



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch

March 2016

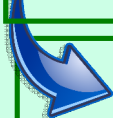
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**AAUW Mission:**  
Advancing equity  
for women and  
girls through ad-  
vocacy, educa-  
tion, philan-  
thropy, and re-  
search.

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## Bring a Guest to Title IX Panel Discussion!



### March Program

By Nancy Stiles

Our March program will be a panel discussion on Title IX with Superintendent White from Douglas Co., Superintendent Stokes from Carson City, and Superintendent Workman from Lyon Co. Questions have been prepared to cover: Athletics, Sexual Harassment, Bullying, and Assault, Comparable Facilities and Access to Course Offerings, Stem, and Title IX training of staff.

Please be aware that we are changing our regular date and time to accommodate this special program. The program will be March 10 at 7:00 at WNC. We'll have cookies and water as refreshments. Please extend the invitation to everyone you know so we can have a good turnout. Marlette Hall will swallow us up if we don't get a larger audience than usual, so please bring someone with you.

### March Meeting

March 10

7 PM



Marlette Hall, WNC

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds.



Photo courtesy AAUW.org

## President's Message

by Jane Johnson



I want to start by expressing my gratitude to Flo Bedrosian and Nancy Stiles for the leadership and energy they put into presenting the Feast of Chocolate. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Now we turn to an opportunity to share our commitment to equity for women and girls with the larger community. Many citizens are only vaguely aware of the content and import of Title IX, hearing of it in relation to sports, but not realizing that it affects all aspects of public schooling in the United States. Our March meeting at WNC is open to the public, and as you will read elsewhere in the newsletter, we are urging you to attend and invite friends and family to join us. It is unusual to have the opportunity to hear from three area superintendents in one forum, and we want to share it with as large an audience as possible. I hope you will circulate the flyer printed at the end of the newsletter, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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

by Flo Bedrosian, Committee Chair

### Feast of Chocolate Results

Mark as successful the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual FEAST of CHOCOLATE! This happy fundraiser was as beautiful as it was fun and delicious! The event, including the raffle and silent auction, has brought in \$2,800 and money is still coming in. After projected expenses, we expect a profit from the event of at least \$1,500 for local scholarships. If you have money that you have collected but have not turned in, please send any checks and convert any cash to a check and mail to: Flo Bedrosian, PO Box 3865, Carson City, NV 89702.

Many thanks to our members who volunteered the day of the event, serving and selling tickets and taking care of our guests:

Sue Klekar  
Lin Nary  
Paula Winne  
Peggy Wosniak  
Phyllis Tirado  
Linda H. Sekigucchi

Darlene Bardsley  
Donna Curtis  
Holly Van Valkenburgh  
Jane Johnson  
Caroline Panches  
Barb Jepsen

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

**Book Club (evening)** Members met on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Phyllis Tirado's home to discuss the book *Molokai* by Allan Brennert. Special thanks to Phyllis and to Jane for facilitating the discussion. For March, the group has chosen the theme "Women in Government" and members have chosen a variety of books to read including *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman, *Capital Dames* by Cokie Roberts and *A Fighting Chance* by Elizabeth Warren. Readers will each share with the group their book selections on the theme. Discussion will take place on March 17 at 6:30 PM at Zee McClintock's home. For additional information, please contact Diane Koditek, [dkg@mchsi.com](mailto:dkg@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743.

**Book Club (day)** Members will read and discuss *Winter of the World* by Ken Follett on March 18 at 2 PM. Donna Curtis will be doing the background research on the book and will arrange for the venue. Please contact JoAnn Carpenter for additional information: [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com) or call 775-382-4116.

### **Great Decisions**

**Gourmet Group** The gourmet group met at Maureen's home on February 19 and enjoyed preparing and eating a delicious dinner of stuffed pork loin, whipped cauliflower, dilled carrots and a special slaw salad. The dinner was preceded by Caroline's tasty antipasto skewers and followed by poached pears and ice cream. Yummy all around. The next meeting will be in April and hosted by Caroline. If you are interested in joining in please contact Carolyn Kellogg @ [cnflakes@ymail.com](mailto:cnflakes@ymail.com).

**Games Group** The group will meet on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Marty McGarry's home. Please let Donna Curtis know if you'd like to join in: [donnajcurtis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnajcurtis@sbcglobal.net) or call 775-884-3037.



