



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch

November 2016

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**AAUW Mission:**  
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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## November Meeting

by Marty McGarry

### "Gender Pay Equity"

Presented by Kate Marshall and Elliott Parker

The meeting will be Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 and a meal will be provided for your convenience. The program starts at 6:00pm.

Catered meal from "A Catered Affair".

*Mixed Green Salad with choice of 2 Dressings,*

*Chicken Marbella*

*Wild Rice Pilaf*

*Dessert*

*Coffee and water*

*Cost \$10.00*

*Please RSVP before October 26 for meal count*

November's meeting location:

*Adams Hub*

*111 W. Proctor St*

*Carson City, NV 89703.*

### **Tour of Adams Hub starts promptly at 5:30**

The cross street to Proctor is Curry Street. Carson Street construction will be completed before November 1, so you should be able to park on Proctor in front of the Hub; however, more parking is available on Curry St or the city parking lot west of Curry and Proctor.

**Kate Marshall** is a former Nevada State Treasurer and a Principal at her own legal consulting firm, Marshall Legal Consulting. Ms. Marshall received a B.A. and J.D. from University of California, Berkeley. She was the Executive Director of Opportunity Alliance Nevada and has worked in the Antitrust Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, first as a trial attorney in the San Francisco Field Office. Ms. Marshall served as a teacher for the U.S. Peace Corps stationed in Kenya. President Obama recently nominated Kate for the vacant fourth seat on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and is awaiting Congressional confirmation. Her husband, **Dr. Elliott Parker**, is a Professor of Economics and Director of the University Core Curriculum. Kate and Elliott have taught classes and written many articles for journals, the Nevada Appeal and RGJ on economic issues.

### Branch Meeting

November 1

5:30 pm

Adams Hub

Carson City

RSVP Louise by

Oct 26 by 5 PM

at 885-0269

or

[elseidel@gmail.com](mailto:elseidel@gmail.com)



A volunteer or volunteers are needed to help with general branch meetings – overseeing refreshment arrangements and logistics. May need to help with room set-up/clean up as well. Volunteer by contacting Caroline at [cpunches206@charter.net](mailto:cpunches206@charter.net) or by phone at 775-246-1850.

## President's Message by Caroline Punches



**FALL IS IN THE AIR! And, fall means end of daylight savings time, colorful fall foliage, football and elections!** I hope many of you attended at least one of the Candidate/ Issue Forums that AAUW co-sponsored with League of Women Voters, Sierra Nevada Forums and PFLAG and found them helpful.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, but early voting has begun. Obviously we encourage all members to get out and vote! Speaking of elections, I know that many members are concerned that AAUW is getting "too political." While AAUW may be political and speak out on specific items which are part of our public policy, **AAUW is NOT partisan.** Our public policy program focuses on women's equity issues and one of the ways we advance equity is through advocacy.

AAUW also advances equity through education, philanthropy and research. Our Capital (NV) Branch will be focusing on education and philanthropy this month as we sell pecans – the proceeds benefitting local scholarships AND the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund.

I look forward to seeing you all on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 5:30PM** for our general membership meeting at The Adams Hub. Not only will you hear outstanding and knowledgeable speakers, you will have a chance to see what all the "buzz" is about with the Entrepreneur Center—The Adams Hub.



Special **thanks** to Jane Johnson our past president! She took the mandated bylaws changes required by national and has updated our branch bylaws! These have been sent to the national office and our

state AAUW. Look for a copy on our branch website in Members Only section.

Kudos also to: Lin Nary, Newsletter editor extraordinaire and Manager of our Member database and directory!

To: Barbara LeBlanc for adding frequent content to our FaceBook page!

To: Mary Wilson for making our new members feel welcome!

To: Nancy Stiles for keeping our members informed about our public policy activities

To: Maud Naroll for her leadership role in the LWV forums. She is a recent member of our branch as well as a longtime member of LWV.

## Membership Spotlights

by Mary Wilson

I am happy to report our membership is growing by leaps and bounds!! We have a membership of 55 amazing women!! A big "thank you" to each of you for bringing guests to our meetings and for letting others know who we are and what we are all about. Once again, we have three new members who have joined our AAUW (Capital) Branch. Allow me to introduce them to you (If only by our newsletter):

### Nancy M. Bailey:



Nancy was introduced to our branch by Carolyn Kellogg. Thank you, Carolyn. Nancy comes from beautiful Portland, Oregon. She graduated high school in Portland in 1956. She attended Stanford University, California, majoring in pre-nursing. She left her sophomore year at Stanford to get married and raise a family. Nancy returned to school when her second son began high school. She earned an ADN in 1981 from Clackamas Community College. In 1984 she earned her BSN from Walla Walla University, and she earned her MSN in 1989 from the University of California, San Francisco. Nancy worked as a Nurse Educator at Mills-Peninsula Hospital and Adjunct Clinical Instructor, Clatsop Community College (2010). She did all of this while operating a B & B on the Oregon Coast with her second husband. Nancy moved to Carson City in 2013. In her retirement she works occasionally for a publishing company validating and editing Nursing Board questions. In her spare time she also enjoys golf, reading, music, volunteering, and spending time with family and friends. She has joined AAUW to share our activities and for fostering friendships. Welcome, Nancy!

