



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

***Happy New Year to All!***

The dawning of 2024 has me feeling a little nervous, this being a presidential election year. Democracy in America seems to be facing its biggest threat yet. The idea of seeing two old, white men as our presidential choices doesn't fill me with national pride. Not sure how we got in this situation, but it won't last long. Our future promises to feature so many more women, and not just white women, in leadership roles! I find this very exciting and reassuring. It makes me proud of what AAUW does to encourage female leadership through our Girls State and Gov Trek programs. The AAUW Fund also supports many women's political and community-action projects. AAUW is a driving force supporting bills that seek to rectify so much unfairness in our laws. I have faith that we'll get through this awkward and scary national transition and we'll see a future that offers more opportunity and justice for all.

— *Priscilla Mills*



## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all of our branch members who contributed to our holiday luncheon collection for the **Sierra Community House!** We sent them **\$450** and received the thank you letter on the [last page of this newsletter](#), which contains a very good summary of all that they do.



## **MEMBERSHIP**

***Meet our new member!***

### **Gloria Reid**



Gloria Reid is a snowbird who spends 4-5 summer months in Tahoe and the rest of the year in Walnut Creek. She bought her small house near Sunnyside in the 70's when she taught English at North Tahoe High School. Most of her career was spent as an instructor at Ohlone College in Fremont, CA. After "retirement" she taught English at universities in Istanbul and Suzhou, China. When not traveling or camping, Gloria enjoys hiking, cycling, kayaking, and reading. She volunteers as a tutor and as a trustee for a scholarship foundation.



## MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

As we mentioned last newsletter, Carol and I are trying to catch up the Media Release forms printed on the last page of the December Newsletter ([also on our website](#)).

We have tried to catch folks at various Branch venues but have not reached everyone.

Will the following folks please print a form, fill it out and send it to me:

<b>Fritzi Briner</b>	<b>Marianne Mika</b>
<b>Nancy Cline</b>	<b>Kym Pipkin</b>
<b>Lynn Flagg</b>	<b>Marian Sacco</b>
<b>Amy Horne</b>	<b>Esther Sonnenberg</b>
<b>Debbie Howle</b>	<b>Judy Snook</b>
<b>Betsey Husted</b>	<b>Darlene Velicki</b>
<b>Anne Middleton</b>	<b>Patricia Watters</b>

Please mail it to:

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Thanks so much for doing this. We will be scanning them into our Branch Google drive in order to save them on file.

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Carol Eyre*



## AAUW FUND

The AAUW Fund supports the critical work of promoting equality for women and girls.

The AAUW Fund works on a January through December calendar and it is time to celebrate.

**Congratulations to our branch and our 17 members who donated \$1,595 qualifying our branch for 2 Named Gift Honorees in the Spring 2024.** The Named Gift Honoree is a way to pay tribute to an individual, a group, or an organization giving extraordinary service to our AAUW Branch.

Create a watch event, invite a couple members and watch the short video presentations by the 2023 California Recipients:

[AAUW 2023 Fund Fellows and Grant Recipients – AAUW California](#)

**Let us know who catches your attention** as we plan to have a recipient as a guest speaker for a spring general meeting. Make your recommendation known to [Barbara Ramsey](#), our Program VP ([bj3ramsey@gmail.com](mailto:bj3ramsey@gmail.com)).

– *Jan Potter*



**Happy New Year good women of AAUW NT!**

Tech Trek North Tahoe was blessed year-wide with great support from our members and partners. Thank you at year-end to the [Loury Family Foundation](#) and the [Allen Family Foundation](#) for your support!

Our **UC Davis camp** is off to a solid start for TT camp 2024 and we count our blessings for new enthusiastic leadership and great women continuing in support roles. I recently learned that the UC Santa Barbara TT camp has been closed for the 2024 camp season to address concerns for campers and staff. Closing the UCSB camp may add pressures on the camper capacity at UCD camp, but **opening new camps (Santa Clara, Monterey Bay, perhaps Stanford) is a distinct possibility**, and an active project of AAUW-CA. Stay tuned!

You may recall, **one of the biggest needs for TT camps is having adequate staff at all levels, plus volunteers, and dorm moms.** Please consider if you can offer your talents, a little or a lot, to the Tech Trek camp experience; contact Meri if you can! Reminder, [UC Davis Tech Trek camp is tentatively scheduled for July 14-20, 2024.](#) Join us!

