



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

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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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President's Message

by Caroline Punches, President



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Looking forward to a fabulous 2019! Our 2018 Holiday Social was a success. A special thanks to Mary and Joe Wilson for their warm hospitality. All 26 members and 16 guests enjoyed the beautiful holiday décor, the fabulous assortment of savory and sweet appetizers and the opportunity to mingle and converse.

Kudos to Marty McGarry for coordinating the Angel Tree opportunity and to all of our members who helped make the holiday a bit brighter for others.

I personally am looking forward to the January 3rd tour of the Nevada Supreme Court at 2PM. Justice Lidia Stiglich will be meeting with us briefly at the end of tour. Thanks to all who met the RSVP deadline of December 17th.

All members are encouraged to attend our **January 15th** membership meeting at 5:00PM at the Sheriff's office in Carson City. The focus of the evening will be all activities associated with our February 9th Feast of Chocolate - volunteer sign-ups, ticket distribution and raffle basket demonstration and much more!!



Volunteers are needed to fill some key offices for the 2019-20FY! Jane Johnson has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Joining her are JoAnn Carpenter and Lin Nary. If you are willing to serve or would like to suggest someone for an office....please contact Jane Johnson at 775-267-3427 or by email at jane3491@charter.net.

See you in January!

Caroline Punches

January Meeting

by Judy Welch

Attention all members – **YOUR** attendance at the January 15th business meeting at the Sheriff's office on Musser Street is very important. Doors open at 5:00pm. Learn how **YOU** can ensure the success of our Feast of Chocolate fundraiser on February 9th. Be prepared to sign-up for volunteer opportunities, learn how to assemble a raffle basket and get your tickets. PLUS – YOUR ideas and thoughts about our upcoming membership meetings are needed!! Please RSVP (see page 2 for details).

Tour of Nevada's Supreme Court

Our tour of the Supreme Court is scheduled for Thursday, January 3rd at 2:00. We have 22 members scheduled and we are sending a list to the Marshall's Office prior to our visit. Please everyone, meet on the first floor and we can proceed to the Marshall's Office on the second floor where we will check in. The tour takes approximately one hour. Supreme Court Justice Lidia Stiglich will speak to us after the tour.

She must not swing her arms as though they were dangling ropes; she must not switch herself this way and that; she must not shout; and she must not, while wearing her bridal veil, smoke a cigarette.

Emily Post

Nominating Committee

By Caroline Punches, President

It is that time again! And we need YOUR help! AAUW Capital (NV) Branch must elect new officers at our April Business meeting and we need your help to identify individuals who would be excellent members of our leadership team. [Jane Johnson](#), [JoAnn Carpenter](#) and [Lin Nary](#) have agreed to serve on the committee – so please contact them to volunteer or suggest someone you think would be an excellent candidate.

According to our branch bylaws, the term of office is for two years with the option of serving another term. When the bylaws were changed, the purpose was to have “co-chairs” for the elected position with alternating terms so there was always an experienced individual sharing responsibilities with a new co-chair.

Here are the 2019-20FY elected positions that need to be filled:

President – Caroline Punches is term-limited and cannot serve beyond June 30, 2020.

Program Vice Presidents: One person is needed – serve with JoAnn Carpenter

Membership Vice President: One person is needed to serve with Iris Blaisdell

Recording Secretary: One person is needed to serve with Marty McGarry.

Corresponding Secretary – One person

Treasurer – One person to serve with Barbara LeBlanc

Here are brief descriptions of the responsibilities for each elected office.....

President/Administrator is the overall administrator of the branch. She is responsible for conducting the business of AAUW in the branch and develops, implements, and oversees all AAUW activities in the branch and community. She is the official spokesperson and representative for the branch.

Program Vice-President(s) develops and implements programs that promote the mission of AAUW – advancing equity for all women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Branch programs should offer information and/or action ideas that are relevant to the needs, interests, and level of commitment of the branch members.

Membership Vice-President(s) oversees efforts to recruit and maintain an active membership base. Additionally, the MVP encourages the involvement of members in a variety of branch activities.

