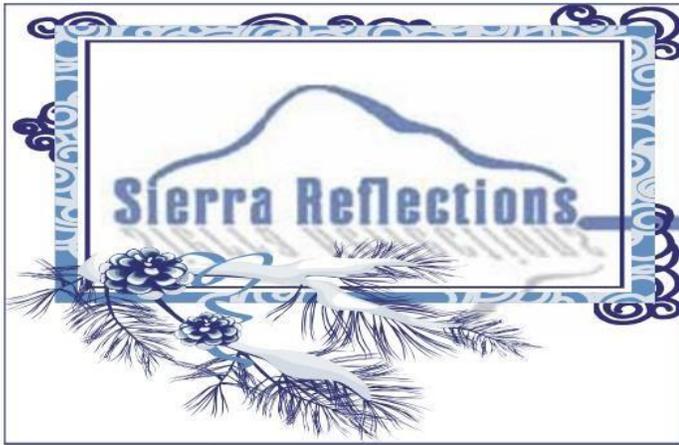


# TAHOE NEVADA AAUW



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## President's Message:

Despite the late snow I'm struck by spring fever and what glorious warm weather we are finally enjoying. What a blessing, though, the March snow showers have been for our critical snowpack and water supply. And, aren't the longer days just glorious with our paint brush type sunsets? We are so fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth! Our March speaker, Chris Binder Director of Trail Operations for the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT), thought so, too, when he accepted the job to relocate from the east coast. He gave an informative lecture on the TRT starting with the native American history, discovery by John Fremont and the idea in 1978 to build a 165-mile trail around the rim. Walking the TRT is on my bucket list!

Plans are shaping up for our major biennial fundraiser, Tahoe Treasurers Tour (TTT). We have secured three lovely homes/gardens, The North Lake Tahoe Demonstration Garden and one more "surprise". This event takes our entire membership to pull off so please let Bonnie Yachbes, our volunteer coordinator at [bonicooker@aol.com](mailto:bonicooker@aol.com), know how you can help. Time, talent and treasury allows this major fundraiser and our other smaller fundraiser to support our annual giving of over \$10,000.00 to deserving young women. We can all be very proud of the generosity of our affiliate each year!

Registration is now open for the AAUW State Convention scheduled from May 4-6 in Fallon which is only a one hour and fifty-minute drive from our village. Our affiliate will be represented by me, Debbie Nicholas

(Immediate Past President), Judy Miller (President-elect) and Robin Grean (Public Policy Chair). All members are welcome to join us and we're looking for a big Nevada showing since a national board member from Hawaii will attend as our featured speaker. Please see the newsletter for more information.

The Cooking Club has done it again (so delicious, so filling, so fun) and you'll see photos and an article by our chair Peggy Poindexter. Next month a luncheon is scheduled and be sure to read Peggy's article if you're interested in joining this fun activity group. Jane Barnhart hosted, and what a lovely table she set!

The first meeting of the Great Decisions activity group was terrific and attended by eighteen members. Cornelia Gould has been in several groups in different communities and she took the lead to organize and host our first get together. Thank you again, Cornelia! I had never heard of Great Decisions before, but it sounded interesting. According to the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) Website, "Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical issues facing American today". We have such a fabulous mix of members who have lived overseas and travelled extensively, and it was interesting hearing their perspective. What I feared was a political bias in the materials, but I found this not at all true. Again, from the website, "The mission of the Foreign Policy

Association today, as it has been throughout its 100-year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Throughout its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process". Don't worry if you can't fit eighteen or more members in your home as we can hold these meetings at the Parasol Building or library. Next month's topic is Russia and with the situation changing daily, this one is not to be missed.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is the topic for our April meeting. This year we are hosting the other two Lake Tahoe area AAUW Affiliates - AAUW South Lake Tahoe (CA) Affiliate and AAUW North Tahoe (CA) Affiliate. STEM is a topic

and an initiative our state is pursuing with the goal of a one-day workshop for girls and a week-long camp as a stretch goal. Come learn all about STEM and how we as members can help young girls pursue careers in these traditionally male dominated fields. Our President-elect, Judy Miller, will lead you again in April. My husband, George, is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and a lifelong member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). He was asked to represent our MOAA Sierra Nevada Chapter for their annual "Storming the Hill" day to lobby our elected senators and congressmen and I'll be joining him for the week in Washington D.C.

