



Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch April 2016

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

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AAUW ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK

April 7, 5:30—7:30 PM

Lake Glen Drive Manor Club-house – located to the west off S Curry St., Carson City. This is the same location where last year’s business meeting was held. (Google Lake Glen Manor and you will see the exact location)

DINNER: Salad & Sandwich Potluck – Please

volunteer to bring one of the following:



- Salad
- Sandwich fixings or pre-made sandwiches or wraps
- Dessert
- Drinks (ice tea or other beverage) Water will be provided
- Paper or plastic dinnerware (plates, utensils, napkins)

RSVP: Please RSVP your attendance and what dinner item you will bring no later than **SATURDAY, APRIL 2** to Peggy Wozniak at wozniakpeggy@gmail.com. Your prompt response by April 2 is appreciated as I will be traveling in and out of town from April 3–6.

President’s Message

by Jane Johnson



We always have our annual business meeting in April. While that may sound off-putting to some, I urge you to join us in the very pleasant setting of Lake Glen Manor, enjoy a delicious potluck dinner, and learn

more about the inner workings of our branch. We make some very important decisions that will affect how we operate in the coming year, and we need input from as many members as possible.

We will vote on the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee, and we will consider changes in the wording in those portions of our bylaws which are not mandated by AAUW. Those are printed at the end of the newsletter, so please take the time to read through them beforehand. The details have not changed, but the wording brings us into compliance with model bylaws suggested by AAUW.

Of particular interest to many of us is the way we decide to divide up the money we raised from the pecan sales and the Feast of Chocolate. You will hear several proposals for balancing the portions that go to local high school and WNC scholarships, with those that go to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund that supports post-doctoral work for women students. Then we will need to divide the scholarship portion between high school and WNC students.

Decisions on April 7 will guide our work in 2016, and everyone’s input is very important. I look forward to seeing you there.



Programs

By Nancy Stiles

This Year's Programs:

We are coming to a close with our programs for this AAUW year, and are looking forward to what may be in store for programs from our next program chair. Our awareness has been broadened and our knowledge has been expanded through the programs for this term.

Bonnie Barber, AAUW State Public Policy Chair, gave us an overview of the legislation in the 2015 legislative session that coincides with the AAUW National Public Policy. Though we would have wanted a better outcome, we have a new legislation session coming up in 2017 for another opportunity to gain more equity and empowerment for women.

Dr. Debra McDermed, from AHA Process, opened our minds and our hearts with more understanding of those in poverty.

Brett Kandt, Chief Deputy of the State Attorney's Office, opened our eyes to problems of human trafficking in Nevada and right here in our own backyard.

Dorothy Nash Holmes expanded our view of incarceration with her talk entitled, "Punishment or Treatment: Our Addiction to Drugs and Incarceration."

Then our last program in March acknowledged a subject that is dear to our hearts as AAUW members – Title IX. It was most reassuring to know that three surrounding school districts have a watchful eye on Title IX, and are making great strides to uphold Title IX requirements. Superintendents Richard Stokes, Teri White, and Wayne Workman were equally knowledgeable and concerned with the challenges they face in regard to the broad subject matter of Title IX.

Our appreciation grew for each of the speakers we had, and the work they are doing with their respective challenges. Now that our awareness has been opened and our knowledge expanded, we too become responsible for what we know.

Nevada AAUW Coalition:

Now that the deadline for candidacy for legislative positions has passed, the Nevada AAUW Coalition with other women's organizations will be sending out a survey to all candidates to discover their positions on seven issues that are important to the organizations collectively. The deadline for completing the survey is April 15, at which time the coalition will compile the results and send to the respective organizations giving them that information. The coalition will then determine what their next step will be. We'll keep you informed.

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Evening Book Group

Our March meeting focused on the theme "women in government" with members discussing several books ranging in time from the Civil War era to modern-day. Our thanks to hostess Zee McClintock and all present for the lively discussion. During our next meeting on April 21st at 6:30 PM, we will discuss Kent Nerburn's *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. For further information, please contact Diane Koditek, dkg@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743.

Daytime Book Group:

In March, readers discussed *Winter of the World*, the second book in the Century trilogy by Ken Follett. The group will meet again on April 15 at 2 PM at Mary Moffit's home to discuss **Fear of Dying** by Erica Jong. For further information, contact JoAnn Carpenter, jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-392-4116.

Great Decisions:

The group continues to have stimulating discussions about international issues. In April, we will meet at Caroline Panches' home on Wednesday, April 27 at 2 PM. Discussion topic: The Rise of ISIS. Please contact Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi for further information: 775-782-1296 or nvlindas@gmail.com.

Gourmet Group:

The Gourmet Group will meet next on April 29. They will enjoy selections from the menu at J's Bistro in Dayton. For further information, please contact Carolyn Kellogg at cNFLakes@ymail.com or call 775-461-3320.

Games Group:

The Games Group does not have a meeting scheduled during April.



Capital Branch member Peggy Wozniak introduces Title IX to the audience at the March 10 meeting.

