



May 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has been enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather as the daylight hours grow longer and our huge piles of snow continue melting away! After our big and seemingly endless winter, I can finally imagine that we will be able to hold our June book group meeting outside in a park as in past years and a Culinary Capers outing on the beach on one of the long days of summer. I look forward to visiting with many of you at our **May General Meeting**, when we will tour the **Truckee Kidzone Museum** and then celebrate, over lunch at Moody's Restaurant, our accomplishments this year, thank those members who have served as Officers, and present our AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree and Branch Service Awards.

One day, we were able to take the self-guided White House Tour, which I had scheduled through my Congressional Representative, and it was more awesome and inspiring than I had expected. On another day, we took the elevator to the top of the Washington Monument (tickets are available on the Recreation.Gov website 30 days ahead of time) and saw spectacular views in all directions on an incredibly clear, blue-sky day.



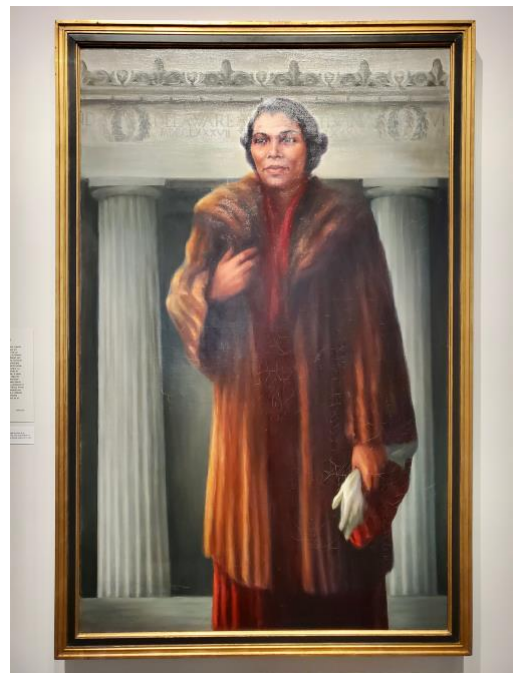
I am writing these paragraphs from Washington DC where my husband and I have been visiting our son, enjoying the beauty of our nation's capital, and touring our wonderful national memorials and museums.

We are all so fortunate to have free access to our magnificent *National Smithsonian Museums*! This week, I made a return visit to one of my favorite museums, namely, the National Portrait Gallery and American Art Museum. I started by going through the Presidents Gallery, which has a very good short description of each President's Administration accompanying his (and it is still his!) portrait.

After all that maleness, I was delighted to stroll through other galleries and notice paintings of significant American women that I'd not seen before.



The first 4 female Associate Justices of the Supreme Court (**Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Sandra Day O'Connor, & Ruth Bader Ginsburg**)



Marian Anderson

An American Contralto, she gave an open-air concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in front of more than 75,000 people on Easter Sunday 1939. It was arranged by First Lady Eleanor & President Franklin Roosevelt, after Marian was denied access to Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.



Eunice Kennedy Shriver (founder of Special Olympics)



Judith Martin (Miss Manners)



Ann Landers

As a teenager, I remember reading her and her sister's "Dear Abby" columns in the daily newspaper and appreciating her forthright advice for issues and problems that I was only beginning to understand.

Enjoy the photos that I took of these remarkable women!

Jo Ann S. Cobb - jscobb@sbcglobal.net

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Thursday **May 11, 10 am** via Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GENERAL MEETING

May 22, 10 am at KidZone Museum, Truckee

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

Please note the **different date and time** this month:

Our May General Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 22nd, 10:00 AM** at the **KidZone museum** in Truckee.

Address: 11711 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee.

For directions, click on link below:

<https://kidzonemuseum.org/hours-directions/>

The KidZone offers tours on Mondays, so we'll take a tour and find out what this worthy organization is all about. After the tour, we'll meet at **Moody's for lunch** and to acknowledge our outgoing and incoming officers and Leadership team members.

