



Capital News!

AAUW Capital Branch September 2016

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AAUW Mission:
 Advancing equity
 for women and
 girls through ad-
 vocacy, educa-
 tion, philanthropy,
 and research.

September Brunch

I am so thrilled to share my home with you for the Fall Membership Brunch, 2016! Our wonderful board will be providing us with a buffet filled with an array of delectable delights. The brunch will be from 10:00 A.M. until Noon on Saturday September 10, 2016. The location is: 200 Inverness Ct., Dayton, NV 89403.



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Please join us for a delicious brunch. This is a great time to greet friends and to make new ones. It is also a time to learn about our chapter/national plans for this year and how YOU can participate. All of us look forward to seeing you in September!

The following are directions to my home from Carson City, Minden, Reno areas. From Carson Street:
 Take Highway 50 East. Come to Dayton Valley Road.
 There is a stoplight. Turn RIGHT onto Dayton Valley Road.
 Follow Dayton Valley Road all the way to the SECOND set of gates of the Dayton Valley Golf Course Community.
 Turn RIGHT into the golf course community. The clubhouse will be directly in front of you.
 Take an immediate LEFT on Palmer Drive.
 Take an immediate RIGHT on Cypress Point Drive.
 Follow Cypress Point Drive to INVERNESS COURT.
 Turn RIGHT on INVERNESS COURT.

**Membership
 Brunch
 Saturday
 Sept 10th
 10 AM—noon
 200 Inverness Ct.,
 Dayton, NV
 89403
 Good Food!**

My home is the first home on the RIGHT side of the street. There will be an AAUW sign posted on the lawn at 200 Inverness Court.

See you at our September Membership Brunch!

President's Message by Caroline Punches

WELCOME !

I am looking forward to seeing you at our September 10th Kick-off Brunch at the home of Mary Wilson! Whether you are a returning member, a new member or a prospective member, the AAUW Capital Branch offers something for everyone! Come learn about all the exciting programs and activities that are planned for the 2016-17 program year!

Judy Welch and Marty McGarry, Program Vice Presidents, have scheduled some amazing speakers for the year based on YOUR feedback in the June Member Survey. A varied number of interest groups will be continued (and maybe some new ones started), providing opportunities for members with mutual interests to get together. AND, the great thing about AAUW is that you can become as involved as you want – (or not).

Our branch will be collaborating with League of Women Voters, Sierra Nevada Forums and PFLAG to provide a series of Voter Forums on October 11, 12 and 18th at the Brewery Arts Center. Detailed information will be available in the October newsletter – but do save the dates and plan to attend!

I also want to give a **SHOUT OUT** to the outstanding board officers and other committee chairs for all the work you did this summer to ensure a meaningful year for all our AAUW members in the Capital Branch. Again, it is going to be a great year – thanks to each and every AAUW member in the Capital Branch!

Your 2016-2017 Board

Elected Officers (*Second year)

President – Caroline Punches
Program VP – Programming – Judy Welch
Program VP – Programming – Marty McGarry
Membership Vice President – Mary Castro Wilson
Secretary - JoAnn Carpenter*
Corresponding Secretary – Barbara LeBlanc
Treasurer - Phyllis Tirado*

Appointed Positions (*Board position)

*Capital News Editor/Branch Website- Lin Nary
*Pecan Co-Chair - Shirley Hammon
Pecan Co-Chair – Carolyn Kellogg
*Feast of Chocolate Chair - Flo Bedrosian
Feast of Chocolate Co-Chair – Susan Klekar
*Educational Opportunities Fund Chair – Shirley Hammon
Public Relations (Press/Media) – Donna Curtis
*Scholarship Co-Chair – Mary Moffitt
Scholarship Co-Chair – Mary Piper

