

April 2024

DESERT BREEZE



Las Vegas (NV) Branch

American Association of University Women

April MEETING

Saturday, April 20, 2024

11:30 AM

THE SUMMIT

2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd.

Las Vegas, NV 89134

Come join us at The Summit. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The price includes the room fee, technical equipment, lunch from the menu, a drink, and dessert. Bring a friend. No reservations are needed.

Guest Speakers

Stacy Chapter

Community Outreach Manager

Project 150

&

Caroline Punches, AAUW NV State President

Please note start time changed from 11:15 AM to 11:30 AM.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

We enjoyed our March meeting with a great presentation by Rabbi Ilana G Baden, Temple Sinai. She spoke about her path to become a Rabbi and shared some history of some of the first females to become Rabbis.

Our March Out to Lunch group toured The Smith Center and following the tour, enjoyed lunch at Vic's.

AAUWNV sent out an email to all AAUW members in Nevada encouraging them to vote in the upcoming AAUW election! The message also included links to several important items accessed through the AAUW website!

We also encourage all our members to vote in this upcoming election.

Simply Voting is the vendor who will be conducting the vote this year. Voting opens on April 3rd! Check your emails AND your spam folder. Voting ends on May 15th at noon ET and results will be announced online. All members without an email address on file or who have unsubscribed from AAUW National emails will receive a paper ballot by mail.

AAUW NV President, Caroline PUNCHES will be joining our April meeting by Zoom to share some insights on this issue. Be sure to attend our April meeting at The Summit to hear Caroline's presentation.

If you would like a bit more information, you can also check out OpenUpAAUW.org. There are FAQs (frequently asked questions) as well as a couple of flyers in support of Open Membership.

We continue to stay focused on our mission of gender equity and economic and economic security.

Janis and Marilyn

**Please remember to bring canned goods for the
SOLIDARITY KITCHEN.**



**Guest Speaker
Stacy Chapter
Project 150**

Stacy Chapter is the Community Outreach Manager of Project 150. She started as a volunteer in 2016 and fell in love with the mission of Project 150. She became the Volunteer Coordinator in August of that year. In 2020, she became the Community Outreach Manager, covering community events and volunteer engagement. Her extensive background in sales has helped her to engage with volunteers and donors.



**Because High School Is Tough Enough...
without having to worry about where you are going to sleep at night, where your next meal is coming from, and how you will pay for clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies. Project 150 was created out of our community's desire to help high school students stay in school and thrive.**

OUR MISSION: To provide free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students so they can remain in school, graduate, and build bright futures.

Project 150 currently serves more than 6,000 high school students in need. 3,300 registered homeless and 3,100 non-registered homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students at 58 high schools in Southern Nevada.

**SAD NEWS
JANE JOHNSON**



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our AAUW Las Vegas Branch dual member, Jane Johnson. She just passed away in April 2024. Jane was an active member of AAUW Capital Branch. She was currently on the AAUW Nevada State Executive Board and was serving as our Nevada State Treasurer. Jane was an AAUW Honorary Life Member. We will miss her!

**Rabbi Ilana G. Baden
Temple Sinai
Women in Religion**





WELCOME NEW MEMBER CLAUDIA MERRILL BETSY SUITS



Sunshine



Congratulations to Amber Burkett!
She has graduated from Arizona State University
with a major in Organizational Leadership!

AAUW Website

Customized Name Badge, With AAUW Logo

Do you want an AAUW name badge? You can order it online at the AAUW website.

- <https://www.aauw.org/>
- Click on [Membership](#)
- Click on [Discounts and Perks](#)
- Click on [Shop AAUW](#)
- Click on [Accessories](#)
- Click on [Name Badge Picture](#)
- Option: With Down Arrow, Choose [w/Magnetic Backer](#)
- Click [Select](#)
- [Quantity](#): Number of tags (1)
- Click [Customize](#)
- Line 1: Write in your name as you want it to appear on your badge.
- Line 2: AAUW Las Vegas Branch
- Click [Customize](#)
- [Complete your order](#)



The cost of the name tag is \$13.00. Name tags are in color with the AAUW logo and will have a magnetic back.

Public Policy Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert



Happy April Ladies and Belated National Women's Month! Apologies for any oversight! This month, I'm eager to dive into business as we're fully immersed in the election season, especially here in Las Vegas! I'm excited to announce our upcoming event, "Trauma in Today's World," which I'll be presenting alongside my colleague, Jer Roberson-Strange. This brown-bag workshop aims to provide trauma-informed insights ahead of the AAUW Nevada convention. Our keynote speaker will be Annie Lobert, author of "Fallen: Out of the Sex Industry & Into the Arms of the Savior," and founder of "Hookers for Jesus."

