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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.

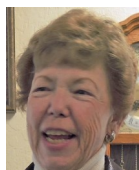
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President's Message

by Caroline Punches, President



WOW! Another year is almost over for the AAUW Capital (NV) Branch! And, what a year it has been! A very special year as we have been celebrating our 75 years of commitment to "equity for all."

The culmination of our birthday year will take place on Saturday, May 4th, at 11:30AM at Joanie's Creekside Cafe, 1795 E. College Parkway, Carson City. Doors will open at 11:15AM. The luncheon cost will be \$18.50 per person. If you would like to "round off" to \$20.00 per person – that will help cover the cost of the scholarship recipients and their guests. Cash or checks payable to AAUW Capital Branch will be accepted.

We will be celebrating another exceptional year of programs and incredible volunteers within our Capital Branch. AND, we will be meeting and recognizing our newest scholarship recipients! (Check out their bios elsewhere in this newsletter).

I especially enjoy this meeting as it allows me the opportunity to recognize so many of our members who have contributed to the excellence of our branch during this past year. One of Nancy Stiles' last "official" duties for the Capital (NV) Branch will be the installation of our 2019-20FY officers.

I want to especially thank all of the members who attended our Annual Business Meeting on April 2nd. The discussion was very lively as members shared their thoughts about some specific projected expenses in the 2019-20FY budget. Also loved the ideas for increasing income for operating expenses. In the end, a budget was adopted (via an email vote of those present). The budget is now posted on our website <https://capital-nv.aauw.net/>.

I am personally looking forward to serving as co-president of the branch with Jennifer Verive! I know it will be a great year – and encourage all of you to consider volunteering in some capacity this next year. A survey will be coming out soon asking for your opinions and possible involvement. See you Saturday, May 4th!

Caroline Punches
President

May Membership Meeting

Join us for our special May Membership Meeting!

Date and Time: Saturday, May 4th, 11:30 am (Doors will open at 11:15am)

Agenda: Scholarship Presentation, Member Recognition and Installation of 2019-20 FY Officers

**Place: Joanie's Creekside Café
1795 E. College Pkwy
Carson City**

Lunch menu:

Assorted sandwiches and wraps, salad sides, Birthday cake and beverages.

Cost: \$18.50 per person, payable in cash or check to AAUW

(Note: Feel free to "round up" to \$20.00 per person)

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RSVPs

Please RSVP to Dorthiann Taylor by Wednesday, May 1st! RSVP by email at dtaylor506@aol.com or by phone at 775-771-1212. You will receive an email response noting your RSVP has been received. Shortly before the May meeting, Dorthiann will send out an email with the names of all who RSVP'd - if your name is not there - you have another chance to RSVP! She then sends a final list of attendees to Caroline Punches, President and Iris Blaisdell, Membership Chair.



Public Policy

by Nancy Stiles, Chair

The 2019 Nevada Legislature is looking favorably on our AAUW issues thus far. The Capital Branch Legislative Committee determined that the AAUW Public Policy issues we would follow would be Pay Equity, Affordable Child Care, Paid Leave, Minimum Wage, and Educational Funding.

The Pay Equity Bill SB166, brought forth by Sen. Pat Spearman, provides enforcement for pay equity. It has been amended and read a second time, but has not yet passed.

There has been no legislation to address Affordable Child Care. Paid sick leave, on the other hand, is being addressed in SB 312, which requires compensation and benefits from employers, and AB90, which is being called the caregiver sick leave bill because it definitively gives sick days to be used for the purpose of caring for those in your care. SB 312 has been amended, read a second time, and re-referred to Committee on Finance. AB 90 has passed the Assembly, and has been sent to the Senate Commerce & Labor Committee for a hearing Wed., April 24. We will continue watching both closely.

The educational funding bill to change the funding model from 1967 to a more effective model, has not yet been released. According to Mo Dennis, Chair of the Education Committee, "Our legal team has been working on the language of this bill for more than a year."

The bill is not held by the deadline restrictions as are the others, because it comes under the budget. Several have indicated that it will be given a number and will emerge in the next week or two. When notice is received that it is out, the legislative committee will notify those who signed up to receive emails regarding the legislative session along with the request to attend its legislative hearing. Michaela (our speaker on educational funding) and her group are standing by to conduct a conference call to make a plan on a direction to take once it is out.

The final analysis at this point in the session is that we continue to be encouraged, and have no reason to be discouraged. However, its not over until its over.

YES! THERE WILL BE A JUNE NEWSLETTER!

It will be a bit shorter but will include the "summer calendars" and other information.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: VOTING IN NATIONAL AAUW ELECTION ENDS ...

AT 6pm eastern time on Tuesday, May 14, 2019! This is YOUR chance to determine who will be serving on the National Board of Directors AND the 2020-21 Public Policy Priorities.

You should have received your special ID via email on April 1st from Kim Churches, AAUW. This email included your member ID and your voter PIN. If you did not receive it or CANNOT find it, feel free to call AAUW at 800-326-2289 or email them at connect@aauw.org for assistance.

Every vote counts!

Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdell, Membership Chair

Spring news from the membership committee: As you know, dues should be paid by June 30th for the coming year. On Tuesday, April 9, you should have received an email from memberinfo@aauw.org. This email contained a personalized membership renewal form for you to easily renew your membership. It included YOUR membership number and provided a link by which you could renew using a credit card! Check your "Spam" folder if you do not remember seeing it.

The purpose of this article is to let you know about this easy way to renew...and just in case you missed the message – let me know at irisblaisdell@yahoo.com so I can send you another one.

We would love to have the majority of members renew by the May 4 membership meeting – and as an incentive we will do a special drawing at that meeting for "early bird" renewals. Yes, dues are not actually due until June 30th – and I know some want to wait until the last minute, which is okay too. New members whose checks were cashed after March 16 will not need to renew until June 2020.

