



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As spring finally comes to the mountains, I'd like to encourage all of you to attend our next **General Meeting on May 9th**. We'll enjoy lunch together, then get some great gardening tips in a beautiful setting! This will also be the meeting where we welcome our new leadership team and acknowledge our members who will be stepping down, many of whom will be leaving the area. This makes me so sad because these women have contributed SO much to our branch and have become good friends. They've set excellent examples for those of us who follow them!

We'll also announce the winners of the **AAUW Fund Named Gift Honorees** and the recipient of our **North Tahoe Branch Service Award**.

I hope you'll join us on May 9th.

— *Priscilla Mills*



MEMBERSHIP

Introducing our new member: **Barbara Trow**



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Time to Renew!

It's **membership renewal** time again for many of our North Tahoe Branch members! Please check

your mailboxes during May! You will receive a mailing which includes (1) the renewal form, (2) information about our mission to advance equity for all women and girls and how your generous contributions to these goals advance these missions, and (3) a media release form if we do not have a current one. Up-to-date contact information from everyone ensures that you receive all the important information about our branch events.

We ask that you return these forms by June 10th in the enclosed stamped return envelope.

AAUW National has now changed membership so that it begins on the date that a member joined and runs for one (1) year from that date with expiration being the last day of the month joined. If you fall under that new modification, we will have included a note to that effect in our May mailing. For these members, a reminder nearer to your renewal date will be sent but we wished to give you the information about the mission-based programs, which is traditionally updated at this time of year by the Chairs of each program. For these other renewal dates, contributions can be sent currently to facilitate our knowing our missions will be successfully funded.

Your contributions to our missions are in lieu of Fundraisers which cost work, time, effort and money. Traditionally, your contributions, at the time of renewal, have enabled us to see that the following commitments are met each year:

- NT Branch **STEM SCHOLARSHIPS** for merit and need-based girls entering academia.

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- Recognition of members or organizations through the **AAUW Fund**.
- A week-long leadership and legislative experience for one girl through **GIRLS STATE**.
- A week-long STEM experiences through **TECH TREK** for five girls entering 8th grade.
- A **STEM EVENT** held locally with sister branches that is fully funded at present.
- **UNDESIGNATED FUNDS** allocated by leadership to the above on an as-needed basis.

For those renewals due by June 10th, please return your completed forms, dues, and all contribution checks promptly as we need your information so we can update our database and verify our data with AAUW National. Our Finance Officer adds her appreciation for your promptness! Thank You for your cooperation!

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Carol Eyre*



AAUW FUND

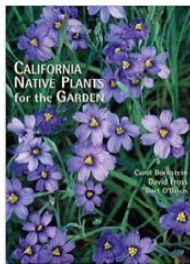
Your generous donations to **AAUW Fund** have given support to many women continuing their graduate education. Your generosity also affords an opportunity to honor members for outstanding dedication to the mission of AAUW. Come to the May general meeting on May 9th and help celebrate our 2024 Named Grant Honorees and North Tahoe Branch Service Award.

– *Jan Potter*

PROGRAMS

May 9th General Meeting

All members welcome!



Terry Yagura is graciously hosting our General Meeting on **Thursday, May 9th** at her lovely home in Tahoe Vista. We will start out enjoying our brown bag lunches at noon followed by local nursery, **Tahoe Tree Company**, presentation on “How to Incorporate Native Plants into your Garden”.

Priscilla Mills will then officially welcome our new slate of officers and interest group leaders as well as acknowledge outgoing leaders, especially those who are leaving the area.

The final highlight will be the presentation of the **Named Gift Honorees** and the **Branch Service Award** by Jan Potter.

Please RSVP to Barbara Ramsey at bj3ramsey@gmail.com.

Private Art Class + Lunch



You are invited to a private workshop at Atelier created exclusively for AAUW North Tahoe members and their guests. **Grace Davis**, local artist, will lead this beginning painting class featuring botanicals.

The class takes place on **Wednesday, May 22 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**. The class fee is \$58. After the workshop, those interested will enjoy lunch at Great Full Gardens, a health food restaurant in Reno. **Atelier** is located at 2135 Dickerson Road in Reno. Carpools can be arranged after signing up.

