

Grapevine



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22nd Annual English Tea & Silent Auction



Benefit for
Homeless Women and Children Committee
at InnVision's Georgia Travis Center & The Villa;
The San Jose Family Shelter;
and Catholic Charities.

Door Prizes ❖ Jewelry Table

Saturday, April 10, 2010

2:00 – 4:00pm

(Doors open at 1:00pm for auction viewing;

Tea served at 2:00pm)

NEW VENUE – Saratoga Community Center
19665 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga



Musical Entertainment – by Norma Hughes &
Lee Toney

TICKETS: Call Patty Weber, 264-2601

\$35 (*Tax Deductible*) Make Checks Payable to **ISPF**
(*Interbranch Special Projects Foundation*)

You are Invited to Our Annual Potluck Luncheon for Educational Foundation

Saturday, April 24, 2010

11am – 1:30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church

14103 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga

BRING Your Favorite Gourmet Salad or
Interesting Cold Dish

The branch will furnish rolls, coffee, tea and dessert!

We've worked hard all year raising money to provide educational opportunities for women and girls. Now it's time to meet some of the women who benefit from our efforts:

- Tech Trek Scholarship Students; *introduced by Nancy Hobbs*

- Local Scholarship Recipients; *introduced by Virginia Turner*
- 2007 Educational Foundation Named Gift Honoree; *introduced by Kathy Cusick*
- Current EF American Fellowship recipient Paula Goldman will discuss her research on how social causes gain mainstream acceptance.

We will also elect our new branch officers, *introduced by Mary Surginer, Nomination Committee Chair.*

For information, please call Kathy Cusick, EF Luncheon Coordinator, 356-2213.



Message from the President

The month of April finds us with two activities. The first is the English Tea sponsored by the Homeless Committee on Saturday, April 10th at the Saratoga Recreation Center. The time is 2 – 4pm. There are tickets to purchase for wonderful raffle prizes as well as a lovely garnet pendant. There is a silent auction also, plus a jewelry table. Patty Weber has tickets for sale. (*See front page for details.*)

The second activity is the Potluck Luncheon sponsored by the Educational Foundation for the election of officers and Grant Awards. The food is always delicious!! Kathy Cusick is in charge this year. (*See front page for details.*)

Remember our March General Meeting will feature Susan Hammer, speaking on Charter Schools as I mentioned in my last letter. With Saturday the 27th of March coming at the end of the month, you will receive your *Grapevine* before the meeting. This gives us a chance for another reminder. Our New Member Recruitment Event will take place from 9:15 to 10am prior to Susan's speaking.

Please do your best to bring a candidate for membership to it. Interest Group Chairs will be present to explain their group as people walk around..

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BOARD MEETING:

- Lisa Maatz the AAUW top policy advisor and representative to members of Congress and the Administration will speak at the Willow Glen Library in San Jose on Sunday, March 28th, 2 – 3pm. The San Jose Branch will host a reception for her from 1 – 2pm. The branch house is next door to the library. We are all invited. I've heard she is a dynamic speaker.
- Nancy Hobbs reported that we will be sending 5 girls to Tech Trek this year. We had a very generous donation at the last minute, which will allow us to send one more.
- A discussion about dues renewal involved all of the Board members. Look for your renewal in the mail before April 1.
- Next year there will be a \$10 yearly fee to receive a mailed *Grapevine*. Make the request on your Renewal Application and continue to receive a printed and mailed *Grapevine*.
- The Policies were voted upon and ratified by the Board. Again thanks to Marge Bunyard and Sharon Kelkenberg for all of their **hard** work.

- Mary Surginer, our President-Elect submitted the names she has for the slate of next year's officers. We need to fill the positions of Program Vice President, Database Manager, Publicity, and members to the Public Policy committee. Mary would love to hear from you.
- Again, I urge you to send copies of your recipes for the *Beginnings and Endings* cookbook to Gail Pedersen or myself. We need many more appetizer and dessert recipes. Remember this is a fundraiser. Many thanks to those of you who have done so.
- One of our members passed away recently. Doris Jackson was an active member of our group and other groups as well. Our condolences go to her husband, Richard and to the family.
- I thank all of you who responded so generously to the recent letter about branch finances. We have received over \$950 to date.
- I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the Saturday, March 27. I also look forward to seeing you on Saturdays, April 10 and April 24.

