



President's Message



Hello everyone,

I am happy to report that our renewals and new memberships are still growing. Our data base and directory volunteers are hard at work to get our new and updated directory inputs out to all our members before our last general meeting in May. (No dinner meeting in June due to your much desired participation in our Golf-Fore-Education activities at the end of June.)

Kudos to Jane Beckowich for a wonderful presentation at our January Dinner Meeting. Jane brought several beautiful examples of traditional dresses and head wraps from Saudi Arabia and explained their uses in historical and cultural terms. Thank you Jane for a most informative and engaging evening.

Our next dinner meeting is open to all members, friends and guests. We will be honored to have a very special presentation by our own, local Tahoe, musical genius, Donna Axton. Be sure to put it on your calendar and remember to RSVP for Wednesday evening, February 16th.

Also, within the next several weeks, our nominating committee will be working hard to put together a new slate of AAUW officers for our coming season (Fall). We have so many talented and intelligent women in our organization and it would be most appreciated if you would be willing to serve *in any capacity*. If you would come forward with your availability to be considered for our next Board, appointed officer, or special activity leader we will be most receptive! Let any current board member know of your interests and let us discover your hidden talents! We all have very busy and active lives up here at the lake, I realize. But if you are able to step up to the plate and take a turn serving on

our Board, it would be so appreciated. There is so much that gets done behind the scenes to keep any good organization viable. And please remember the old adage, "many hands make light work". We need new ideas for our *think tank*, and we are open to changes, listening to new ideas and opinions, and moving forward in a "Work Smart" mode that doesn't put undue burden on just a few.

Another great way you can help is to **donate a bottle or more of your favorite wine** to our dinner meeting bar collection (c/o Cindy Frei, Programs Chair). Our wine sale profits, though modest, adds dollars to our general fund and monthly operating expenses like insurance, Parasol fees, clean up expenses, etc. This "kitty" is **separate** from the monies we secure and have promised for our scholarship recipients. And as you know, the scholarship money comes from our **one** main event in June, Golf-Fore-Education. So, in lieu of bake sales, those pesky raffles, and dreaded garage sales, consider just donating some "decently enjoyable" wines for our dinner meeting wine bar!

With Gratitude, Joanie Nygren
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January Meeting

Meeting Date: February 16

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30

Dinner and Program: 6:30 - 8:30

Dinner \$24.00 Wine \$4.00/glass

Honey Glazed Pork Loin
Pilaf Almondine
Swiss Winter Soup
Full Salad Bar
Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Surprise

To **RSVP** by Sunday, **February 13** reply to core-ed@ix.netcom.com, or phone Jane Barnhart-Jones at 775-657-0113.

Membership

From Stacy Stewart

Did you know that the next best thing to having a Tahoe-Nevada AAUW Directory is the national AAUW website? All you need is a computer AND your AAUW membership number. Here are the steps to follow:

1. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/>
2. Click **Login** (upper right hand corner of screen).
3. Type in your AAUW member number. Click **Log In**.

If you do not remember your member number, there is an option—**Member ID Lookup**— in the second paragraph of this screen that you can click to retrieve your ID number.

At the next TN-AAUW dinner meeting, we will have printed out and have available everyone's national AAUW membership cards, which show your membership number, and membership expiration date.

4. The next screen is the *AAUW Member Center*. On the left side of the screen, find and click **Member Services Database (MSD)**.
5. Enter your password and click **Log in**. If you do not yet have a password, click **register here**, and create your password.
6. On the next screen, click the last option on the left — **Branch Member Roster**.

NOTE: Friends of AAUW are not national members, so Friends will not appear on the national Branch Member Roster. Also, there is usually a significant delay between your dues payment, receipt by national, and posting by national, so our on-line roster is seldom fully current.

February Program

Come join us, hear from past to present the inspiring adventures of Donna Axton's musical career, and be treated to some vintage video clips and music bits as well.