Public Policy By Nancy Stiles

Capital Branch has added a Public Policy Chair this term to their list of board members. AAUW from its beginning has had a notable influence on the advancement and empowerment of women and girls by being involved in the political process as a nonpartisan organization. It is important to understand the impact that legislative action or inaction has on the lives of women and their families. Our most powerful voice is at the polls. With that in mind, the public policy committee will be dedicated to getting out the vote, and providing information needed on candidates, ballot initiatives, and state legislation. A number of things are already in place to bring information to our voters. 1) AAUW Action Fund provides us with educational materials on candidates, ballot initiatives, and nonpartisan policy issues that are empowering for women and girls. 2) Our branch has a representative in a coalition of organizations with like missions who are also nonpartisan. 3) Our branch takes an active part in another coalition with the League of Women Voters that will be providing forums on ballot initiatives and candidates. 4) Our branch is also aligned with Sierra Nevada Forums to bring non-partisan information to our community. 5) With the help of Survey Monkey, we already have a list of members who have denoted an interest in participating with our Public Policy activities. If your name is not already on our list, please let me know of your interest @ nancyjostiles@gmail.com. There is truly a place for everyone.

Here are the major areas of activity:

Monitor State Legislation Bills important to AAUW Public Policy

Testify at hearings of particular interest to AAUW
Write letter to legislators and /or to the Editor of newspapers

Registration Drive at WNC & possibly other
Attend legislative hearings of interest to AAUW
Call or visit legislators on issues of importance to AAUW

Be a part of a core committee for public policy planning

Change doesn't come about by just complaining about what it is or wishing it were different. Together, our voices are stronger.

WNC Liaison - Jennifer Verive

Meeting Reservations Coordinator – Louise Seidel

Interest Group Chairs:

Book Club Chair (Evening) – Diane Koditek

Book Club Chair (Daytime) – JoAnn Carpenter

Gourmet Group – Carolyn Kellogg & Maureen Smith

*Interest Group Coordinator – Diane Koditek

Great Decisions Chair – Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Our AAUW Interest Groups always welcome new members! There will be information available and an opportunity to sign up for groups at the upcoming member brunch on September 10. You may also contact the group chairs listed below for further information.

Gourmet Group:

A 2016-17 planning meeting will be scheduled soon. For further information, please contact Carolyn Kellogg at 775-461-3320.



Evening Book Group:

A fun meeting at Caroline Panches home on August 19th included short descriptions by all present regarding books they've recently enjoyed. A total of 27 books on wide -ranging topics were presented. The group will meet next on September 15th at 6:30 PM to choose books for the coming year and enjoy a potluck meal. For further information, please contact Diane Koditek 661-304-8743 or email dgk@mchsi.com

Daytime Book Group:

Readers in the daytime book group will also meet September 23 at 2 PM to select books and plan for the coming year. For further information, please contact JoAnn Carpenter at 775-297-3889 or email jac78x@gmail.com

Great Decisions:

Stimulating! Lively! Educational! Would you like to discuss world affairs? Would you like to know more about the foreign policy of the United States? Do you have an interest in international issues? The Great Decisions group is the place for you! Together, we share a common concern about the place of the U.S. in the larger world. We desire to know more about how the U.S. impacts our planet and our role in making a difference.

We are continuing discussions based on the 2016 study book. Short articles give us a baseline for addressing current U.S. foreign policy. All are invited to join in the discussion, whether or not you have been able to purchase a book. We welcome your input. Please join us! For further information, please contact Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi at 775/782-1296 or nvlindas@gmail.com

Informal Luncheon:

The member informal luncheon will take place on September 21st at 11:45 AM. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and good conversation! An additional reminder with restaurant details will be sent out in early September. If

Bulletin Board

Come, join other AAUW members at the
DVBL Local Author's Night
Friday September 23
Doors open at 6 PM,
Author's /Artists Presentation begins at 6:30.

Dayton Valley Branch Library
321 Old Dayton Valley Road
Dayton

Free admission:
Light Refreshments and beverages
Wine and Beer \$3.00

Presenters:

SHAUN GRIFFIN, author of Anthem for a Bur-
nished Land, a book about living in VC and its
environment. Shaun, a resident of Virginia City,
is an author and poet.

