



October 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In mid-September, my husband and I flew back to Massachusetts to attend his 50th high school reunion and visit with some of his family members that still live in the state. The reunion included a delicious dinner, and it was heartwarming for me to see my husband with his childhood friends and listen to their reminiscences of the early 1970s and stories of where they are now 50 years on.

One day, we walked the Freedom Trail around Boston, which traces key events that led up to the Revolutionary War and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, which contains the bold statement in its Preamble that "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that ALL MEN are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.*"

I am writing this message on the second day of Fall 2022, and we are now in central New York state, visiting the Finger Lakes Area. Yesterday, we toured the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, which commemorates the **First Women's Rights Convention** that took place on July 19 and 20, **1848** and was convened by a visionary group of women, mostly Quakers, to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of women. Out of this conference came the Declaration of Sentiments, which includes the even bolder statement that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **ALL MEN AND WOMEN** are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with

certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."



One hundred people, including 68 women and 32 men, out of 300 attendees signed the Declaration of Sentiments. One-third of the people present, less than a majority -- and the husband of one woman who signed made her remove her signature. The women and men who signed this Declaration were courageous and able to envision new ways of seeing the relationships within our society.



As my husband and I toured the sites in Seneca Falls and read about the state of women's lives in the 1840s, it was a sobering reminder of how constricted they were -- women had no voice in public and their personal lives were legally controlled by their husbands. Quaker women opened the door a crack when they were allowed to speak at prayer meetings, a practice condemned by most at the time. Conditions changed in fits and starts, one step forward and two steps back sometimes.

When my husband graduated from high school in 1972, most American newspapers had Help Wanted Ads separated into For Women and For Men. Today, in some countries, conditions are abysmal for women; I just read a news article about a 22-year-old Iranian woman who died in police custody after not following the hijab laws.

Do you feel challenged by some of the proposed social, legal, and religious changes that are put forth today? Take a long look and ask yourself if you may be in a space of accepting the way things have always been and not seeing the possibilities of what could be. I am grateful to belong to AAUW, which continues to broaden its scope and champion equity for all.

JoAnn S. Cobb

LEADERSHIP MEETING

No leadership meeting in October.

The next leadership meeting will be Thursday **November 8, 2022 – 10:00 am** via Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 13, 3:30 - 5 pm: Presentations by Tech Trekkers & Girls State delegate.

November 10, 1 pm – Anne Greenwood from Kings Beach and Tahoe City libraries.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

The **October 13th** meeting will feature our most recent Tech Trekkers and Girls State delegate. It will be held at **3:30 pm** to allow the girls to attend after school. We will meet outside the Tahoe City Community Center (adjacent to Tahoe Tree Company) on 401 W Lake Blvd, Tahoe City.

At the **November 10th** general meeting, Anne Greenwood from our local Kings Beach and Tahoe City libraries will be our guest speaker. This meeting will be held at the Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City) at **1:00 pm**. We may have to make it a Zoom meeting if Covid cases go up.

Priscilla Mills – VP Programs



Our Girls State delegate, Ella Costello-Muzyczka has confirmed that she will be able to speak at our October general meeting. She attended Girls

State for a week in late June at California State University, Sacramento. Ella had a very positive experience and loved learning leadership skills.

Linda Larish & Christine Madden



AAUW FUND

Hope and Inspiration...

Having listened last fall to the AAUW Fund Event speakers, I can assure you this is the place to find good feelings about what women are doing to make the world a better place. Each presenter opens a new window of knowledge. The diversity of topics keeps it interesting, and their accomplishments will have you saying “wow”.

In all, 39 inspiring California fellow and grant recipients will share nuggets of their fascinating studies at four fall AAUW Fund virtual events. See what, and who, your AAUW Fund dollars support. Sign up for one or all to learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and other topics.

Tune in on Saturday: October 15th, October 22nd, and November 12th, 10-noon and Sunday: October 23rd, 1-3 pm.

You must register for these, and you can do so now by clicking <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events/>

Here you will also find a photo and write up on each speaker.

I am hoping to invite one of these speakers to our area for a talk that will be open to the public and use

this opportunity to recruit new members. Please let me know whom you find most suitable.

P. S. These Fund Events are meant to generate donations to the AAUW Fund. Our North Tahoe branch is on a path to have an unprecedented 3 Named Gift Honorees! Thank you in advance if you are able to help us achieve that goal...\$370 is needed.

Barbara Ramsey - AAUW Fund Chair



Tech Trek

Please plan to hear our Tech Trek campers, **Michelle, Johanna, Lacey, Christy, and Jennifer**; and Girls State representative, Ella, tell of their camp experiences on **October 13, 3:30-5 pm**.

