



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

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

## Branch Meeting

Y'all come!

February 6, 2018

5 PM

Don't forget to  
 RSVP to Louise at  
 885-0269 or

[elseidel@gmail.com](mailto:elseidel@gmail.com)

by February 3. We  
 need to know YES or NO,  
 meal or not.

## Read all about it!

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## President's Message

by Caroline Punches

Got the winter blues? Love chocolate? Enjoy raffles? Well, AAUW Capital (NV) Branch has just the thing for you this month! Come and enjoy our 19th Annual Feast of Chocolate (FOC) on Saturday, February 10th from 1:00 - 3:00PM. Advance tickets are a bargain at \$15.00. Don't wait - the price goes up to \$20 at the door, and there is no guarantee!



And, maybe you would like to volunteer to be part of the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch leadership team. We have several officer positions that need to be filled for the 2018-19FY. The terms for those currently holding the positions of President, Co-VP for Programs, VP for Membership and co-Secretary are ending and must be replaced according to our current bylaws. If YOU would like to serve in one of these positions or would like to suggest someone, please contact Judy Welch ([711welch@gmail.com](mailto:711welch@gmail.com)), Marty McGarry ([MartyAnn33@gmail.com](mailto:MartyAnn33@gmail.com)) or Nancy Stiles ([nancyjostiles@charter.net](mailto:nancyjostiles@charter.net)) with your suggestions. Elections will be held at our April business meeting. OR if you prefer, we can also use your help to review our AAUW branch bylaws and policies and procedures. Jane Johnson has agreed to chair the committee and would welcome your participation. This is a great way to learn more about our branch operation. Jane can be reached at 775-267-3427 or at [jane3491@charter.net](mailto:jane3491@charter.net).

Although I was not able to participate in the 2018 Women's March, I was so pleased to see that the marches across the country were so well attended. (cont'd on p. 3)

## February Program

By Judy Welch, Program Vice President

Our February 6th program will expand our knowledge of "Human Trafficking" and the work of our nation's juvenile justice system. Our speaker, Victoria Sweet (Anishinaabe), is a senior program attorney at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Prior to her legal career, Sweet was a high school teacher and educational lecturer. She has presented at national and international conferences on topics such as human trafficking, violence against Native women, and court compliance, and she provides technical assistance to both state and tribal court judges, attorneys, advocates, and court staff. Sweet also assists with curriculum development and judicial training institutes. Her publications include articles on the human trafficking of Native women and girls and the violence against and exploitation of Native women. The vital and important work of the NCJFCJ began in 1937 when a group of judges came together looking to improve the effectiveness of the nation's juvenile courts. The organization's mission has remained unchanged: to continuously improve the family court system and court practices and to raise awareness of the core issues that touch the lives of our nation's children and families.

Please RSVP to Louise Seidel, [elseidel@gmail.com](mailto:elseidel@gmail.com), by Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> if you want a meal or for your attendance at this meeting. \$15.00 for a warm, 3-4 course dinner is an awesome deal. Please let us know ahead of time.

*Taking joy in life is a woman's best cosmetic.*  
 —Kosabina Russell

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

### Gourmet Group:

The January dinner, co-hosted by Iris Blaisdell and Nancy Bailey, featured appetizers of bratwurst, pickles and pretzel bread, while members helped to make spaetzle for the beef or pork goulash and apple strudel for dessert. Along with sweet and sour red cabbage salad, pumpernickel bread, and a little German beer, wine and schnapps, there was lots of food and friendly conversation. The February 9 gathering will be in a restaurant still to be chosen. For further information call Iris, 392-1772 or Nancy, 461-3311.

### Evening Book Group:

Discussion in January focused on Ken Follett's book *Winter of the World*, that describes World War II related circumstances from 1933 to 1946. Our thanks to Donna Curtis for leading the discussion and to Zee McClintock for her hospitality, including era-related foods.

