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AAUW Capital Branch November 2015

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President's Message

by Jane Johnson



You will be hearing and reading a great deal about AAUW's new focus on "One AAUW" this year, starting with a brief explanation from Caroline Panches, our Membership VP, in this issue of our newsletter. In future newsletters and in our general meetings each month, we will explore the numerous programs and activities that make AAUW unique among organizations championing equality for women and girls. We hope that as a result, you will have a much fuller appreciation for and understanding of the network of components under the AAUW umbrella.

November 5 Meeting

by Peggy Wozniak, VP Meeting Venues & Menus

Autumn Pot Luck Soup & Salad Dinner

When: Thursday, **November 5**
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Where: Silver State Charter School
788 Fairview Drive
Carson City (park and enter on
East side of building)

Please bring your favorite soup **OR** salad to share. For those who would rather not cook or prepare something please choose from the following to bring as your contribution:

- Bread or rolls
- Cookies or other dessert item
- Disposable soup bowls / plates
- Plastic utensils (soup spoons, forks, knives)

In keeping with the Fall Theme, I will provide cider for the beverage.

Please let me know if you will attend the meeting and what you will bring for the potluck dinner no later than **Monday, November 2. Respond to me by email at wozniakpeggy@gmail.com.**

November Program

by Nancy Stiles, VP Programs

We are honored to have a masterful presenter for our November 5th program on the subject of "The Poverty Culture". Debora McDermid most recently served as the Director of Community Engagement for the Bridges To a Thriving Nevada Initiative. During the three year period in this capacity, Debora trained over 3000 people in the Bridges Out of Poverty constructs; designed programs to imbed this work in business, criminal justice, and social services. Additionally, she designed follow-on curriculum in emotional resiliency, leadership and financial stability, and is currently developing a leader's guide to assist organizations in managing economic diversity. Prior to moving into community work, Debora has been a Transformational Leadership Consultant to the fortune 500 for over 15 years. Her specialty is in the field of human development and what fosters and sustains human change.

AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Debora will give us insights on the obstacles that stand in the way of that happening for those in poverty as well as a direction that can be taken.



Here come the pecans!

By Shirley Hammon

The order will be shipped the week of October 26. The pecans are from Georgia and they are this year's crop. Profits from the sale of the pecans are used to underwrite our local scholarships (high school and WNC) and the AAUW National fellowship program.

One pound packages of halves are \$10. The specialty packages are chocolate covered, cinnamon glazed, dark chocolate and clusters. Their price is \$11. Each of the specialty packages is wrapped in attractive foil. They make excellent gifts for your friends at holiday time. These pecans can be frozen. Schermer Pecan Co. guarantees their freshness for two years when stored in a freezer.

Please begin taking orders from your friends and neighbors. Be sure to order some for yourself. Feel free to take some packages to sell even if you have not received any orders. You do not have to pay for them at the time you take them. Shirley will write your name on a list, and if you cannot sell all the packages, you may return the unsold packages to me.

There are still some open time-slots available to assist with the sale of the pecans at the Carson High Craft Fair. One person is needed on Friday, November 20 from 6:30 to 8 PM. Two people are needed on Saturday, November 21 from 2 to 4 PM. Please call Shirley at **882-4195** to volunteer.

Feast of Chocolate Raffle/Silent Auction

Nancy Stiles, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair

It's time to start planning and organizing for the raffle/silent auction for the Feast of Chocolate. Last year the raffle/silent auction added a nice contribution to our scholarship fund. We are hoping to do as well or better this year. In order to do that, we must all help out. The idea of themed baskets seems to help people think about what they can contribute, so we are going with that idea again. Themes are listed below, but are not restricted. If you have another idea, please suggest it. When reviewing the themes, be thinking about what you could add. With this advanced view, you can be noticing items on sale. In addition to the items going into the baskets, we need the baskets themselves. Thrift stores are a good source, but be sure to get the sturdy baskets. You may bring your items to any of the meetings prior to and including the Feb. 4th meeting. The basket assembly committee will get together on Sat., Feb. 6 to arrange the baskets. I'll have sheets to pass around at our meetings with suggestions of items to fill the themed baskets, but you can start gathering things now. Here are suggested themes: Doggie Basket, Kitty Basket, Tea Time, Family Night, Sports Night, Indulgence, Gardening, Knitting or Sewing, A Cold winter's Night, Valentine, Spa, Memories, Gourmet, Italian. Other ideas are clearly welcomed. Our most popular items seem to be the gift certificates from different businesses, so please consider asking a business for a certificate. Just let us know who you are asking so we don't have more than one person asking the same business. This must be a team effort, so join the team and make a difference.

AAUW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS...

Question: What exactly does "ONE AAUW" mean?

