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President's Column

by Caroline Punches



Hope you are having a wonderful summer and staying cool! I am looking forward to being Branch President for AAUW Capital (NV) Branch for the 2016-17FY!

Your Board of Directors is dedicated to providing excellent programs and other activities for the entire membership. Plans are underway to create a very successful year and provide opportunities for everyone to become as involved as they wish.

Most of the interest groups are continuing to meet this summer and are discussing the most recent book they have read or world politics as part of Great Decisions. And, those informal lunches scheduled by Diane Koditek are not only fun, but provide a great opportunity for members to stay connected during the summer.

Mary Wilson, Membership Chair, will be hosting the Branch Membership Brunch on September 10 at her home. Your Board of Directors will be providing the food for the 10AM event. This is a great event to begin our year and for everyone to hear what is planned for this coming year. So, make plans to attend and bring a guest or 2 as prospective members. Please forward the names and addresses to Mary Wilson at jdwmlw@charter.net. Invitations will be emailed for the event – so please make sure you provide an email address as well as a mailing address.

See you in September, if not before!



You are encouraged to attend the **Tahoe Treasures Tour** sponsored by the Tahoe Nevada Branch. Several of our members attended last year and were VERY impressed with the homes on the tour. In addition to the homes, you will also see some wonderful artwork. Tickets are \$45 each.

For more information email Tahoe.nv.aauw@gmail.com or call 775-843-0775.

Tickets are available at Potlatch in the Raley's Shopping center (IV, NV)

TAHOE TREASURES TOUR

Join us for a tour of 5 beautiful
Incline Village, Lake Tahoe
LAKESHORE GARDENS,
MOUNTAIN HOMES, and ART!

**Saturday
July 9, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Tickets: \$45
available June 1st at
The Potlatch, Raley's Center

Tea and Tapas!
 Great Boutique!
 Raffle Prizes!

Proceeds benefit
AAUW Tahoe Nevada Scholarships
for local young women.

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Program Survey Results

THANK YOU! Your participation in the Survey Monkey between June 12th and June 27th is truly appreciated! Nearly 90% of you shared your opinions regarding the monthly meeting topics, meeting locations and your willingness to volunteer. The complete survey results were presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting on June 28th. And all volunteer names will be shared with the relevant officers and committee chairs. We appreciate your willingness to participate!

The meeting topics receiving the most interest were: Pay Equity and fairness in compensation; Immigration issues here in Nevada (local stories), the latest AAUW Research Report on Barriers and Bias. Other topics of interest included the Immigration Process, Gender Equity, Voter ID proposals in Nevada; and Retirement Security. Several of you recommended additional topics and those ideas have been forwarded to our Program Co-Chairs, Judy Welch and Marty McGarry.

The majority of members responding to the survey wants to continue our regular meeting time on the 1st Thursday but was also open to Saturday meetings. Additionally, members were open to the versatility of meeting times in order to have a great speaker. There were other comments made by respondents and we may follow-up on specific recommendations in a later survey.

Again, the majority of members felt that the meeting location is the one that best fits the program and AV requirements. Cooperative Extension was mentioned as the best choice for convenience and parking. The major issue regarding WNC is the issue with parking, both in availability as well as distance from the meeting rooms.

The willingness of our membership to help on specific projects and activities was overwhelming! Many of you volunteered to assist on more than one activity – and we thank you for that! Your names will be forwarded to the committee chairs for the specific areas.

Additionally, I will be convening meetings with some of you with specific skill sets to gather input and insight for improving the way we are promoting and marketing our branch. We appreciate you letting us know if you are unable to volunteer at this time!

Your overwhelming response to attend the candidate/issue forums co-sponsored by AAUW, League of Women Voters and Sierra Nevada Forums was gratifying! You will be receiving additional information about these October Forums. Additionally, many of you indicated a desire to attend Grassroots Lobby Day in March 2017. Again, additional info will be shared with you regarding registration as the event gets closer.

