



# Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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## ***President's Message***



Let scholarship season begin! Yes, it's that time again, when we start gearing up to give away the money we work so hard for every year. The Finance and Scholarship Committees, headed up by Sandra Cloninger and Judy Simon, respectively, are looking at what type and how many scholarships we will be awarding (high school graduate entering college, continuing college student, adult women reentering university studies to better their lives, and STEM camps/adventures for middle school girls), and in what dollar amounts. Speaking of scholarships money, early word has it that the result of the Easels & Wine event may have taken us up to meeting the Courage Sans Peur Foundation's \$10,000 matching grant challenge! Keep reading, as there may be further details in this newsletter.

It's also time to begin thinking about the continuity of our organization—who will look after and develop the interests of our branch in 2015-2016? A Nominating Committee will be formed this month to help identify women who are able and willing to devote some time to AAUW-TN. If you would like to be considered for a Board or Appointed position, please speak up! If you are asked to be a nominee, please say yes. Taking a Board or Appointed position is a rewarding means of contributing to the success of our organization (and you will be working with a wonderful President—Charlotte Curtis.) Grab this opportunity!



Happy Valentine's Day! XO Stacy

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS Jennifer Tynes & Dianne De Cuir**

Please note that the meetings are all held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month with the exception of the December meeting which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

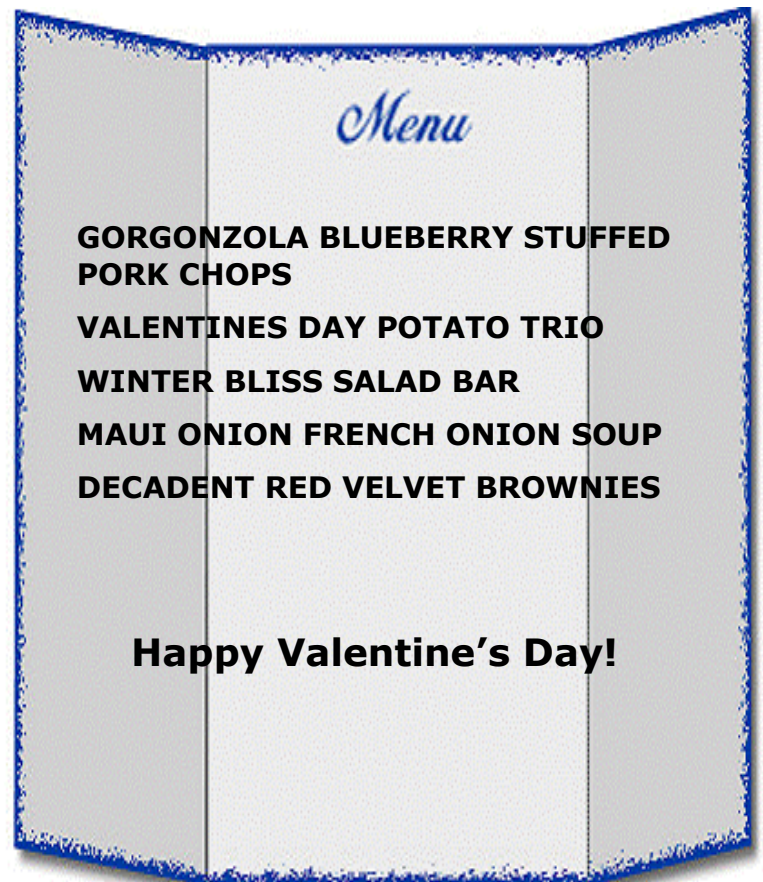
February is American Heart Month. Did you know that heart disease is the number one killer of American women? Come to our dinner meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more about this surprising and disturbing fact. Our speaker will be Allison Edwards, Business Development Director of the Reno office of The American Heart Association. Ms. Edwards will share with us information on cardiovascular disease, and what women can do to prevent it.

**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. 2/16. Contact Kelly Neville [kellyaauw@gmail.com](mailto: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're currently snowshoeing (and hoping we'll get enough new snow to continue). 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.



Contact me at [Lwhetstone@prodigy.net](mailto:Lwhetstone@prodigy.net) or 831-8608 if you would like to participate and be notified of upcoming hikes/snowshoe outings by email. Additionally, there may be some cross country ski outings this winter-- please let me know if you would be interested in those, as well.



Also, Nancy Larson is organizing a downhill skiing group which will go out on Thursdays (snowfall permitting) to various local resorts. Contact Nancy, [nancylarson614@gmail.com](mailto:nancylarson614@gmail.com) to be added to that email list. During the warmer months, there is a group that kayaks from Ski/Hermit Beach in Incline Village at 9 AM most Wednesday mornings. A road-biking group called the Wheeling Women goes out on Tuesday mornings for outings in the greater Tahoe area during good biking weather. Both groups have ceased their activities for this season.

We hope you will join us for one or more of the wonderful variety of outdoor activities which Tahoe has to offer!

Lynn Whetstone



## Sponsorships

### 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](mailto:MillieSz746@gmail.com) for pricing.



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

President	Stacy Stewart
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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](mailto: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

The next Book Group meeting will be on Monday evening, February 9. We will be discussing "The Secret History" by Donna Tartt. Robin Grean will be the discussion leader and Randi Moore will host the group in her home. Heads up for March 9th meeting: The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline.

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](mailto:djrfinegan@earthlink.net) (Mitch, the sleepy kitty, belongs to Diane)



## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far, as of January 23, 2015 we have surpassed our goal on the Matching Funds Grant donations at \$10,071.50!! We are so grateful to Geri and Stuart Yount and their Family Foundation "Courage Sans Peur Foundation" for their matching funds. Their assistance in the form of this matching grant puts our fundraising total for our scholarship fund at \$20,071.50 at this date, with many fun and exciting opportunities ahead of us in the spring and summer!!

