



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another fabulous year of AAUW North Tahoe begins on July 1st and I would like to acknowledge our outgoing and incoming leaders. We're very happy that Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre, Barbara Ramsey, Jo Ann Cobb, Dana Loury, Linda Dunne, Jan Potter, Meri McEneny, Kathie Julian, Patricia Watters, Cheryl Allen, Betsey Husted, Ann Lyman, Esther Sonnenberg, and Julie Elmen will continue in their current Leadership and Interest Group positions. I'd like to welcome Carol Cunha as Recording Secretary, Wendy Rudolph as Corresponding Secretary, Lesha Roth as Website Manager and Email Communications Officer, Beth Sammis and Shirley Nelson as Girls State Officers, Kym Pipkin as Parliamentarian, Gay Thomas as Culinary Capers Co-Chair, and

SAVE THE DATE!

SUMMER PARTY

AAUW North Tahoe will hold a summer party on **Thursday, August 8th**. Julie Elmen has graciously offered to host us at her home in Truckee. This will be a potluck luncheon. We will send out an Evite soon will details.

Rachael Swift and Jo Ann Cobb as Walking Group Leaders. Cheryl Allen will also add Programs Co-Chair to her list of positions. What a fantastic team!

This is also a very sad time for us because some of our most active women are stepping down or moving away. Christine Madden and Nancy Cline will remain involved with our branch, but will be spending less time at Tahoe. Their work on the Board has been outstanding. Christine has served most recently as Girls State Co-Chair and Nancy as Email Communications Officer. Both of these women have held many different positions over the years. We're very happy that we're not saying good-bye to them quite yet!

Three of our most active members, Linda Larish, Terry Yagura, and Dianne Lange will be moving away from our area. They have contributed so much to our branch, that I asked them to give us some details about their histories. See their stories on the following page.

Our branch is so grateful for what Linda, Terry, and Dianne have contributed to AAUW North Tahoe over the years. We're a very active and successful branch, thanks to the dedication of women like them. While our outgoing members will be sorely missed, we're so excited about the new members that have joined us this last year! Life goes on, people come and go, but our mission to work for equity for women and girls remains steadfast.

— *Priscilla Mills*

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Linda Larish



I believe I joined in April, 2014. I've joined several interest groups, including Great Decisions, Book Group, Gourmet, Bridge, and Walking Group. I'm still active in Culinary Capers (formerly known as Gourmet), Bridge, and Walking. This month I'm going to Book Group again as I love to visit Carol Eyre and love the current book selection.

I've held the position of Recording Secretary and I've helped with Stem Trek. I have held the position of Corresponding Secretary for eight years. I'm Co-Chair for Girls State and have worked with Christine Madden for about five years. When Gourmet couldn't find a leader, Johnnie Lee Don and I created a simpler format and renamed it Culinary Capers (Few of us are actually gourmets!). We love the socializing while enjoying a meal. I've been part of the Leadership team for eight or nine years.

We leave Tahoe reluctantly but are looking at the positives of being at lower elevation and being closer to our daughter. AAUW has been a huge part of my life since retiring in 2014. I've made many lifelong friends and leaving these friends will be the most difficult part of our move. However, I'm rejoining our branch and plan on returning when able. I will continue to play bridge on Trickster and may be a semi-frequent visitor at the Dons' and the Lourys'!

Terry Yagura



Our AAUW group was one of the first organizations that I joined after moving in 1980 to North Lake Tahoe from Sunnyvale, CA in the heart of Silicon Valley and close to Stanford Medical Center. My first job was in Biochemistry Research at the Medical Center and when we moved to Tahoe I looked for another research position. There was none to be found. I then volunteered in our 8 year old son Ryan's KBE 4th grade class and did a fundraiser, the Walkthon which subsequently raised \$30K+ annually (where AAUW members volunteered in the early days).

I founded a non-profit *Arts For the Schools* in 1984, where AAUW members volunteered and attended performances at Chuck Bluth's Cal Neva Frank Sinatra's Showroom. My first performance there and for our school children was Ballet Hispanico of NYC.

