



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

October 2018

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AAUW Mission:

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

Read all about it!

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Pecans are comin'
Their sales are in sight!
Pecans are comin'
For eating delights.
Hurry on October
Our future is bright!

(with apologies to Jo Stafford & Columbia Records)



President's Message

by Caroline Punches

Celebrating 75 years of AAUW, Capital (NV) Branch!

Thanks to all who attended and helped organize the fabulous August 24th Membership Soiree, a great way to begin celebrating our 75 years of history – our Diamond Anniversary! A special thanks to our founding members for laying the groundwork! If you are interested in history and would like to help identify some key milestones in our branch's history, please contact me at cpunches206@charter.net or at 775-246-1850.

On September 4th, we learned how bullying is defined in Nevada Law and how Carson Middle and High Schools are addressing the issue and helping students. Additionally, we learned from the District Attorney's office how they are coordinating efforts with Juvenile Justice to help students. Good things are happening in Carson City!

Our October 2nd membership meeting will feature speakers on Career and Technical Education with a focus on opportunities for women! Thanks to our program co-chairs Judy Welch and JoAnn Carpenter for finding such qualified speakers.

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch is joining the League of Women Voters, Sierra Nevada Forum, PFLAG, Capital City Arts Initiative, and Partnership Carson City in presenting Candidate and Issue forums! Join us on **Monday, October 8th** to learn about the pros and cons of the ballot questions!

Tuesday, October 9th will feature candidates for the Nevada Constitutional offices. **Monday, October 15th** will feature candidates running for local Carson City offices. AND, last, but not least, **Tuesday, October 16th** will feature candidates for

Congressional District 2, Nevada State Senate Districts 16 & 17, and Nevada Assembly Districts 39 and 40. Come, bring your questions and become informed!

We also look forward to seeing you at some of our other interest group activities and informal lunches.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Our October 2nd meeting promises to be very informative. As announced at our September meeting, we will be learning about Career and Technical Assistance programs for women and girls! Our speakers will include **Amy Freismdl**, Carson High School Assistant Principal & Career Technical Education Coordinator; **Candi Ruf**, Career Technical Education Teacher on Special Assignment AND a WNC Professor who will discuss opportunities for women in advanced technical professions!

And remember, we will have the opportunity to visit the Carson High Lab on Wednesday, October 10th at 9:30AM. More details will be shared at our meeting on October 2nd.

Additionally, we will have a brief presentation by **Lora Myles**, a Carson and Rural Elder (CARE) Law Attorney with RSVP Nevada. Lora works with seniors in the rural communities. Much of her work deals with providing information about their Medicare and Social Security rights and options. She will speak briefly about the possible changes the current administration is contemplating regarding these two programs.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Don't forget to RSVP by September 27th!

75th Anniversary Column October 2018

by Caroline Panches

THE BEGINNING YEARS

From old Minutes:

Established in 1944, the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch has a storied past! We shared info about our beginnings in the 40s in August and a bit of the 50s in September. More tidbits...

Oct. 10, 1956 - President Lura Batjer – Letter from Reno Branch stating the branch is NOT responsible for campaign letters written by a Mrs. Hilliard. Study group will focus on “Study of Segregation.”

Oct. 11, 1961 – Thank you note from Molly Bundy for the \$100 Scholarship. Program Speaker – Mrs. Kinneberg who taught English in Syria gave “a very enlightening picture of education and the peoples of the near east.”

1962-63 – President: Mrs. William E. Schultz (39 members) “During the next AAUW year, Nevada will celebrate her centennial. This year in AAUW we will look backward at times into the colorful years that witnessed Nevada’s premature birth, her growing pains, and her emergence into one of the fastest-growing states in the union.” Theme: Look backward to assess the future.”

Oct. 10, 1962 – Meet your Candidates Meeting held. 18 candidates for public office provided info about themselves and answered questions from the floor. Nevada State candidates present: Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Printer, Board of Regents. Ormsby County candidates present: County Commission, County Assessor, District Attorney, Sheriff.

Information received from member directories:

1963-64 – President: Mrs. Warren Dark. (40 members) Year’s Program Theme – “Occident and Orient”

October 1964 – Would again sell pecans - \$1.90 per lb unbroken. 50 cents/package profit!

1964-65 – President: Mrs. Eugene Pieretti. (60 members) Program topics: Religion in the Orient; Life and Customs of India; Legislative Issues; Current Events: The Orient Program Study Group; “She who Rides a Peacock”

1965-66 – President: Miss Louise M. Davis; (61 members) Program topics: Law and the Citizen; Operation Head Start; Science: A Creative Discipline; Revolution in Modern China; Education: Antidote to Poverty

1966-67 – President: Mrs. Robert Arkell (Marion); (51 members) Program topics: Jury Trial; Citizen’s Roll – What Makes a Case?; Talent Exchange; Legislation (local); Police in the Community; Delay in the Courts.