–Lavonne Marafino, President



Just A Reminder

Seeking Recipe Submissions

Fundraising Cookbook

Do you have any delicious, easy, and cost effective recipes to share? These are the “Winners” that we make for family, friends & take to potlucks. *“I know that I want to share a recipe when it disappears whenever I take it to a function.”* –Lavonne Marafino.

Email or send the recipe(s) to Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen for inclusion in *Beginning and Ending Cookbook* that we are putting together.

Budget 2009-10 for Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

	July 1, 2009	March 6, 2010
Checking Account	5,366.05	877.04
Educational Foundation Account	2,005.70	2,985.10
Reserves - American Century	<u>4,102.61</u>	<u>3,102.71</u>
Total	11,474.36	
Less Accounts payable to ISPF:	<u>-1,830.00</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	9,644.36	6,964.85

Budget vs Actual March 6, 2010

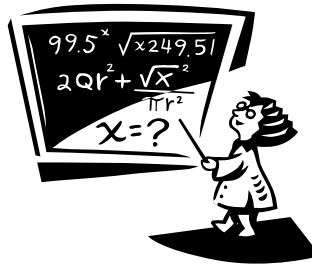
	BUDGET 09-10	ACTUAL YTD	DIFFERENCE
INCOME			
Branch Dues (FY 2009-2010) (216 members)	4,500.00	3,897.00	-603.00
Directory Advertising	800.00	665.00	-135.00
Dividends - American Century (Reserves)	25.00	0.10	-24.90
Transfer from Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Misc. Income ("Angels" donations to branch)	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,095.00</u>	<u>595.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	6,825.00	6,657.10	-167.90
EXPENSES			
Appreciation Fund	50.00		50.00
Branch Supplies	20.00		20.00
Convention-Association **	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convention - Northern California	1,000.00		1000.00
Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	50.00	191.85	(141.85)
Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	180.00	185.00	(5.00)
Directory Printing/Expense	950.00	819.38	130.62
Facility Rental or Donation	250.00	205.00	45.00
General Meeting Program	100.00	100.00	0.00
General Meeting Refreshments	150.00	150.00	0.00
Historian	15.00		15.00
Holiday Party	150.00	146.32	3.68
Insurance (California AAUW)***	800.00	600.00	200.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00	20.00	0.00
Leadership Training	50.00		50.00
Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality	35.00		35.00
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	300.00	53.40	246.60
Miscellaneous/Bank Fees	25.00	52.37	(27.37)
Newsletter Postage	400.00	350.00	50.00
Newsletter Production	1,200.00	1,083.28	116.72
President's Expenses	75.00		75.00
Publicity/L.G. & Saratoga Chambers of Commerce	315.00		315.00
Recording Secretary	15.00		15.00
Sec. of State Calif. Filing Fee due 2010	20.00	0.00	20.00
Sunshine Committee	20.00		20.00
Treasurer's Expenses	10.00		10.00
Web Master	500.00	300.00	200.00
Website	<u>100.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>(20.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,800.00	4,376.60	2423.40
Net income /(loss)	(25.00)		

Notes: **Every two years. 2011 is next National Convention; ***From Reserves

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Tech Trek News! Update About Science/Math Camp

Sixteen girls were interviewed for Tech Trek Scholarships. They were from CTEnglish, Fisher Middle School, Redwood Middle School and Saint Mary's. They all had been recommended by their science or math teachers. They all answered questions the committee asked and had written a composition about why they would like to go to Tech Trek Science/Math Camp.



The hard part for the committee was to pick just four girls. At the time we had enough money for just four girls. One of the committee people asked about the amount needed to send another girl and was told \$600. With that she gave us a check for \$600; therefore, we are now sending five girls to Tech Trek this July at Stanford University. Wonderful!

–Nancy Hobbs, Tech Trek Co-Chair

Focus on the Bridge Groups

Our branch has eleven different Bridge groups. To me, the amazing thing is that these bridge groups have been active for years. Many of these women, who have become friends for the long term, have played and continue to play bridge in one or more of these groups. In fact, one told me that AAUW performs a wonderful service in introducing us to so many *interesting women* who only become *interesting friends* over time. Playing bridge brings them together once or twice a month for many, many years of friendship.

