



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch September 2019

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AAUW Mission:

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

President's Message

by Caroline PUNCHES, President



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!! Summer vacations are over. School has begun. Evites have been sent. Our fall Membership Brunch is around the corner!

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I always enjoy the opportunity to catch up with returning and new AAUW Capital Branch members and meeting guests and prospective members. I am particularly excited about hearing from Maria Whitaker, a WNC Fallon student who attended the NCCWSL conference at the University of Maryland! She was able to attend this prestigious conference as the recipient of a scholarship from AAUW Nevada!

Using your feedback from the June Survey Monkey and the August Volunteer Survey, your board has approved a 2019-20FY strategic plan and developed a 2019-20FY program calendar. A copy of the Program Calendar is attached to this newsletter. Take a minute and mark your personal calendars with the dates of our monthly meetings as well as our special events. From it you will learn more about all the opportunities available for you to come, learn, socialize and participate.

By the way, your Evite was emailed to you by Iris Blaisdell on August 18th. If you did not receive an Evite, check your junk mail or spam folder. You can still attend by emailing her at irisblaisdell@yahoo.com or calling her at 775-392-1772. See you on Saturday, September 14th at 10:00AM for brunch, beverages and information in the Nevada Room of the Governor's Mansion at [606 Mountain St., Carson City.](http://606MountainSt.com)



Membership Brunch

At the Governor's Mansion
Saturday Sept 14
606 Mountain Street
Carson City
10 am to noon

EVITES were sent to everyone by email on August 18th. If you have not received one, check your spam folder and be looking for a new one coming out in a day or two. You are encouraged to bring a guest who might be interested in joining our group.

Read all about it!

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"The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel-
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
Burning brush,
New books, erasers,
Chalk, and such.
The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
And Mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
With suds, the days
Are polished with
A morning haze."

- John Updike, *September*



AAUW Capital (NV) Branch collaborates with Sierra Nevada Forums on community events including Candidate Forums and other topics of interest to our members.

The September 10th forum is **Nevada Tribes: Past, Present and Future: A Glimpse into Nevada Native American Culture.**

Topics will include tribal government, segregation of natives, the reservations system, cultural protection and stereotypes.

The forum is at the **Brewery Arts Center, Performance Hall, 511 W. King St., Carson City.** Doors open at 5:30 PM and the forum starts promptly at 6:00 PM. Cost is FREE. Donations accepted. (Flyer is attached to this newsletter).

Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdell, Membership Chair

Welcome to a new and exciting year with your AAUW friends in the Capital Branch! The first thing on this year's agenda is the catered welcome brunch on September 14. EVITES were sent to everyone by email on August 18th. If you have not received one, check your spam folder or contact Iris.

In addition, there are a few people who have not renewed their dues. New notices will go out to the affected members as National removes unpaid members from the roles at the end of September.

I hope you had a wonderful summer and will have lots of interesting stories to share with us. If you have any questions, you may call or email me at 775-392-1772 or Irisblaisdell@yahoo.com.



Thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with one of our many activities for this coming year. However, we know that some of you did not have the opportunity to raise your hand to help out with one of our many activities. Forms will be available at the September 14th brunch so you can share your talents OR we will be happy to email you a copy to complete and send back to us.

Two Special Requests...

AAUW Archives/History – A group will be meeting in September (a Thursday or Friday to be determined) to review a variety of branch historical documents to determine what we need to keep and what we can throw away! Dorthiann Taylor has agreed to accept materials and will host the meeting at her home. Please contact Dorthiann at dtaylor506@aol.com or by phone at 775-461-0310 if you have some materials to contribute and/or if you want to help review!



AAUW Capital Branch Scholarships And Community Programs

– A group of branch members will be reviewing our scholarship and community programs to determine if we can provide some financial support for STEM courses for middle school girls as well as the possibility of including certification options for scholarship awards. If you are interested and have NOT yet volunteered, please contact Caroline Punches at cpunches206@charter.net or at 775-246-1850.

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch Establishes LINDA HIEBERT SEKIGUCHI Honorary Fund

The **Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi Honorary Fund** has been established at AAUW National to commemorate Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi's dedication and commitment to AAUW throughout her life.

Linda was very passionate and focused on helping women and girls achieve their goals and dreams. Before her untimely passing, Linda noted her support for the programs and initiatives being provided by the *Education and Training Fund*. She was particularly enthusiastic about the initiatives in support of Fellowships Alumnae.