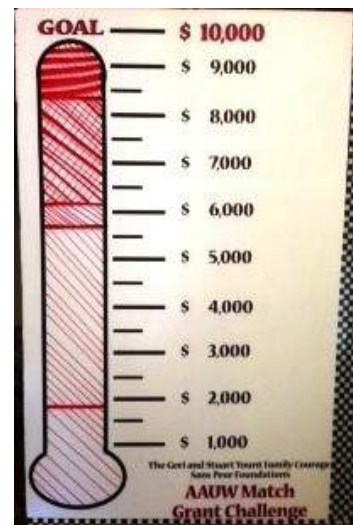
Thank you to all members who have contributed and assisted in this great effort by supporting our committee, donating, volunteering and attending our events!! We could not have done it without the help of each and every one of you!

These funds allow us to offer not only our Scholarships toward four year college education to local Incline High School students, but we will be able to branch out to offer some assistance to a local woman returning to school after an absence, and fund STEM appropriate camp attendance and events for girls in middle school. Our efforts are valuable to our local community, and your assistance makes it all possible.

The Fundraising Committee will be meeting in February to evaluate our past events, and to make some plans for future spring and summer events. We need to keep up our momentum and make plans that allow us to continue to raise money for our Scholarship Fund and our name recognition in the eyes and ears of local donors. We hope to provide some enjoyable events for the membership so that you continue to support us and *Have Some Fun Socializing!*

As of this date, most interest seems to be toward the following future events: Participation in the Red White Tahoe Blue Parade (2<sup>nd</sup> year), another Reno 'Nothing to It' cooking class, and perhaps a wine tasting or blending event. The committee will be reviewing our calendar and making plans for these or other events through September 2015 when we will begin our plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tahoe Treasures Tour slated for the Summer of 2016! If you have ideas for future events or would like to join the committee, please contact me at [nicholas89451@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas89451@gmail.com).

Again, please join me in thanking the Geri & Stuart Yount "Courage Sans Peur Foundation", all my wonderful Fundraising Committee Members, and each and every member who has donated, volunteered, and supported us in our efforts!! We have all done a magnificent job! Thank You!



## "DEAR ABBY"

### Public Policy by Abby Kirst



Dear Abby,

With Valentine's Day around the corner, I am reminded of the many articles I've read about girls who often don't know how to make their boyfriends understand that no means no when it comes to uninvited advances. I'm wondering if you have any information about how young women on college campuses can prevent what amounts to sexual assault, even if the young men are their "Valentine's."

Cautious about Cupid

Dear Cautious,

Valentine's Day is the perfect time to re-educate the public about sexual violence on college campuses, For far too long, this issue has been swept under the table or excused with statements like boys will be boys, or girls in skimpy outfits are just asking for it. Providing young women with resources, support, and steps to prevention has been a focus area of AAUW National for some time. Here are two links to articles regarding this issue.

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/04/14/fight-campus-sexual-violence>; <http://www.aauw.org/2014/10/20/final-vawa-step>

Please send your public policy questions and concerns to:

Abby Kirst sunhog4@aol.com

Below: Many interpretations of a Tahoe sunset from our recent Easels & Wine fundraiser.



## **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The general public** is invited to attend an important event hosted by the Reno Branch of the AAUW on February 14, 2015, from 9:30–11:30 A.M. at the Reno Best Western Airport Plaza (1981 Terminal Way, Reno, NV 89502) for a timely discussion on Title IX by Alicia Hetman, a California gender equity educator and consultant. The event's admissions fee is \$10.00, and it includes a continental breakfast.

In recent decades, there has been progress toward gender equity in postsecondary education and athletic participation and achievements, but the margins of success are still smaller in comparison to men. Ms. Hetman will speak on how Title IX affirms the protection of rights where the Civil Right's Act left off. Contact Sara Velez Mallea saravelezmallea@gmail.com 775-338-8743 for info. (From Stacy Stewart)

**Are You 65 or older? EARN \$20.00 CASH for a 50 minute market research interview** A local Incline Village company is conducting a market research study on attitudes about aging. Participants must be 65 + years old, in good health, and interested in a healthy lifestyle. The interview is one on one and will take up to 50 minutes. Responses are confidential. This is legitimate market research, there is no marketing or selling. Call Nathan at (775) 298-1603 or email [nhamilton@juvenon.com](mailto:nhamilton@juvenon.com) (From Sandra Cloninger who worked for Nathan for several years. Contact her with any questions. [scloninger@sierranevada.edu](mailto:scloninger@sierranevada.edu))

**Do you care about good, clean, local food** in the Truckee/Tahoe region? Slow Food Lake Tahoe is seeking passionate & skilled community members to connect local people to seasonal & sustainable food. Serve your community as a Volunteer Board Member. Contact [info@slowfoodlaketahoe.org](mailto:info@slowfoodlaketahoe.org) or 530-415-3925 prior to 2/15 . (From Dianne Lange)

**Fine, Classical music in our own backyard!** TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony Orchestra & Chorus presents its next concert series. Featuring Elizabeth Pitcairn in Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D minor. Plus Bach Gloria from Mass in B Minor. 2/8 in South Lake, 2/11 in Carson City, 2/13 in Reno and 2/15 in Incline. Go to [www.ToccataTahoe.com](http://www.ToccataTahoe.com) for further info. Tickets also at The Potlatch. (From Robin Grean)

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](mailto:rgrean@aol.com)



Note: Please use this form if you are a new member.  
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**AAUW Tahoe Nevada**

**Membership Form July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**

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 Please note the following changes.  
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