Four of the eleven groups play Duplicate Bridge, which means they are serious about competitive bridge. I visited Louise Quenon's home where they were playing Bridge with Chicago-style scoring and have been together since 1975. Louise Quenon and Teri Raynaud have been in that group since the beginning and Gerry Furman joined a few years later. The other five have replaced previous members. They have so much fun. I wished I was a bridge player!

At Ann Griffin's home I met a group playing Duplicate Bridge in which the two tables play the same hand and compare how the players differ in the way they play it. The two tables are often placed in separate rooms. This particular group originated in 1988 by Betty Thompson who is still a part of it. Not all of the same people are still members, but some are.

I visited a regular Bridge group at Peggy Johnson's home. They have been together since the 1970s also, but they had many more members at one time. They still enjoy playing with each other enough to play twice a month.

The Bridge groups collect \$1 or \$2 per player depending on the group. This money adds up over the year and is donated to benefit the EF or the branch.

They are always looking for people who like to play bridge and have a good time. If you're interested in joining a group, call Louise Quenon, 867-0698, for information about when the various groups meet.

–Margaret Bard

Recognition of International Women's Day

The President and Mrs. Obama celebrated International Women's Day with a reception at the White House. While the President acknowledged women who have broken through barriers to pave the road for others, he also made clear that today's reality is still marked by unfairness and inequity for women.

The U.S., with a ranking of 31st on the World Economic Forum, lags behind many other countries in measurements of gender equity. Citing research that suggests public policy plays a significant role in gender equity, the President's remarks stressed his desire to continue to help America achieve fairness and equality for all women.

AAUW strongly believes in its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Take Action! Urge your senators to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Women's Super Agency with the UN

AAUW Director of Fellowships & Grants Gloria Blackwell represented AAUW at the 54th United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women. The session, running March 1 – 12, is developing momentum and conversation about the UN's goal to combine all departments on women into one Super Agency.

The agency has frameworks pre-approved by the General Assembly, but is still in the process of naming a launch date and an undersecretary. The budget will run from a half billion to a billion dollars and looks to work on issues like education, health, poverty, violence, media, decision-making, and the girl child.

Activists around the globe are currently pushing for a 5th World Conference on Women to further develop the project.

Recollections of the 1980's

The decade of the eighties saw members visible in the community in various ways; for six years the Saratoga Citizens of the Year were members of our Branch of AAUW.

Our Committee on *Homeless Women and Children* was probably the most active and visible group. **Georgia Travis** initiated the work in 1985 as a Woman's Issue and by 1986 it was presented to Inter-Branch and became a county Committee. In the Spring of 1987 Georgia received the Santa Clara County Human Relations/Human Rights Award. She became a member of the Senior Hall of Fame for her work in research and program development in addressing the problem of Homeless Women and Children.

1981-1982

Marge Bunyard was Saratoga Citizen of the Year.

Marlene Duffin was elected to the Los Gatos /Saratoga Joint Union High School Board.

1982-83

Nancy Hobbs, President, started with the *New Day Beyond Era* celebration on the Los Gatos City Hall lawn July 1. The Branch supported the Older Women's League Conference and participated in the Soroptimists' *Come Blow Your Horn* luncheon.

1983-1984

We turned around a membership decline, thanks to the work of many members. Our official number as of March 1 was 436. There were new Inter-Branch involvements such as the Condoleezza Rice Kickoff for the *Peace and National Security* and an exhibition for business women at the IBC Reception for the University of Santa Clara Graduates.

Peggy Corr was Saratoga Citizen of the year. Five of our members served on school boards: Dr. Evers, Marge

Bunyard, Marlene Duffin, Liz Ansnes and Mary Ellen Comport.

1984-1985

Kay Eschleman read her President's job description: "Conduct general meetings, write a message for the Grapevine, and dress appropriately." At the installation, the executive board wore hats and gloves! Some had trouble finding gloves.

1985-1986

Jan Leyse's year *Women's Work; Women's Worth* was introduced and *Public Support for Public Education* continued. The branch established a scholarship endowment at West Valley Community College in memory of Sammye Wishneff to benefit re-entry women.

