



Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch (NV)

May 2017

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

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President's Message

by Caroline Punches



Wow! Our 2016-17FY is almost over! And what a year it has been! Special thanks to all of you who made this year such a success for the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch!

Our May luncheon is always very special. We get to meet our newest scholarship recipients and learn more about their goals and objectives. It is when we thank our outgoing officers and leaders and let them know how much we appreciate their efforts. And, of course, it is a time to reassure the incoming leaders that we will be there to willingly participate in AAUW activities in the 2017-18FY!

Our branch has accomplished a great deal this year and it is time to celebrate our achievements! Increased attendance at our general branch meetings! Record number of new members joining our branch! Record fundraising events! Collaboration with Partnership Carson City to host our first Work Smart workshop at WNC! Increased advocacy and presence at the Nevada Legislature! And so much more! Bring your tributes and accolades to the meeting as well!

I certainly have enjoyed this wild ride and truly appreciate each and every one of you who helped make this year such a great one for AAUW Capital (NV) Branch! Thank you!

May 6 Branch Meeting

by Marty McGarry

We're looking forward to the Scholarship Presentation luncheon meeting at Joanie's Creekside Cafe, 1795 E. College Parkway, Carson City. Joan Marie will again have her delicious assortment of sandwiches and wraps, with salad sides, cookies and beverages! The cost per person is \$17.00 which you will pay in cash or check to AAUW. Please make reservations with [Louise](#) by Tuesday May 2. See you there at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 6th.

New Officers

By Carolyn Kellogg

At the May meeting, the following women will be installed as officers of the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch 2017-2018:

- **President**
Caroline Punches
- **Program Vice Presidents**
Marty McGarry and Judy Welch
- **Membership Vice President**
Mary Wilson
- **Recording Secretaries**
JoAnn Carpenter and Lynne Ballatore
- **Corresponding Secretary**
Shirley Williams
- **Treasurer**
Barbara LeBlanc

Branch Meeting

Saturday May 6
11:30 - 1

Joanie's Creekside Café
1795 E College Pkwy

RSVP Louise 885-0269 or elseidel@gmail.com
by **May 2** please.



AAUW NATIONAL ELECTIONS

April 17 to June 15

2017-18 AAUW Capital Branch High School Scholarship Recipients

by Mary Piper

It is with pleasure that we introduce to you the 2017-18 scholarship recipients. Each of these two young women met the requirements for the Scholarship and exemplifies the Capital Branch Mission and Vision Statement. We believe they are exceptional young women. Each brings her own vision for her role in life as they move into the college years and beyond. Each recipient is a current student at Carson High School.

Menen Ashagrie: To quote from one of her letters of recommendation, "Along with being an excellent student, Menen is a dedicated member of the Carson High School community as well as the Carson City and global communities." The following activities are only an example of her involvement as a participant: JUMP start program at WNC, National Honor Society, HOSA, and Link Crew. Recently, she has become involved in the Clean Water for Flint project. She is a volunteer at Carson Tahoe Hospital. She enjoys running, playing chess and sightseeing. Her intended major at UNR is Biochemistry, with a probable future profession of Radiologist.

Menen and a sibling will be attending college simultaneously. Menen emigrated from Ethiopia when in the 4th grade bringing little English language comprehension. Her essay and application draws a picture of an intelligent young woman of varied interest, intellectual curiosity and great perseverance.

Jiavanna Wong-Fortunato: To quote from one of her letters of recommendation, "Through her involvement (referencing CHS, Carson City Community) she has not only demonstrated her significant capacity to do well and lead others, but she has also gained knowledge of and empathy for the people in society who struggle in life." These are only two of the organizations in which Jiavanna is an active participant: runner up state champion in the HOSA Dental Science competition, state champion in SkillsUSA Chapter Display competition. She excels in Health Science and Web design courses. Her hobbies include running, 3D printing, organizing, volunteering at "Austin House" and KIDS International Dental Services Program. With this organization Jiavanna has traveled to Guatemala to educate children on proper Dental Hygiene procedures. Jiavanna's intended major at UNR is Biochemistry, with a probable future profession of Physician. Jiavanna's essay tells the story of an intelligent, multi-talented young woman with a passion for learning and for the sharing of this knowledge with others in many walks of life.

Menen and Jiavanna, with a parent or guest, will be invited to the Capital Branch May 6th meeting. We encourage each of you to take a moment to speak with and to learn more about these delightful and outstanding young women.

Scholarship Selection Committee: Donna Curtis, Maureen Smith, Phyllis Tirado & Mary Piper

Membership

By Mary L. Castro-Wilson, Membership Chair

As I write this last article for our membership year, I sincerely want to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as Membership Chair for our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch. It has been an honor and a privilege! I have gotten to know most of you, which has been so rewarding and inspirational. I could not have fulfilled the requirements of this position without your help and dedication to our goal and purpose.

At the close of this year, we have added three more members to our branch. They are: Susan Schmid, Kathy Steinle, and Nancy Martin. Due to time constraints, these new members, along with three other new members, will be spotlighted in the fall edition of the newsletter. We welcome each of you to our branch! We now have 67 members! Since September 2016 we have added 18 new members to this branch. We have grown by a whopping 27%! Wow! This growth could not have been achieved without you!!