If you plan on joining us for lunch, we're asking members to pay **\$20** and the branch will cover the difference. Here are the payment options:

- Send Patricia Watters a **check** for \$20 payable to "AAUW North Tahoe", to:
1788 Orlen Lane, Templeton, CA 93465

Or

- Pay with **Zelle**. To send money, use email address northtahoeaauw@gmail.com.

List "NT AAUW" if name is requested.

We hope to see you on May 22nd!

Priscilla Mills – VP Programs



Our candidate, Arely Calderon, is fully registered for the upcoming week in June of the 80th session of [ALA Girls State](#)

held at Sacramento State University. The fee is in the final stages of being submitted.

Linda Larish & Christine Madden



Our 5 Tech Trek campers have all successfully completed their CampDoc registration for UC Davis TT camp.

The camp is moving to a different dormitory and dining commons on campus in the Tercero area. The coordinators seem happy with the new accommodations and the location will reduce walking distances (in the hot summer sun) for the girls during on-campus field trips.

New presenters are answering Meri's inquiries to come on board for Professional Women's Evening, and for a new workshop on Mindfulness.

STEM Trek Day

The flyer with registration link and invitation document has been sent to our 5-branch team for distribution to girls and schools.

The Tahoe Nevada branch is handling the online registration. **See page 8 of this newsletter for the STEM Trek Day flyer.**

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



MEMBERSHIP

Time to Renew!

Your 2023-2024 AAUW North Tahoe **Membership Renewal** information will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please be on the lookout for it and reply at your earliest convenience.

We value your membership in our branch, and this is your opportunity to **donate to one or more of our mission-based programs** which promote educational opportunities for young women. Your donations through TTCF are tax deductible as well as part of your dues. Information is in the mailing you will

receive. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Johnnie Lee Don & Carol Eyre – Membership VPs



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

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

In April, the following notes were sent:

Linda Schwoob – Get well from shoulder surgery

Linda Schwoob – Seriously ill brother



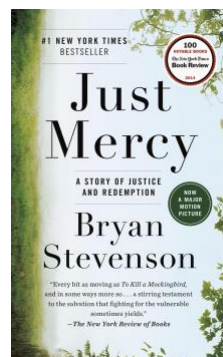
Very best wishes to our May Birthday!

27- Shirley Nelson

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP



On Tuesday **May 30th**, the Book Group will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club to discuss "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson.

This book is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken

system of justice - from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time, as seen in the HBO documentary "True Justice". It is a New York Times # 1 best seller and is soon to be released as a major motion picture starring Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx. The book is available on Audible, Kindle, and hard copy.

Conversation and lunch will be from noon to 12:30 PM. **Sharon Ekin** will lead the book discussion from **12:30 PM to 2:00 PM**.

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



CULINARY CAPERS

On Wednesday **June 14th**, Culinary Capers is planning a trip to: NothingTo It! Cooking School in Reno for a cooking demonstration taught by a master chef followed by lunch. The cost is **\$50** with \$10 to be returned to the non-profit attending. We will invite members of our sister Mission Partner, Tahoe League for Charity, to join us.

Please contact **Linda Larish** at llarish526@gmail.com a.s.a.p. for this amazing experience.

To hold your reservation, send a \$50 check made out to Linda with "AAUW NT" or "TLC" on the memo line, **by June 5th**. Mail to: Linda Larish, **526 Jensen Circle, Incline Village, NV 89451**.

Thanks go to **Shirley Cabo** for doing the legwork for this fun adventure!

The goal of *Nothing To It!* is to share their love of cooking with you. It was started in 1995 at the request of friends eager to improve their kitchen skills. Their philosophy is to not just provide

cooking classes, they want to teach you how to use those techniques and tools to create something wonderful for you to share with your family and friends. On the premises is a Napa Valley style gourmet deli and kitchen store with a wide variety of ingredients, appliances and accessories.

On June 14th, the fun will begin in Reno at [Nothing to it! Culinary Center](#) (225 Crummer Ln, Reno)

Linda Larish & Johnnie Lee Don



CULTURAL GROUP

On Wednesday **May 17th**, **Jan Potter** <brickpot@yahoo.com> and **Johnnie Lee Don** <johnnieleedon1@gmail.com> are arranging a trip and lunch at the Nevada Art Museum to see the exhibit:

How the Ghost Army Weaponized Creativity to Help Win WWII.

