



# Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

April 2019

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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



**Why is April 2<sup>nd</sup> important?? April 2, 2019 is Equal Pay Day**, the date in 2019 which symbolizes how far into the year that women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

**AND**, April 2, 2019 is our branch's annual business meeting. This critical meeting provides an opportunity for branch membership to determine how the branch will operate in the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 fiscal year.

Our first item of business will be to vote on the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. We will be voting on the co-officers who have agreed to serve for the 2019-20FY. By the way, according to our bylaws, nominations may be made from the membership that evening. However, you must have that person's approval before making the nomination.

The proposed 2019-20FY budget will be presented by Treasurer, Barbara LeBlanc for consideration. A budget committee met on March 14<sup>th</sup> to develop a proposed budget. Of particular interest to most members is how we decide to spend the net proceeds from our two fundraisers – Pecan Sales and the Feast of Chocolate. In the past, our Capital (NV) Branch has allocated portions of the net proceeds to fund local scholarships (graduating high school girls and WNC students) as well as AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (funding for national fellowships and grant recipients). Additionally, we have allocated some funds to provide AAUW Work Smart workshops for local women and to provide support of voter forums and other

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**Tuesday, April 2 5:00 – 7:30PM.**

Proposed Agenda:

- ◆ Election of Officers
- ◆ Funding of community support projects for 2019-20FY
- ◆ 2019-20FY Budget approval
- ◆ Fall Membership Event Input
- ◆ Other concerns/issues

RSVP to DORTHIANN TAYLOR by Friday, March 29 at noon  
[DTAYLOR506@AOL.COM](mailto:DTAYLOR506@AOL.COM)  
 Or phone at 775-771-1212

## Slate of Officers for 2019-2020

President: Jennifer Verive  
 Vice President for Program: Lynne Ballatore  
 Vice President for Membership: Diane Koditek  
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Kuehner  
 Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Williams  
 Treasurer: Dorthiann Taylor

local events promoting gender equity. The branch "operating" budget will also be discussed. This is the part of the budget that reflects how we spend the membership dues income (\$12 per person). YOUR thoughts, opinions and recommendations regarding our Fall Membership event will be solicited as well.

As you can see – this is a very important meeting! Decisions made on April 2<sup>nd</sup> will guide our work next year. Everyone's input is extremely important! **I look forward to seeing you there!**



## Interest Groups

By Diane Koditek

### Gourmet Group:

Fifteen people gathered at Beth Mancl's home for the March gourmet dinner co-hosted by Iris Blaisdell. It had an Italian theme with an abundance of delicious food prepared by hostesses and guests: several antipasto choices, Italian wedding soup, three different entrées, salad, bread and dessert of gelato and biscotti. On the second Friday, April 12, dinner will be at Dorothea Taylor's home, co-hosted by Caroline Panches. Details and Irish recipes to be assigned! Happy Spring! For further information about the group, please contact Nancy Bailey, [nmbailey@gmail.com](mailto:nmbailey@gmail.com) or call 775-461-3311.

### Daytime Book Group:

The group will meet next on Friday, April 19, from 2 to 4 PM at Cindy White's home. Cindy will lead discussion of *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. For questions about the group, please contact [cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com](mailto:cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com) or call 775-267-3685.

### Evening Book Group:

On Thursday, April 18, the group will meet at the home of Diane Koditek, at 6:30, to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Please let Diane know whether or not you will be attending, at [dkoditek@gmail.com](mailto:dkoditek@gmail.com) or call 661-304-8743. For questions about the book group, please contact Jane Johnson at [jane3941@charter.net](mailto:jane3941@charter.net) or call 775-267-3427.

### Great Decisions:

Great Decisions will meet on April 23 from 1 to 3 PM at Nancy Scott's home. The group will be discussing chapter 4 from the Foreign Policy Association resource manual: "The rise of populism in Europe." Questions about the group may be directed to JoAnn Carpenter, [jac78x@gmail.com](mailto:jac78x@gmail.com) or call 775-297-3889. Please RSVP to Nancy at [nlscott241@gmail.com](mailto:nlscott241@gmail.com) or 885-7404.

### Knitting:

The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3 PM. In April, that will be the 9th and 23rd. The group will be meeting at the home of Shirley Williams. From Chair Zee McClintock, "We hope you'll join us as we knit and purl and crochet, making some really beautiful items." Contact Zee for additional information at [edzeemcc@gmail.com](mailto:edzeemcc@gmail.com) or call 775-884-3565.

### Informal Luncheon:

Please join us for lunch on April 24 at 11:30. We will be dining at Kristopher's Ristorante at its new location in Minden, 1599 Esmeralda Ave. All are invited. We especially hope to see our newer members, to get acquainted, and our Carson Valley members (it's been a while since we've lunched in the Minden/Gardnerville area)! RSVP to Diane Koditek, [dkoditek@gmail.com](mailto:dkoditek@gmail.com) or call 661-304-8743 by April 20.

