



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch September 2018

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### AAUW Mission:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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### September 4th Meeting, 5 PM



RSVP your attendance to Susan Schmid

[susan@tetoneditorial.com](mailto:susan@tetoneditorial.com)

or 775-265-4379  
Please let her know you will be attending so that there will be a chair at a table for you! Thanks!

### President's Message

by Caroline Punches



### Let's CELEBRATE!

I am looking forward to seeing you on **Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** as we "kick off" our 2018-19FY! You will be able to enjoy some savory and sweet appetizers and beverages while learning about the plans for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. That's right – our Capital branch is celebrating 75 years as an accredited AAUW affiliate!

Your board has been very busy this summer! The 2018-19FY strategic plan has been approved and a program calendar developed. YOUR feedback elicited from the June Survey Monkey provided great information for our board members to develop programs and activities that are in keeping with YOUR interests.

Our August 24<sup>th</sup> event will provide you with highlights of our AAUW national and local strategic plans as well as numerous opportunities for you to come, learn, socialize and participate!

And, for those of you who have yet to renew your membership, you can bring your check (payable to AAUW Capital branch for \$80) to the event. You will definitely want to be part of our "Diamond Jubilee" year!

Your EVITE was emailed to you from Mary Wilson on August 1<sup>st</sup>! If you did not receive an evite, you can still RSVP to Mary at [jdwm1w@charter.net](mailto:jdwm1w@charter.net) or by phone at 775-885-7573. You can provide her with the names of any guests you will be bringing as well.

**See you on August 24<sup>th</sup>!**

### September 4th Meeting

by Caroline Punches

Thanks to all members who responded to the Survey Monkey this summer! YOUR feedback is guiding our program co-chairs as they plan our monthly programs.

Our first program on Tuesday, September 4th will focus on Hate Crimes Prevention – including anti-bullying as well as sexual harassment programs! Our speakers will share information about local prevention programs as well as examples of problems addressed in other parts of Nevada. Speakers will include Jason Woodbury, Carson City District Attorney, Sharon Hallinan, Carson High School Dean of Students, Chelise Crookshanks, Carson Middle Assistant Principal and Ann Cyr, Carson City School District Risk Manager.

Doors open at 5:00pm in the Ormsby Room of the Carson Sheriff's Office at 911 E. Musser in Carson City. This allows time for getting your name tag, signing in, socializing a bit and learning some fascinating bits of local AAUW history. There will not be a catered meal option for this meeting. However, you are welcome to bring your snacks and beverage.

Please RSVP your attendance to Susan Schmid at [susan@tetoneditorial.com](mailto:susan@tetoneditorial.com). She does prefer email but if you need to call her, you can do so at 775-265-4379. She will acknowledge receipt of your email. And, yes, even though we are not having a meal – we need you to RSVP! Tables are rearranged to accommodate socializing and discussion.

RSVP today!



## AAUW Public Policy

By Nancy Stiles, Public Policy Chair

Lest we forget...

Join AAUW in celebrating the recent historic anniversaries that have had an impact of importance to our human rights.

May 17, 2018, marked the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, in which the Court ruled unanimously that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. AAUW studies show that schools today are more segregated than they were in 1968. You can join AAUW's newest blog post, "Still Separate, Still Unequal: The Role of Black Women and Girls in the Legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*." To take action for equity in education, join AAUW to oppose voucher schemes, support increased access to STEM, and stand up for affordable higher education.

July 19 and 20, 2018, marked the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Seneca Falls convention held on July 19 and 20 of 1848. It was the first convention for women's rights. Seventy-two years later, women gained the right to vote, and we will celebrate that 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, marked the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a landmark piece of legislation, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court overruled some of the most effective provisions of the act in 2013, leaving us, once again, to stand up for human rights. Join AAUW in urging our Congress members to co-sponsor the Voting Rights Advancement Act to restore the promise of the Voting Rights Act for future generations.

August 26, 2018, we celebrate Women's Equality Day – the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the certification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

We toast those who have come before us, and thank them for so gallantly standing up for our human rights. We have an opportunity to exercise one of those rights by voting in the upcoming November election. AAUW will again encourage our exercising that right and ask us to encourage others to do so with its campaign, "It's My Vote." Capital Branch will be co-sponsoring a candidate and issue forum to assist in our making informed decisions regarding our vote in this coming election.