Answer: ONE AAUW refers to all the programs that are provided by the organization so that women and girls can gain more choice and opportunities. AAUW has produced a video which provides an overview of all the research, advocacy, education and leadership programs we provide. Check out the 16 minute video by clicking on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3xOI0LUyvw&feature=youtu.be>

OR you can check out the shorter version (5.45 minutes) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qn3MOkH649g&feature=youtu.be>

Question: How many times can a prospective member attend AAUW meetings before they are required to join our branch?

Answer: A prospective member will receive copies of the branch newsletter for a couple of months. They may attend two or three meetings before they will be asked to fully participate as a dues paying member.

Question: Can I invite a prospective member to any branch meeting or interest group meeting?

Answer: Certainly! If you feel the program topic or group activity would be of interest to your friend and they might like to participate, just make sure you let the hostess or program vice president know!

Question: What is the AAUW Action Fund?

Answer: The AAUW Action Fund advances equity for women and girls through member activism and voter mobilization. You can become a "Two-Minute Activist." Just log on to the AAUW website and sign up. You will receive email notices to contact your members of Congress on current issues. <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Caroline Punches, Membership VP

Please give a warm AAUW welcome to our newest branch members!

Betsy Strohl is a graduate of San Francisco State University with a BA in Social Science and Math. She is still employed as the CFO at a company she owns with her 2 sons. Betsy was born in Omaha and lived in several places in the Midwest before moving to California when she was 12. She lived in several communities in Northern California before her recent move to Genoa. Betsy decided to join AAUW as she thought it would be a good way to meet other women with similar interests. She has attended the Great Decisions group and has volunteered to help remind our members of the branch meetings! Thank you Nancy Stiles for the referral!



Louise Seidel has a varied educational background. She has an associate's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Pennsylvania, a B.S. in Education Service from West Chester University (PA) and a M.S. in Education from Temple University. Louise is currently a substitute teacher at Carson High School. She has indicated she joined AAUW because of her interest in education and hopes to enjoy some interesting activities and helping to provide scholarships for young women. Louise has also volunteered to help remind our members of the branch meetings with a friendly phone call! Special thanks to Marty McGarry for inviting Louise to the brunch.

Nancy Downey was born in Reno, lived in Las Vegas for about 35 years off and on, but grew up in Washington, D.C. from 1958-70 while her father, Howard W. Cannon, served as the U.S. Senator from Nevada for 24 years. A graduate of the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Nancy has an MA in Sociology. She is currently Adjunct Faculty in Women's Studies and Sociology Departments at UNR and teaches 400 level classes including: "Gender and Society" and "Social Movements and Social Change." Nancy has been a member of AAUW in the past, but has not been active since she moved from Las Vegas several years ago. In addition to her teaching, Nancy owns a social research consulting company. Nancy Stiles was

also responsible for encouraging Nancy Downey to join AAUW. Thanks again Nancy!

Jill Doremus is originally from the east coast but has been in Nevada for 30 years. She has a BA from Syracuse University in Audiology and Speech Pathology, an MA in Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from Gallaudet University, certification in Computer Education, and certification in elementary-middle school education. Jill is retired after teaching for 30 years as a Teacher of the Deaf and 5 years as a Computer Literacy teacher. Like many others in our branch, Jill joined AAUW because it sounded like an interesting group. Barbara LeBlanc encouraged Jill to participate in AAUW. Thanks Barbara!

Eleanor Phillips refers to herself as "Rosie the Riveter" (minus the kerchief) as she spent her high school summer vacations inspecting copper brushes for military aircraft in war plants in Pennsylvania! Eleanor graduated as a Med Tech from Franklin School of Science and Arts in Pennsylvania and accepted a position with Washoe County General Hospital (Renown) in Reno. As Eleanor notes, "Marriage, Babies (5) and the passing of the years has brought many changes."



After working for many years as a dealer at the famed Harold's Club, Eleanor decided to pursue her BA in education at UNR. After teaching school for several years, in 1988 she earned a master's degree in history, presumably the 4th woman in history of the University to do so. When her husband died in 1990, Eleanor began volunteering as a docent in the Nevada State Museum. She then served as the museum store manager for 14 years, retiring in 2005. She has spent the past years travelling the world. Eleanor, a very active 90 year-old, joined AAUW because she needed a new interest! She is a member of the Book Club and Games Group. Special thanks to Betty Young for inviting Eleanor to join us.

Happy Thanksgiving 

Interest Groups by Diane Koditek

Book Club (evening) Members discussed Paula McLain's book *The Paris Wife* at their October meeting. The group met at the home of Mary Moffit, with Mary facilitating the book discussion. The Evening Book Group meets monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 PM and will meet again November 19th at Linda Kijanka's home. The discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan will be facilitated by Anne Elson. For additional information regarding the evening book group, please contact Diane Koditek at dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743.

