



Capital News!

AAUW Capital (NV) Branch

December 2019

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AAUW Mission:

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

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I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party on December 17 at Barbara Kuenher's house. No need to be curious about that -- it will be a most wonderful time!

Jennifer, Co-President

President's Message

by Jennifer Verive, Co-President



Happy Holidays, Ladies! At this time of the year, I find myself being rather curious...when will it snow? Where is my other winter glove? And, perhaps most importantly, how many bags of pecans will I buy?! With this pivotal fundraiser now in full force, I also find myself wondering about the outcomes of our branch's efforts...how are those scholarship winners doing in college? Are Nevada women negotiating for salary more effectively? Are the women in our communities feeling supported and hopeful?

As it happens, I was just reading some new research on Curiosity. Positive Psychologists are finding that being curious improves memory, increases life satisfaction, and helps us stay calmer.

Well then, it's no wonder that we have such an active and fun branch -- Curiosity is something we at AAUW know all about! It is our curiosity that motivates us to attend monthly program meetings (a good two thirds of us turn out for those!) It is our curiosity that compels us to serve our branch in innovative ways, for example the newly formed STEM and Operating Budget committees. And it is curiosity that rouses our passion to affect positive change in our community -- many of us have been involved with the recent Nevada Women's Suffrage events, voter registration drives, and Work Smart Meet Ups.

As 2019 comes to a close, I want to offer a heart-felt Thank You! to all Capital Branch members -- thank you for your Curiosity and for acting on it. Thank you, especially, to our board members, interest group coordinators, and fundraiser leaders.

December Gathering

Bring your spouse or guest to socialize and have some fun at this annual social!

Tuesday, December 17th

4:30-6:30

**Home of Dick and Barbara Kuehner
254 Beverly Way, Gardnerville, NV
89460**

Phone: 808-937-2360

Directions:

Beverly Way is just off Foothill, S of Genoa and N of Kingsbury Grade. From the north, take the Muller exit off 395. Drive west to Foothill and turn left. Watch for Beverly Way after Hansen Lane. It's a loop, so there are two chances to turn left onto Beverly. Coming from the south on Hwy 88, take Mottsville Lane and go west about 3 miles to Foothill and turn right. Beverly Way is about 1/2 mile north and is right after Peach St. Turn right, and it's the third house on the left, yellow with green trim. It's a corner lot, and the house number is on both sides. There are two driveways. Park in either one or on the street. The front door is off the circular driveway.

Please bring a festive appetizer to share. We will have a selection of beer, wine and soft drinks, but if you have a favorite, please bring it. If you have not yet given a gift for a local teen and desire to do so, something unwrapped for a child in the adolescent age group is suggested. These will be taken to the Ron Wood Center in Carson City for distribution.

We will have a fire in the fireplace and some holiday music. There's a floor for dancing should you wish! And if it's too hot, you can go to the game room and play pool. Looking forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Membership Matters

By Iris Blasdel, Membership Chair

This month's spotlight is on new member Barb Geibel, who has recently moved from Menlo Park, where she was an AAUW member for years participating in cooking and wine tasting, to Gardnerville. She was born in Stuttgart, Germany where she was an "army brat," later moving to Atlanta and Arizona. In Arizona she attended and graduated from the University of Arizona with a double major in Sociology and Mexican American studies. U of A was in her family's blood as her grandmother had attended, receiving her Master's, mom and sister both graduated from U of A, and an uncle was a professor there. When Barb married in 1972, she left the southwest and moved to California where she lived for a short time in Monterey and then spent 40 plus years in Menlo Park. She worked full time for the City of Palo Alto Library, raised two daughters, and earned her MLS at San Jose State. She worked her way up to become the branch manager. She enjoyed working with the broad range of ages, languages, cultures and general diversity available in the area. After an early retirement in 2004, she worked part time for three other cities on the peninsula until moving to Nevada in 2016.



On another matter, remember to let me know if you change any of your information such as telephone number or email so that I can keep everything updated. This is also important for the membership directory which is being created right now.



Remembering...

Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi

There are two ways to remember Linda's dedication and commitment to AAUW –

- Contribute to the Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi Honorary Fund by sending a check to AAUW Development Office, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045. Please note on the memo line or in any accompanying note or contribution form that this is to be deposited in Fund #4455. This will ensure your donation will be deposited in the correct fund account. All contributions to this fund are tax-deductible! A great option for end-of-year donations.
- Send a personal note to Linda's sister Ruth Ann Hiebert, sharing your personal stories and thoughts about Linda. Ruth Ann will share these with other members of the family. Her email address is ruthannhiebert@yahoo.com.

Public Policy

by Judy Welch, Chair

Voter Registration: Thank you to all members that have helped with voter registration efforts. It's been a very positive experience registering voters and also interacting with the community regarding AAUW mission priorities and opportunities. We will not be hosting registration events in December to allow for a needed break from anything political and to recognize important family and friend holiday time. We will resume efforts in January and through the rest of the year.