Co-Recording Secretary is responsible for recording and keeping minutes of all board and membership meetings.

Membership Meeting RSVPs

The next Branch meeting is January 15. Please RSVP to Susan Schmid via email at susan@tetoneditorial.com by the Thursday before the meeting (January 10). She will send out an email with the names of all who RSVP'd. If your name is not there, it's another chance to RSVP! Then she sends a final list of attendees to Caroline Punches, President and Iris Blaisdell, Membership Chair. You can also call her at 775-790-6272, but she does prefer email.

NEW RSVP COORDINATOR NEEDED, BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY! Please contact Caroline Punches at cpunches206@charter.net or at 775-246-1850 to volunteer!



Sharing
Is
Caring



Marty McGarry submitted these photos that she took when she went to help distribute **Angel Tree** gifts. Here's what we are a small part of—more than 100 families! Each gets a ham and a pie, most get a bag of food, many get Christmas stockings, and all get presents thanks to elves like AAUW! **Thank you!**

Corresponding Secretary is responsible for acknowledging the support of individuals and groups who support the work of AAUW Capital (NV) Branch by presenting programs or providing contributions in support of our fundraising events. Additionally, notes of concern and appreciation to individual members may be provided.

Treasurer The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the branch and for meeting specific reporting deadlines.

Immediate Past-President shall serve on the board in an advisory non-voting capacity for 2 years (or 2 terms??)

Feast of Chocolate Raffle

By Nancy Stiles

Our Feast of Chocolate raffle adds to our profit for educational funding. It is solely dependent on those of you who volunteer to donate a basket for the event. Consider going together with another person to fray the expense if you are willing to contribute a basket. Shopping at after Christmas sales is also helpful on the pocketbook. At our January 15 AAUW meeting, we will have a demonstration of putting together a raffle basket that will give you helpful hints you can use.

In addition to basket donors, we need people to solicit businesses for gift certificates to add to our raffle. All baskets, certificates, and any stand-alone items must be delivered to me on or before February 5, the day of our AAUW February meeting. Time is needed to make basket tags and organize for the event. Volunteers are also needed to sell raffle tickets at the event and to distribute the baskets to the winners. A sign-up sheet will be available for those volunteers at the January 15 AAUW meeting. Please know that whatever help you can give will be of great value and greatly appreciated.



Pecans!

By Carolyn Kellogg, Pecan Sales Chair

Sales are going well. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this year a success. We still have one case of halves so, **now is the time to give that extra push to sell our remaining supply.** Buy a few extra packages for yourself. Check with your neighbors and friends. Remember pecans make great gifts. They are perfect additions to salads, main dishes and cereal. The halves can be frozen for up to two years (we only want folks to freeze them for 11 months so they will buy more next year). Call or email your orders. You don't have to pay until you sell your pecans. Thank you for all your hard work; our educational projects will benefit from your efforts. **Carolyn Kellogg**, auwcapitalpecans@gmail.com or (775) 461-3320



Enjoying the Holiday Social !



Photos courtesy of Iris Blasdel

Feast of Chocolate

By Flo Bedrosian

Happy new year, everyone! Please be sure to put the Feast of Chocolate on your new 2019 calendars. The 20th annual event is set for Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 1 to 3 pm at the Plaza Hotel & Event Center in Carson City. The Feast of Chocolate raises money for local scholarships and AAUW fellowships and programs. Advance tickets to the fundraising event are available only from AAUW members.

At the January AAUW meeting Jane Johnson (267-3427) will be distributing Feast of Chocolate tickets to members to sell. If you will not be at the January meeting please contact Jane directly to arrange for tickets you may need. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door (while supply lasts). Advance tickets are highly recommended as the event routinely sells out (room capacity of 200). Any tickets you are not able to sell need to be returned to Jane, as soon as possible, to get them to others to sell. Jane signed-out 125 tickets to members at the holiday party, so we are off to a great start!

Also, at the January meeting Nancy Stiles will provide information about the fabulous raffle that takes place at the Feast of Chocolate. The raffle is a significant part of the event and can potentially raise an additional \$1,000 for our scholarships and AAUW programs.