It is now membership renewal time. All invoices for dues have been sent to you. You can pay online or at the May meeting. Everyone with dues paid by that time will be eligible for a drawing for a small prize. Please keep up this 67 membership growth. Yes, we can!!

Summer will be here before we know it—I hope. It's a time for sun, fun, and vacations. However, please save the date for our Fall Membership Brunch on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10:00am until 12:00 p.m.. The venue has yet to be determined. This is a fun, social, and informative event. I will be sending out Evites to each of you in mid-August. I ask that you please respond as quickly as possible. A great deal of planning and preparation goes into this event. Thank you.

Happy May Birthdays to those of you celebrating your "special day" this month. And Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's, Grandmom's, and Great Grandmom's !

"Reach Out".... A Pilot Program in development

Would you like to be a Link/Friend from our AAUW Capital Branch to a 2017-18 Scholarship recipient? Please read the profiles on the 2017-18 scholarship recipients from our Capital Branch in this *Capital News*. If you signed the interest sheet at the last meeting, or didn't and are interested, opportunity awaits you! Contact Mary Piper for further information, phone (775) 246-5435 or mpiper36@gmail.com.

Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

The Nevada Legislature has been very busy since opening day on February 6th. It was announced at our April 4th meeting that AAUW had narrowed our bill watch list to 14 bills out of the 1,002 that had been introduced to date. The major areas being watched include pay equity, minimum wage, paid family leave, affordable child care and human trafficking. As of the April 14th cutoff date, our watch list has been narrowed even further – only 10 of our bills survived the deadline requiring a bill to have passed out of the first committee. See the summary at the end of this article.

Several of you signed up to advocate during this legislative session. You are encouraged to contact your committee facilitator for next steps. As a reminder, these are the committees and their facilitators.

Attend hearings: Lynn Ballatore

Testifying: Caroline Punches

Writing letters: Marty McGarry

Making calls: Judy Welch

Visiting legislators: Mary Wilson

Monitoring Bills: Janice Noble

Social Media : Barbara LeBlanc

Status of Bill Watch list as of April 14th: If you want more current information or make your voice heard, go to www.leg.state.nv.us and check out the current status.

Pay Equity

AB 106 –Passed Assembly Government Affairs

AB 276 –Passed Assembly Judiciary

AB 178 – 4/14 No further action allowed

SB 397 – Senate Government Affairs passed

SB 343 – Senate Revenue – 4/13 – Amended

Minimum Wage

AB 175 – Assembly commerce passed

SB 106 – Senate Commerce, Labor & Energy, waiver granted

Paid Family Leave

AB 266 – Assembly Taxation passed

SB 196 – Senate Commerce, Labor & Energy passed

AB 394 – No further action allowed

Affordable Child Care

SB 147 – No further action allowed

SB 455 – Senate Revenue & Econ Dev passed

Human Trafficking

AB 73 – No further action allowed

SB 214 – No further action allowed

And, of course, there are the national issues to support or oppose when they come to your email as [Two Minute Activist](#). Every little bit helps. When we do these things, we are acting on the mission of AAUW, so keep on advocating.

Work Smart Workshop

By Caroline Punches

Seventeen student and community leaders participated in OUR first Work Smart Workshop on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Western Nevada College. Sponsored by Partnership Carson City and our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch, the workshop was facilitated by two of our members, Dr. Jennifer Verive and Dr. Peggy Wozniak.

As many of you know, AAUW Capital (NV) Branch has been collaborating with Western Nevada College over the past few years trying to find an event that would get students involved and excited. We finally did it! Students from Western's Business program, CareerConnect, Associated Students of Western Nevada (ASWN), and the Latino cohort joined in with WNC staff, instructors, and representatives from Partnership Carson City, the United Latino Community, and our local AAUW Capital (NV) Branch to learn how to close the gender pay gap by

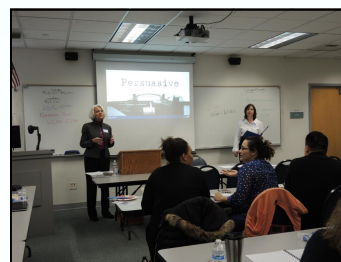
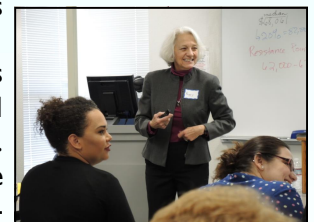


negotiating for a fair and equitable salary.

AAUW's WorkSmart workshop empowers women to negotiate their salary and benefits packages. The April workshop corresponded with a national campaign by AAUW to offer these workshops

across the country during the first week of April to recognize Equal Pay Day—the symbolic day when [women's earnings "catch up"](#) to men's earnings from the previous year.

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch is hoping to schedule additional workshops in the near future. Two more branch members are becoming facilitators. The work-



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evaluations were outstanding and reinforced the need for this training. Jennifer Verive handled the logistical planning for this first workshop and has indicated she would love to have a volunteer help with logistics for the next one. If

YOU would like to give a helping hand, please let President Caroline Punches know!