**Trauma in Today's World
& WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT**

April 3, 2024 @ 12 to 1 PM via Zoom

Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert, MA, ALSP
CEO and Founder of Mindful Alliances, LLC, Evelyn is a trauma survivor with a profound focus on trauma-informed care in workforce development. She is an expert in adult education and mindfulness consultation, bringing a decade of invaluable experience from both frontline and leadership roles at the College of Southern Nevada within the Division of Workforce & Economic Development. Evelyn is an appointee of the Governor's Workforce Development Board and the Public Policy Chair of AAUW Las Vegas. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Public Policy from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Jer Roberson-Strange, MSW, LCSW
Jer Roberson-Strange is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with certifications in Intensive Trauma Treatment, Dialectical Behavior and Mindfulness, and Relational Trauma; she is also a Doctorate Public Policy candidate at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and a trauma survivor. A clinical therapist for over a decade, Jer co-owns a mental and behavioral health agency that specializes in working with youth in foster care. Her clinical practice with adults focuses on psychodrama and experiential interventions for treating childhood wounds. Jer earned special recognition from NARAL in 2019 for her pivotal role in supporting the Trust Nevada Women Act.

SHARPEN ADVOCACY & ALLYSHIP SKILLS!

- What is trauma?
- How do we determine traumatic experiences?
- What do we do with traumatic experiences?
- How do we support others?

CLICK TO RSVP
info@aaunvnevada.org
<https://aaunv-nv.aauw.net/>

If you missed the session, ask Evelyn for the recording.

AAUW Nevada Spring Convention April 27, 2024

Look for your ZOOM link and sign up or go to our Nevada AAUW website and register!
<https://aaunv-nv.aauw.net/>

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 27, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2024 AAUW Nevada SPRING CONVENTION
focus on the Theme: **"BEO MEANS STOP: Survivorship and Advocacy"**

Via ZOOM

We are honored to share presentations by:

- **Annie Lobert** - Author of "Fallen: Out of the Sex Industry & Into the Arms of the Savior"
- **Carol Delgado** - Author of "The Girl on the Train"
- **Ellen McCoy** - VP of Advocacy and Programs

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!
JOIN US TO LEARN AND TAKE ACTION!
Attend from the comfort of your OWN home.
Vote for 2024-2025 Nevada Council Officers and Members.
R.S.V.P. - **434.8.1024**

As you know, AAUW's advocates for women's education and equality.

- "AAUW is committed to open and fair elections that are broadly accessible to all voters, nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office, and expanding voting rights."

Use this link for AAUW Voting Rights Fact Sheet:

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2022/01/Voting-Rights-Jan-2022-update.pdf>

- Did you know that 49% of the planet is holding elections in 2024? And now, more than ever, heretofore, mundane races are critical. Aligning with AAUW's education mission, some highly qualified locals are running for the Nevada State Board of Education. Note that primaries differ for different elections. As usual, we will feature Nevada candidates in September 2024.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

District 1

The primary will occur on June 11, 2024. The general election will occur on November 5, 2024. General election candidates will be added here following the primary.

Nonpartisan primary for Nevada State Board of Education District 1

Candidate

- [Tricia Braxton](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Timothy Underwood Jr.](#) (Nonpartisan)

District 2

Nonpartisan primary for Nevada State Board of Education District 2

Candidate

- [Angela Orr](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Matthew Buehler](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Paul Davis](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Dorzell King Jr.](#) (Nonpartisan)

District 3

Nonpartisan primary for Nevada State Board of Education District 3

Candidate

- [Rene Cantu](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Danielle Ford](#) (Nonpartisan)
- [Jasmine Kurys](#) (Nonpartisan)

District 4

Nonpartisan primary for Nevada State Board of Education District 4

Incumbent Tim Hughes is running in the primary for Nevada State Board of Education District 4 on June 11, 2024.

Candidate

[Tim Hughes](#) (Nonpartisan)

Incumbents are bolded and underlined.

= candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Voting information

See also: [Voting in Nevada](#)

Election information in Nevada: [June 11, 2024, election.](#)

What is the voter registration deadline?

- **In-person: June 11, 2024**
- **By mail: Postmarked by May 14, 2024**
- **Online: June 11, 2024**

What is the absentee/mail-in ballot return deadline?

