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## Calendar of Events

### December

11 Holiday Lunch

### January

14 Program & Mtg  
20 Great Decisions  
27 Book Group

## Announcements

**Happy Holidays!**

## President's Message

2025 has been a tough year for AAUW and all other organizations that seek to promote equality and human rights. We are resisting wherever we can and I am optimistic that this political trend is temporary. Women will not be kept down!

Here's to a happy, healthy holiday season for all our members and to a more encouraging 2026!

~Priscilla



# Programs

## November Program

The November Program "The State of Journalism Today" was a huge success with 42 attendees including seven from AAUW Tahoe (NV) (Incline Village) branch!

For photos click [HERE](#)

Leadership voted to give a one-time \$300 donation to Moonshine Ink in appreciation of the presentation and in support of our local independent newspaper.

To support Moonshine Ink click [HERE](#)



## January Program

Save the Date for our January Program!

On Wednesday, January 14th Amy Horne, PhD will speak to us about "Watershed Resilience in Truckee and the Tahoe Basin." Amy has been a Board member on the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region for over 20 years. During that time, she has been involved in many projects relating to Lake Tahoe clarity and water quality in the Tahoe Basin. We will learn a lot about water quality and water usage in our area - an increasingly important topic! The meeting will be held from 12 noon to 2:00PM in the Fairway Community Center in Tahoe City.

## Scholarship

We are thrilled to announce that our AAUW North Tahoe branch has pledged to fund two \$5,000 scholarships for North Tahoe High School young women graduating in 2026. These scholarships are designated for students who plan to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields.

We are thankful for your generous donations that make these scholarships possible.

~Kathie Julian and Patricia Watters  
Scholarship Co-chairs

## Member Communications

The end of the year is a natural time to focus on the important people in our lives... whether they be your spouse, your children, parents, friends, and/or neighbors.

In our own North Tahoe branch of AAUW, we will shortly gather for a luncheon to celebrate old and new friendships, as well as celebrating our commitment and service to the communities of Greater Tahoe. There will also be wine and good food and lots of laughter!

During this special season, please welcome our newest members: Lori Dempsey and Judi Roberts of Truckee, who joined in August; Maureen Cotterman of Truckee, who joined in September; Susan Gitter of Reno, who joined in October; and Amy Penticoff of Homewood who joined in November.

Years ago, when I joined, I met a lovely lady at the very first meeting, who is now an admired friend and my delightful co-chair for membership. You just never know when that next special person might come into your life. So, make a point of getting to know our "Newbies"! You just might find your life enriched!

~Johnnie Lee Don and Carol Eyre  
Membership Co-Chairs

From new member, Judi Roberts:

My husband Ned and I have had a home in Truckee since 2001 and we moved here full-time in 2007. We had lived in Orinda, CA (SF Bay Area) for 23 years and we eventually moved here full time: our Orinda next door neighbors were planning a remodel that would last 3-6 months and we offered them our house for the duration while we stayed up in our home in Tahoe Donner. Of course, it did not take 6 months, it took 15! But we were so happy here, we sold our house in Orinda and continued to live in Truckee full time. We then moved to Prosser Heights in 2013. We are retired. I was an executive search consultant and owned my own firm. I am interested in politics, outdoor activities, playing games including bridge, I do mosaics and am an avid reader. I have three grandchildren in SoCal that we will probably be spending a lot more time with this year.

A new address from Patricia Watters:

1788 Orlen Lane  
Templeton, CA 93465



## *Birthdays*



## *Interest Groups*

### *Great Decisions*

Our new books have been ordered and I will email everyone with pick up and payment details after January 1st. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th from 10-12 at the Plumas County Bank Community Room in Tahoe City and by zoom.

~ Ann Lyman

### *Walking Group*

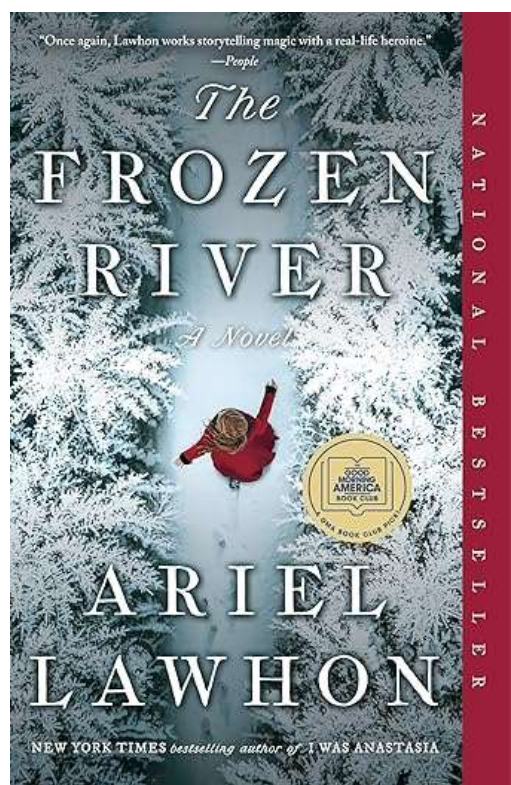


The Walking Group enjoyed a beautiful stroll along the lagoon and the east end of Donner Lake on October 27th. It was a bit brisk in the shade, but very invigorating!

## Book Group

January and Beyond

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • GMA BOOK CLUB PICK • AN NPR BOOK OF THE YEAR •



From the New York Times bestselling author comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

Clever, layered, and subversive, Ariel Lawhon's newest offering introduces an unsung heroine who refused to accept anything less than justice at a time when women were considered best seen and not heard. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

Carol Eyre will lead the discussion of this book on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club in Tahoe City.

If you cannot be there in person a Zoom option will be available.

P.S. You will find the entire reading list for 2026 on our website: [AAUW North Tahoe](https://northtahoe-ca.aauw.net/)

~Cheryl Allen and Barbara Ramsey

## Culinary Capers

We hope to see many of you at the AAUW Holiday Luncheon!

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