



# Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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

As we end another wonderful Tahoe summer, activity groups have enjoyed hiking and kayaking. Many members also play golf, tennis, read, enjoy water sports, vacation and work during the summer months. Even though we do not have monthly meetings in the summer, we are a busy organization. The new AAUW Board members were installed in June. In July, we participated in the Red, White and Tahoe Blue Parade. In August, eighty-one members, spouses and guests enjoyed the Fantasticks production on a perfect summer evening at the Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor.

Words to describe the coming AAUW 2015-16 year include **challenge** and **collaboration**. **Challenge** because we will be striving to meet fund raising and membership goals set in prior years, as well as prepare for Tahoe Treasures in summer 2016. **Collaboration** because we have new opportunities for partnerships with the AAUW State Council, Sierra Nevada College and the Incline High School boosters.

It's time to renew your membership as a regular member or Friend of AAUW. Our first dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Reynolds/Parasol Foundation Building. Networking will be from 5:30 to 6:15pm, followed by dinner provided by Crosby's. This month's program will focus on getting to know fellow AAUW members. Our Board members will be asking for volunteers for various activities throughout the coming year, so please help out when and where you can. We currently need volunteers for assistance at our monthly meetings, members to serve on the Fundraising Committee as well as to host and lead monthly Book Group discussions.

AAUW is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Foundation, and we welcome your donations. Sandra Cloninger, our treasurer, accepts donations throughout the year.

If you have questions or ideas for the coming year, please contact me at [charcurtisedd@aol.com](mailto:charcurtisedd@aol.com) or by phone 775-831-7320 or cell 775-843-1512. Thanks for your participation! Cheers! Charlotte Curtis

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

Dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month, September through May with the exception of December when our meeting is on the second Wednesday. Social hour begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6:15 followed by the speaker at 7:15.

The September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is our annual "meet and greet" dinner. Come prepared to enjoy meeting new members, and renewing your acquaintances with others.

In October, we look forward to welcoming Dr. Graham Kent of the Nevada Seismological Lab at U.N.R. He will speak on the topic of early fire detection in the Tahoe basin.

Since September 16<sup>th</sup> is the first dinner meeting this year, we will be recruiting members to serve on both the fund-raising committee and the programs committee. The program chairs are looking for a tech-savvy member to assist in the audio/visual needs of our dinner speakers. If you have experience in this area please consider volunteering your time just once a month before dinner. No more wine donations are needed at this time. Reservations must be made by Mon. 9/14. Contact Kelly Werner [kwwerner10@gmail.com](mailto:kwwerner10@gmail.com). 916-849-5431.

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.

AAUW Tahoe Nevada Branch has an information Booth at the Butterfly Effect Race community fair with vendors at Aspen Grove / Village Green. If anyone is available and can help out between the hours or 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. please give Debbie a call at 775.843.0775 with your time availability. Thanks!!!!



## 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 had a full summer of hikes and hope to see you as these continue into the fall.

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 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 me at [Lwhetstone@prodigy.net](mailto:Lwhetstone@prodigy.net) or 831-8608 if you would like to participate and be notified of upcoming hikes by email.

During the warmer months, a kayaking group goes out from Ski/Hermit Beach in Incline Village at 9 AM most Wednesday mornings. Please contact Liz Paganelli at [Lpag007@aol.com](mailto:Lpag007@aol.com) to be added to the kayaking email list. A road-biking group—the Wheeling Women—also goes out weekly for outings in the greater Tahoe area during good biking weather. Please contact Millie Clarke at [millie.clarke@gmail.com](mailto:millie.clarke@gmail.com) if you would like to join the biking group and be added to their email list. Hopefully, we will start skiing and snowshoeing in the near future!



## 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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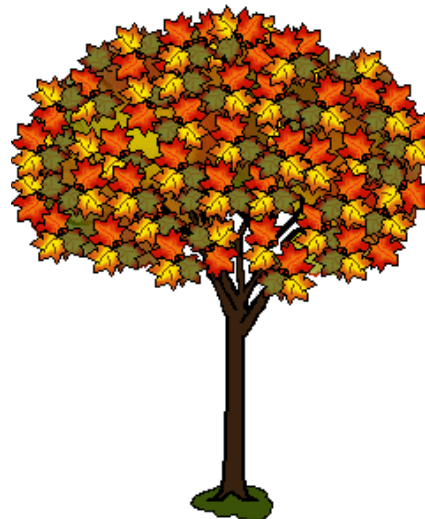
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## Who's In Charge Here? Your NEW 2015/2016 AAUW Local Officers

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AAUW Tahoe Nevada Branch is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation formed in Nevada and registered with the Nevada Secretary of State, our Federal Tax I.D. # 943055754. Contributions to the scholarship fund qualify for a federal tax deduction pursuant to the provisions of Section 170.c. of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 USC 170c. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.



