



November 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What does **ADVOCACY** mean for our AAUW organization? It means that we work on federal, state, and local levels to support laws and policies that further women's success.

Our North Tahoe Branch programs that help local girls and young women to develop and grow as individuals and citizens are terrific, but to have a broader, bigger, and sustainable impact beyond our immediate community, we have to pay attention to and champion changes through our laws and public policy initiatives.

Please **VOTE** in the upcoming **November 8th election**, and before voting, read reputable sources regarding the candidates and California Propositions or Nevada Questions on your ballots, and reflect on which choices will further our AAUW Mission and support our democracy. Foundational to a functioning and healthy democracy is the rule of law, and who we elect determines what those laws will be and whether or not they will be upheld and enforced equitably throughout our nation.

I recently received a newsletter from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in Massachusetts, and it included a bookmark with the following quote from one of Kennedy's speeches: *"For one true measure of a nation is its success in fulfilling the promise of a better life for each of its members. Let this be the measure of our nation."*

What helps individuals and nations fulfill their potential? A thriving democracy provides justice, prosperity, and security, which allow individuals to

have access to opportunity and a peaceful environment in which to pursue it.

And who are some of the women that we directly support to further their educational and economic opportunities? I just watched the second of four virtual California AAUW Fund speaker events this fall, during which we get to hear from the 39 California fellow and grant recipients. It is very inspiring to hear about some of the groundbreaking university research and middle and high school STEM programs for girls that we support through our donations. All of the events are and will be recorded, and I encourage you to go the AAUW California website [AAUW Fund 2022 Recipients](#), look through the list of speakers and dip into the recordings for a dose of hope and optimism about our future!

Do consider attending our next **General Meeting** in person on **November 10th** so that you can socialize with some of your fellow members and support our efforts to provide interesting programming for you! After 2-1/2 years of this pandemic and on-going Covid concerns, the warmth and connectedness of gathering together has frayed. Let's keep our organization strong and knit ourselves back together.

JoAnn S. Cobb

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Thursday **November 10, 2022 – 10:00 am** via Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

General Meeting November 10, 1 pm -Fairway Community Center, TC – Speaker Anne Greenwood from Kings Beach and Tahoe City libraries.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Our general meeting will be held on Thursday, **November 10th** at the Fairway Community Center (330 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City) at **1:00 pm**.

Anne Greenwood will give us a presentation on our local Placer County libraries. We look forward to meeting in person and will also offer a Zoom option.

Priscilla Mills – VP Programs



One Person. One Vote. What a Difference We Make!

You may have voted already. But what a difference it will make for AAUW North

Tahoe to show its support for democracy by staffing the Fairway Community Center voting site on Tuesday, **November 8**.

Thank you to **Cheryl Allen, Nancy Cline, Jo Ann Cobb, Dianne Lange, Ann Lyman, Meri McEneny, Priscilla Mills, Kym Pipkin, Barbara Ramsey,** and **Esther Sonnenberg** for their hands-on advocacy for our community and this critical process.

Patricia Watters – Finance Officer



Our Girls State delegate, Ella Costello-Muzyczka, gave a delightful and informative speech about her experience at the Girls State Convention in June. She was selected to be the campaign

manager for one of the candidates for governor and gave a speech in front of about 400 attendees.

After Ella's speech with us, Katelyn Hopkins, the Deputy Director for Placer County District 5 Supervisor Cindy Gustafson, presented Ella with a "Certificate of Merit" from our District.



Ella is getting ready to submit several college applications and is interested in a career in law, leading to a possible career in government. She felt her experience at Girls State was a wonderful taste of government in action.

We all wish her well for her future.

Christine Madden & Linda Larish



AAUW FUND

**Final AAUW Fund Event –
November 12**

The AAUW Fund Events held on October 15, 22 and 23rd featured a wide diversity in topics and in presenters. The good work being done soothes the soul in these turbulent times.

There is one more Fund Event scheduled for Saturday, **November 12** from **10 am-12 noon**.

Please register using this link: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2022-fund-events/>

If the dates and times of these Fund Events did not work for you, you can watch YouTube recordings located on the link above.

These Fund Events are important for three reasons:

- It is our once-a-year opportunity to hear from inspiring California fellow and grant recipients on such topics as sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and others. Members get a sense of the many ways their money is being spent and the resulting impact for the betterment of the world we live in.
- These Events are Fundraisers and are meant to stimulate donations. Given the contributions members have made this far, 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. Only **\$370 more** is needed and giving in any amount is appreciated.
- Local branches can request a presenter to speak. With your help, as to whom may be of most interest, this idea is being pursued for recruitment of new members.

Thank you for tuning in and making a difference.

Barbara Ramsey - AAUW Fund Chair



Our Tech Trek campers did not disappoint! Thank you, Christie, Johanna, and Michelle for your insightful and uplifting presentations about your camp experience.

Christie is grateful for the opportunity to interact with so many girls at camp. Her favorite activity was visiting the Bohart museum of entomology and seeing butterflies from around the world. She felt empowered by the “Girls with Confidence” class. It taught her how girls see themselves and helped her understand more about herself.



