

Capital Branch, AAUW  
November 5, 2019

Attendance:

Members = 30, Guests = 3

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Jennifer Verive, who welcomed members, guests.

Reports:

1. Feast of Chocolate: Cheryl Anderson requested support for raffle baskets for the February 8th event. Basket making suggestions and sign-up sheets were distributed. Chris Perdomo reported on progress leading to the February 8th event. Flyers are out and tickets ready. Members are encouraged to buy tickets early as seating is limited.

2. Nevada Suffragette license plate was unveiled on November 2, and several members were in attendance. Order yours!

3. The Carson City Wine walk on November 5th was an opportunity for several members to do voter registration and also promote our branch to the public.

4. Water bottles and snacks are encouraged at our monthly meetings. This is an effort to decrease use of plastic.

5. T-shirts: Caroline distributed T-shirts to those who ordered them. She can order more if there is demand.

6. Pecans: Kathy Steinle reported on the status of the pecans, which have been harvested, packaged and presumably shipped. Place orders with Kathy and she will facilitate delivery.

7. Archives and inventory: Jennifer reported that the Board has been undertaking the streamlining of archives and an inventory of possessions. Please let Dorthiann know if you have items that may be of interest and she can store them (temporarily).

8. Holiday party: This will be Tuesday, December 17th 4:30-6:30 at Barbara Kuehner's. Please bring an unwrapped gift. The adolescent age group is most in need. Carpooling is encouraged.

9. Membership: Iris Blaisdell introduced two new members, Cara Tirada and Barb Giebel.

10. Public Policy: Judy Welch reported on voter registration efforts. She also noted that a ballot initiative is being drafted by League of Women Voters to address the issue of gerrymandering in Nevada.

11. Interest Groups: Representatives from each group described current activities and books being read. The new interest group coordinator is Cathy Haber.

**Program:**

Member Lynn Ballatore introduced the speaker, Sena Loyd, senior research analyst with Blockchain LLC. She challenged our minds with this emerging technology that is practically in our back yard, with a campus near Reno that is almost as large as the city. Blockchain tries to address concerns related to digital privacy, security and efficiency. Sena referred us to Ethereum for more information on this global, decentralized platform for financial and other applications.

**Raffle:**

The meeting concluded with a drawing for a basket donated by Caroline. Cara Tirado was the lucky winner of the basket!