Please help by selling Feast of Chocolate tickets or perhaps volunteering your time to work at the event. Sign-ups will be available at the January meeting for tasks such as greeters, chocolate monitors, servers, and raffle assistants.

The success of the Feast of Chocolate is dependent on advance ticket sales. It is our goal to have 200 guests happily eating chocolate and buying lots of raffle tickets!





Public Policy

by AAUW State Program Chair, Nancy Stiles

Breaking News!! Nevada is the first state in the country with a female-majority Legislature!!

That's right! With the appointment of two women on Dec. 18 to fill vacant seats in the state Assembly, Nevada became a 63-member Legislature with a female majority of 32 women! That came with another record broken this election cycle by having five openings in the Legislature to be filled not by elections, but by appointments by the Clark County Commission. Having five new faces not chosen by voters is a first for Carson City. You can bet that this will be a future topic of discussion.

That's not all! One of the appointed, Rochelle Thuy Nguyen, becomes the first Asian Pacific Islander American Democrat to join the state Legislature. Attorney Nguyen worked in the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office of Immigration Review, and she says she knows firsthand about needed reform within the criminal justice system. The other appointee, Beatrice Angela Duran, vowed to focus on increasing funding for public schools, making child care more affordable and expanding voting rights for those who have been disenfranchised.

There's More! Assemblyman, Chris Brooks, was appointed this month to the vacant state Senate, and here's what he said, "My priorities are the same as they were last session," citing a need for higher-paying jobs, renewable energy and the interests of working people. In that last category, Brooks has staked out positions on leveling income inequality, providing affordable housing, reducing/addressing student debt, improving education, and hiking the minimum wage. Sound familiar? Those are AAUW's Public Policy issues! We are counting on Chris not being the only one interested in working on these issues.

Would you say we are off to a good start for the 2019 Legislative Session that begins February 4th? By the way, they have not started building my house in Texas to date, so I'll be here until June, allowing me to participate in the Legislative Session. I'd like to work with a committee to lay out plans for our AAUW Branch involvement during the Legislative Session. Many of you noted in our summer survey that you had an interest in involvement at some level, and I'll be contacting you. Right now, however, what is needed is a "big picture" planning committee to get us organized. We have a number of great organizers in our branch, and I would appreciate your help. Possible meeting dates for this committee would be January 16, 21, 22, 28, or January 30. Once I know who will work with me, we can decide on one of the above dates together. Will you? Please. Pretty please. Email me. I need your ideas and your help. nancyjostiles@gmail.com Thank you!

Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdel, Membership Chair

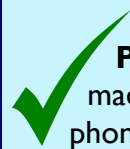
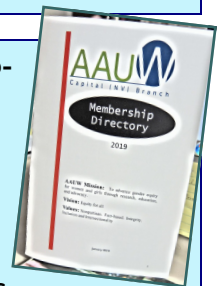
The spotlight for this month falls on new member **Linda Davis**. Linda was a nurse in orthopedic surgery and also worked in labor delivery during her twenty-eight years in California. She and her now deceased husband then owned a glass gallery in Scottsdale, Arizona which specialized in blown glass. Linda has circled between Nevada and Arizona for some time, but she likes the four seasons in Carson City. She has five grandchildren, three of which are triplets. She just returned from some time in Grenada where she was able to scuba dive, which is one of her hobbies. Linda is a graduate of San Fernando State University, CA.

The newest member of Capital Branch is **Candy Rooney**. She joined in November because she has three friends who are members and encouraged her to join. Candy was born in San Francisco and grew up in Napa, CA. While in Napa she graduated from Napa College, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Candy has been an elementary school librarian and she taught pre-school for three years. She still volunteers in elementary school. She is also on the Douglas County Library Board. Candy has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She has been married over 50 years, and she and her husband have spent some time RV traveling back and forth across the country; they only have seven states left to visit. Women's soccer was a favorite sport she played until dislocating her ankle. Her favorite hobbies now are reading, scrapbooking, and traveling.