**On Dec. 13, I had the distinct ... experience... of helping the AAUW TT Alumnae Group with Game Night on Zoom.** Over 50 girls in 8th, 9th and 10th grades participated state-wide, guided

by 3-16 year old TT alumnae; none from NT sorry to say. I was the oldest, but not the wisest in attendance. These girls are amazing. They knew what they were doing with Gartic, and skribble (and other free online group games we didn't get to, thankfully!). The girls really enjoyed our evening; some remembered seeing each other at camp. Whew! and yikes! sums it up for me, but, I felt welcomed and accepted, and thoroughly enjoyed seeing these girls meet, compete, help and play together online.

Thank you all for your support. Happy 2024!

Respectfully submitted,

– Meri McEneny



Fliers, informational sheets and applications have been delivered to North Tahoe High School. Helping Jeff Ream this year is a

counselor new to NTHS, Jennifer Jango-Cohen. She will be helping identify candidates for the Girls State week in late June at Sacramento State University.

– Linda Larish & Christine Madden



*Very best wishes to our  
January Birthdays!*

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**22 – Marian Sacco**

**27 – Esther Sonnenberg**

## PHOTOS FROM THE 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY



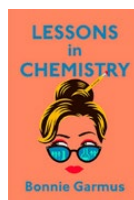
## INTEREST GROUPS



### BOOK GROUP

January's book is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

It is a novel about a woman chemist who has an unusual approach to cooking and her place in society.



We plan to hold the in-person meeting at the Tahoe Yacht Club on Tuesday, January 30 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Zoom access will be available for those who want to attend remotely. The discussion will be led by Linda Dunne and Christine Madden.

– Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey



## CULINARY CAPERS

Our next event is planned and will be at Johnnie Lee Don's on **Thursday, 1/25/24 at noon**. If it is snowing, we will meet the following day, Friday, 1/26/24. This will be a celebration of winter. Cheese fondue will be served and those who attend will be letting Johnnie Lee know what they'd like to bring to augment the lunch.

– *Linda Larish & Johnnie Lee Don*



## GREAT DECISIONS

We will start our 2024 Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group again on Tuesday, January 16 at the Tahoe Yacht Club and on Zoom for those who can't attend in person. Our books have arrived and an email has been sent out to all who have ordered them as to where to pick them up. Call me if you have questions or if you need one delivered to you! Ann Lyman phone: (510) 325-8226.

– *Ann Lyman*



## IN STITCHES

The In Stitches group is ready to start the new year together, and welcomes new members of all skill levels – even the “stitch-curious”!

**We will meet next on Wednesday, January 17th, from 2pm-4pm at Julie Elmen's home in Truckee.**

Contact Julie ([jdelden@gmail.com](mailto:jdelden@gmail.com)) or Esther ([esther.sonnenberg@gmail.com](mailto:esther.sonnenberg@gmail.com)) for details.

Our December meeting had to be cancelled, but here are some photos from one of our fall meetings.

– *Julie Elmen & Esther Sonnenberg*



*Jo Ann Cobb and Pat Castellucci*



*Esther Sonnenberg*



*Carol Eyre*



*Pat, Julie, Carol, Jo Ann, and Esther on a beautiful fall day*



## **WALKING GROUP**

If there is snow in January I'm planning a snowshoe to Chickadee Ridge on January 29. I will email full details to those in the walking group, the week prior. If you are not already on the walking group email list and want to be on it, please let me know at [diannelange@me.com](mailto:diannelange@me.com).

– *Dianne Lange*

## **NOTES SENT**

**Terry Yagura** – Healing thoughts, 12/23

**Christine Madden** – Healing thoughts 12/23



## **CALENDAR**

### **JANUARY**

- 11:** General Meeting
- 16:** Great Decisions
- 17:** In Stitches
- 25:** Culinary Capers
- 29:** Walking Group
- 30:** Book Group



December 14, 2023

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Your generous donation serves as a cornerstone for our efforts, enabling us to weave threads of resilience and hope through the fabric of our community. Your belief in our cause fuels our endeavors to empower families, provide solace during crises, alleviate hunger, and uphold justice through legal avenues. Your support, along with our incredible staff, volunteers and community partners are:

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Sierra Community House stands firm in our commitment to foster a safer, healthier, and tightly-knit community through our services. Thank you, once again, for your impactful generosity.

With all my gratitude,

THANK YOU! 😊

sierracommunityhouse.org Paul Bancroft, MA  
Executive Director

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