



Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch

October 2016

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

October Meeting

by Marty McGarry

Women Speaking Well: From the Private Home to the White House

Amy Pason PhD. UNR

One's public image and presentation style are often the most influential variables for voters choosing their elected representatives. This presentation will cover the communication expectations the public has for our political candidates and addresses the particular challenges candidates have in fitting to communicative norms related to gender, dominant media narratives, and particular campaign messaging strategies. Importantly, Dr. Pason will reflect on the particular challenges women have had in speaking publicly, and address how political expectations have shifted in this election with the nomination of Hillary Clinton for President. Dr Pason specializes in rhetoric and persuasive messages particularly related to women's activism and advocacy.

Food for the meeting will be mini-sub sandwiches (variety) with chips (variety) and a water for \$5. RSVP by Monday, October 3rd to Louise Seidel at 775-885-0269 or email elseidel@gmail.com.

Branch Meeting

Oct 6

5:30 pm

UNR Co-op

Extension

2621 Northgate

Carson City

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AAUW Meeting Reservations

by Caroline Punches, President

Thank you, Louise Seidel! Louise has graciously agreed to be the Capital branch contact for membership RSVPs for our monthly membership meetings. But she needs **YOUR** help!

Louise must **hear from you via phone (775-885-0269) or email elseidel@gmail.com** regarding your attendance at the monthly meeting. She needs to know if **YES**, you are coming **or NO**, you are not attending!

As in years past, you will receive a call from one of our Membership volunteers reminding you of the need to call or email Louise. However, you are still responsible for letting Louise know.

The newsletter is typically emailed (or mailed) to members about 10 days prior to the meeting. The membership calls will be made about 5 days prior to the meeting reminding you of the deadline to RSVP.

We know that some of you may NOT want a reminder call so let Mary Wilson, Membership Chair, know that you do not need a reminder call.

Louise will be calling or emailing EVERY member who does **not** RSVP by the announced deadline so please do your part and RSVP as soon as you know you will be able to attend or not! Thank you!

Membership Spotlights

by Mary Wilson

Happy Autumn Everyone!! May this season bring “cooler” temperatures after our very warm summer! And, a Happy, Happy Birthday to all our members who were born in September and are celebrating their birthdays this October!! This brings me to asking each of you to let me know the **month** you were born. I will be sending out an email to our membership asking for this. We all need to celebrate YOU! After all, you are what makes our branch so successful!!

Our Fall 2016 Membership Brunch was so fun. We had 36 amazing women attend. Our board provided us with a “delectable” array of scrumptious food. There was hardly a morsel left to munch on after the brunch! Thank you, Board Members and all who attended the brunch.

We have two new members who have joined our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch. Allow me to introduce them to you (If only by our newsletter):

Janice Noble:



Janice Noble, was brought to our branch by Nancy Stiles. Thank you so much, Nancy! Janice grew up in the Chicago area. She completed her undergraduate studies from a community college in the Chicago area. It was here, Janice received an associate’s degree in Nursing. Moving to California, Janice completed a Bachelor’s degree in Human Services from California State University, Fullerton. From here, Janice, went to Pepperdine University and completed a Master’s degree in Education. When her work life challenged her to become a manager and a leader, Janice, went on to receive Master’s Degree in Business Administration (MBA). Janice worked as Dean in a community college. She went on to receive an advanced degree- Ph.D. at Capella University. She has joined AAUW as she was searching for a professional group that advances issues which concerns her. AAUW filled the bill, as it “explores all sides of issues with an eye to the advancement of women and girls to reach their full potential,” she says. **Welcome, Janice!**

Cindy White:



Cindy hails from Sparks, Nevada. She graduated on the honor roll from the University of Nevada, Reno with a major in English. She began her professional career as a technical writer with Hamilton Company in Reno. She also worked as a documentation supervisor for Dermatological Products of Texas in San Antonio. She was there for three years before returning to Reno in 1996 where she joined International Game Technology.

At IGT, Cindy became technical documentation supervisor and later, marketing manager. For the past 10 years, Cindy works as a full-time freelance writer. She focuses on non-fiction; she teaches technical writing for Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno. Cindy is also an artist. She has a published book of original poetry and photographs (2008) “Presents in the Sage.” In her spare time Cindy serves as the entertainment chairperson for the annual Genoa Cowboy Festival. Her hobbies include singing, playing guitar, songwriting, and cooking. She has owned quarter horses for several years.