In the early days of our AAUW group I volunteered for many committees. After we built our present house 22 yrs ago, I held many general meetings with speakers, book group and committee meetings. I held a VP position, and at that time I was in charge of finding speakers. A memorable meeting was Dave Antonucci on Lake clarity and another was Bill Briner and his photos of the 1960s Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley Ski Resort. Both were long-time locals who knew the heart of Lake Tahoe history. We then had a book signing of both speakers at Rosie's Cafe for the general public.

Significant committees which I supported monetarily in their early days were Tech Trek and Stem Trek. Back then we held luncheons that we made and purchased at the old Tahoe City Recreation Center for our Trekkers and all interested girls who applied. We had many professional women speakers on that day (Carol Eyre's daughter was one of them). We also had a former Trekker (who became a Scientist) as a speaker. She invited her parents and grandparents to hear her. It has been my privilege to be a part of this amazing organization.



Dianne Lange



I think I joined NTAUW in 2015. I had been a member of the Incline branch for years, serving as Secretary there. Since I was living with my partner, Marvin Jacoby, in Incline, joining that group was most convenient. When he passed away in 2015, I moved back to the house I had been renting in Agate Bay and joined the North Tahoe branch as well, thinking it would be a good way to meet women on this side of the Lake. Eventually I dropped my membership in the Incline branch. I liked that the NT branch was smaller and that the women were so interesting and welcoming. The number of interest groups was terrific, too, and I think I joined everything. One of the things I missed about the Incline group was the "Outdoor Activities" group, which did weekly hikes or snow shoe expeditions every week! I knew I couldn't commit to organizing a weekly group, and I was also finding hiking more and more difficult. So I thought "why not just walk together once a month?" I thought limiting hikes to four miles with no steep hills might appeal to NT members, especially those who, like me, could no longer do

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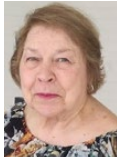
serious hikes. There were quite a few responses to the first email invite, but there were only three of us on the first walk in Tahoe City — Rachel Swift, Esther Sonnenberg, and me. However, the small showing didn't deter me. I decided to keep the walks going for a few months to see if others would join us, and they did. Even those who are serious hikers enjoy the walks, which are mostly local. Now, some of the walks have a dozen members showing up and sometimes just four, but it's always fun and gives us quality time with each other. I was so happy to see so many new members join the group this year. And I know Rachel, Jo Ann and Priscilla will keep it going. The North Tahoe branch — and the Interest Groups — are one of the Tahoe treasures I will miss the most.



MEMBERSHIP

Meet our new member!

Barbara Trow



I was a war baby born in Mississippi and raised in Arizona. I went to college in Flagstaff. I have two children who were born in Phoenix, Arizona. After a divorce I moved to Arkansas, then to Reno where I worked at the Washoe County Courthouse for 16 years. I retired in 2004 and moved to Dallas to be a “granny nanny”. I followed my grandchildren to Houston and then moved to Grand Junction Colorado while the family lived outside of the US. After they returned to the States I joined them in Truckee in 2019. I have more of a desert background, and while I love Truckee and the beautiful snow I am not active in winter sports. I love social connections and I look forward to meeting the ladies of AAUW and participating in several activities.



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Membership Reminder

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have returned your 2024/2025 Membership Renewal to our Finance Officer. And a gentle reminder that, if your membership is currently due, mailing

it in the SASE included with your renewal packet to PO Box 5612, Tahoe City, CA 96145 by June 10th, will greatly assist our Finance Officer.

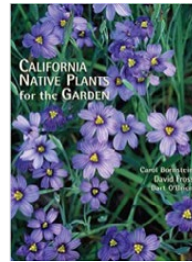
– *Carol Eyre & Johnnie Lee Don*

PROGRAMS

General Meeting

Members and Guests Welcome!

On Thursday, June 13 starting at 12 noon, members and guests will meet at **Tahoe House Bakery & Gourmet** located just south of Tahoe City at 625 West Lake Boulevard. Individually, we will place an order and pay for one's desired eats and beverages and convene at an inside table for the general meeting. President Priscilla Mills will give an update on the latest AAUW happenings and summer activities.



Following the meeting, at around 1:00 pm, we will travel a short distance to **Tahoe Tree Company** located at 401 West Lake Boulevard to learn of their extensive native plant offerings and ways to incorporate these indigenous species in our gardens.