Nevada Commission on Women: Five historic markers will commemorate women's suffrage activities in Nevada. **The National Votes for Women Trail**, a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, will include five sites for historic markers in the state of Nevada. The marker in Carson City is honoring Felice Cohn for her work with the state Equal Franchise Society and writing the draft of the legislation passed by the legislature. The ceremony will be **December 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**, Nevada State Legislative Grounds. **Shall we gather for the celebration?**

To reserve a **Women's Suffrage** license plate, visit the Nevada DMV's website: <https://dmvnev.com/suffrage.asp>. More information about the Nevada Commission for Women can be found online at: <http://admin.nv.gov/CommissionForWomen/>.

Toys for Tots: Special instructions: At our last meeting we mentioned donating items to Toys for Tots. There is a special need for items for older children aged 10-18. Suggested items include art supplies, sports equipment like soccer balls or baseball gloves, and games for older children. Gifts for all ages are welcome. However, there is an oversupply of Hot Wheels and stuffed animals.

Since our next meeting is not until the December 17 Christmas Party, we are asking you to deliver your unwrapped toy to **Ron Wood Center at 2621 Northgate Ln, Carson City, NV 89706. Phone (775) 884-2269**. If you wish, please let them know you are with AAUW. If you are unable to deliver to Ron Wood Center, please call me and I will pick up your donation at your home and deliver it to Ron Woods or to the Toys for Tots warehouse. Several of us will be working at the Santa Helpers warehouse to assist in bagging the toys for delivery to the parents. I'm assisting Kiwanis on their Santa Helpers work nights and I can forward the work schedule if you would like to help at the warehouse. Please call Judy; 775-721-1731; 711welch@gmail.com

I hope you all have a wonderful, healthy, happy and loving holiday season. Best Wishes!

Interest Groups

By Cathy Haber

Gourmet Group

The November Gourmet dinner was a Basque theme with 15 people at super-hostess Dorthiann Taylor's lovely home. Traditional lamb was served with many side dishes, all delicious, and Sangria. December's dinner will be on the second Friday at Sue Knight's with Beth Mancl co-hosting. Details TBA.

Evening Book Group

On Thursday, December 19, we will meet at 6:30 in the home of Carolyn Kellogg. The book for discussion will be *Bury Your Dead* by Louise Penny. Please let Carolyn know whether or not you will be attending at crn-flakes@ymail.com or phone 775-461-3320. For questions about the book group, please contact Jane Johnson at jane3491@charter.net or by phone 775-267-3427.

Daytime Book Group

The afternoon book group will meet on Friday, December 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the home of Gina Cowell. Gina will lead the discussion of our book for the month *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert.

Great Decisions Group

The Great Decisions Group will not meet in December. Once the study books arrive we will schedule our January meeting.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will only meet on December 10th from 1:00 to 3:00. In January we'll be back to our normal schedule of the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's. Please contact Zee McClintock for additional information at Edzeemcc@gmail.com or 775-884-3565. We'll enjoy seeing photos of our holiday projects and plan new projects for the coming year.

Informal Luncheon

We will not be "lunching" in the busy month of December. Informal Lunches will resume after the first of the year. Hope to see many of you at these fun lunches. For more information contact Cathy Haber at cathy8699@aol.com.

Happy Holidays....Feast of Chocolate....Happy Holidays....Feast of Chocolate...Yum!

Can you believe it's "Beginning to look a lot like Christmas" already with only 4 short weeks to go! This time of year is so much fun but it can be hectic, too, with all the festivities leading up to the big day: holiday parties, shopping, gift wrapping, baking, and entertaining family and friends. The time simply flies by!

We hope you've marked your calendars for February 8th, 1:00-3:00, for the Feast of Chocolate event at the



Mouth-watering Pecans!

By Kathy Steinle

Did someone say "Pecans"? Well we have what you're looking for; Mammoth Halves, Milk and Dark Chocolate Covered, Cinnamon Glazed, and Caramel Clusters for only \$12/bag! But they're going fast. Sales are great thanks to all of you!

As of the writing of this article, the Carson High School Craft Fair starts tomorrow, November 22nd, and we are expecting a wonderful turn-out. Thank you early to all those who will be volunteering; Diane Koditek, Carolyn Kellogg, Shirley Hammon, Mary Jean Lang, JoAnn Carpenter, Cathy Haber, Phyllis Tirado, Cara Tirado, Joyce Powell, Janyce Stern, Jane Johnson, Marty McGarry, Mary Piper, and Shirley Williams. And a special thanks to Barbara LeBlanc for training, managing, and working the Square credit card purchases for the whole Craft Fair! We are hoping to sell most of our remaining inventory.

And speaking of inventory, a HUGE thank you goes out to Shirley Hammon for all her help with storing, sorting, organizing, delivering, collecting money, and tolerating me showing up almost every day!

