



LUNCH & LEARN

GROWING UP AT THE NEVADA STATE PRISON

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Marcia is a former social worker, vocational rehab counselor, workers' compensation claims manager and chief of resource development at the Nevada Division of Aging Services. Patti is a former school administrator with a B.S. in Education and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Both sisters are heavily involved with the Nevada Women's History Project, with Marcia most recently serving as Secretary and Patti serving as the Immediate Past President. Patti and Marcia are third generation Nevadans, whose ancestors came to Virginia City in the 1860s.



*Sisters Marcia Bernard Cuccaro
and Patti Bernard*

TCC CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH

It has been proven that our social connections keep us healthy and happy. The Twentieth Century Club continues to provide several opportunities each month to socialize with a wonderful group of women.

- We start this month with **Bridge on Friday, March 1st**. Play begins at 10:00 and ends at 2:30 in the afternoon. Each player contributes to the prize pot distributed at the end of the afternoon to the winners.
- The **TCC Breakfast Club** which meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month—the next meeting is on **March 6th at 9:00 a.m.** No agenda, just a great way to start your day with interesting women. The ladies are trying different breakfast spots around town—this month they will be meeting at Skyline Café 3005 Skyline Blvd. Call Jan Browne to confirm for this month's breakfast. Her number is 775.762.1765.
- Join us for **TCC's Lunch & Learn** with Marcia Bernard Cuccaro and Patti Bernard sharing tales about "Growing Up at the Nevada State Prison," on Thursday, **March 14th at 11:30 a.m.** at the Atlantis Casino Resort.
- The **TCC Book Club** is meeting on Wednesday, **March 20th at 10:30 a.m.** at Barnes & Noble. March's epic read will be: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. This historical fiction novel moves between the 1850's and the current era. The story centers on the most famous racehorse in American history as seen through the eyes of his most devoted caregiver, the artist who painted him, and the modern-day researcher who pieces together his story. Cynthia Harris will be leading the discussion this month.
- It's spring and **TCC Gardening Arts** is emerging from its winter hiatus with "Planting a Spaghetti Garden" with master gardener Rachel McClure on **Thursday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m.** Bibo's Coffee at South Creek Center (across from Winco) 75 Foothill Road. This is a free seminar.

2024 SPRING BASKET EXTRAVAGANZA

The 2024 Spring Basket Extravaganza is scheduled for our May Charter Meeting and Installation of Officers on May 9, 2024. We rely on raffle gifts from our TCC members and our network of non-profits and local businesses. Our goal this year is to raise \$3000 for our nursing scholarships and your donations will help us reach this objective. Sign-up sheets will be available at registration at the March luncheon.

Jill Navarrette—Secretary



BREAKFAST CLUB

I have had one person (besides me) at each of our first Wednesday breakfasts. Although I've had a great time getting to know members I otherwise wouldn't have, this was not the purpose of these gatherings. We had hoped it would provide a venue for you to get to know some of fascinating members. I've (coincidentally) been sitting at lunch with new people and have gotten to know others, something I encourage all of you to try. I'll keep up the breakfast get-togethers for a few more months.

Breakfast in March will be at the Skyline Cafe, 3005 Skyline Blvd. at 9 a.m. on March 6th.

Jan Browne—Treasurer

MARCH LUNCHEON BENEFICIARY NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Nevada Women's History Project seeks to "Write Women Back Into History," with over 150 biographies of Nevada women on their website. Women's history is never static, so there will be women and accomplishments to discover and write about for as long as there are women contributing to their communities and to our state. The NWHP was founded by former State Senator Jean Ford to collect and disseminate information about Nevada women. Upon retiring from political life, Jean became Director of Women's Studies at UNR in 1991. In course development she was amazed to find that there was a glaring absence of information specific to Nevada women. In 1993-94 Jean and some like-minded individuals set out to correct this important deficiency.



MEMBERSHIP TCC CONTINUES TO GROW

As of February 14, 2024, our membership is 64. We have two new members, Kristina Patton and Judy Soper. Judy was introduced to TCC through our bridge players. Jan Browne invited Judy and helped get her application processed. And, Kristina Patton, a returning member, has rejoined. Kristina was introduced by one of our past members. Welcome to both Judy and Kristina! Please contact me if you have friends that want more information on becoming a member.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Diane Coons, is finalizing the slate of elected officers for the 2024-2025 term. If you are a nominee, thank you. If you are not a nominee and are interested in being a bit more active in the organization, consider volunteering as a committee member. Serving on a committee is a good way to meet other members and just get a bit more involved.

