



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
October 1, 2015
Capital Branch Meeting

Members Present		
Jane Johnson	Donna Curtis	Eleanor Phillips
Mary Castro-Wilson	Anne Elson	Betsy Strohl
Flo Bedrosian	Carolyn Kellogg	Nancy Stiles
Mary Anne Convis	Barbara LeBlanc	Holly Van Valkenburgh
Phyllis Tirado	Marty Ann McGarry	Jennifer Verive
Lin Nary	Mary Moffitt	Betty Young

President Jane Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:45. The meeting was held at the UNR Cooperative extension. Meals were provided by The Artisan Café. There were eighteen members present. Two new members were introduced, Betsy Strohl and Eleanor Phillips. Both ladies gave a brief summary of their backgrounds. President Jane Johnson introduced the board members for the upcoming year.

Lin Nary spoke about the various improvements to our Capital Branch website. Members can access the member's only portion of the site by contacting Lin for the password. Lin will continue to include member information on the site.

Nancy Stiles, Program Vice-President, described some of the upcoming meetings. She indicated we will be having our holiday celebration at the home of Carolyn Kellogg. The date for the event will be December 10. Vice-President Nancy Stiles stated that there will be a change to the March 2016 meeting with more information to follow. The November meeting will be held at Silver State Charter School and the topic will be "Bridges out of Poverty." Nancy suggested that since she will not be able to continue in her present position next year that members should be thinking about taking on those responsibilities. She asked members to contact her if they wanted more information about the job.

President Jane Johnson reminded members of the upcoming pecan sales. Shirley Hammon has handled the job of ordering and distributing pecans for quite a few years, but she will be unable to continue. Jane asked members to think about whether they could take on this task.

President Jane Johnson discussed Feast of Chocolates. This is our largest fund raiser of the year and Jane explained the appropriation of scholarship funds from this event. Additional information about the event will be provided at future meetings. Carolyn Kellogg read thank you notes from our 2015 scholarship recipients.

New Interest groups were discussed. Barbara LeBlanc started a group called "In Stitches." There is to be an organizational meetings at her home on Tuesday, October 6. Members were asked to give Barbara a call if they were interested. Donna Curtis expressed an interest in getting a group together to play games (board games and/or card games.) It was suggested that anyone interested contact Donna.

Program Vice-President Nancy Stiles introduced October's guest speaker, Bonnie Barber. Ms. Barber is AAUW's Nevada State Public Policy Chair. Ms. Barber discussed bills that were passed in the last legislative session (2015) and bills that AAUW supports which provide assistance to women and families. Ms. Barber further indicated that she was hoping there would be more positive legislation in 2017. The specific goal was in the area of pay equity.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary L. Wilson
Acting Secretary