



President's Message

It's AAUW election season! At our May dinner meeting, we will be nominating and electing TN-AAUW's 2015-2016 Board. The Nominating Committee has announced that the nominees include President-Elect Debbie Nicholas, Secretary Marianne Mika, and Membership Co-Chairs Kelly Warner and Judy Miller. This is a wonderfully strong slate of candidates who are extraordinarily able and willing to serve. We are so fortunate! It's also the season for National AAUW elections, including the AAUW Board of Directors, and proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. The current issue of Outlook magazine covers the election in detail; information can also be found at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>.

To help us all exercise our right to vote on AAUW's leadership, bylaws, and public policies, we are setting up an AAUW National Election polling place at our May dinner meeting. You will need to have your voter PIN and member ID, found on the back cover of your Spring/Summer 2015 Outlook magazine; your PIN and member ID can also be located in an e-mail message from AAUW Membership sent on April 16, with the subject line, "Here's your AAUW ballot. Vote now." The branches with the best voter turnout will win a flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol. How cool would that be?

Scholarship season is also well under way, with 17 Incline High School girls vying for our financial support as they begin college. We are also offering several scholarships to Incline Middle School girls who are interested in attending a UNR math camp this summer, as well as the possibility of offering financial aid to one or more mature women returning to post-secondary education. Final awards may not be known until after our last dinner meeting of the AAUW year, so look for those announcements in the June newsletter, or attend the IHS Honors night on June 17 at 5:30pm. With scholarships in mind, fundraising efforts always continue. Our hard-working and creative Fundraising Committee is organizing an event with the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival and Brimm's Catering for August 6. Come out to Sand Harbor and enjoy dinner, wine, and the world's longest running Broadway musical "The Fantasticks". This is sure to be a sell-out event at \$100 a seat, so contact Stephanie Petrossi today at stephpetros@yahoo.com. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you on our elections evening Wednesday, May 20. Until then, XO 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).

This month's meeting is all about VOTING! Join us Wednesday, May 20. We will have laptops available so members may vote in the AAUW national elections, as mentioned on page one. We will also be voting in our own local AAUW election. Here is the report of our stalwart nominating committee.

The AAUW TN Nominating Committee nominates the following slate of candidates for open Board positions for 2015-16.

President Elect: Deborah Nicholas

Secretary: Marianne Mika

Co-VP Membership: Judy Miller and Kelley Werner

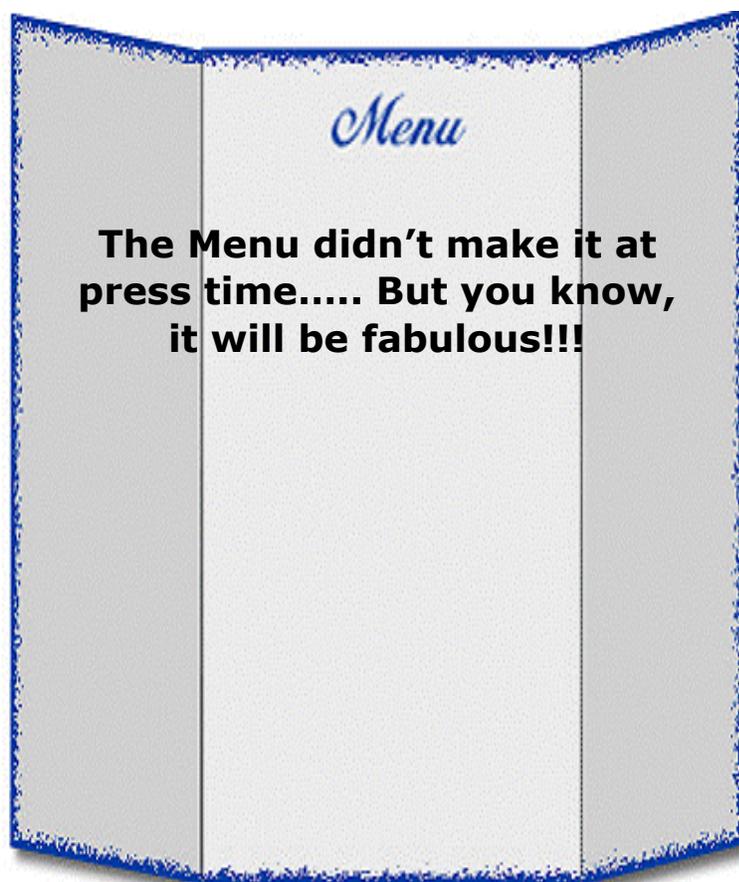
Continuing in elected positions for 2015-2016 are: President, Charlotte Curtis; Treasurer, Sandra Cloninger; Co VP Programs, Jennifer Tynes and Dianne De Cuir; Past President, Stacy Stewart (non-voting). Other board positions to be appointed by President for a one year term: Communications (Newsletter, Directory, Webmaster), Fundraising, Scholarship, Public Policy, Parliamentarian.

