



Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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

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President's Message It is 2017 and our AAUW Tahoe Nevada Branch is thriving with many new members and a couple of very successful fundraisers during the past few months (our Wine Tasting in October & Game Night in November). Please take a look at the aauw.org website for information on the National Convention to be held in Washington D.C., June 14-17. If you are interested in attending please contact me or another board member. The best registration prices expire on 1/14/2017.

Directories are available again at the January Dinner meeting on January 18, if you have not picked yours up at a meeting and are not attending in January, please contact Kelley Werner at kwerner10@gmail.com to make arrangements for pick up. After the January meeting directories which have not been picked up will be mailed.

Many members enjoyed a fun and music filled evening at the Chateau on December 7, at our Holiday Party. Thank you to all who worked to make this event very successful. Our program chairs have many great speakers planned for the coming months! Please see their column in this newsletter for the January 18 meeting details and remember to RSVP.

Charlotte Curtis and our hardworking Fundraising Committee will be preparing some great events in coming months! These include a Cooking Lesson & Lunch at Nothing To It, a Brunch and Tour at the Nevada Museum of Art, and a collaborative event with the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival during their 2017 season (rumor has it there could be another Wine Tasting event in the works due to the overwhelming popularity of the last one!). Our fundraisers provide income to our Scholarship Fund. AAUW Tahoe Nevada is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization, registered with the Secretary of State, EIN: 94-3055754. We welcome your donations throughout the year. Please contact our Treasurer, Cornelia Gould, at cornelia.gould@gmail.com or 775- 298-2057. I wish to welcome all our new members and hope that you will join us for events that interest you! Please feel free to provide any feedback to me or other board members. You may reach me at 775.843.0775 or nicholas89451@gmail.com with your suggestions and comments.

On a personal note, as many of you are already aware, I've suffered a sudden and tragic loss in December, with the passing of my wonderful husband, Nick, due to a heart attack. I wish to thank each and every one of you for all your support and assistance during this past month. I truly could not have made it without the wonderful and loving friends who surround me here in Incline Village. Please know that I appreciate everything you have done, and continue to do. Nick's family and I appreciate all your prayers and thoughts.

Remember to mark your calendars for our snowshoe events, book club, and dinner meetings this month. Let us look forward to 2017 with gratitude for our health, loved ones, and blessings in our lives!

Debbie Nicholas

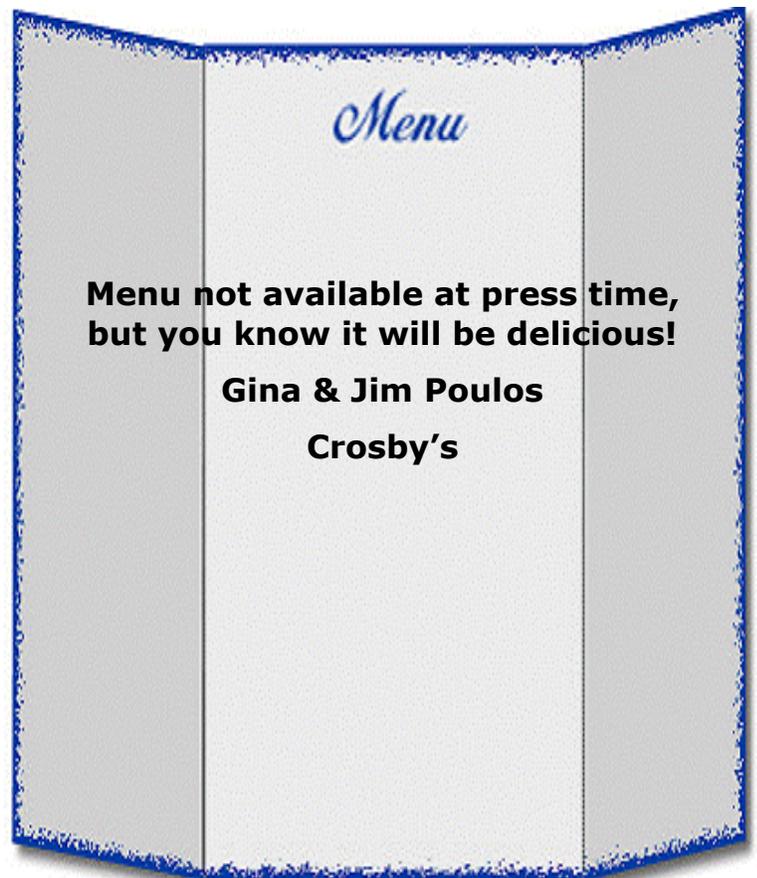
Monthly Meetings: Jane Dykstra and Tara Madden-Dent

Dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Social hour begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:15 followed by the program at 7:15.

