meeting.

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INSTITCHES

Stitching with a Purpose

Stitchers were busy throughout the pandemic and especially during the cold, dark days of Winter. We enjoyed comradery and shared ideas with monthly Zoom meetings while making sweaters, shawls, lap blankets, caps, and scarves.

Our InStitches group decided to share this productivity with local people who may need

warm, soft coverings. We identified **STEPP** to receive caps, mittens, and other items stitched with love by our members. **Sierra Teen Education Parenting Program**, located on the Sierra High School campus in Truckee, "*is primarily in place for teen[-parents] who are still in high school. We have the parents during the day working on parenting and life skills. If our program is not full with teens, we also have a transitional aspect that enrolls income-qualifying families and parents who have graduated.*"

If you have an interest in participating, Stitchers will share yarns, materials, and instructions for items to donate. No previous experience required. For example, if you know how to tie a knot, you can make a no-sew fleece blanket. We intend to stitch "AAUW North Tahoe" labels into the items to remind local families of our community service mission.



Esther and her creation

Come join the fun and learn a new skill! Contact me for more information.

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Our next meeting will be in person (we hope) at **Julie Elmen's home** in Truckee on Wednesday, **March 23, at 2 PM**. We will exchange yarns and inspirations. Please let Julie know if you will attend: jdelsen@gmail.com.



WALKING GROUP

We had a great turnout for the January walk on the Dollar Hill Trail.

On **February 28**, we plan to go snowshoeing at Chickadee Ridge in Tahoe meadows off Mt. Rose Hwy. Contact **Dianne Lange** for more information.

For the **March 28** outing, **Betsey Husted** has volunteered to take us along the Truckee River in Reno, perhaps with a stop for lunch.

Those on the Walking Group's email list will get an announcement the week before the hike. And if you're not on the list, please let **Dianne Lange** (diannelange@me.com) know that you would like to be added to it.

Friends, families, and well-behaved dogs are welcome.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

- 10: General & Leadership Meetings
- 15: Great Decisions
- 23: InStitches
- 28: Walking Group
- 29: Book Group