Respectfully, your Nominating Committee: Stephanie Petrossi, Millie Clarke, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Riggs and Connie Skidmore.

We may also be joined this month by two of our current scholarship holders who will let us know how their academic careers are coming along.

Reservations must be made by Mon. 5/18 Contact Abby Kirst sunhog4@aol.com

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, snow-shoeing, other outdoor activities (and good companionship!) in the beautiful Lake Tahoe area. We are currently hiking. 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 location for a two to three hour outing. Occasionally, with advance notice, we plan hikes further afield which also include either a picnic lunch or lunch out at a restaurant.

Please contact Lwhetstone@prodigy.net or 831-8608 if you would like to participate and be notified of upcoming outings by email.

During the warmer months, a kayaking group goes out from Ski/Hermit Beach in Incline Village at 9 AM most Wednesday mornings—it will likely start up for the season sometime in May. A road-biking group—the Wheeling Women—will go out on Friday mornings for outings in the greater Tahoe area during good biking weather. Please contact Millie Clarke at millie.clarke@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the list for either group.

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



Our intrepid Outdoor Enthusiast photog, Millie Clarke (center), on tour this month in Italy with Toccata Orchestra and Chorus!



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 for pricing.



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

President	Stacy Stewart
President Elect	Charlotte Curtis
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Co VP Programs	Dianne DeCuir Jennifer Tynes
Secretary	Dianne Lange
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Webmaster	Judy Miller
Scholarship	Judy Simon
Fundraising	Debbie Nicholas
Public Policy	Abby Kirst
Parliamentarian	Connie Skidmore
Past President	Stephanie Petrossi



Membership Matters

It's that time again. AAUW membership runs from July 1 to June 30. So your yearly dues are about to be a reality. You can renew online, or use the membership form at the end of this newsletter. Questions? Contact Barbe Pulver, barbeauw@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 Book Group will meet on Monday evening, May 11. We will be discussing "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Dianne DeCuir will lead the discussion and Joanelen Slo-cumb is hosting the group in her home. Heads up for June, our last meeting until September, the book will be Bar Cats by Doug Keil.

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 UPDATE

Your fundraising committee has been working on a wonderful event for our group. We will be collaborating with our Parasol Partner, the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, on Thursday, August 6, 2015, and selling tickets for their production of 'The Fantastiks', to provide funding for our Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be limited and available soon at \$100.00 each. This includes reserved seating at the show and dinner. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and plan to join us for a wonderful evening under the Tahoe Stars!!! Stay tuned for additional information!

Please contact me at nicholas89451@gmail.com or 775.843.0775 if you have ideas or would like to work on the committee! We need volunteers for all types of assistance; during various months...we can accommodate your schedule!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE!!

The AAUW is once again offering a scholarship for **returning women students** targeted toward women in the Incline Village community, usually age 25 or older, who aspire to postsecondary education. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing an undergraduate or associate degree that qualifies the recipient for membership in AAUW. We are looking for a recipient who has typically has been out of school for a period of time before returning. The hiatus need not be in the immediate past; for example, funds may be awarded to an applicant who has returned to school within the last 3 years, provided that person has been out of school for at least 4 years previous to returning.

