

# Grapevine



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## Help Local Scholars & Homeless Women!

### The Pearl Tea – Celebrating Our 30 Year English Tea & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 9, 2016 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Doors open for Auction Viewing at 1:00

Tea Served at 2:00

Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center  
(19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga)

Help us celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our English Tea. This is one of our most popular events of the year. Share in the delicious food, bracing tea, good company and friendly conversation. Come and bring friends and/or family members.

**Door Prize. Jewelry Table.** Support this fundraiser by making your reservations!

Cost: \$47. Call Contact Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656 for tickets.



## Also This Month . . .

### Let's Talk about Getting Older

Friday, April 15, 2016 | 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon  
in the Community Room, Saratoga Library

Get ready for an interactive conversation with **Elaine Fritz**, Executive Director of Seasons Hospice, and **Stephanie Bisceglia**, owner of San Jose Wholistic Health Center, about what happens as we get older.

Topics include the changes in our major organs, the importance of good nutrition, keeping our minds strong and finding a purpose in our lives. **Co-sponsored by Soroptimist International of Los Gatos-Saratoga and Saratoga Library.** **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**



## Coming Next Month . . . Help Us Celebrate Our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Our Annual Spring Potluck Celebration!

Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 11:15 am to 1:30 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church (14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga)

California State AAUW President Kathleen Doty will be our guest speaker as we wind up this very special year for the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of AAUW. We will honor those who have guided us through the past 75 years and install the new officers who will lead us next year. We will also announce our Named Gift Honorees and our newest Honorary Life Members.

Please bring your favorite salad, tasty appetizer or interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, beverages, and a birthday cake for dessert, of course.

Questions? Ask Virginia Turner, vturner@sbcglobal.net; (408) 866-4234.



### Read About . . .

## The 2016 Local Scholarship Recipients

The Local Scholarship Committee met Monday, March 21, 2016, to review and select the recipients of the AAUW Transfer Scholarship for 2015-2016. We are extremely pleased to introduce our two recipients.

**AMANDEEP KAUR** – Her career goal is in Neuroscience. When she was 14 years old, she, her mother, and brother were in a car accident in India. Her mom broke her top vertebrae and suffered neurological problems for many years. This prompted Amandeep's interest in neuroscience. She wants to help others who have neurological problems. She came to America when she was 14 years old without knowing any words of English. Science became a key point in her growth. Facing many obstacles throughout her young life, she has persevered. Her income is the only source of income for herself and mother. Due to her many challenges, she is dedicated to her academic studies and has taken

advantage of West Valley College's resources and programs, including EOPS, MESA and Honors Program. Her education is very important to her, and she wants to accomplish her dream of helping others. She plans to attend UCLA, UCSD, UCI, UCSC or Stanford in the Fall of 2016.

**BRIANA HERNANDEZ** – Briana looks forward to being a medical doctor. She would like to help people who do not have access to health care in the more impoverished communities in this country. A straight "A" student at West Valley College, she has applied to UC Santa Cruz in the Fall of 2016. As she tried to understand how the human brain works, biology and chemistry courses became her favorite subjects to study. She joined the STEM Club which gave her the opportunity to find out more about biology, chemistry, math and engineering. She is the co-president of the STEM Club for 2015-16 and guides new math and

science students. Briana volunteered at Kaiser Hospital which taught her the importance of helping others without the expectation of anything in return. She tutored in the college's Math Resource Center. Briana wants to show young girls who also show an interest in the STEM field that it is possible to thrive in a community that is dominated mostly by men.

There were four other applicants for the scholarship. It is always difficult to eliminate any students since all of them are outstanding. Our branch members' donations and the April Pearl Tea have given enough funding to award two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Thank you for your support in giving the two winners a positive beginning as they transfer on to the college and university in the fall!

The two recipients will be introduced at the English "Pearl" Tea and Silent Auction held on Saturday, April 9, 2016. (See front page for details and to make your reservation today.)

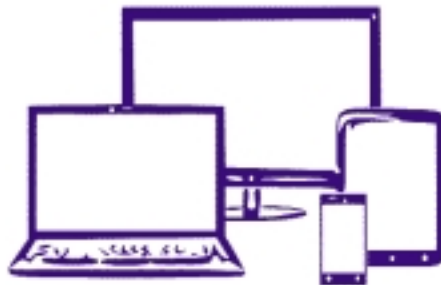
**Local Scholarship Committee Members:** Marilyn Fuller, Co-Chair, Audrey Lynch, Karen Pock, Ann Roberts, Julie Stevens, and Sumi Tanabe, Co-Chair.

## Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW: The 2000s

Four past presidents, **Mary Henderson, Nancy Hobbs, Pat Khan** and **Mary Ellen Madden**, shared that job one year. In 2003 we adopted a section of the Los Gatos Creek Trail, taking responsibility for pruning & cleaning up a portion of the hiking trail which the Hikes and Walks group still does (See April 21 on the Calendar).

We had programs about Pacific migrations, portraits of women throughout the Santa Clara Valley, and women in Afghanistan. We had an update on the Women's Health Initiative. We learned about our local Korean community and enjoyed seeing members portray various historical women, not just for our branch but at local schools as well. We searched for signs of extraterrestrial intelligence and learned about the impact of immigration on education. We looked at women and the prison system and learned about charter schools. **Nancy Anderson** was named Saratoga Citizen of the Year in 2008.

A small interest group began for those who wanted to keep up their conversational Spanish, another group started for "women on their own," and we launched our branch website where we post our *Grapevine* and all kinds of branch infor-



mation. We still did a lot of reading, and eating, and playing bridge, of course, and discussed controversial international issues in *Great Decisions*.

Assorted fundraisers kept us busy through the decade: the Games Party for **Tech Trek**, the Chinese New Year dinner, traditional Japanese music at Hakone Gardens and the Mission Valley Chorus for **Local Scholarships** at West Valley College, and the English Tea for the **Committee on Homeless Women and Children**. The popular Authors' Lunch raised money for **AAUW Funds**, formerly called the Education Foundation (EF). We particularly enjoyed hearing from the EF recipients themselves throughout the years at our spring potluck luncheons, with their studies ranging from stream restoration, women's health care in Pakistan, and ways to improve how science is taught.

### Memories of the 2000s

- California population in 2000 – 33.9 million
- Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
- Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act
- Hybrid cars
- 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center
- Hurricane Katrina
- iPad and iPhone
- Gallon of gas - \$3.18
- Median income - \$46,326

### Popular Culture

- Best-selling books: *The Kite Runner*; *The DaVinci Code*; *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*; *The Hunger Games*; and *Life of Pi*
- Oscar-winning movies: "A Beautiful Mind"; "Chicago"; "The Lord of the Rings – The Return of the King" and "Slumdog Millionaire"
- On Broadway: "Doubt"; "Wicked"; and "August: Osage County"
- Emmy Awards: *Friends*; *The West Wing*; *The Sopranos*; and *Mad Men*

See next month's May 2016 *Grapevine* for the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch in the 2010s.

## Letter to the Editor



The article regarding the 1990's left out some relevant information regarding elections to state offices. I always enjoy getting my *Grapevine* each month and in a small way keeping up with what the branch is doing. –Jan Leyse

(Jan lives in Sun Valley, Idaho with her husband, Robert.)

Jan, We sure did leave out a big contribution to the AAUW. Sorry! Read on and thank you for sharing the missing information. –Gail Pedersen

In 1991 **Jan Leyse** was elected the AAUW-CA state secretary for a two-year term and was re-elected in 1993. In 1995 Jan was both the convention chair for the AAUW-CA state convention in San Jose (*the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch was in charge of registration*) and was elected the AAUW-CA Finance V.P. Jan informs us that during that time California had 25,000+ AAUW members and during that time California had three-day conventions.



## Committee on Homeless Women and Children . . .

# Assisting Women in Need!

**A Women's Gathering Place** is "where a woman without a home can find support..."

**Joyce Sogg** (a member of our committee) brought the idea of helping **A Women's Gathering Place** (WGP) to the Homeless Committee. Rev. Sharon Stone, a Presbyterian minister, saw a need for a daytime program to help homeless women on the streets near her church. (*First Presbyterian Church, 49 N. Fourth St, downtown San Jose. Rev. Stone was our guest speaker at last year's English Tea and was an inspiration.*) The Rev. Stone saw the need for a place these women could come to have a hot meal and rest. A "clothes closet" is also available for each woman to select 4 items. A shower program has just been added to the services. "Dignity on Wheels", showers on a truck, has started to come on Fridays. The women are allowed a 3-minute shower from 12:00 noon-3:00 pm, and men from 3:00 pm on.

Women sign up at 11:00 to come into the **WGP**. Only 20 women at a time can come into the center, but as someone leaves a woman on the waiting list can take her place inside. About 25+ women are served from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The women who visit the **WGP** – are an average age of 55, come from all socioeconomic backgrounds, have been unemployed for over 10 years and don't qualify for Social Security. Many have experienced trauma, abuse or domestic violence. There is a core group of women who come once a week for the connection with other women.