### ALERT

**After careful consideration, AAUW has announced its opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.** Review of his available record has made clear that Judge Kavanaugh holds positions that are fundamentally at odds with AAUW's mission. [What You Can Do](#) Your senators need to hear directly from you about what's at stake if Judge Kavanaugh is confirmed.

Call 1-855-973-0824. Once you're connected, the message for your senator is simple: Judge Kavanaugh's record makes it clear he won't support women's constitutional and civil rights. I urge you to oppose his confirmation and to call for his full record to be released to the American public.

## Membership Matters

Over this summer, after a great deal of contemplation, I submitted my resignation as Co-Membership Chair to our branch President, Caroline Panches. It saddened me to do so. My husband's declining health requires my full attention and focus. I wish to thank each of you for the support and kindness you have given me during these last two years. I could not have fulfilled the responsibilities without you! Iris Blaisdell will take over as Membership Chair for our branch. She will do a great job for all of you. I hope I have left our AAUW Capital (NV) Branch "campsite" in just a little better condition than I found it. Thank you.

With many blessings, **Mary L. Castro-Wilson**

As your new Membership chair, I am coordinating the Membership Event on **August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM** at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. Mary Wilson, previous chair, sent out Evites on August 1. Separate invitations will not be sent to your guests. You merely include the number of guests you have when you RSVP to her by August 20<sup>th</sup>. We are busy planning an exceptional event for you! I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring a friend or two. There will be wine, coffee and heavy canapes catered by Sierra Chef.

Best regards, *Iris Blaisdell*

I have always believed that the secret of eternal youth is arrested development. —*Alice Roosevelt Longworth*

## Questions? Answers!

by Caroline Punches



### MEMBERSHIP EVENT APPETIZERS

**Question:** Who provides the food for the membership event?

**Answer:** Traditionally, the Branch Board members have provided the food for the membership event.

**Question:** Are they providing the appetizers & drinks for the August 24<sup>th</sup> event?

**Answer:** No, they are not. A caterer has been secured to provide the food for this event. Funds are being allocated from the branch budget to cover the costs.

**Question:** Why the change?

**Answer:** There were concerns that this was a burden on board members and it might make it more difficult to get members to volunteer to serve on the board. Additionally, the branch does have funds in our bank account to cover the costs of a caterer.

**Question:** The branch has two fundraising events each year; couldn't some of the funds be used for membership activities?

**Answer:** Traditionally, the branch has used the proceeds from these fundraising events specifically for local scholarships, AAUW Fellowship Grants as well as other local program activities – such as sponsorship of candidate & issue forums and providing AAUW WorkSmart programs.

**Question:** How are the local branch membership dues spent?

**Answer:** The \$12.00 per member for branch dues is spent on branch operations such as insurance, office supplies, printing, and speakers' dinners.

**Question:** How can this be changed?

**Answer:** The branch could review the bylaws as well as policies and procedures to determine if there are other ways of addressing this issue.

**Question:** In the past, the branch did small fundraising activities at branch meetings – like a 50/50 raffle, or just asking for donations. Can we do something like that again?

**Answer:** We can. Also, members can just make donations to the branch to be used for operation activities or earmarked for specific programs.

**Question:** Will a committee be established to review our bylaws and policies and procedures as well as our branch dues structure?

**Answer:** Yes, if you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Caroline Punches, President at [cpunches206@charter.net](mailto:cpunches206@charter.net) or by phone at 775-246-1850.

## Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

If you've been thinking about checking out one of AAUW's interest groups, this is a fine time of year to do that! Several of our group chairs and members will be present at our August 24 membership event. They'll be happy to answer questions and describe group activities. There will also be an opportunity to sign up for groups. Planning for the group activities for the coming year also takes place this time of year.

### Gourmet Group:

The Gourmet Group will discuss member ideas and plan its activities during the September 6 meeting. Please bring your ideas for the next year and a snack to share. Current group members will receive an email with meeting details. You may also contact Nancy Bailey, call 775-461-3311 or email [nmbailey95@gmail.com](mailto:nmbailey95@gmail.com) for more information.

