

April 2013 – Celebrate Success!

Join in the Annual AAUW Funds Potluck Luncheon!

Saturday, April 13, 2013, from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga

BRING: Your favorite gourmet salad, tasty appetizer or interesting cold dish. The branch will furnish rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.

We've worked 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. *Program details are listed below:*

- Tech Trek Scholarship Students
- Local Scholarship Recipients
- 2011-12 Named Gift Honorees
- Election of Branch Officers
- Our guest speaker will be Nazanin Shahrokni, an American Fellowship recipient studying at UC Berkeley, planning to do post-doctoral work at Harvard in the fall.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have a delicious lunch, to visit with other branch members and to celebrate the success of this year's branch activities. Take an opportunity to put names and faces together in a relaxed social setting, please join us for the Potluck Luncheon. Questions? Contact Geri Williams: gerisjs@aol.com, or telephone: (408) 642-5042



ISPF Fundraiser – The English Tea . . .



Join us on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Campus Center on the campus at West Valley College for The English Tea and Silent Auction.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will support all three of our local projects: Tech Trek for middle school girls, Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College, and the activities of the Committee for Homeless Women and Children.

Tickets - \$40 per person – Deadline is April 23. Make checks payable to ISPF of AAUW of S. C. County. Mail to Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga, CA 95070

See page 3 of this Grapevine issue for an article by Virginia Turner giving the specific details.

For information, contact Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234.

Message from the April 2013 Chairwomen of the Month Committee

All year we have had terrific general meeting programs and April promises to be another great month!

Events This Month:

- **Pot-Luck Luncheon** for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and Local Scholarship is on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 11:00 - 1:30 pm. (*See details on front page.*)

Our potluck lunch will recognize girls from the Tech Trek program, introduce the recipients of our Local Scholarships, and feature the research being done by Nazanin Shahrokni who is an American Fellowship recipient from AAUW Funds. We will also learn who our branch has chosen to honor as Named Gift Recipients. The food will undoubtedly be fabulous (*our members do enjoy eating*) and the friendship and fellowship will be priceless.

- **English Tea and Silent Auction.** April is also the time for our English Tea on April 27, raising money for all three of our local projects: Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Girls. Bring a table of family members and friends to support these programs. (*See page 3 or front page for details.*) This is our only fundraiser for our local projects and we hope you can join us for the afternoon.

Instead of a spring convention, AAUW California will be holding an Annual Business Meeting in Sacramento on

Saturday, April 20 to discuss proposed bylaws changes and state dues increase. Registration before April 12 costs \$65 and includes a box lunch. If you also want to attend the Speech Trek finals after lunch, there is an additional fee of \$15. More details are included in your California Perspective publication. Election of state officers will take place by mail and online after the Business Meeting; you should get an email or postcard with instructions on how to vote.

The winter issue of Outlook, the AAUW magazine, highlights the latest AAUW research report, Graduating to a Pay Gap, which finds that the gender wage gap is alive and well, starting with the very first paycheck that women receive after graduating from college. Just one year out of college, women are paid 82 cents, on average, for every dollar paid to men. AAUW will continue to lead the way to break through the barriers that stand in the way for women and girls. The portion of your dues that goes to AAUW helps support this kind of research and national advocacy efforts.

–Virginia Turner
Chair, Local Scholarship Committee

On behalf of Nancy Hobbs, JoAn Lambert, Lavonne Marafino, Blenda Mariani, Mary Thygeson and Geri Williams, Chairwomen of the Month for April



Nominations for Next Year's Elected Officers Consider Filling the Open Spot for President Elect!

The members of the Nominating Committee have worked hard to find nominees for all the elected positions for the Board for the coming year. Many thanks to committee members Judy Borlase, Joan Kjemtrup, Lavonne Marafino, and Sarah Model who responded so generously to the request for help and who completed the work of the Nominating Committee so quickly.

Our sincere thanks to all who have agreed to serve this coming year!

We are still hoping to fill the position of President Elect and would appreciate any suggestions you may have. The election of officers will take place at the potluck lunch on Saturday, April 13 and nominations can be taken from the floor at the time.