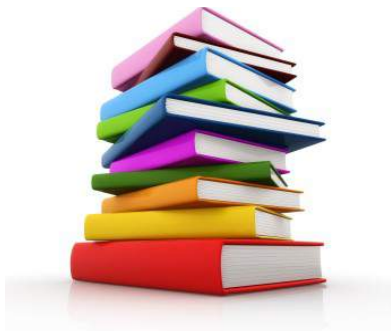
## Membership Matters

It's that time again. Millie Szerman is busy updating the AAUW Directory. She will be sending out emails to members to update/correct their info and/or photo. Please respond to her deadline directive, so that we can have the new Directory ready in November.



## 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.



## Book Group-Diane Finegan

Our Book Group will meet Monday afternoon, Sept. 14 to discuss "A Constellation of Vital Phenomena" by Anthony Marra. We will meet at 4pm on the beach in Tahoe Vista, 7150 North Lake Blvd. There is parking in the driveway, plus additional street parking. As is our tradition we will all bring either a bottle of wine, an appetizer or a sweet to share with the group. Each of us needs to bring a beach chair. Please rsvp to Carol at 775 530-4060 or [csulli-van300@hotmail.com](mailto:csulli-van300@hotmail.com) if you are planning to attend. If the weather is iffy, I will send an email to all members. For new members to be added to the list, email me at [djrfinegan@earthlink.net](mailto:djrfinegan@earthlink.net). Or call 831-8310. A reminder that our October meeting will be a week earlier than usual on the 5th. We will discuss "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. Deena Behnke will host the group and Robin Grean will lead the discussion. **The Book Group is still in need of a co-ordinator to arrange our future meetings.** I am hopeful that someone will offer to take over the responsibility, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the AAUW and help in the selection of the books the group will read. (Mitch the kitty belongs to Diane. He does not usually attend meetings.)

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Congratulations to my wonderful committee members and volunteers who made our collaborative event with the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival a great success!! We made \$3246 for our Scholarship fund in one short event! THANK YOU one and all who helped plan and execute a beautiful event; and to all who attended and supported us by selling tickets! You all did an awesome job!

Our committee has been working on future events. We have an upcoming event which promises to provide a great Sunday of Art, Jazz and Socializing! We are partnering with the Nevada Museum of Art for a Sunday Jazz Brunch and Docent tour of their current 'Tahoe: A Visual History' exhibit. See poster on page 8. We are also working on an upcoming Collaboration with the Incline High School Boosters for a Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire, Saturday, December 5. This event features an Art contest for the high school students, booths for local artisans and crafters to sell their products, food, and possibly musical entertainment by students! Mark your calendar for holiday shopping, and sign up to help us prepare for this unique opportunity to collaborate with our local high school and raise money for future scholarships!

We are beginning to plan for our next huge fundraiser - the Third Tahoe Treasures Tour to take place in the summer of 2016. It will be here soon. So if you are interested in assisting please contact me! We have other exciting opportunities in the near future. **There is a survey on the next page- please take a minute to complete it and return it to me.** You may scan and email to [nicholas89451@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas89451@gmail.com) or print and return it to the September meeting (there will be print copies at the September 16 Meeting to complete there) or by mail to PO Box 5465, Incline Village, NV 89450--or drop it by my house- 908 Harold Drive #42 (leave under mat)...it is safe, but just email and let me know to look for it. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!! What are your preferences and how are you willing to assist to make this a successful year for our Scholarship Fund?

**Please contact me at [nicholas89451@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas89451@gmail.com) or 775.843.0775 if you are interested in being part of the committee or volunteering for any of the projects! We need volunteers for all types of assistance; during various months...we can accommodate your schedule!**



Some of our New (and Old) Officers: Top Pam Miller, Judy Miller, Kelley Werner; Middle Stacy Stewart, Millie Szerman, Debbie Nicholas, Charlotte Curtis, Dianne DeCuir, Larissa Faulkner; Bottom Diane Lange, Marianne Mika, Robin Grean

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE SURVEY (SEE NOTE ON PREVIOUS PAGE)**

**Please indicate below which events you have interest in attending, supporting with donation, or volunteering for next year: (please number 1-10 with 1 being your favorite event, and a NO for something that you have no interest in supporting in any manner)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tahoe Treasures Tour (Garden & Home Tour: Possible July 9, 16, 23 or Aug. 6, 2016)

\_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Craft/Art Faire Collaboration with High School Boosters (December 5, 2015)

