



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

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

## President's Message

by Caroline Punches

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Joanie's Creekside Deli at 11:30AM! Our three high school scholarship recipients will be sharing some of their goals and objectives with us. This is always a very special time for us and, of course, for them. Also on the program is the recognition of our leadership team of the past year AND installation our new leadership team.

The AAUW Nevada Spring Convention was held on May 4-6 in Fallon, Nevada. A recap can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter. But I want to recognize the leadership of our own Nancy Stiles who served as the Program Chair for the Convention. Everything went according to plan – down to the table decorations (provided of course by Nancy). Personally, I enjoyed the opportunity to informally chat with Joanna Amberger, member of the AAUW Board of Directors.

As I reflect on our local accomplishments this year, I am pleased to report that our Capital Branch continues to thrive! Our 2017-18FY highlights include two very successful fundraising activities, two AAUW Work Smart presentations for the community, informative and educational programs at our general membership meetings, and active participation in our interest groups and monthly informal luncheons. These accomplishments are because of YOU and your support of our mission and ongoing activities! (Please note – a detailed account for the past two years did appear in our April 2018 newsletter.)

It is a privilege to have served as YOUR branch president these past two years and look forward to working with you again for another term. See you on June 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## June Branch Meeting

Saturday, June 2

11:30 am

Scholarship Presentation  
 and

Installation of 2018-19  
 FY Officers

at

Joanie's Creekside Café  
 1795 E College Pkwy  
 Carson City

Lunch menu:

Assorted sandwiches and wraps,  
 salad sides, cookies and beverages  
 Cost: \$17 per person, payable in  
 cash or check to AAUW.

RSVP YES or NO to Louise at  
 885-0269 or

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

by noon on Thursday, May 31.

Voting on the AAUW National

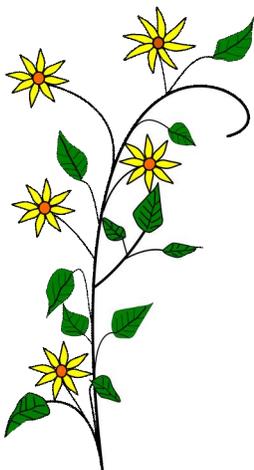
Bylaws amendments closes

June 9<sup>th</sup>!



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# 2018-2019 Capital Branch High School Scholarship Recipients

By Mary Piper, Scholarship Chair

It is with pleasure that the Scholarship Selection Committee introduces the 2018-19 Scholarship recipients. Each of these three young women meet the requirements for receiving a \$1000 scholarship. Each of the recipients exemplify the Capital Branch Mission and Vision Statement. We believe they are exceptional young women.

The three recipients represent Carson High School (CHS) and Dayton High School (DHS). As you will learn, each brings their own vision for their future role in academics and in life. Our recipients have been invited to attend, with a parent or guest, our June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Joanie's. They have been asked to give a brief presentation about themselves. Thus giving you, our members, an opportunity to meet them and talk with them....please do.

 **Isabella Bruketta:** To quote from one of her letters of recommendation, "within the past two years, (since I have known her), Isabella has grown in focus and shown perseverance, strength and determination." From another letter, "Isabella continues to demonstrate her dedication and eagerness to learn. She is a great role model and has very high ambitions." Isabella has been an active member of the CHS community. Her activities include Varsity Cheer Co-Captain, Student Government, National Honor Society (NHS). Her community service was through NHS and "Paint the town blue campaign". In 2017, Isabella was accepted to participate in the Perry Outreach Program (a UNR medical school program). This event was targeted towards young women interested in field of science. This year she will graduate from both CHS and WNC. Her enrollment in the Jump Start Program has allowed her to accomplish this goal. She lists her primary hobby as CrossFit. Isabella plans to enroll at UNR majoring in Neuroscience with the future goal of becoming a doctor. Isabella's essay describes the positive influence her family has had on her choice of career. It also demonstrates her dedication to continued learning by exhibiting dedication to academic pursuit.

 **Jessica Preston:** Again, quoting from several of her letters of recommendation, "I cannot express enough how simply remarkable this young lady is. She has risen above adversity and proven to be a contributor to friends, school and society. As a STEM student she displayed immense creativity and problem solving skills. This was a pleasure to watch. Jessica has a strong will and character to accomplish her goals. She has a bright smile and a great sense of humor." Jessica has been an active member of the CHS and local community. In elementary school she was a member of the Science Olympiad team. She was a Nevada finalist winning first place with her LEGO Robotics. At CHS she has won 1<sup>st</sup> place in PTSA Art contest welding and paint media. Other activities included Speech and Debate Club, Creative

