

## **Tahoe Nevada AAUW**

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## **President's Message**

We had a very successful dinner and presentation by all four of our IVGID candidates at our Oct. 20 meeting. We had a strong attendance of 54 members and guests. As usual, Crosby's presented a wonderful meal. Thanks to Cindy Frei for her dedicated work, and all of you on the board who pitched in and helped to set up our venue for the evening.

It is very exciting that several new members have recently joined our group. We hope to have even more to join us at our November Dinner Program on November 17th, 2010. We are very much looking forward to our "Published Authors Night Presentations!" See you then!

Thanks for all the dedicated work you all do for AAUW. If you have not yet invited that good friend of yours that you have been meaning to introduce to AAUW, I hope you will do it for our Nov. 17 Wednesday night dinner. It should be informative as well as lots of fun.

## Joanie Nygren,

President Tahoe-Nevada AAUW 775 831-9272

#### **New Member Orientation**

New Member Orientation is set for Thursday, November 11, from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at the home of Stacy Stewart, 529 Dale Drive, Incline Village. Join Board members and Special Interest Group representatives for a casual meet and greet cocktail party, and to learn more about all the benefits of AAUW membership. New members be on the lookout for your invitation via email. Questions? Contact Stacy at core-ed@ix.netcom.com.

Meeting Date: November 17

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30

Dinner and Program: 6:30 - 8:30

Dinner \$24.00

Wine \$4.00/glass

To reserve by November 14 email Stacy Stewart at <a href="mailto:core-ed@ix.netcom.com">core-ed@ix.netcom.com</a> or call Jane Barnhart-Jones at 775.657.0113.

### Menu from Crosby's to be announced

# November Program Notes from Cindy Frei

Our rescheduled published member authors program coming up on November 17 is sure to be an exciting evening. Bring a friend, spouse or significant other to hear our panel of authors, including Paula Bender, Graceann Deters, Sarah Horton and Sherie Schmauder, share their experiences of writing and "getting published".

Paula's Books: How to Keep Your Kids From Driving You Crazy and How to Keep Your Teenager From Driving You Crazy (published by John Wiley and McGraw Hill, respectively, hardly need describing)

Graceann's Book: *Divine Betrayal* (An adventurous memoir of her life up to age 18, growing up in Brazil as the daughter of a missionary)

Sarah's Book: Stepping Stones to Success is coauthored with Deepak Chopra and Jack Canfield (published by Insight Publishing, 2010)--experts share strategies for mastering business, life and relationships

Sherie's Book: Colorado Mountain Women: Tales From the Mining Camps, now in its third edition, was published by Western Reflections Publishing Company in 2003. Sherie is working on a sequel to that book.

Please bring a food donation for Project MANA to the November meeting. Of course, Project MANA always welcomes your check.

We are looking forward to a festive **Holiday Party** on **December 8**! It's always so much fun to sing holiday songs, enjoy one another's company and get to meet all the men. Meanwhile, remember that at our December 8 meeting we will be collecting new books for children in our community . . . watch for all those sales on books.

Circle our January 19, 2011 meeting date on your calendar when Jane Bekowich will talk on the "hijab" . . . women and the veil, head coverings, etc. Sure to be an enlightening and educational experience.

We always look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

For dinner reservations, please e-mail Stacy Stewart at core-ed@ix.netcom.com.

#### **Public Policy**

Ute Gacs is covering Public Policy until a chair can be found. She suggests we all pay particular attention to the following message from the AAUW Action Network:

## Write a Letter to the Editor about the Paycheck Fairness Act

#### Take Action!

In less than three weeks, the Senate will vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act. Your senators will either pass an historic piece of fair pay legislation or they will fail to act to close the wage gap and protect the victims of gender-based pay discrimination.

You have a chance to influence your senators' decisions and to ensure their votes represent you accurately, but time is short. We are asking you to write a letter to the editor to the major newspapers in your state in advance of this vote, urging your senators to vote for and support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Several key senators are still on the fence, and although <u>calls</u> and <u>emails</u> are important, you can increase your impact prior to the vote by using some of the language and information we provide to write a short letter.

AAUW has led the coalition fighting to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, and your contributions have brought us within sight of victory. Now, it is time to redouble our efforts for the next three weeks and pass this critical fair pay legislation.

