



Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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President's Message



2014 has flown by, with 2015 flying in on it's heels! As I sit here contemplating, a light snow is gently falling, and a lovely flock of chickadees and nuthatches are enjoying the seed and suet in the forest outside my dining room window. Life is good for all here in Tahoe, and no more so than for TN-AAUW in 2014.

At the state meeting in October, we were recognized as one of, if not THE, most robust branch in Nevada in membership, branch activities, and fundraising. Every single one of you wonderful women contribute to that status in so many ways. Don't rest on our laurels in 2015! Keep participating yourself, and encourage other women to join us at meetings, activities, and in membership.

We have had an incredible fundraising year with the Tahoe Treasures Tour, receipt of our 501(c)(3) status, and activities surrounding the Courage Sans Peur matching grant challenge. We are very close to meeting the 10K challenge made by the Yount family's charitable foundation, but as of this moment we are not quite there. The deadline is January 31, so if you are still thinking about making a *tax-deductible* contribution, do it...NOW!

As I look forward to another year of surprises, challenges, and friendship, I'll also look forward to wishing everyone a personal Happy New Year greeting at the January dinner meeting. Here's to 2015 and another chance to get it right!

Yours, Stacy

MONTHLY MEETINGS Jennifer Tynes & Dianne De Cuir

Please note that the meetings are all held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with the exception of the December meeting which is the 2nd Wednesday, at the Parasol Building, 948 Incline Way. Social hour 5:30; Dinner (catered by Gina and Jim Poulos of Crosby's) 6:30, Program 7:30. The cost is \$30 per person (\$32 in December).

The speaker for our January meeting will be Heather Segale from the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center. Ms. Segale is the Education and Outreach Director of the Center. She will present a brief discussion of the most pressing environmental issues, research updates, and the "State of the Lake" at Lake Tahoe. She will also discuss the educational programs of the Research Center.

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, January 21st. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn more about one of our most precious assets here at North Tahoe, the lake itself.

IMPORTANT! Please bring your wine donations to Jennifer Tynes (684 Wilson Way #A) two days prior to the dinner so that we can be sure to have enough, and chill the white wine. Beer and sparkling water will also be available.

Jennifer and Dianne, would also like to solicit help from members in set up and clean up of the dining room each month. Check the sign-up sheet on the reception table and choose a time when you might lend a hand.

Reservations must be made by Mon. 1/19. Contact Kelly Neville kellyaauw@gmail.com 775-833-2299.

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.



OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS' GROUP

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've recently begun snowshoeing and encourage those of you who are

new to this activity to join us to try it out. 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 car-pool. 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. Additionally, there may be some cross country skiing this winter. Please let Lynn know if you would be interested. Nancy Larson is organizing a downhill skiing group which will go out on Thursdays to various local resorts. Please contact Nancy at nancylarson614@gmail.com to be added to that email list.

In warm months, there is a group that kayaks from Ski/Hermit Beach in Incline Village, 9 AM most Wednesday mornings.

A road-biking group called the Wheeling Women goes out Tuesday mornings for outings in the greater Tahoe area during good weather. Both groups have ceased their activities for this season.

Lynn Whetstone

We had our annual tea recently, hosted by Diane Michaels and Cheryl Hollingsworth! Hence the hats!



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See Your Business Name Here in Each Issue!

To be a sponsor: Send your check and card to obtain space in the newsletter for the 2015 year to AAUW Tahoe Nevada, PO Box 5465, Incline Village, NV 89450.

Business Card size space is \$30 for all issues of the newsletter, and an additional \$30 for the directory. If you are interested in the back or inside cover of the directory, contact Millie Szerman at MillieSz746@gmail.com for pricing.



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Who's In Charge Here? Your 2014/2015 AAUW Local Officers

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Membership Matters

We are in the process of updating our distribution lists for the newsletter and special interest groups. Only members whose dues are current will be on the lists. If you have any questions about your status, contact Kelly Neville at kellyaauw@gmail.com.



Used Book Sales

We 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.



Book Group-Diane Finegan

Our next Book Group will be meeting the evening of January 12. We will be discussing "Fall of Giants" by Ken Follett. Sandra Cloninger will lead the discussion and Carol Sullivan is her co hostess. Contact Sandra at scloninger@sierranevada.edu or 775-832-2615 to ask her what to bring. Feb.9 is "A Secret History" by Donna Tartt.