Cindy is excited to join AAUW and looks forward to becoming more involved in activities that promote education and equality for women. **Welcome Cindy!**

President’s Message by Caroline Punches



Our AAUW year has begun! To those of you who were unable to attend our “official kick-off” for the year – you missed a wonderful event on Saturday, September 10th! Hosted by Mary Wilson with delicious food provided by our board members, this brunch provided a great opportunity to reconnect while getting to know more about our prospective members.

Members and guests were able to view an outstanding AAUW video – **Changing the Climate for Women and Girls!** Judy Welch and Marty McGarry provided an in-depth overview of program topics and speakers for this coming year. It will be an exciting year! Opportunities for involvement in public policy activities and interest groups were also shared.

October offers numerous opportunities for members to embrace our mission – whether you attend the membership meeting on **October 6th** and hear how communication impacts the political process **OR** attend one of the Issue/Candidate Forums that AAUW is co-sponsoring with the League of Women Voters **OR** attend one of our interest groups – you have a wealth of choices!! We certainly hope you will attend at least one event – and then let us know what you thought!

We are looking forward to a great year! See you on Thursday, October 6th!

Because of their agelong training in human relations—for that is what feminine intuition really is—women have a special contribution to make to any group enterprise...

Margaret Mead

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Several of the AAUW Interest Groups have new members following the September member brunch sign up. The groups have been busy planning for the coming year with some of the details still "in the works" as the newsletter is published. Expect more details via Oct. meeting notices or please contact the group chairperson if you have questions.

Gourmet Group:

If you enjoy cooking, exploring new restaurants and food-related experiences (e.g., cooking demonstrations and classes), check with Carolyn Kellogg 461-3320 or Maureen Smith 888-0975 about plans for 2016-17!

Evening Book Group:

Members at the September meeting hosted by Jane Johnson chose books for the coming year and set the meeting schedule. On Oct. 20th, Louise Seidel will lead discussion of "Soldier Girls" by author and former First Lady of CO Helen Thorpe. Questions? Contact Diane Koditek, 661-304-8743 or dgk@mchsi.com

Daytime Book Group:

The Group's September meeting agenda included a review of "The Witches Salem 1692" and planning for upcoming meetings. Please contact JoAnn Carpenter for further information at jac78x@gmail.com or call 297-3889.

Great Decisions:

The group will welcome several new members as it continues discussion of world affairs and US foreign-policy. The group will meet next on October 19 at 2 PM to discuss Korean Choices. Please RSVP to Caroline Punches, 775-246-1850 or cpunches206@charter.net.

Informal Luncheon:

Come join in for lunch on Wed. Oct. 12th at 11:45. Newer members are especially invited to come and get acquainted! A reminder message with details will be sent in early October. Your suggestion of your favorite restaurant – or one that you've been wanting to try – is very welcome. Contact Diane Koditek dgk@mchsi.com.

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.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

by Caroline Punches, President



Question: Does AAUW Capital Branch have a strategic plan?

Answer: YES! The 2016-17FY strategic plan for the Capital Branch was adopted by the Board of Directors on August 23rd, following an in-depth discussion at their meeting on August 22nd. Our strategic plan is available for member review on the Members Only section of our branch website <http://capital-nv.aauw.net/>.

Question: Does the Members Only section require a password to access?

Answer: YES! You can contact Lin Nary our webmaster for the password.

Question: I heard that branch meetings may be changed to a different day. Is that true? Why?

Answer: The attendance at our general membership meetings has been increasing – which is a great thing! However, the number of meeting rooms which can accommodate our growing attendance is very limited – especially on the first Thursday evenings. As part of her responsibilities as program chair, Judy Welch did an extensive review of available FREE meeting room space in the Carson area. The June 2016 membership survey results indicated members would consider meeting on other evenings (other than 1st Thursday) for outstanding speakers. We will be holding meetings at a couple of the larger spaces this year in order to check out the meeting room and any amenities (kitchen, parking space, etc). Places include The Adams Hub and The Ormsby Room at the Sheriff's office. Stay tuned!