At the FOC, Raley's provided drink pairings for the chocolate.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Caroline Punches, Membership VP



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## AAUW QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

**Sharon Urban Swanson** is a former member of AAUW, specifically the South Lake Tahoe Branch. A graduate of the University of the Pacific, Sharon worked in various aspects of education for over 30 years. Sharon did spend a year in England on a Fulbright Educational Exchange. Sharon moved to Minden in 2006. Last year she married a former high school sweetheart after reconnecting at a high school reunion! She notes that was a surprise after raising two sons and being single for nearly 30 years. Ask Sharon about her volunteer experience as part of the Capital City C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative, a program to help bring people out of poverty in Carson City. And, she loves to travel!!

**Shirley Williams** joined the Capital Branch in February! Shirley is a native of Nevada, growing up in Luning. She graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno with a degree in Elementary Education! She earned her Master's degree through Lesley College. She taught grades 2-5 in the Sparks area, retiring 16 years ago. She and her husband moved to Jack's Valley a year ago wanting to live in a more rural area and absolutely loves it! Capital NV Branch is her first experience with AAUW and is very interested in the book group. She also enjoys cooking, quilting/stitching, traveling and hiking. She currently belongs to two hiking groups!) Shirley can be contacted at [rswilliams67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rswilliams67@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 775-392-2320. Her mailing address is 3370 Alpine View Court, Carson City, NV 89705. Welcome Shirley!

**Linda Ladendorff** also joined AAUW in February. Linda attended our January meeting as a guest. Doris Bennett had suggested she attend. She received her BA from the University of Arizona and her MA from Northern Arizona University. Linda has joined the Great Decisions Interest Group. She can be reached by email at [Lhladendo@frontier.com](mailto:Lhladendo@frontier.com) or by phone at 775-265-1263. Her mailing address is PO Box 566, Minden, NV 89423. Our newest member as of March 1st is **Suzanne Baker!** Some of you may have met Suzanne at the Feast of Chocolate. She attended after learning about FOC while staying at the Carson Plaza Hotel. Suzanne is committed to learning, growing and inspiring others and making a difference in the world. Suzanne is a graduate of Texas Tech and is currently working on developing a workshop that inspires people to live a fulfilling life! Ask her about the Appaloosa horse project! Suzanne recently moved to the Carson Valley from Aromas, CA and just moved into her home at 186 Parkhill Drive in Carson City, NV 89701. She can be contacted by email at [star24heart@aol.com](mailto:star24heart@aol.com) or by phone at 831-707-4771.

**Question:** What is the policy of AAUW Capital (NV) Branch about having guests at our branch meetings? Or at our interest group meetings?

**Answer:** As a member of AAUW Capital (NV) Branch, YOU are encouraged to bring guests to our branch membership meetings as well as an interest group meeting. The March 10th meeting is on Title IX. This meeting will be on the WNC Campus in the Marlette Hall and will feature the School Superintendents of three local school districts. Guests are welcome!

**Question:** Does the Capital (NV) Branch limit the number of times a prospective member can attend as a guest?

**Answer:** YES. The Capital (NV) Branch encourages prospective members to attend a couple of branch meetings (including interest groups) to determine if they would like to join us as members. And, we hope they will say YES!

**Question:** Is there any type of incentive to join AAUW Capital (NV) Branch now rather than waiting until July (at the beginning of the fiscal year) or at the September Membership Branch?

**Answer:** YES! If you join in March – you will receive a 15 month membership for the price of 12! If you or a friend is interested, please have them contact Caroline Punches, Membership Chair for more details. Caroline can be contacted at 775-246-1850 OR at [cpunches206@charter.net](mailto:cpunches206@charter.net).

WELCOME



Welcome Shirley, Linda and Suzanne! We look forward to your participation!

### Scenes at the

### Feast of Chocolate





# Feast of Chocolate Raffle/Silent Auction

Nancy Stiles, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair



There are so many thank- you's to extend, and each one deserves a handwritten thank-you note, but it would be too overwhelming to write so many. Instead, please accept a most sincere thank-you through the newsletter with an individual listing of your kind, generous contributions below. It would be horrifying to me to leave someone out, but it could happen, so please let me know if you were overlooked and accept my apologies.