Happy St. Paddy's Day!

Peggy Slattery, VP—Membership



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Those born in March are optimistic, fiery, and passionate. They are corner office bound—research indicates a higher percentage of CEOs are born in March than any other month. No flower embodies spring quite like the daffodil, so it's quite appropriate that March's birth flower is the narcissus. Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Barbara Kline-Kilborne, Diana Lee, Jill Navarrette,
Monica Neilson, and Kristina Patton

Wishing you a day filled with happiness
and a year filled with joy.

Happy Birthday!



PHILANTHROPY: IT'S SPRING AND SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

This time of year, as we begin to wind down our luncheon series, the Twentieth Century Club's Philanthropy Committee is busy preparing its recommendations to the board regarding awarding three nursing scholarships to help in training our next generation of health care professionals.

Annually, the TCC gives scholarships to second-year nursing students attending Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC). These funds usually come from the TCC's Legacy Fund which is managed by the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada which provides expert stewardship allowing TCC to achieve its philanthropic objectives.

Money for the scholarships is also raised through our 50/50

luncheon raffles and other fundraisers like the Spring Basket Extravaganza each May, events such as this past summer's "Booze & Botanicals," and other club activities—for example: the 2022 TCC Cookbook.

Since 1898, the TCC has been addressing Nevada's need for nurses through its scholarship program. Today, the total cost for the tuition and fees nursing program at TMCC is \$13,759—with second-year nursing students paying \$5,822. The TCC's Philanthropy Committee works hard to ensure that our scholarships keep pace with the students' actual costs.

The work of raising funds by the TCC is imperative as Nevada is facing a critical nursing shortage.

"Before COVID-19 swept through

Nevada, wreaking havoc on hospitals and the health care system, the state was facing a critical shortage of nurses. Since the pandemic took hold, health care professionals have said the shortage has reached dire levels. One analysis from UNR's Nevada Health Workforce Research Center found Nevada would need more than 4,000 new registered nurses just to meet the national RN-to-population average."—Nevada Independent

How can you help? Please consider attending the May Luncheon and bring your friends to bid on our lovely baskets! Please donate a basket! If you can't make the luncheon, or would like to make a gift toward the TCC Legacy Fund, please go to the TCC website and [let's help Nevada's future nurses!](https://twentiethcenturyclub.org/support-us)

Robin Mercer, VP—Philanthropy



When we invest in women, we invest in a powerful source of global development."

Melinda French Gates

TCC 2023-24 Fundraising Beneficiaries

TCC Nursing Scholarships		1,376.00
September	League to Save Lake Tahoe	195.00
October	Domestic Violence Resource Center	255.00
November	Nevada Youth Empowerment Program	415.00
December	Wild Nevada Fundraiser for TCC Scholarships	165.00
January	Friends of the Library	765.00
February	Historic Reno Preservation Society	375.00
March	Nevada Women's History Project	
April	Nevada State Museum	
		\$3,546



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Thursday, March 14, 2024

11:30 a.m. Check-in • 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program

Lunch \$35.00 Per Person

Braised Short Rib or Chef's Choice Vegan

Chocolate Éclair

Roasted Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Specialty Teas & Iced Tea

Payment or cancellation must be received by **noon on Friday, March 8, 2024.**

Mail reservation to: Jan Browne, Treasurer TCC, 4025 Bitter Creek Court, Reno, NV 89519

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Menu (Please circle choice): Braised Short Rib Chef's Choice Vegan

Guest Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Menu (Please circle choice): Braised Short Rib Chef's Choice Vegan

Raffle Ticket Pre-Orders

To save you a trip to the ATM, we are offering the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets with your luncheon reservation.

Tickets are: 6 for \$5 12 for \$10 24 for \$20 Number of _____ tickets at \$ _____

Please add your luncheon order: Number of _____ lunches at \$35.00 \$ _____

Enclosed is my check made payable to Twentieth Century Club for: Total: \$ _____



Optional Program Support: Nevada Women's History Project

This luncheon's beneficiary is the Nevada Women's History Project. Yes, I would like to help NWHP **seeks** to "Write Women Back into History." Enclosed is my check for _____ payable to Nevada Women's History Project.