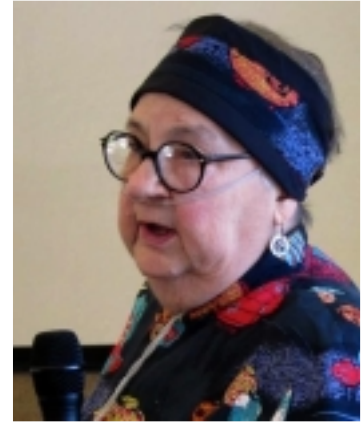
The **WGP** has collaborated with local women's groups, faith based communities, and other caring individuals. Recently, The Homeless Committee donated \$1,500 for the purchase of a refrigerator/freezer, the remainder of the money went into the Pastor's emergency fund. We also donated underwear, toiletries and clothing. The Homeless Committee members serve a "hot meal" on the last Wednesday of each month. If you would like to participate contact Nancy Anderson, Chair at (408) 867-4383 or Dander2567@aol.com

## Nominees for 2016-2017

The following are the nominees for Elected Officers:

President – **OPEN** | President Elect – **OPEN**  
 Program V.P. – **OPEN**  
 Legal Advocacy Fund V.P. – **OPEN**  
 Financial V.P. – Louise Quenon  
 Secretary – Kay Duffy  
 Membership V.P. – Virginia Turner  
 Membership Treasurer – Gail Pedersen  
 AAUW Funds (*Authors' Lunch*) – Judith Borlase

Please consider serving in one of the open positions; most positions can be shared. Additional nominees can be proposed at the Friday, April 15 General Meeting when elections will be held. Next year's Officers will be installed at the Saturday, May 14 Annual Potluck Luncheon.



**Joyce Sogg**

June 28, 1937 – January 9, 2016  
 Resident of Los Gatos

## Join Us . . .

# For a Celebration of Joyce's Life

**Joyce Sogg – a tribute**

Saturday, April 30, 2016; 3:00 pm

History Club of Los Gatos

(123 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos)

Refreshments will be served.

### What can I bring?

- Your memories, your stories, yourselves. Think of any fun or interesting stories to share about Joyce.
- **Especially Photos:** If you have photos to share, we'd love to see them; perhaps use them in a slide show. [Send them to Randy Gahm...the sooner the better; in digital format is best!] Email [ergahm@comcast.com](mailto:ergahm@comcast.com)  
 U.S. Mail E. R. Gahm  
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**Questions?** Please contact Karen Gahm, (425) 327-2443 or [kgahm50@gmail.com](mailto:kgahm50@gmail.com); or Carrie Sogg, (718) 499-7876 or [carrieok@mindspring.com](mailto:carrieok@mindspring.com)

## July 2015 Tech Trek Campers – Part 1 (see next month for Part 2)

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Stanford University  
July 9, 2015

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for sending me to **Tech Trek** which allowed me to attend a camp where almost everyone likes science and math. Thank you for helping me to learn about career options in the science field.

Some of the most wonderful experiences happened at camp. First, I remember dorm-life, and bonding with people I was lucky to meet. I also loved the speakers that presented, and all the side classes, like robotics and programming. Finally, I got the chance to learn about forensics, my core class.

Again, I am very grateful for this chance to attend **Tech Trek**. I hope that many more girls will get this experience.

–Nadia Selby

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Stanford University  
July 9, 2015

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for this amazing opportunity to attend **Tech Trek**. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Engineering was a blast and I made a lot of great friends.

Learning more about engineering really inspired me to try new things and ask questions. All the projects were really fun. Listening to people talk about what they love made me want to be an engineer.

This opportunity has taught me many life skills and about myself. I learned many important things and cherished my time here. Because of you I learned to make cars and hover crafts. Learned about Pixar.

**Tech Trek** was a truly wonderful experience that I will never forget. Thank you for showing me the world and making my dreams of science and math a reality.

Thank you.

–Kayleigh Khandelwal

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Stanford University  
July 9, 2015

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for sending me to **Tech Trek**! My experience was amazing!

I have been able to try so many new classes and have learned about topics I would have never thought of experiencing, like forensic science. I absolutely love my core class – forensics – because it is a whole new dimension to science. I also liked marine biology where we learned about the plastic in oceans and the effect on wildlife.

We had fun outside the classroom in dorm meetings and went to the pool. Going to **Tech Trek** was an experience unlike any other! Thank you.

–Ariana Yamouti

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Stanford University  
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for supporting and choosing me [to attend **Tech Trek**]. You have broadened my perspective of the science and math fields.

I have had many pleasurable experiences, such as with a woman from Pixar – who loves astronomy, a woman who is a veterinarian, and a woman who went to Antarctica to study phytoplankton.

I have not only learned from professional women, I also have learned from other girls like me. Each girl

comes from different backgrounds and many of them have experienced a harshness and unfairness from first-hand experience, yet they stay cheerful. This is remarkable for a girl who has lived in a sheltered area.

