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Calendar of Events

November

- 12 Program & Mtg
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Announcements

The annual Holiday Luncheon is coming up on December 11!

Watch for the Evite in November that will include the menu. Email Priscilla your ideas for fun games or activities!

President's Message

Do you enjoy learning, and would you like to find out more about what AAUW is up to? I suggest you sign up for some of the excellent webinars and/or virtual events offered by [AAUW National](#) and [AAUW California](#). As a member, you regularly receive emails about these programs. The topics are quite varied and the presentations are always very professional. It is also nice to get to "know" some of our AAUW leaders through these presentations. There is a lot going on out there, and I find these online opportunities to be very informative.

On a different note, we will be forming our Nominating Committee soon to gather potential candidates for next year's Leadership Team. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact me.

~Priscilla

Programs

November Program

On Wednesday, November 12th, Mayumi Peacock, founder and publisher of the local newspaper Moonshine Ink will speak to our group on "The State of Journalism Today". This timely topic will be of interest to a wide audience, so we are opening the meeting to spouses as well as friends and neighbors.

Here are the details:

When: Nov 12, 2025 12 noon to 2 pm

Where: Rosie's Cafe, [571 N Lake Blvd, Tahoe City](#)

What: The State of Journalism Today (this includes a General Meeting and lunch)

Cost: \$25.00

An Evite has been sent to all AAUW North Tahoe members. Please RSVP to the invitation by November 10 and do not forget to include your lunch selection when responding.

Choose your lunch from the following menu:
Quiche of the Day, Tamale Festival, Mushroom Ravioli (Veg), Cobb Salad, or Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich

Send a check for \$25 to: AAUW North Tahoe
PO Box 5612, Tahoe City, CA, 96145 or Send your payment via Zelle to North Tahoe AAUW (northtahoeaauw@gmail.com)

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Cheryl Allen cherylkallen@cs.com or Barbara Ramsey bj3ramsey@gmail.com



Moonshine Ink, the region's award-winning independent newspaper, was founded in Truckee in 2002 and continues to be created by, for, and of the community. According to a current estimate, there are only 200 independent newspapers remaining in California. In addition to being the publisher of *Moonshine Ink*, Mayumi is also a celebrated writer and is the recipient of the 2024 Juniper Writers Award. Hailing from a U.S. military family and a graduate of the University of Florida, she has lived in several corners of the country and globe, yet Tahoe/Truckee has been her home for more than two decades. Her passions other than writing include horses, books, yoga, humane food, and the little Peacock born in 2023.

Tech Trek

It has been a fun and fulfilling month for Tech Trek. We have the opportunity to empower amazing young women. Thanks for your support AAUW NT members!

Our first event was on October 9, as we assembled at the North Tahoe High School library to listen to the annual presentations from girls we sponsored for 2025 Girls State and Tech Trek camps.



Our Tech Trek campers were ably introduced by 2024 Trekker Dulce M. G. who got an excused absence from V-ball practice (they practice 5 days/week, 2 hours/day). Dulce reminded us of her camp experiences two summers ago, and her Core Class Genetics; then, she introduced the four girls from this year. Unfortunately, the two microphones in the library which Dulce and I had met earlier in the week to practice on, both went on the fritz within a couple of minutes; also, 2025 camper Zulema B., was home sick that day.



First to speak (2nd photo) was Audrey A., whose Core Class was Climate Science Engineering.

The second speaker (3rd photo) was Abby C., whose Core Class was Coding and Robotics.



Gaby De L. spoke next about plant biology

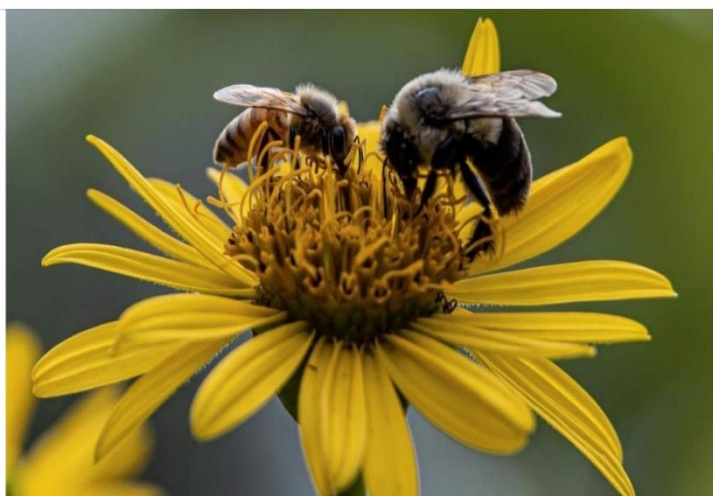


Our last speaker was Kaylie F., who spoke about Climate Science Engineering.

