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## Calendar of Events

September  
16 Great Decisions  
17 In Stitches  
18 Sept Program  
30 Book Group

## Announcements

Attention,  
Leadership team!

The next Leadership meeting will be held on Thursday, 10-9-2025 at 10 am via Zoom. The link will be sent out as we get closer.

## President's Message

Greetings, AAUW North Tahoe members! I'm looking forward to another exciting and productive year with our fabulous branch! We're going strong, with our important contributions to AAUW's mission and our thriving interest groups. Given the current political situation, our work is more important than ever.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of our numerous interest groups. They provide much-needed social and creative outlets, especially during the winter months. Our program directors, Barbara Ramsey and Cheryl Allen have some wonderful events planned for us. Please take advantage of these and bring your friends!

It's going to be another positive and meaningful year for AAUW North Tahoe!

Thanks,  
Priscilla

# Programs

## September Program ~ Nothing to It!

A private Lunch and Learn Cooking Class will be held on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 at the Nothing to It! Culinary Center in Reno.

The Class will learn to create an Apple Tarte Tatin.

The Apple Tarte Tatin is a quintessentially French dessert that is elegant, beautiful and perfect for parties. One of the most revered desserts for the rich caramelized apples and flaky pastry.



*Not an exact replica of what we will make*

The class fee is \$45 per person which includes the class and a buffet lunch with assorted gourmet sandwiches and salads. Please pay in advance.

Either:

**Zelle \$45 to [northtahoeaauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeaauw@gmail.com)**

Or send check to:

**AAUW North Tahoe  
PO Box 5612  
Tahoe City, CA 9614**

Please consider bringing a friend as we must guarantee 25 attendees. This a great way to introduce someone to our organization.

Carpooling is encouraged to add to the fun.  
The address is: **Nothing to It! Culinary Center  
225 Crummer Lane  
Reno, Nevada**

~ Cheryl Allen & Barbara Ramsey  
Program Co-Chairs

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## Summer Party



AAUW North Tahoe enjoyed another fabulous summer party at Julie Elmen's gorgeous home. Thank you, Julie for generously hosting this lovely potluck! We had a great turnout and the food was unsurpassed! ~ Priscilla

More Photos [HERE](#)



## Awards

### AAUW Gift Fund Honorees:



Barbara Ramsey

Presented by Priscilla Mills



Kathie Julian

### AAUW NT Branch Service Award:

Linda Dunne (not pictured)

## Scholarship

The American Association of University Women North Tahoe Branch (AAUW-NT) has awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to two highly accomplished students from North Tahoe High School. The scholarships celebrate young women who are keenly interested in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) careers. These grants bring AAUW-NT's total scholarship awards to \$49,500 for 18 deserving young women since 2012 thanks to the generosity of its North Tahoe and Truckee members.

This year's AAUW-NT STEM Scholarship awardees are Andrea G.R. who will begin studies in Health Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno and Avala W. who will pursue studies in Marine Biology at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Read more about the scholarship awards [HERE](#).



*Congratulations to Andrea and Avala!*

## Tech Trek

It's been a fun summer seeing so many of you at events throughout the area. I invited a couple of former Tech Trek campers who play instruments to join me for music events at the University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe. That never happened, but it is still a good idea to unite music, girls and STEM. Mark your calendars for Oct 9, 2025 to hear these girls tell us about camp.



~ Meri McEneny  
Tech Trek Coordinator

### Visit Day at our University of California, Davis (UCD) Tech Trek (TT) camp

Meri led the annual Visit Day at our UCD TT camp on July 17. This year more than 45 TT supporters from Branch Coordinators to interested members, middle and elementary teachers, and the Sacramento Job Corps director attended the morning Core Classes; seeing our local Trekkers on a university campus, as they learn from inspiring instructors, and have their hearts and minds open to new possibilities. A notable improvement to Camp: the Core Class teachers all agreed to shift from morning to afternoon class times, so the daily excursions around campus, such as to the Vet Med Center, happened in the cool of the morning, rather than in the heat of the afternoon. Genius! Lunch during Visit Day was catered in the largest classroom rather than the busy (but good) cafeteria, so Priscilla and Meri were able to easily sit together with the girls, hear about their camp experiences and take this nice group photo (below).



Tech Trekkers: L-R, Abby, Gaby, Pricilla, Kaylie, Meri, Zulema, Audrey



# Member Communications

## Membership Matters!

AAUW has been transforming women's lives for more than a century



Carol Eyre and I would like to take our **HATS OFF** to all our **members** who not only got their dues renewals in on time and even early; but also, to **those of you who made additional contributions**, giving on-going support for our impactful mission-based programs. There are young women waiting to participate in these exciting programs, and you are making that happen. Together, we can achieve so much. Thanks for being there when we need you!