Join us for a fun kick off to the summer! Please RSVP to Barbara Ramsey at bj3ramsey@gmail.com to ensure proper space is reserved at Tahoe House Bakery & Gourmet.

– *Barbara Ramsey*



Programs Photos

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the May General Meeting photos on page 9.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the Atelier Art Class photos on page 10.



AAUW FUND

Congratulations to the 2024 Awardees!

Each year, our branch is able to nominate one Named Gift Honoree for **every \$750** that our branch donates to the national AAUW Fund. This award is the highest honor that we can bestow on a member for outstanding service and leadership in promoting the programs and goals of our branch and the national AAUW organization. This year we were able to qualify for four Named Gift Honorees.

Christine Marsh-Madden



Christine was part of a group of North Tahoe women who worked on the formation of our branch in the era of 1979-1981. She then moved to San Diego but loved Tahoe so much she returned and joined our branch in 2012. Christine was Co-VP for Programs with Carol Eyre in 2015-2016. She has been our Girls State Program Co-coordinator since 2016-2017. This involves working with the North Tahoe High School counselor to identify candidates, interview and select the delegate from our branch. Also, working with an ALA, American Legion, to sponsor our delegate's participation in the Girl's State summer program. Christine also worked with the Tech Trek interview committee. She participates in leadership meetings and interest groups: Book Group, Great Decisions and Culinary Capers. Christine is most passionate about her work with Meri McEneny in 2017 to make our first branch STEM TREK DAY a success. Christine is also a spark of good humor and fun to be around.

Cheryl Allen



Cheryl joined our branch in 2015. She served as VP of membership three years as a co-chair and two by herself. This position is not very visible but is crucial to keep the branch running smoothly. In 2018, she and co-Chair Ginger Wilson started the Fall Wine and Cheese Welcome Event, facilitating new members the opportunity to meet the

leadership team and learn about our branch. The events were a success. Cheryl is part of the interview team that chooses the five 7th grade girls to attend Tech Trek summer camp at UC Davis. Also, the last three summers Cheryl has been a week long volunteer virtual Tech Trek coach.

In addition, she is Co-leader of Book Group and participates in Great Decisions, Culinary Capers and Walking group. She is hard working, creative, cheerful and dedicated to the AAUW mission.

Dana Loury



Dana Loury joined North Tahoe in 2016 after being invited to the summer High Tea at the home of Carol Eyre. She was the guest of Johnnie Lee Don and Linda Larish. The day unfolded with setting up outdoor tables, chairs, umbrellas. By the end of the day with meeting members, other guests and hearing several past Tech Trek campers talk about their experiences she wanted to become part of AAUW North Tahoe. Dana worked with zeal to be the "great" communicator for our branch. She has worked with Nancy Cline and later Diane Lange to keep our web site working. For several years Dana did all the email communication for the Branch. As newsletter editor Dana developed all the various elements to make it shine. She added the photo strip at the top of our newsletter often using her own photos. Also, Dana became the unofficial photographer at all branch events she attended. Our newsletter received an award from California AAUW for best midsize Branch publication. Dana is devoted to the mission of AAUW.

Rotary Club of Tahoe City



The Rotary Club of Tahoe City is the service club that has supported the AAUW commitment to TECH TREK from the very beginning.

< Meri presented our AAUW Fund Named Gift Certificate to Tom Doyle, President of the Rotary Club of Tahoe City.

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They embraced the concept of exposing local girls to the world of math and science at the end of 7th grade. They understood the concept of sending girls to residential university camp even though the girls did not yet understand that they could or should be college bound. Rotary Club committed to funding one girl year after year. Thank you, Rotary, for being such a strong community partner.

Branch Service Award

The Branch Service Award was created to complement the Named Gift Honoree. It is a local award that is managed within the local North Tahoe Branch. The candidate must have:

- *been a member for at 5 years*
- *made significant contributions of time, mentoring, leadership, and recruiting*
- *held at least 1 elected or appointed board position*
- *been chairperson of an interest group*

Pat Castellucci



Pat has been a member of AAUW since 1985. Pat always attends all the monthly meetings, is friendly, outgoing and a constant good will ambassador for AAUW. She is a reminder of why we are all members sharing in this community of women. Pat supports our branch in many various ways including opening her home for summer, winter, and holiday events for AAUW North Tahoe's membership. Pat was chairperson of Gourmet Club for many years.