It is not hyperbole to say this was the best cohort of presenters for our annual event! The posters expressed many camp experiences; they were artistic and unique to each girl. The talks were delivered calmly, with poise and joy for distinct memories, and they were heartfelt. As the talks concluded, in the back row Principal Lindeen, Science teacher Anderson and I all turned to each other with joy and amazement. Yay 2025 Tech Trek campers! Thanks to all our members who came to support the girls!

Our second gathering was our inaugural TT Alumni Group outing! TTAG comes to North Tahoe! We met at Sunnyside Restaurant to hear UCD Professor Dr. Felicity Muth talk about her studies of wild and captive Bumblebees. Dr. Muth presented as part of the Tahoe Environmental Research Center lecture series. Accepting my invitation were 2025 alums Abby C., and Gaby De L., and 2024 alum Kelsey K., with her mother. We enjoyed hanging out on the Sunnyside pier during a beautiful afternoon, talking about crawdads, boats, and the State campground and beach next door. Priscilla and JoAnn were at the talk; Priscilla was Gaby's dorm mom.

What are bees thinking? Cognition in captive and wild bumblebees



Back inside we enjoyed the yummy hors d'oeuvres before Dr. Muth's talk. We all agreed she is a great teacher! She spoke clearly and we easily followed her research and data. She has also written a children's book in hopes of getting the younger generation (and their grandparents) to appreciate the numerous bee species other than honeybees, who are bred and cared for. She urged us to help stop the decline in most of the native species through education and personal actions such as reducing pesticide use in home landscapes, over even simply leaving woody debris for habitat. Her book is "Am I Even A Bee?"

It was a great month for Tech Trek girls and our Tech Trek program! In two months, we begin anew with the AAUW State MOU, submitting our request for our number of campers, and requesting nominations from North Tahoe High School teachers. Thanks, AAUW NT ❤️

~ Meri McEneny, Tech Trek Coordinator



Abby, Gaby, Dr. Felicity Muth, and Kelsey
Sunnyside October 23, 2025

Girls State

Girls State was represented at the October 9 event with an annual presentation from Girls State Representative and Tech Trek Alumni Maria E.R. (pictured below). Maria also joined Pam and Meri for a tour at the University of Nevada, Reno last year!



Scholarship

North Tahoe AAUW 2025 STEM scholarship recipient Andrea G.R. delivered a thank you letter to our branch in September, satisfying requirements to release \$4,000 funds from our TTCF STEM Scholarship Account to University of Nevada, Reno.

Your generosity makes a difference in this young girl's life!

~ Thank you from Kathie Julian and Patricia Watters, Scholarship Co-chairs

I am very pleased to have been one of your selections to receive the North Tahoe American Association of University of Woman STEM Scholarship. I'm beyond thrilled for this award to help me along the way of my studies. I am currently attending the University of Nevada, Reno and I am undeclared as a Public Health major at the moment, but my overall major should be nursing by the time I am a mid-sophomore or get into the nursing program entering my Junior year.

As for now, I will be honest, I haven't fully decided what I will use my scholarship towards, I am hoping to save it up for material I will need for my future nursing classes or to pay off my classes, but one thing is for sure I will use a small portion of the money to cover my tuition at the moment.

Once again, I can't help but say Thank You. It means the most to have received an award that will help me pursue studies in the STEM field. I am excited for what the future has in store for me and how my college life will play out.

*Thank you.
Sincerely, Andrea G.R.*

Meeting our mission by supporting community efforts!

On September 21st the AAUW North Tahoe Branch sponsored the **Miles that Matter** event in Truckee! Because of community support Miles that Matter, organized by Hattie Kaplan, raised \$14,000 empowering over 700 girls in Tanzania with reusable *CouldYou?* Menstrual cups and *empowHer* workbooks!

Member Communications

AAUW North Tahoe Welcomes New Members

~Susan Gitter and Maureen Cotterman~

A Message regarding Charitable Contributions

We know you have many choices for your charitable contributions – and we're grateful when you choose to support AAUW North Tahoe. We rely upon your contributions at renewal time, rather than fund raisers, to support our mission-based programs for young women.

Thank you to all of our members who have already contributed tax-deductible gifts to directly fund programs that expand educational and leadership opportunities for young women in our community.

We are most grateful for your generosity. These funds sustain our ongoing commitments and ensure our mission continues to thrive.

If you have not yet contributed this year or wish to increase your contributions, please consider these worthy programs for your year-end giving.

Please note that a separate check is required for each contribution. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

☐ AAUW NT STEM Scholarship Awards scholarships to local high school girls pursuing STEM majors at four-year colleges or universities. Make check payable to TTCF with "AAUW North Tahoe STEM Scholarship" on the memo line.

☐ AAUW Fund Supports AAUW's most urgent needs – empowering the organization to sustain core operations, strengthen advocacy for women and girls, and expand educational and leadership programs nationwide. Make check payable to AAUW Fund.

