



September 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year of AAUW North Tahoe activities and good works! Not a day goes by that I'm not reminded of what we're all contributing to the betterment of females in America. This is especially obvious at Tech Trek. I served as a dorm mom again this summer and came away more encouraged than ever! This wonderful program, so beautifully made possible by our dear Meri McEneny, and generously supported by our local Rotary Club is something we can all be proud of. Cheryl Allen and Patricia Watters have also been extremely involved with coaching and teaching in workshops. Our UC Davis program is something that I find myself bragging about throughout the year. As an Aggie alum, I love living on campus and reliving the student life! The Trekkers are girls who were recommended by their Science and Math teachers as having aptitude in STEM subjects. I'm always so impressed by their intelligence! The girls take a core class in either engineering, coding, anatomy, data analysis, or genetics every morning. The afternoons are filled with exposure to forensics, EMT skills, veterinary medicine, architecture, and much more. In the evenings they learn how to manage family finances and have the opportunity to meet with and interview professional women in STEM careers. I find it so uplifting (and exhausting!) to get to hang out with these talented teenagers. Their energy and enthusiasm are contagious. You should see them at the dance party! Long live Tech Trek!

On Thursday, August 8th, our branch enjoyed a lovely potluck luncheon at Julie Elmen's gorgeous home in Lahontan. The company and food were outstanding, and everyone relaxed and socialized. Many of our newer members were in attendance and it was so nice to just enjoy each other's company! Thank you, Julie!

— *Priscilla Mills*



August Summer Party Photos



MEMBERSHIP

Meet our new members!

Sylvia Romero



I'm a native San Franciscan who has been coming to North Tahoe since I was little. Two years ago I decided I wanted to spend more time here after I retired so I bought a home in

Tahoe Vista. I worked in High Tech for over 40 years. I started my career at IBM and went on to be a Sales Executive at seven different startups (including one of my own). I currently do some part time consulting work helping startups raise capital funding. I'm an alumni of Santa Clara University (BS) and Golden Gate University (MBA).

I am an avid hiker, love to SUP and I have taken up playing Bridge. Not a grandma yet so have lots of free time! I enjoy meeting new people and getting involved in the community.

I look forward to meeting all of you soon and supporting the goals of AAUW!

Jennifer Jennings

Barbara Trow



MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Once again both Carol and Johnnie Lee **THANK YOU**, our North Tahoe Branch members of AAUW, for the prompt response to our yearly membership renewal. It was the BEST year ever for prompt renewals. No added emails to send! No phone calls to make! You did us proud. We have 60 members, which is a good record for our Branch. And we are sure our Finance Officer, Jo Ann Cobb, appreciated you folks getting the renewals to her so promptly.

For others who do not fall under the June timeline, an email will be sent two months before, asking if you still have the forms sent in June and to let us know if you do not. We can email the forms to you easily (but no stamped envelope, sorry). In any case, according to the new National guideline, renewals are due to the Finance Officer by the last day of the month

joined.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carol at carolceyre@aol.com or Johnnie Lee at johnnieleedon1@gmail.com. Thanks once more for making our efforts so effortless!

– Johnnie Lee Don & Carol Eyre

PROGRAMS



September General Meeting: An Evening of Visionary Fine Art Photography

Date: Thursday, September 26th

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: Gallery Keoki
Village at Palisades Tahoe
1850 Village South Road
Olympic Valley

Keoki Flagg, son of AAUW North Tahoe member Lynn Flagg will welcome us into his gallery and share his view of original art. To learn more of Keoki's work go to <http://gallerykeoki.com/>.

Wine, courtesy of member, Patricia Watters, other beverages, and light appetizers will be provided by our Branch. Ample parking is available in the Village parking area. Look for balloons on the north side of the Village.

Members, spouses/partners, and guests are welcome. An Evite has been sent to all members. Please RSVP by September 20th.