--Carol

## Upcoming Events

### A New Bridge Class....

Based on feedback from the Community Services Master Plan Survey, IVGID is hosting a Spring Bridge Class Series. **There will be a free April 9<sup>th</sup> Introductory Session.** The Beginner Bridge Class Series is designed for newcomers to Bridge as well as players who want to update their skills to the modern game. It is suitable for both social and duplicate bridge players. The class will be taught by Ed and Cornelia Gould, who are both American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) accredited teachers and club directors. The series will meet on Mondays from April 9-May 21, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 at the Grille at the Chateau (955 Fairway Blvd.) The cost will be \$30 for the six week series but the April 9<sup>th</sup> class is free to attend. Everyone over age 13 is welcome! To RSVP at the Rec Center, call (775) 832-1310 or email [bridge@ivgid.org](mailto:bridge@ivgid.org).

### Music to Welcome Spring

Sierra Nevada College Choir performs Haydn's The Creation at 7pm, Thursday April 5 and Saturday April 7. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Incline Village. Tickets at Potlatch (\$15) and at the door (\$20), Kids under 12 and SNC students and staff are free. (775) 881-7586 for more info.

### Wine Tasting Fundraiser

See the poster on the following page. Be sure to RSVP by April 6<sup>th</sup> to Charlotte Curtis at [Curtissedd@aol.com](mailto:Curtissedd@aol.com) or (775) 843-1512.



# *Wine* TASTING PARTY

**When:** *Friday, April 13, 2018*

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

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

**Cost:** *\$25 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 April 6<sup>th</sup> (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*

**UPCOMING EVENTS –SAVE THE DATES!**

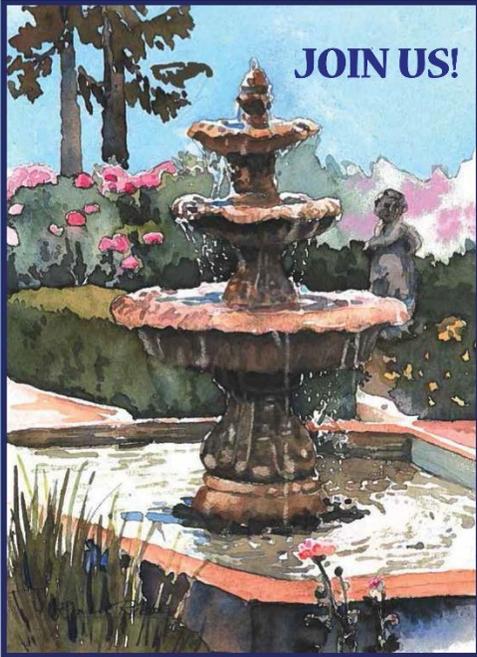


**SAVE THE DATE**  
**May 4 - 6, 2018**

**2018 AAUW  
Nevada State Convention  
Fallon, Nevada**

**Empowering Women  
Enhancing Leadership Skills**

**Registration: Eventbrite (April, 2018)**



**JOIN US!**



**empowering women since 1881**  
presents

**TAHOE TREASURES TOUR**  
**Saturday, July 14, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Beautiful Lake Tahoe**

- INSPIRED ART
- MOUNTAIN HOMES
- DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Ticket Price: \$40**  
**on sale June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**at Potlatch, Raley's Center**

**Email: [tahoe.nv.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:tahoe.nv.aauw@gmail.com) Phone: (755) 843-0775**

# AAUW Monthly Dinner Meeting: April 18, 2018

Dinner meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month except in December, July and August. An email will be sent shortly with a registration link. The social hour starts at 5:30. Dinner is served at 6:15 and followed by a program at 7:00. Tara Madden-Dent and Jane Dykstra are the program directors. The menu this month is:

*ROASTED DOUBLE RACK OF PORK WITH A PORTABELLA MUSHROOM PAN SAUCE  
LIGHT & FLUFFY ORZO PILAF  
SPRING FLING ASSORTED VEGGIES  
SPLIT PEA VEGGIE SOUP  
HAWAIIAN DINNER ROLLS  
CHOCOLATE CAKE*

\*\*Please be aware that TN-AAUW must pay for all RSVPed dinner reservations. Our longstanding policy has been that if you have made a dinner reservation and fail to cancel by 5 PM on Monday before the dinner meeting, you will be expected to pay for the dinner.

## News from the Program Co-Chairs

Our April 18th meeting will focus on preparing girls for careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields. Our speakers will be Dr. Georgia White, Director of Career and Technical Education at Western Nevada College and Emily Howarth, a manufacturing professor, with a Masters degree in cybersecurity. In addition, we will get some information on programs offered by AAUW affiliates to help get young girls interested in STEM fields.