☐ Girls State Sponsors a local high school junior for a week-long leadership and government program through the American Legion Auxiliary to build confidence and civic engagement. Make check payable to TTCF with "Girls State" on the memo line.

□ Tech Trek Sends middle school girls to a week-long, immersive STEM camp where hands-on learning and mentorship build confidence, curiosity, and excitement about pursuing future studies and careers in STEM. Make check payable to AAUW-CA-SPF with "Tech Trek" on the memo line.

□ Undesignated Contribution Allows AAUW North Tahoe's leadership to allocate funds where they're most needed. Make check payable to TTCF with "Undesignated Contribution" on the memo line.

Mail your contributions to:

AAUW North Tahoe - Finance Officer

P.O. Box 5612

Tahoe City, CA 96145

Please note: AAUW North Tahoe has established a Donor Advised Fund with the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) to accept and distribute donations to our mission-based programs. Once your contribution is received and processed, you will receive an acknowledgment from TTCF for your tax records. Any funds not used for the current year rollover to future years.

With gratitude,

Johnnie Lee Don and Carol Eyre

Membership Co-Vice Presidents, AAUW North Tahoe

Birthdays

November

7 Martha Russell

9 Nancy Cline

10 Amy Horne

15 Julie Elmen

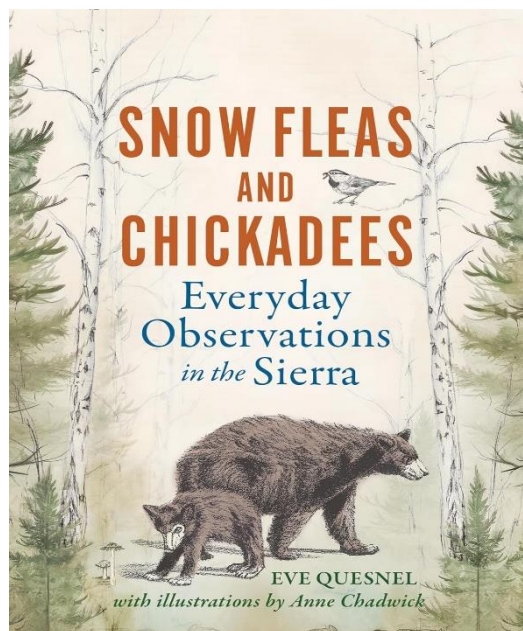
16 Janet Potter

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Interest Groups

Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will be on Tuesday, November 18th at the Tahoe City Yacht Club from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Susan Chapman will lead the discussion on *"Snow Fleas and Chickadees"* by Eve Quesnel. We are truly fortunate that Eve is a local author and will join us at the meeting to talk about her book and answer our questions in person!



In *"Snow Fleas and Chickadees,"* Eve Quesnel takes readers on gentle walks through the forests near her home in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Blending personal stories with insights from scientists and nature experts, she offers a rich guide to the plants and animals of the region. Her message is simple and powerful: by walking in our own neighborhoods, we can discover the beauty in life that often goes unnoticed.

This book is available at Word After Word Books in Truckee - tell them that you are an AAUW Book Club member and you will receive a 20% discount. It is also available on Amazon in Hardcover and Kindle versions. 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.

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group had two play dates on Trickster in October.

On Wednesday, October 1st at 2 PM Sylvia Romero, Linda Larish, Kymberly Pipkin and Betsey Husted played. On Wednesday October 8th at 2 PM Sylvia Romero, Patricia Watters, Kymberly Pipkin and Betsey Husted played. Playing on Trickster eliminates problems of distance and weather and, at this time is the most frequent "location" of the games. Any member wishing to play is welcome.

"We are all walking each other home." Ram Dass

~Betsey Husted, Bridge Group Chair

Culinary Capers

We had a ton of fun at the October Granola making event. Thank you, Lori Dempsey, for being a great hostess in such a lovely setting. The granola was delicious!

More photos on the AAUW website [HERE](#)

Here are our upcoming events:



January, 2026	Culinary Capers Pasta making with Ann Yuhas and lunch
February, 2026	Annual Soup Luncheon
March/April, 2026	Culinary Capers lunch out with recipe exchange
June, 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

The next Great Decisions meeting will be November 18, Tuesday from 10-12 at Plumas County Bank in Tahoe City. Our subject will be American Policy in the Middle East.

In Stitches

AAUW-NT Stitchers gathered at the lovely home of Judy Brown on October 15th. Eight members attended the meeting and enjoyed some tasty fall treats while working on creative projects.

Our next meeting will be held on November 19th, from 2-4pm. Location TBD. Contact Julie Elmen (jdelmen@gmail.com) with any questions.

~Esther Sonnenberg and Julie Elmen, In Stitches co-chairs

Walking Group

Because the last Monday of November falls on the week of Thanksgiving, we will be skipping our outing in November. Once the snow falls, we hope to get the group out for some fun snowshoeing! Stay tuned.