For questions, call Barbara Ramsey at (530) 536-3929, cell (707) 953-5603, or email: bj3ramsey@gmail.com.

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The June Program was held at **Tahoe House Bakery & Gourmet** where members enjoyed delicious eats and social time. A short General Meeting was led by President Priscilla Mills. We then traveled to **Tahoe Tree Company** for a

presentation given by Julie Glander. Julie introduced us to their extensive native plant offerings and gave us ways to incorporate them into our own gardens. It was a fun way to kick off summer!

– *Barbara Ramsey & Cheryl Allen*



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AAUW FUND

AAUW Fund, a national program, provides fellowships and grants to women pursuing academic work and community projects to empower women and girls.

AAUW Fund Contributions January-July 2024

Thank you to all who made donations to the AAUW Fund while renewing your yearly membership!

*JoAnn Cobb
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Rachael Swift*

– *Jan Potter*



SCHOLARSHIP

Miya Casci (left) and Esmeralda Lara-Reyna (right), our 2024

College Scholarship recipients, with Priscilla and Meri.



& Stem Trek Day

Tech Trek Report

Welcome to a new year North Tahoe AAUW! Thank you members for a successful **Tech Trek camp** at UC Davis this past July. Our five campers, plus our Girls State representative, will relate their camp experiences at our October meeting. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 10, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**. The meeting will take place at the **North Tahoe High School Library** at 2945 Polaris Road in Tahoe City. Directions will be emailed before the event.

Pam Cosby Brandman and I had a fun trip to Visit Day at Tech Trek camp, staying overnight with her sister-in-law in West Sacramento, enjoying dinner out, then a full day with our campers, their TT core classes, and more! Below we enjoy lunch with dorm mom Priscilla Mills and our Trekkers.



*Standing, L-R: Priscilla, Kelsey, Kaydence, Pam.
Seated, L-R: Dulce, Carolina, Valeria.*

The girls were assigned these core classes: Anatomy, Kelsey and Valeria; Robotics, Kaydence; Genetics, Dulce and Carolina.



Valeria in Anatomy class



Kelsey in Anatomy class



Kaydence in Robotics



Dulce in Genetics



Carolina and friends in Genetics

Core classes were held every morning 9:00 am - noon; and all the girls attended a session in the different core classes one afternoon.

The robot iPal also had a good time at camp! She welcomed the campers and families on Day 1 at registration! In hindsight, everyone agreed a video would have been great. It is with relief and joy that I report the new directors are already planning for next year. Great job Rachel and Deb from the Auburn branch!

Thank you letters are included on [pages 9-14](#), and will be displayed at the October 10 meeting.

– Meri McEneny

INTEREST GROUPS



BOOK GROUP

On September 24th the Book Group will meet at the Tahoe Yacht Club from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. [Sharon Ekin](#) will lead our discussion on the book, ***The Women*** by Kristin Hannah, the celebrated author of *The Nightingale* and *The Four Winds*. This novel is the story of Frankie McGrath, one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.



War is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. The book is an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of a nation divided.

This will be a hybrid meeting – if you can't attend in person, you can join us remotely via Zoom. We will send a Zoom link in advance for anyone who would prefer to join the discussion from home.

– Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey



BRIDGE

Two of the bridge group moved during the past month: Dianne Lange and Linda Larish. Nonetheless, they both played on Trickster on Wednesday August 7th, along with Sharon Ekin and me. They will continue to play. Sylvia Romero has joined our group and plans to play with us, both on Trickster and live. She and Julie Elmen are discussing a live game. Covid taught us to continue on through the internet when face to face meetings are not possible. Since Trickster allows video, we have a visit also. The Bridge Group continues with flexibility as to the date and time and players.

– *Betsey Husted*



CULINARY CAPERS

Culinary Capers met in August at Burnt Cedar Beach to plan for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to some fun and creative events and hope to see many of you there. More information to follow!

