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Debi Stears is the Collection Development Manager for the Washoe County Library System, with a master's degree in library science. She has been an elementary school, college, and public librarian. She and her newly retired husband enjoy reading (of course!), travel, and taking their great big rescue dog for walks.



We think you'll find this program enlightening. Joy Orlich, VP—Programs

TCC CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY

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. So mark your calendars.

- We start the month with the TCC Breakfast Club which meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month—the next meeting is on January 3rd 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 Peg's Glorious Ham and Eggs located at 6300 Mae Anne. Call Jan Browne to confirm for this month's breakfast. Her number is 775.762.1765.
- **Bridge** on Friday, January 5th. 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.
- Join us for <u>TCC's Lunch & Learn</u> with Debi Stears, the Collection Development Manager for the Washoe County Library System, on Thursday, January Chris Orr on Thursday, <u>January 11th at 11:30 a.m.</u> at the Atlantis Casino Resort.
- The <u>TCC Book Club</u> is meeting on Wednesday, <u>January 17th at 10:30</u> a.m. at Barnes & Noble. There was no meeting in December, so there is still time to read <u>Banyan Moon</u> by Thao Thai. Linda Knepper is leading January's discussion. February's suspenseful read will be: <u>The Woman in the Library</u> by Sulari Gentill.
- And, it's not too early to think about our <u>May 9th Spring Basket Extravaganza Raffle</u>. Last year, our first Spring Basket Extravaganza Raffle generated nearly \$1900 for our nursing scholarships. Our goal this year is \$3,000. To reach this objective, we need raffle donations or gift baskets. It is through generosity of our members and our contacts on the business and non-profit community we can meet this goal. If you would like to donate, please contact Jill Navarrette via email jillmnavarrette@gmail or 775-772-8626.

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2023-2024 Officers

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JANUARY LUNCHEON BENEFICIARY FRIENDS OF THE WASHOE COUNTY LIBRARY

Founded in 1981, Friends of Washoe County Library is a member supported 501(c)(3) non profit organization that advocates, raises funds, and provides support for Washoe County Library System. They provide the community with a chance to invest in the success of the library by donating funds or time through volunteering.

From their board of directors, enthusiastic members, and generous donors, to their extraordinary volunteers and the thousands of people who benefit from the free programs and art galleries they support, they are what the name implies: a collection of committed, caring friends who share a vision of a free

public library accessible to all, currently and into the future.

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MEMBERSHIP: INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

As of December 13, 2023, the Club's membership is 61. We have one new member, Sandra Quiroz. Sandra is the Executive Director Tu Casa Latina, an organization devoted to everyone living a violence free life. Additionally, we are welcoming back a previous member, Susan Malone. Susan has led an incredibly interesting life in both the military service and international opportunities. We are hoping to have her speak at one of our future lunches.

A Big-Thank-You to each and every one that invited a guest to the December lunch. We had twenty guests!! And, best of all, several guests inquired about membership. Our lunches are our best recruiting tool, so please continue to bring guests to the lunches.

In the next couple of months, TCC will be nominating a new slate of officers for the year 2024-2025. If you are interested in taking an office, please let the nominating committee know or just talk to the current board members. If you haven't considered taking an office, I can tell you it is very rewarding. It is a bit of work but you will find it very rewarding and you will be working with some wonderful women.

I wish everyone the best of the New Year,

Peggy Slattery, VP—Membership

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

"Well that explains that," member Joy Orlich piped up when learning about our Capricorn Gals serving on the board. The Capricorn zodiac is represented by a sea goat, symbolizing plans, success, imagination, creativity, and productivity. As an earth sign, they are very grounded and practical. These women are fair and have a strong sense of justice. Celebrating birthdays this month are:



Kim Elliott, Roberta Gerber, Janet Ross, Patricia Sepulveda, and Tatjana Vukovic

Wishing you a day filled with happiness and a year filled with joy. Happy Birthday!

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PHILANTHROPY: THE ART OF GIVING

During this time of year, 2023 is wrapping up and 2024 will be arriving soon. Many of us are reviewing our finances and deciding on the organizations that we plan to support either financially, through volunteering our time and/ or by attending events that support a variety of organizations or causes. Consider your finances, the amount of time you will give to the organization(s) and your personal needs and limitations when narrowing down choices so you do not overextend yourself and then, not participate in the organizations you are passionate about.

Over the years of going through this process myself

I have discovered that there are some simple guidelines that have helped me to make my choices for the coming year.

Some of these ideas may be helpful in narrowing down your list for 2024.

- 1. Make a list of your areas of interest that speak to you. That excite you so much that you immediately want to support them. Identify categories that you are passionate about, such as; Health, Education, Children, Animals, Environment, Music and many more! There are many organizations that combine interests such as children and animals. There are unlimited organizations!
- 2. Research the organizations that focus

on those things that are important to you. Call their office to see if you can get additional information which may be more detailed than an internet search so you can make an informed decision.

3. Make the list of potential organizations and decide which choices you can realistically participate in. This can be a frustrating process but necessary so that you will be able to truly enjoy the reasons you are giving. The gift you will receive is having purpose in your life and Joy knowing you did something for someone else.

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others." *Dalai Lama*

Chrystine Klett
Acting VP—Philanthropy



"The measure of the worth of an organization to its community is found in its ability to embrace opportunities for service."

TCC 2023-24 Fundraising Beneficiaries			
TCC Nursing Scholarships		1,061.00	
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		
February	Historic Reno Preservation Society		
March	Nevada Women's History Project		
April	Nevada State Museum		
		\$2,091.00	



January 11, 2024 Lunch & Learn

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Thursday, January 11, 2024
11:30 a.m. Check-in • 12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Program
Lunch \$35.00 Per Person

Wild Mushroom Ravioli or Chef's Choice Vegan

Triple Chocolate Cake Roasted Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Specialty Teas & Iced Tea

Payment or cancellation must be received by <u>noon on Friday, January 5, 2024.</u>
Mail reservation to: Jan Browne, Treasurer TCC, 4025 Bitter Creek Court, Reno, NV 89519

Member Name:		Phone:		
E-mail Address:				
Menu (Please circle choice):	Wild Mushroom Ravioli	Chef's Choice Vegan		
Guest Name:		Phone:		
E-mail Address:				
Menu (Please circle choice):	Wild Mushroom Ravioli	Chef's Choice Vegan		
	Raffle Ticket Pre-C	<u>Orders</u>		
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:	Num	nber oflunches at \$35.00 \$		
Enclosed is my check made payable to Twentieth Century Club for: Total: \$				
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Optional Program Support: Friends of Washoe County Library				
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