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

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Caroline Punches, Membership VP

15 MONTH MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE!

New members can now join AAUW and receive 15 months of membership for the price of 12! So, if you have a friend who wants to join AAUW, there is no need to wait. When members join in April, their membership will expire in June, 2017. So, now is the time to encourage them to sign up and receive all membership benefits. They will be able to attend our May Scholarship meeting, attend one of our book discussion groups or Great Decisions and immediately learn more about AAUW. The \$70 membership fee includes membership in the national, state and local AAUW organizations. Truly a bargain!



?? AAUW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

Question: When will I be able to renew my membership?

Answer: You will receive an invoice from AAUW (EONSupport@aauw.org) indicating it is time to renew your membership. As the Membership Chair for the Capital (NV) Branch, I am responsible for activating the renewal invoices. Complete details on how to renew your membership will be included in the renewal notice. You will also be given the opportunity to update your demographic information if needed. If you do NOT have an email address, your invoice will be mailed to you.

Question: Our Branch has offered "incentives" for paying our dues quickly, will this happen again?

Answer: YES! A drawing will be held at our May 7th luncheon. Any member who has paid their dues online by May 2nd or who prefers to bring her check on May 7th to the luncheon will have her name entered into the drawing.



Proposed Slate of Officers, 2016-17

FEAST OF CHOCOLATE

SURVEY RESULTS

By Caroline Punches



Congratulations! 70% of Capital Branch Members responded to the **FEAST OF CHOCOLATE** survey conducted March 6-21, 2016! Thanks to each of you for sharing your thoughts and ideas about this annual fundraising event. More info will be provided at the April 7TH business meeting. See you there and THANKS AGAIN!!

Bulletin Board

Please join other AAUW members for an informal spring luncheon on Wednesday April 20 at 11:45. We will order individually from the menu at Villa Basque Deli, 730 Basque Way in Carson City. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek dgk@mchsi.com by April 18.

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. Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.

Many thanks to our Nominating Committee of Paula Winne, Shirley Hammon, and Lin Nary for offering the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President, Caroline Punches
Membership Vice President, Mary Wilson
Program Co-Vice Presidents, Marty McGarry and Judy Welch
Recording Secretary, JoAnn Carpenter
Corresponding Secretary, Barbara LeBlanc
Treasurer, Phyllis Tirado

Our bylaws provide that additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. Elections will take place at the Annual Business Meeting on April 7.

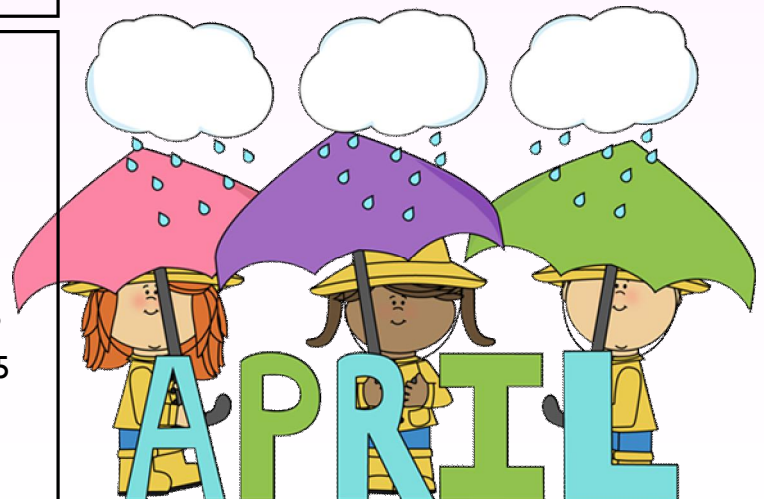


April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 RSVP due to Peggy for Apr 7
3	4	5	6	7 Branch Meeting 5:30 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Book Group 2 PM	16
17	18	19	20 Lunch at Basque Deli 11:45 AM	21 Book Group 6:30 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27 Great Decisions 2 PM	28	29 Gourmet Group	30

Your 2015-2016 Board

President — Jane Johnson 267-3427
 Membership VP — Caroline Punches 246-1850
 Program Vice Presidents:
 — Nancy Stiles, programs, 783-0562
 — Peggy Wozniak, venues, 607-222-6684
 Secretary, Recording — JoAnn Carpenter 392-4116
 Secretary, Corresponding — Mary Wilson 246-7215
 Treasurer — Phyllis Tirado 782-0550
 Scholarships — Carolyn Kellogg 661-345-9597
 Newsletter Editor — Lin Nary 230-9676



Non-Mandatory Bylaws

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

- a. Composition and Appointment. There shall be three members on the Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors of the Organization shall appoint a chair and two members of the Nominating Committee. The chair and members of the Nominating Committee shall have qualifications as outlined in Policies and Procedures.
- b. Terms. The committee chair and committee members shall be appointed by February 1 and shall serve until March 31.
- c. Resignation or Ineligibility. In the event that any member of the Nominating Committee resigns or is proposed as a candidate for office and agrees to stand for nomination, the President shall name a replacement.

Section 2. Nominations.