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Gay Thomas*



CULTURAL EVENT

Reno Tahoe International Art Show

Friday, September 13, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Reno Convention Center



The 2024 Reno Tahoe International Art Show in its third year is a celebration of fine art and sculpture, furniture, film and music. The RTIA Show is unique to Reno Tahoe, showcasing local talent and art organizations alongside national and international galleries, independent artists

and sculptors from across the county. Special features for 2024 include the Basque Cultural Feature, the First Nations, Indigenous Peoples Pavilion, the Design Vignettes throughout the show and the “Post Playa Art” Burning Man Sculpture Exhibition. Jan and Gil Potter attended last year and said it was great!

Online price:

\$25.00 +\$2.07 Sales Tax +\$0.68 service fee

You may also purchase tickets at the door. Seniors get a \$5.00 discount when purchased at the door. Our tickets will allow us to leave and return all day.

RSVP to Johnnie Lee Don by Monday, September 9 (email: johnnieleedon1@gmail.com) so carpooling can be arranged. **We will meet at 11:00 am** at the entrance to the art show. Come well fed and we can do lunch later.

– *Johnnie Lee Don & Jan Potter*



GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions will start up again for the fall at our regular meeting place, Plumas Bank in Tahoe City, on **Tuesday, September 17, 10 am until noon**. Our moderator will be Shirley Nelson and our discussion chapter is **Understanding Indonesia**. Hope to see you there!

– *Ann Lyman and Jo Ann Cobb*



IN STITCHES

We will reconvene our monthly meetings after a two month break. The next meeting will take place at Esther Sonnenberg's home on **September 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Please bring your current projects as well as any completed knitted squares for our community blanket project. All members are welcome to join us. Current members will receive an email with further details. If you'd like to join us and are not on our current list, please email Esther at esther.sonneberg@gmail.com or Julie at jdemen@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing everyone after our summer break!

– *Esther Sonnenberg & Julie Elmen*



WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group continued to meet monthly during the summer. Jo Ann Cobb led a walk along the Flume Trail up the Mt. Rose Highway from Incline in June. We were treated to beautiful wildflowers in bloom and some lake views. In July, Rachael Swift led a group through Carpenter Valley in Truckee where we enjoyed unspoiled wilderness that has only been open to the public for the past few years. And in August, Rachael led a group to the Gnome Village hidden in the woods in the West Shore. The Gnomes put a smile on everyone's face and all agreed that they would bring their grandchildren back to this interesting spot.

There are two walks planned for the fall so far. On **Monday September 30th**, Jo Ann will lead a walk around Spooner Lake to see the aspens changing color. On **Monday October 28th**, Priscilla will lead a walk along the east shore of Donner Lake. Save the dates!

– Rachael Swift, Jo Ann Cobb and Priscilla Mills



Gnome Village Walk in August



Flume Trail Walk in June



Carpenter Valley Walk in July



*Very best wishes to our
September Birthdays!*

01 – Priscilla Mills

17 – Ann Yuhas

19 – Sylvia Romero

22 – Anne Middleton

27 – Linda Schwoob



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 13:** Cultural Event
- 17:** Great Decisions
- 18:** In Stitches
- 24:** Book Group
- 26:** General Meeting
- 30:** Walking Group

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Saturday, September 7th, internationally acclaimed **Telegraph Quartet** comes to Tahoe. The quartet's passion for exquisite ensemble music produces a profound depth and versatility, "powerfully adept...with a combination of brilliance and subtlety" (*San Francisco Chronicle*).

The Telegraph Quartet highlights the 2024 Tahoe Music Alive Series with an exhilarating program of Beethoven, Bunch, Albinoni, and Dvořák. Experience the thrill of live music with these acclaimed musicians as they interweave the sounds of four string instruments into a transformative listening experience.

Tickets: [Eventbrite](#)

Date: Saturday, September 7th

Time: 7-9PM

Location: North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation Community Center, 7000 Latone Ave., Tahoe Vista.

