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AAUW Capital Branch

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Advancing equity
for women and
girls through ad-
vocacy, educa-
tion, philan-
thropy, and re-
search.

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NEVADA'S RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

is subject of January's meeting

January Meeting

Location & Food

Thursday, January 7, 2016

5:30 – 7:30 PM

UNR Cooperative Extension Building

2621 Northgate Lane

Carson City, NV

Please order from the following

- Wheat Wrap Tray (assorted meat and vegetarian options)
 - Vegetable Garden Tray
- Dessert Tray (cookies & brownies)
 - Provided by Port of Subs in Gardnerville

Cost: \$8.00 per person

Please RSVP to Peggy Wozniak at wozniakpeggy@gmail.com by January 4 if you will be attending the meeting and if you will be purchasing the food.

The January 7th program will be

Chief Deputy Attorney General Brett Kandt who will provide an overview of the strategy pursued by the Office of the Nevada Attorney General to combat human trafficking. "It is impossible for any single agency or organization to respond comprehensively to human trafficking. Traffickers range from opportunistic individuals to sophisticated criminal organizations, with multi-jurisdictional activity. Victims represent diverse populations with a host of needs. The response to human trafficking is most effective, coordinated, and efficient through multi-disciplinary and collaborative problem-solving efforts. A successful anti-human trafficking collaborative effort can transform the limitations of a singular agency or organization into a strong, strategic multi-disciplinary team with substantially improved capacity to impact the problem. The Nevada strategy includes strengthening multi-disciplinary collaboration and creating a coordinated statewide response that enhances victim-centered investigation, implements stronger prosecution strategies, and expands victim support services." Brett Kandt was recently appointed Chief Deputy Attorney General at the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. For the past 12 years he served as Special Assistant Attorney General and Director of both the Nevada Prosecution Advisory Council and the Nevada Technological Crime Advisory Board.



The Governor's Mansion brightly lit for the Holiday Season.

17th Annual Feast of Chocolate

by Flo Bedrosian, Committee Chair

The event known as the Feast of Chocolate is our other Capital Branch annual fundraiser (in addition to selling pecans) for local scholarships and the Educational Opportunity Fund. The event offers ticket holders a full buffet of chocolate treats as well as a raffle and silent auction of fabulous gift baskets and prizes. The Feast of Chocolate will once again be held at the Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Carson City, on Saturday, February 13 from 2 to 4 PM. Advance tickets are \$15. Tickets at the door are \$20 (while they last).

Flyers to distribute and post and tickets to sell can be obtained at our January 7 meeting, or contact me and I will get the flyers and tickets to you. Success of this event depends on selling advance tickets and then once at the event we wow them with a wonderful raffle and silent auction. Given the success of the pecan sales I am excited about the scholarships we will be able to award when we add in the proceeds from the Feast of Chocolate.

During January everyone is needed to help promote the event by handing out flyers and selling advance tickets. Reach out to friends, neighbors, and co-workers to buy tickets and distribute flyers to businesses you frequent and post flyers on public bulletin boards. Take flyers and tickets with you everywhere and spread the word about the event not to miss on February 13th.

As for the chocolate details, we will again be contracting with Carson High Culinary Arts to make chocolate treats for the event. Also, donations of a variety of chocolate desserts will be coming from long time contributor, Grandma Hattie's Restaurant and large trays of brownies from Red's Old 395 Grill. Raley's Supermarket was new to the event in 2015 and will be donating and serving their chocolate bakery goods again in 2016. Other negotiations for chocolate are pending.

Thank you for your continued efforts in support of our fundraising projects for local scholarships and the Educational Opportunity Fund.

Feast of Chocolate Raffle/Silent Auction

Nancy Stiles, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair

Many of you have already made purchases for the raffle and silent auction as well as acquired certificates from businesses. Thank you. It is very much appreciated. Please bring what you have to the January meeting. Many others of you have indicated a desire to add your donations, and you will have an opportunity to look at our sign-up sheet of suggestions and determine what you would like to add while at the meeting. We will need to have all donations by the basket assembly date of Feb. 6. That means you can bring any remaining items to the Feb. 4th meeting. If you miss those two meeting date opportunities, you are welcome to bring your offerings to my home at 1676 Lantana Dr., Minden, phone # 783-0562. Donation tracking forms for both individual donations and business donations will be available at the meeting. In order to price value our baskets, we need to know the value of each item received, and we want to personally thank all donors.

Baskets needing adoption are:

Family Night: card games, board games, family DVDs, popcorn, peanuts, M&Ms or other treats, etc.

Sports Game Night: beer glasses, snack bowls, sports napkins, 6-pack of beer, popcorn, other treats, etc.

Gardening: gardening tools, potting soil, seeds, bulbs, knee pad, etc.

Indulgence: wine, wine glasses, chocolates, magazines, certificate for massage, pedicure, etc.

Spa Day: luxury soap, lotion, shower gel, other spa products, certificates, etc.

And...Knitter's basket, Quilter's basket, Reader's basket, Valentine's basket, Kitty basket.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Caroline Punches, Membership VP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE...

Good News! Bobbie Williams will be moving into her new home in San Antonio, Texas this month. Please update your Membership Directory with her new address: 13034 Cache Creek, San Antonio, TX 78253. Best wishes to both Bobbie and Pete as they get settled.



AAUW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

Question: If a person decides to join in January, what are her dues?

Answer: As of January 1 (and thru March 15), national dues are ONLY \$24.50 (one-half of the regular \$49.00 dues). This price break is ONLY for new members to AAUW. New means you have not been a member within the last two years. State and local dues are also pro-rated, meaning total dues of only \$35 will pay your membership through June 30, 2016.