To enroll in the class simply click on this link: <https://www.atelierinreno.com/workshops/p/privateworkshoppayment-k23j6>

Please contact Barbara Ramsey with any questions or in need of further information at b3ramsey@gmail.com.

Highlights of April 11th

Shuchi Dwivedi captivated us all with her personal story and the stories she writes for film. Talking nearly nonstop about “Why Stories Matter”, we were inspired, entertained and prodded to live a life of intention. To get to know more about her, if you were unable to attend this meeting, go to aauw-ca.org and navigate to the **AAUW Fund Speakers** where you will find her name and a recording of her work.

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Members from four AAUW branches attended this meeting: The Tahoe Donner Branch, the Nevada County (CA) Branch, the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch and our North Tahoe Branch. Getting to know more about each other was fun and hopefully, a step forward to more joint undertakings.

Thank you for supporting the AAUW Fund. Being able to host a AAUW Fund Fellow was both an honor and an affirmation that these funds are making a difference for women and girls.

– *Barbara Ramsey*



Shuchi Dwivedi talks to the AAUW audience



Shuchi Dwivedi (left) and Barbara Ramsey



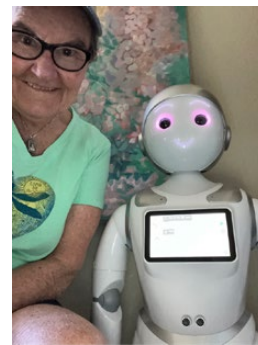
Shuchi Dwivedi with the AAUW Group



& Stem Trek Day

Our 2024 campers are completing their online ‘paperwork’ for camp, and along with their parents, are sending RSVPs for our **May 3 get together for campers, and families at Tahoe Backyard, 4:30-6:30 pm. Members who want to join the fun are invited!** It is a casual event, with Tech Trek girls from 7th-12th grades coming together to meet the new campers and renew friendships. **We will offer tacos, pizza and drinks. Adults can partake of the brews at Tahoe Backyard.**

A unique activity will be script reading by former Trekkers from the movie script *Robot Party*, written by Elizabeth Arredondo, Martha Russell’s former colleague, with a cameo by iPal, Martha’s erstwhile robot. Elizabeth has a MFA from USC and movie and TV credits. Join the fun! **RSVP to Meri, mmceneny@gmail.com, or 775-831-6071.**



Meri and iPal the Robot

Our Annual Visit Day at UC Davis Tech Trek is Thursday, July 18, 9am-noon. We tour the Core Classes to watch the teaching and learning, then have lunch with our campers. It is memorable and inspiring. Contact Meri to join the list. Carpool can be arranged.

For those new members wondering what programs to support during our membership renewals, please allow me to explain a little bit about our Tech Trek program. More information, and pictures, are available at our website, <https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/activities/tech-trek-2/>.

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North Tahoe AAUW has supported sending local 7th grade girls to **Tech Trek STEM camp** since the very beginning, in summer 1998. Since that time we have sent 113 girls to week-long camps on a college campus; for 12 years now at UC Davis. We send 5 more girls this summer 2024. For many of our girls, this is their first time away from home, and first exposure to college.

Tech Trek is a program dear to our hearts, and to our mission of empowering women and girls. **NT members serve as dorm moms, activity coordinators, and virtual coaches, etc.** Members are inspired at Visit Day activities, and hearing our campers speak each fall after camp. Creating self-confidence and expanding horizons are hard to measure but tangible in our returning campers.

The cost per camper is currently \$1,100. We have applied, and received, generous support for Tech Trek from **Rotary Club of Tahoe City** and **Tahoe League for Charity**, though both groups question their future viability. We have many stories of successful careers from former Trekkers, STEM fields and others. STEM fields receive lots of attention now, but any woman in STEM knows we need more women in STEM. Tech Trek is our way to encourage that future. Thanks for your support.

Last, but certainly not least, we humbly thank former Tech Trekker, and current Girls State selection Vallerie Laguna, for naming North Tahoe AAUW as her preferred non-profit to receive a \$300 donation from Soroptimist International Truckee Donner. Vallerie received \$300 as a recipient of the SITD Violet Richardson Award for promoting volunteerism in her school and community, and SITD donated a like amount to NT AAUW. Thank you Vallerie.