At **Tech Trek** I learned from professional women about the many options in the math and science fields. Also I learned to let go of certain experiences from the girls here at **Tech Trek**.

Thank you for helping to broaden my world.

–Aimi Wen, a happy Tech Trekker

## continued – AAUW Calendar

### May 2016

- 2 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (*Permanent Time Change*) Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.)
- 3 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **New Members and Visitors are Welcome.**
- 6 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Adventures in the Amazon Jungle** – Photographer Joan Sparks – Invited to photograph wildlife with some National Geographic photographers for a two week visit to a remote area in the Amazon Jungle. *"We hiked everywhere, discovered plants, avian and reptiles common to the area. It was a challenging trip at best hiking with all your photo gear trudging through knee high mud, bugs galore-colorful and poisonous to watch out for, beautiful birds that were candy to your eyes and monkeys . . ."* Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Everyone is Welcome.**



**Coming Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Gifts for Teens Major Fundraising



Mark your calendars! **Gifts for Teens** will again participate in *Silicon Valley Gives* (SVGives) Day of Giving on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Help **Gifts for Teens** by donating on-line.

This 24-hour online donation platform is a great way for donors to contribute to their favorite charity and give back to the community. As the major fundraising event of the year for **Gifts for Teens**, your generous donation will help us purchase useful and needed items to fill 1,200 holiday gift bags for needy and homeless teens. Our **Gift for Teens** shoppers are already looking for bargain deals and close to 98.5% of every penny you donate goes directly to the teen gift bags.

New this year, with dedicated matching funds, your donation can even go farther. Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar, until all the matching funds are used up. So, donate early in the day on May 3.

The process is easy. Contribute online using a credit/debit card at <http://svgives.razoo.com/story/Gifts-For-Teens>. Make your contribution to **Gifts for Teens** anytime on May 3 and join the spirit of giving. Your donation can and does make a difference in the life of a needy Bay Area teen.

–Jan Giroux, **Gifts for Teens**, [jgiroux603@aol.com](mailto:jgiroux603@aol.com)



### It's that time again!

## Membership Renewal

Renewal Forms will be mailed to you in early May.

If you have any questions, contact Virginia Turner, Membership V.P. at [vturner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vturner@sbcglobal.net); (408) 866-4234.



## April 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **ROME: 50 Years in the Eternal City** – All roads lead to Rome and they keep leading traveler **Virginia Turner** back. As a college student, she lived in Rome, returning many times with friends and family, children and grandchildren, seeing Rome as it was in ancient times and as it has changed in the past 50 years. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to the Public!**
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- 9 Saturday **Fundraiser – English Tea and Silent Auction.** 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center. **Door Prize. Jewelry Table.** Cost: \$47. Still time to make your reservations! Call Contact Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656 for tickets. *See front page for details.*
- 12 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children. (New Time)** Meets 3:00-4:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383.
- 14 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve** above Alum Rock Park. The new entrance to this *Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley* acquisition gives us spectacular views of the Valley from the east. Hike 5-7 miles. Bring your wild flower books, binoculars and lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at the Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 15 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com.
- 15 Friday **General Meeting – Let's Talk about Getting Older.** 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon in the Community Room, Saratoga Library. Co-Sponsored by the Soroptimist International of Los Gatos-Saratoga and the Saratoga Library. *See bottom of front page for details of the program.* **Open to the Public!**
- 15 – 17; Friday, Saturday & Sunday. **Convention 2016 AAUW-CA.** San Mateo Marriott (1770 So. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo.) Still time to make your reservations. Information about the convention is in the *California PERSPECTIVE*, Winter 2016 issue starting on page 5. Register online at aauw-ca.org; phone (916) 448-7795. **All Members are Welcome!**
- 19 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). **Book: "A Sudden Light"** by Garth Stein. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 20 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch. (New Date)** Meet 12:30 pm at **Mama Mia's Italian Restaurant** (200 East Campbell Ave, Campbell). RSVP to Barbara Hawkes (408) 395-4397. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Everyone is Welcome.**
- 21 Thursday **Trail Cleanup for Hikes and Walks** – on the AAUW adopted trail. Back-by-Noon + coffee or lunch. Bring gloves & clippers, if you have them. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 26 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 26 Tuesday **Film Buffs. (Change of Date & Time)** Meet at 1:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). RSVP to Lita Askanas, (408) 867-2543. Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**
- 28 Thursday **Back by Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Saratoga at Argonaut Center, (*way out in front of CVS*). Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**



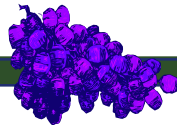


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Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Louise Quenon, Database Manager, [LQuenon@comcast.net](mailto:LQuenon@comcast.net)

### Membership Qualification

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](mailto:gail_pedersen@yahoo.com)