Book Club (day) This new group's organizational meeting took place on October 20 at the home of JoAnn Carpenter, with six members participating. They developed a reading list for the coming year and will read Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* for discussion at the next meeting. That meeting will take place at the home of Holly Van Valkenburgh at 2 PM on December 8. The daytime book group would welcome additional members. Please contact JoAnn at jac78x@gmail.com

Great Decisions is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 16 at 2 PM. Topic: Africa. New members are welcome. Please call Linda Hiebert -Sekiguchi for additional details at 775-220-0595.

Gourmet Group October included a special Thai cooking demonstration by Chon Williams, with gourmet group members participating in food preparation at the home of Jane Johnson. November plans are to learn "Creative Sides for The Holidays" at Nothing To It Culinary Center in Reno on November 12 at 6:30 PM. There is a school cost of \$30. For additional information about gourmet group activities, contact Carolyn at 775-461-3320.

Games Group: This new interest group will hold its first meeting to organize at Joanie's Creekside Café on October 30 at 11:30 AM. Future meetings will also likely be held during the daytime. From chair Donna Curtis: "We are small but mighty. Please join us if you are interested." For additional information, please contact Donna at donnajcurtis@sbcglobal.net

In Stitch: This new group idea for those interested in creative projects was proposed after the member survey. Barbara LeBlanc kindly explored the idea with those who expressed interest. However, there are not enough members available/or interested to form a group at this time. In the future, if there is more interest, we can try again.

Bulletin Board

Brian Crane, creator of the Pickles comic strip is coming to the Dayton Valley Library on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 2 to 4 PM. There is a \$3 donation which includes one free drink. Wine and cheese will also be available at a minimal cost.

This event is sponsored by the Dayton Valley friends of the library. If you're interested in meeting at the library and attending this event, please contact Caroline Punches at [cpunches 206@charter.net](mailto:cpunches@206@charter.net) or call 775-246-1850.

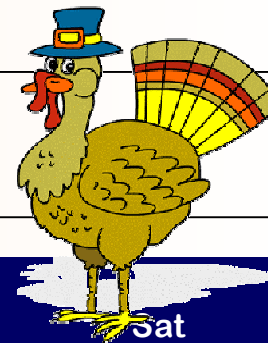
Website

Have you revisited the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch website recently? A new local picture has replaced the AAUW logo. The Events section was updated to have full information about the pecan sales at the Carson High School Crafts Fair. There is a link to the Fair that includes a map to the high school.

All members who requested it have been sent the password to visit the Members Only section, which contains the meeting minutes, newsletters and member directory as well as the Monthly Programs for 2015-2016. Some have experienced difficulty with the use of the password. Hopefully, the problem has been corrected. Please remember that when you enter the password and submit it, nothing will happen until you select one of the choices from the Members Only dropdown box. And, once the password is entered, depending on the security settings of your computer, it will stay there even if you exit the website and return to it hours later.

To visit the website, just search <http://capital-nv.aauw.net/> or Google AAUW Capital Branch. If you wish to have the password for the Members Only section, or if you experience problems accessing the website or the Members Only section, please contact Lin via email at lnary@sbcglobal.net.

November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Branch Meeting @ 5:30 PM	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12 Gourmet Group @ 6:30 PM (see p.4)	13	14 Bulletin Board event 2-4 PM (see p.4)
15	16 Great Decisions @ 2 PM	17	18	19 Book Group @ 6:30 PM	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
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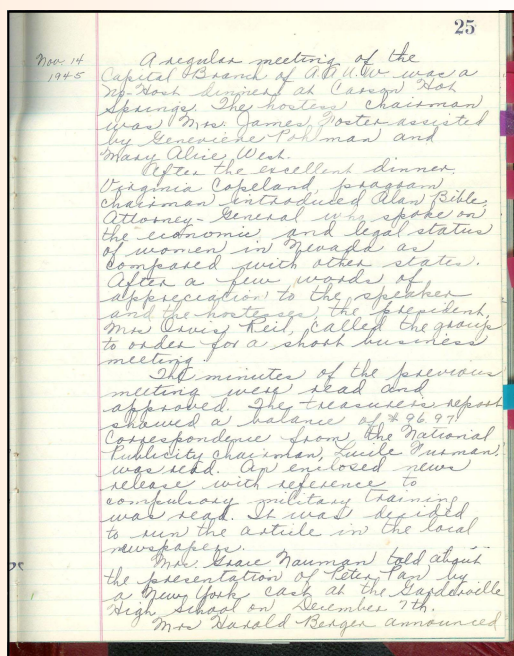
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