



Tahoe Nevada AAUW

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

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President's Message

Greetings and Happy February! It has been quite a month with all our glorious snow. Hope you are all well and safe. Since we had a very light turnout at the January meeting we have postponed the mailing of directories to avoid the hefty postage cost. If you have not received your Directory yet, please contact Kelley Werner at kwwerner10@gmail.com to arrange pick up at the February meeting or make other arrangement.

I wish to thank all the members and guests who braved the weather to attend our book club on January 16th and the dinner meeting on January 18th. We had a delightful and informative presentation by Shannon Beets, Provost and Executive Vice-President at Sierra Nevada College. As it turns out she is very excited and happy to assist any of our members who would like to volunteer at the campus in different capacities. If you have any interest in learning more about opportunities, please contact Charlotte Curtis.

The Nominations committee has been formed and will begin meeting shortly. We will be seeking the positions of Secretary, President-Elect, and (2) Membership Chairs. I want to thank the members who generously volunteered their time to serve in this important function: Sandra Cloninger, Pamela Miller, Cindy Frei, Sandra Lackovic, Liz Paganelli and Pamela Sheldon. If you have any interest in these positions please contact one of these six fantastic volunteers.

I am very excited to participate in the NV State AAUW's strategic planning meetings and will have more information regarding their plans later in the year. We are seeking volunteers who are interested in participating in an advisory board for the State of Nevada AAUW. This board will be exploring the feasibility of a NV Tech Trek Camp or other STEM programs for our state. Contact Peggy Poindexter if you are interested in volunteering for this exciting area of research.

I would like to thank all those who attended fall fundraising events and those who gave generously in cash donations. 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.

We have some exciting events in the planning stages. February 17, we will be having a Wine Tasting event at the Village Market, 4:30-6:30 p.m. This event has a limited capacity. If you are interested in attending, please contact Charlotte Curtis charcurtisedd@aol.com to sign up. Sunday, April 30, we will have a private Brunch at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno which will include a docent led tour of the exhibit: 'Miradas: Ancient Roots in Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art', and access to all exhibits at the Museum. Tickets will be available at \$55 per person. Please put this great event on your calendar! I look forward to seeing you all at our dinner meeting on February 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Parasol, or any one of our great special interest group meetings (see other areas of this newsletter for details). If you have a love of chocolate, join our sister branch in Carson City for their Feast of Chocolate fundraiser on Saturday, February 11, from 1-3 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel and Event Center, 211 S. 9th Street, Carson City, NV.

Debbie Nicholas

Monthly Meetings: Jane Dykstra and Tara Madden-Dent

Dinner meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Social hour at 5:30. Dinner served at 6:15 followed by the program at 7:15. You will receive an e-invite in the next week or so.

Feb 15, internationally renowned sculptor and local resident, June Towill Brown will present an entertaining personal story about how her illustrious career started with a glass of wine. June donated and created the bronze sculptures displayed in our roundabout. She will take us on a tour of what has been a most enlightening and rewarding career. June's research and respect for her subjects is reflected in her meticulous efforts to reproduce as accurately as possible the dignity and beauty of her ever-evolving works of art: including commissioned statues, monuments, commemorative trophies; and her new sterling silver and gold jewelry collection.

Our March 15 meeting will highlight our Nevada State AAUW's drive to increase STEM career awareness among young women and features Dr. Mary Guinan a physician and scientist who worked as an epidemiologist for the CDC. She served in the worldwide smallpox eradication program in India and was part of the CDC team investigating the early AIDS epidemic. Her AIDS work is documented in the book/movie "And the Band Played On" by Randy Shilts. In 1998, she was appointed Nevada State Health Officer. From 2004-2014 she was founding dean of the UNLV School of Public Health and is now Dean Emerita. Her first book **Adventures of a Female Medical Detective** will be available for purchase at the meeting - all proceeds go to a student public health scholarship.

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 are really enjoying our snowshoeing season this year (when the weather and roads permit!) and expect it to continue well into spring.

We generally meet at 9:30 AM every Monday 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 (and our many last minute changes due to weather) by email.

During the warmer months, a kayaking group goes out from Ski/Hermit Beach most 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 February dinner meeting. To save on postage, we are asking that you pick up your Directory at 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 February will be mailed. Thanks so much.

Millie Szerman

MillieSz746@gmail.com.

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To be a sponsor in the newsletter for the 2015-6 year, contact Robin Grean at rgrean@aol.com. Business Card size space is \$30 for all issues of the newsletter.

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

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| President | Debbie Nicholas |
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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.**

Snow is falling
and books are
calling ...

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 do not meet in July, August or December.

We have an exciting schedule of books coming up, covering a variety of genres. There are still opportunities to volunteer to lead a discussion or open your home as a host. Give hosting a chance. Sweets, savories and beverages are contributed by the attendees. We help set up and clean up. For additional information or to be added to our email distribution list please contact Monica Hill monicachill@gmail.com or Lee Hall. leehallpt@yahoo.com. A warm welcome to our new members

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: Our classic is "*A Tale of Two Cities*" by Charles Dickens. Seeking a discussion leader and hostess.

