



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch November 2019

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

Co-Presidents' Message

by Caroline Punches, President



FALL IS IN THE AIR!

Fall in Northern Nevada means the trees are displaying their vibrant yellows and oranges before shedding their leaves completely. For AAUW, fall means Pecan Sales!! I can hardly wait to taste this year's harvest!

Membership Meetings: Doors open at 5:00PM for socializing and mingling. AAUW announcements and business items start at 5:30PM. Speaker presentations begin about 6:00PM. Additional AAUW updates will be shared after the speakers.

Bottled water has been provided occasionally for members as a courtesy. It has been suggested that AAUW members do their part and **Bring Your Own Water** to meetings in your own reusable container. You can also **Bring Your Own Food** (snacks) if desired. Sometimes a light snack is provided, but if you want something more substantial, you are welcome to **BYOF** as well.

Do you have any **AAUW Capital Branch "STUFF"** tucked away in your closet or file boxes or boxes in your garage? We are particularly interested in items that are used, or can be used, in our regular meetings or fundraising events, or if you have any items which should be included in AAUW Archives and Historical records. We want to know what and how much you have. Please make a list of items or general categories and send the inventory to Dorthiann Taylor, co-treasurer. Her email address is dtaylor506@aol.com.

I am excited to learn about BlockChain Technology and CyperSecurity on **Tuesday, November 5th. See you then!**

November Meeting

by Lynne Ballatore

Tuesday, November 5, @ 5pm
CC Sheriff's Office
911 E Musser St

Blockchain technology is affecting our lives and was a hot topic in the 2019 Legislative Session. How blockchains are being used and how fast their use is spreading is more important than how it technically works, so our program should be of interest to everyone.

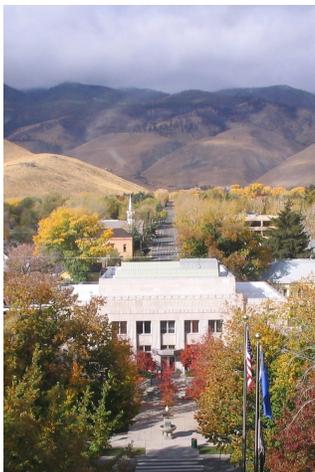
Blockchain technology was created for bitcoin by unknown developers. This technology creates a secure, transparent and permanent ledger that is not kept in one place like traditional databases, but stores data on several servers and is controlled by a network of users who agree on the content.

Blockchain technology is becoming widely used for financial services, video games, online music distribution and more. IBM and Walmart are performing trials for supply chain monitoring. You do not need to know technically how blockchains work to know how they are changing data storage and affecting our lives.

Guest speaker Sena Loyd, a senior research analyst with Blockchain LLC, leads research efforts for projects supporting Blockchains' product development. A graduate from San Jose State University's Master in Library and Information Science program, she has worked for the Nevada Department of Transportation as a research librarian and the Carson City Library as its technology trainer, @Two Digital Learning Center Manager, and most recently as the library's director. Sena was named Nevada Library Association's 2017 Librarian of the Year.

Read all about it!

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Autumn on King Street as seen from the Capitol Dome

Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdell, Membership Chair

The Capital Branch AAUW welcomes two new members. **Joyce Powell** has joined because she has friends who are members and have convinced her we are an interesting group. She is just retiring this year and one of her aims is to get involved in new experiences and meet new people.

Joyce has lived ten years in Carson City. Previously she resided in Glenbrook and the Tahoe area. She received a degree from Sonoma State, Rohnert Park in Economics in 1979. Subsequently she lived in Santa Rosa for 35 years. She was self-employed for 25 years as a private investor. Her interests are reading (she belongs to several book clubs), gardening, golfing, bowling, and walking. She also has some horses who get to be yard ornaments as she does not ride anymore.

Luckily Joyce has a son close by in Reno. He works for Tesla in the tech area. A daughter in Northern California teaches preschool.

The name **Cara Tirado** may seem familiar to you. She is the daughter-in-law of Phyllis Tirado (AAUW member since 1996) and has just moved to the area with her husband this summer from Long Beach where she lived for 18 years.