#### Take Action!

To write a letter to the editor urging your Senator to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, just click on the "Take Action" link in the upper right corner or copy and paste the following URL into your Internet browser. Then follow the instructions to send your letter to the editor.

http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid =18941501

#### A Message from Sharon Kirby, Golf Fore Education Liason

Golf Fore Education has lots of good ideas AAUW has some excellent for 2011. representation on the collaboration board Carla Law with her golfing this year. experience and creativity, Val Davisson with her wonderful ideas and computer skills, and few with a vears trulv experience....I think 5 years on the collaboration committee. We will be working hard to make this the best and most successful Golf Fore Education event to date. Stay tuned.....

# **Great Decisions Foreign Policy Association**

The Great Decisions discussion group does not meet the months of November and December. It will resume in January. The preordered 2011 Foreign Policy Study books will be available by then. The group normally meets the fourth Monday morning of the month at 9:45 am at the home of the volunteer "hostess of the month". The topic for January 2011 is The Persian Gulf #7 in the 2010 book. For further information you may email gdltnaauw@gmail.com.

For more information on the *Foreign Policy Association*, and an online contact for our branch group, go to <a href="www.fpa.org">www.fpa.org</a>. Click on the 1. Homepage 2. "Great Decisions" 3. "Join a group" 4. Nevada, 5. Incline Village

#### **Book Group**

The Book Group will meet on Monday, November 8. Susan Riggs is our hostess and we will be discussing "A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick. For further information, or if you would like to join Book Group, contact Diane Finegan: <a href="mailto:djrfinegan@earthlink.net">djrfinegan@earthlink.net</a> or 831-8310.

#### **Couples Bridge**

Third Thursday, 7:00 pm Reservations a MUST!

For more information or to find out about the current month's meeting contact Joanellen Slocumb 831-4984

Chicago scoring: 4 hands and move. \$2.00 per person - \$1 for Slam Pot & \$1 for the day's highest scores.

Our problem has always been difficulty in finding willing hosts, so if you plan to play, please be willing to host.

Joanellen Slocumb, Chairwoman.

#### **Outdoor Enthusiasts Group**

The Outdoor Enthusiasts, a special interest group of our Tahoe-Nevada Branch, gets together year-round to enjoy hiking, snow-shoeing, kayaking (and good companion-ship!) in the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. We meet every Monday (weather permitting) at 9:30 AM in the lower parking lot of the Village Church at the Mt. Rose Hwy. and McCourry Blvd.; from there we carpool to a good location for our outdoor activities. We are currently in our hiking season but expect to be switching over to snowshoeing soon.

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

The Wednesday kayaking group, led by Liz Paganelli, is currently taking its winter break. It will resume activities next spring. Joanie Nygren says, 'For many of us (including me), it was a first introduction to some of the outdoor wonders of the North Lake Tahoe area and to a great group of women who enjoy them. We want to continue to be a welcoming introduction to new members and encourage them to join us for several outings before deciding whether to continue with us.

AAUW Tahoe-Nevada now has a range of membership (and "friends") options which didn't used to be available. Application forms are available [from Stacy Stewart]. Please join us, and help support education for women, if you haven't already done so. In November, the Outdoor Enthusiasts' email list will be

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reviewed, and the addresses of local residents who have not joined our AAUW branch may be removed. If you have questions about joining AAUW, please feel free to contact Stacy Stewart, Membership VP, at <a href="mailto:core-ed@ix.netcom.com">core-ed@ix.netcom.com</a>, or talk to Stacy or me on one of our outings."

#### **Recycled Book Sale**

Once again AAUW is taking donations of used books to put on our Book Table at each monthly meeting. Books are \$1 and \$2, so bring your one dollar bills and pick up a "new" book to read. The money goes to a good cause.

## November, 2010 Table of Events

Day	Time	Event	Contact	
Every Monday	9:30 am	Outdoor Enthusiasts	<u>Lynn Whetstone</u>	
Second Monday	6:30 pm	Book Group	Diane Finegan	
Third Wednesday	5:30 pm	AAUW Dinner Meeting	Stacy Stewart or Jane	
November 17		@ Reynolds Building	Barnhart-Jones	
Third Thursday	7:00 pm	Couples Bridge	Joanellen Slocumb	

### AAUW 2010/2011 Board Members

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