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Gourmet Group:

In April, Jane Johnson planned a wonderful Moroccan meal for the group. On May 19 at 5:30 p.m. Gourmet Group members will gather to cook and enjoy Paella at the home of Shirley Williams. For additional information or to join, please contact Carolyn Kellogg, 775-461-3320 or cnflakes@ymail.com.

Evening Book Group:

April discussion, facilitated by Donna Curtis, focused on *The Firebrand and The First Lady* by Patricia Bell Scott. On May 18th at 6:30 p.m., the group will meet at the home of Gail Aldrich to discuss Stephanie Dray's book *America's First Daughter*. This novel, drawn from thousands of letters and original sources, tells the story of Martha Jefferson Randolph, Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter. For further information, please contact Diane Koditek, dgk@mchsi.com or 661-304-8743.

Great Decisions:


Focus for the April 26th meeting at JoAnn Carpenter's home is "Conflict in the South China Sea." The May meeting will take place on the 24th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Jane Johnson's home. The topic for discussion is "Saudi Arabia in Transition." Anyone wanting further information about the group may contact JoAnn Carpenter, jac78x@gmail.com or 775-297-3889.

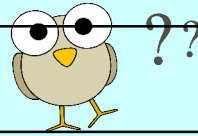
Daytime Book Group:

The group met in April on the 21st at the Bleu Cafe to discuss *Stoner* by John Williams. They will meet next on May 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. to discuss *Tahoe Silence* by Todd Borg. For further information, contact JoAnn Carpenter, jac78x@gmail.com or 775-297-3889.

Informal Luncheon:

The luncheon in May will take place on May 23 at 11:30. We will order from the delicious menu at San Marcos Grill, 250 E Winnie Lane, Carson City. Please join us. All are invited, new members are especially encouraged to come get better acquainted. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek dgk@mchsi.com or 661-304-8743 by Saturday, May 20.

 *We want to thank everyone for their prayers and good thoughts. Pat is working hard on his recovery. His long term memory has been restored and he is working on cognitive issues. Every week he improves somewhat. We are taking turns at the hospital. I hope to see everyone soon! ~ Mary Moffit*



Questions? Answers!

by Caroline Panches, President

AAUW'S 2017 NATIONAL ELECTION

Question: When does voting begin and end for the 2017 National Election?

Answer: Online voting begins officially on April 17, 2017. This is a change from previous noted timeline, to be in accordance with DC regulations. Online voting ends on June 15, 2017 at 9 p.m. EDT

Question: Can I request a paper ballot for the election?

Answer: Yes, you can request a paper ballot beginning on April 3, 2017. Request MUST be received by May 4, 2017 by the National office.

Question: Who is eligible to vote?

Answer: Eligible voters are all full members who have paid their dues by 9 p.m., May 16, 2017. AAUW Bylaws indicate eligibility is determined 30 days prior to the close of the vote.

Question: Why should I vote? It won't make a difference!

Answer: It is critical that ALL members vote. In fact, ONLY 1 out of every 8 eligible members voted in the last election. YOUR vote is YOUR VOICE!

Question: What are the issues for this election?

Answer: Amendments to the bylaws of the organization have been proposed that will change AAUW's membership eligibility. There are also proposed changes to AAUW's Public Policy program. AND, above all, we will vote for our new leadership.

Question: How can I become informed about the issues and candidates?

Answer: Your Spring Outlook will contain detailed information about the candidates, bylaws proposals, Public Policy Program Proposals and resolutions. You can also go online to the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> for additional info.

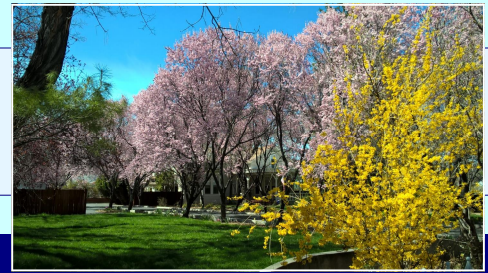
Question: Will AAUW Capital (NV) Branch have a study session for members so we can hear the pros and cons and discuss among ourselves?

Answer: YES! We will be having a "National Voting Day" discussion on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at our regular meeting place. More details on this event will be in the June newsletter.

Question: Will I be receiving any additional contact from AAUW about the 2017 election?

Answer: YES! You should have received an email from AAUW around April 17th – this email will have contained a unique, personalized link which will allow you to vote online without having to provide your member ID or voter pin. However, if you deleted that email, your Outlook magazine label has the information as well.

May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Last day to RSVP for Branch Mtg	3	4	5	6 Branch Mtg 11:30
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Book Group 6:30 p.m.	19 Gourmet Group 5:30 p.m. Book Group 2-4	20
21	22	23 Informal Luncheon 11:30 a.m.	24 Great Decisions 1-3 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Planning ahead: June 6 - AAUW National voting day, a discussion about proposed bylaws changes, at the Sheriff's office meeting room		

Your 2016-2017 Board

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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.

Action is the antidote to despair.
 ~~ Joan Baez