– *Jan Potter*



SCHOLARSHIP

From the list of 27 qualified candidates, we selected two outstanding young women

who will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship from our AAUW North Tahoe branch. These local high school graduates will focus on STEM college studies and plan STEM careers. Their names will

be announced at the June 6 awards ceremony at North Tahoe High School.

Your generous contributions to our Scholarship funds also allow us to complete the final award of \$1,000 for a four-year scholarship for Mariana Bravo-Corona. Mariana is a civil engineering student at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

– *Patricia Watters & Kathie Julian*

AAUW NORTH TAHOE HISTORY SCRAPBOOK PROJECT



Long time AAUW member, Christine Madden, is shown here holding the album she completed about the 40 year history of our North Lake Tahoe chapter of AAUW. It will be given to Nancy Stromswold, the Archive Manager of the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society. Nancy will then add it to the Society's "Organizations Cabinet" in the Gatekeepers Museum as a record in the Archives.

Thank you Christine for all your work on this project!

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& Stem Trek Day

Our May 3 Tech Trek Meet and Greet was a success!

Tech Trekkers, families and a few members enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and friendship at Tahoe Backyard, Kings Beach. All you photography-minded members will appreciate that at least one photo of the event was taken! Thanks Johnnie Lee!



The photo above is the poster highlighting our actors from the script reading of *Robot Party* with screenwriter Liz Arredondo. The three actors on the left were all nominated for Tech Trek camp: Kaira, Cali and Joey. Kaira attended Virtual camp in 2021. These delightful young women read from Liz's script about a college robot club competition with other girls sitting before them encircling the microphone, and robot :). Thanks actors!

We offered tacos, pizza, snacks, cookies and drinks. The food and the raffle were a hit! I will ask our Leadership Board to consider this becoming an annual event for our new and former Tech Trekkers, with a budget, and participation from the Culinary Group or other foodies. Thanks greatly to Johnnie Lee, Linda L. Cheryl, Maria and Priscilla! Your thoughts and ideas are welcome: mmceneny@gmail.com.

– Meri McEneny



Our Girls State attendee, **Vallerie Laguna**, is excited to go to Girls State at Sacramento State University June 25th through June 30th.

We look forward to seeing her and hearing about her experience at the October general meeting.

– Linda Larish & Christine Madden

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

On Tuesday, June 25th starting at 12 noon with your brown-bag lunch, the AAUW Book Group will convene poolside at **Dollar Point Association Pool and Tennis Courts** at 170 Observation Drive, Tahoe City.



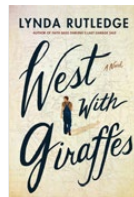
Directions from Kings Beach/Carnelian Bay:

Follow Hwy 28 towards Tahoe City. Turn left onto Dollar Drive just after Chinquapin and before the 7-11 (there is a sign indicating “Dollar Drive” as you come over the Chinquapin hill). Go 1 block and turn right onto Observation Drive. The pool is on the left on the first block of Observation.

Directions from the West Shore /Tahoe City:

Follow Hwy 28 north of Tahoe City for 2 miles. Immediately after the 7-11 turn right onto Dollar Drive. Go 1 block and turn right onto Observation Drive. The pool is on the left on the first block of Observation.

There is parking all along the pool and tennis courts. If those spots are filled there is plenty of street parking. Enter through the gate with the sign “Dollar Point Swimming and Tennis Club.” Check in with DPA staff as a guest of the Linda Dunne party, or just head straight across the lawn to our group.



We will split the meeting into two parts. First, we will discuss the June book selection *West with Giraffes* by bestselling author Lynda Rutledge. This read is an emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of depression-era America.

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The second part of the June meeting will be a discussion of the book recommendations received for the months of September 2024-June 2025.

Please submit the following information for each book that you recommend:

TITLE OF BOOK
AUTHOR
GENRE (F, HF, NF, B, M, SCI-FI) *
COPYRIGHT DATE
NUMBER OF PAGES
BRIEF DESCRIPTION (2 to 3 sentences)

* F- fiction, HF - historical fiction, NF - nonfiction,
B - biography, M - mystery, Sci-Fi - science fiction

Please send your book suggestions to cherylkallen@cs.com and bj3ramsey@gmail.com.

