



Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch (NV)

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

Lots of good stuff inside this issue!

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

President's Message

by Caroline Punches



WOW!! The Nevada Room was the perfect place to launch our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch program year!! We were easily able to accommodate our 37 members AND 17 guests! What a great turnout!! Thanks to Mary Wilson, Membership Chair, for your coordination of a wonderful event. Kudos to Nancy Stiles for her fabulous decorations – nice that the Nevada Blue looks great with AAUW Blue! And, the food prepared by our board members was delicious as always! An overview of our national AAUW programs and goals was shared. Marty McGarry noted that our monthly branch membership programs align with AAUW's public policy platform and reflect the interests of our branch members. Additionally, we learned about our fundraising activities as well as an overview of our interest groups. Every AAUW Capital (NV) Branch member can become as involved as they would like! Our monthly membership meetings (1st Tuesday of the month) are held at 5:00PM in the Ormsby room of the Carson City Sheriff's office on Musser Street.



Photo courtesy Patricia Ackerman

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October Program

By Judy Welch, Program Vice President

Our October program is "The Middle East and the Last 100 years of Turbulence". Jill Derby will present her perspective on current conditions, as seen from her role at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, Kurdistan and then lay out the historical perspective that includes the larger region. Jill makes history of this region more clear in one hour than a semester in college. The \$12 price of the optional meal covers dinner from A Catered Affair, including dessert, tip and water/coffee. Don't miss this exciting meeting. Please make sure to RSVP on meals so we have an accurate count for the catering.

Branch Meeting

October 3, @ 5 PM

**Carson Sheriff's Ormsby Room
 911 E. Musser St**

**RSVP Louise 885-0269 or
elseidel@gmail.com
 by Sept 28, please.**



And, of course, you might want to get together with other members to discuss books, foreign policy or cook and eat together. The informal lunches provide us with the opportunity to try different restaurants for lunch and are a great way to learn more about each other. AND, for those of you who would like to get a bit more involved in public policy activities, please contact Nancy Stiles to lend a hand. It is going to be a great year!! See you on Tuesday, October 3rd!!

Membership

By Mary L. Castro-Wilson, Membership Chair

Happy Autumn! May this upcoming season bring us cooler temperatures after a “boiling” summer. Our Fall Membership Brunch was a success! Thank you to the 37 members who attended, to our 17 guests, and especially to our board who provided us with such an array of great food. We sincerely hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed the behind-the-scenes preparation. The Governor’s Mansion was the ideal location for this event. What a beautiful spot! How fortunate we are to be able to have the Mansion available for events like ours! Thank you to all!

Happy Birthday to all of our members who are celebrated their birthdays in October!!

WNC Scholarship Recipient

By Mary Piper, Scholarship Chair

The WNC Scholarship recipient is Joeli Kristi Paschael, who joined the Capital Branch at the September Brunch. She is most enthusiastic in her acceptance of the \$1000 scholarship. Joeli is a 3rd semester student in the WNC two-year nursing program. Joeli brings a professional background as that of a Licensed EMT. Since 1988, Joeli has been a member of the Heavenly Valley Ski Patrol at Tahoe.

Joeli’s family members are a son at Cabrillo Community College in Santa Cruz, a son (15) and a daughter (13) who live with her and attend school locally. Though a single mother, she expresses that she has great support from her mother and family in her quest to complete her college education.

Joeli is delightful, enthusiastic and interested in continuing her education after receiving her RN certification/education. We wish her well and look forward to following her in her chosen profession.



Joeli at the Brunch flanked by Caroline PUNCHES and Mary PIPER

Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

Are you signed up for Two Minute Activist on the AAUW website? If not, then follow instructions at the bottom. If you are, you are aware that there are a number of AAUW Public Policy issues that are under attack and need our help. The DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is unstable, and could possibly be rescinded leaving 800,000 in fear of deportation even though they have been an integral part of our communities. Also, Betsy DeVos is proposing public tax payer money be diverted away from our public schools. She is also proposing changes to Title IX that would weaken its protections.

Here’s how you can help. Write, call, email or tweet our representatives and add your voice to the other AAUW voices confirming our commitment to increasing opportunities in education for all women and girls, and ask our representatives to 1) support the Dream Act that would offer protection to DACA recipients and allow them to continue accessing higher education, contribute to our economy, and participate in our society, 2) stop any legislation that would divert critical federal funding away from our public schools, and 3) protect student civil rights with fully enforcing Title IX, not weakening them. And while you are at it, ask them to support HJ Res 53 and SJR 5 that extends the deadline for the passing of the Equal Rights Amendment. We are so close. AAUW lobbying has **proven** that taking action together can make a difference.

