



American Association of University Women
Capital Branch
June 2, 2018
Capital Branch Scholarship Luncheon & Meeting

Members Present		
Gail Aldrich	Barbara LeBlanc	Linda H. Sekiguchi
Shirley Williams	Flo Bedrosian	Nancy Stiles
Jayne Stern	Marty McGarry	Phyllis Tirado
Mary Castro-Wilson	JoAnn Carpenter	Donna Curtis
Nancy Bailey	Lin Nary	Judy Welch
Kathy Steinle	Nancy Martin	Susan Schmid
Dorthiann Taylor	Caroline Punches	Mary Moffitt
Cathy Haber	Cindy Wood	Peggy Wozniak
Mary Jean Lang	Paula Winne	

President Caroline Punches called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. The venue for this meeting was the Joanie's Creekside Café on College Parkway in Carson City. This meeting is the Annual scholarship luncheon and installation of officers.

Scholarships: President Punches welcomed the scholarship participants and their guests. Shirley Williams was introduced as a member of the Scholarship Committee and asked each recipient to tell the members present a little about themselves. Three scholarships were awarded for this year. Isabella Bruketta, from Carson High School, will be enrolling at UNR majoring in Neuroscience with her future goal of becoming a doctor. She also received her AA degree from WNC as a participant in the Jump Start program. Jessica Preston, also from Carson High School, and plans to enroll at UNR as well. She will major in Environmental Science with an emphasis on water issues. Abigail Sikora, from Dayton High School and plans to attend UNR as well. She will major in Mathematics and feels that this major will offer her many potential career paths.

President Punches reminded us that we had exceeded our fundraising goals and were able to provide three scholarships this year instead of two as we have in past years. She then presented roses of thanks to the branch leaders in attendance, including Judy Welch and Marty McGarry, co-Program Chairs: Mary Castro Wilson, Membership Chair; JoAnn Carpenter and co-recording secretary; Shirley Williams corresponding secretary; Barbara LeBlanc treasurer;

Scholarship committee members Shirley Williams and Phyllis Tirado; Lin Nary for communications; Peggy Wozniak for her continued efforts with the Work Smart program;; Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair; and Flo Bedrosian “Feast of Chocolate” co-chair. Interest Group coordinators were also recognized – Nancy Bailey, Gourmet co-chair; Cindy White – afternoon book group; JoAnn Carpenter – Great Decisions; and Barbara LeBlance, Knitting co-chair. President PUNCHES also recognized those branch leaders who were unable to attend Jane Johnson, Louise Seidel, Carolyn Kellogg, Iris Blaisdell, Mary Piper, Jennifer Verive, Janice Noble, and Diane Koditek.

Installation of New Officers: Flo Bedrosian presided over the installation of new officers for 2018-19. The new officers are as follows: President: Caroline PUNCHES; Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Mary Castro Wilson and Iris Blaisdell; Program Co-Vice Presidents: JoAnn Carpenter and Judy Welch; Co-Recording Secretaries: Mary McGarry and Lynne Ballatore; Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Williams and Treasurer: Barbara LeBlanc.

August meeting: The August “Brunch” for new members will be held on the 24th at the Governor’s Mansion. Previously the welcoming brunch has been held in September, however the Governor’s Mansion was not available at a convenient time during that month.

Public Policy: Nancy Stiles gave a brief report on Public Policy issues that will be coming up during the next year. Several issues will be emphasized AAUW National. Nancy indicated she could use volunteers for a committee to help follow legislation as it relates to AAUW National goals.

Survey Monkey: Members are asked to provide responses to the upcoming Survey Monkey. The board meets the end of June and would like to use the results of the survey for planning 2018-19 programs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM:

Respectfully Submitted,
JoAnn Carpenter
Co-Recording Secretary