TAHOE MUSIC
Alive **2024**
SERIES

THE TELEGRAPH STRING QUARTET
International award-winning ensemble

September 7, 7-9pm
North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation Community Center, Tahoe Vista

The quartet's passion for exquisite ensemble music is revealed through their profound depth and versatility. "Powerfully adept...with a combination of brilliance and subtlety (*San Francisco Chronicle*)" this now-resident string quartet from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music comes to North Tahoe with an exhilarating program of Beethoven, Bunch, Albinoni, and Dvořák. Experience the thrill of live music with these acclaimed musicians as they interweave the sounds of four string instruments into a transformative listening experience.

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**JUNE 2024 GENERAL MEETING PHOTOS:
TAHOE HOUSE BAKERY & GOURMET AND TAHOE TREE COMPANY**





University of California, Davis

July 17, 2024

Dear North Tahoe Branch,

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to explore more areas of STEM. It was great to learn about the different careers that women in STEM can go into and make a difference in. I was able to apply my knowledge in genetics with the help of Tech Trek. In my core (genetics) we get to do many different labs such as a strawberry lab. It showed us the DNA of a strawberry carrier. Additionally, I got the chance to speak with many women that have different STEM careers and learn what obstacles they went through. The girls and staff were amazing, nice, creative, supportive, and hardworking, which made my experience at Tech Trek way more fun and unforgettable. The workshops helped answer more of the questions I had, such as college applications, credit score, and how paramedics train for emergencies.

On this day, we also visited the veterinary hospital. My favorite rotation at the vet was where we drew blood from a silicone dog arm. Because it was something I never thought of doing for a career. I also liked it because it was a new experience for me. Medicine is something I've always been interested in so the lab gave me insight into the many different kinds of medicine there are.

All in all, thank you for nominating me and seeing potential in me and my STEM abilities.

Sincerely,

Dulce Nowna

Tech Trek 2024



University of California, Davis

Dear North Tahoe AAUW,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be a part of the 2024 Tech Trek experience. It has taught me many new things that were inspiring and helpful. An example of that was the making budget cents activity. It made me really realize how hard it is to be on your own which was very helpful. Something that inspired me was the professional women's night where I learned so much about all the different careers women take part in. It really showed me what I am capable of if I work hard. I've learned many things and I thank you guys for that opportunity. Thank you so much for investing in me and believing in me. I am truly truly grateful!

With Thanks

Carolina Guerrero



University of California, Davis

Dear AAUW-branch of North Tahoe,
I'm honored that you chose me for 2024 Tech Trek program. The opportunity to attend this camp has opened many ideas to me for future jobs and careers. It has also opened ideas to me for colleges as well! This camp has showed me jobs in medical care, engineering, and many more! I was very happy to choose with you. I hope you had a great time. I have made many new friends and bonds that brighten my day!

Sincerely,
Hayden



University of California, Davis

Dear AAUW North Tahoe Branch,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Tech-Trek 2024. This has been a life-changing experience, and I am very grateful that I was selected to attend. Tech-Trek has been great! I've made many friends, I was exposed to the fascinating and endless world of science, and I got a taste of what college is like! This was an experience that I will never forget. It was really inspiring to meet women who became successful in a male-dominated industry. Once again, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Valeria A.



University of California, Davis

Dear, North Tahoe Branch,

I am so grateful for your generosity and allowing me this incredible opportunity. With your generosity I have been able to learn lots of STEM related topics and further grow knowledge. I am loving my core class, Anatomy. In this class I was allowed the opportunity to dissect more diverse organisms and organs such as: a cow bone, frog, sheep eye, sheep lung ect. Tech trek has exposed me to many different possible career paths and STEM fields. This camp has been so incredibly impactful on me as a young woman in STEM. I can't thank you enough for presenting me with such an amazing opportunity.

many thanks

Kelsey Kenny