Join us outside at the Tahoe City Community Center adjacent to Tahoe Tree Company, 401 W. Lake Blvd., Tahoe City 96145. We return to the same location as last year -- dress warmly.

Don't miss the **Thank You Notes** from our Tech Trek campers on **pages 6-11** (at the end of this newsletter).

STEM Trek Day

No meetings scheduled yet for the multi-branch STEM Trek Day 2023 committee. For 2023, we are hoping to expand participation into Carson City, with Tahoe NV taking the lead, and retaining the 5-branch leadership team.

Meri has attended 3 meetings already with the AAUW-CA Tech Trek committee chaired by TT State Program Director Mary Isaac, aka Dr. Mimi. These women are motivated!

On November 14, the committee will host a Zoom meeting for all Statewide Branch Coordinators, and highlight a survey sent to all branches asking "how can our committee help you with Tech Trek?". The committee will soon launch a Branch Coordinator Peer Support Group.

If you are interested in serving or attending these meetings, please contact Meri, mmceneny@gmail.com, or 775 831-6071.

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator



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.

Pat Castellucci - Get well 8/30/22

Daela Gibson - Thank you for wonderful presentation 9/9/22



*Very best wishes to our
October Birthdays!*

02 – Dianne Lange

12 – Shirley Cabo

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will hold our meeting in person at the Tahoe City Yacht Club on Tuesday, **Oct 25th** from **12:30 – 2:30 pm**.

Zoom access will be available for those who want to attend remotely. We will send a reminder email including Zoom registration information two weeks prior to the meeting.

The October book is "Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir" by Marie Yvonovitch. According to the New York Times, this book is "An inspiring and urgent memoir by the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine—a pioneering diplomat who spent her career advancing democracy in the post-Soviet world, and who electrified the nation by speaking truth to power during the first impeachment of President Trump." We look forward to the discussion led by **Jo Ann Cobb**.

The meeting schedule for the year is posted on our website: [2022-23 Book Group Selections](#)

Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey



BRIDGE

The Bridge group was changed by COVID, much like the other interest groups. Where some groups went to ZOOM, we went to TRICKSTER, which offers us the ability to play games online with other members wherever they are.

Currently we have six members who actively play bridge on Trickster with AAUW members, and with others on their own: Betsey, Linda Larish, Dianne Lange, Patricia Watters, Kym Pipkin, and Sharon Ekin. Husbands Richard Lashbrook and Mike Husted occasionally join in. We usually play once a month on the first Monday afternoon.

In June, we had our first "Live Game" at the home of **Linda Larish** in Incline Village. Linda, Dianne Lange, Sharon Ekin and I played. It is nice to see faces in person and touch cards. In August, we had our second "Live Game" at the home of **Barbara Ramsey** in Truckee. Barbara, Patricia Watters, Dianne Lange and I played. Again, a pleasure to be in person.

Our goal is to offer one Trickster (1st Monday) and one Live game a month.

We have a list of 14 people in the Bridge Group:

- 3 are not responsive and may no longer be participating
- 2 are new
- 6 are very active
- 3 are interested but not able at this time

We welcome new players. The Reno Bridge Club offers online lessons for those wishing to learn or refresh their skills. Dianne Lange has been taking those classes and has all the information.

For more information, contact:

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CULINARY CAPERS

It is now official: Gourmet and Friday Niters have merged. Our new name will be **Culinary Capers**. We have some fun events in the planning stage.

October 28th – noon at Johnnie Lee Don's Home-
Everything Apple: Waldorf Salad - pie - ice cream - cider - goat cheese with apple butter - apple/cranberry turnovers - fruit salad.

RSVP to johnnieleedon1@gmail.com or 775-832-8089 for October Culinary Capers.

February: With Love

April: Renaissance (Rachael)

May: Before Memorial Day (Joyce)

TBA: "Nothing to It!" Culinary class (Shirley)

Homes offered for future events: Martha Russell and Pat Castellucci.

Ideas are welcomed by chairlady **Linda Larish** - llarish526@gmail.com or (775) 720-3384



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Twelve lucky AAUW ladies attended "Beyond Van Gogh, the Immersive Experience" at the Reno convention center on Wednesday, Aug. 31. This interactive exhibit has been touring in cities around the country and we are lucky that it is showing near us now.

The show uses both virtual reality and still images which come alive by appearing, disappearing, and flowing across multiple surfaces. It makes you feel as though you have stepped into a Van Gogh painting.





Afterwards, we enjoyed a tasty lunch on the beautiful outdoor patio of the Stone House café.