### Lynne Ballatore:

Lynne was a former member of our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch in the late 1990's and early 2000. She stopped going to meetings, but continued to sell our famous pecans at the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for our branch. Lynne is originally from Springfield, MA. She moved to Lodi, California at the age of 6 years, moved to Las Vegas, NV after college, and moved to Dayton, NV in 1996. She holds a Bachelor's Degree with a science option from California State University, Chico, and an MBA Degree from the University of Las Vegas. During her career she worked in Las Vegas for 22 years as a programmer and scientist for EG&G Energy group. In 1996, Lynne continued her career in IT working for the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) supporting budgeting and tax group software as well as the Legislative Website. She has returned to AAUW because of the women-oriented mission and our Capital (NV) Branch, because it is made up of phenomenal women, she states. We are so happy you returned, Lynne. Welcome back! (Continued on p.3)



## Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles

The October forums sponsored by our AAUW Capital Branch, the League of Women Voters, and PFLAG ended Oct. 18. They were extremely well-organized, extremely well attended, and extremely well received. Our beautiful new AAUW tablecloth draped our AAUW table in the foyer of Carson Brewery Arts that received a number of interested visitors. A big thank you to those who volunteered to serve as greeters at our table: JoAnn Carpenter, Betty Young, Jane Johnson, Marty McGarry, and Diane Koditek.



By now, I'm sure everyone knows that early voting begins this coming Saturday, October 22. With the combination of the forums, the recommended websites, and the AAUW Voter Guide you received, you have had opportunities to become well informed voters, and feel good about your decisions at the polls. I can't decide if we are winding down or winding up, but we know it will be over on November 9...or will it?

When we go to the polls, let's remember the sacrifices that were made for us to have the opportunity to vote, and have a moment of gratitude.

Our next big opportunity to make our voices heard will be coming up the first week of February when our state legislature session begins. It will be a whirlwind with just 120 days of legislation, and an enormous number of bills to consider. As the time draws closer, you will hear from me on how our organization can have a say, and perhaps an influence on the decisions being made about the issues that are so dear to AAUW. The planning stages have already begun with a large number of members identifying the roles they are willing to play during the four months of the session. Thankfully, we will have a breather from politics between the November elections and the beginning of the legislative session.



Are you changing your address, email address, or phone?? Please let Mary Wilson, Membership Chair know so she can update the national roster.

AND, let Lin Nary know so she can update the local roster and the directory. Thanks!!

## Membership (cont'd from p.2)

### Marianne Garvey:

Marianne was introduced to our branch by Mary Piper. Thank you, Mary. Marianne attended Northeastern University and Forsyth Dental Center in Boston, MA. It is here she earned her AS and certificate in Dental Hygiene. Marianne served two years in the Peace Corps in Ecuador. She earned a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Boston College. She has practiced nursing for over 30 years. Currently, Marianne is the Certified School Nurse in Dayton, NV, supervising the health needs of Dayton students. Marianne has joined AAUW because it assists women and girls to reach their potential, and it educates its members about the political process, advocacy, and how to make a difference. "I want to be part of that energy with other AAUW members and witness change in our society," she states. Welcome, Marianne.



### **Pecans** by Shirley Hammon By Shirley Hammon

Here we go again—it is pecan sales time! The pecans are to be shipped Monday, October 24. Arrival time should be Friday, October 28 or Monday the 31. Contact your friends to get their orders. The pecans are this year's crop.

Halves are \$11 for a one pound package. They may be frozen and are guaranteed to remain fresh by Schermer for two years when frozen. The specialty packages are \$12 and weigh ten or twelve ounces. Specialty items are milk chocolate coated, dark chocolate coated, cinnamon glazed, and clusters (turtles). These are in brightly colored foil packages. They make lovely hostess gifts!

The Carson High School Craft Fair is Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19. Still a few time slots are left to be filled—Saturday 9-11:30 AM needs one person, and 2-4 PM needs three persons. Call me if you can fill one of these periods. Selling pecans at the Fair is lots of fun and is a good time to become better acquainted with other AAUW members! My phone number is 775-882-4195. Call to volunteer or to place an order. Be sure to leave your phone number so that I can return your call.