Submitted by Geri Williams and Virginia Turner, Nominating Committee Co-Chairs

The following are the nominees for Elected Officers 2013-2014:

President – Virginia Turner
 President Elect – **OPEN**
 Financial VP – Pat Khan
 Membership Treasurer – Corinne Rathjens
 Membership VP – Charlene Bunger
 Communications – Lavonne Marafino
 Program VP – Shirley Cancellieri
 AAUW Funds VP – Geri Williams
 Legal Advocacy Fund VP – Arleen Pickett

Still Time to Come to Our English Tea on April 27



Our Committee to Support Local Women and Girls is in the final stages of preparation for our English Tea on Saturday afternoon, April 27, in the Campus Center at West Valley College. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support all three of our local projects: Tech Trek for middle school girls, Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College, and the activities of the Committee for Homeless Women and Children.

Tickets to the English Tea are \$40 (of which \$25 is tax-deductible) and we encourage you to bring friends and family to fill a table of 6 or 8. Of course men are welcome, as are children and grandchildren who would enjoy the afternoon. Parking is free in Lot 5 at West Valley College. See the English Tea flyer in last

month's *Grapevine* or as a PDF on our website (newsletter page) for more details and a campus map.

Wear a Spring Hat and you may win a prize! Sumi Tanabe and Jean Wenberg are planning some creative categories that will reward all kinds of hats.

Doors will open at 1:00 pm for viewing the Silent Auction with a variety of popular items like bottles of wine, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, and decorative treasures. Following the tea service and program,

guests will have one more opportunity to check the status of their items and get in those final winning bids. Please be prepared to pay for any purchases before you leave the Campus Center that day; cash is fine, and checks may be made payable to ISPF-AAUW. Credit cards cannot be used, however.

During the afternoon the Jewelry Table will sell both costume jewelry and fine jewelry, so your no-longer-worn jewelry can help support our three local projects. JoAn Lambert is coordinating the Jewelry Table and is happy to accept any gently-used jewelry you care to donate. This is always a popular table with unbeatable prices so do take a look!

Tea and finger foods will be served at 2:00 pm, followed by musical entertainment provided by Art and Peter on

the dulcimer and fiddle, and a very short program. Door prizes will be given out during the Tea. Finally we'll have the drawing for our beautiful diamond pendant which features one 3/8 carat diamond and several small diamonds. For a donation of only \$5 you will receive one ticket for the drawing; for a \$10 donation you get 3 tickets and for \$20 you get 7 tickets. Tickets for the drawing will be available through committee members before the Tea, as well as at the Tea itself. You need not be present to win, but you do need to have some tickets to win.

The committee wants to be sure that there is a lot of FUN in this FUNdraising event, so you don't want to miss it! If you have any questions, please call Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234.

–Virginia Turner, Co-Chair
Committee to Support Local Women and Girls



Above our lovely Diamond Pendant which features one 3/8 carat diamond and several small diamonds. Note that picture is larger than the actual pendant.



Homeless Committee Report: Reopened Casa de Clara – San Jose Hospitality House

Mary Ann O’Conner, of Casa de Clara — Catholic Worker, (a Hospitality House located in San Jose) was our speaker for March 2013 Homeless Committee meeting. She explained that the Catholic Worker’s movement was started by Dorothy Day (1897 - 1980). Day was an American journalist and a social activist who converted to the Catholic faith in 1927. In 1933, Day co-founded *The Catholic Worker*, (a newspaper) which promoted Catholic teachings and tackled societal issues. The newspaper became very successful and spawned the ‘Catholic Worker Movement’, which tackled issues of social justice guided by its religious principles. Day also helped establish special homes to help those in need.

MaryAnn had been a nursing supervisor at Stanford when she retired, sold her house in San Diego, and moved to San Jose to reopen Casa de Clara, which had been closed for 6 months. Since Mary Ann has only been in the area 6 months, she asked Pat Khan to explain the work of the branches’ Homeless Committee for Women and Children. Mary Ann was surprised to hear all about the work we have accomplished over a great many

years. Pat Kahn explained that the committee, at one time, had been much larger.