1967-68 – President: Mrs. William Arant (Carolyn); (36 members) Program topics: The Growing Gap between the Rich and the Poor Nations; India – From the Viewpoint of

Indian Graduate Students; Society’s Reflection in the Arts; “The Widening Gap” (a film); Current Trends in Modern Art

1968-69 – President: Mrs. Eugene Hinson (Eileen); (34 members) Program topics: History of Carson City; Statistics on “Abortion Issue”, Gourmet Cooking with Convenience; Legislation; Film titled “The Individual” from the series America in Crisis.

1969-70 – President – Mrs. Eugene Hinson; (43 members) Program theme: “This Beleaguered Earth – Can Man Survive?”

NOTE: We are missing minutes and other memorabilia from the late 60s and all of the 70s, 80s and some of the 90s. If anyone knows where this information is, please contact Shirley Hammon at 775-882-4195.

AAUW Mission Statement

AAUW’s Mission Statement was recently updated: “To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.”

What word was eliminated from the updated mission statement? Do you know why? Is there any other change that you notice from the old statement?

Bring your answers to the October 2nd meeting. Members with correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a special prize!

To be successful, the first thing to do is fall in love with your work.

Sister Mary Laurretta

Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek

Gourmet Group:

Gourmet group combined a potluck dinner in September with the planning meeting. They shared ideas about possible restaurant outings, cooking school classes, progressive dinners and menu themes. The next event will be Friday, October 12. Watch your email for details, place and time. For additional information contact Nancy Bailey, ymballey95@gmail.com or call 461-3311.

Great Decisions:

The October great decisions meeting will be on the 23rd at Caroline Panches' home. The meeting starts at 1 o'clock and will cover chapter 8, "Global Health: progress and challenges." This will be the final meeting for 2018. Chair JoAnn Carpenter will contact group members during December to confirm who wishes to continue during 2019, and she will order the next edition of the resource manuals used in the group. For additional information please contact JoAnn at jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889.

Evening Book Group:

At a potluck dinner on September 20, members chose books to be discussed this year. The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 PM. Members will shortly receive an email listing the titles, facilitators and hostesses by month for the coming year. For further information, contact Jane Johnson, jane3491@charter.net or call 267-3427.

Daytime Book Group:

The group will meet on Friday, October 19, from 2 to 4 PM at a location TBD. Janice Noble will lead the discussion. The book for the month is Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. For additional information, please contact Cindy, cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com or call 775-267-3685.

Knitting:

This congenial group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month (October 9 and 23) from 1-3. All skill levels are welcome. For additional information, please contact Zee McClintock, edzeemcc@gmail.com or call 775-884-3565.

Informal Luncheon:

All are invited to join in for delicious food and good conversation on October 17 at 11:30 AM at Cafe at Adele's, 1112 North Carson St. in Carson City. Newer members are especially encouraged to come and get better acquainted! Please RSVP to Diane Koditek by 10/10 at dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743.

Membership

By Iris Blaisdell, Membership Chair

Susan Sheehan lives in Dayton, after a life being a "corporate gypsy" due to her husband's career. Her gypsy status took her from California, where she received a degree from San Jose State University in 1983 in journalism and Mass Communications, to Wisconsin, back to California, New York, and then back to California. After her last return to California she pursued an MA in Counseling Psychology from National University, San Diego, and graduated in 2000. She states that her "real career" was as a social worker in Orange County and Calaveras County, CA. She retired as the adult literacy coordinator for Calaveras County and moved to Dayton in 2014. Susan was also very involved in various volunteer positions, including the board of Big Sisters, being a CASA volunteer, being involved with the YWCA and the Angel's Camp Museum, and being a Soroptimist. After those organizations and more, she wanted to try something different, which turned out to be joining AAUW. We are glad to have her with us and are sure her expertise can help us in our mission.

Our newest member, **Linda Davis**, has just returned from scuba diving in Grenada. She is passionate about this hobby. In her work life, she was a pediatric nurse, having graduated from San Fernando State University. She also had a lot of fun participating as a nurse in labor delivery. She lived in California for 28 years, but also previously lived in Nevada and Phoenix, Arizona. While in Arizona she ran a gallery selling blown glass in Scottsdale. Her husband passed away 3 1/2 years ago. However, she has five grandchildren which keep her busy. Three of them are triplets. She is presently enjoying the four seasons in Carson City. We are happy she chose to join Capital branch AAUW and are looking forward to getting to know her better.

Barbara Kuehner is a new member to Capital branch, but she has been an AAUW member for around fifty years in all the different places she has lived. Barbara worked managing a surgical center before she moved to Kona, Hawaii and ended up there teaching nursing in a community college. Her own degree from the University of Michigan was in Anatomy and Physiology. In Hawaii her interest in those subjects led her to help with assessments of coral bleaching with Eyes of the Reef, which receives funding from NOAA for its work. She loves swimming in the ocean, mountain climbing, and hiking. Barbara and her husband recently moved from Hawaii to Nevada. We hope she enjoys it here and enjoys being a member of our branch.