And a special thanks to those of you who offered to monitor legislation, to testify at hearings, write letters or make calls to the legislators. With a legislative session beginning in February 2017, you will be called upon to participate as noted.

Again, thanks to all of you for taking the time to complete the survey and to participate when possible in the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch activities. If you would like to see the entire summary, please contact me at cpunches206@charter.net.

AAUW Nevada State Convention (May 20-22, 2016)

Nancy Stiles and Caroline Punches attended the 2016 State Convention which was hosted by the Boulder City, NV Branch. The Convention began with an informal reception on Friday evening at the home of Larry and Lynn Turner. This home, originally built as a residence of the Chief Construction Engineer of the Lake Mead Dam, was one of the featured homes on their Home Tour. It provided the perfect setting for the convention delegates to informally meet and enjoy the spectacular views of Lake Mead.

We were very fortunate to have Alicia Hetman, Vice President of national AAUW, share information about AAUW in general as well as an expanded view of Title IX. Both Nancy Stiles and Caroline Punches were presenters at the convention. As the Nevada State Membership Chair, Caroline shared a number of ideas for membership recruitment, renewal and retention of AAUW members. She reminded attendees that every AAUW member is a member of the membership committee.

Nancy Stiles, Nevada State Program Chair, shared some great ideas about “Leadership: The Silent Language.” Convention attendees enjoyed learning about nonverbal communication and how facial expressions, gestures, eye contact, posture and tone of voice may speak louder than our words.

Dr. Sarah Blithe, Assistant Professor of Communications at UNR, shared her outstanding research on Gender Equality in Work-Life Balance. In this research, she noted that women will never get equal wages if men don’t take time off from work by using work-life policies. She was an inspiration to all in attendance.

The State Council met during the Convention and elected new officers. Our new President, Kay Lehr, is from the Tahoe Incline Branch. Peggy Poindexter is also from the Tahoe Incline Branch and will serve as Secretary and co-Treasurer with Doris Dowden.

Although the attendance was a bit disappointing, those who were there had the opportunity to get better acquainted with their counterparts, as well as our National and State leadership. Definitely a benefit!

The Merry Meeting of May



Scholarship recipients Madison DeWet and Fabiola Garcia

Bulletin Board

The July informal luncheon will take place at 11:45 on Wednesday, July 13. Come join other AAUW members for good food, fun and conversation. We will order individually from the menu at Glen Eagles, 3700 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek: dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743 by Friday, July 8.

The August luncheon will happen on Wednesday, August 10 at 11:45. We will send a reminder message and details in early August. If you'd like to suggest a restaurant, please email or phone suggestions to Diane Koditek.

Looking ahead...

August 24, WNC Employee Table

September 10, 10 a.m. Membership Brunch

October 6, 5:30 p.m. Branch Meeting

October 10, 11, 12 Candidate Issue Forums



Your 2016-17 Elected Board

- President — Caroline Panches 246-1850
- Membership VP — Mary Wilson 246-7215
- Program Vice Presidents:
 - Marty McGarry 690-3913
 - Judy Welch 721-1731
- Secretary, Recording
 - JoAnn Carpenter 392-4116
- Secretary, Corresponding
 - Barbara LeBlanc 781-4956
- Treasurer — Phyllis Tirado 782-0550

Interest Groups by Diane Koditek

The Gourmet and Evening Book groups are on summer break. The **Evening Book Group** discussion on **July 21st, 6:30 PM** will focus on Joseph Kim's book *Under The Same Sky-From Starvation in North Korea to Salvation in America*. This book was described by the Washington Post as "vital to our understanding of life in North Korea." In August, Caroline Panches will be our hostess for a "free read." Members will each share information about recent books they've read and enjoyed. The meeting will take place at **6:30 PM on August 18**. For additional information, please contact Diane Koditek, 661-304-8743. **Great Decisions** will meet on **July 27** at JoAnn Carpenter's home to discuss Migration. On August 24th, the group discussion will focus on Korea. For additional information, contact Linda Hiebert-Sekiguchi at nvlindas@gmail.com.