



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
May 6, 2017
Capital Branch Scholarship Luncheon & Meeting

Members Present		
Gail Aldrich	Barbara LeBlanc	Linda H. Sekiguchi
Lynne Ballatore	Beth Mancl	Nancy Stiles
Iris J. Blaisdale	Marty McGarry	Phyllis Tirado
Mary Castro-Wilson	Tamara Nance	Jennifer Verive
Shirley Hammon	Lin Nary	Judy Welch
Jane Johnson	Mary Piper	Cindy White
Linda Kijanka	Caroline Punches	Peggy Wozniak
Diane Koditek	Louise E. Seidel	

President Caroline Punches called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM. The venue for this meeting was the Joanie's Creekside Café on College Parkway in Carson City. This meeting is the annual scholarship luncheon and installation of officers.

Introductions: Pam Suchsland, returning member; Winnie Farrell; and Karla Scott, who will organize student AAUW at WNC. It was announced that Donna Curtis had a kidney transplant Wednesday and will be released from the hospital on Monday.

Scholarships: Scholarship Selection Committee chair Mary Piper thanked committee members, Donna Curtis, Maureen Smith and Phyllis Tirado. On May 18 Shirley Hammon will represent AAUW and attend the Carson High School scholarship presentation. Mary introduced the two Carson High school scholarship recipients. Jivanna Wong-Fortunato's goal is to study Biochemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno with a possible future profession of physician and work with 3D printing. Menen Ashagrie's goal is to become a radiologist and major in biochemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno. Both recipients had a parent with them and thanked the group for selecting them for the award.

After lunch President Punches presented roses of thanks to branch members, including Mary Piper Scholarship Selection Committee chair; Lin Nary for communications; Shirley Hammon as pecan lady and fellowship program; Diane Koditek for keeping members informed and socializing; Jennifer Verive and Peggy Wozniak for the Work Smart session April 8, which got

national accolades; Louise Seidel for tracking members and money at meetings; Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair; Phyllis Tirado as treasurer and work on the scholarship committee; and Jane Johnson as Past President and for her continued support.

Installation of New Officers: Jane Johnson presided over the installation of new officers for 2017-18. The new officers are as follows: President: Caroline Panches; Membership Vice President: Mary Castro Wilson; Program Co-Vice Presidents: Marty McGarry and Judy Welch; Co-Recording Secretaries: JoAnn Carpenter (not present) and Lynne Ballatore; Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Williams (absent due to illness) and Treasurer: Barbara LeBlanc.

September meeting: The September 9 brunch is at the Governor's Mansion. Members are asked to reply when the invitation arrives in August.

Public Policy: Nancy Stiles gave a report on the Public Policy bill watching, including how the Governor may veto the state budget unless it includes school vouchers. Pay Equity bill SB397, and STEM and STEAM bill SB241 are still alive. Women's Coalition (8 organizations including AAUW) is discussing a visit to all legislators again regarding pay equity. Equity is an AAUW National emphasis.

National AAUW election: Election and ballot issue information is in Outlook. A meeting is planned for June 6 at 5:30 pm at the Sheriff's Office. A discussion of the issues and candidates can be helpful.

Survey Monkey: Members are asked to answer Survey Monkey. The board meets the end of June and wants the survey input for the meeting.

International Affairs: Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi talked about being involved in the UN and International Affairs. Linda was National Chair of International Affairs from 2004-07. The UN's Commission on the Status of Women's outcome document for gender equality this year is Economic Empowerment of Women.

Ms. Panches invited all members to join the Great Decisions group to discuss international issues.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM:

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynne Ballatore,
Co-Recording Secretary