



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch December 2017

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

Read all about it!

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President's Message

by Caroline Punches

Happy Holidays! Being President of the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch is both an honor and a privilege. I am so thankful for the talented and passionate volunteers who share their talents with us. To each and every member of our Capital Branch, **THANK YOU** for joining us in our quest for equity for women and girls. **THANK YOU** for supporting our fundraising ventures. **THANK YOU** for attending our membership meetings and other branch activities. **AND a special THANK YOU** to those members who serve in leadership positions!



I sincerely hope you will be joining us on **Tuesday, December 5th from 6:00 – 8:00PM** as we gather in the **Ormsby Room of the Sheriff's office** to celebrate the holiday season and to share some holiday cheer! Please bring a **Savory or Sweet appetizer to share**. A holiday punch and other beverages will be provided. Spouses and guests are welcome! **Please RSVP (Yes or No) to Louise Seidel by December 1st** so we can set up the room appropriately.

Don't forget your Angel Tree gifts. If you did not receive a child's name at the November meeting, you can still participate...just bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots. Items are especially needed for teens.

Make your plans now to start 2018 off right! Come to our meeting on the first **Tuesday, January 2nd at 5:00PM**. Program information can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter and more details in our January newsletter!

Enjoy your holidays!

December Social

By Judy Welch, Program Vice President

Start off your Holiday Party-Going with the December 5th AAUW Holiday Social! The time is 6:00 to 8:00 PM, in the Ormsby Room. You're all encouraged to bring a guest/spouse, and bring a savory or sweet appetizer to share - make your presentation kind of fancy so it feels like a party!

We decided to have a couple of Branch-member giving opportunities this year - the first is the Carson City schools' Angel Tree for students in transition. If you picked up an Angel gift tag at the last meeting, good! Bring that gift on the 5th. You don't have to wrap it - we can do that before we deliver - but if you do wrap it, make sure the gift tag is attached to the outside. If you didn't get a tag, we have more, so please call Marty at 775-690-3913 and she'll get you one!

The second opportunity is Toys for Tots, with an emphasis on tweens and teens - bring this gift unwrapped, please!

We'd still appreciate RSVPs just for count, so call or email Louise.

Remember: Tuesday, December 5th, 6:00 to 8:00, Carson Sheriff's Ormsby Room 911 E. Musser St. RSVP Louise 885-0269 or elseidel@gmail.com by December 1st, please.

*'Tis the season of giving -
"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections. Some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has something to give."*

Barbara Bush (1925-)

Holiday Social

December 5,
@ 6 PM

Carson Sheriff's
Ormsby Room
911 E. Musser St

RSVP Louise at
885-0269 or
elseidel@gmail.com
by December 1



AAUW Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

Pecans Pecans Pecans!

By Carolyn Kellogg, Pecans Sales Chair

In 2018, Nevada voters will elect our constitutional officers, namely, Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, State Senator, and State Assemblyman. Why does that matter? It matters because you are going to be exposed to candidates wanting your vote. It matters because now is the time to ask the candidates questions to find out what AAUW issues they will support, so you'll know who you want to give your vote.

To help you ask the questions about the issues that affect our families and communities, watch our newsletter for the next five months. You'll be given questions to ask in five different categories from AAUW's Public Policy Priorities along with what to listen for in candidates' rhetoric.

This month's questions center around **Gender Pay Gap**. On average, women working full time are paid about 80 cents for every dollar paid to men working full time. Over a lifetime of work (47 years), the total estimated loss of women's pay compared with men's is roughly \$700,000 for a high school graduate, \$1.2 million for college graduate, and \$2 million for a professional school graduate. The pay gap is even larger for women of color. AAUW believes that pay equity and equal opportunity are a matter of simple fairness. While the legislative and executive branches have taken some steps to ensure pay equity, additional action is needed to provide more effective equal pay protections. AAUW advocates for strong pay equity legislation, targeted executive actions, clear regulations, and strong enforcement to protect employees and assist employers as they strive to follow the law.

