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Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Programs Connie Skidmore



Our program for the January Dinner Meeting will feature George Le Bard as our speaker. His talk will center on the Emergency Fund managed through Project M.A.N.A. Numerous families and individuals in our community have been helped through this Fund, which offers immediate and ongoing relief and counseling to those in need.

George has been the dynamic and inspirational leader of Project M.A.N.A. for many years, as most of you know. He will be retiring February 1st after which George and his wife, Irma, will be leaving Incline Village to return to live in their beloved home in Belize. As AAUW has collaborated with

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Save the Date !

January 2012

Monthly Dinner Meeting

**Parasol Building
948 Incline Way**

Meeting Date: Wed., Jan. 18

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Dinner and Program: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Costs:

Dinner \$26.00

Donations for wine gratefully accepted



In the last few days most of us have probably made some resolutions to follow for 2012. My personal ones are the same as those I made last year—and the years before that. And as I thought about my own resolutions, I began to think about the resolutions our Tahoe Nevada branch of AAUW might make.

I looked at the AAUW online museum (<https://svc.aauw.org/museum/history/>) to see what AAUW had been focusing on through the last thirteen decades. The first two decades saw us “promote policies that further educational opportunities for women and girls. By the early 1900s, [we] advocate[d] for child labor laws, compulsory education, establishment of juvenile courts, the abolition of child labor, and funding for public schools and libraries.” These initiatives were followed by efforts to establish pay equity for women (begun in 1913 and still not accomplished) and support (1918) for woman suffrage. We have the vote, but do we always exercise it? An important question in this election year.

Perhaps we as a branch can make a resolution to do what we can to help our state AAUW in implementing the Impact Grant Nevada AAUW received from national to support the registration and voter education of young women. The state coordinators “will need to receive specific names of branch members who are willing to participate.” I would appreciate if any of you who are willing to help would get in touch with me at webb.suzanne.aauw@gmail.com so that I can send your name to the appropriate state officers.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Webb

President



Project M.A.N.A. in fund raising through Golf Fore Education and in other ways through community functions, it is appropriate that our organization say a proper “thank you”, as well as “good bye” to George on January 18th at our monthly meeting. So please make your reservation to come and celebrate George’s accomplishments in our community. He and Project M.A.N.A. have made such a difference for so many people over the years.



Showgirl Excursions Pam McDonough

Heading into winter, I won't be offering any shows with much lead time. In the past, we've had problems when we've



bought tickets in advance, and the day of the show it's snowing and folks don't want to drive Mt Rose. The only show I see that floats my boat is “Benise—Nights of Fire” at Eldorado which runs Jan. 24 to April 1.

A cross between Latin Riverdance and Cirque du Soleil, this production takes audience members on a journey through Brazilian samba, Cuban salsa, Spanish flamenco, Argentine tango, even African tribal chants and drums. Roni Benise (pronounced Buh-ness-see) is armed with his Spanish guitar and a cast that includes exotic drums, Gypsy violin, flamenco dancers, circus performers, Brazilian samba dancers, African tribal drummers, horns and lighting technicians.

Let me know if you're interested. Please email me at tahoeshowgirls@yahoo.com.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy 2012!

Pam McDonough
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News From Members: Cindy Frei

Do you know how easy it is to send money/ educational merchandise to Incline Elementary? "Easy Money" programs assist individuals in helping the PTA raise funds, where corporations bear the financial cost of the donation.

Incline Elementary presently earns about \$900 per year from Box Tops for Education. Box Tops are redeemable at 10 cents each, whereas Labels are point redeemable for merchandise. The money from this program goes towards the PTA general fund which finances various activities at the school including Science Fair, Reflections Art contest, school assemblies, Field Day, etc.

Box Tops and Labels for Education are found on various products most of us use frequently. Collection is really easy ... keep a ZIPLOC or some such bag in one of your kitchen drawers and drop the Box Top or Label into it as you open a package... then bring your ZIPLOC or whatever to the next AAUW meeting you attend. Membership Co-Chairs at the check-in tables will deliver them to the school program coordinator (currently Pauline Leoncio). This is such an EASY way to assist our local elementary school in providing support to our Village children.

Links listing participating products: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Portals/0/assets/pdf/EnglishParticipatingProductsPage.pdf>

Box tops for education link: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=3878>



Flume Trail Hike 12/5 (Lake overlook)

Outdoor Enthusiasts Group

Lynn Whetstone



The Outdoor Enthusiasts' Group gets together year round to enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking, other outdoor activities (and good companionship!) in the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. When this was written, we were still hiking, but we hope to be snowshoeing soon. We encourage new snowshoers to join

us at the beginning of the season when we're all trying to figure out what we're doing!

We meet at 9:30 AM every Monday (weather permitting) in the lower parking lot of the Village Church at the Mt. Rose Hwy. and McCourry Blvd.; from there we carpool to our hiking/snowshoeing location.

During the warmer months, there is also a kayaking group on Wednesday mornings led by Liz Paganelli, but they have stopped kayaking until the spring.

Please contact me at Lwhetstone@prodigy.net or 831-8608 if you would like to participate and be notified of upcoming hikes by email.



Brown's Creek Hike 12/12 (at bridge over frozen creek)



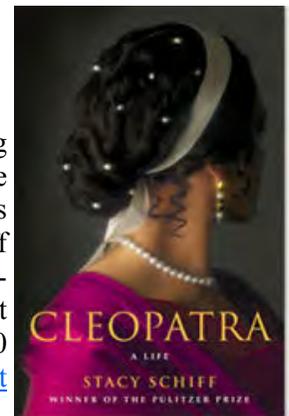
Post-Hike Tea by Diana and Cheryl 12/5



Whale Beach Hike 11/21 (whale rock in background)

Book Club Diane Finegan

The Book Group is meeting on Monday, January 9. The book chosen for discussion is "Cleopatra" by Stacy Schiff and our hostess is Susie Lynnes-Parks. Please contact Diane Finegan at 831-8310 or djrfinegan@earthlink.net for additional information.



Newsletter Deadline

To submit articles or information for the February 2012 Newsletter, please email them to Lucy Roman at LRoman@firstam.com no later than Jan. 25. Photos need to be submitted in jpg format. If you have any questions, please call Lucy at 775-223-9568. Also, if you would like to include your business card, the cost is \$15 for the rest of the year.

News From Members: Ginnie Jed



Bonjour les francophiles - French Conversation special interest Group starting.

Did you study French in High School or college and love it? Maybe you can remember very little. Maybe you excel at ordering from the menu in a French restaurant, and otherwise are afraid to open your mouth in French. Or maybe you're fluent in French and long for practice speaking it.

For those who are interested in practicing their (perhaps) long-rusty French, we're starting a French special interest group in 2012.

As of now, no details, such as time, place, or location, have been determined yet, so please email Ginnie Jed (ginniejed@me.com) or phone (510).812-8611 and express interest and your meeting preferences. Hopefully we can find a time that will work for tout le monde.

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