



March 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was an immense pleasure for sixteen members and two guests to gather in-person for our Annual Appreciation Luncheon on February 9th at the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City!

VP Programs **Priscilla Mills** planned, organized, and set up a delicious soup, bread, and dessert buffet, with soups provided by members of our Culinary Capers Interest Group. Thank you to all who helped Priscilla set up on the day of the event and to those who brought soups, breads, and desserts.

During the Business Meeting portion of our gathering, I and other Branch Officers and Leaders described the wonderful programs that we support and activities that we enjoy.

We are fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented leaders and doers within our Branch, especially those who have served for multiple terms as Officers. Our 2023 Nominating Committee is very thankful for all members who have volunteered to serve during our next 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, but we are still seeking members to fill two positions, namely, **Recording Secretary** and **Bylaws/Parliamentarian**. These are great introductory roles to the inner workings of our organization! While it would be nice to have all Officers attend our approximately six Leadership and eight General Meetings each year, we understand that

vacations and life events happen, and other Officers have willingly stepped up to record minutes when our Recording Secretary couldn't attend. Please give me a call and volunteer to serve on our Leadership Team next year!

In this month's Moonshine Ink, **Terry and Ken Yagura** wrote a powerful personal reflection piece on United States Japanese Internment Camps during WWII and how they and their families were affected. Click here to read: [Yagura Column Acts of Grace](#)

Terry and Ken not only survived those early years of imprisonment but went on to thrive and contribute greatly to our North Tahoe community by involvement with the Boys & Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe (Ken) and founding Arts for the Schools (Terry). What an honor and inspiration to be in the same community with people of such strength, fortitude, and generosity.

JoAnn S. Cobb - jscobb@sbcglobal.net

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Thursday **March 9, 2023 – 10:00 am** via Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETINGS

March 9 - 1 pm (Fairway Center): Marilee Movius from [Keep Tahoe Blue](#).

April 13 – 1 pm (Fairway Center): Anne Greenwood from [Placer County Libraries](#)

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Thursday, **March 9, 1:00 pm** at the Fairway Center in Tahoe City. We'll hear a presentation by [Marilee Movius](#), Senior Community Engagement Manager from [Keep Tahoe Blue](#) about their important organization.

Priscilla Mills – VP Programs

Members & Mission Partners Appreciation Luncheon

From members of the Interest group, **Culinary Capers**, five absolutely delicious soups were shared at the [Mission Partners and Membership Appreciation Meeting](#) on February 9th.

We most sincerely thank the following ladies for their time, generosity and culinary skills: **Carol Eyre, Carol Cunha, Ann Yuhas, Dianne Lange** and **Linda Larish**. (See page 7 for [Dianne Lange's](#) recipe of her savory [Creamy Parsnip Soup](#)).

We also had delicious breads from **Linda Dunne, Shirley Cabo, Jo Ann Cobb** and **Nancy Cline**.

Yummy desserts were provided by **Johnnie Lee Don, Priscilla Mills** and **Ellen Magnani**. There was an outpouring of breads and desserts, and we hope to not have missed anyone's contribution.

Priscilla Mills did a great job organizing the very fun event. It was so nice to see each other in person!

Johnnie Lee Don & Linda Larish



More photos on [pages 5-6](#).



Our interviews for American Legion Auxiliary delegate to Girls State were held at North Tahoe High School with **Linda Larish** and **Christine Madden** attending.

Junior [Arelly Calderon](#) was chosen as our delegate attending the week-long program in June.

Linda Larish & Christine Madden





I feel such gratitude to see the awesome support for the Tech Trek-nominated girls from their 7th grade teachers.

Meeting the 10 new nominees in Mrs. Anderson's science classroom during lunch last month, joined by math teacher Mrs. McGuire, I was reminded of the utter reliance of education and democracy itself, upon teachers. Encouraging, supporting, prodding, caring; thank you teachers!

Of the 10 nominees, 3 have completed the Parent Certification and Student Application, or 100% of the online forms; 1 has completed 50% of the forms. One nominee is not available for either residential or virtual camp. Reminders have been sent to all remaining. Your branch coordinator is very optimistic for sufficient applications. Sending a camper to Virtual camp may not be necessary this year.

Interviews will be held in March once all applications are submitted, but no date is set yet; I'll check with our Interview team first.

STEM Trek Day is proceeding along nicely for our **June 3rd** day of activities (mostly outside) at TERC, on the campus of UNR Lake Tahoe.