Our February meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 PM for discussion of Amy Ellis Nutt's book *Becoming Nichole* at the home of JoAnn Carpenter. For further information, please email Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743.

### Daytime Book Group:

The Group will meet on Friday, February 16, from 2 to 4 PM, location to be determined. The book for discussion in February is *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman, with discussion to be led by Cathy Haber. For further information about the group, please call Cindy at 775-267-3685 or email her at [cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com](mailto:cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com).

### Great Decisions:

The Foreign Policy Association Resource books were received during January and discussion of Chapter I "Waning of Pax Americana" scheduled. Planning for the balance of the year's discussions will take place. For additional information about the group, please contact JoAnn Carpenter at [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com).

### Knitting:

In February, knitters will meet on the 6th and 20th from 1 to 3 PM at the home of Barbara LeBlanc. Knitters of all skill levels are welcome. If you don't have those skills yet and want to learn, they will be glad to introduce them to you! Please contact Zee McClintock at 884-3565 or email [edzeemcc@gmail.com](mailto:edzeemcc@gmail.com).

### Informal Luncheon:

All are invited to join in the fun, good food and conversation on Wednesday, February 21 at 11:30 PM. We are trying a newly opened restaurant this month, at member request. The luncheon will take place at Flavors of India, 1105 S. Carson St. in Carson City. Please call Diane Koditek, 661-304-8743, or email [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) for further information or to RSVP by February 11.

## Feast of Chocolate

By Flo Bedrosian, FOC Co-Chair

### Tickets, Tickets, Tickets



Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Feast of Chocolate fundraising event will be held at the Plaza Hotel and Event Center in Carson City, on Saturday, February 10 from 1 to 3 PM. A final push to **sell tickets** is needed to meet our goal of 200 guests enjoying chocolate and buying lots of raffle tickets!

You might consider buying a ticket yourself and attending as a guest with your friends and family. Please do not cover the cost of the tickets as a donation and turn that money in as ticket sales, rather than selling actual tickets. Donations are always welcomed, but need to be separate from ticket sales. **It is important for planning purposes that ticket sales reflect the amount of people that will be attending the event.**

Please bring ticket money to the February meeting. If you will be turning back tickets please let Jane Johnson know now before the February meeting ([jane3491@charter.net](mailto:jane3491@charter.net)) so we know where we stand. For last minute ticket sales refer guests to Jane at 775-267-3427.

For any questions or to volunteer to work at the event contact Flo Bedrosian at 775-267-4515 home or 775-721-2328 cell or [fbedrosian@charter.net](mailto:fbedrosian@charter.net) For questions about the raffle contact Nancy Stiles at 775-783-0562 or [nancyjostiles@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjostiles@gmail.com).

[see next page for Raffle information]

## Membership

By Mary L. Castro-Wilson, Membership Chair

The AAUW Membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to increase dues from \$49.00 to \$59.00. The dues increase becomes effective beginning with the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2018 and will be reflected in dues statements distributed to individual members and associates in March 2018. There has not been an increase in AAUW dues since 2008. I mention this increase to prepare our dedicated membership. It does occur around "income tax time"!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch membership directories are completed and will be available at our February 6th branch meeting. The cost is \$.75 for black and white and \$3.00 for a directory in color. You may email Lin Nary at [lnary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lnary@sbcglobal.net) to order if you have not done so already. Thank you, Lin, for all your hard work!

Happy Feast of Chocolate, Happy Valentine's Day, and Happy Birthday to all members who are celebrating their birthdays this month!