Casa de Clara is located in an old Victorian house in downtown San Jose, near 6th and Julian Streets. It is independent of the Catholic Church and receives no government funding. Casa De Clara depends on donations, and the help of volunteers. *[For more information about Casa de Clara, read their blog at .blogspot.com/” http://sanjosecatholicworker.blogspot.com/]*

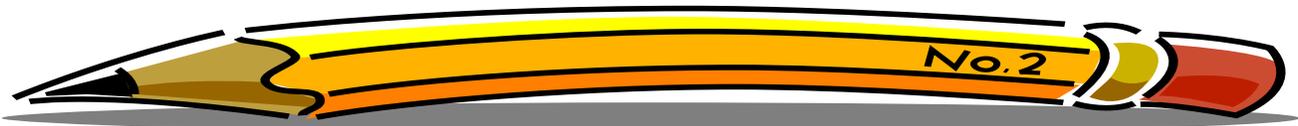
Casa De Clara offers shelter, ‘a bed’, in a family like atmosphere for women and women with children. Clients must be able to work with each other, treat each other with respect and eat dinner together. The clients have chores to do in the house. All the clients are working on their own goals and receive help with their problems. When the clients move in, they must surrender their money, and it goes into a checking account. When they move out, their money is returned. Unlike other shelters, there is no time limit to how long they may stay. At this point there are 9 single women, and 1 woman with a 10 year-old child and 3 month-old baby. The

mother, with the baby in a stroller, takes the girl to school every morning by bus and light rail to her 4th grade class in Campbell. This is about 1 1/2 hours trip each way.

Like the majority of shelters, the clients are expected to be gone during the daytime hours. The live-in staff consists of only Mary Ann and a young man in his early 20’s. Mary Ann has her own income to support herself and the young man supports himself with two part-time jobs. The shelter also gratefully relies on volunteers, who by living simply and donating their life to serving others, make Casa de Clara work. The shelter staff and volunteers (along with the clients) keep the shelter running by doing the cleaning, the laundry, the cooking, and the gardening.

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the English Tea and Silent Auction, sponsored by the Committee to Support Local Girls and Women at West Valley College, Saturday April 27th Tickets are \$40 and available from Pat Khan, call Pat at (408) 741-1616.

–Marlene Lamb, Chair of Homeless Committee



Sunshine to a Member in Need!



Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support?
Please send her information to Gerry Furman, Sunshine Chair.

Contact Gerry at 867-2634, or
gsfurman2@sbcglobal.net

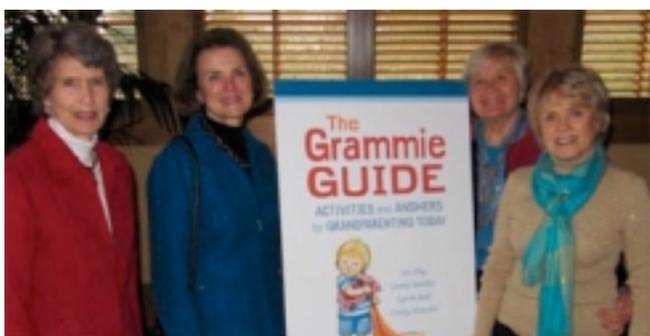


Enjoy the Author's Luncheon Photos from this January

Another Successful Author's Luncheon, January 2013.



(Top Left), Patty Weber and Carol Howard; (Bottom Left), Joan Kjemtrup and her guest, Zaida Binetti; (Bottom Right) AAUW ladies arriving for Author's Luncheon at the La Rinconada Country Club; and (Top Right), Virginia Turner and Linda King.



(Top Left), The Grammie Guide Authors: Jan Eby, Laurie Mobilio, Lynne Noel, and Cindy Summers; (Bottom Left), Marge Bunyard and Mary Pastrone; (Bottom Right), Jean Wenberg and Louise Quenon; and (Top Right) Geri Williams and far right) the author, C.W. Gortner.



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AAUW CA PROGRAMS ADVANCING AAUW'S MISSION

- Tech Trek
- Speech Trek
- Financial Literacy (\$tart \$mart and Money Trek)

AAUW FUNDS

- Annual AAUW Funds luncheons
- Introducing fellowship and grant recipients (prospective members) to branches
- Facilitating support for branches trying to complete endowments

BRANCH SUPPORT

- Liability insurance for branches and branch leaders at a discounted rate
- Leaders on Loan, providing branches vibrant and knowledgeable speakers
- Recognition and support for mission-based programming and coalition building
- Assistance in membership recruitment and retention strategies
- Branch locator on the state website for prospective members
- Support and guidance with effective branch governance models
- Branch Liaisons providing direct branch support
- Branch event publicity on the state website
- Assistance in developing and maintaining college/university partnerships
- Special Projects Fund, allowing tax deductible donations to state programs (e.g. Tech Trek) and qualified branch scholarship funds