AAUW is proud to announce that Sierra Nevada College's (SNC) Provost and Executive Vice-President, Shannon Beets, will be presenting Women Leadership and Women Studies opportunities at our January 18th dinner meeting. Attendees will learn about local options to develop their own leadership skills with like-minded northern Nevada women, in addition to becoming more aware of exciting new developments at SNC. By the end of this presentation, we will have gained knowledge about how we can practically support AAUW missions via engaging with SNC's students, faculty, and fun campus events. Come connect with your local higher educational institution and find out how it's impacting Tahoe, Reno, and the world, under the leadership of one of our own AAUW members-

Please be aware that TN-AAUW must pay for all RSVP dinners. Our long-standing policy has been that if you have made a reservation for a dinner meeting and fail to cancel by 5PM on the Monday before the dinner, you will be expected to pay for the dinner. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any comments or concerns about our meetings, please contact the Program VPs or President to resolve your issue.



OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS' GROUP

Lynn Whetstone



The Outdoor Enthusiasts' Group gets together year round to enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, other outdoor activities (and good companionship!) in the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. We changed from hiking to snowshoeing in November and hope to continue it throughout the winter months. We encourage those who are new to snowshoeing to join us early in the season when we're all getting used to the equipment again. The pictures below are from our annual holiday tea this past month.

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

Please contact me at Lwhetstone@prodigy.net or 775-831-8608 if you would like to participate and be notified of upcoming hikes/snowshoe outings (or last minute changes due to weather) by email.

During the warmer months, a kayaking group goes out from Ski/Hermit Beach Wednesday mornings. A road-biking group—the Wheeling Women—goes on Friday outings in the greater Tahoe area during warmer weather. Both groups have concluded their activities for the season.

We hope you can join us on our outings!



Members: The 2016-2017 AAUW Membership Directories will be available at the January dinner meetings. To save on postage, we are asking that you pick up your Directory this meeting. If you are not able to attend, you can let me know ahead of time and I'll mail it to you. Any Directories not picked up by the end of January will be mailed. Thanks so much.

Millie Szerman

MillieSz746@gmail.com.

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Who's In Charge Here?
Your 2016/2017 AAUW
Local Officers, term ends
6/31/17

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Membership Matters

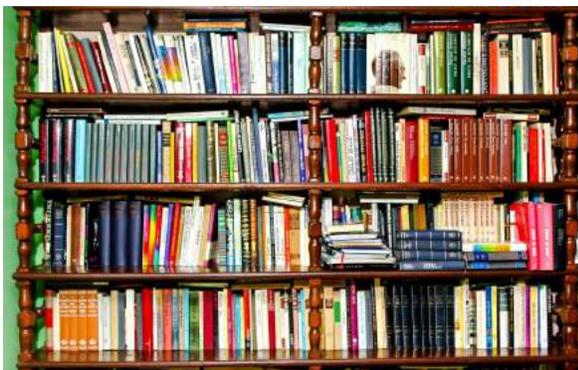
Renewal reminder: Through our scholarship fund, the Tahoe Nevada Branch of AAUW supports educational opportunities for women and girls in our community. Your continued membership is so important. Our membership year starts on July 1. Our branch membership is up to 137 and we are probably the largest branch in Nevada. Thank you so much for choosing to join us again this year. If you haven't already renewed, please look for the email with the link to AAUW's credit card payment site or use the appropriate paper form at the end of this newsletter.

Judy Miller & Kelley Werner

Membership co-chairs

Used Book Sales

We will continue to have our used book sales at each dinner meeting. Stop by our table to browse the newest selections for your reading pleasure! Our Used Book Sales are chaired by Sherie Schmauder, with the support of Anga Rebane as the co-chair. And we are now also accepting audio books, as well.