\_\_\_\_\_ December Holiday Party Raffle /Silent Auction (December 9, 2015)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Brunch at the Nevada Art Museum w/ Docent Tour of Tahoe exhibit (October 4, 2015)

\_\_\_\_\_ BJ's Restaurant (Dine at BJs & % of proceeds are fundraising) Date TBD – tied with a Monday hike in Reno Area or a Tuesday Movie night

\_\_\_\_\_ Evening of Games at Parasol (February 2016 Date TBD, possible Bunco, Mah Jong, Bridge, Poker, other with appetizers and wine-possible door prize or raffle)

\_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon Speaking Engagement with Lilly Ledbetter in collaboration with Reno Branch and other NV branches (May 4, 2016) % of proceeds to fundraising TBD

\_\_\_\_\_ Upscale Cocktail Party at SNC with music/silent or live auction of exclusive art items/ other date TBD

\_\_\_\_\_ write in an event you would prefer

\_\_\_\_\_ Prefer not to participate, but to write a check for a donation to the scholarship fund

**Please indicate roles or volunteer activities which you would be willing to participate in as part of our fundraising for the 2015-16 year to fund our scholarships:**

\_\_\_\_\_ General Committee work: you may specify time of year/months available

\_\_\_\_\_ Docent for the Tahoe Treasures Home and Garden Tour

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide or be on committee planning for Food and Beverage service for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Bartending /Food Service Volunteer (serving) for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Solicit donations or sponsorships for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Collect /transport donations or provide cashiering/accounting assistance at an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Data entry to track donations, value, other pertinent info

\_\_\_\_\_ Prepare /design /write posters/flyers/press releases for an event or post flyers, posters for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide donation items for a raffle or silent auction/ be a vendor in the craft/art fair

\_\_\_\_\_ Sell tickets for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee work/prepare /merchandise or set up/ donations for raffle/silent auction/ for an event

\_\_\_\_\_ Send Thank you letters for donations received at an event

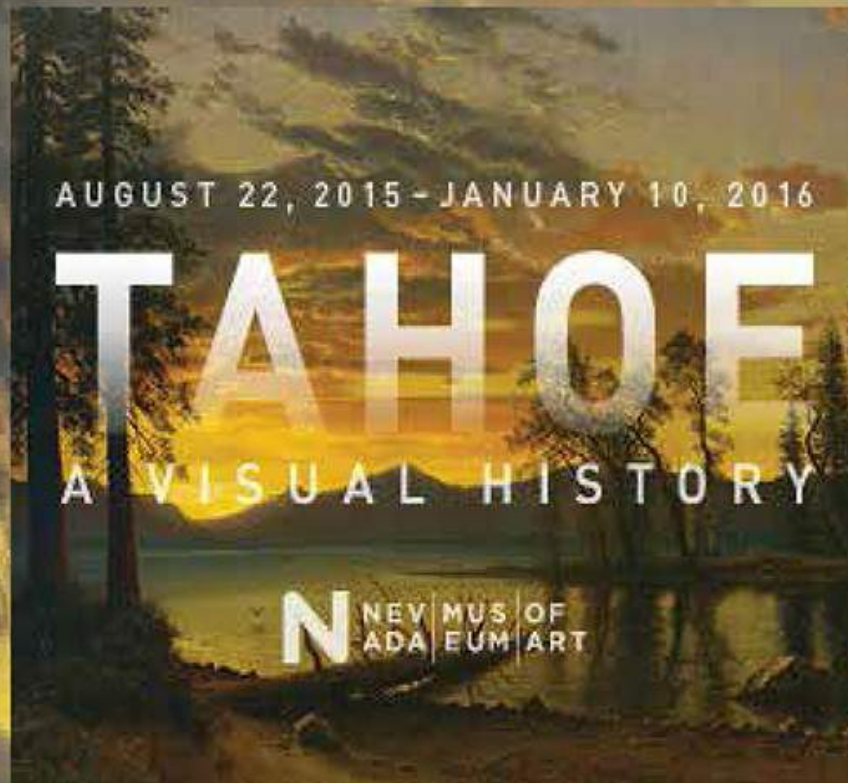
\_\_\_\_\_ other duties (please specify)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email \_\_\_\_\_



Tahoe Nevada Branch  
Invites you to join us for  
an historical event



on Sunday, October 4, 2015

10:30 a.m. at

**The Nevada Art Museum**

160 W Liberty St, Reno, NV 89501

**Cost: \$50.00**

(limited to 40 persons)

includes museum entrance, brunch, jazz combo, private docent tour,  
full access to the other exhibits at the museum.

