

OCTOBER 2020
ISSUE

DESERT BREEZE



OCTOBER 17 AT 2 PM

JOIN AAUW & LWVSN



Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87567542896>

Meeting ID: 875 6754-2896

Or call: (253) 215-8782

The meeting will have our local candidates running for office in this election.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MARIAN STANTON

This is the time of year that most people think about to whom they will donate. We are going to abide with the rules and not have any in-person group meetings in order to stay safe. We don't know how our community will manage the COVID 19 virus and the flu. The Board has decided to stay safe and not congregate to have a Silent Auction. However, we need to acquire more donations for the Scholarship Fund as we may have a student needing some help for the 2021 Spring semester. Please open your hearts and consider donating to this very important cause. "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think," said Albert Einstein. Providing assistance to women, where they can become productive and valuable citizens, is part of our mission.

We are so pleased to award a \$2,500 scholarship to Aura Harris who is going to enter her senior year this next spring semester at Nevada State College. She is presently taking 19 units and her dream is to become a Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology. Thanks to Pam Williams who instigated the connection with Nevada State College (NSC), notified the school of our scholarship program, collected all the applications, etc. We would not have found such a good applicant without Pam. NSC is also matching funds of \$500 for Aura.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

MISSION

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

VALUES

Equality for all

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Nonpartisan, Fact Based,
Integrity, Inclusion and
Intersectionality

VALUES

Education and Training, Economic
Security, Leadership, Governance
and Stability

MESSAGE CONTINUED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHANCELLOR MELODY ROSE AND ANN DRESCHER AS A DUAL MEMBER OF INCLINE.

NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING ON 11/21/20 AT 11:30 AM. THE PROGRAM SPEAKER WILL BE FROM "GET OUTDOORS NEVADA". BRING YOUR COFFEE AND SANDWICH.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN AAUW OR PAY YOUR DUES, CONTACT MARILYN ZIMMERMAN AT MARILYN0812@GMAIL.COM. SEE PAGE 5. FOR SPECIAL DISCOUNT INFORMATION.

BRIDGE PLAYERS:

ON DECEMBER 6TH AT 3 PM, WE WILL HOLD A VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR FOR OUR DECEMBER MEMBERS' MEETING



We would like to pay a tribute to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The Internet has her story, the television has told her story and what we know is that her strength and character has been an inspiration to young women in many countries. Justice Ginsburg fought tirelessly to protect voting rights. Our vote counts. May she live in our hearts forever. She was there for all women irregardless of race, religion, or color.

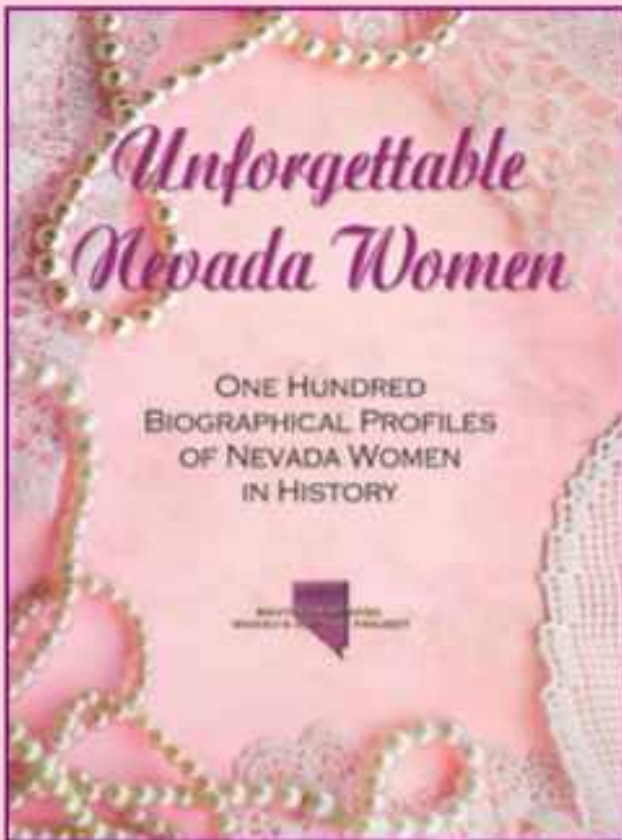
Don't forget to VOTE. Be sure to read all instructions when sending in your ballot. Sign and date your envelope. I decided to stand in line to vote the first chance I get.



THE WINNER OF THE RECIPE CONTEST IS CHILD SUPPORT HEARING MASTER AMY M. MASTIN. AMY WON FOR HER GOOEY BUTTER CAKE. SHE WILL RECEIVE A BAG OF GROCERIES FROM TRADER JOE'S.

Since several couples are isolating and/or not playing bridge currently, we will be combining the Henderson, Midtown and Westside players in to one or two marathons for play, depending on how many couples there are. The next marathon will run 8 months, January through August 2021; cost to play is the usual \$25.00 which funds college scholarships for women through AAUW - the American Association of University Women. At this time, we do not plan a separate Summer Marathon. This is also open to guests of AAUW. Any questions, call Cam 702-456-0702 or uslinc@cox.net.

Announcing A New Book!
from the Southern Nevada Women's History Project
"UNFORGETTABLE NEVADA WOMEN"
100 more "HER"stories to add to your collection!



The Southern Nevada Women's History Project is proud to announce the arrival of its latest publication, "Unforgettable Nevada Women." This is the third book in a series of "her" stories portraying one hundred biographical profiles of Nevada women in history.