Public Policy

by AAUW State Program Chair, Nancy Stiles

Have you made the call to your senators to urge them to vote no to Kavanaugh's confirmation? AAUW has [carefully considered](#) Judge Kavanaugh's record, and one thing is clear: he would put at risk the issues that are central to AAUW's mission. AAUW [opposes](#) Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation because we have concerns that he will do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, curtailing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. Senators must know we're watching and that we will hold them accountable for their votes. [Call yours now at 855.973.0824 to urge them to oppose Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation!](#) 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. As your constituent, I urge you to oppose his confirmation."* Be sure to identify yourself as a constituent.

Similarly, the other urgency is our midterm elections! Now is the time to question the candidates to find out where they stand on issues that are important to us as AAUW members and citizens. With updated information on the gender pay gap that reveals that the present pay gap is exactly the same as last year's, ask the candidates about what steps they would take to help close the gender pay gap. Though Nevada's gender pay gap is considered moderate at 83%, the 11th in the nation, we continue to strive to close any gap. Passing a federal law, like the Paycheck Fairness Act or the Fair Pay Act, would help protect everyone in all states. Ask your senators and representatives to stand up for fair pay.

Your attendance at the October candidate forums, and any other forums is encouraged. It is so important to be an informed voter. What happens in our future is affected by our elections and our vote. If you've not already heard both sides of the ballot questions, you will have another opportunity to do so at the issue forums our branch is co-sponsoring. It is extremely important to make an informed vote.



Here's our very own Jennifer Verive at the AAUW Work Smart promotional booth at the Women's Money Conference in June 2018. It was held at the Grand Sierra Hotel.

RSVPs Needed for Every Membership Meeting

Please *RSVP* to Susan Schmid via email at susan@tetoneditorial.com by the Thursday before the meeting (September 27). She will send out an email with the names of all who *RSVP*. If your name is not there, another chance to *RSVP*! Then she sends a final list of attendees to Caroline Punches, President and Iris Blaisdell, Membership Chair. You may also call her at 775-790-6272, but she does prefer email.

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. Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.

A special invitation....

Are you new to AAUW? Do you want to know more about how AAUW works?? What does National do?? How does the branch work?? A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 2:00 PM. (Location to be determined by the number of RSVPs) – This is YOUR chance to ask questions of Caroline & Iris and learn a little bit more about AAUW! Please RSVP to Caroline at 775-246-1850 or at cpunches206@charter.net by Friday, October 19th! Look forward to seeing you!



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Branch Meeting 5 PM	3	4	5	6
7	8 Candidate Issue Forum	9 Candidate Issue Forum Knitting 1-3	10 Carson High Lab 9:30	11	12 Gourmet Group	13
14	15 Candidate Issue Forum	16 Candidate Issue Forum	17 Informal Luncheon 11:30	18 Book Group 6:30	19 Book Group 2-4	20
21	22	23 Great Decisions 1-3 Knitting 1-3	24	25	26	27 Nevada Day 
28	29	30	31 			

Your 2018-2019 Board

President — Caroline Panches, 775-246-1850
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Help Wanted...

Digitizing Task Force – members willing to “digitize” our AAUW history by taking photos of minute books, scrapbooks, membership directories and more!

Membership Data Assistant – Use your EXCEL knowledge to maintain and update the Branch Membership roster information. This info is used for our Branch Membership Directory and is posted on our website for member access.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ELECTION FORUMS CARSON CITY-OCTOBER 8, 9, 15, AND 16, 2018

Brewery Arts Center Performance Hall, 511 West King Street
Doors Open at 5:00. Forum each night from 5:30-9 pm. **FREE.**
Co-sponsors: Sierra Nevada Forums, AAUW, PFLAG, Partnership Carson City, Carson City Arts and Culture Coalition
The public is invited to attend and to submit questions for the speakers.



Oct. 8, 2018

The six statewide ballot issues will be discussed with presenters addressing the positive and the negative for each ballot question.

Question 1: Marsy's Law	Question 4: Medical Patient Tax Relief
Question 2: Pink Tax Repeal	Question 5: Automatic Voter Registration Initiative
Question 3: Energy Choice Initiative	Question 6: Renewable Energy Promotion

***** Oct. 9, 2018 Sierra Nevada Forum begins at 6 pm *****

Statewide Constitutional Officer candidates including Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, and Attorney General have been invited.

Oct. 15, 2018

Carson City Board of Supervisors Ward 1: Stacey Giomi, John Wood
Sheriff: Kenny Furlong, Lorne Houle
Justice of the Peace, Dept 2: Kristin Luis, Ryan Russell

Oct. 16, 2016

Congressional District 2: Mark Amodei, Clint Koble
State Senate Districts 16: Tina Davis-Hersey, Ben Kieckhefer
State Senate District 17: Curtis Cannon, James Settlemeyer
Assembly District 39: Patricia Ackerman, Paul Cwalina, Jim Wheeler
Assembly District 40: Al Kramer, Autumn Zemke



Early voting begins October 20 and ends Friday November 2 at the first floor of the County Courthouse, 885 E. Musser St., Carson City. Election day is Nov. 6.

For info on local and state candidates go to www.ballotready.org.

INFO ON THE ELECTION FORUMS: 885-0612 or 882-4542 or lwvnnv@gmail.com