A Zoom meeting was held with all 5 branches represented, deciding on the theme Exponential Growth in Nature. Our 4 confirmed presenters have been asked about the theme fitting into their presentations. Initial plans envision morning activities in the Center starting with a math and art exercise using the Fibonacci sequence, then encouraging girls to look for that in nature during the day. We have an involved committee. Stay tuned for more information!

If you are interested in learning more about Tech Trek, STEM Trek Day or both, contact Meri, mmceneny@gmail.com, 775-831-6071.

2023 is the 25th Anniversary of Tech Trek



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 note was sent to **Christine Madden** for her husband **Lew** following a ski accident.



Very best wishes to our March Birthdays!

03 - Kym Pipkin

14 - Michele Finch

16 - Barbara Ramsey

27- Ann Lyman

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

Assuming all this snow clears up, the Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **March 28th** at the Tahoe Yacht Club to discuss "*The Island of Missing Trees*" by Elif Shafak.

Conversation and lunch will be from noon to 12:30 pm and book discussion from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. **Cheryl Allen** will lead the book discussion.

The book is available on Audible, Kindle, and hard copy. I am listening to it and am really enjoying the reader.

This will be a Hybrid meeting using our new circle format -- in-person circle with Zoom Screen. We will send a Zoom link in advance for anyone who would prefer to join the discussion from home.

Looking forward to the discussion and sharing our ideas about this book!

Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey



BRIDGE

In February, we had enough interest to do 2 days of Bridge in the first week: Monday the 6th, and Wednesday the 8th. The games were on Trickster.

Playing on Monday: Sharon Ekin, Linda Larish, Patricia Watters and myself.

Playing on Wednesday: Dianne Lange, Kym Pipkin, Linda Larish and myself.

March games offered will be **Monday, March 6th** and **Wednesday March 8th**.

Anyone interested in playing should contact me, **Betsey Husted**, either by phone or email.

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CULINARY CAPERS

We are very excited about our new event, planned for **March 8** at **noon** at Pat Castellucci's home. This will be a celebration of **Mardi Gras**, a festive holiday celebrated around the world, most famously in New Orleans. It is usually celebrated the day before Lent begins but we will be celebrating it on a different day.

At this point, we have seven positive responses and three "maybe" responses. We will be assigning recipes for the attendees to bring. If you are interested in attending and have not responded yet, please contact Linda Larish at llarish526@gmail.com

Linda Larish



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will meet from **10 am- 12 pm** via **Zoom only** on **March 21st**. The subject is very timely - *China and the U.S.*, and discussion will be moderated by **Jan Potter**.

Priscilla Mills will send out the Zoom link to pre-register.

Ann Lyman

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reno Pops Orchestra will perform its next concert "*Sea Songs and River Dancing*" on Saturday **March 4, 2 pm** at the Nightingale Concert Hall at University of Nevada, Reno.

Admission is Free. Donations are welcome.

For more information, click here: [Reno Pops Concerts](#)



CALENDAR

MARCH

06: Trickster Bridge

08: Culinary Capers & Trickster Bridge

09: General and Leadership meetings

21: Great Decisions

28: Book Group

Members and Mission Partners Appreciation Luncheon

February 9, 2023

Photos from Linda Larish and Meri McEneny





Creamy Parsnip Soup Recipe

(shared by Dianne Lange)

serving 4-6

1 medium well-cleaned, chopped leek, or onion, peeled and chopped

2 ounces (4 Tablespoons) unsalted butter

1 teaspoon fine sea salt

1 clove garlic

2 pounds parsnips, peeled and chopped

4 cups chicken broth or vegetable broth

2 cups low-fat or whole milk

Dash freshly ground black pepper or white pepper to taste

Chopped fresh herbs such as chervil, parsley or chives

Melt the butter in large pot over medium heat. Add chopped leek or onion and salt and cook, stirring until a bit creamy looking, about 10 minutes, adjusting the heat so they cook but do not brown.

Add the garlic and cook till fragrant- about 1 minute.

Add parsnips and broth, bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a steady simmer and cook until parsnips are v-e-r-y tender to the bite, about 20 minutes.

Puree the soup till very smooth.

Note: Easiest way is to use a handheld immersion blender.

Caution: Steam expands quickly if alternatively, you are working in batches with a blender or food processor. *Steam can cause ingredients to splatter everywhere or cause burns.* To prevent this, fill blender only 1/3 full - vent the top, and cover with a folded kitchen towel while blending.

Whirl each 1/3 batch till utterly smooth. For a truly ultrasmooth soup, strain through a fine-mesh sieve.

Return soup to pot and add the milk at gentle heat, stirring until nice and hot all the way through. Do not let boil as it will curdle the milk. Season to taste. Serve hot with garnishes of choice.