This fund was officially established with a \$3,000 contribution from the AAUW Capital (NV) branch. **Our goal is to complete the \$10,000 Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi Honorary fund no later than June 30, 2021.**

Individuals may contribute to the **Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi Honorary Fund** by sending a contribution to **AAUW Development Office, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045**. All checks should be payable to AAUW. **Please note on the memo line of your check or in any accompanying note or contribution form that this is to be deposited in Fund #4455.** This will ensure your tax-deductible donation will be allocated to the correct fund account. All gifts above \$50 will receive an acknowledgment letter from AAUW noting the contribution date, amount, and where it was designated. Thank you for your consideration of supporting the **Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi Honorary Fund**.

You may be disappointed if you fail,
but you are doomed if you don't try.
Beverly Sills

HOLIDAY PARTY HOST NEEDED!!



Members love attending the Holiday Social. If you would like to volunteer YOUR home for this event, please contact Caroline Punches at cpunches206@charter.net, or 775-246-1850, or Jennifer Verive (jmverive@gmail.com or 775-885-7593). We have typically had between 30 and 40 members and guests in attendance. Members are asked to bring a sweet or savory appetizer to share. It is a wonderful social event and we would love to have someone volunteer to be host for December 2019!

Interest Groups

By Diane Koditek

Gourmet Group: The group will meet on Friday, September 13, at 5:30 PM for a gourmet picnic potluck and will also plan for the coming year. Members can expect an email with the location details soon. For additional information about the group, please contact Nancy, nmbailey95@gmail.com.

Evening Book Group: The group will meet for a potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 at the home of Jane Johnson. Note that this is a change from the usual third Thursday meeting time just for this month. The group will choose books, hostesses, and discussion facilitators for the remainder of the year. More details and a request for an RSVP will be sent early in the month. For questions, please contact Jane at jane3491@charter.net or 775-267-3427.



Daytime Book Group: The group will meet next on Friday, September 20, from 2 to 4 PM at a location TBD. It's a "free" read month, so each member will talk briefly about whatever books they chose to read over the summer. For additional

information about the group, please contact Cindy at 775-267-3685, or email her at

cindywhite@nevadawordsmith.com.

Knitting: The group will meet on the 10th and 24th of September from 1 to 3 PM, location TBD. Several group members plan to participate in the Sierra Nevada Yarn Crawl which will take place from September 19 to September 22, involving 11 different local yarn stores. All skill levels are welcome to join the group. From chair Zee McClintock: we've had successful new knitters this last year! Come work some fiber into your diet!

Contact Zee at edzeemcc@gmail.com or call 775-884-3565 for more information.

Great Decisions: The group will meet next on September 24 from 1 to 3 PM at Beth Mancl's home. Discussion will focus on resource manual chapter 7, "The United States and Mexico: partnership tested." Please RSVP to Beth, bethmancl@prodigy.net or call 775-392-0190. For further information about Great Decisions Group, please contact JoAnn Carpenter, jac78x@gmail.com or call 775-297-3889.

Informal Luncheon: Members old and new, let's meet for lunch and good conversation on September 19th at 11:30. We'll be gathering at Gather, 402 North Carson Street in Carson City. All are invited, and especially if you are new to the branch, join in to get better acquainted! Please RSVP to Diane, dkoditek@gmail.com or call 661-304-8743 by September 13th.



This year I went to the UNR Girl's Math and Technology Camp, which was sponsored in part by AAUW. Not only did I learn quite a bit about geometry and algebra at this camp, I also made many new friends. We covered topics such as functions, rotations, reflections, translations, and even did some work with Geometer's Sketchpad, a computer program that lets you create and animate shapes. Throughout the camp, I met many new people who I spent time with, as well as took part in various camp activities such as going to the water park and hosting the talent show. Overall, I would recommend this camp for anyone looking to improve their math skills or just have a good time!

Women's Suffrage

By Diane Koditek

We are so excited to share the launching of the Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration website:

www.nv19thamendmentcentennial.com. The Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee was formed to help facilitate collaboration among organizations in Nevada that will be celebrating and commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The committee will work to educate Nevadans on the suffrage movement and the historic importance of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

For more information and/or if you would like to sponsor an event, program, and/or project, please visit our website: www.nv19thamendmentcentennial.com or contact Molly Walt at m.walt@admin.nv.gov.