## You are invited...

To a special showing of

### IRON JAWED ANGELS – SYNOPSIS: 1912-1914

**Katja von Garnier's** "Iron Jawed Angels" tells the remarkable and little-known story of a group of passionate and dynamic young women, led by **Alice Paul** (Hilary Swank) and her friend **Lucy Burns** (Frances O'Connor), who put their lives on the line to fight for American women's right to vote. The right to vote was passed in 1919 so this year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Voting rights are also currently in the national debate.

**Tuesday, April 9 – 6:00 PM**

Sierra Nevada Forum

Brewery Arts Center

Doors open at 5:30PM –

FREE! Popcorn will be served!

Please join us!

## AAUW-NV:

### Demystifying our State Council

Message from Janice Flanagan, State President

Hello, everyone! State By-Laws mandate that we shall be governed by a Council with a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 elected members to perform the duties required by AAUW. Our duties pretty much reflect our Branch counterparts. We receive information from National AAUW, and distribute it to the Branches. We encourage our cohorts to have substantive programs, and keep on message, working to advance our issues. This year, your State Council has authorized the funding for two Nevada college women to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Maryland. We are all volunteers, and work diligently to help our members and branches. As president, or chair, I try to visit each branch in Nevada, along with coordinating our quarterly meetings. Attending those meetings are the elected Council, the chairs of all committees, and a representative from each Branch, if anyone is available. If you would like to attend, we would love your input. Our next State Council meeting is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, noon at my home, 1460 Bermuda Circle, Reno 89509. Come and get more involved. My contact information is 775-828-1993, [janflangan@aol.com](mailto:janflangan@aol.com). We are beginning to plan for our Spring 2020 State Convention in Las Vegas. Thanks for your interest, and thanks for all you do for AAUW-NV. I hope to see you soon.

## Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdell, Membership Chair

Please welcome our newest member to AAUW Capital Branch, Tera Bisbee. Tera comes to us via Cal Poly where she was assistant vice-provost for Academic Employee Relations. Prior to that, she was with San Bernardino State University where she served as Director of Ombud Services and Gender Equity and was a Title IX coordinator. Presently she is creating a start-up focusing on leadership coaching, and she is doing some writing. Her background is in human resources coaching, training, and behavior which fits into the overall title of organizational development. She sometimes works in the area of labor relations. Tera has obtained two Masters Degrees, one from Argosy University in counseling and psychology and one from U.C. Santa Barbara in education and organizational behavior. Tera is originally from Indiana but she grew up on the west coast. She moved to our area 3 months ago because her sister lives in Genoa. Her hobbies are improv and comedy theater, writing, yoga, and hiking. She was an AAUW member interested in Work Smart when she lived in Redlands and decided to join here in order to get to know people.

Another reminder, there will be a discussion at the April meeting as to how we want to structure our Membership Soiree, so please be thinking about ideas you may have on the subject.

Please keep us up to date on any address, phone, or email changes you may have by accessing the Capital Branch website or emailing the information to me at [irisblasdell@yahoo.com](mailto:irisblasdell@yahoo.com).



On March 12, a delegation of women activists from Carson City and nearby cities met with the delegation of young women from Russia to discuss feminism, activism and how to

be more effective in making positive change for women. Capital Branch members who were there were Jennifer Verive, Caroline Panches, Marty McGarry, and Judy Welch. It was informative and fun. Pay equity and healthcare and such were topics of good conversation.

## Public Policy

by Nancy Stiles, Chair

Thanks to all of you who signed up to participate in this legislative session in some way or another. There are a number of ways you can participate, even from the comfort of your own home. You can do that by going to the legislature website: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us). While on the Home Page, you can see what bills are being heard for the week by clicking on the caption "Calendar of Meetings." You can find out all about the bills proposed by clicking on the caption "NELIS," including a video viewing of committee hearings. You can request a tracking of 10 bills without charge by clicking on the caption "Personalized Legislative Tracking." You can support or oppose any bill you want and add comments about the bill by clicking on the caption "Share Your Opinion on Bills," or go directly to <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/>.

Our branch's legislative committee decided on five categories from our Public Policy to watch during session: Pay Equity, Earned Sick Days, Minimum Wage Increase, Affordable Child Care, and Educational Funding. So far, nothing has come up for Affordable Child Care. A Pay Equity bill, SB166, was heard on March 8 with no action. This is one we want to support. It provides penalties for employers who are not in compliance with gender pay equity. One just came out March 18 on Paid Sick Leave, SB 312, and was referred to the Commerce & Labor Committee. We want to attend a hearing for that one to find out more. We are suggesting support for AB 90 for using sick leave for family care. Watch SJR 6 on Minimum Wage from 2017 and heard in February, 2019 in Commerce & Labor. An Educational Funding bill came out March 18 that needs watching, SB349. We will want to attend a hearing on that one.