Sunshine Chair

Is one of our branch members ill, recovering from surgery or dealing with other life issues? Please let Barbara LeBlanc know and she will send out a card with AAUW's good wishes. Barbara can be reached at 775-781-4956 or WMZQLT@charter.net.

We Have a Facebook Page!

Just input AAUW Capital Branch Nevada into the Search Box on Facebook and our page will come up. "Like" our page and every time there is a new posting, it will appear in your newsfeed if you have a Facebook account. Check our page often because Barbara LeBlanc is posting timely and interesting articles which you may enjoy reading.

Check out the Capital Branch website
at <http://capital-nv.aauw.net/>

AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

by Caroline Punches

WOOHOO!! 43 members responded to the **June 2016 Program Survey!** That is over 80%! Thank you all!

The topics of greatest interest were: Immigration issues here in Nevada with local refugee stories; Immigration process information; Barriers and Bias (newest research from AAUW); Pay Equity and fairness in compensation; Gender Equity; Voter ID issues in Nevada. Judy Welch and Marty McGarry used **your program** priorities to identify some wonderful speakers.

Our branch members preferred to keep our 1st Thursday meeting time, BUT also indicated that other evenings are okay and affirmed the need for versatility of meeting times to have a great speaker.

An overwhelming majority of you indicated a willingness to help in a number of areas! Your names have been given to the committee chair or officer responsible for the specific area – so you should be getting a call to help!

AAUW National asked branches to complete a demographic survey related to our membership. According to responses we received: 39% of our members are over the age of 71; 46% are between the ages of 61 and 70; 10% are between 51 and 60 and 5% under the age of 50. We have a great source of wisdom in our branch! Our branch also asked the question about food at our meetings. There was not an overall consensus – so we will be trying out a variety of options in the first couple of months. We will try and keep the prices down...and if you wish to bring your own, you can certainly do so.

Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles

We are on the countdown for the November elections and our opportunity to use our voice for choosing our leaders and for the four Ballot Questions. National AAUW has prepared voter guides for our presidential, vice presidential, and Nevada Senate elections that may be useful information to help you determine your vote in those elections.

Capital Branch AAUW has joined with the League of Women Voters and PFLAG, all non-partisan, to provide information on the more local candidates and on the ballot issues through a series of forums to be held at the Brewery Arts Center on October 11, 12, and 18 from 6:00 to 8:00. Please refer to the flyer on page 7 for details. We encourage you to attend, both for receiving important information, and also for showing a presence of Capital Branch AAUW. We will have a table set up in the foyer to display information about AAUW in general and about our branch.

If you are still looking for information to help you make an intelligent decision about the ballot issues go to www.guinncenter.com for extensive information researched from a non-partisan point of view. Go to Policy Reports then Governing Nevada. You will find excellent fact sheets for each ballot question – some of which are 15 to 30 pages long. I dare say you'll find everything you ever wanted to know and then some. It is an outstanding resource.

Pecans

By Shirley Hammon



Pecans from Georgia! Capital Branch members sell pecans in the Fall of each year to raise money for local scholarships and for the Educational Opportunities Fund, the AAUW Fellowship program.

Pecan halves are packaged in one pound packages and sell for \$11. Specialty packages are also available for \$12 per 10- and 12-ounce packages. These include chocolate (dark and milk) covered, cinnamon glazed, and chocolate cluster pecans (turtles). The specialty pecans are in attractive foil packages ready to be given as gifts.

Begin taking orders now. These pecans from the 2016 crop should arrive the first week in November. Questions? Please call Shirley at 882-4195.



Good times at the Brunch...



You can view all the pictures of the Brunch on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aauwcapitalbranchnevada>.



October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Last day to RSVP for Branch Mtg	4	5	6 Branch Meeting 5:30pm	7	8
9	10	11 Sierra Nevada Forum 6pm	12 Informal Luncheon 11:45 SNF Forum 6pm	13	14	15
16	17	18 Sierra Nevada Forum 6pm	19 Great Decisions 2pm	20 Book Group 6:30pm	21	22 Early voting begins
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Nevada Day 
30	31 HALLOWEEN					

Your 2016-2017 Board

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