Your 2019-2020 Leadership Team

Co-Presidents — Caroline Panches, 775-246-1850, Jennifer Verive 775-885-7593

Co-Membership VP — Iris Blaisdell 775-392-1772, Diane Koditek 661-304-8743

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Co-Secretaries, — Marty McGarry 775-690-3913 and Barbara Kuehner 808-937-2360

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Newsletter, Web Page — Lin Nary 775-230-9676



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Sierra Nevada Forum 6 PM Knitting 1-3	11	12	13 Gourmet Group 5:30	14 Branch Brunch 10-noon
15	16	17 Book Group 5:30	18	19 Informal Luncheon 11:30	20 Book Group 2-4	21
22	23	24 Great Decisions 1-3 Knitting 1-3	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Save the Date

By Chis Perdomo, FOC Co-Chair

The Feast of Chocolate annual event is already on the books and scheduled for February 8, 2020 at the Carson Plaza from 1-3 PM. We know the event is quite a few months away, but summer, as you are well aware, is quickly becoming a cherished memory. Before you know it, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day will be here and gone, which leaves Valentine's Day and our delicious fundraiser, the Feast of Chocolate, to dream about.

Caroline Punches has compiled the Volunteer and Interest Group lists for the 2020 AAUW year. For those of you who did not have an opportunity to fill out this survey online, here's the GOOD NEWS...you will have another chance at our AAUW Membership Brunch on September 14th! Phew, what a relief for those of us who missed the deadline!

We welcome your interest in the Feast of Chocolate, a scrumptious and delightfully decadent event, and look forward to working with you.

With a piece of chocolate in hand we say, "Here's to another successful year!"



Sierra Nevada Forums

Carson City, Nevada



Nevada Tribes: Past, Present and Future

A Glimpse into Nevada Native American Culture

Join us on September 10 for a forum on Native American tribes in Nevada. Native American speakers will discuss:

RESERVATIONS SYSTEM

STEREOTYPES

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SEGREGATION OF NATIVES

CULTURAL PROTECTION

SPEAKERS

Marla McDade Williams is a member of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone and past Commissioner with the Nevada Indian Commission.

Stacey Montooth is a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission.

Brian Wadsworth is a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and serves as a Commissioner on the Nevada Indian Commission.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Doors Open 5:30
Forum Starts Promptly at 6:00

Cost FREE
donations appreciated

Brewery Arts Center
Performance Hall
511 West King Street
Carson City, NV 89703

Information: 775-721-1731
info@sierranevadaforums.com

Sierra Nevada Forums

The mission of Sierra Nevada Forums is to provide citizens with fact-based, verifiable information to assist them in making well informed decisions on issues of importance to our community and beyond. Visit us at www.sierranevadaforums.com.

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch 2019-20FY Calendar

<p>July 2019</p> <p>Interest Groups meet</p> <p><i>Informal Lunch</i></p>	<p>August 2019</p> <p>Interest Groups meet</p>	<p>September 2019</p> <p>Saturday, Sept. 14 10AM</p> <p>Membership Event Brunch</p> <p>Governor's Mansion</p> <p>Interest Group displays</p>
<p>October 2019</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 1 - 5:00PM Branch Meeting</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Colleen Lyons</p> <p>Topic: Medicare for all</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>November 2019</p> <p>Tues. Nov. 5 – 5:00PM Branch Meeting</p> <p>Speaker: Sena Loyd</p> <p>Topic: Blockchains & Cyber Security</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Carson High Craft Fair</p> <p>Nov. 22 & 23 (Pecan Sales)</p>	<p>December 2019</p> <p>Tues, Dec. 3– business mtg?</p> <p>Pecans/Angel Tree gifts?</p> <p>Holiday Social ??</p>
<p>January 2020</p> <p>Tuesday Jan. 7– 5:00PM</p> <p>Branch Meeting</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>February 2020</p> <p>Tues. Feb. 4th – 5:00PM Branch Meeting</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p>	<p>March 2020</p> <p>Tues. Mar. 3 – 5:00PM Branch Meeting</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p> <p>March 20-21 – AAUW NV State Convention – Las Vegas</p>
<p>April 2020</p> <p>Tues. April 7 – 5:00PM</p> <p>Ormsby Room, Carson City Sheriff's Office</p> <p>(Annual Business Mtg)</p>	<p>May 2020</p> <p>Saturday, May 2nd (Need location)</p> <p>Scholarship Awards</p> <p>Installation of 20/21 Officers</p> <p><i>Note: conflicts with Nevada Suffrage Parade in Henderson, NV.</i></p>	<p>June 2020</p> <p>Branch Interest Groups</p> <p>June 19-21 – AAUW Regional Conference – Ft. Collins, CO</p>

Note: Interest group meetings – Gourmet, Evening Book, Afternoon Book, Great Decisions, Knitting and informal “lunch bunch”. Meetings are typically held monthly. Check newsletter for details