– Meri McEneny



Vallerie Laguna and her mother, Edith, at the SITD award ceremony



Vallerie Laguna, a junior at Truckee Tahoe High School, is all set to attend the week-long Girls State camp at Sacramento State

University at the end of June. She will be visiting us at our October meeting to report on her experience.

– Linda Larish & Christine Madden



*Very best wishes to our
May Birthdays!*

14 – Judy Brown

14 – Debbie Howle

14 – Barbara Klencke

27 – Shirley Nelson

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

The Diamond Eye
by Kate Quinn



Goodreads Choice Award. Nominee for Best Historical Fiction (2022). The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Rose Code* returns with an unforgettable World War II tale of a quiet bookworm who becomes history's deadliest female sniper. Based on a true story.

Carol Eyre will lead the discussion of our May book selection *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn. **Carol will host the meeting at her home in Genoa.** Car pools are encouraged and can be arranged with knowing who is attending. (Having been to Carol's home, I can say it is well worth the drive).

This meeting takes place on Tuesday, May 28th with brown bag lunches/social time at noon followed by the book review at 12:30.

It is helpful to know how many of you will be attending. Please RSVP to Barbara (bj3ramsey@gmail.com) or Cheryl (cherylkallen@cs.com).

Happy Reading!

– *Barbara Ramsey & Cheryl Allen*



BRIDGE

Currently, the Bridge Group remains active on the online site of Trickster Cards.com. As Trickster offers a video component, there is an opportunity to “see” each other and visit as well. And as it is online, participants can play from wherever they are.

In April there were two “gatherings,” one on Monday April 1st, and the second on Wednesday, April 3rd. **Coming up in May there is a game planned for Monday, May 6th.** Active with the group at this time are: Patricia Watters, Linda Larish, Kym Pipkin, Sharon Ekin, Dianne Lange,

Betsey Husted, and most recently, Julie Elmen. In the past, Barbara Ramsey has joined us. We welcome anyone in the group wanting to join in.

Happy Spring!

– *Betsey Husted*



CULINARY CAPERS

With our wonderful Mardi Gras celebration behind us, we now look forward to **our next event on Thursday, 5/23/24** at the lovely lake-side home of Joyce Grunauer. The theme will be a Chinese luncheon. More details will follow soon. However, if you're interested in going, definitely save that date.

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Linda Larish*



GREAT DECISIONS

Our next Great Decisions meeting is Tuesday, May 21st at 10 a.m. in the community room at Plumas Bank in Tahoe City. A zoom link will be sent out in advance so those who can't attend in person can participate. Jo Ann Cobb will be our moderator and we will be discussing NATO.

– *Ann Lyman*



IN STITCHES

In April, the In Stitches group met at Pat Castellucci's lovely home to continue working on our knitted squares, to pick up some fresh colored yarns and to enjoy each other's company. Members also shared their individual projects as well as their expertise. We welcome all crafts and ability levels.

Our next meeting will take place on May 15th, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at Carol Eyre's home. An email with directions will be sent to members. Carpooling may be available.

For any questions or if you'd like to join our group, please email Esther at esther.sonnenberg@gmail.com and/or Julie at jdellen@gmail.com.

– *Esther Sonnenberg & Julie Elmen*



WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group took a lovely stroll on the **Legacy Trail in Truckee** on April 30th. We walked along the river for about 4 miles. It was a beautiful sunny spring morning with snowy views of Mt. Rose.

– *Priscilla Mills*



Walking Group on the Legacy Trail in Truckee

NOTES SENT

Sue DeVoe – Sympathy for loss of husband
4/5/24

Vallerie Laguna – Thank you for directing your
\$300 SITD* award to our branch 4/22/4

Shuchi Dwivedi – Thank you for your
presentation 4/24/24

**Soroptimist International Tahoe Donner*



CALENDAR

MAY

- 03:** Tech Trek Gathering
- 06:** Bridge Group (Trickster)
- 09:** General Meeting
- 15:** In Stitches
- 21:** Great Decisions
- 22:** Private Art Class + Lunch
- 23:** Culinary Capers
- 28:** Book Group