Cara grew up in Anaheim and attended Cal Poly Pomona as an AG science student. She also received her Masters in that subject. She taught science and was department chair for ten years at a high school in Long Beach. As a side interest, she taught dance as an art subject. In Carson City she will be a K-12 science coordinator.

She is familiar with the pecan fund raiser as Phyllis was always buying pecans for her and told her about the Capital group. Cara can't say enough nice things about Phyllis.

Cara is living on a small acreage in Carson City where she keeps her Morgan horse. She has no children, but two dogs, a Golden Retriever and a fuzzy Husky. Additional interests are hiking, sewing, and cooking.

Public Policy

by Judy Welch, Co-Chair

Thank you Janice Noble for graciously agreeing to co-chair Public Policy.

The Voter Registration Team has had success helping register or correct registrations for 13 voters from 4 counties. We also shared lots of AAUW information on gender pay gap, Work Smart, and AAUW priorities. The community outreach has been as worthwhile as the voter registration efforts, and it has been inspiring sharing with members of our community. If you're interested in joining the team, please contact Judy or Janice.

Janice and I also want to remind you to help advocate for national AAUW public policy by signing up on-line to be an AAUW Two-Minute Activist. Once you sign up at the web address below, you will occasionally be notified to contact Congress to support AAUW policy. Just click on the link they provide to show your endorsement for the action being addressed. Literally, a two minute action from the comfort of your home supports national AAUW public policy. When on-line you can click on any of the topics listed to obtain more detailed information on each issue.

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Thank you!

SPECIAL BASKET RAFFLE AT THE BRANCH MEETING!

This basket has two (2) \$25.00 gift certificates for Mangia Tutti (expire on 1/1/20), 2 bottles of wine and an assortment of pastas. Tickets will cost \$1 for one and \$5 for 6. What a deal! The winning ticket will be drawn that evening. Proceeds will benefit the FOC.



THE AAUW PROGRAM

Our Capital Branch was recognized as a 5 Star Branch in 1997-98 and we want to do it again! The 5 areas are: Program Alignment, Branch Giving that aligns with AAUW greatest needs, Communications (websites and social media), Public Policy (meeting with legislators), and Branch Governance. We are on our way!! Ask how YOU can help! <https://www.aauw.org/resource/five-star-national-recognition-program/>

Interest Groups

By Cathy Haber

Gourmet Group: The gourmet dinner will be Friday November 8th at 5:30 PM at the home of Dorthiann Taylor. It's a Basque theme and after receiving members' RSVPs, she will send each a special recipe to prepare and bring. The October Hawaiian dinner hosted by Barbara and Dick Kuehner was a great success with island decorations and a main dish of mahi-mahi!

Evening Book Group: On Thursday, November 21, we will meet at the home of Shirley Williams at 6:30 PM. The book for discussion will be *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Please let Shirley know whether or not you will be attending at rswilliams67@sbcglobal.net or by phone 775-386-8787. For more questions about the book group, please contact Jane Johnson at jane3491@charter.net or 775-267-3427.

Daytime Book Club: This group will meet from 2-4 PM on Friday November 15th at the home of JoAnn Carpenter. JoAnn is our discussion leader and we'll be reading *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. Please RSVP to JoAnn jac78x@gmail.com. For more information on this book group, please contact Cindy White at cindywhitenevadawordsmith.com.

Great Decisions: The Great Decisions Group will not meet again until after the new year. New workbooks will not be available to order until later this year. Any questions on this group, please contact JoAnn Carpenter jac78x@gmail.com.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3. For November that will be the 12th and 26th. We plan to meet at the home of Barbara LeBlanc. We welcome all skill levels and hope you'll join us for social knitting. Contact Zee McClintock at edzeemcc@gmail.com or 775-884-3565 for more information.

Informal Lunch: Please come and enjoy good food and conversation on Wednesday, November 20th, 11:30AM at Cook'd, 1644 US Hwy 395 N in Minden. All are invited to join in the fun. If you are a new member to AAUW Capital Branch, come meet other members and get better acquainted. To RSVP please contact Cathy Haber at cathy8699@aol.com or call 775-400-7668 by November 13th.

Pecans, Pecans!

