



May 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope many of you were able to watch and participate in at least part of our AAUW California Annual Meeting via Zoom on Saturday, April 30th, and felt a swelling of pride and inspiration to be associated with such an incredible group of state-wide AAUW members and supporters!

Representative **Jackie Speier** (California's 14th Congressional District on the San Francisco Peninsula, where I used to live) was honored as this year's AAUW California Equity Champion.

Jackie has been one of my heroes since the Jonestown, Guyana, massacre in November 1978 when she was a congressional staffer for Congressman Leo Ryan and part of his fact-finding mission to investigate allegations of human rights abuses by Jim Jones and his Peoples Temple followers.

After Congressman Ryan and 4 others were assassinated in Guyana on that terrible November day, in addition to the suicide by poison of over 900 Peoples Temple followers, Jackie was shot five times and laid on the Guyana airport tarmac for 22 hours before help arrived. Whenever I think something is too hard to do or accomplish, to summon my own hope and persistence, I think of Jackie on that tarmac and the courage and endurance human beings are capable of during extreme fear and suffering.

Jackie has gone on to champion many public policy and legislative initiatives that are key supports for AAUW's mission.

More meeting highlights: AAUW National's CEO Gloria Blackwell reminded us that what we say and do as individuals is important, and it is even more impactful when we work together to achieve change that affects broad swaths of Americans, especially through public policy advocacy and change.

Jasmine L. Sadler, who combines her love of dancing with her scientific career as owner and founder of The STEAM Collaborative, illustrated how significant our STEM programs can be for young girls and women.

During presentations by the three branches that were chosen to receive *Branch Activity of the Year Awards*, we found out what extraordinary activities and events ordinary branches just like North Tahoe can achieve through vision, creativity, and hard work.

Listening to the broadcasts of the three Speech Trek finalists' speeches, I thought about how important it is for us to be quiet and really listen to each other and reflect on what has been said to gain a sense of how we each have different perspectives shaped by our own experiences and ambitions.

Taking advantage of Zoom's breakout room functionality, attendees were able to participate in live discussions in two different workshop sessions during the day. Eighteen (18) different workshops were offered, and I chose to participate in two topics that are important and challenging issues, namely, abortion rights and critical race theory.

I encourage each of you to view all or parts of the 2022 AAUW California Annual Meeting when the recording is released in a few days.

JoAnn S. Cobb

LEADERSHIP MEETING

May 12 @ 10 am via Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETING

May 12 @ 12:45 pm - Speaker: Mindy Carbajal (Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe).

PROGRAMS.

May 12: Meet at 12:45 pm at the Boys and Girls Club in Kings Beach (8125 Steelhead Ave)

At 1 pm, *Mindy Carbajal* will give us a presentation on the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe.

Following the presentation, we will have our business meeting and installation of new officers.

Priscilla Mills - VP Programs



Thanks to our wonderful treasurer, Patricia, all funds have been paid to secure our delegate's place to attend Girls State this coming June.

During the week in mid-May prior to Ella's attendance at camp, we will deliver a check to her for transportation and any personal needs.

Christine Madden & Linda Larish



SCHOLARSHIP

Kathie Julian and I have been reviewing twelve applications from North Tahoe High School girls who have expressed their intention to major in a STEM subject in college.

This year, the AAUW North Tahoe Scholarship will be \$2,000.00 for the first year of their college education. The actual selection process will happen in early May and recipients will be announced at the awards assembly in June. Until then, we cannot comment on our selection.

Ellen Magnani & Kathie Julian



Welcome our 2022 Tech Trek nominees, campers and alternates!

Selected for **UC Davis**, July 17-23, are Lacey Butcher, Melissa Calderon, Michelle Martinez, Johanna Kraker, and Christie Escobar.

Selected for **Virtual Tech Trek** are Stella Tieslau (July 24-29) and Joey Hartline (June 19-24). Alternates are Calixta Sosa and Jennifer Estrada. It is a unique and inspiring group of girls.