Johanna enjoyed all the people she met at camp and the amazing food in the cafeteria. She learned to extract strawberry DNA in her genetics core class. The professional women workshop gave her ideas of what she wants to be when she is older, maybe a veterinarian.



In her anatomy core class, Michelle dissected a sheep’s heart, an eyeball and bones. She was very inspired by Marlaina, a teacher she met at the “Girls with Confidence” workshop. She learned she is not the only one with insecurities, and everyone is beautiful in their own way.



Lacey and Jennifer will send us videos of their talks that we can view at our next meeting.

Johanna’s parents, Sarah and Dan, were in the audience at the Tahoe City Community Center as well as our great 7th grade science teacher Mrs. Julia Anderson and baby boy Eben. Thank you to the many attending members for your support!



From left to right: Science teacher Julia Anderson, Michelle, Johanna, Christie, Meri.

The AAUW-CA Tech Trek committee, chaired masterfully by Director Mary Isaac (aka Dr. Mimi), is working to offer all participants the most successful and efficient experience for the 2023 camp season.

I volunteered to serve on the Branch Coordinator Peer Support Group that will host its inaugural help meeting on November 14. I will lead a breakout room session on how to help families with the application process, information, technology, and any other areas of need.

Meri McEneny- Tech Trek Coordinator
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Very best wishes to our November Birthdays!

07 – Martha Russell

09 – Nancy Cline

15 – Julie Elmen

16 – Jan Potter

18 – Meri McEneny

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The book selection this month is very closely tied to this organization. "From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture" is written by **AAUW Fund Fellow** Koritha Mitchell.

Koritha Mitchell analyzes canonical texts by and about African American women to lay bare the hostility these women face as they invest in traditional domesticity. Instead of the respectability and safety granted white homemakers, black women endure pejorative labels, racist governmental policies, attacks on their citizenship, and aggression meant to keep them in "their place."

Powerful and provocative, From Slave Cabins to the White House illuminates the links between African American women's homemaking and citizenship in history and across literature.

This five-star-rated book is available on Kindle, in hard back and paperback, on Amazon, and hopefully, at your local library. Jo Ann Cobb ordered her copy directly from the University of Chicago.

Book Group will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club on Tuesday, **November 29th** at **12 noon**. **Barbara Ramsey** will lead the discussion. Happy Reading!

Barbara Ramsey & Cheryl Allen



BRIDGE

As of this October, the Bridge Group has 6 to 7 active, enthusiastic players and 11 on paper. Since Covid, we have mostly played bridge online on an app called Trickster. We organize one AAUW game on Trickster a month, but many play often with their friends and each other.

On October 22, we attempted a live bridge group, which would include spouses, friends and neighbors. Three tables were assembled. Linda Larish volunteered to host the event. Unfortunately, due mostly to illness, at the last moment we ended up with just one table.

All interested members are encouraged to participate. Anyone interested in learning the game is encouraged to contact the Reno Bridge Club, known as the Mathewson Bridge Center. They offer both online and in person classes.

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CULINARY CAPERS

VERY few of us are currently true gourmets with many of us cooking for one. But we all enjoy adventuresome eating and sharing some fun times. Come join with us to have fun and chat with friends, new and old. It's great to just get together.

The hostess is able to choose whatever she would like to do. And although we try to meet every two months, we have no real schedule, but you will be included in all emails involving Culinary Capers events.

This past year, our events included:

- Lunch at the Pink House in Genoa
- A cheese party at Johnnie Lee Don's
- Lunch at the Old Post Office in Carnelian Bay
- A True Gourmet event hosted by Pat Castellucci and Cheryl Allen in Pat's home with a Hawaiian theme
- A picnic at Burnt Cedar Beach in Incline Village

In October, we have an “Everything Apple” Luncheon. We will not meet in December as our branch will hold its Annual Holiday Party.

Our next event should pop up for February, weather permitting.

We hope you will consider hosting an event, giving us your ideas, and also attending our future events.

Contact **Linda Larish** at llarish526@gmail.com

- Elections in Latin America
- China’s Foreign Policy
- Iran and the Gulf States.

If you are interested and want to join us, email me at Annhlyman@gmail.com.

Ann Lyman



GREAT DECISIONS

Our next Great Decisions meeting will be on Tuesday, **November 15** at **10 AM** at the Tahoe Yacht Club. We will be meeting by Zoom as well.

We will discuss Chapter 8 “*Biden Foreign Policy in the Age of Strategic Competition*” with **Kathie Julian** as our moderator.

I am in the process of ordering the books and DVD for our 2023 Great Decisions group.

Please let me know if you want to participate **ASAP** and **order a book** (\$35.00) so we can get the 20% discount. I will order the books and DVD on **Oct. 28**. After that date, you will have to order the book on your own at full price.

The topics for next year are:

- Global Famine
- Climate Migration
- Energy Geopolitics
- Economic Warfare
- War Crimes



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 10: Leadership and General Meetings
- 15: Great Decisions
- 29: Book Group