



Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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President's Message

Hello everyone,

We were all very disappointed that our February Program and Dinner was "Stormed-Out." Thanks to Crosby's for *being on board* with the cancellation. It was too nasty out and unsafe for any of us to be out driving. Fortunately, Donna Axton will do her presentation for us on May 18th right after our annual May Business Meeting, so those of you who invited guests can share this rescheduling. More info and details will be coming.

Our branch will have many volunteer opportunities open for the fall season. Again, I am asking you all to think of areas in which you could contribute to our organization. There are opportunities for board positions, appointed chairs, special activity leaders, as well as many smaller tasks that will all add up to a wonderful organization for all one hundred and ten of our members. This is the highest number of members we have had in several years and it is very exciting!

Call, or email Cindy Frei if you can come early and help set up for our dinner meeting; we need help at the Parasol Building from 3:30pm on with set up for table decor and for our used book sale table before the 5:30 start time. We will still be celebrating Women's History Month at our March 16th dinner program.

Remember, the other great way you can help is to contribute a bottle of wine to our AAUW Wine Bar, c/o Cindy Frei, Programs

Chair. Our wine bar profits, though modest, add dollars to our general fund and branch operating expenses. (You may bring your bottle(s) to the meeting, and receive one complimentary drink ticket for each donation.)

Please email me if you, or someone you know, would like to become part of our team!

And we're looking forward to more Spring sunshine and much lighter snowfalls for the coming months!

Thank you,
Joanie Nygren, President
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From the editor:

I apologize for the newsletter being late this month. I was out of the country and both cell phone and email were unavailable. April's issue will be on time!!

Suzanne Webb



March Meeting

Meeting Date: March 16

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30

Dinner and Program: 6:30 - 8:30

Dinner \$24.00 Wine \$4.00/glass

Menu
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Saint Patrick's Day Soup
Full Salad Bar
Surprise Dessert

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

Membership

From Stacy Stewart

As reported in last month's newsletter, most AAUW annual memberships begin on July 1, and end June 30...no matter when you joined! In today's busy world, it is so easy to forget if or when one renewed membership. Consider becoming a national paid member for LIFE with a one-time dues payment of \$980 (state and local branch dues not included).

March Program

From Cindy Frei



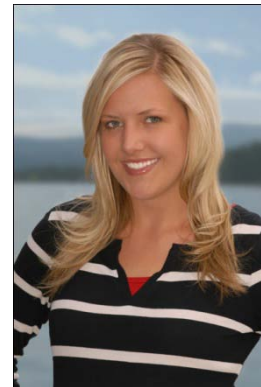
Through the auspices of Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and just in time for Women's History Month our March program features the Chautauqua performance of Anita Watson as Mary McNair Matthews.

A widow with a young son, Mary McNair Matthews struck out for Virginia City, Nevada, in 1869 to make a home. Matthews lived on the Comstock for almost nine years and published a book about her experiences in the West. She was an energetic woman who worked a variety of

jobs to support herself and her son, including babysitting, letter writing, keeping a boarding house, and working as a seamstress and laundress. She could be kind and charitable, but was also bigoted against those of differing races and religions. As complex as the times she lived in, Mary Matthews' life provides a vivid picture of nineteenth century womanhood.

Anita Watson holds a Ph.D. from the University of Nevada Reno and has written various pieces about Nevada history. She has been presenting Chautauqua performances for more than ten years.

Spotlight on New Members



Sydney Parker

At age 19, Sydney ran her own real estate business and sold her first million dollar property. Now 23, she is the Marketing/Communications Director for Klaraos Wealth Management, managing over \$45 million in Incline Village, NV. Sydney graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno this past May with a bachelor's degree in Marketing.

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.

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Association

The Great Decisions discussion group will meet March 28 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

Greetings Ladies,

Thank you Louise, it was a wonderful meeting and everyone I spoke with had a great time. Although all agreed that the book was not up to the standard of "Water for Elephants" the discussion was lively and interesting thanks to your research and thought-provoking questions.

We did manage to get some business done as well. The following is our up-dated reading list.