Donna Axton has been a prominent musician in the Tahoe Area for many years. She has been a featured solo pianist in Toccata Concerts, and accompanist for renowned (red Stradivarius) violinist, Elizabeth Pitcairn. She has performed duet piano concerts with another great Incline talent, Eunice Marion. Donna also teaches locally at SNC and leads the Sierra Nevada College Chorus and St. Patrick's Chorus. Donna has played, directed and/or produced many musical productions, most recently including *Dido and Aeneas*, and *The Fantasticks*. She currently plays the keyboard with her local band "Out of the Blue", and for her son, "Matthew Axton and Company" which performed at the Twain Center in January. But Donna's story goes fascinatingly back to the days where she toured, recorded, and appeared on TV with (then husband) Hoyt Axton's Country-Western, Boogie Woogie, Gospel, and Rock and Roll Band.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to get to know Donna Axton. She is humble, soft and sweet. To know her is to love her!

A Golf Fore Education Update from Sharon Kirby,

New ideas and enthusiasm keep coming forth from our Golf Fore Education collaboration meetings. I am excited about the plans and improvements for this year's June 26th event. The response that we are getting to a one day event this year is very positive. With the help and cooperation of the school principals and PTAs, we will be sponsoring golf sign up contests in the schools with prizes offered for the most sign

ups. It will be fun and great to have the kids on board with our cause for their education.

Plans are developing for the VIP Sponsors' Party; the Grand Celebration at the Chateau with Silent and Live Auctions; and a fabulous selection of Hole-in-One prizes for both golf courses.

At this point in time, we ask that you make early commitments to sponsor and to golf. We thank two of our AAUW members who have already made commitments for Hole and Fairway sponsorships at \$500.00 each. Other sponsorship opportunities are available for your consideration. Please call me at 813-0585 with any questions and commitments.

Each of the Golf Fore Education collaborators has made it their goal to obtain 10 foursomes this year, and I would like to invite each of you who were golfers last year to come forth and commit to a foursome again. Call or email me at skirby@chaseinternational.com with your foursome commitments. Let's be the first collaborator to reach our goal of 10 foursomes!

Remember, this is our only major fundraiser of the year. Our proceeds from Golf Fore Education on June 26th will provide AAUW scholarships for young women in Incline Village and provide grants for non-profit organizations who support women's education and causes. Consider this your chance to give back.

Sharon Kirby
Golf Fore Education Liaison

Spotlight on New Members

Kristen Fencel has enjoyed living in Incline Village the last four years after living in Phoenix, Arizona where she grew up. She has also lived in Denver, Colorado and Mazatlan, Mexico. She has been married to her husband Mike for 10 years and they have an adorable lab named Indy.



Kristen Fencel

Kristen is an Interior Decorator and owner of Decorating Den Interiors in Incline Village. Previous to her move to Incline Village Kristen and her husband remodeled condos and homes in Phoenix and Mazatlan.

Kristen and Mike are members of the Incliners and the Yacht Club and also volunteer for the CERT team in Incline Village. She is a chairperson for the Women's Club of North Tahoe and is currently working on the Luncheon and Fashion Show for this summer.

When she isn't decorating, she is hiking with her Lab Indy, skiing the Tahoe Basin or enjoying playing golf Mondays or Wednesdays with the Mountain Niners group. Her other passion is traveling; some of her favorite destinations have been Italy, Spain, France, and recently a Mediterranean cruise to the Greek Islands and Istanbul.

For relaxation she enjoys reading and is looking forward to her next Book Club meeting and other events with AAUW.

Outdoor Enthusiasts Group Lynn Whetstone

The Outdoor Enthusiasts Group gets together year-round to enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking (and good companionship!) 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. Snowshoeing season has begun, and we encourage new snowshoers to join us on our Monday outings. We may also do some cross country skiing on another day of the week if there is enough interest. 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.



