



American Association of University Women  
Capital Branch  
October 6, 2016  
Capital Branch Meeting

<b>Members Present</b>		
Jane Johnson	Marty McGarry	Diane Koditek
Jill Doremus	Lin Nary	Mary Moffitt
JoAnn Carpenter	Carolyn Kellogg	Nancy Stiles
Caroline Punches	Shirley Hammon	Marianne Garvey
Barbara LeBlanc	Eleanor Phillips	Louise Seidel
Mary Piper	Betty Young	Holly Van Valkenburgh
Jennifer Verive	Flo Bedrosian	

President Caroline Punches called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. The venue for this meeting was UNR Co-Op Extension in Carson City.

**Introductions:** President Punches had the members who were present introduce themselves and indicate when they joined the Capital Branch. We had four guests at the meeting, Nancy Bailey, Janyce Stern, Lynne Ballatore, and Aster Girma.

President Punches then spoke about our Pecan Sale fundraiser. Receipts from the sales are used to fund our local scholarship program as well as the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Lin Nary indicated she has sign-up sheets for volunteers to man our booth at the Carson High School Craft fair where we sell the bulk of our pecans. She indicated that pecans are to arrive sometime late in October.

President Punches asked for a volunteer who would be able to research and get refreshments to our meetings.

President Punches then introduced Nancy Stiles, our Public Policy Chair. Nancy indicated the best source for facts about candidate positions and ballot questions was the Guinn Center website. It is nonpartisan and fact checks what is being said about issues and candidates. Nancy provided us with a variety of other informative handouts regarding the upcoming election. She also reminded the group that early voting begins October 22.

**Program Speaker Introduction:** President Punches introduced Marty McGarry Co-Program Chair for the 2016-17 year. Marty introduced our speaker for the evening, Amy Pason, PhD, a professor at UNR. The

topic for the evening was “Women Speaking Well: From the Private Home to the White House.” The speech was well received and there were many comments and questions from members.

**Pecan Sales:** Shirley Hammon, Chair of the Pecan Sales Committee arrived and added information about the upcoming pecan sale. She wanted to make sure everyone was aware that they could take pecans to sell, but if they can’t sell all they take, they can return them to her. Members do not have to pay for the pecans they take, only the ones that get sold. She gave us a specific date for the pecan shipment of October 24th.

**November Meeting:** President Punches indicated the November meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1 at a new location. Due to the growth in membership, our normal sites have become too small for our larger group. Judy Welch and Marty McGarry visited several potential sites in Carson. They determined most of the larger sites did not have our normal Thursday evening meeting time available. Therefore, we will try a new day for November’s meeting. The time will remain 5:30 P.M. Since our meeting will be earlier in the month, Lin Nary asked for newsletter articles to be submitted by October 19. The reservation deadline will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. Speakers for November will be Kate Marshall and Elliott Parker. The topic will be Pay Equity Issues.

**December Meeting:** Our December meeting is historically a social event. We are looking for a location for the event. There is no date yet, but it has been determined it will be a pot luck with sweet and savory appetizers.

**Reminders:** Diane Koditek announced the upcoming informal lunch on October 12 would be at Café Girasol in Gardnerville. Lin Nary indicated that when a member gets an email from her to contact the person listed on her emails, not to respond to Lin. Barbara LeBlanc reminded everyone that we do have a Facebook page and she has been updating it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnn Carpenter  
Secretary