## Membership News

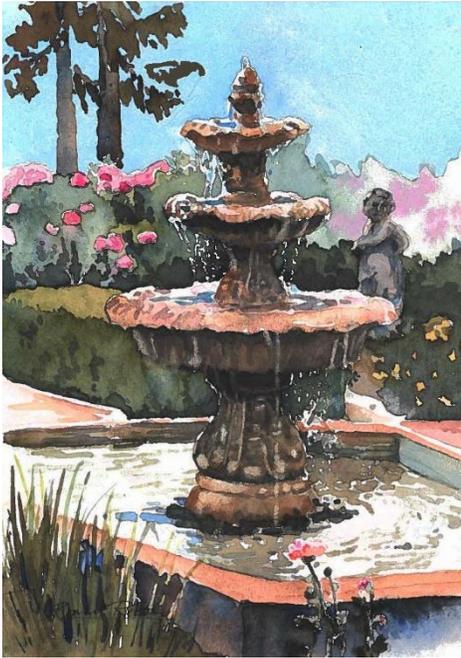
### **It's AAUW Membership Renewal Time!**

It's the time of year to start paying dues for the July 2018 to June 2019 year. This year the national dues went up by \$10. So the total annual dues are **\$83**. The best way to renew is to do so online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). While renewing, please be sure you double-check your contact information to make sure that it is up-to-date. However, if you would prefer to send a check you can do so by making your check out to AAUW and mailing it to

AAUW  
PO Box 5465  
Incline Village, NV 89450

Note that \$71 of your dues payment is tax deductible (\$53 of the \$59 national dues and \$10 for our local dues.)

## FUNDRAISING NEWS



Put away your superstitions!! The fundraising committee has a great new event coming up on Friday, April 13, 2018. We will be having a **Wine Tasting Party** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 please RSVP by April 6, 2018 to Charlotte Curtis at 775.843.1512 or [charcurtisedd@aol.com](mailto:charcurtisedd@aol.com) (Remember proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund, and \$15 is tax deductible as allowable by law & you get a \$5 discount on wine purchase!!! See Flyer later in the newsletter.

Calling all Members – **We need you to Volunteer!!!! Tahoe Treasures Tour is soon -Saturday, July 14, 2018.** Thank you to those who have already stepped forward by talking with Bonnie or signing up at the March meeting!!! I'm calling on the rest of the membership- please note that our Tahoe Treasures Tour only occurs every other year and is our MAJOR funding source for our Scholarship Fund. Each event raises in excess of \$15, 000 to fund our ongoing scholarship needs. WE NEED YOU – please contact Bonnie at [bonicooker@aol.com](mailto:bonicooker@aol.com) or 954.868.1456 if you are willing to volunteer. We have jobs both on the date of the event and also prior to the event between April and June.

Tell all your friends and family!!! Tickets for Tahoe Treasures Tour will be on sale to the public June 1 2018 at Potlatch and Homemade at the Lake as well as from members.

If you would like to participate in the Fundraising Committee for these events or others-please contact Debbie Nicholas at 775.843.0775 or [nicholas89451@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas89451@gmail.com) or Charlotte Curtis at 775.843.1512 or [charcurtisedd@aol.com](mailto:charcurtisedd@aol.com).

**Keep the June 30, 2018 date in your mind..... we plan to march in the Red, White and Tahoe Blue Parade in order to raise awareness of AAUW Tahoe Nevada and our Tahoe Treasures Tour!!!! More information to come!**

Follow Tahoe Nevada AAUW on Facebook! Get instant updates on events and great photos by/of our members! Send your photos and ideas to Larissa Faulkner at [larissa@tahoecpd.com](mailto:larissa@tahoecpd.com) for inclusion on our website, facebook page and in this newsletter.

# PUBLIC POLICY NEWS

by Robin Grean

## BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS



### First: The Bad News

“AAUW has supported upholding Title IX since its passage 45 years ago. The announcement by the Trump administration that it will reject transgender student bathroom complaints is a direct dismissal of civil rights protections for transgender students. The Department of Education is making a misguided decision at the expense of our nation’s students. Schools have an obligation to ensure that all students—including transgender students—receive an education free of sex discrimination. Title IX is critical for students who are experiencing sex discrimination on a regular basis to be able to attend school and continue their education.

We’ve said it before and we’ll say it again: transgender rights are civil rights. The Trump administration’s rejection of these complaints under Title IX is just another step to rescind and undermine vital civil rights protections.”

(AAUW CEO Kim Churches)



### Now: The Good News

“AAUW commends Starbucks on not only talking the talk, but walking the walk when it comes to equitable workplaces. With their recent announcement toward ensuring a workplace with paid leave and pay equity policies, not just nationwide but globally, they are proving themselves to be a corporate leader when it comes to gender equity.