January, 2011 Tree House Discovery
Photo courtesy Debbie Nicholas

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Association

The Great Decisions discussion group will meet February 28 at 9:45 at the home of the volunteer "hostess of the month." 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 www.fpa.org. Click on the 1. Homepage 2. "Great Decisions" 3. "Join a group" 4. Nevada, 5. Incline Village

Book Group Diane Finegan

The Book Group will meet on Monday evening February 21. Louise Reimer is our hostess and we will be discussing "The Ape

House" by Sara Gruen. For more information about the Book Group please contact Diane Finegan at 831-8310 or djrfinegan@earthlink.net

Recycled Book Sale

This month AAUW will once again take donations of used books to put on our Book Table. Books are \$1, so bring your one dollar bills and pick up a "new" book to read. The money goes to a good cause. And we still need someone to coordinate this sale on an ongoing basis.

Announcements from the Members

From Margaret Solomon:

Volleyball Line Judging

Greetings past and future line judges. Once again this fall we will be judging lines for the IHS girls volleyball games. We do this as part of our mission to help girls in school. Also it is fun. By volunteering we save the team having to hire line judges. Games are played in September and October and sometimes one or two in November. We need two judges for each evening of games and there are usually 7 to 10 home games each year. I am sending this notice early in the year in hopes of finding new volunteers. Perhaps some of our new members will be interested. Please call or email me if you are interested and I will put you on my list. I will then contact you in late August to let you know the game schedule so you can sign up for a game or two. Thank you in advance. Margaret Solomon marg@775.net 831-8437

Several announcements from Ute Gacs:

I am a Nevada Site Steward monitoring archaeological and historic sites in the area. As many of you know 80% of Nevada lands are public and there are a lot of sites that need to be monitored and preserved. It's our cultural heritage, and recent vandalism makes it even more important to look after these sites. Budget cuts and museum closures have had an impact

on all cultural and historic programs. If you are interested in joining me and becoming a Nevada Site Steward, I can put you in touch with our coordinators and we can go out into the field later on this year after the snow melts. It's fun and the hiking is interesting. Contact Ute at primategacs@sbcglobal.net.

The Nevada Rock Art Foundation's 2011 Distinguished Lecture, featuring **Ellen Dissanayak**, who will be speaking on "The Deep Structure of Pleistocene Rock Art: The 'Artification Hypothesis,'" **February 10 at 6 pm**, at the Nevada Museum of Art, **Reno NV**. Tickets are available by calling the Nevada Museum of Art at 775.329.3333--\$8 for NRAF and NMA members, \$10 for nonmembers.

The lecture will be followed by a book signing and reception. Additional information can viewed at <http://nvrockart.org/lectures.html>

Thursday, March 10 is the **Nevada Museums Association's Museum Advocacy Day**. Time is 8 to 5 at the Nevada Legislature, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City. The purpose is to raise awareness of contributions made by all Nevada museums and to demonstrate that museums represent good investments for a better future. A nonprofit organization, NMA is made up of museum professionals, businesses and individuals interested in museums. It supports the state's 100+ museums through a quarterly newsletter, annual conference, and informational workshops held throughout the year. For membership information, Board of Directors, and other items of interest, see the website, www.nevadamuseums.org.

The fifth annual **International Women's Day Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner** is Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 5 pm to 8:30 pm at the Atlantis Casino Resort to benefit women students at the University of Nevada Reno, Truckee Meadows Community College and Western Nevada College. For additional information or if you are able to donate or help, please contact Donna Clontz & Norm Howard at donnanorm1@yahoo.com.



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Table of Events**

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Every Monday	9:30 am	Outdoor Enthusiasts	Lynn Whetstone
Third Monday	6:30 pm	Book Group	Diane Finegan
Third Wednesday	5:30 pm	February Dinner Meeting @ Reynolds Building	Stacy Stewart or Jane Barnhart-Jones
Fourth Monday	9:45 am	Send email for info.	gdltnaauw@gmail.com

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Great Decisions	TBA	Recycled Books	TBA

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Happy Valentine's Day!