BOOK GROUP NEWS

The Book Group meets monthly, on the second Monday of the month at 6:30PM in winter, rather than at 7. New members are always welcome!

We have an exciting schedule of books coming up, covering a variety of genres, but are still seeking a "classic book for April. Bring your recommendation to the January meeting or email Lee Hall or Monica Hill. Also bring your suggestions for the fall roster. It's time to fill it in! There are still opportunities to volunteer to lead a discussion or open your home as a host.

January 9: Non-fiction. *"Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic"* by Sam Quinones. Cornelia Gould leads the talk. Peggy Poindexter will host (note: this is a venue change)

February 13: Historical Fiction. *"The Nightingale"* by Kristin Hanah. Discussion led by Lynn Whetstone. Monica Hill will host (note: this a venue change)

March 13: Romance Novel. *"The Rosie Project"*, by Graeme Simsion. Deena Benke will hostess; Kelly Neville will be the discussion leader.

April 10: We will select a "classic" novel at our January meeting. Needed: discussion leader and host.

May 8: *"Dear Dad"* Fiction by Douglas Keil. A young boy's discovery that he has cancer. Leader TBD. Hostess: Lee Hall.

June 12: *"Tahoe Beneath the Surface"* Vignettes about Lake Tahoe by local author Scott Lankford. Leader and hostess TBD

Please give hosting a chance. Sweets, savories and beverages are contributed by the attendees. We help set up and clean up.

For additional information about Book Group, please contact Monica Hill or Lee Hall. Happy reading!

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FUNDRAISING—Charlotte Curtis

WINE TASTING EVENT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Plan to attend our first fund raising activity of the new year at Village Market on Friday, February 17. Signups will be available at the January 18 AAUW Dinner Meeting. The event will include four wines, appetizers and great networking.

Thanks to all of those who attended, made contributions, and helped set up the events in 2016! If you have any questions or fundraising ideas, please contact Charlotte Curtis at charcurtisedd@aol.com or 775-843-1512.

Happy New Year 2017!

Raise \$\$ for Scholarship at Smile.Amazon.Com

We have a new way of raising money for our Scholarship Fund. It's painless and fun, and as easy as shopping online. Many of us shop on amazon.com Since our branch is now listed on the IRS list of charitable organizations, we are eligible to participate in this program. It's not a lot of money, but if we all join in, the pennies will add up.

Just go to smile.amazon.com. There, you can select our branch "American Association of University Women Tahoe Nevada Branch". Then when you shop on smile.amazon.com, .5% of your eligible purchases will be credited to our branch. For more information go to <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about>. For assistance, contact Charlotte Curtis at charcurtisedd@aol.com.

The AAUW Fund Raising Committee is pleased to announce these exciting **future events** scheduled for the new year! The dates will be announced as soon as they become available.

February – Another Wine Tasting, due to popular request

April – Lunch and cooking class at Nothing To It Cooking School

May – Museum Tour and Brunch

July or August – Sand Harbor Shakespeare Event



WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY ACT

Pamela Sheldon, AAUW Public Policy

Introduced on May 25, 2016 and passed in the House on November 15, 2016, H.R. 5332 is a bill to ensure that the United States promotes the meaningful participation of women in mediation and negotiations processes seeking to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

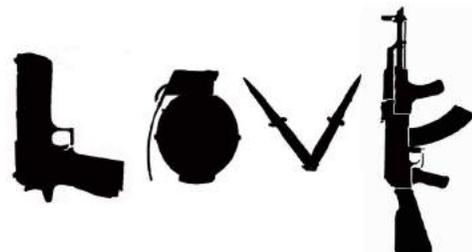
This bill expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should be a global leader in promoting the meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution and post-conflict relief and recovery efforts. The President, no later than October 1 of 2017, 2022, and 2027, shall submit to Congress and make public a Women, Peace, and Security Strategy, which shall: Include conflict prevention, peace building, and decision-making institutions in conflict-affected environments; and include goals and evaluation plans to ensure strategy effectiveness.

The Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended to direct the Department of State to ensure that personnel responsible for, or deploying to, countries or regions considered to be at risk of undergoing, or emerging from, violent conflict obtain training in the following areas, each of which shall include a focus on ensuring participation by women: conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution; protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons; and international human rights law.

The Department of Defense shall ensure that personnel responsible for, or deploying to, countries or regions considered to be at risk of undergoing, or emerging from, violent conflict obtain training in: conflict prevention, peace processes, mitigation, resolution, and security initiatives that addresses the importance of participation by women; and gender considerations and meaningful participation by women, including training regarding international human rights law and protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons.

The State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development shall establish guidelines for overseas U.S. personnel to consult with stakeholders regarding U.S. efforts to: prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict; and enhance the success of mediation and negotiation processes by ensuring the meaningful participation of women.

To become law, this Bill still has to be passed by the Senate and signed by the President. Let your Senators, Dean Heller and incoming Catherine Cortez Masto know your opinion of this important Bill



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

World class classical music right here in Incline!

Toccata Symphony and Chorus present *Baroque Masters*, featuring the music of Bach, Vivaldi, Handel; and Charpentier's Midnight Mass. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 7pm at St. Patrick's Episcopal in Incline. Also 1/6 in South Lake, 1/7 in Carson City and 1/8 in Reno. www.ToccataTahoe.com or 775-313-9697 for more info.

Don't Throw Away Those Old Orchids!! Just because the flowers have dropped off or dried out, or the plant looks dead, it is NOT!! Millie to the rescue!! I grow orchids - I rescue orchids - I LOVE orchids... So, please give me a shout and I'm happy to take them off your hands, or bring them back to life (if you haven't already killed them) for you. I have a new batch of orchid pots if anyone is in need to transplant their orchids. Please contact me at (775) 833-3311 or email me at MillieSz746@gmail.com

It's Diamond Peak IVGID Community Appreciation Week, January 2-8. Residents of Incline and Crystal Bay can get free lift tickets with a valid IVGID Picture Pass or Punch Card. Diamond Peak Passholders with one of the above ids get free demo equipment. Happy hour specials and more. Go to www.diamondpeak.com for more information.



In the interest of the community, members may post public service-type announcements in our newsletter. These are not personal (selling appliances, cars, etc.); but for activities of interest to members or to the Tahoe community in general. All items must be written by the person making the announcement, limited to one paragraph, to be published at the discretion of the local AAUW Editor and President. Send to rgrean@aol.com



**Note: Please use this form if you are a new member.
Renewing members use only if not renewing online.**



AAUW Tahoe Nevada

Membership Form July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Please circle any changes from last year's Directory; otherwise, they may not be made.

- There are no changes
- Please note the following changes.
- I am a new member.

Full name _____ Date _____
Mailing Address _____ Zip _____
Physical Address _____ Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____
Email address _____
Spouse/Partner name _____

Bachelor's Degree or Associate Degree

College/University _____ Year _____
City, State _____
Major _____ Degree _____

Graduate Degree

University/College _____ Year _____
City, State _____
Major _____ Degree _____

Annual dues run from 7/1/16 to 6/30/17.

National Dues	\$49
State Dues	9
Branch Dues	<u>15</u>
	\$73

Student Affiliate dues: \$17
Open to anyone who does not already have an undergraduate degree and is enrolled in a two- or four-year regionally accredited educational institution.

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Friends of AAUW-Tahoe-Nevada category is reserved for those persons who are NOT eligible for membership in the national AAUW organization, i.e., do not hold an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Friends have the following privileges:

Notification of AAUW Tahoe-Nevada activities, including Special Interest groups

Participation in AAUW Tahoe-Nevada Special Interest groups

Contribution to educational scholarships and grants benefitting local young women

Inclusion in the AAUW Tahoe-Nevada directory

Socialization and connection

USE THIS FORM FOR NEW AND RENEWING FRIENDS OF AAUW-TAHOE NEVADA

_____ There are no changes from the previous year.

_____ Please note changes.

_____ I am a NEW Friend of Tahoe Nevada AAUW.

Full Name: _____ Date _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip _____

Physical Address: _____ Zip _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Email Address: _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Friends of Tahoe Nevada AAUW Donation **\$50.00* \$** _____

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