Listen for the candidates' discussion of these terms:

Equal pay for equal work, wage, gap, wage/pay discrimination, Equal Pay Act, pay gap, fair pay, comparable worth

Ask the candidates these questions:

How would you address the pay gap between men and women? How would you address the pay gap for women of color and mothers?

Do you support passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to close legal loopholes and improve the effectiveness of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women?

Congratulations AAUW members! Sales are going well. We just finished record sales at the Carson High School Craft Fair. Huge kudos to our volunteers: Shirley Hammon, Nancy Stiles, Diane Koditek, Janyce Stern, Lin Nary, Cathy Haber, Mary Jean Lang, Iris Blaisdell, Cindy White, Shirley Williams, Flo Bedrosian and Jane Johnson. Some special thanks go to Barbara LeBlanc. She worked the entire fair and initiated our new Square credit system. It was a successful addition to our sales.



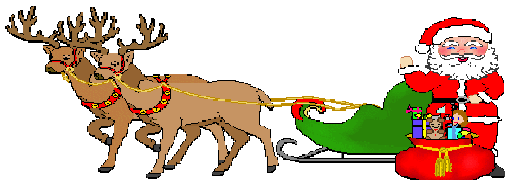
Now is the time to give that extra push to sell our remaining pecans. Buy a few extra packages for yourself. Check with your neighbors and friends. Remember that pecans make great gifts. They are perfect additions to salads, main dishes and cereal. The halves can be frozen for up to two years (we only want folks to freeze them for 11 months so they will buy more next year). Let's make this a banner year for Shirley Hammon!

Membership

By Mary L. Castro-Wilson, Membership Chair

In 1881 Marion Talbot and Ellen Swallow Richards invited 15 alumnae from 8 colleges to a meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The purpose of this meeting was to create an organization of women college graduates that would assist women in finding greater opportunities to use their education, as well as promoting and assisting other women's college attendance. Little did these two women realize how AAUW would grow and become a catalyst for change. Today, AAUW has more than 170,000 members across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and over 800 college and university partners. Please join me in celebrating AAUW'S 136th Birthday that was on November 28th! With your membership, we are able to continue our mission- advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Happy birthday AAUW!

During the upcoming year 2018, we will spotlight our new members and learn why they have joined AAUW. As this year closes, I thank you for being a part of our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch. I wish you each of you a Merry Christmas, a healthy and Happy AAUW New Year—and, of course, Happy Birthday to all of the December birthdays!



Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Gourmet Group: Who knew the lowly hotdog could be Gourmet? On Sat. Nov. 11th at Mary Wilson's home with Caroline Punches co-hosting, 12 Gourmet Group members and guests found out it's possible. They enjoyed a Tailgate Party featuring "Chicago Style" beef hot dogs on poppy seed buns with authentic trimmings of mustard, pickle spear, onions, tomatoes, sport peppers, pickle relish, (absolutely no catsup) and more. The next dinner gathering will be Friday Dec. 8th with Carolyn Kellogg and Maureen Smith co-hosting. Group members will receive an email with details. For further information about Gourmet Group, please contact Nancy: nmbailey@gmail.com or call 461-3311, or Iris: irisblaisdell@yahoo.com or call 392-1772.

Great Decisions: The Foreign Policy Association resource books used for Great Decisions discussions have been ordered. Per a recent status check on the order, the books may not be available until January. Group Chair, JoAnn Carpenter will contact current group members to schedule a meeting once the books have arrived. If you have questions or are interested in joining Great Decisions, please contact JoAnn at jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889.

Evening Book Group: In November, the group enjoyed lively discussion led by Zee McClintock of *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry*. They will meet next at Carolyn Kellogg's home on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 PM. Two books will be discussed that evening: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly and *The Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt. For additional information, please contact Diane Koditek, dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743.