And now...back to the Two Minute Activist. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>. When the “Take Action” screen comes up, scroll to the middle of the page and enter your email address and click “sign up”. It is just that simple! To borrow another’s slogan... Just Do It! For those letters, emails, phone calls, and tweets you are going to send:

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We are tomorrow's past.
—Mary Webb

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Several of our members and guests/soon to be members signed up to participate in interest groups at our September 9 membership brunch. We are delighted to welcome new members to each of the Interest Groups and to add a new group this year. If you missed the brunch, you can still sign up! All of the groups plan for the coming year during the fall, making it a great time to join in. If interested, please see the descriptions below for recent and upcoming activities and contact the chair person listed for the group.

Gourmet Group:

Nine AAUW Gourmet Group members gathered in September to share hors d'oeuvres, ideas and plans for the coming year. The group will meet for dinner on the second Friday of the month in a different home each time, with co-hostesses and a special theme. In February, they will dine out in a restaurant, TBA. On October 13, Sue Knight will host the group for a pasta dinner. For more information, please contact Nancy at nmbailey95@gmail.com 775-461-3311 or Iris at irisblaisdell@yahoo.com 775-392-1772.

Great Decisions:

The September 26 meeting focused on Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan. The October 24 meeting will take place at JoAnn Carpenter's home from 1-3 PM. The discussion topic is Nuclear Security, the final chapter in the Foreign Policy Association resource book. The group will also set the schedule for the coming year and will order 2018 resource books. Members are asked to consider any changes that they would like to see in the schedule and if/when they could host a meeting. For further information, please contact JoAnn jac78x@gmail.com or 775-297-3889.

Evening Book Group:

The group met in September to select books, determine its calendar and enjoy a meal together at Maureen Smith's home. Thank you, Maureen! Our next meeting will take place on October 19 at 6:30 PM. For questions about the group, meeting details, or to request a calendar, please contact Diane Koditek, dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743.

Daytime Book Group:

A group of ten met in September to discuss Ken Follett's *Edge of Eternity*. Thank you to Donna Curtis for researching the author and leading the discussion. The next meeting will take place on Friday, October 20th, 2-4 PM at The Black Bear Diner, 900 South Carson Street. October will be a free read, with each member discussing a book of their choice for 5-10 minutes. Books will also be chosen for reading each month for the remainder of the 2017-18 meeting schedule. For additional information about the group, please contact Cindy White, at 775-267-3685 or email cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com or or call 775-267-3685.

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Questions? Answers!

by Caroline Punches



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 kind of benefits can I access as a member of AAUW?

Answer: AAUW offers a number of benefits for AAUW members - you can pick and choose those that are right for you! **One of the most popular benefits for Capital Branch members is the Office Depot Discount Card!** Just one example, Caroline Punches has received - total copying costs were: \$54.12 - but she **only paid \$17.12 - a savings of \$37.60! And that is just one order!** A deep discount is available for copies - both black and colored! The card can be used for any copying - not just AAUW!! To find out more about all benefits, you will need to log in as a member on www.aauw.org. To log in, you will need to provide your name and your membership ID number. The ID number is listed on your membership card. You will then be asked to provide a password. Once you are logged in, click on Membership on the first page, then click on Benefits for AAUW Members in the left hand column. An array of benefits will appear for your review. If you already have a log-in and password, you can access additional information at <http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/>



NEW**Knitting Group:

Several members expressed an interest in starting a knitting group and signed up at the September 9 member brunch. Zee

McClintock will chair this new group and will contact all who have signed up to arrange an organizational meeting in October. If interested, please contact Zee edzeemcc@gmail.com or call 775-884-3565.

Informal Luncheon:

On October 25, we will try out the new (and much larger) space at the LA Bakery, 1380 North Curry Street in Carson City. Please join in for delicious food and good conversation. All are invited to join in the fun. We order individually from the menu and will gather at 11:30. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743 by October 18.

At the Brunch...



Photo courtesy Patricia Ackerman



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October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Branch Meeting 5 PM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Gourmet group	14
15	16	17	18 Deadline to sign up for Informal Lunch	19 Book Group 6:30 PM	20 Book Group 2-4 PM	21 AAUW WorkSmart at Adams HUB (by invitation, contact J. Verive) - 885-7593
22	23	24 Great Decisions 1-3	25 Informal Luncheon	26	27	28 Nevada Day Parade!
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Deadline to reserve a meal at the October 3 meeting is September 28!

Your 2017-2018 Board

President — Caroline Punches, 246-1850
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 Treasurer — Barbara LeBlanc, 775-781-4956
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Reminder: Any AAUW Capital Branch 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.



SAVE THE DATE

October 20, 2017,
6:00 P.M. for cocktails
dinner to follow,
7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

PLACE

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S. Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89502

Join us to celebrate AAUW Reno's centennial