

# DESERT BREEZE

*American Association. of University Women*



## AAUW SPRING CONFERENCE

APRIL 17TH VIA ZOOM,  
9 AM-1 PM

### MISSION:

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

### VISION:

Equity for all  
**VALUES**  
Nonpartisan, Fact  
Based, Integrity,  
Inclusion and  
Intersectionality

### FOCUS AREAS:

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

## "THE PATH TO EQUITY"

The speakers will be: Shaila Rao Mistry, AAUW Board Member "Equity Through Diversity & Inclusion"; Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor Nevada System of Higher Education "Equity Through Education"; Jill Tollis, Assemblywoman Co Deputy Minority Floor Leader North "Equity through Legislation"; Pat Spearman, Senior Chief Majority Whip "Equity through Legislation". This is the first time for a virtual Conference and the Nevada Council looks forward to having you join this Conference. Invitations have been sent in the form of a flyer. This is Free and you do not have to travel, get a hotel or meals. Be sure to click the link on the flyer to register. The program and speakers are sure to inform and inspire. They are dynamite! If you did not receive the flyer, email Marian at: [mikistante@aol.com](mailto:mikistante@aol.com)

## President's Message

The AAUW Nevada Council has been preparing for this Spring Conference since early last year. All the Branch Presidents have been involved in the planning, so I hope that you will support the speakers as Melody Rose is a member of our branch. You can have your breakfast or lunch in your leisure clothes if you prefer. PLEASE register through the flyer emailed to you.

Shelley Berkley was our speaker in March and she shared her life and remarkable career with us. In May we will award someone with a bag of groceries from Trader Joes. Email your favorite cookie recipe to Marian at mikistanto@aol.com. There will also be the announcement of those running for office. Members interested in running for an office please contact Shirley Hills at sshills@cox.net. We will have the election at the May meeting. Then the fun starts with having the Spelling Bee. Everyone will have a chance at competing for a prize in this competition. Bring a marker and a sheet of paper and as a word is announced write your word, and at a given time show it on the screen. Those with the wrong spelling will be eliminated. This may take several words to have the winner. After that we will announce those receiving the highest bid on the items. Pictures of the items for the Silent Auction will be emailed to members and guests. Send your bids to Marilyn: marilynz0812@gmail.com by 12:30 pm on May15th. Those winning the item will be announced. All proceeds will support our Scholarship Fund. If you have something to put into the Silent Auction, please contact Marian, mikistanto@aol.com. We need more funds for scholarships this year. Any contribution to the Scholarship Fund is tax deductible. In June we will have a speaker and Installation of Officers.



**Welcome to Shelley Berkley who has joined AAUW Las Vegas.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marilyn Zimmerman has volunteered to form a monthly Lunch-out Group. If you are interested contact her at marilynz0812@gmail.com.
- Our AAUW Council President, Caroline Panches, will be our Installing Officer at our Installation June 19th, and our own member Susan Taylor, former scholarship recipient, will be the speaker. She is Program Manager at University of Nevada Extension. Lisa Chapman, former AAUW member, and member of the state of Nevada Coalition for Spousal Abuse will be our speaker at the July 17th meeting.

## Birthdays

4/13 **Teddie  
Brewer**



**JoAnn Parochetti**  
has been battling cancer and is  
now "Cancer Free".

## Cookie Recipes

*White Chocolate and Cranberry Cookies*

- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 large egg
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup butter softened
- 1 & 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup white sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees & grease cookie sheets. In large bowl cream butter & sugars until smooth. Beat in egg & vanilla. Combine flour & baking soda & stir into sugar mixture. Add chips & cranberries. Drop by heaping spoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. For best results, take out cookies while they are still doughy & allow to cool for 1 minute before removing to wire racks to complete cooling. Makes about 2 dozen.

## RECOMMENDED READING

- "The Code Breaker" by  
Walter Isaacson
- "The Moment of Lift:  
How Empowering  
Women Changes the  
World" by Melinda  
Gates





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## *Inspirations*

- We must be the change we wish to see in the world.
- If you think you can't, you won't.
- Failure is not an option.
- Every Woman's Success Should Be An Inspiration To Another.
- We are Stronger When We Cheer Each Other On.
- Happy Women's Day!

### AAUW National Dues Increase for the 2021-2022 Membership Year

-AAUW National dues will be increasing by \$3.00 for the 2021-2022 Membership Year which begins July 1. Membership renewal notices will be sent beginning in late March to all current branch members. There are no changes in state or branch dues at this time. Total dues for 2021-2022 will be \$88. For branch members. There are no changes in dues for Lifetime members or Student affiliate members.

-Dues will also increase the following 2 years by \$5.00 each year.