Meetings start at 7pm, the second Monday of the month and include wine or soft beverage and savory/sweet munchies. Give hosting a chance! We will help set up and clean up. For information about the Book Group, contact Diane Finegan at 831-8310 or djrfinegan@earthlink.net (Mitch, the sleepy kitty, belongs to Diane)

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UP- DATE

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far, as of 12/10/2014 we have collected \$8,194 toward our \$10,000 goal. **We are almost there!!!** If you have friends, family or acquaintances that are supportive of our mission and scholarships please send them information about our match, it is a fantastic time to get a tax deduction and see your donation doubled! **Donations for the match provided by the Geri and Stu Yount Family Foundation are accepted until January 31, 2015.**

We are in the planning stages for an **Easels and Wine** event on January 23, 2015, mark your calendars. See our Flyer in this edition of the newsletter for details. Contact Sandra Cloninger at 775-832-2615 or email scloninger@sierranevada.edu to reserve your canvas!! We are limited to 30 people so get your reservation in early! It will be a great chance to help with our fundraising goals and carry home your personal masterpiece on canvas!

Your AAUW Tahoe Nevada Fundraising Team has been working throughout December to maximize our donations for the Matching Grant and make plans into the future. We are considering another 'Nothing to It' Cooking class, a Wine Tasting, or Tea Party along with some other ideas....if you are interested in helping out, get in touch! If you are able to help out for any time period this coming year, please email Debbie at nicholas89451@gmail.com or call 775.843.0775 with your availability.



NEW! Member Announcements

Millie Szerman is a member of the non-profit Knitter's Guild of Incline Village, and they are always looking for scrap yarn. If AAUW members have odds and ends, they can bring them to our monthly meeting and Millie will take it to the group

Coat missing from the coat rack, after Holiday Dinner. Long gray-blue microsuede trenchcoat with a zip-out lining and belt. May have been confused with another coat on the rack that is a long blue cotton trenchcoat with a belt (and possibly also a zip-out lining). To claim/exchange, contact Lynn Whetstone at lwhetstone@prodigy.net

Volunteer With Girls on the Run:

A positive youth development program for girls in the 3rd through 8th grades combining training for a 5K fun run with healthy living education. Teachers, staff, community members, & parents can volunteer 1 or 2 days a week for 10 weeks serving as GOTR Coaches. **Spring 2015 Season:** Afterschool program meets twice a week for ten weeks starting March 16th and culminates with the Girls on the Run 5k Fun Run on June 6th. For info or to volunteer go to www.girlsontherunsierras.org

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



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PRESENT

**An Artistic Evening
with Wine and Desserts**

WHEN: Friday, January 23, 2015

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Parasol Tahoe Community
Foundation Building
Trepp Room
948 Incline Way
Incline Village, Nevada 89

COST: \$75.00 - RESERVE NOW!!
Space is limited to only 30 spots.

R.S.V.P. by January 15th to
scloninger@sierranevada.edu or call
Sandra Cloninger at (775) 832-2615.
Make checks payable to AAUW and
send to P.O. Box 5465, Incline Village,
Nevada 89450,



"DEAR ABBY"

Public Policy by Abby Kirst



Dear Abby,

A friend of mine has a darling daughter who is a freshman in high school. The young lady excels at math and the sciences, but her teacher never calls on her to answer questions or explain a solution to a problem, only the boys. To make things worse, her mother defended the teacher's behavior and said that girls aren't normally good at math and science. How can I help this gifted young lady and save her from the troglodytes?

Steaming

Dear Steaming.

Sadly, your friend's mindset is still prevalent in our country. An article, *Building a STEM Pipeline for Girls and Women*, on the AAUW National website states:

Our society tells women they don't belong in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. Toys made for girls reinforce rigid, highly gendered stereotypes that encourage only boys to build or engineer. There are scarcely any female role models at the top of STEM fields. And even kids' clothing still proclaims that girls are bad at math.

That attitude is starting to change, thanks to the efforts of organizations like AAUW. Our local Tahoe-Nevada branch is interested in sponsoring girls for Tech Trek, a hands-on summer camp designed to develop the interest of girls in STEM. We are also exploring options at the Math Camp at UNR, programs at the SNC/UC Davis Environmental Center, and a possible partnership with the Engineering Society in Truckee. So, stop steaming and start STEMming! If you would like to learn more about what AAUW National is doing to promote STEM for girls and women, go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education>.

Please send your public policy questions and concerns to: Abby Kirst,
sunhog4@aol.com



Note: Please use this form if you are a new member.
Renewing members, please renew online.

AAUW Tahoe Nevada

Membership Form July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

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.

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Major _____ Degree _____

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University/College _____ Year _____

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Major _____ Degree _____

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