# Feast of Chocolate Raffle

By Nancy Stiles, Raffle Chair

Did you put together a basket last year for our Feast of Chocolate raffle? Wasn't it fun? Would you like to do it again? We are ready to give you that opportunity. Here's what we've got right now: Tea Time by Lin Nary, Family Game Night by Marty McGarry, Wine & Chocolate by Janyce Stern & Cathy Haber, Autumn Table by Iris Blaisdell, Gardening by Judy Welch, Cold Winter's Night by Nancy Stiles, Give Yourself Some Spa Love by Nancy Stiles, Tea for Two by JoAnn Carpenter, Man's Best Friend by Diane Koditek, Knitting by Barbara LeBlanc, It's Party Time by Caroline Panches, It's Italian by Carolyn Kellogg, Cook's Helpers by Linda Sekiguchi and two stand alones, and an undecided theme by Jane Johnson. Beth Mancl, Denise Barrett, and Shirley Williams are donating wine, so maybe you have a basket idea that could use a little wine with it?

Do you need an idea, instructions, help putting the basket together? You've come to the right place. All that and more is right here. This even tells you where to bring the finished basket and when.

But maybe a basket is just not your thing. Then here's something for you – get a gift certificate donation from a local business. Adele's, CVI Steak House, Gold Dust West, Wally's Spa, manicure, pedicure, and dinner for two are always popular. **Want to help?** Let me know at [nancyjostiles@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjostiles@gmail.com).

## Suggestions for Baskets:

Individual items (ex. Vase, jewelry set, luggage – items that don't fit well in a basket.

Business donation with certificate

Gift card

Prepared basket – Go together with someone

Underwrite a basket – Provide \$ for a basket's contents, and I'll do the shopping and assembly of the basket.

## Theme Ideas:

Kitty Basket, A Romantic Evening, Craft Basket, Reader's Delight, Indulgence Basket, Sports Fans, Movie Basket, Tee Time, Summertime, Valentine's, A Taste of Italy, and Showtime.

## President's Message (cont'd from p. 1)

The newspaper in San Luis Obispo, CA had photographs of some memorable signs that were displayed at their gathering. Here is one that caught my attention: "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things that I cannot accept."

Looking forward to seeing everyone on February 6th at 5:00PM. Don't forget to RSVP to Louise Seidel - we need to know YES or NO attending. Meal or Not.

*Caroline Panches, President*

## Putting Together a Basket

1. Start with a theme – see suggestions
2. Gather contents –you can often color coordinate your purchases - that does make the basket more attractive.
3. Choose a container – basket, dog bed, ice tub, etc.
4. Fill the bottom with filler – packing paper (Walmart or left-over from packages)
5. Arrange contents ( use glue dots to anchor- Michaels or Dollar Store)
6. Add shred to top of filler in exposed places ( Dollar Store)
7. Cover basket and contents with basket wrap (Michaels sm, med., lg, & jumbo
8. Tuck the extra plastic wrap under and tape with clear shipping tape
9. Tie wrap with ribbon, and add decoration – bow, grapes for a wine basket, etc.
10. Fill out an information sheet with title (theme) contents, and donated by: \_\_\_\_\_, that will be sent to you by email from Nancy
11. Deliver to Nancy for the purpose of making label cards for raffle bags, silent auction sheets, and analysis sheets. Nancy will transport all baskets to the event and set up with a committee. Deliver to 1676 Lantana Dr., Minden (Winhaven area) anytime between now and Feb. 6, or bring them to the Feb. 6 AAUW meeting. **Feb. 6 is the last day to accept any baskets, free-standing items, or certificates, and it would help if delivered sooner.** With just an email or phone call (775-783-0562, [nancyjostiles@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjostiles@gmail.com)), you can leave your contribution on the covered porch if I'm not home when you are out and about. There will be a cardboard box waiting for you with a guaranteed timely pick up.

## Pecans Pecans Pecans!

By Carolyn Kellogg, Pecans Sales Chair

Thank you everyone for another successful pecan sales event. We did very well this year and only have a few halves, two milk chocolates and one dark chocolate left to sell. If you are in need of them please contact me at (775) 461-3320. I would like to give a special thanks to Linda Getschman, who is not a member, but again this year sold a gigantic number of our pecans. If you know her, give her a big thank you.