1987-1988

Gladys Armstrong was Saratoga Citizen of the Year. The *Homeless* Committee presented a position paper which was adopted at the CSD Convention.

1988-1889

JoAn Lambert and Betty Pestka received awards from the Santa Clara Commission on Human Relations.

1989-1990

Nancy Anderson was our President. At this time the Branch became active in the "women's right to choose movement."

One effect of the Loma Prieta Quake was Senator Rebecca Morgan's cancellation of her appearance as speaker at the Branch meeting; she was in Washington D. C. to get emergency funding for this area. Another was the loss of one of the houses on our House Tour. The home replacement was Steve Wozniak's home (of Apple Computer fame) in Los Gatos.

Louise Cooper was the Saratoga Citizen of the Year.

—Jean Wenberg, Historian

Get Your Tickets for the Annual Tea Time!



Tickets are still available for the English Tea on Saturday, April 10 from 2 – 4pm at the Saratoga Community Center on Allendale Ave (*across from the Post Office*). Please contact Patty Weber, 264-2601.

Our committee was organized by Georgia Travis in 1986. Our first tea was two years later. The proceeds from the teas over the years have provided much varied aid to the homeless women and children. Along with the basic supplies to the Georgia Travis Center (GTC) of diapers, baby food, underwear for the women, etc., we have bought clothing and school supplies for a young orphaned child who became a straight "A" student, we provided a uniform and books for a nursing student whose is now fully employed, and along with our annual donation to GTC and to other organizations helping the homeless, we are providing funds to the summer campership program at the Family Supportive Housing. They send children to camp in the summer fully outfitted so that they do not stand out as "homeless" kids. We thank you all for your support which allows us to do this valuable work and hope to see you again this year.

A note from JoAn Lambert - Chair of the Silent Auction at this year's tea. She will accept donations, particularly jewelry and wine, until the deadline of April 6. Contact JoAn at 867- 6237.

For further information contact Nancy Anderson - Dander2567@aol.com - 867-4383

The Paycheck Fairness Act

The Next Step in the Fight for Pay Equity

April 28 is Pay Equity day this year, designated as the day that women catch up to men in earnings, since women earn 77 cents for each dollar men earn per hour.

A much needed update of the 45-year-old Equal Pay Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act is a comprehensive bill that would create stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach, education and enforcement efforts. Championed by longtime AAUW friend Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), the bill would also deter wage discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who ask about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages. Together with the Ledbetter bill, this critical piece of legislation can help create a climate where pay discrimination is not tolerated, and give the new administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity.

With a record 71 million women in the workforce, wage discrimination hurts the majority of American families, both in terms of their economic security today and their retirement security tomorrow.

New legislation strengthening pay equity laws is needed now more than ever, since women tend to be hurt first and worst during economic downturns and would benefit from an immediate "equity" economic stimulus. Further, due to rising unemployment rates, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners – making pay equity even more critical not simply to family economic security but also to the nation's economic recovery.

Contact your Senators and urge them to vote for The Paycheck Fairness Act.



Recipe

Lavonne's Portuguese Beans

Makes: 10 generous servings

1/2 lb. ground chuck (optional)
 1 lb. linguisa, thinly sliced
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
 3 tblsp. honey
 1 tblsp. brown sugar (optional)
 2 to 3 tblsp. catsup
 3 tsp. cumin
 6 cans pinto beans (reserve the liquid from two cans)
 Salt, taste and add as needed
 White Pepper, to taste

1. In a large Dutch Oven, brown ground chuck (if used) and linguisa. Add and saute onions and cook until they have softened. Add and saute the minced garlic during the last minute.
2. Add the tomato sauce, honey, brown sugar (if used), catsup and cumin. Stir to mix.
3. Then add the drained pinto beans and enough reserved liquid to thin the mixture so that it isn't too thick. Save any remaining bean liquid. Mix well.
4. Bring bean mixture to a full simmer (**Do NOT Boil**). Reduce heat and simmer for at least 2 hours. (Add any of the reserved liquid during the cooking time to thin the mixture as needed.) Add salt and white pepper to taste near the end of the cooking time.

