



Nevada Branch of AAUW
May 2024



**Nevada AAUW Branch
Officers for 2023-2024**

Phyllis Sprenkle/Sara Compton,
Co-Presidents
Allison Fast, Membership VP
All Members, Program VP
Oindrila Roy/Heather English,
Co-Treasurers
Judy Campbell, Secretary

President's Message

At 211 degrees water is hot. At 212 degrees it boils and boiling water becomes steam that can power a train. Applying one extra degree makes a difference. This uncomplicated metaphor should feed our endeavors and consistently push us to make the extra effort in every task, action and effort we undertake.

Small things can make a tremendous difference. You know there is no secret to success. Success with anything, success in anything, has one fundamental aspect—effort. When you are ready, apply the extra-effort and take action.

This year the Kentucky Derby was won by a nose. The average payout for the winner is 400% of what second place brings in.

The line between failure and success is so fine that we often don't know it. A little more patience and effort would produce success.

As a retired teacher, I remember the end of the year, when you felt so exhausted that you didn't have an ounce of effort to give. As I age many days I feel the same way.

I had a former student contact me this winter and after many years out of school wanted to thank me for never giving up on him. There were times that I wondered why several of us continued to try with this troubled guy. I guess this is the reason we all continue to give that extra effort. Don't forget it will make a difference.

Hang in there and we will all see the effects from pushing ourselves. It may not be immediately but it will come.

Phyllis Sprenkle
Nevada AAUW Co-President

**Membership
Moment:**

What do you look forward to most this summer?



AAUW

Dues for 2024-25 are \$85 and can be paid to Oindrila or Heather at the May meeting. Make checks payable to AAUW.



Branch Banquet
Tuesday, May 28, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall (east side, off Hickory St.)
500 N. Olive St.
5:30 p.m. Dinner
Scholarship presentations follow.

MEMBER NEWS

Allison Fast will be retiring from Cottey College on July 18, 2024, after 41 years in the Information Technology field. Allison began her career at Farm & Home Savings in 1981 as a COBOL programmer. She has worked at O'Sullivan Industries, Nevada Regional Medical Center, and is capping it off with nearly 6 years at Cottey. Allison looks forward to having more flexibility to spend time in Columbia with her kids and grandkids. She also has her first post-retirement trip planned in August to New Jersey to visit numerous cousins.

Judy Campbell enjoyed the company of 2 of her siblings as well as her 2 sons, daughter-in-law, and 2 year old grandson, Connor, as they gathered to celebrate the graduation of granddaughter Chloe Morris with her family and friends on Sunday, May 20.



Nevada AAUW Programs 2023-2024

May 28

Awards Dinner
 Location: Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
 Olive & Hickory
 Hosts: Bev, Sara, Phyllis

April 23 Program Highlights:

85% of United Nations countries have a law that addresses equal rights. Our country does not. Areas of particular concern in Missouri include: 1) domestic violence (4 of 10 in Missouri suffer from it); 2) child care - 47 of 114 counties in MO lack accredited childcare; 3) maternal mortality rates which have increased in recent years. Relative positives: 1) voting - more women are voting; 2) 53% of adults think we need more women in leadership positions; 3) education, including STEM fields; 4) growth of women in health care roles; 10 highest-paying occupations are 35% women. What can we do? Raise your voice, support one another, share the workload (esp in the home), get involved, educate the next generation, know your rights, join the conversation, and give to the cause. Girl Bond Summer of 2023 with Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, and the Barbie movie helped bring about the power of collective joy!

Important Dates

May 28 5:30 p.m.
Awards Dinner
June 11 6:00 p.m.
Summer Planning Meeting—All Saints Episcopal Fellowship Hall (425 E Cherry)
Oct 26 STEAM Camp

2024 Scholarship Recipients

Oindrila and Allison are pleased to announce the winners of our 2024 scholarships. Each will receive \$600. Both will be at the awards dinner on May 28.