Writing Club and handmade items made, collected and donated for/to a local women's shelter. She has participated for several years in the "Volunteer reading to Elementary kids' summer program". She has participated in Track and Field at CHS. Her volunteer work includes Carson Parks and Recreation, summer counselor for all ages; LEGO Robotics for past 2 years as DJ and MC. Jessica is currently employed at the Carson Raceway where she does many jobs from customer service to driver set up. Her hobbies include hiking, reading and knitting. Jessica plans on attending UNR with an intended major in Environmental Science with emphasis on water and a future occupation within Hydrogeology. Jessica's essay talks about her great-great and great grandmothers who were midwives in Montana (ranching women, not allowed to go to college). She includes her grandmother and mother and their college education. Jessica's goal of graduating college is to not only further her "own efforts and intellect, but also to honor my foremothers." She presents an interest in local and national water issues and the need to work with villages and foreign countries in regards to their water sources. Jessica presents a very developed and interesting multi-faceted knowledge and connection of life experiences within her life span.

 **Abigail Sikora:** Her letters of recommendation state, "Abigail has established herself as a valuable asset to our school. Her maturity is a great example to the rest of her classmates. Her positive attitude is always present. She has an awesome sense of humor. Her work ethic and drive make working with her an extremely rewarding experience. It is very refreshing, in this day and age, to see a young person do what it takes to be successful. Abigail is a fantastic representative of a successful student athlete." Abigail has been and is an active member of the DHS community and her local Dayton community. Abigail began to advance her interest in math by taking DHS math classes while in Intermediate school. In high school her honors included Outstanding Math Student, Outstanding Science Student, Outstanding Academic Junior. She is president of the National Honor society at DHS. She played varsity golf, served as Captain of the varsity basketball team, receiving All League Honorable mention. Her hobbies include hiking, working out at the gym and baking. She volunteers by tutoring math to local elementary students. Abigail plans to attend UNR with a major in Mathematics. She would like to continue her education by entering graduate school. She feels she has many avenues to pursue for a career: data analyst, computer engineer, college professor or high school teacher. She seems to demonstrate the "sky's the limit" as long as math is involved. Abigail's essay reflects her outstanding academic achievements. She states, "I love math. I want to

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show other people my passion for math and help them achieve their goals. Helping other people is a big part of my life.” She makes this observation and comment, “As a junior I took AP calculus AB and there were a total of 3 females in the class, including myself. There should be more women in the math and science field.” She exemplifies the today’s young woman with a mission to share the sciences with the world.

**Scholarship Selection Committee:** Iris Blaisdell, Phyllis Tirado, Shirley Williams and Mary Piper

## State Convention

by AAUW State Program Chair, Nancy Stiles

Our state convention took place on May 4-6, and it was terrific! We had excellent workshops, excellent speakers, excellent facilities, excellent service, and a really great time together. Can you imagine a three-day event happening without a single glitch? Well, this was one. Each person on the planning committee made sure of that. Several members of our Capital Branch were on that committee: Caroline Panches, Janice Noble, Judy Welch, and Nancy Stiles. Kudos to each of them and to the others from Reno, Fallon, and Incline Village for a truly excellent convention! There will not be another state convention until 2021, but there will be a 2020 national convention in Washington that will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of women’s right to vote. What a celebration that will be! Of course, we celebrate that every time we vote. See you at the polls!

*Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark place where it leads.*

— Erica Jong

## AAUW Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

Have you asserted your right lately to approach your government representatives regarding issues of importance to AAUW and to you? How fortunate we are to have the right to speak our opinion and even make requests of our representatives! Not all people have that right. The AAUW Washington Updates / Two Minute Activist provide you with information on important issues and make it easy for you to reach out to your representatives. One of the latest opportunities came recently on an issue that is very dear to my heart – public money for public schools. AAUW takes a stand for using public money for *only* public schools, and, as usual, the AAUW research has been thorough to give reason for that stand. This is not only an issue that is being discussed in Washington, but in states as well. You can be sure it will come up *again* in our Nevada Legislature 2019 session. See what AAUW has to say about the issue, and use your American right to reach out to your representatives. Be a two- minute activist!

Another American right that was earned with persistence, dedication, and sacrifice is the women’s right to vote. Early voting for our primary begins May 28 and ends June 8, and the Primary Election Day is June 12. AAUW women take pride in having this right, so be sure it is on your calendar.

Congress is considering three bills that would help to make workplaces more fair:

1) **the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.** Details can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1101?r=21> and

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2417?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22pregnant+workers%22%5D%7D&r=2>

This bill is currently cosponsored by Rep. Ruben Kihuen and Rep. Dina Titus and Senator Dean Heller. Please thank them for their co-sponsorship!