Daytime Book Group: The group's next meeting will be on Friday, December 15th from 2 to 4 PM at the IHOP on S. Carson St. in Carson City. Janyce Stern will lead discussion of *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. Questions? Please contact Cindy: at cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com or call 775-267-3685.

Knitting: This new group is off to a happy start and continues to be open to interested members of all skill levels. They will meet in December on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 12/12 and 12/26 from 1-3 PM at the home of Barbara LeBlanc. If you have questions or are interested in joining in, please contact Zee McClintock, edzeemcc@gmail.com or call 775-884-3565.

Reminder: Any AAUW Capital Branch 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.



Questions? Answers!

by Caroline Punches

Question: Profits from Pecan Sales help the Capital Branch fund local scholarships as well as other AAUW educational programs. How long has the Capital (NV) Branch been selling pecans?

Answer: Thanks to the inquiring mind of Lin Nary, on September 11, 1957 we know that a project was launched that "would require the cooperation and active participation of all members". On November 13, 1957, they announced that 120 pounds of pecans had been sold and \$60 was earned!

Question: How did our 2016 sales go?

Answer: In 2016, 558 pounds of halves were sold; and 606 specialty packages were sold – for a net profit of \$4,673.22!

Question: How will we do in 2017??

Answer: As noted in 1957 (60 years ago at the launch), it will depend on "the cooperation and active participation of all members." Thanks to Carolyn Kellogg and all the volunteers who sold pecans at the Carson High Craft Sale **AND TO ALL MEMBERS who are actively selling.**

Question: Are there other ways I can volunteer and help our branch?

Answer: **The 2018 Feast of Chocolate can use your help** in numerous ways, from selling tickets to soliciting chocolate items to putting together a raffle basket and much more! Contact **Flo Bedrosian** at 775-267-4515 or Fbedrosian@charter.net or **Susan Klekar** at 775-267-1687 or ssklekar@charter.net to volunteer!

Question: Are there other activities that I can do to help the branch?

Answer: Absolutely yes! Volunteers can help review our policies and procedures and bylaws to determine any possible changes. Volunteers can also serve on the branch nominating committee to identify candidates for our elected positions. Volunteers can help select scholarship recipients. **AND, every member can help our branch by attending monthly meetings and/or other activities and providing feedback to your board members!**



Have **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 11 AM at the Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street. Purchase raffle tickets for the drawing at 10 AM. Please bring a non-perishable food item for a picture with Santa. Food donations will help local families enjoy the holidays! Hosted by Friends of the Dayton Valley Library and Dayton Senior Center.



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Branch Social 6-8 PM	6	7	8 Gourmet Group	9
10	11	12 Knitting Group 1-3PM	13	14	15 Book Group 2-4PM	16
17	18	19	20	21 Book Group 6:30PM	22	23
24	25	26 Knitting Group 1-3PM	27	28	29	30
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Your 2017-2018 Board

President — Caroline Punches, 246-1850
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 Program Co-Vice Presidents — Marty McGarry 775-690-3913 and Judy Welch 775-721-1731
 Secretaries, Co-Recording — JoAnn Carpenter 775-297-3889 and Lynne Ballatore 775-246-3870
 Secretary, Corresponding — Shirley Williams, 775-386-8787
 Treasurer — Barbara LeBlanc, 775-781-4956
 Newsletter & Website — Lin Nary, 775-230-9676

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY...

Our January speaker will be Kathy Baldock, author, LGBT advocate, and Executive Director of Canyon Walker Connections. She is a leading expert on LGBT issues in the US, especially dealing with historical and current discrimination faced from the socially conservative Christian church and political sector. All of us would enjoy reading her most famous book *Walking the Bridgeless Canyon: Repairing the Breach Between the Church and the LGBT Community*.

The meeting is Tuesday January 2nd—the first day to keep your New Year's resolution to attend every branch meeting! Catered dinner will be available to those who RSVP by December 28th (need them a little early due to holiday!)