Through interviews, public records and collected historical accounts from newspapers and oral histories, volunteers from the organization gathered these stories and photographs of these remarkable women.

Just as "Skirts that Swept the Desert Floor" and "Steadfast Sisters of the Silver State" chronicled the lives of one hundred amazing women, this third volume follows by recording even more women who have made a lasting impact on Nevada life.

Ever since its inception, Nevada has been called home by many diverse and dynamic women including: the first woman owner and operator of a hotel casino, the founder of Weight Watchers, the designer of the famous "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign, and a nun whose Angel Bread saved a hospital from closing. Within the pages of this latest book are accounts of educators, singers, community activists, government leaders, artists, Native American crusaders and many more interesting women. In earlier times, news was more often dominated by the achievements of men, and women's considerable and valuable contributions to life in Nevada were rarely, if ever, given credit or documented in Nevada history books. These books help remedy that unfortunate situation.

All three books are currently available at Amazon.com where they are selling for \$24.95. These books will also be available at our *Book Reveal Luncheon and Program* at the Las Vegas National Golf Course on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11:30am.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

To RSVP for the luncheon or purchase a book

PLEASE CONTACT: Denise Gerdes, 702-306-3612 or readersleader@yahoo.com



AAUW of NEVADA STRATEGIC PLAN

July 2020 – June 2022FY

(Adopted Sept. 24, 2020)

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

AAUW Vision – *Equity for all*

Values: *Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.*

AAUW Nevada Purpose – *To facilitate communication between National, State and Branches; to create partnerships and to advance AAUW priorities*

AAUW Nevada Goals/Objectives

- *Collaborate with branches – providing support and guidance*
 1. *Communicate on a regular basis through emails, newsletters and other avenues*
 2. *Advance AAUW priorities in the 2021 Nevada Legislature*
 3. *Serve as a resource for branch officers*
 4. *Provide opportunities for and encourage collaboration among branches*
 5. *Provide Branches with specific National or State messaging to share with their members.*

- *Promote interaction at all AAUW levels (branch, state, national)*
 1. *Create partnerships in alignment with AAUW priorities*
 2. *Conduct state-wide trainings in the use of technology and social media platforms to facilitate member involvement*
 3. *Provide opportunities for all AAUW members in Nevada to interact with elected officials*
 4. *Provide opportunities for AAUW members across Nevada to network and share resources*
 5. *Promote statewide public information campaigns – social media, action network*



SUNSHINE

Two of our members, Shirley Hoffman and Julia Jeffries, are having a tough time with their bodies. Let's give them some care and attention.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON MEMBERSHIP DUES

New members or former members that have not been a member for the last two years now have the opportunity to join at a discounted price. This discounted membership is only available for new members or former members. National Dues (\$42.50, State Dues \$9, Branch Dues \$17)

To do this send a check for \$ 55.50 payable to AAUW Las Vegas to:
Marilyn Zimmerman,
3513 E Viking Rd, Apt 126
Las Vegas, NV 89121.

Include a membership application available at: <https://lasvegas-nv.aauw.net/files/2020/08/AAUW-Membership-Application.pdf>

The join online option is not available for this discount at this time.

BIRTHDAYS

10/23 NORA WIELAND

10/25 CAROL LOMMEN

10/29 DR. TINA TIGERT

MEMBER BIO

Bit a Yeager grew up in New York, and then made her way out west on a full tuition scholarship to Brigham Young University. She stayed to go to BYU's J Reuben Clark Law school, and then moved to Las Vegas three days after graduation to clerk for three different District Court Judges: Judge Lee Gates, Judge Addeliar D. Guy, and Judge Stephen Huffaker. After clerking, she worked as a trial attorney and team chief for almost two decades at the Clark County Public Defender's Office. In 2015, Bit a was appointed to the Las Vegas Justice Court bench as the Judge in Department 6, and then in 2017, she was selected as the first specialty court hearing master for the Eighth Judicial District Court, where she continues to preside over the majority of civil and criminal cases involving mental health: Mental Health Court, Co-Occurring Disorders Court, Civil Commitment Court, and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Court. In addition to her regular day-to-day work, Bit a has been involved in the community by making improvements to access to justice. She founded both the North Las Vegas and Las Vegas Community Courts, started a Record Sealing Class and Clinic in partnership with Boyd Law School and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, and also started a partnership with the Clark County Public Defender's Office and Boyd Law School's immigration clinic. She has won numerous awards for her work in the community. She currently is an adjunct professor at Boyd Law School, and is a member of the Statewide Mental Health Crisis Committee, which works to ensure that Nevadans who are in a mental health crisis are given the treatment that they need, without compromising their Constitutional rights.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



According to **NoMore.org**, domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Some signs of an abusive relationship include:

- Exerting strict control (financial, social and/or appearance).
- Needing constant contact including excessive texts and calls.
- Emotional abuse including insulting a partner in front of other people.
- Extreme jealousy.
- Showing fear around a partner.
- Isolation from family and friends.
- Frequent canceling of plans at the last minute.
- Unexplained injuries or explanations that don't quite add up.

Local Resources: **safehouseenv.org**, **BambooBridges.org**, **safenest.org**

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS



SPONSORS WELCOME

Any member can sponsor for \$10 a fiscal year. Call Marilyn Zimmerman at (702) 273-9606 and send a check to her. Email your business card to Rica: AndradeforJudge@gmail.com

INSPIRATION CORNER

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
— L.M. Montgomery*