~Johnnie Lee Don  
Co Vice President, Membership

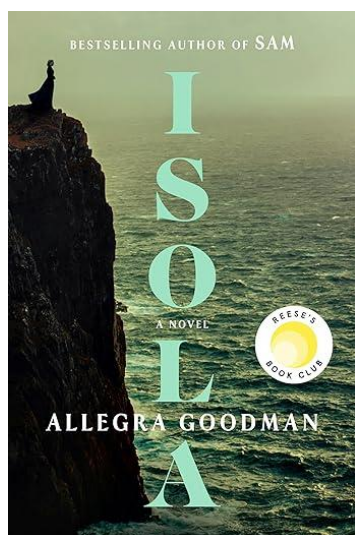
## 2025-2026 AAUW North Tahoe Leadership Team

President	Priscilla Mills
President-Elect	Open
Membership VP	Johnnie Lee Don, Carol Eyre
Programs VP	Barbara Ramsey, Cheryl Allen
Finance Officer	Jo Ann Cobb
Corresponding Secretary	Julie Elmen
Recording Secretary	Pamela Cosby Brandman
Newsletter Editor and Website	Lesha Roth
Technology Coordinator/Email	Lesha Roth, Dana Loury
AAUW Fund	Beth Sammis
Girls State	Beth Sammis, Shirley Nelson
Tech Trek Coordinator	Meri McEneny
By-laws/Parliamentarian	Shirley Nelson
Nominating Committee	Open
Scholarship	Kathie Julian, Patricia Watters
Book Group	Cherly Allen, Barbara Ramsey
Bridge Group	Betsey Husted
Culinary Capers	Johnnie Lee Don, Gay Thomas
Cultural Activities	Johnnie Lee Don
Great Decisions	Ann Lyman, Jo Ann Cobb
In Stitches	Julie Elmen, Esther Sonnenberg
Walking Group	Rachael Swift, Jo Ann Cobb, Priscilla Mills

# Interest Groups

## Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Tuesday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at the Tahoe City Yacht Club from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Barbara Ramsey will lead the discussion on *Isola* by Allegra Goodman, a celebrated American novelist. This highly acclaimed novel was long listed for the American Library in Paris Book Award.



*Isola* is a gripping historical novel that blends survival, love, and feminist resilience into a beautifully told saga. Set in 16th-century France, the novel follows Marguerite de la Rocque, a young noblewoman orphaned at five and heir to a chateau. Her guardian sells her inheritance and forces her to join his expedition to New France. Onboard, Marguerite falls in love with a man of intellect and artistry—but when their relationship is discovered, her guardian punishes them by marooning them on a remote island off the Canadian coast.

Inspired by a true historical account, *Isola* has been called “a new generation of survival story” and “lushly painted” by *Vogue* and *People* magazines. It is available in audio, hard cover, paperback, and Kindle on Amazon.

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. Read more about the Book Group and the 2025/26 schedule [HERE](#).

## Culinary Capers

We had a great summer planning meeting at Truckee River Winery and look forward to a fun year!

September, 2025	The September AAUW program will be a Cooking Class in Reno for all members
October 16, 2025	Culinary Capers Granola making followed by lunch
January, 2026	Culinary Capers Pasta making and lunch
February, 2026	Annual Soup Luncheon
March/April 2026	Culinary Capers lunch out with recipe exchange
May, 2026	Culinary Capers Picnic lunch at Joyce Grunauer's place, bring a bag lunch

Let us know if you would like to join Culinary Capers!

~Gay Thomas and Johnnie Lee Don

## Great Decisions

Our September 16th Great Decisions meeting will be held in our regular location from 10-12 at Plumas Bank in Tahoe City in the community room. Our moderator will be Wendy Rudolph and our subject will be The Future of NATO and European Security-a very timely subject! We hope you can join us.

~Ann Lyman and Jo Ann Cobb

## In Stitches

The In Stitches group will meet on Wednesday, September 17th, from 2-4 pm at the home of Julie Elmen in Truckee. After taking 2 months off during the summer, we are excited about getting together again for our Fall Kick-Off meeting!

If you have questions, or would like to attend a meeting to see if In Stitches is a group you may like to join, please contact us at [northtahoeaauw@gmail.com](mailto:northtahoeaauw@gmail.com).

It's fun to learn about fiber arts, like knitting, crocheting, quilting, needlework, and weaving!

## Walking Group

The Walking Group had a fabulous end of summer hike up to Barker Pass at an elevation of over 8000 feet. We enjoyed 360 degree views of Lake Tahoe from the ridge line on one side and also views of the Desolation Wilderness on the other side. It was a treat to also come across some pretty wild flowers still in bloom near a stream. More photos [HERE](#).



Unfortunately, the Walking Group will not be meeting in September because each of the three leaders will be out of town on the last Monday of the month. But stay tuned for some pretty fall hikes in October and November.

~ Rachael Swift

## *Birthdays*

### *September*

- 1 Priscilla Mills*
- 16 Jennifer Jennings*
- 17 Ann Yuhas*
- 19 Sylvia Romero*
- 22 Anne Middleton*
- 23 Jenny Moon*