Question: What, if any, portion of my dues is tax-deductible?

Answer: AAUW national dues are \$49. \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 not deductible because it supports AAUW Action Funds Section 501 (c) (4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. Branch dues (in our case \$12) are not tax-deductible as we are not classified under Section 501 (c) (3) status directly with the IRS.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This month, we are pleased to shine the spotlight on Diane Koditek! When Bobbie Williams decided to move to San Antonio, Texas, Diane graciously agreed to serve on the Capital Branch AAUW Board as the Interest Group Coordinator and Evening Book Group Chair. Diane serves as the communication link between the Board and the Interest Group Leaders and their members.



Diane joined AAUW in February, 2015 after moving to Nevada from California. As she notes, "I was very happy to join the inspiring group of women in the Capital Branch working to enhance the status of women and girls."

Her support of the advancement of women is long-standing as noted by her 14-year service as a Board Member for the Kern County Chapter of CA Women Lead. The mission of CA Women Lead is to encourage women

to become leaders by running for public office or applying for appointed positions.

Diane is originally from the Midwest with an educational background in Psychology and Counseling from the University of Wisconsin. Beginning in 1978, Diane's career work has been in public mental health, initiating programs first in Minnesota and then California. She began work in the field at a time when state institutions were closing and little existed in communities to serve those with serious mental illnesses. She states, "It has been a privilege to work to build services and supports and to increase community awareness/understanding."

Diane's husband, Mike, had previously worked in Carson Valley and was smitten with the area's proximity to the Sierras and grand, wide-open views and always wanted to return. They chose a home on the Carson River with wide-open views in Dayton and have spent the last year getting acquainted with the people and places in Northern Nevada.

Diane's personal interests include hiking and backpacking, art and music, reading and travel.

Diane is also a member of the Gourmet group and has volunteered as a Mentor for the WNC Mentoring event. Capital Branch AAUW is fortunate to have Diane Koditek as an active member in our branch!

President's Message

by Jane Johnson



We start 2016 with fond memories of a festive holiday party at the home of Carolyn Kellogg, with delicious appetizers and desserts furnished by our Gourmet Group. Many thanks to all involved. We were delighted to see many husbands in attendance. During the evening, Shirley Hammon reported that the Fellow-

ships Committee, including Mary Moffitt, Phyllis Tirado, and Shirley, recommended that our branch give the \$3500 earmarked for Fellowships to American Fellowships for 2015, and the recommendation was adopted.

The programs planned by Nancy Stiles deal with some serious topics in the coming months, and I encourage you to attend as many as you can to increase your own awareness of the social problems involved and to find out how we might help to alleviate them.

Happy New Year!

Interest Groups by Diane Koditek

Book Club (evening)

Readers met in December for a lively discussion of Christina Henriquez' *The Book of Unknown Americans*. The meeting was hosted and discussion facilitated by Carolyn Kellogg. In January, Caroline PUNCHES will lead discussion of Sophie Hayes' book *Trafficked* at Anne Elson's home on Thursday, January 21st at 6:30 PM.

* Note: our January general meeting of AAUW will hear a presentation on human trafficking. If you are not currently involved in the book group and would like to join us in reading and discussing *Trafficked*, you would be most welcome. Contact Diane Koditek: dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743 for more information.

Book Club (day)

The group will begin the new year with a new meeting date. By consensus, they will meet on the third Friday of the month with the next meeting falling on January 15 at 2 PM at Shirley Hammon's home. Please contact JoAnn Carpenter for further information: jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-392-4116. The book selection for January is *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski.

Great Decisions

This group looks forward to beginning the new year with great discussions. New members to the group are welcome. For further information please contact Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi at 775-220-0595.

Gourmet Group

Our next cooking session is at Diane Koditek's home on Friday, January 15 at 5:30 for soup making. If you would like to join us, please contact Carolyn Kellogg: cnflakes@ymail.com by Monday, January 11.

Games Group

The group will meet next on January 17th at 2 PM at the home of Marty McGarry. Please contact Donna Curtis at donna.jcurtis@sbcglobal.net for further information. All members are welcome.

AAUW Fellowships

American Fellowships support women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research.

Learn more at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/american-fellowships/>

Bulletin Board

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.

Pecan Sales!

By Shirley Hammon

Pecan sales were fantastic this year! We sold 50 cases, more than any other year. I am still collecting money. Our profit will be more than \$3,000. In the next newsletter, I will have a final update. Thank you for your hard work!



Fellowship News

By Shirley Hammon

Capital Branch's annual donation to the AAUW Fellowship Fund was sent in December 2015. Our donation was \$3,500. At the Christmas party at Carolyn Kellogg's home, branch members voted to allocate the money to American Fellowships.

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Holiday Social

On December 10, the gourmet group prepared delicious appetizers and sweets for the AAUW holiday party. Carolyn Kellogg, Maureen Smith, JoAnn Carpenter, Diane Koditek, Caroline Panches and Jane Johnson worked hard to make our gathering a success. We hope that all of you had a wonderful time.



Photos courtesy of Carolyn Kellogg.

January 2016

Happy
New
Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Branch Meeting 5:30	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Day Book Group 2 PM & Gourmet 5:30	16
17 Games 2 PM	18	19	20	21 Book Group 6:30	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Board Meeting 5:30	29	30
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Your 2015-2016 Board

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Board Meeting January 28

The next Board meeting will be at Jane Johnson's home on Thursday, January 28, at 5:30 PM. Jane will provide snacks, though you may add to them if you wish. Please let her know of your availability to attend the meeting by calling her at 267-3427.