Contact: Millie Szerman 775-833-3311 or [MillieSz746@gmail.com](mailto:MillieSz746@gmail.com)



Colleagues,

My name is Pamela Miller and I am your new Public Policy Editor. I am a Government teacher at Incline High School. If you have any suggestions for inclusion in our newsletter, please contact me at [pmiller@washoeschools.net](mailto:pmiller@washoeschools.net) I am trying to fake being the “Public Policy Pundit” but honestly, I really need your input.

### Pundit Pamela on Public Policy

## AAUW National Election The Results Are In!

Every two years, AAUW’s national election offers members the chance to share their opinions on proposed amendments to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program, as well as to select the members of the national AAUW Board of Directors. The 2015 election was a great success, with 12 percent of our members voting — more than double the 5 percent quorum required by our bylaws. In Nevada, we have 572 AAUW members eligible to vote and 105 cast their ballots, giving us an 18.36% voter participation rate.

### Proposal Topic

#### National Election Results YES NO

1. Eliminating degree requirement	40.91%	55.51%
2. Filling board vacancies	88.72%	3.98%
3. Changing leadership titles	82.34%	8.52%
4. Vice president term	84.92%	8.01%
5. Committee member terms	88.27%	5.43%

Editorial Note: Pamela and Robin both admit defeat about lining up the numbers in the NO column. Mea Culpa

### AAUW Public Policy Program

1. Women and other underrepresented populations Yes 89.29%
2. High-quality public education; freedom from sexual assault Yes 91.26%
3. Safe housing; reproductive health care Yes 91.50%
4. Campaign finance reform; fair elections Yes 83.95%
5. Diversity and inclusion Yes 90.34%
6. Placement of ERA and campaign finance reform language Yes 83.64%
7. Arts and humanities Yes 69.64%
8. Ratification of CEDAW Yes 86.31%
9. National priorities Yes 88.31%
10. Title IX enforcement Yes 89.98%
11. Health care access Yes 88.25%
12. Passage of ERA Yes 89.75%



Respectfully submitted by Pamela Miller AAUW: Public Policy

## **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sierra Nevada College announces book selections for the SNC Tahoe 2015 Community Read, open to the entire community; this year, featuring graphic novels. The first event is on Danica Novgorodoff's graphic adaption of Benjamin Percy's short stories, *Refresh, Refresh*. Novgorodoff will be giving an art talk at the Holman Arts & Media Center Thursday, Sept. 10 at 5:00 pm. Percy will follow with a reading Friday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm in the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences (TCES). Saturday morning, both Novgorodoff and Percy host a workshop on craft and collaboration from 9:00 am to noon, also at TCES. The second event is on Bryan Lee O'Malley's graphic novel series *Scott Pilgrim*. The college will screen the 2010 film *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, Tuesday, Sept. 29 at TCES from 6:30-8:30 pm. After the film, author and SNC Tahoe faculty member Jared Stanley will lead a discussion. Questions: contact [egillette@sierranevada.edu](mailto:egillette@sierranevada.edu).

World class music in our own backyard(s)! Toccata Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus presents their 9/11 Memorial Concert with Verdi's Requiem and Elizabeth Pitcairn and the Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius playing Mendelssohn's Concerto in E minor. 9/16 in Carson City, 9/18 in S. Lake, 9/20 in Incline, and 9/22 in Reno. Go to [www.toccatatahoe.com](http://www.toccatatahoe.com) or call 775-313-9697 for more info.

Meetings of our local Alzheimer's Support Group, which formerly met in Truckee, will now be held in Incline Village, scheduled for the last Monday in each month in the Parasol Building from 3 to 5 pm. A trained volunteer leads the group, which is connected with and coordinated by the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Northern Nevada. The group offers variety of support for all individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, to individuals with the disease, their families, friends, and caregivers. Questions, contact Judy Miller [pupfarm@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pupfarm@ix.netcom.com)

It's time for our annual trek down to UNR for the Manhattan Shorts Film Festival. This year we're going to the Sat. Sept 26, 3pm screening. As always we will go to the Stone House for lunch first. Carpooling from the Presbyterian church parking lot (same as hiking) at 11:45am. Go to [kunr.org](http://kunr.org) website for link to buy your ticket. Be sure to specify Sat 3pm matinee on pulldown menu. RSVP to [tahoeshowgirls@yahoo.com](mailto:tahoeshowgirls@yahoo.com) to be added to lunch reservation and to let me know if you want to carpool. Hope to see you there. Pam McDonough.

AAUW-ers march in the July 4th weekend celebration in Incline.

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 [rgean@aol.com](mailto:rgean@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 \_\_\_\_\_

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University/College \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

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## Friends of AAUW – Tahoe Nevada

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Additional donation amounts are gratefully accepted.**

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