In the summer of 1944, a handpicked group of young GIs—including such future luminaries such as Bill Blass, Ellsworth Kelly, Arthur Singer, Victor Dowd, Art Kane, and Jack Masey—landed in France to conduct a secret mission.

From Normandy to the Rhine, the 1,100 men of the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops, known as the Ghost Army, conjured up phony convoys, phantom divisions, and make-believe headquarters to fool the enemy about the strength and location of American units. Using inflatable tanks, planes, trucks, and jeeps, fake radio traffic and sound effects, they waged a war of illusion that hoodwinked the enemy and helped liberate Europe from the grip of Nazi tyranny. Every move they made was top secret and their story was hushed up for decades after the war's end.

The Museum (160 West Liberty Street, Reno) admission price for seniors is \$13. Carpooling will be arranged as needed.

We don't know if we will tour first then eat lunch, or vice versa until we know what size group will attend. To help us prepare, please contact **Jan** or **Johnnie Lee** if you plan to join us. This event is open to couples as well as members of our sister mission partner, Tahoe League for Charity. Since Jan and Johnnie Lee are traveling until May 13th, details will be sent after that date.

Yes, soldier, our mission has been accomplished, but Operation Ghost Celebration continues. Be on the lookout for further instructions.

Jan Potter & Johnnie Lee Don



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will be held on **May 16th at 10 am**. The subject is Politics in Latin America. Please watch for an email from **Jo Ann Cobb** about the meeting location.

Ann Lyman



WALKING GROUP

TAKE A WALK WITH US

On April 24, we took the 2.5-mile Kit Carson trail through the Carson City historic district, which includes the Governor's Mansion, then had lunch at Thai Basil restaurant.



In May, join the walking group for a late spring walk of trails in Rancho San Raphael Regional Park in Reno. This is an easy walk of partially paved trails. There is also a Nature Study Area. No dogs are allowed in the park.

Since the last Monday in May is Memorial Day, we will be walking on **Tuesday, May 30**.

Esther Sonnenberg is leading this walk and will give meeting place, time specifics and other details in mid-May. If you are not already part of the walking group, please contact **Dianne Lange** (diannelange@me.com) for more information or let her know you will join us in May.

We're hoping most of the snow will be gone by late June so we can walk local Tahoe trails next month (June 26).

ANNOUNCEMENT

COME TASTE THE WINE FOR CHARITY

June 4, 4-7 PM

Tahoe Yacht Club (Tahoe City)

The Tahoe League for Charity Wine Tasting and Auction raises funds for eight local Tahoe Charities. Buy a ticket for this event and donate to all of them with one donation.

Four California wines will be offered with a constant flow of tasty nibbles by chefs Marlies

Pendarvis and John Sakrison. Contact **Nileta Morton** at morton@jutland.com for more information.

Your check for **\$75** is your ticket to this fun event. Write check to "WIN for Charity" and send by **May 25th** to **TLC, PO Box 1542, Tahoe City, CA 96145**. Tickets will be available at the door for \$100, check or cash only.



CALENDAR

MAY

- 11:** Leadership meeting
- 16:** Great Decisions
- 17:** Cultural Group
- 22:** General Meeting
- 30:** Book Group & Walking Group



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Fisheries, Forests and Watersheds

STEM TREK DAY

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Includes Lunch)

Professional Women Encouraging
Girls in STEM Careers



**For 7th - 12th grades (ages 12 to 18)
REGISTER by May 24, 2023**

Held at

Tahoe Science Center at UNR Lake Tahoe
291 Country Club Drive
Incline Village, Nevada

To register, go to <https://tahoe-nv.aauw.net/stem>

*A \$10 registration fee is required, which will be returned,
in cash, upon arrival on June 3rd

One Dragon Notepad Tablet K10 will be given away at this event!



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