The pecan sale is one of our two major fund raisers. We will make a profit of \$3500-\$4000 when all pecans are sold. These funds support local scholarships and the AAUW Fellowship program.

The dedicated life is the life worth living. You must give with your whole heart. Annie Dillard

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

### Gourmet Group and Informal Luncheon

The Gourmet Group met in early October and planned activities for the quarter, including a Mexican dinner on October 22nd prepared and enjoyed at Carolyn Kellogg's home, a special lunch out in November and a British Christmas, hosted by Sue Knight in December.

The November Gourmet Group activities include some added fun. All are invited to join in. This will be our **Informal Luncheon** for November, too! On Friday, Nov 18

12:00 Lunch at Thai Jasmine, 1328

Highway 395, #204, in  
Gardnerville

1:30. Dessert Demonstration by Chef Paul Harger, at 1235 Eddy Street in Gardner ville. Learn and enjoy sweet samples of desserts with a pumpkin, maple and with a pecan theme!

Following the demonstration, browse and enjoy "The Eddy Street Experience." Eddy Street is a Vintage Market open the third weekend of each month. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743 by November 12th.

**Evening Book Group:** The October discussion focused on Helen Thorpe's book *Soldier Girls* and was hosted by Caroline Punches, with discussion led by Louise Seidel. In November, Linda Kijanka will host, and along with author William A. Douglass, lead discussion of his book "Death After Life : Tales of Nevada." The meeting will take place on November 17 at 6:30 PM. For additional information, please contact Diane Koditek.

**Daytime Book Group:** The October 21st meeting agenda was a "free read" discussion, with members each presenting information about books they've recently enjoyed. JoAnn Carpenter served as hostess. On November 18, the group will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 PM to discuss Paula McClain's book *Circling The Sun*. For additional information, please contact JoAnn Carpenter, 775-297-3889 or [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com)

**Great Decisions:** The group met on October 19, hosted by Jane Johnson, to discuss Korean Choices. They will meet next in January, 2017. Meeting details to be included in upcoming newsletters. For further information about this group, please contact Linda Hiebert Seguchi, 775-220-0595 or email [nvlindas@gmail.com](mailto:nvlindas@gmail.com).

Check out the Capital Branch website at <http://capital-nv.aauw.net/> and



## Questions? Answers

by Caroline Punches, President

**Question:** How does AAUW Capital Branch advance women's equity through philanthropy?

**Answer:** Our local philanthropy efforts include the support of local scholarships AND support of AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund.

**Question:** What are the philanthropic programs of the Capital Branch?

**Answer:** Our fundraising programs are two-fold:

1 - Our fall fundraising event is the sale of Georgia pecans. These fresh picked pecans are available in one pound packages of halves for \$11 and specialty pecans for \$12. The specialty packages (chocolate covered, dark chocolate, cinnamon glazed and clusters) are wrapped in festive foil – ready for gift giving!

2 – The Feast of Chocolate is held in February. This all-you-can-eat festival of chocolate delights includes donations from local businesses and chocolate delicacies made by the Carson City High School award-winning Culinary Arts Department.

**Question:** How are the net proceeds from these events spent?

**Answer:** AAUW Capital Branch has typically agreed to support both local scholarships AND national fellowships. At the April 2016 business meeting, the membership agreed to provide \$4000 in local scholarships and \$2000 for AAUW fellowships for the 2016-17FY.

1 – Scholarships: We typically provide two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school senior girls from Carson and Dayton High Schools (one each). Additionally, we also fund two \$1,000 scholarships for WNC students.

2 – Educational Opportunities Fund – Capital Branch provides funds to support AAUW fellowships. Last year, we sent \$3,500 in support of American Fellowships. This year, we have \$2000 to allocate.



## Bulletin Board

Reminder: Any AAUW member may suggest a community event that she believes would be interesting to participate in. Please email suggestions for the coming month to Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com). Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.



# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Branch Meeting 5:30	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Election Day 	9	10	11 	12
13	14	15	16	17 Book Group 6:30 PM	18 Gour/Informal Lunch 12, Book Group 1:30 Pecan sales at CCHS 5-8 PM	19 Pecan sales at CCHS 9-4
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Your 2016-2017 Board

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## Annual Holiday Social !

Tuesday, December 13

6 PM

Lake Glen Clubhouse, Carson City

Holly Van Valkenburgh has offered this facility for the annual holiday party. Members and guests are invited. Please plan to bring a savory or sweet appetizer to share.

More details will be in the December

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