2019 Membership Directories

By Lin Nary

The 2019 AAUW Membership Directories are now ready and will be available for purchase at the January meeting. The cost is \$3.50, cash or check, or \$4.00 if charging. In it are member photos and contact information, Capital Branch Officers and Board members, AAUW Nevada State Officers, and Interest Groups information, stuff you will want and need!



Please note: There is a correction to be made to the entry for Kathy Bartosz. Her phone number is **775-882-7647**.



Interest Groups

by Diane Koditek



Great Decisions:

Group members can expect a message from chair JoAnn Carpenter when the resource manuals arrive and a meeting is being scheduled. For further information about the group, contact JoAnn, jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889.

Gourmet Group:

Fourteen members enjoyed dinner in December at Dorthiann Taylor's lovely home, satisfying their hunger with an entrée of cherry glazed bacon wrapped pork roast. All the accompaniments from appetizers to side dishes and dessert were made by individual members, most from assigned recipes. It was a wonderful variety of food and drink, cheerful holiday atmosphere and a very pleasant social evening. The next dinner will be co-hosted by Nancy Bailey and Mary Wilson at 6 PM on January 11, weather permitting. For more information, call Nancy 775-461-3311.

Evening Book Group:

On January 17, the group will meet at the home of JoAnn Carpenter at 6:30 PM to discuss *Blackklansman* by Ron Stallworth. Please RSVP to JoAnn at jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889. For further information about the group, contact group chair Jane Johnson, jane3491@charter.net.

Daytime Book Group:

The group will meet next on Friday, January 18 from 2 to 4 PM at a location TBD. The discussion leader will be JoAnn Carpenter re: *The Gentleman From Moscow* by Amor Towles. For further information about the group, please contact Cindy, cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com or call 775-267-3685.

Knitting:

With Christmas gift knitting behind them, the knitting group is looking forward to planning and starting new projects for the coming year. Please come and join them as they meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3 PM. In January that is the 8th and 22nd. All skill levels are welcome! Contact Zee McClintock edzeemcc@gmail.com or call 775-884-3565.

Informal Luncheon:

Please join in for good conversation and delicious food (maybe we will be hungry by then) as we meet on January 22 at 11:30. There have been member requests to try out The Martin Hotel (new Basque restaurant) at 234 N. Curry Street in Carson City. Please RSVP to Diane Koditek, dgk@mchsi.com or call 661-304-8743 by January 17th. All members are invited!!

Women's March January 19, 2019

The 2017 Women's March inspired hundreds of women to run for office, millions more to vote, and dozens to win elected office, and here comes the 3rd Annual Women's March in Washington, in 34 countries, in Reno, NV, and in Carson City, NV.

On January 19, 2019, we're going to flood the streets of Washington, D.C., and cities across the globe. The #WomensWave is coming, and we're sweeping the world forward with us.

The **Washington March** gathering time is 10:00 am on the National Mall between 12th and 3rd Streets. The March steps off at 11:00 am. The Rally will take place on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at 1:30 and end at 4:00. The **Reno March** starts at 11:00 am at 155 N Virginia Street. The host contact information is mylanbhawkins@gmail.com. **Carson's Rally** begins at 2:00 pm, at the Capitol Building, 101 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV.

"The mission of the Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change. Women's March is a women-led movement providing intersectional education on a diverse range of issues and creating entry points for new grassroots activists and organizers to engage in their local communities through trainings, outreach programs and events. The Women's March is committed to dismantling systems of oppression through nonviolent resistance and building inclusive structures guided by self-determination, dignity and respect."

For those of you who want to go to either the Reno March or the Carson Rally, carpooling would be wise as there will be parking challenges. We can make those arrangements at our January 15 meeting. For more information, go to <https://actionnetwork.org/events/womens-march-2019>.





January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Knitting 1-3 PM	9	10	11 Gourmet 6 PM	12
13	14	15 Member-ship meet-ing 5PM	16	17 Book Group 6:30	18 Book Group 2-4	19 Women's March
20	21	22 Informal luncheon 11:30 Knitting 1-3	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Planning ahead... Feast of Chocolate, Feb 9 !	

Your 2018-2019 Board

President — Caroline PUNCHES, 775-246-1850
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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. Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.