



Tahoe Nevada AAUW

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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President's Message

Suzanne Webb

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

There is much to report this month. First, our Nevada State AAUW convention will be held April 27-28 at the Nugget in Sparks. It's easy for us to attend, and how wonderful it would be for our branch to have a strong showing. You may want to check out the registration form and the agenda at <http://aauw-nv.aauw.net/>

AAUW Nevada is one of 15 state organizations that have been awarded a grant from AAUW to educate women voters regarding public policy issues, register women voters, and get women voters to the polls. The organizing committee members (Bonnie Barber, grant administrator, Byllie Andrews and Joyce Destefanis) are soliciting members for the implementation team. The grant includes \$1000 for expenses and pays for a half-time organizer who will work from April 2012 to November 2012. Because of our efforts, AAUW will provide implementation training for the grant as well as the keynote speaker for our state convention in April 2012.

A meeting for those interested in participating in the coalition will be held at Rapsallion's in Reno on the evening of March 19. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending: webb.suzanne.aauw@gmail.com.

On another note, our branch was able to make a significant contribution to help the state AAUW complete the Jean Ford/Florence McClure Fellowship opened by AAUW Nevada.

Finally, I hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 21st. I think you'll find the speaker very informative.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Webb

President



Programs

Connie Skidmore

On March 21st our Membership Dinner Meeting program will feature Dr. Rebecca Gelber, who will speak about current regenerative medicine treatments which includes stem cell therapies.

Dr. Gelber is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. After her residency training at the University of Pittsburgh, she came west to be Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at UC Davis. Since 2002 she has practiced at Renown Medical Center and currently teaches at UNR Medical School.

Dr. Gelber has a strong interest in the issues of women and men in the areas of aesthetic and regenerative medicine. I hope to see you all there to hear a most interesting and informative talk at our March meeting.

March 2012 Monthly Dinner Meeting

Parasol Building
948 Incline Way



Meeting Date: Wed., March 21
Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Dinner and Program: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Costs:
Dinner \$26.00

To RSVP for the dinner, please email Cindy Frei at cindyfrei@gmail.com or call Barbara Fitzpatrick at 775-832-6977

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday and Saturday, April 27 & 28, 2012:
AAUW Nevada Convention, hosted by
AAUW Sparks at John Ascuaga's Nugget.



Membership Cindy Frei

We are pleased to report that our Branch now has 91 Members and 12 Friends, putting us at 103 strong!

Crosby's has planned yet another tempting dinner for us this month. It should be particularly enticing to those members who also will be attending the Incliners dinner the night before inasmuch as it will not be a repeat corned beef and cabbage meal, yet will still be an Irish dinner.

Finally, please remember to help out the Incline Elementary PTA by saving your Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. You can give them to one of us at the check in desk prior to any dinner meeting.

Addendums to the 2011-12 Directory with contact information on new members will be available at the sign-up table at our dinner meetings.

Other new members for 2011-2012:

Nancy Larson & Susan Hancock

**Welcome them to our organization
and invite a friend to join!**

Save the Date!

Golf Fore Education
Sunday, June 24, 2012 ~ Championship Course
www.GolfForeEducation.com



Welcome New Member Gisela duVigneau

I was born in Germany (now Poland) and grew up in Hamburg, Germany. Water always held a fascination for me and I guess it explains my love for Lake Tahoe.

My first experience with paradise was living in the Dominican Republic as a young teen. We moved to the US and I attended high school and Hunter College in New York City. We spent weekends and summers on the Jersey Shore with some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. This is where I met my husband of (now) 45 years.

My sister and her family moved from the East Coast to the West Coast. In an effort to make it possible for us to share important family events, my parents purchased a home at Lake Tahoe and it became the "hub" of all celebrations.

When it came time to choose a place to spend our "golden" years (after 34 years of teaching and 20 as a real estate agent) there was no other choice. We hope to ski until we are in our mid 80's (like my parents) and enjoy every day in paradise here in Incline Village.

In an effort to give something back to this wonderful country, I collect greeting cards, toiletries and gifts for our veterans and deliver them to the local VA hospital.



Treehouse at Incline Lake (submitted by Millie Clarke)



Feb. 9th Hike to Incline Lake (submitted by Millie Clarke)

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.

We are currently snowshoeing and invite you to join us on these outings, even if you're new to the sport. Some of the group have also expressed an interest in occasional cross country ski outings on some other day of the week--let us know if you are interested.

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

Newsletter Deadline

To submit articles for the April 2012 Newsletter, please email to Lucy Roman at LRoman@firstam.com no later than March 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 \$9 for the rest of the year.



Public Policy Stephanie Petrossi

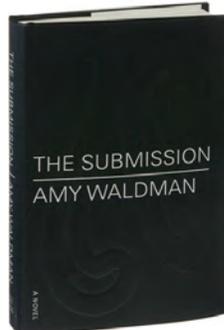
Did you know...

that AAUW is working to stop abuse against women in the military? "The Department of Defense estimates that about 19,000 military service women and men were sexually assaulted and raped in 2010. The widespread problem of sexual assault in the military is the subject of the new documentary *The Invisible War*.

The documentary features several of the plaintiffs from the LAF supported lawsuit *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, including the lead plaintiff, Kori Cioca. It also features her attorney, Susan Burke. The documentary premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and earned the Audience Award".

The Legal Advocacy Fund is an important arm of AAUW. In addition to protecting the rights of women in education, AAUW is also involved in protecting women in the military and in the workplace. The LAF is supporting a case against Walmart alleging discrimination against female employees. The case claims that male employees are offered more opportunities for advancement and more at Walmart. We will be following these cases as they move forward through the courts.

You can be assured that your donations to LAF are working to make equality for women a reality.



Book Club Diane Finegan

The AAUW Book Group will meet on Monday, March 19. This is a week later than usual. We will be discussing "The Submission" by Amy Waldman. Our hostess is Deena Behnke.

For additional Book Group information please contact Diane Finegan at djrfinegan@earthlink.net or 831-8310

Used Book Sales—Please Donate

We are still having our used book sales at the dinner. Lynn Flagg and Sherie Schmauder are in charge.

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Nominating Committee

Joanie Nygren

This year's Tahoe-Nevada AAUW Branch nominating committee is actively seeking members to pitch-in and take a turn serving on our Board. The Board usually meets on the Wednesday afternoon, just before our monthly dinner meetings, so it is convenient to participate.

If you will be available for next Fall, or even the following year, we want to place people in spots where their individual talents or background will "let them shine"! We all enjoy and are good in different areas. You'll be happy in a position that is the perfect fit for you. Please think about how you can contribute in your own comfort zone. The Board is fun and you will become closer to many new friends. You can recommend other members you know as well. Immediately, for this Fall, we need a President-Elect, 1 partner for Programs with continuing Connie Skidmore, and Treasurer. (It often works to even share a Board position with someone)

Please contact one of our nominating committee members with your ideas, **as soon as possible!**

Thank you so much for considering this very important task.

Joanie Nygren, Nominating Committee Chair, (macatjoanie@aol.com), Cindy Frei, Susan Lyness Parks, Maureen Dudley, and Paula Bender.

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