Starbucks’ proclamation is part of a growing trend of employers dedicated to fair pay practices, and, in turn, AAUW is reinforcing our commitment to work with employers to assist them in developing the best practices to benefit their employees, as well as their bottom lines. Women and families can’t afford, nor should they stand for, the financial insecurity caused by unequal pay. That’s why AAUW is taking the fight for fair pay to every level of government, and is also working closely with employers in every industry to adopt best practices to ensure strong employee protections when it comes to pay equity.

Equal pay is not only the right thing to do, it’s good for employers and our economy as a whole. Women refuse to face another day of unequal pay, but with the commitments of companies like Starbucks and the other policy changes AAUW is fighting for, the pay gap’s days are numbered.”

(AAUW CEO Kim Churches)

# SPECIAL INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

## THE BOOK GROUP

The Book Group meets monthly on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of July, August and December. We generally meet at 6:30 PM. New members are welcome! We are nearing the end of our 2017-2018 slate of books. We will be meeting in May to review recommendations from members for our 2018-2019 slate. If you have a great book that you'd like to see added to our selections for next year, **please** bring them to the May meeting or forward to Lee Hall and Monica Hill!

There are many opportunities to volunteer - you can offer to be the discussion leader or to open your home as a hostess. Please give hosting a chance. Sweets, savory appetizers and beverages are contributed by the attendees. For additional information, or to be added to the email distribution list, please email Monica Hill ([monicachill@gmail.com](mailto:monicachill@gmail.com)) or Lee Hall ([leehallpt@yahoo.com](mailto:leehallpt@yahoo.com)). Upcoming book titles, discussion leaders, and hostesses:

**April 9:** "*Into The Water*" by Paula Hawkins. Tentative hostess: Deena Behnke (however, she is looking for a volunteer to replace her!

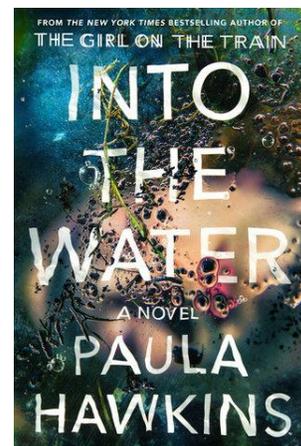
**May 14:** *Book Selection for next year.* PLEASE bring your suggestion(s) for next year's slate, with a short description. Hostess: Kelly Neville.

**June 11:** "*Gentleman from Moscow*" by Amor Towles. Tentative hostess: Dianne De Cuir. Discussion leader TBD. Book selection for 2018-19 will be announced.

Respectfully,

Monica Hill ([monicachill@gmail.com](mailto:monicachill@gmail.com))

Lee Hall([leehallpt@yahoo.com](mailto:leehallpt@yahoo.com))



## The Cooking Club

The Cooking Club met at the home of Jane Barnhart on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> for a delicious dinner featuring elegant winter comfort food. Each participant prepared an assigned recipe with the menu consisting of:

Young Onion Tart with Cantal and Applewood Smoked Bacon

Herb Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing

Braised Beef Short Ribs

Potato Puree

Swiss Chard with Pearl Onions

Horseradish Cream

Cherry Tart with Almond Crust

Almond Ice Cream

Wine Pairings



The April meeting of the Cooking Club will be held on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Laura Durica. The luncheon will feature lighter springtime fare with an emphasis on main course salads.

All cooking skill levels are welcome. If you are interested in participating in The Cooking Club contact Peggy Poindexter @ [peggypoindexternv@gmail.com](mailto:peggypoindexternv@gmail.com) Once on the Cooking Club mailing list, you will receive invitations to all monthly events.



## 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.

For hiking and snowshoeing 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 trailhead. We are currently snowshoeing. We have also been organizing cross country/easy backcountry ski outings on other days when the snow conditions are good.

Please contact me at [Lwhetstone@prodigy.net](mailto:Lwhetstone@prodigy.net) or 775-831-8608 if you would like to participate in hiking and

showshoe outings. You will be notified by email of planned outings as well as any last minute changes due to weather.

During the warmer months, a kayaking group goes out from Ski/Hermit Beach in Incline Village most Wednesday mornings led by Liz Paganelli. During good biking weather, a road-biking group—the Wheeling Women— goes out on some Fridays for outings in the greater Tahoe area led by Millie Clarke. Both groups have ceased their activities for the winter.

We hope you can join us in the great outdoors!

Lynn Whetstone