DAVE LENZ, author of Jack Crow: Indian
Healer

DONNA NELSON and PAMELLA NESBIT, art-
ists and authors, presenting the Desert Born
project. Their art will be on display at the li-
brary after September 6th.

Questions? Contact
Mary Piper mpiper36@gmail.com

Reminder: Any AAUW member may suggest a
community event that she believes would be
interesting to participate in. Please email sugges-
tions for the coming month to Diane Koditek,
dgk@mchsi.com. Suggested activities will be
posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board
section.

Check out the Capital
Branch website at [http://
capital-nv.aauw.net/](http://capital-nv.aauw.net/) !



you have a restaurant recommendation for us, please con-
tact Diane Koditek, dgk@mchsi.com.



Title IX and Senator Reid

Since 1972, Title IX has opened the door for women and girls in education by prohibiting sex discrimination in America's federally funded schools and educational activities. Our Title IX successes are hard won and never taken for granted. Although schools can no longer openly deny admission to women, we still have work to do to ensure that schools fulfill their obligations to maintain safe and equitable climates for students in all aspects of education, including STEM fields, career and technical education, sexual violence, support for pregnant and parenting students, athletics, and single-sex education.

On June 23, AAUW marked the 44th anniversary of Title IX by hosting our annual Title IX Cupcakes and Champagne celebration on Capitol Hill. More than 300 guests representing advocacy groups, federal agencies, local Title IX offices, and more than 50 House and Senate offices filled the Kennedy Caucus Room to honor Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) as the 2016 Title IX Champion.

Throughout his decades-long service in Congress, Reid has been a champion for Title IX, seeking to strengthen its protections and defend it from attacks. He led efforts to create more opportunities for women in STEM fields through the *America COMPETES Act* and lent his critical support to legislation to end campus sexual violence; most recently, he was one of seven U.S. senators to earn a 100 percent score in the AAUW Action Fund's 2015 *Congressional Voting Record*.

Reid was presented with a letter from AAUW of Nevada co-presidents Joyce Destefanis and Doris Dowden, congratulating him on receiving this award. Part of the letter read, "Your commitment to women and girls has resulted in a stronger education system — one in which all children are valued. Your successes at making your priorities become law have benefited millions of people, and that impact will continue for decades to come."

During our event, Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), and Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) praised Reid's commitment to gender equity in education, saluted AAUW for our ongoing and critical advocacy, and reiterated Title IX's positive impact on women and girls for the last 44 years.

"Sen. Reid is a very real, down-to-earth, knowledge-

able leader in the Senate," said Hoyer. Hirono took to the podium to remark, "Title IX changed the lives for millions of women and girls, not just in sports but in all areas of education." Titus reflected on her work with Reid over the years to improve education in their home state of Nevada.

Following the speaking program, attendees and members of Congress mingled with AAUW staff and our Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps to learn more about the work AAUW and our members do every day to advance gender equity.

Just in time for our celebration of Title IX's anniversary, AAUW unveiled new, interactive maps to help you find your nearest school district's Title IX coordinators. These Title IX coordinators ensure that every person concerned about or affected by sex discrimination in schools — students, parents, and employees — are aware of their rights, including how to file a complaint. For the first time, communities nationwide can easily locate their local Title IX coordinators with AAUW's unique, easy-to-use online tool.

The anniversary of Title IX reminds us that great progress is possible but also that our work is not done. AAUW continues to advocate for and educate about the importance of Title IX. It's about more than athletics; it's about fair play on and off the court, inside and outside the classroom.

This post was written by AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Assistant Dylan Kama.



AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz presented Democratic Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) with the 2016 Title IX Champion award and a letter from AAUW of Nevada's co-presidents.

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life. —Sandra Carey



September 2016

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11	12	13	14	15 Evening Book Group 6:30 PM	16	17
18	19	20	21 Informal Luncheon 11:45 AM	22	23 Afternoon Book Group 2 PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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They are Back in School. Drive Safely!