### Daytime Book Group:

Next meeting: Friday, September 21 from 2 to 4 PM at IHOP on S. Carson St. Each member is reading a different selection from the PBS Great American Read list. For further information, please contact Cindy, [cindy-white@nevadawordsmith.com](mailto:cindy-white@nevadawordsmith.com) or call 775 -267-3685.

### Evening Book Group:

September is the plan the calendar and choose books for the coming year meeting. The meeting will be held on September 20 at 5:30 PM at Jane Johnson's home. It includes a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your suggestions for books to read. For further information, contact Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743.

### Great Decisions Group:

The September meeting will take place on 9/25 from 1 to 3 PM at Diane Koditek's home. Discussion will focus on chapter 7 from the foreign policy association resource manual: South Africa's fragile democracy. For further information, please contact JoAnn Carpenter, [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com) or call 775-297-3889.

### Knitting:

Please join the knitting group as we put more yarn on the needles September the 11th and the 25th from 1-3 PM. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Zee McClintock at [edzeemcc@gmail.com](mailto:edzeemcc@gmail.com) or 775-884-3565 for additional information.

### Informal luncheon:

In September, we will try new restaurant Gather, located at 402 N. Carson Street. (See [Carson Now](#) article dated 6/17/2018 for more details about the restaurant owner Angela Bullentini Wolf and this farm-to-table concept restaurant). We hope that you will join in this informal luncheon gathering of AAUW members. Date and time: September 18 at 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek, [dgk@mchsi.com](mailto:dgk@mchsi.com) or call 661-304-8743 by September 15th.



## 2018-19 FY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**AAUW MISSION:** To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

**AAUW VISION:** Equity for all.

**BRANCH PURPOSE:** To promote equity, lifelong education, and positive societal changes.

**BRANCH GOAL:** Celebrate our 75 year history by facilitating and promoting the purpose, programs, policies and mission of AAUW.

### Branch Objectives:

**Objective 1: Membership:** To recruit, engage and retain members

#### Action Steps

- Make concerted efforts to have all members feel welcome.
- Provide orientation sessions to introduce new and continuing members to AAUW's principles, policies, positions & priorities.
- Generate activities to seek and retain a diverse membership
- Provide a variety of interest groups to increase membership involvement and engagement
- Promote volunteer opportunities for member involvement with branch activities

**Objective 2: Program:** To provide a variety of programs which highlight AAUW's mission and public policy, while meeting the interests of our membership.

#### Action Steps:

- Survey the membership regarding their priorities for monthly program topics and speakers
- Provide multiple opportunities for member feedback and comments

**Objective 3: Public Policy:** To bring awareness of AAUW's Public Policy.

#### Action Steps:

- Encourage members' participation in AAUW's Two Minute Activist
- Promote AAUW's website on voter education materials
- Educate and empower voters by co-sponsoring nonpartisan candidate and issue forums with League of Women Voters and Sierra Nevada Forums

**Objective 4: Philanthropy:** Provide support for local scholarships, the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (fellowships and grants) and other local community projects such as Work Smart.

#### Action Steps:

- Promote sale of Pecans in the fall to generate income
- Sponsor the Annual Feast of Chocolate to generate additional income

**Objective 5: Community Collaboration:** Collaborate with other community groups such as League of Women Voters, Sierra Nevada Forums, Western Nevada College, Soroptimist, Nevada Women's Lobby, Nevada Women's Commission, Nevada's Coalition for Women's Equity and others to pursue common goals and principles focused on support of women and girls.



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Branch Mtg 5 PM	5	6 Gourmet planning 3 PM	7	8
9	10	11 Knitting 1-3 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Book Group 5:30 PM	21 Book Group 2-4 PM	22
23/30	24	25 Great Decisions 1-3 PM Knitting 1-3 PM	26	27	28	29

## Your 2018-219 Board

President — Caroline Punches, 775-246-1850  
 Membership VP — Iris Blaisdell 775-392-1772  
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 Secretaries, Co-Recording — Marty McGarry 775-690-3913 and Lynne Ballatore 775-246-3870  
 Secretary, Corresponding — Shirley Williams, 775-386-8787  
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**JOIN US AT 4 PM!**

**AAUW Capital Branch "Fall" Membership Event**  
**will be on Friday,**  
**August 24, 2018 at the**  
**Governor's Mansion!**



### 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.