- **In-person: June 11, 2024**
- **By mail: Postmarked by June 11, 2024**

When are polls open on Election Day?

- **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

National News from Debbie Nicholas, our Nevada State Public Policy Chair

Federal Updates:

- **Title IX Rules are still being pushed into the future....may happen by the end of March or April. Keep an eye out for Action Alerts when it happens.**
- **Megan reiterated that AAUW does not agree with categorical bans on athletic groups as bias against groups creates a hostile and unsafe environment.**
- **ERA Movement: National in coalition meetings with other partners. Current situation in congress makes any forward progress challenging.**
- **Gloria Blackwell spoke at the UN meeting on the Importance of ERA**
- **We have a new "It's My Vote" Campaign with a new logo.**
- **AAUW will be expanding more college level outreach**
- **National will have a series of webinar training throughout the year. We are partnering with When We All Vote for voter registration push.**
- **Voter Registration portal: <https://whenweallvote.org>**
- **National is creating a template and method of creating a statewide Action Alert for our individual state issues and or lobby days.**

Announcements:

- **The Nevada Women's Lobby - announced their main fundraiser:
April 18, 2024: Glamour & Grit Gala 6:30 p.m. at the Eldorado , Reno.
Tickets are available on their website.**

As always, if you have any policy information, contact me!

Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert, MA

Doctor of Public Policy Candidate

Email: ethibert1@gmail.com



Membership Renewals

Membership renewals now occur throughout the year. While most of our branch members have a June 30 membership expiration date, our newer members may have a membership renewal date that occurs in a different month. The Membership Directory included each member's renewal date this year.

In April, those members that have renewal dates of May and June will begin receiving email notices from AAUW regarding renewing your membership. **There will be an AAUW link to renew with a credit card or you may still send a check to our treasurer, Letti Dowell. Her information will be included in the renewal notice as well.**

Members will begin receiving renewal notices approximately three months prior to their renewal date and will continue to receive them through the grace period which is three months after the renewal date or until the member renews their membership. After the three-month grace period, members that have not renewed their membership are dropped from the membership.

Membership dues remain at \$98 for branch members, \$18.81 for student affiliate members and \$17 for Honorary Life Members.

Honorary Life Members should send their membership dues of \$17 to Letti Dowell, Treasurer, by June 30.

INTEREST GROUPS

- **Bridge: Cam Usher (702-456-0702)**
- **Book Club: Kathryn Robinson (702-458-1747)**
- **Out to Lunch Bunch: Janis Schoen (516-376-9856)**

*You're Invited!
Join Us!*

OUT TO LUNCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

**GRAPE VINE CAFE
7501 WEST LAKE MEAD BLVD.
SUITE 120
(BUFFALO & LAKE MEADE)**

AT 1:00 PM

**CONTACT JANIS SCHOEN
BY MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024
516-376-9856 (CALL OR TEXT)
AAUWSCH@GMAIL.COM (EMAIL)**

Tour and Lunch on May 23, 2024



Tour of Project 150 at 11:30 AM

**Project 150 Brady Caipa Volunteer Center and Administrative Office
3600 N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130**

&

**Lunch at Mezzo Bistro and Wine Restaurant at 12:15 PM
275 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130**

Tour & Lunch

Thank you, Helene Winkler, for organizing the guided tour of the Smith Center and lunch at Vic's Restaurant!

Tour of Smith Center



Lunch at Vic's Restaurant



Special Announcements



Birthdays

Teddie Brewer	4/13
Lily Rothman	5/1
Donna Baldwin	5/14
Haley Webb	5/14
Linda Blanchard	5/16
Ann Vargas	5/25
Sharon Edwins	5/27

Next AAUW Meetings

April 20	The Summit
May 18	The Summit

Zoom Board Meetings

April 23
May 21

Officers & Committee Chairs 2023 - 2025

Co-Presidents: Janis Schoen & Marilyn Zimmerman

Vice President Membership: Shirley Hills

Vice President Programs : Marian Stanton

Secretary: Afi Bruce

Treasurer: Letti Dowell

Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Shirley Hills & Judy Ingham

Public Policy: Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert

Newsletter: Judy Ingham

Scholarships: Marilyn Zimmerman & Shirley Hills

Sunshine: Marian Stanton

Mission

**Gender Equity
Economic Security**

Values

**Intersectional
Inclusive
Intergenerational
Empowering**

Focus

**Economic Security
Education
Advocacy**