The grant will be given based on financial need, prior academic experience, work experience and community service. Normally, the recipient will have earned a high school diploma or GED. May be waived due to extraordinary circumstances. We are asking that the recipient must carry a full-time semester load, normally defined as 12 units. When the recipient provides an official copy of the course registration, scholarship funds will be transmitted directly to the college. Although the scholarship is normally a one-time award, it may be renewed when funds are available provided the recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA (on a 4-point system). See application form on the next page. **Deadline to apply is May 22, 2015.**



AAUW Tahoe Nevada Returning Woman Scholarship Application

Surname _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Date of Birth _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____ Phone _____

Academic Background:

High School Attended _____ Date of Graduation/Leaving _____

If this is your first time attending college, please indicate your high school GPA _____

If you have attended college before, please indicate the college and your college GPA, degrees or certificates earned. _____

Indicate if you have applied or been accepted at a college/university? yes/no

Which? _____

Planned enrollment for Fall, 2015 _____

Proposed course of study or major _____

Personal: Married/Single?

Single parent? Children _____

Attach the following information to this application:

List and describe any honors or awards: Include high school, work, community, college

List and describe activities and community service

Employment history

Financial need

Statement of why AAUW should award you this scholarship

By submitting this application you are verifying that all of the information provide is true, correct and complete. AAUW may request additional documentation or verification. You are also granting your consent to release all information on this form and supporting documents that may pertain to scholarship selection or recognition.

Mail your Signed and Dated application by May 22, 2015 to:

AAUW Tahoe Nevada, P.O. Box 5465, Incline Village, NV 89450 Attn: Scholarships

"DEAR ABBY"

Public Policy by Abby Kirst



Dear Abby,

In an earlier issue, a colleague of mine, Mrs. Nottabraburner, inquired about the risk of our branch getting involved in radical issues. You assured her that our local branch was not particularly political, but that National AAUW had a very active public policy arm. Well, I'm the kind of woman who likes taking it to the streets, and I don't mean the world's oldest profession. I'm eager to get involved and make my voice heard. If I want to get more active on an individual basis without our branch, just how do I go about doing that?

Radical Renee

Dear RR,

I admire your activist spirit! AAUW's Public Policy Program is adopted every two years by member vote, and it establishes the federal action priorities that guide our important advocacy efforts. Input is gathered from state public policy chairs, as well as from individual members through online surveys. If you want to get more active, I suggest you visit the AAUW website and get working!

Please send your public policy questions and concerns to:

Abby Kirst sunhog4@aol.com

TN-AAUW members at the AAUW Nevada Leadership Conference with AAUW National Executive Director and CEO Linda Hallman. From left-to-right, Carol Del Carlo, Larissa Faulkner, Stacy Stewart, Linda Hallman, Debbie Nicholas, Stephanie Petrossi."



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please contact me at (775) 833-3311 or email me at MillieSz746@gmail.com.

The 2nd annual Golf Tournament to benefit Nevada Kids and Horses will be held in Incline Village at the Championship Golf Course on Tuesday, June 9. The organization, based in Minden, provides special needs children with individually tailored horse therapy. Tournament Registration is \$125 per player and includes cart, range balls, food, prizes, and a dinner/award ceremony. Contact Greg & Judie Brimm 775-745-1311 or 916-719-2711 for info. ppmincline@sbcglobal.net. Or www.kidsandhorses.org.

The North Lake Tahoe Community Health Care Auxilliary (Incline Village Community Hospital) is having a Classy Garage Sale Fundraiser, Saturday June 13 from 8am to 2pm. They would love your donations of furniture, small appliances, dinnerware, toys, sporting goods, tools, jewelry and just about anything else taking up space in your attic, cellar or garage. Items can be dropped off or can be picked up. For more information, call Karen 775-833-3244 or Vita 732-996-7335.

There will be a special presentation by writer, photographer and journalist Tom Laird on Sunday May 17 from 7-9. All proceeds will go to READ Nepal and the Rural Earthquake Relief. Mr. Laird's books include *Into Tibet* and *Conversations With the Dalai Lama*. Dessert and a Nepal slide show included. 976 Tee Ct. Incline Village. Contact Toni Neubauer 775-832-3454 for more info.



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, please renew online.

AAUW Tahoe Nevada

Membership Form July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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 7/1/15 to 6/30/16.

National Dues \$49

State Dues 9

Branch Dues 15

\$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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Please send check & form to:

\$ _____ Membership Dues

\$ _____ Total Amount of Check # _____

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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* \$ _____

Additional donation amounts are gratefully accepted.

**Please send check and form to: AAUW TAHOE NEVADA
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