## **Thank you, donors, for your donations to the Feast of Chocolate.**

Godiva Chocolate Escape – membership  
Ghirardelli Bowl of Chocolate – membership  
Snacks on a Board – membership  
Tea Time – membership  
Sports Game Night – membership  
Love My Dog – membership  
Star Wars – membership  
Black, White, & Pink – membership  
Doggie Basket – Diane Koditek  
Cold Winter's Night – Judy Welch  
Lavender Necklace & Earring Set – Caroline Panches  
Margarita Basket – Nancy Stiles  
Valentine Basket – Donna Curtis  
Valentine's Eve – Peggy Wozniak  
Wine & Chocolate romance – Nancy Stiles  
Original Pencil Drawing - Mary Moffit  
An Enchanting Evening – Susan Haas  
Quilting Basket – JoAnn Carpenter & Barbara LeBlanc  
Knitting Basket – Luci Johnson from the "Knitsters"  
Gardening Basket – Lin Nary & Nancy Stiles  
Chocolate Delight – Holly Van Valkenburgh  
Greenhouse Garden Center & Gift Shop – Phyllis Tirado  
Kitty Basket – Jane Johnson & Lin Nary  
Baby Doll Basket – Lin Nary  
Tea for Two – Carolyn Kellogg & Maureen Smith  
Estee Lauder Products – Nancy Stiles  
Spa in a Basket – Linda Sekiguchi  
Luxury bath – Linda Sekiguchi  
Memories – Caroline Panches  
Soft Touches – Linda Sekiguchi  
Man Basket – Jennifer Verive's Husband

## **Thank you, members, for acquiring gifts & certificates .**

Handcrafted Necklace, Bracelet, Earring Set – Lin Nary  
Wyndham Garden Hotel Certificate – Donna Curtis  
Gold Dust West Certificate – Mary Wilson  
Carson Valley Inn Certificate – Linda Sekiguchi  
Styling with Resa Young and hair products – Betty Young  
Décor & More Teapot & cup – Mary Wilson

Trader Joes Tote of Snacks – Linda Sekiguchi  
Shear Design – Lin Nary  
The Hairport – Mary Wilson  
30 Minute Massage with Sally Rogers – Lin Nary  
Highlight from Annette's Beauty Spectrum – Linda Sekiguchi  
Mountain Home Décor – Mary Wilson  
**Thank you, members, for your seed money contribution.**

Jane Johnson, Holly Van Valkenburgh, Susan Haas, Diane Cerruti, Diane Koditek, Shirley Hammon, Peggy Wozniak, Nancy Downey, Barbara LeBlanc, Jennifer Verive, Betsy Strohl, Betty Young, Eleanor Phillips, JoAnn Carpenter, Marty McGarry, Linda Sekiguchi, Barbara Jepson, Louise Seidel, Maureen Smith, Carolyn Kellogg, Phyllis Tirado, Anne Elson, Lin Nary, Susan Klekar, Mary Moffit

## **Thank you, committee, for helping assemble the baskets.**

JoAnn Carpenter, Barbara LeBlanc, Mary Moffit

## **Thank you helpers with the raffle/silent auction on site at the Feast of Chocolate.**


JoAnn Carpenter, Mary Wilson, Donna Curtis, Barbara LeBlanc, Barbara Jepsen, Jennifer Verive and daughter, Holly Van Valkenburgh

My chances of leaving someone out are quite high, so if I have, please forgive me and let me know. The results of the raffle/silent auction this year were disappointing. There just were not as many people there this year, and that affected our results. However, the baskets were beautiful, and I was so proud of how our members stepped up to help in all the ways given above. You are the best! Ideas and suggestions for next year are always welcomed.





# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Branch Mtg, 7PM at WNC 	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Book Club 6:30 PM	18 Book Club 2 PM	19
20 Games Group	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Your 2015-2016 Board

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## AAUW Capital (N) Branch

Have you visited the AAUW Capital Branch website lately? You'll find it by searching AAUW Capital Branch or using the URL <http://capital-nv.aauw.net/>.

As things happen with our branch, information is added to the various pages. You can learn about events, fundraising, membership, scholarships, and there are links to the national and state organizations. The Members Only page has minutes, newsletters, a member directory, and a schedule of this year's meeting programs. This page is password protected. Please remember, once you enter the password nothing will happen until you open the drop down box which displays what's available. To obtain the password or to get assistance with accessing the website, contact Lin [lnary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lnary@sbcglobal.net).

Please, take a look. The information there will be helpful when a friend asks, "What is AAUW? What do you do?"