May 8: "*Dear Dad*" Fiction by Douglas Keil. A young boy's discovery that he has cancer. [The author will lead the discussion.](#) Hostess: Kelly Neville.

June 12: "*Tahoe Beneath the Surface*" Vignettes about Lake Tahoe by local author Scott Lankford. Sandra Cloninger will lead us at the Science Center at SNC followed by a potluck picnic at a local beach.

Sept. 11: We are looking for a longer than average novel to read over the summer.

Oct. 9: "*The Spectator Bird*" by Wallace Stegner. Leader and host TBD

Happy Reading!!

FUNDRAISING—Charlotte Curtis

FANTASTIC FUND RAISING EVENTS 2017

Plan to attend our first fund raising activity of the new year, Wine Tasting at Village Market, on Friday, **February 17, at 4:30pm**. See flyer next page. Signups will be available by RSVP to Charlotte Curtis at charcurtisedd@aol.com and at the February 15, AAUW Dinner Meeting. The event will include four wines, appetizers, chocolate, champagne toast and great networking. Tickets will be \$20 which includes a \$5 wine discount coupon at Village Market. Thanks to Ron Stanger, manager of Village Market.

SAVE THE DATES:

Late March – Potential *Nothing To It* Cooking Demonstration and lunch, TBA

April 30, 10:00am – Nevada Museum Tour and Brunch, \$55.00. The featured exhibit will be *Miradas: Ancient Roots in Modern and Contemporary Mexican Art, works from the Bank of America*

August Date TBA – *The Hound of the Baskervilles* Sand Harbor, Shakespeare Festival

If you have any questions or fund raising ideas please contact Charlotte Curtis at charcurtisedd@aol.com or 775-843-1512.

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.





Wine TASTING PARTY

When: *Friday, February 17, 2017*

Where: *Village Market
770 Mays Boulevard
Incline Village, NV 89451*

Time: *4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.*

Cost: *\$20 per person
(Appetizers provided by AAUW members)
(\$15 is tax deductible as allowable by law)
(Each person gets a \$5 discount coupon to purchase wine!)*

R.S.V.P. *by February 10th (Space is limited)
to Charlotte Curtis*

Email: *charcurtisedd@aol.com
or (775) 843-1512*

A special THANK YOU to Randi Emlen and Ron Stanger of Village Market

PUBLIC POLICY

Pamela Sheldon, AAUW Public Policy Chair

The focus of AAUW Tahoe Nevada this year will be pay equity for women and STEM. Although they seem separate causes, they are really very much entwined. First, some of you may not know what STEM stands for. It is Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, areas typically difficult for women to not only break into but receive equal pay. Here is an excerpt from an article on the AAUW website addressing this issue:

Even in High-Paying STEM Fields, Women Are Shortchanged

April 14, 2015 Gender pay discrimination isn't a myth; it's math. Our latest research shows that among full-time, year-round workers in 2013, women were paid 78 percent of what men were paid. A gender pay gap persists in nearly every industry — even the high-paying science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers. Something's got to give.

AAUW's new research report, [Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing](#), found that even in the two STEM fields with the most and highest-paying job opportunities, women face a pay gap.

An AAUW analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey data found that overall, women in computer and mathematical occupations were paid 87 percent of what their male counterparts were paid. And in engineering and architecture, women were typically paid 82 percent of what their male counterparts were paid, or about \$65,000 annually, compared to \$79,000 for men. It seems that entering a high-paying field like engineering or computing still does not protect women against the pay gap.

Our own organization is taking steps to encourage middle school girls to go into STEM careers by offering a STEM camp. It is in the planning stages with Peggy Poindexter spearheading an advisory board. If any AAUW members would like to serve on this board, contact Peggy at 703.628.9300.

Good news. Ivanka Trump, President Donald Trump's daughter, is expected to play a significant role as First Daughter in her father's administration by focusing her efforts on equal pay, childcare and paid family leave initiatives. **Sex trafficking** is another issue AAUW endorses and resolves to work for the recognition, prevention, and elimination of all forms of human trafficking. If you are interested in this subject, Pam Sheldon has a 26 page report published by AAUW and NCJW (National Counsel of Jewish Women) you are welcome to peruse or borrow.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

World class classical music right here in Incline!

Toccata Symphony and Chorus present their 12th annual Winter Fest featuring EPIC, Elizabeth Pitcairn in Concert with her Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius violin. Sibelius Violin Concerto plus the Bach Magnificat. Incline Village on Sunday 2/19 at the Hyatt Lakeside Ballroom. Reception 3pm, concert 4pm. Also Sunday 2/12 in Reno, Wednesday 2/15 in Carson City, Friday 2/17 in S. Lake Tahoe. 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

Diamond Peak ULLR (the Norse god of winter) Fest kicks off Thursday, 2/2 with the torchlight parade, bonfire and live music at 5:30. Continues through Saturday with races, competitions, food, entertainment and more. A dinner and auction at the Chateau on Friday, Poker Tourney and Party in the Loft Bar on Saturday. Benefitting the Diamond Peak Ski Team. 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 _____

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