For those of you who have not seen this exhibit, it will be at the Reno convention center until October 30. Tickets are available online at vangoghreno.com

Rachael Swift



GREAT DECISIONS

We have three Great Decisions discussion meetings left for the year, all to be held at the **Tahoe City Yacht Club** on **Tuesdays at 10 am** so please mark your calendars.

On **October 4**, Jo Ann Cobb will moderate Drug Policy in Latin America.

On **October 18**, Ann Lyman will moderate Industrial Policy.

On **November 15**, Kathie Julian will moderate the Biden Agenda.

Please let me know by email if you would like to sign up for next year, and if you want to order a print book or get your own e-book in Kindle format.

So far, I have only received requests from 3 people.

I will get back to all of you in October when I have more specific information on book and video costs. Thank you!

Ann Lyman - annhlyman@gmail.com



CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 04: Great Decisions
- 13: General Meeting
- 18: Great Decisions
- 25: Book Group
- 28: Culinary Capers



July 21, 2022

Dear AAUW North Tahoe members,
This week has been awesome! I
have learned so much! Some of
my favorite activities were visiting
the Bonart museum, The Anatomy
Lab, and learning how to use a
greenscreen! I have never felt so
understood and being here feels
like home. I loved working with
others and meeting new people.
I have learned more about
myself and now I have a better
idea of my future. I loved this
camp and I will never forget it.
Thank you for this experience. I am
so lucky, Thank you!
sincerely,
Christie Escobar

2022 Tech Trek

Tech Trek @ UC Davis



July 21, 2022

Dear North Tahoe Branch,

Thank you for inviting me and selecting me to get to experience this opportunity. I have had so much fun, mostly in my core class (Media/Arts). I love that teacher more than any of the others and dorm moms. I got to meet new people that are now my friends, also saw my friends from NTS. In my core class I got to make a lot of videos and edit them. The workshop that I enjoyed the most was the "Safe Credit Union Simulator". That was so much fun. I hope to be a Junior ~~consortium~~ Counselor.

Sincerely,

Your favorite Jennifer Lopez
NTS ♥ !

Tech Trek @ UC Davis



July, 22, 2022

Dear AAUW North Tahoe Branch,
Thank you for sending me to
Tech Trek camp at U.C. Davis. I had
so much fun. I enjoyed doing
experiments. I put dry ice in boiling
water and watched it sublimate in
chemistry! I was hanging out and
meeting new people in my dorm
group. In my core class I had
genetics, I learned how to do DNA
clonings. I got to know what
it is to be like a veterinarian.
I also got more ideas, or
options of what I want
to be when I'm older.
Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Johanna Kraker



7/22/20

Dear North Lake to the AAUW branch

Thank you for allowing me to experience the empowerment of UC Davis Tech Trek. I can assure you that you spent your money well! I have had a very eventful week. I dissected bone, frog, eyes, lungs, and a heart. It was overall a great experience and I hope I can come back as a Junior Counselor.

Our dorm groups spoke with some professional women in STEM careers. They were very informative and knowledgeable.

One of the workshops we did was girls with confidence. It was very self-loving.

The teacher was explaining how to train the "person" in our head to help us be more self-confident. This camp was very helpful and I would love to come back again if I have the chance. Thank you for sponsoring me and giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lacey



July 20th, 2022

Dear North Tahoe Branch

Thank you so much for this wonderful and unforgettable opportunity! Words can't explain how much this camp is going to help me with my future career. I would have never thought I'd make so many new friends in ONE DAY! Tech Trek has shown me so many careers that I can't seem to pick one. One that got my attention was Veterinary Med Clinic. Work shops introduced me to the med clinic. The clinic is about "Veterinary Nursing" which helps animal that feel sick or have any injuries. A very powerful woman that inspires me is Marlaina Spivery. Marlaina is a Genetics teacher and such a confident woman. I meet her in a work shop class called "Girls with confidence." She made a big impact in my life that changed my perspective. Also, she helped me boost my confidence and show my weirdness more. Some of my favorite moments of the camp are zumba class, my floor mates, and the work shops. Zumba class was so much fun because we get to dance with so many girls and sing the songs too!

Sincerely, Michelle

Tech Trek @ UC Davis

I honestly think that my floor (2) was the best because we got to sing, play hidden seek, play card games, and the best part was that everyone joined. Work shops were also so fun, we get to do many activities throughout the campus like look at animal skulls, have explosions in Chemistry class, and take blood out from animal models. I highly recommend this camp to make new friends and help you with your future career!

Sincerely,
Michelle Balber Martinez
2022 Tech Trekker.