



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch

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

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**Brett Kandt, Nevada's Chief Deputy Attorney General** gave an excellent presentation of the issues of dealing with human trafficking in the nation and specifically in our state, at the January



Branch meeting. Among other goals, he seeks stronger prosecution and expanded victim support services.

## President's Message

by Jane Johnson



With fewer demands on my time in early January, I finally had the opportunity to pick up the Fall issue of "Outlook" magazine, focused on "Solving the Equation," and the AAUW 2015 Annual Report which we received in December. I was again struck by the quality of research and subsequent solution-oriented programs sponsored by AAUW and funded by unrestricted donations to the AAUW Fund. I know how easy it is to glance at and put aside magazines such as "Outlook" when our lives are so busy, but I strongly urge you to find the time to read these articles in depth. Having just finished reading both publications, I am feeling a resurgence of pride in being a member of AAUW and re-committed to the AAUW mission.

## February Meeting

### Location & Food

**Thursday, February 4, 2016**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

UNR Cooperative Extension Building  
2621 Northgate Lane  
Carson City, NV

### Bring Your Own Food

Dessert will be provided!

Please RSVP to Peggy Wozniak at [wozniakpeggy@gmail.com](mailto:wozniakpeggy@gmail.com) by February 1 if you will be attending the meeting.

## February Program

By Nancy Stiles

Many questions around incarceration have been emerging in recent times. Many are asking if incarceration is always the right solution. The Honorable Dorothy Nash Holmes, Judge of Department 3 in Reno, will help us sort out our thoughts about incarceration as our guest speaker for our Feb. 4th meeting. Be thinking of questions you might want to ask her.

## Pecan Sales!

By Shirley Hammon

### Final Pecan Report for 2015 Sale

Pecan receipts for 2015	\$12,715.00
Cost of pecans	9,049.74
Pecan profit	\$3,665.26

Congratulations to all of you for selling the pecans. Keep your list of buyers' names for 2016!



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of Chocolate

by Flo Bedrosian, Committee Chair



The Feast of Chocolate is just around the corner now. I need to know how ticket sales are going. The only way to get advance tickets for \$15 is through our members. I am hoping to have a full house of 200 with standing room only! When we open the doors to the event I would like to know we have sold at least 200 tickets and any others added that day are icing on the chocolate cake!

Please call me at 775-267-4515 (or send a text) to make arrangements to get tickets to sell to the Feast of Chocolate. If you need tickets, I will leave tickets in your name to pick up at the front desk of the Plaza Hotel. I can also leave flyers for you to post, just let me know. Or you may email me at [fbedrosian@charter.net](mailto:fbedrosian@charter.net).

If you have already sold tickets, please let me know how many or if you can't sell them let me know that, too. Please continue to post flyers and announce whenever possible.

The latest chocolate news is that Fandango will be donating 8 dozen chocolate pieces, for the first time this year! That is in addition to donations from Grandma Hattie's, Red's, and Raley's (who is bringing Southern Wine and Spirits vendor who will be providing samples of CHOCOLATE WINE! Then, of course, there is the delicious chocolate we purchase from Carson High Culinary Arts, served by our student chef Bet-Nimra Torres, who is going to culinary school in the fall!

So please, your help is needed to promote the event. We need to get the people there to have a good time eating chocolate and buying raffle tickets and participating in the silent auction, which nearly doubles our profits. The prizes are exceptional!

Please contact me and let me know how things are going. My phone number is on the flyer and the tickets, if you have any questions.

Thanks so much for your participation in this fun event!

Saturday, February 13, 2016

2 to 4 PM

Carson City Plaza Hotel Conference Center

211 E. 9th Street

## Feast of Chocolate Raffle/Silent Auction

Nancy Stiles, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair

Feb. 4, our meeting day, will be the last day to accept any donations to our raffle & silent auction. If any of you can bring your items to me sooner, it would be appreciated. I need time to group things together and shop for what might be needed to fill the gaps. Please make a list of what you are giving me with the value of each item so we can place a value on the completed baskets.

Our basket assembly volunteers will put the finishing touches on the baskets on Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We have room for one more helper. At present we have JoAnn Carpenter, Barbara LeBlanc, Nancy Downey, Mary Moffitt, and Mary Wilson.

There are so many people to thank. Thanks again to all of you who contributed "seed money" for any additional chocolate needed and for "fill in" items that may be needed to complete a basket. Thank you to all of you who have either donated something for a basket or have committed to doing so. Thank you to those of you who have requested and received certificates from various businesses. Thank you all. It truly does "take a village" to make this happen and you are greatly appreciated for being part of that village. All of your efforts and gifts will benefit student scholarships. It provides us an opportunity to make a difference in young girls' lives, and that is what we are about.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Caroline Punches, Membership VP

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

**Diane Cerruti** joined the Capital Branch in January. A graduate of Penn State University, Diane earned her degree in Elementary Education. Her teaching background is very diverse, having taught in PA, NJ, CA and NV. She has experience in both middle school and elementary levels. She has taught social studies, language arts and science as well as drama and choral groups. She retired from Washoe County School District in 2010 and enjoys teaching ELL adult literacy and language in the evenings for WNC. She enjoys traveling in their camper to Death Valley, Arizona and Canada. She will be travelling to Spain in September (but not in the camper). Diane can be contacted at [dianecerruti@gmail.com](mailto:dianecerruti@gmail.com) or by phone at 775-721-8384. Her mailing address is 3196 Washoe Springs Road in Minden.

