



American Association of University Women
 Capital Branch
 September 12, 2015
 Member Saturday Brunch Minutes

Members and Guests Attending			
Gail Aldrich	Sue Knight	Nancy Stiles	Guests:
Darlene Bardsley	Diane Koditek	Phyllis Tirada	Betsy Strohl
Flo Bedrosian	Barbara LeBlanc	Jennifer Verive	Mary Piper
JoAnn Carpenter	Marty Ann McGarry	Bobbie Williams	Jill Doremus
Mary Castro-Wilson	Mary Moffitt	Peggy Wozniak	Julie Russ, WNC.
Donna Curtis	Lin Nary	Betty Young	Nancy Downey
Shirley Hammon	Caroline Punches		Louise Siedel
Linda Kijanka	Dorothy Ramsdell		Susan Paslov
			Eleanor Phillips

This meeting was a brunch for members and guests who might be interested in joining AAUW. There were 22 members in attendance and 8 prospective members. It was held at the home of Dorothy Ramsdell in Washoe Valley.

After the buffet brunch Caroline Punches led a session dedicated to a history of the organization. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) was started in 1881 by a group of college educated women who wanted to help other women who desired college degrees fulfill their ambitions. Caroline indicated what an incredible feat this was at the time. She then provided a worksheet with a variety of questions about AAUW and we were to determine which were true. Everyone learned a little more about the organization. She then introduced several members and the guests.

Lin Nary described the website work she has completed and we were all encouraged to go to the site.

Julie Russ, our scholarship recipient at WNC, was introduced and indicated how grateful she was for the assistance as an older student going back to college.

Shirley Hammon provided an update about our order for pecans. Delivery is expected in late October or early November. Pecan sales provide income to the branch for scholarship and fellowship awards.

Nancy Stiles gave an overview of the mission based programs planned for this year. Our speaker in October will be Bonnie Barber, AAUW State Public Policy chair on "The 2015 Legislative Session as it pertains to AAUW Interest"; November Debra McDermid, PhD, on "The Culture of Poverty"; January Brett Kandt State Attorney General's Office, on "Human

Trafficking”; February, Judge Dorothy Nash Holm, on “Special Courts”; and March Superintendents Stokes, White, and Workman on “Title IX”.

Bobbie Williams explained the breadth of interest groups enjoyed by members. She mentioned the Great Decisions Group and the Book Group. She further indicated we will potentially have both a day and evening book group if there is enough member interest. She also stated that the Gadsbies group had not worked as well as hoped. Capital Branch will try a different approach to a possible group that would like to meet for social time and interesting outings. There will be a bulletin board in the newsletter for members to post places, events, and activities they believe would be of interest as a group outing.

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Secretary