If you use a credit card, national, state, and local dues are automatically assigned to the correct accounts by National. If you would rather renew by check, please send your \$80 check to Iris Blaisdell, 1036 Ranch Drive, Gardnerville, NV 89460, and I will take care of the rest. If you are not renewing, please let me know also.

Scholarship Recipients for 2019-2020

By Mary Moffitt and Mary Piper
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we introduce to you the 2019-2020 Scholarship recipients. Both of these exceptional young women bring us their own special vision for their academic and professional futures. They both have met and exceeded the requirements for scholarships and they exemplify the Capital Branch Mission and Vision Statement.

Our recipient from Dayton High School is Katherine Darragh. She has experienced some college classes, as she is dually enrolled at Dayton and at Western Nevada College in the Jump Start program. Katherine has an overall weighted GPA of 5.05 based on a 4.0 scale. She is first in her graduating class. As a classroom student, she is a committed scholar. This remarkable young woman was deeply influenced by a student tour to study the Second World War covering five different countries. This experience has influenced her long term goal of achieving a doctorate in Behavioral Psychology with a Bachelor's degree in holocaust, genocide and peace studies. She desires to specialize in trauma. She will show us how trauma affects entire communities and work for the solution.

Our recipient from Carson High School is Hannah Hope Hodorowicz. She will be attending UNR and her major will be a field of science. She is still exploring scientific majors. The long term goal that she holds is to pursue a career in the medical field. Hannah Hope excels academically. She is on the Academic honor roll with a weighted GPA of 4.9. She is employed as a private tutor and spends a considerable amount of time volunteering for many organizations. She works the information desk at Carson Tahoe Medical Center. As an individual student, she has excelled in service to her community.

Both Katherine and Hannah will be attending our May 4th luncheon with a parent or guest. Please take a moment to speak with them and learn about these two remarkable young women.



AAUW members participated in Grass Roots Lobby Days and shared a table at the Governor's Mansion. Pictured above are (starting with the second person in from the left) Capital Branch members Lynne Ballatore, Caroline Punches, Judy Welch, Jennifer Verive, Sara Velez Mallea, Iris Blaisdell, and Pam Jonidis and Dr. Lauren James, both from AAUW Reno.

**WHEN WOMEN
SUPPORT EACH
OTHER, INCREDIBLE
THINGS HAPPEN.**

Suffrage Event Committee

A Suffrage Event Committee is being formed by the State Commission for Women to facilitate statewide collaboration on all events occurring through the state in 2020. Contact Caroline Punches if you are interested in helping.

Interest Group Activities

Diane Koditek, Interest Group Coordinator

Gourmet Group:

The April gourmet dinner at Dorthiann Taylor's home was an Irish themed meal with Guinness to enliven the party. Cohostess Caroline PUNCHES prepared the entrée of traditional lamb stew and also brought memorabilia from her trip to Ireland. Each of the 12 guests brought an assigned special recipe for a wonderful variety of delicious food. The May dinner, to be hosted by Cindy White and Scott Imus, will be held on the third Friday, May 17, to avoid conflict with Mother's Day weekend. The theme will be Caribbean food. For additional information about the group, please contact Nancy Bailey at nmbaley95@gmail.com or call 775-461-3311.



Great Decisions:

The group will meet next on May 28 from 1 to 3 PM. The meeting will be held at Diane Koditek's home, focusing on chapter 5 from the foreign policy association resource manual, *Decoding US-China Trade*. Anyone interested in more information about the group may contact JoAnn Carpenter, jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889.

Daytime Book Group:

The group will meet from 2 to 4 PM on Friday, May 17, at Dorthiann Taylor's home. Dorthiann will lead discussion of the book for May, *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Questions about the group? Please contact Cindy White, cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com or call 775-267-3685.

Evening Book Group:

On Thursday, May 16, the group will meet at the home of Phyllis Tirado at 6:30 PM, to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Group members are requested to let Phyllis know whether or not they will be attending at jeanl@cncnet.com or call 775-782-0550. For questions about the book group, please contact Jane Johnson at jane3491@charter.net or by phone at 775-267-3427.

Knitting:

The Knitting group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly from 1 to 3 PM. For additional information about this creative and collegial group, please contact Barbara LeBlanc, wmzqlt@gmail.com, or call 775-781-6604. All skill levels are welcome!

Informal Luncheon:

Come join in for good food and conversation on May 22nd at 11:30 AM. We will gather at a Bleu Cafe, 240 East Winnie Lane in Carson City. Newer members are especially encouraged to come and get better acquainted! Please contact Diane Koditek for additional information and to RSVP for the luncheon, dkoditek@gmail.com or call 661-304-8743. Please RSVP by May 15.



The Daytime Book Group enjoyed "Becoming" themed cake at their April meeting at the home of Cindy White.

YOUR OPINIONS WANTED!

AAUW Capital (NV) branch wants YOUR input on program meeting topics, possible speakers and other branch activities (tours in the community), and your willingness to help our branch achieve our 2019-20FY goals. Our plans are to distribute the survey in mid-to-late May via Survey Monkey. You will receive a general email alert asking you to complete the survey quickly. We want to use the results as the "joint" board will be meeting in mid-June to plan our 2019-20FY calendar and activities.

YOUR INPUT IS CRITICAL!

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 May Scholarship Luncheon 11:30 am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	13	14 Knitting Group	15	16 Evening Book Group	17 Gourmet Group/Daytime Book Group	18
19	20	21	22 Informal Luncheon	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 Great Decisions Group/ Knitting Group	29	30	31	

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at**
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Your 2018-2019 Board

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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.