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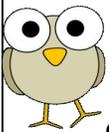
All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. — [Charles M. Schulz](#)

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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**Mary Piper** also joined AAUW in January. Thanks to Sue Knight for introducing Mary to us in September! Mary has lived in Dayton since 2004 and is actively involved. She volunteers with the Dayton Food Pantry, Friends of the Dayton Library, RAMUSA (remote area medical services). Mary has served as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner with the State of Nevada Rural Health Clinic and has been a Clinical Instructor for the Orvis School of Nursing at UNR. And much more! Mary received her MSN degree from the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. She can be reached at 775-246-5435 or by email, [mpiper36@gmail.com](mailto:mpiper36@gmail.com).

**Welcome Diane and Mary! We look forward to your participation!**



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## AAUW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

**Question:** What is the AAUW Fund?

**Answer:** The AAUW Fund is the "general fund" of the organization. This general fund is often referred to as the "unrestricted funds." As with most nonprofit organizations, membership dues help support the general fund of AAUW. The general fund supports AAUW programs such as Tech Trek, Tech Savvy and more.

**Question:** Does AAUW have "restricted funds?"

**Answer:** YES, AAUW's restricted funds are often referred to as the AAUW endowment. The AAUW endowment provides the support for AAUW's Fellowships and Grants. Additionally, there are smaller pools of restricted funds which are designated for specific programs such as the Legal Advocacy Fund and Research. Unrestricted funds may be spent to help with these programs BUT restricted funds can ONLY be spent on the specific restricted programs.

**Question:** How many different types of educational funding opportunities does AAUW provide for women?

**Answer:** While AAUW is recognized as one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, many members do not realize that AAUW also provides Community Action Grants (for individuals, AAUW branches and nonprofit organizations)! Fellowships – both American and International – are available to qualified women pursuing full-time study. Career Development Grants and Selected Professions Fellowships are also available. If you would like more information about these awards, go to

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

### Book Club (evening)

January's book discussion of Sophie Hayes' gripping memoir took place at Anne Elson's home on January 21st. Discussion was facilitated by Caroline Panches. Our thanks to both Anne and Caroline!

Our next meeting will take place on February 18 at 6:30 PM, with readers discussing Alan Brennert's book *Molokai*. This true to life chronicle takes place in Kalaupapa, a quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Molokai. Please contact Diane Koditek, [dkg@mchsi.com](mailto:dkg@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743 for additional information.

### Book Club (day)

In January, the book group met to discuss *An Invisible Thread*. All enjoyed this true story about a New York woman working in the publishing world and her interaction with a homeless youth she met on the streets of New York.

The next meeting will take place on February 19th at JoAnn Carpenter's home. Readers will discuss *Bad Behavior* by Australian author Liz Bryski. This recollection by a baby boomer focuses on memories of the 1960s in London. For additional information, contact JoAnn at [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com) or call 775-392-4116.

### Great Decisions

Great decisions is in the process of setting a schedule for the year. Our new books have arrived and extras are available! We have some very interesting new topics for this year: Shifting Alliances in the Middle East, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan, International Migration, Korean Choices, The UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda, Climate Geopolitics and Cuba. We have our work cut out for us!

Please give Linda a call to be placed on our email list for updates on meeting places, times and locations. Also, please let her know if you're interested in purchasing a study guide. Call 782-1296 or email [nvlindas@gmail.com](mailto:nvlindas@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you!

### Gourmet Group

In January, the gourmet group met at Diane Koditek's home to prepare and eat delicious soups. Our next adventure will be on February 26 at Maureen Smith's home where we will prepare an international dish at Maureen's choosing. We would love to have you join us in our cooking, eating and fun times. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Smith, [m2s17s@yahoo.com](mailto:m2s17s@yahoo.com) or Carolyn Kellogg, [cnflakes@ymail.com](mailto:cnflakes@ymail.com).

### Games Group

Games Group will meet next on March 20 at Marty McGarry's home. We welcome new chapter member Diane Cerruti! Let Donna Curtis know if you want to play, [donnaicurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnaicurtis@sbcglobal.net) or call 884-3037.

# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Branch Meeting 5:30	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13  Feast of Chocolate
14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17	18 Book Group 6:30	19 Book Group 2 PM	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Gourmet Group	27
28	29 	Looking ahead: March 20, Game Group				

## Your 2015-2016 Board

President — Jane Johnson 267-3427  
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## Bulletin Board

February 9, 2016  
 11:45 at Red's, 1055 South Carson Street

Come and join other AAUW members for an informal luncheon this valentine month. We will order individually from Red's delicious menu of sandwiches, salads and barbecued items. ( No pre-ordering is necessary). Please RSVP to Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743 by Friday 2/5. (I'll make our reservation at 11:45 under my name).

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](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com). Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.