Calixta Sosa was the first to register for our **STEM Trek Day (STD)** on **June 4, 9 am-noon**, at the Tahoe Science Center at Sierra Nevada University. Her cohort of nominees was notified of our annual STEM event along with Tech Trek nominees (include girls selected and alternates) from **2022 through 2017**.

Each of the 4 Truckee -Tahoe AAUW branches sponsoring STD can register 10+ girls from their area. No girl will be turned away! Our branch has the largest attendance at STD. Please take a look at our **2022 STD flyer on page 6**.

In planning the Technology segment of STEM Trek Day, I was talking to **Tiffany Racz**, a water quality engineer with Lahontan Water Board, and this year's presenter on the Tahoe Keys Test.

Tiffany asks "Who attends STD?". I said we invite former Tech Trek campers who are still in high school. Tiffany then says, "*I attended Tech Trek!*"... at Mills College camp, 2007, from South Lake Tahoe middle school. What a wonderful gift! Keeping the record rolling, once again, we have a former TT camper presenting at STD!

The Aviation presentation at STD, with **Anna Serbinenko**, has taken on new meaning.

The presenters are asked to hold space for a hands-on activity for the girls. Anna asked *if the girls could write cards to Ukraine as their activity*. **Jan Lynds** from the South Lake branch has secured 100 cards of a Picasso Peace painting. Anna will see that the cards are delivered to Ukraine, for children, families, soldiers, whoever the girls want to write to. Thank you, Anna, for asking!

Thank you, **Dianne Lange**, for nudging me into revising the Tech Trek and STEM Trek Day sections on our website. There were lots of back and forth! But Dianne was patient and skilled, and the revisions are timely and interesting.

Tahoe League for Charity asked that grant recipients help them with their upcoming fundraiser on **June 5** at the **Tahoe Yacht Club** (see flyer on page 7) by submitting text and pictures for a slide show to run during the fundraiser. They asked for a short description of what our organization does, where we use their grant money, and pictures of our programs they fund. I sent pictures of TT girls presenting at our outdoor social last fall at the former Tahoe Tree Company. Thank you, TLC for your support. Best wishes on your fundraiser!

Thank you, members, for your support of STEM for girls.

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewals went out in April in plenty of time for the National AAUW database deadline of June 30th.

Please review your information on the form, make any necessary corrections and use the stamped envelope to return your form, membership dues, and donation checks. To date, we have received 20 membership renewals and we heartily applaud those who returned them so quickly.

If you have mislaid your renewal form or didn't receive it, **Cheryl Allen** will be happy to email it to you. Send your request to northtahoeaauw@gmail.com, and it will be forwarded to Cheryl.

We thank You in advance for the never-ending support from our membership. You are a fabulous group of women!!

Johnnie Lee Don & Carol Eyre

The [online member directory](#) is password protected. Contact [Dianne Lange](mailto:northtahoeaauw@gmail.com) (northtahoeaauw@gmail.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](#)



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Please notify our corresponding secretary, **Linda Larish**, about any member news that should be recognized with a card or note from our branch.

WEBSITE NEWS

The website is being updated to reflect changes in the COVID restrictions. For instance, STEM Trek Day is going to be live and in person on June 4, 2022, for the first time in two years!

Interest groups are changing their meeting formats too. Some are holding their meetings both in person and via Zoom. All interest group descriptions will be updated by May 6.

Don't remember when and where your Interest group is meeting this month? There is a calendar on the lower right of the website home page - <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net>

Locations are included when they become available.

Interest group leaders, please notify **Dianne Lange** of the location of your meeting each month as well as any change in the location or time, and she will note it on the calendar.

Dianne Lange



Placer County Poll Site Staffing - June 7, 2022

We Can Do This!

Placer County asks us to submit volunteer names and information for staffing the Kings Beach Event Center voting site on June 7, 2022. They need our volunteer list before May 6.

In-person voting will likely be light. What an easy way to **collect \$750-900 from Placer County for our service.**

Four 5-hours slots are available. If you are a registered voter in ANY California county, you can volunteer.