Now is the time to sell our remaining pecans so we can have them gone before Christmas! You can buy a few extra packages for yourself (wouldn't a delicious chocolate covered pecan taste good with a hot cup of coffee mid-January?). Check with your neighbors and friends so they can get in on the craze, and remember that pecans make great gifts. Let's make this another banner year!

Remember, you can call or email your orders and you don't have to pay until you sell your pecans.

Thanks for all your hard work and to all of you who have sold pecans this month! Kathy Steinle / 775-291-9305 / steinle3@hotmail.com.

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Carson Plaza. With that in mind, it's not too early to start planning your gift basket or procuring those special community gift certificates for our raffle. Thank you in advance to all who have already committed time to this effort. I want to especially acknowledge two members who have really set the performance bar for us all: Lin Nary and Cheryl Anderson have already submitted their beautiful gift baskets and several items for our raffle. Thank you ladies for motivating us!

The deadline for all gift baskets and gift certificates is January 20th. Please deliver your baskets to Jan Sullivan's house at 1767 Newman Place, Carson City, NV. If you need directions, you can contact her at 882-9026.

So until January, happy holidays to you, and may this wondrous season bring you and your family happiness and peace.

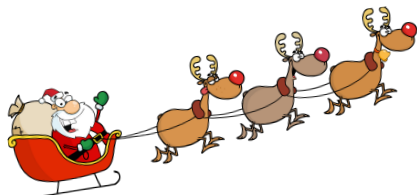
November Raffle Basket Update –

Congratulations to Cara Tirado, the lucky winner of the basket raffle at the November 5th Membership Meeting! A total of \$107 was received that evening. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit the Feast of Chocolate. Caroline PUNCHES was intending to donate the basket to the February 2020 event; however, the gift certificates were expiring so the raffle was held in November. Because of the success of this raffle, we are considering doing other such raffles or fundraising activities at the monthly meetings to supplement our branch's operating budget. Your thoughts and comments are appreciated.

Will Santa find you this year?

Because sometimes we have a problem, if you have changed your address, email address, or phone, please let [Iris Blasdell](#), Membership Chair, know so she can update the national roster. and, let [Jill Doremus](#) know so she can update the local roster. We will contact Santa for you!

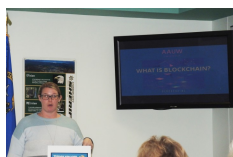
Thanks!!



Capital Branch's November

program was a presentation of blockchain technology by Sena Loyd. The presentation was so comprehensive and interesting several members voiced interest in a copy of Sena's slides. Blockchain, best known for its usage in Bitcoin, is a digital method of storing transactions that are permanent, secure and transparent. Sena's presentation not only included information about how blockchain works, but how it is being used by companies like Walmart and for possibilities in the future.

If you would like a copy of Sena's PowerPoint slide show, email Lynne Ballatore at Lballatore@charter.net and please put "Blockchain slides" in the subject and she will email you the file.



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AAUW CAPITAL BRANCH T-SHIRTS!

Thirty-six (36) t-shirts were purchased by our members this fall! Printed by a local vendor, Billow's Embroidery & Screen Printing, the shirts were available in both short and long-sleeved versions. Some members at the November 5th meeting indicated they would also like to purchase a shirt ... SO, please let me know if YOU want to purchase an AAUW Capital Branch T-shirt. We do need to have a minimum of 12 shirts in order to get more printed – but they can be short (\$16) or long (\$20) sleeved and a variety of sizes. We were able to generate a total of \$142.58 of revenue for our general operating fund. If you want your first shirt or a second shirt, please email me at cpunches206@charter.net and let me know your size and sleeve length. These would not be available until in January.



Installation of National Votes for Women Trail Historical Markers

Join the **Nevada Commission for Women** for the installation and dedication of the Carson City marker on **December 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Nevada Legislative grounds!** The Carson City marker will be honoring **Felice Cohn** for her work with the state Equal Franchise Society and writing the draft of the legislation passed by the legislature.

The historic markers project emerged from the National Votes for Women Trail, a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS). The digital site visualizes places and people who worked for woman suffrage from the middle of the 19th century through 1920. **Nevada** passed a women's suffrage bill in 1914 and active members of the state campaign went on to work for suffrage in other states and set up voter education groups in the state.

My deepest impulses are optimistic; an attitude that seems to me as spiritually necessary and proper as it is intellectually suspect.

Ellen Willis (an American political essayist, journalist, activist, feminist, and pop music critic)



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Votes for Women Trail Ceremony 1PM Knitting 1-3	11	12	13 Gourmet Group	14
15	16	17 December Social 4:30-6:30 	18	19 Book Group 6:30PM	19 Book Group 4-6 PM	21
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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 Cathy Haber, cathy8699@aol.com. Suggested activities will be posted in the newsletter in the Bulletin Board section.