# AAUW Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

## AAUW and Civil Rights Groups Oppose OCR Nominee, Vote Postponed

After careful examination of Kenneth Marcus' record, AAUW [urged](#) senators to oppose his nomination to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, citing failure to agree to fully support and protect Title IX and other civil rights laws. AAUW also cited Marcus' failure to adequately respond to key questions including his refusal to commit to supporting the 2011 or 2014 guidance regarding sexual harassment and violence during his hearing in front of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. The Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights plays a critical role in ensuring all students have access to an education, and a number of civil rights groups [oppose](#) Marcus' confirmation to the role. The Senate HELP Committee was expected to vote on Thursday to move forward with Marcus's nomination, but the vote was rescheduled.

Although a federal court temporarily halted the Trump administration's repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, we still need a permanent solution that protects DACA recipients from deportation while allowing them to continue to access education or work. [Tell Congress we must protect Dreamers and pass the Dream Act today!](#)

**When you are given an opportunity to be in the presence of a candidate for a 2018 office, think on this: College Affordability.** Higher education is no longer a luxury – it's a necessity. At current rates, by 2020 the United States will add nearly 17 million jobs requiring at least some postsecondary education due to employment growth and replacement of workers who retire or otherwise permanently leave an occupation. Moreover, the number of jobs requiring a graduate degree is estimated to grow by about 2.4 million by 2020.



Explore and support women's issues at <http://www.aauw.org/>

As the skill requirements of jobs continue to increase, AAUW believes that higher education must be made more easily accessible to all students – and that students should not have to mortgage their futures in the process. With tuition increasing and state investment decreasing, meaningful grant aid such as the federal Pell grant program is particularly important. Further, since rising tuition rates have prompted two-thirds of graduates to borrow money to attend college, loan repayment and forgiveness programs must be made more manageable for borrowers.

Listen for the candidates' discussion of these terms: College debt, tuition repayment, student loans, Pell grants, loan forgiveness, income-based repayment

### Ask the candidates these questions:

- In 2013 college students graduated with an average of \$26,000 in debt. What can we do to help make college more affordable and loan payments more manageable?
- Do you support increasing funding for college affordability programs, income-based repayment programs, student loan forgiveness programs, and Pell grants?



### *Transitions...*

Our warmest thoughts are with President Caroline Panches, whose mother, Dorothy Treanor, passed away recently at age 98. She was a loving mother to Caroline and her two brothers, as well as Gram to six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great, great-granddaughter.

We are saddened too to report that Honorary Life AAUW member Doris Bennett lost her husband in mid-January. Leon and Doris met while at San Jose State University. They were married 58 years. Doris was a member of the Los Altos, Mountain View AAUW and transferred her membership to the Capital Branch when they moved here in 2004.

Shirley Hammon has reported that her husband Joe is home again and is now under Hospice Care. She wants all of us to know how much she wishes she could come to the meetings; she misses everyone. We miss you, too, Shirley!



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6 Branch Mtg 5 PM Knitting 1-3	7	8	9 Gourmet Group TBA	10 Feast of Chocolate ! 1-3 PM
11	12	13	14 Valen- tine's Day 	15 Book Group 6:30	16 Book Group 2-4 PM	17
18	19	20 Knitting 1-3	21 Informal Luncheon 11:30 AM	22	23	24
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## Your 2017-2018 Board

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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](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com). Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.

19th Annual

# ***FEAST OF CHOCOLATE***

Presented by the  
American Association of University Women  
Capital (NV) Branch

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Plaza Hotel & Event Center  
211 E. 9th St., Carson City, NV**



**Enjoy an abundant sampling of  
chocolate delicacies!**

**Participate in raffles of fabulous prizes.**

**Proceeds benefit local scholarships and  
AAUW fellowships.**

**Admission \$15**

**For tickets or more information,  
contact 775-267-3427.**