If you haven't served as a volunteer in past elections, you will receive training on Friday, **June 3**, at the Kings Beach Event Center (10 am-2 pm)

Will you please contact me at pwrl@aol.com or 949.274.3938 **before May 6.**

Patricia Watters

Volunteer Sign-up:

Judge: (All day) Patricia Watters

Inspector: (All day) Meri McEneny

Clerks:

Time	Name	Name	Name
6 am - 11 am	Priscilla Mills		
11 am - 4 pm	Richard Lashbrook	Cheryl Allen	Esther Sonnenberg
4 pm - 9 pm	Dianne Lange		



Very best wishes to our May Birthdays!

20- Barbara Roberts

27- Shirley Nelson

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

On April 26th, the Book Group met at the Tahoe Yacht Club and had a lively in person discussion on David Attenborough's book "A Life on the Planet"



We will meet again on **May 31st** from **12:30 - 2:30** at the Tahoe Yacht Club.

Sharon Ekin will lead us in a discussion on "*In the Time of Butterflies*" by Julia Alvarez. The St. Petersburg Times calls this book "A magnificent treasure for all cultures and all time." Members are encouraged to bring their lunch and enjoy catching up in person from 12:30 to 1:00 when we will start to discuss the book.

Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey



GOURMET & FRIDAY NITERS

Pat Castellucci and Cheryl Allen will host a Gourmet Dinner on Sunday afternoon, **May 29th** at **3pm** at Pat's home.

The event will have a **Hawaiian Theme** and Pat wants lots of you to attend. She can easily seat 18-24 people and spouses are invited. She and Cheryl will determine the menu and assign dishes to bring.

Please contact **Linda Larish** by **Friday May 13th**, so there is plenty of time for Pat and Cheryl to coordinate this fun event!

Johnnie Lee Don & Linda Larish



GREAT DECISIONS

On Tuesday, **May 17th**, Great Decisions will be meeting for a discussion on Myanmar. The location is yet to be determined. Our moderator will be **Cheryl Allen**.

Myanmar (Burma) has had years of turmoil in its assertion of national power by coup and military control. How can the U.S. deal with Myanmar's never-ending crisis?

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month for 8 months of the year from 10am until noon.

Our group will again embark on issues of concern for US policy makers.

Linda Schwoob



WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group did something completely different in April. **Betsey Husted** led us on a walk along the Truckee River in Reno. Not only did the blossoming trees and flowers along the river give us a taste of spring, but our guide, Betsy, pointed out interesting landmarks, murals, and sculptures along

the way. It was the group's first anniversary walk and a fantastic way to celebrate!



Depending on the weather and trail conditions, we will walk the East Shore trail to Whale Beach in May. If you would like to be on the walking mailing list to learn about upcoming walks, please contact **Dianne Lange**.

A reminder: the walks are on the last Monday of the month. However, since that's Memorial Day in May, we'll walk the last **Tuesday, May 31**.



CALENDAR

MAY

- 12: Leadership and General Meetings
- 17: Great Decisions
- 29: Gourmet
- 31: Book Group
- 31: Walking Group



AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY

(Acrobatic flying & Astronautics—Technology to monitor Tahoe Keys)

STEM TREK DAY

Saturday, June 4th, 2022

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Supporting Middle and High School
Girls interested in Science, Technology,
Engineering and Mathematics



**For 7th - 12th grades (ages 12 to 18)
LIMITED SPACE, SO APPLY EARLY!**

**Held at
UC Davis Tahoe Science Center
located on the Sierra Nevada University Campus
291 Country Club Drive
Incline Village, Nevada**



Presented By
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Branches: North Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe,
Tahoe Nevada, Capital, Truckee-Donner

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Our purpose is the advancement of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.



Community Wine Tasting Event

Tahoe League for Charity Fundraiser

Sunday June 5

4 - 7 pm

Tahoe Yacht Club

700 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City, CA

Wines presented by:

Andrea Ardzrooni

Highway 12

Jason Bushong Winery

Sol Gold for Black Kite Cellars

Tickets are \$75

Send your check payable to:

"WIN for Charity" to

TLC

PO Box 1524

Tahoe City, CA 96145

Deadline: May 15th

Tickets at the door will be \$100, space permitting

All profits support local need-based Grants and Scholarships,

TLC's mission since its founding in 1999.