- a. Members will be notified of open positions.
- b. Committee members will contact prospective candidates.
- c. Committee members will forward a slate of candidates for publication.
- d. The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member at least ten days prior to the annual business meeting.
- e. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Section 3. Elections

- a. Elections shall be held at the annual branch meeting.
- b. Elections shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for a given office, in which case the election may be by a voice vote. Election shall be by a majority vote of those voting.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Elected Officers

- a. Elected Officers shall include President, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- b. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time.
- c. Each office may be filled by an officer or co-officers.

Section 2. Appointed Officers

- a. Appointed officers shall include Communications, Interest Group Coordinator, Public Policy and other positions as determined by the Board.

Section 3. Duties

- a. Officers shall perform the duties described by these bylaws. [The elected and appointed directors shall facilitate and promote the purpose and mission of AAUW.](#)
- b. The president shall be the official spokesperson and representative for the branch and shall be responsible for submitting such reports and forms as required by AAUW.
- c. The vice presidents shall perform such duties as the president and the board shall direct and as specified in branch policies and job descriptions.
- d. The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the branch and for meeting specific deadlines.
- e. The secretary shall record and keep minutes of all board and membership meetings.
- f. All officers and chairs shall submit annual reports to the president.

Section 4. Terms of Office.

- a. Terms of Office. Officers and Directors shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors have been elected or appointed and have assumed office. Officers may be elected or appointed to serve for one additional term, but no member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms

b. **Beginning of Terms.** The term of each officer and director shall begin on July 1. The incoming or continuing administrative officer may call and hold a meeting of the incoming Board of Directors and/or of the incoming Executive Committee prior to July 1, so long as any vote taken at the meeting includes only those entitled to vote in that body on the date of the meeting. No incoming member shall be entitled to vote in that body until July 1

Section 5. **Vacancies.**

- a. All vacancies in office, excluding the administrative officer, shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors.
- b. A vacancy in the office of the administrative officer shall be filled by either Vice President for Programs or Vice President for Membership. If there are co-presidents and one is unable to serve, the other co-president shall continue as a single president.

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Members.** The elected and appointed officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Organization. This Organization must have directors and [a minimum of two separate officers, one responsible for the management of the Organization and one responsible for the financial affairs. In addition, the Organization shall designate a member other than the contacts for administration and finance to record and make available upon request the minutes of each noticed branch or affiliated entity meeting and board meeting.](#)

Section 2. **Powers and Duties.** In accordance with the bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have the general power to

- a. provide oversight to ensure the proper administration of the affairs of the Organization; carry out its policies, financial administration, and programs; and exercise such powers and perform such acts as permitted by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, if applicable, or these bylaws;
- b. appoint standing committee members and such other board and committee members as may be designated;
- c. act for the Organization between meetings of the membership;
- d. adopt rules to govern its proceedings;
- e. establish task forces or special committees as needed;
- f. determine date and location for any official meetings of the Organization.

Section 3. **Meetings.**

- a. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least three times a year at the call of the administrative officer at such time and place as may be designated. The Board of Directors may permit any or all directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through, the use of any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means shall be considered to be present in person at the meeting. An action of the board will take effect if passed by the majority of the members of the board.
- b. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the board may be called by the administrative officer or shall be called upon the written request of the majority of members of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. **Voting Between Meetings.** Between meetings of the Board of Directors, a written or electronic vote of the board members may be taken at the request of the president. The question shall be submitted to all board members and voting will close by a specified time.

Section 5. **Quorum.** The quorum for a meeting of the board shall be a majority of its members.

Section 6. **Removal From Office.** A member of the Board of Directors may be removed for dereliction of duty by a two-thirds vote of the Board in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by AAUW.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. **Establishing Committees.** The president may establish standing and special committees as needed with consent by the board.

Section 2. **Purpose.** With the approval of the board, each standing and special committee shall formulate programs and activities to carry out the mission of AAUW.

ARTICLE XII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. **Administration.** The Organization's Board of Directors shall have responsibility to

- a. oversee the administration of finances, including preparation of the budget;
- b. oversee the management, acquisition, and disposition of the Organization's property and equipment in accordance with the bylaws;
- c. set policies and procedures to maintain financial records as required by AAUW and consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state, and local laws.

Section 2. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 3. **Budget.** The board shall adopt an annual budget for presentation to the branch.

ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Annual Meeting.** The Organization shall have at least one regular meeting each year to be known as the Capital Branch Annual Meeting to conduct the business of the Organization. The Annual Meeting may include the election of officers; the receiving of reports of officers, directors, and committees; and the transaction of any other business as may properly come before it. The Annual Meeting shall be held in April.

Section 2. **Notice.** Written or printed notice, or electronic notice if permitted by law, stating the place, day, and hour of each annual and special meeting and the purpose for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered at least ten days before the date of the meeting to all members.

Section 3. **Voting.**

- a. Each member of the Organization in good standing shall be entitled to vote on any item of business.
- b. Members shall be entitled to vote on noticed business items by voice vote, paper, or electronic. Such vote may include election of the Board of Directors, amendments to the bylaws, and any other noticed business. Members voting by these methods are considered to be present at the meeting.
- c. Fifteen percent (15 %) of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.
- d. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the adoption of noticed business.