The final selection of books will be done by all book group members using Survey Monkey.

– *Barbara Ramsey & Cheryl Allen*



CULINARY CAPERS

On May 23, Culinary Capers had the most amazing **Chinese Culinary Experience** orchestrated by Joyce Grunauer at her lovely

place. Among the tantalizing foods were Chinese Egg drop Soup with the added twist of won tons, Chinese Chicken Salad served in cute take out containers, and General Tso's Chicken with cashews.

Joyce was super organized and very creative. She demonstrated how to make Shrimp Spring Rolls, first softening rice paper(which in it's natural state looks like a clear frisbee) in hot water; stuffing with shrimp and a wide choice of veggies; and, then rolling tightly (a skill in itself)! What fun! What a lovely event. Kudos!!! to Joyce for such an outstanding event and to Linda Larish for organizing Culinary Capers over this past years! Many Thanks Linda! You have always been so inclusive and wonderful!



[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE MAY 23 CULINARY CAPERS PHOTOS ON PAGE 10](#)

Our new NT AAUW Culinary Capers leader will be a fairly new member, Gay Thomas, whom we thank for stepping up to Chair this fun group. She has set a date of **August 8th from 11 am to 2 pm for a Picnic on the Grass in Incline Village to plan the upcoming year's events**. If you checked the box for this Interest Group on your Renewal, an email will be sent closer to the date.

So, **SAVE THE DATE**, ladies!

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Linda Larish*



GREAT DECISIONS

Our Great Decisions discussion group is off for the summer and will start up again on **Tuesday, September 17**, 10:00 am to noon, at the Plumas Bank Community Room in Tahoe City. Our topic is **Understanding Indonesia** and our moderator will be Shirley Nelson. See you in September!

– *Ann Lyman and Jo Ann Cobb*



IN STITCHES

The In Stitches group will not be meeting in June, July, or August. We will start up again on September 18th with our Fall kick-off event. Our group is growing — with several new members joining over the past few months. We wish everyone a safe and pleasant summer!

– *Julie Elmen & Esther Sonnenberg*



WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group is busy planning walks for the summer months which will be on the last Monday of each month. Please watch for an announcement with details in the coming weeks.

– *Rachael Swift, Jo Ann Cobb and Priscilla Mills*



*Very best wishes to our
June, July and August
Birthdays!*

- June 3 Gay Thomas
- June 5 Sue DeVoe
- June 12 Sharon Ekin
- June 13 Terra Harris
- June 18 Diane L. Buckman
- June 19 Christine Marsh-Madden
- July 2 Lesha Roth
- July 7 Dana Loury
- July 13 Carol Eyre
- July 13 Linda Dunne
- July 16 Donna Benner
- July 21 Pat Castellucci
- July 22 Pamela Cosby Brandman
- July 23 Cheryl Allen
- Aug 1 Carol Cunha
- Aug 1 Johnnie Lee Don
- Aug 12 Maria Snideman
- Aug 14 Elizabeth Sammis
- Aug 25 Terry Yagura

NOTES SENT

Gay Veeh – Sent on 5/1 with wishes to heal well from her injury



CALENDAR

JUNE

- 10:** AAUW Membership Renewal Deadline
- 13:** General Meeting
- 25:** Book Group

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tahoe Music Alive 2024

[Tahoe Music Alive](#)'s 2024 series is now underway! Our first concert on May 4th took place during the BLIZZARD. Nevertheless, it was well attended. The next concert will be on **July 6th at the Olympic Valley Chapel from 4-6 pm** and will feature flutes/piano trios, duets and solos. There are [six North Tahoe concerts](#) this year with world class musicians.

Want to get involved with Tahoe Music Alive? We are currently looking for an **Administrative Director** (part-time with a possibility of full-time in the future). If you are interested in learning more about the position or applying, please contact [Martha Russell](#) at marthar@stanford.edu for details.

GENERAL MEETING PHOTOS



Jan Potter presents the AAUW Fund Named Gift Honoree award to Christine Madden



Jan Potter presents the Branch Service Award to Pat Castellucci



ATELIER ART CLASS PHOTOS



CULINARY CAPERS PHOTOS