2) **the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY)**

Act. Details can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/337?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22the+family+and+medical+insurance+leave+act%22%5D%7D&r=1>

and <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/337?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22the+family+and+medical+insurance+leave+act%22%5D%7D&r=1>

This bill is currently cosponsored by Rep. Ruben kihuen and Rep. Jacky Rosen. Please thank them for their co-sponsorship!

3) **the Healthy Families Act.** Details can be found at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/636?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22healthy+families+act%22%5D%7D&r=1> and <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1516?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22healthy+families+act%22%5D%7D&r=2>

This bill is currently cosponsored by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and Reps. Ruben Kihuen and Dina Titus. Please thank them for their co-sponsorship!

## Work Smart

by Jennifer Verive

In April, Peggy Wozniak and Jennifer Verive, along with newly trained facilitator Janice Noble [pictured below], led our first AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop of the year. Participants included our very own Shirley Williams and her granddaughter, Mamie Williams (a UNR student), along with working women from JOIN Inc., WNC, and Lean In. Dr. Larissa Faulkner, from AAUW Tahoe, also attended with the intent to facilitate workshops for her branch. Yes--we are spreading the word!



*Yesterday I dared to struggle. Today I dare to win.*

—Bernadette Devlin

## Membership

By Mary L. Castro-Wilson, Membership Chair

Our AAUW year is coming to a rapid close. I want to thank each member for a very rewarding and successful membership year. A special thank you to Louise Seidel, Nancy Bailey, Iris Blaisdell, Shirley Hammon, Mary Moffitt and Mary Piper. Thank you for all the dinner reservations and making those reminder telephone calls. For the upcoming membership year (2018-2019) I have the privilege of happily sharing this position with Iris Blaisdell. So, all of our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch Membership will get a “double dose” of how important your ideas and contributions are.

As most of you are aware, we usually hold our annual Membership Brunch in early September. Our 2018 “brunch” will not be a brunch, but rather an evening held at The Governor’s Mansion on Friday, August 24th. The change was necessary due to securing the beautiful Governor’s Mansion for this annual event. Please mark Friday evening August 24, 2018 on your calendars. More details will follow this summer.

Happy June Birthdays and happy summer!

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

**Gourmet Group:** The Gourmet Group met for brunch on Saturday, May 12th at Maureen Smith’s home with Nancy Bailey co-hosting. They served a delicious buffet of five different breakfast main dishes plus several side dishes accompanied by Mimosas. On Friday June 15th at 6:30 PM, the Blaisdells will host a barbecue and each guest will bring something for a potluck. It will be fun to see how varied a menu results! Please RSVP to Iris at 775-392-1772.

**Daytime Book Group:** The June meeting of the group will be held on Friday, June 15th from 2 to 4 PM at the Brewery Arts Center Coffee Shop. June is a “Free Read” month. Everyone will pick her own book and give a brief summary of it at the meeting. For additional information about the group, please contact Cindy [cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com](mailto:cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com) or call 775-267-3685.

**Evening Book Group:** The next meeting of the group is scheduled for June 21st at 6:30 PM, location TBD. Shirley Williams will lead discussion of J. D. Vance’s book *Hillbilly Elegy*. Questions about the group? Please contact Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743.

**Great Decisions Group:** Great Decisions Group will meet next on June 26 at 1 PM at Betsy Strohl’s home. Donna Curtis will lead a discussion regarding chapter 6 from the foreign policy association resource manual: “US global engagement and the military.” For more information, please contact JoAnn Carpenter at [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com) or call 775-297-3889.

**Knitting:** The knitting group meets each month on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons. Members with all skill levels are most welcome! For additional information about the group, please contact Zee McClintock: [edzeemcc@gmail.com](mailto:edzeemcc@gmail.com) or call 775-884-3565.

**Informal Luncheon:** In June, we will return to a favorite location for the luncheon, Bleu Cafe, 240 E. Winnie Ln., Carson City. All are invited to join in the fun on Tuesday, June 19 at 11:30 AM. For additional information or to RSVP by June 15, please contact Diane Koditek: [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743.



**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.

# June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>Branch Meeting 11:30 am</b>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <b>Voting on the National Bylaws amendments closes today!</b>
10	11	12 Knitting Group	13	14 	15 Book Group 2-4 & Gourmet Group 6:30	16
17	18	19	20	21 Book Group 6:30	22	23
24	25	26 Great Decisions 1 PM Knitting Group	27	28	29	30

## Your 2017-2018 Board

President — Caroline Punches, 246-1850  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

**AAUW Capital Branch "Fall" Membership Event will be on Friday, August 24, 2018 at the Governor's Mansion! The date change is due to the availability of the Governor's Mansion. More details to come!**