–Lavonne Marafino, President

SBA Proposes Opportunities for Women-Owned Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has proposed a **rule** that will expand the availability of federal contracts for women-owned small businesses.

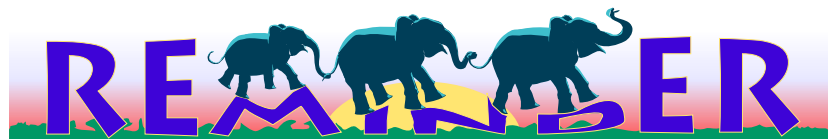
Although women-owned businesses are playing an increasingly important role in the economy, there are still 83 industries in which they are not adequately represented. The SBA rule would ensure that businesses owned and operated by women, specifically those within such industries will have greater access to compete in the federal marketplace and for federal contracts.

AAUW applauds the SBA proposal, which will help to provide an equal opportunity for business owned and operated by women. These efforts will help to remove economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.



April 2010 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Thursday **Trail Clean-up** 9:00am, meet promptly in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 2 Friday **Travel**, 7:30pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. “*Seeing Russia By Boat*” – Navigate through historic Russia on rivers and lakes with traveler Jim Sweet, stopping at various river ports to explore both new and very old cities. Enjoy the passing countryside between visits to palaces of the czars and grand monuments. Visit St. Petersburg and, finally, see the onion domes of Moscow. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445.
- 5 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30pm, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 6 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30 – 2:30pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 7 Wednesday **Independent Women**, 1:00 – 3:00pm, at the home of Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos. We will present information about local retirement homes. We will cover cost, what services are available, and medical services provided. Please email any questions you may have to Joan Kjemtrup or Sarah Model prior to the meeting. Please RSVP to Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016, or Sarah Model, 354-7819. *Please note: attendance will be limited to 17, “first come, first served.”*
- 8 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks**, meet promptly at 9:00am at Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. Windy Hill in San Mateo – Great wildflowers! Climb to the ridge and loop down through the trees 6-7 miles. Call Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 10 Saturday **English Tea**, 2:00 – 4:00pm at Saratoga Recreation Center (*New Venue*). Opens at 1:00pm for viewing of Silent Auction items. Fund Raiser for Homeless Women & Children. (*See the front page for details.*)
- 13 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616.
- 14 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30am at Aldo’s Restorante & Bar, 14109 Winchester Blvd, Los Gatos, 374-1808. For reservations call hostess: Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397, or Chair: Clare Baker, 867-2295. Guests and members welcome!
- 16 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30am at the home of Geri Williams, 4630 Corrida Circle, San Jose, 296-1939. RSVP to Kathy, 356-2213. For information please call Co-Chairs: Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394 or Kathy Cusick, 356-2213.
- 20 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 20 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30pm, at The Saratoga Retirement Community. RSVP to Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Book: *The September of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer. Reviewer: Pat Khan. For information call Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 or Marlene Lamb, 356-8441.
- 22 Thursday **Back By Noon Hike**, meet promptly at 9:00am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by CVS Drug Store.
- 24 Saturday **Educational Foundation Potluck Luncheon**, Election of Officers and Grant Awards, 11:00am – 1:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga Ave, Saratoga. Chair: Kathy Cusick. (*See front page for details.*)
- 27 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30 – 3:00pm, at the home of Madeline Salzman, 1550 Winchester Blvd., Monte Sereno. RSVP to Madeline, 348-2025. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.



2010-11 Renewals Mailed Out to Members Soon

Please send your dues by June 30. (*Late renewals – add \$2 late fee and may not appear in the Branch Directory*)

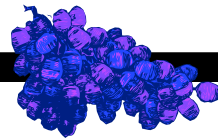
In order to continue to meet our member’s needs, we will still be printing and mailing the *Grapevine* to those who request it. Request a mailed copy of the *Grapevine* on your Renewal Application for only \$10 per year.



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Doris Agee: I am one of the persons listed for contact for the Gourmet Supper Group but my phone number is not correct. My only phone at this time is 408-257-9428.
Thanks!

Memorial Notice

Doris Jackson, AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga branch member, passed away on March 6.

Address Changes

Terri Raynaud's new address:
800 Blossom Hill Road, #321,
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Please send any corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Barbara Lea, Database Manager at barbara.lea@comcast.net