If you want to get caught up in the excitement of our democracy in action, attend a committee hearing! That needs to be on everyone's to-do list! We have the State Capitol in our back yard with easy accessibility; it would be a shame not to. If you are attending Grassroots Lobby Days, March 31/April 1, you'll have an opportunity to attend either a Senate or Assembly Session with a group. IT IS SO COOL!!! And the line-up of speakers on Sunday is most impressive! Grassroots Lobby Days is such a great opportunity to be right in the middle of what's going on, that you really, really don't want to miss it! Go to <https://nevadawomenslobby.org/> and register before it fills up and you can't get in.

*But to look back all the time is boring. Excitement lies in tomorrow.*

*--Natalia Makarova*

# At WNC!



## Women's Leadership Summit

By Jennifer Verive

In February, Jennifer Verive set up an AAUW booth at the inaugural Women's Leadership Summit held by WNC. The point of the booth was to increase awareness of AAUW and in particular Work Smart. The event was well attended by dozens of students, with the keynote speaker being Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall.

The photo at left shows students at the booth.

## WNC CTE TOUR WAS ENERGIZING!

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, twelve AAUW members began our WNC campus tour at the newly renovated Dini Library. Niki Gladys, Executive Director of the WNC Foundation, was our tour guide. Here are a few of the highlights:

- High enthusiasm and passion of the presenters both faculty and students
- Library reconstruction/reconfiguration both physically and philosophically...individual and collaborative areas accessibility
- WNC is the **only** campus west of the Mississippi that has the Siemens machine onsite to facilitate training for certification on the use of the machine. Certified users are in high demand locally
- Library and laboratory pods, digital communication between activities happening in different areas of the campus and outreach to the community for support are features most of us did not experience in our college days!
- We learned that there are instances where certificates have more value than the degrees.
- Life-like manikins allow nursing students to experience realistic situations
- State of the art labs and equipment were amazing



Mark Ghan, WNC VP of Legal Affairs, welcomes AAUW



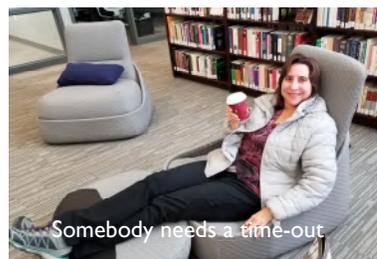
Dave Riske, Cybersecurity. Note the robots on the table.



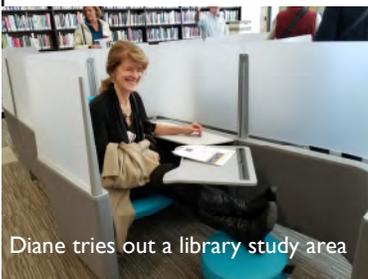
In the Cadaver Lab



Somebody needs a time-out



Diane tries out a library study area





# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31 and April Grass Roots Lobby Days		2 Branch Meeting 5PM	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Iron Jawed Angels 6 PM  Knitting 1-3	10	11	12 Gourmet	13
14	15	16	17	18 Book Group 6 PM	19 Book Group 2-4	20
21	22	23 Knitting 1-3 PM  Great Decisions 1-3	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!</b> Scholarship presenta- tions for high school students and our Installation of Officers will occur on <b>May 4, 2019</b> at 11:30AM at Joanie's Creekside Deli. More info and details will be forthcoming.			

## Your 2018-2019 Board

President — Caroline Punches, 775-246-1850  
 Membership VP — Iris Blaisdell 775-392-1772  
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 775-297-3889 and Judy Welch 775-721-1731  
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 775-690-3913 and Lynne Ballatore 775-246-3870  
 Secretary, Corresponding — Shirley Williams,  
 775-386-8787  
 Treasurer — Barbara LeBlanc, 775-781-6604



### Reminder:

Any AAUW Capital Branch member may sug-  
 gest a community event that she believes would  
 be interesting to participate in. Please email sug-  
 gestions for the coming month to Diane Ko-  
 ditek, [dkoditek@gmail.com](mailto:dkoditek@gmail.com). Suggested ac-  
 tivities will be posted in the newsletter in the  
 Bulletin Board section.

**JOIN US  
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# **SUMMER TIME**

**Entertaining Fundraiser**

- When:** Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- What:** Summer Entertaining Cooking Demonstration and Lecture followed by lunch buffet of salads/sandwiches using Summer ingredients.
- Where:** **NOTHING TO IT!**  
CULINARY CENTER 225 Crummer Lane, Reno, NV 89502
- Price:** \$50.00 per person (limited to 40). Members and non-members
- R.S.V.P.** by April 20<sup>th</sup> to Debbie Nicholas - nicholas89451@gmail.com or call (775) 843-0775. Make checks payable to AAUW and send to P.O. Box 5465, Incline Village, NV 89451 or better yet, bring to our meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

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