By Kathy Steinle, Pecan Chair

I can almost smell that pecan pie cooking; can't you? The Schermer Pecan Co. in Georgia is busy picking our pecans right now for our 2019 Pecan Fundraiser! The 53 cases (!) of glorious, yummy pecans should be shipped before October 28th, so I'm hoping to get them to you at our November 5th meeting. All our favorites will be available: Mammoth Halves, the specialty Dark Chocolate Covered, Chocolate Covered, Caramel Clusters and Cinnamon Glazed pecans, at only \$12/package.

I still need a few helpers at the Carson High School Craft Fair where we have a booth to sell the pecans. The Craft Fair is on Friday afternoon, November 22 and all day Saturday, November 23. Both afternoons still have openings for you to come and enjoy AAUW camaraderie while selling pecans – and let's be honest, the pecans practically sell themselves! I will bring the sign-up sheet to our November 5th meeting.

Several Carson City restaurant businesses have been asked if they would like to purchase pecans, especially our 30 pound bulk case, and hopefully we will see an interest. If you have any business that you think might be interested, please don't hesitate to contact me and I would be happy to pay them a visit.

Feel free to contact me any time for flyers, advance orders, or questions. And thank you for your support! Kathy Steinle, steinle3@hotmail.com, 775-291-9305.

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 Cathy Haber at cathy8699@aol.com or call 775-400-7668. Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.

AAUW Work Smart Outreach

By Jennifer Verive, Co-President

As the invited Keynote speaker, I had the opportunity to promote AAUW Work Smart Online at the 3rd Annual Northern Nevada Women's Leadership Breakfast in Reno on October 18. The theme of the event was "How to Prep Yourself for Success." I integrated my courage skills training with AAUW Work Smart to frame effective salary negotiation as a series of "Courageous Conversations". The event was attended by over 100 mostly female healthcare professionals. Lots of the new AAUW Work Smart Online bookmarks were distributed.

AAUW CAPITAL BRANCH T-SHIRTS



The Branch t-shirts are now available! If you ordered one, you may pick yours up on November 5th at the Branch meeting! If you would like it

sooner, for the November 2 Unveiling of the Suffragette License Plate, contact Caroline Panches at 775-246-1850. The cost is \$16 for the short sleeved and \$20 for the long sleeved, cash or check payable to AAUW Capital (NV) Branch, please. Additional t-shirts can be ordered if there is interest.

Remembering Linda Sekiguchi

The following article appeared recently in the Obituary section of the *Nevada Appeal*. We thought you might be interested.

“Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi was known and enjoyed [by friends and colleagues] here in Nevada and all around the world. If you are one of those, her family would love to hear from you so we can keep her memory alive. Please let us know how you knew her, and include your name and address or phone number, so we can send you a loving memory bookmark. Please mention this to others in your organization or circle of friends.

Please send responses to: Ruthann Hiebert, Po Box 155, Rickreall, OR 97371 or email ruthannhiebert@yahoo.com “

I would like to grow very old as slowly as possible. ~Irene Mayer Selznick

Exciting News!

Join us for the
Unveiling of the Specialty License Plate
Commemorating the
100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in the United States,
Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the
Nevada State Library Atrium Lobby
Please visit www.nv19thamendmentcentennial.com
for more information

Following the unveiling, from 1-5 p.m. the Nevada State Library, Archives & Public Records will be hosting
["Preserving Nevada's Environment" Summit 2019.](#)



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Save the Date! AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY Tuesday, December 17th – 4:30 – 6:30PM Home of Barbara Kuehner, 254 Beverly Way, Gardnerville, NV. Bring an appetizer – your choice – savory or sweet. Carpools encouraged.</p> 						
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17	18	19	20 Informal luncheon 11:30	21 Book Group 6:30	22 Pecan Sales @CHS	23 Pecan Sales @CHS
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Your 2019-2020 Board

Co-Presidents — Caroline Punches, 775-246-1850 and Jennifer Verive, 775-885-7593
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 Secretary, Corresponding — Shirley Williams, 775-386-8787
 Co-Treasurers — Barbara LeBlanc, 775-781-6604, and Dorotheann Taylor, 775-461-0310

Coming soon!

The 21st Annual Feast of Chocolate

February 8, 2020

1 – 3 PM.

Now is the time to start thinking about preparing a basket for the raffle and signing up to volunteer.