March 14 *Tinkers* by Paul Harding
hosted by Judy Collins

April 11 *The Queen of the South* by Arturo Perez Reverte hosted by Joanie Nygren and Susie Lynnes-Parks

May 9 *A School for Others* by George Lebard hosted by Thalia Routsis and Lynn Flagg at Lynn's home. This book is available at the Parasol Bldg. or by calling Xlibris Corp. 1 888 795-4274 or www.Xlibris.com

June 13 *Nefertiti* by Michelle Moran, hosted by Jane Barnhart with the help of Susie Lynnes-Parks

Sept. 13 *Shantaram* by Gregory D. Roberts hosted by Alice Lassiter-Thorn

A friend has suggested *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers as a possibility for next year. I'd appreciate any other suggestions for future books that you think we might enjoy.

Happy reading.

Diane 831-8310 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 Carol Eyre via Lynn Flagg:

As a follow up to the talk Rick Halbardier, owner/winemaker of Tahoe Ridge Winery, presented in October, the North Lake Tahoe AAUW has arranged for a tour of the production facility and no host lunch afterwards at Le Bistro in Minden.

They ask that if you wish to attend you choose either Tuesday, April 19th, or Thursday, April 28th. The chapter will select the date most people prefer. Either date the tour will start at 11:00 a.m. and include some wine tasting. Car pools can be arranged closer to the date.

The production facility is located off Airport Road, east of highway 395 just north of Minden. The restaurant is on the main street in Minden at 1644 Highway 395. If you would like any further information, please contact me or check their website at www.tahoeridge.com.

If you think you might like to attend, please email carolceyre@aol.com to let her know which date you prefer and how many people will be attending--friends, spouses, and neighbors are welcome.

Women's History Month announcements

From Karen Carey, Exec. Director of Tahoe Women's Services, via Joanie Nygren:

March 8, at Sierra Nevada College, Tahoe Women's Services will present an International Panel discussion on "The Importance of Education for Girls to Flourish as Women Internationally and Locally." The event will be held in Room 139 of the Tahoe Center for Environmental Science Building from 5:30 to 7pm. Panelists are Barbara Shaw, Founder and President of Masai Girls Fund for Education; Chief Sensley of the Truckee Police Department; Shannon Beets, Director of Education and Associate Provost, Sierra Nevada College; Monica Caldari, Bilingual Educator; Jennifer Gurecki, Executive Director of Adventure Risk Challenge; and Paul Bancroft, Tahoe Women's Services Prevention Team. The event is free and open to the public.

from Donna Clontz via Cindy Frei:

International Women's Day is 100 Years Old this year! Women's History Month's theme this year is "Our History is Our Strength".

Here is info on the three biggest events for Northern Nevada's Women's History Month--the **International Women's Day Dinner** on March 8 (tickets are \$40 until 2/25 and then go to \$50), **Grassroots Lobby Days** coordinated by the Nevada Women's Lobby (March 13-15; \$40)

and the **Nevada Women's Rally** on March 25, a free event.

If you know of any March events planned that should be publicized, please send the details to [Donna Clontz](mailto:Donna.Clontz) as soon as you can, so she can add it to the calendar

And . . .

From Joanie Nygren:

CARMINA BURANA may not sound like an everyday term to you. But you have heard the music from CARMINA BURANA many places. The Doors played it. "O Fortuna" from CARMINA has been featured in many movies, including "The Lord of the Rings", "Excalibur", "Hunt for Red October" (and even "Jackass, the Movie").

The SNC Choir will be performing this iconic work on March 24 and 26th at 7pm at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. It is powerful and amazing. Come and cheer on YOUR SNC choir. They will be singing with a 10 piece orchestra and will raise the roof. You'll love it.

Admission is free for students and faculty – just sign in at the door. You'll be seated after those with reserved seats.

WHEN: Thursday, March 24, 7 pm and Saturday, March 26, 7 pm

WHERE: ST. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Blvd. Incline Village

WHAT: CARMINA BURANA with the SNC Choir, directed by Donna Axton

For further information, contact Donna Axton, 775-881-7586

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.

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
Second 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	9:15 am	Great Decisions.	gdltnaauw@gmail.com

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