Our high school scholarship winner is **Hope Hearting** who has been accepted to Pittsburg State University in the fall. Hope plans to apply for the nursing program in her junior year towards her long term goal of becoming a traveling nurse. In high school Hope has been involved with Future Health Professionals (president her junior year), Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (president her senior year), track (state qualifier her sophomore year), softball, attended Girls State last summer, and has been a member of National Honor Society since her sophomore year. Hope is also a Certified Nurse Assistant. She plans to work for her grandparents on their farm through the summer, along with any other odd jobs she can pick up. The first sentence of her essay was: "Doing well in school has always been something I valued."

Our returning woman scholarship winner is **Jacqueline Pivaral**. Jackie lives in Carthage and is attending Crowder College in Nevada, working towards a nursing degree. Her plans are to earn her associate nursing degree, then her bachelor in nursing. Ultimately she wants to become a Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Jackie has 64 college hours so far. She balances school, full-time work at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, and is mom of 3- and 7-year old girls. She has a Surgical Technologist certificate from Franklin Tech, and has also worked at Freeman Hospital and the Carthage Vision Clinic. In her essay Jackie said she is focused on giving her family a better life.

AAUW National Voting Results

I'm pretty sure all of you received the email regarding the AAUW Vote to eliminate the degree requirement. Sadly, we didn't reach the 67% votes to change our bylaws.

THANK YOU to all that took the time to VOTE and to have their voices be heard.

The data that was received by MO AAUW on May 9 indicated that 55.24% of our MO members had voted and 73.6% voted in favor of the bylaws change. Only two states, Arkansas and South Dakota had a higher participation rates.

Each of you were vital and instrumental in these favorable numbers!! Please take time to be proud, feel the joy of what we did.

Melissa LaDuke, Dianne Owens, Sona Pancholy and Christine Schmitz have been elected to serve on the AAUW National Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report: April 2024			
Beginning Balance (4/1/2024)			3248.15
Income			0
Disbursements			200
	Disbursement of state funds to JC--Regional Conference		200
Ending Balance (4/30/2024)			3048.15



Branch Minutes

Nine AAUW members, one prospective member and one guest met on April 23, 2024 at the Cottey Leadership Center for social time at 5:30 pm. Sheryl Baer was hostess with assistance from Heather English, Judy Campbell and Sara Compton.

6:00 pm - Sara introduced speaker Tricia Stubblefield, Professor of English at Cottey, who presented a program on Equal Rights.

6:37 pm - Sara called the business meeting to order. Allison Fast moved and Heather seconded accepting the March minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed. The financial report was also accepted as printed in the newsletter. For our membership minute, Allison prompted us to briefly share our zoo experiences including our favorite zoo.

Committee reports:

No inclusion infusion in the absence of JoAnn Jones.

STEM camp date has been set for Oct. 26, 2024 from 8:30 to noon for girls in grades 4 and 5 in the Rubie Burton science labs on the Cottey campus. Many hands will be needed to make this inaugural event a successful one.

Our NCWISL recipient also received Serenbetz funds so her entire trip will be covered.

Scholarship: Only 6 HS and 8 returning women applications were received. The committee will have their decisions made by the end of month and recipients plus one guest will be invited to the banquet as our guests.

Banquet: A catered meal will be at the Presbyterian Church on May 28 at 5:30 pm. Deadline for reservations is May 17.

New Business:

State Zoom Meeting recap - State conference will be in Columbia on May 4, but too many conflicts exist for any members to attend. Leaders also strongly encourage taking on State positions.

Election of Officers - With 9 of 15 members present for a quorum, the following slate of officers was elected by acclamation: Treasurer, JoAnn Jones; Membership VP, Savannah Hampton; President-Elect, Judy Campbell; Secretary (1 yr. Term), Karen Ebert.

Committee sign-ups for next year will be offered in May. Be thinking about where you want to serve from the following list: Fundraising, Scholarship, MS Girl EmPOWERment, Student activities fair (CU), STEAM/STEM, Equal Pay Day, Banquet, Public Policy, DEI, Social Media, Media, and Year-book/Directory.

Summer planning meeting is set for June 11, 2024 with time and location TBD.

The menu was chosen for our May banquet from the caterer's list of options.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm following a motion from Oindrila Roy and a second by Karen Ebert.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Campbell, Secretary