COMMUNICATION

- California Perspective newsletter to all members (3 issues/year)
- Monthly emails to branch and state leaders with upcoming events and links to resources (B2B and Prez Sez)
- State website with directories, resources, shared success stories, blog
- Social media support and networking
- Online voting in statewide elections
- Online registration for conventions and Funds luncheons
- State Directory and Administrative Packets (2 per year)
- Telephone and email access to a state office manager, with an office located in a Sacramento

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

- Personal and professional development opportunities serving on state board or committees
- Coordination of branch leadership training
- Biennial convention – training and networking opportunities

PUBLIC POLICY

A strong collective voice as we advocate for pay equity, reproductive choice, civil rights, and educational opportunities across the state, leveling the playing field so that all have an equal chance in education, in the workplace, and in life.

- Professional lobbyist in Sacramento
- State Action Alerts
- Timely status reports on pending legislation

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April 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting**, meet at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Avenue & the Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 2 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** will meet at 1:30-2:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 5 Friday **Travel Armchair Adventures** will meet at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **EASTERN AUSTRALIA** presented by intrepid traveler Pat Khan. Join Pat as she and AAUW member, Karen Fillmore, journeyed through Eastern Australia, visiting major cities including Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 628-0244.
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba in Saratoga, (408) 741-1616. All are welcome to join in working with this wonderful group. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 10 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** will meet at the El Burro restaurant at 11:30 AM, 1875 South Bascom Avenue #570 in the Pruneyard Shopping Center; phone Roberta London or Barbara Hawkes for reservations. Chair: Roberta London, (408) 741-7645; Co-chair: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397.
- 11 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes & Walks** Meet promptly at 9 AM at the Los Gatos Park and Ride. Pleasanton Ridge – along the east hills of route 680. Hike 5-6 miles up and along beautiful green hills with wonderful views and wild flowers. Bring lunch. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 13 Saturday **Pot Luck Luncheon - Celebrating the Granting of Awards** (AAUW Funds, Tech Trek, and election of new officers); speaker is Nazanin Shahrokkii 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga, 14103 Saratoga Avenue in Saratoga. (See front page for specific details.)
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Review** will meet at 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community. RSVP Licia Thomson, (408) 741- 7611. The Book will be *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown; the reviewer: Margaret Bard. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review** will meet at 9:30 am at Judy Borlase's home, 1660 Hyacinth Ln, San Jose, to share a wide range of reading with other book lovers. Chair: Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625.
- 23 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish** will meet at 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 25 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike**. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, by CVS Drugs. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 27 Saturday **English Tea and Silent Auction** — ISPF Fundraiser (*Benefits Committee for Homeless Women and Children, Local Scholarships and Tech Trek*) from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at West Valley College Campus Center in Saratoga. Silent Auction viewing starts at 1:00 pm. Door Prizes, Jewelry Table. (See front page and page 3 of this issue for details.) Chair: Virginia Turner (408) 866-4234.
- 30 Tuesday **Film Buffs** will meet 1:30–3:00 pm at the home of Marlene Lamb, 105 Arroyo Grande Way in Los Gatos. RSVP to Marlene, (408) 497-1555. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

May 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** will meet at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **EAST AFRICA!** – presented by biologist and eco-safari leader Doug Cheeseman. With his images, Doug will explore wild life behavior of the East African mammals and birds. A not-to-be-missed program! Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741 1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 628-0244.
- 6 Monday **Board Meeting** will meet at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.



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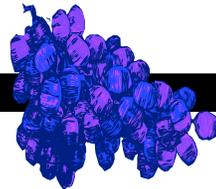
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You will be receiving your renewal notices soon.

We will be mailing out the AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga branch renewals during the first part of April. Thank you for your prompt response.

Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Patty Weber, Database Manager, xaviercugat@comcast.net

Qualification of Membership

Anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree or the equivalent, or nursing school diploma or business school associate degree from an accredited institution is eligible for membership. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

Recruiting New Members

If you want to have a printed copy of the *Grapevine* and a membership packet sent to a prospective NEW member, contact Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor, at 377-6895 or gail_pedersen@yahoo.com

