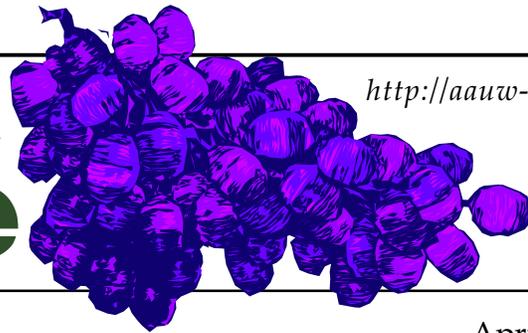


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Help Local Scholars & Homeless Women!



"April Showers"

Door Prizes
Jewelry Table

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

2017 English Tea & Silent Auction

Benefit for Homeless Women and Children & Local Scholarships
Saturday, April 8, 2017* | View Auction 1:00 pm & Tea 2:00 pm
Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center
19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga

TICKETS

Don't miss this popular event. A few tickets are still available!
Call Gail Pedersen, (408) 377-6895, to make your reservation
& pay at *Will Call* on the day of the Tea.

Cost: \$50 (\$28 tax deductible) Tax ID 77-0201841
Checks payable to ISPF – AAUW
Seating limited to 150

* Due to a catering conflict, the date for the English Tea has been changed to Saturday, April 8th

Coming Next Month . . .

Annual Spring Potluck Lunch and Program

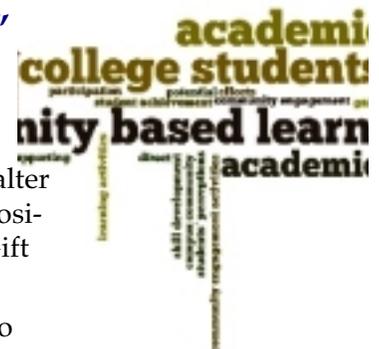
"The Meaning of Higher Education in Current Contexts"

Saturday, May 20, 2017 | 11:15 am – 1:30 pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga)

How has college changed since YOU attended? Our featured speaker Dr. Carla Walter is currently Provost at Presidio Graduate School. Dr. Walter served in many positions prior to moving into Higher Education. We will announce our Named Gift Honorees and our newest Honorary Life Members.

Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, beverages, and dessert. Questions? Contact Virginia Turner – vturner@sbcglobal.net or phone (408) 866-4234..



California Health Care Update . . .

New Single-Payer Health Bill – SB 562

The campaign to achieve a single payer health care system returned to the California legislature on February 17 (and referred to Committee on March 2) when Senators Ricardo Lara and Toni Atkins introduced SB 562, titled *Californians for a Healthy California*. Currently, it is a spot bill stating “the intent of the Legislature to enact a comprehensive universal single-payer care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state,” (from the text of the bill). It is expected that the full text will be released in about a month. The goal is to move the bill through the state Senate during this first year of the legislative session. It will be heard in the Senate Health and Appropriations Committees before going to the Senate floor. The text of the bill further states that all residents of the state have

a right to health care, and notes that under current law many Californians (*almost 3 million*) are left without coverage or with inadequate coverage.

The bill is modeled on one recently passed by the New York State Assembly. It is based on the same principles that underpinned the other earlier singly payer bills in California. SB 562 will establish a comprehensive public insurance plan that covers everyone and guarantees quality basic care – sometimes called a ‘*Medicare for All*’ plan. The plan will ensure that no one lacks access to care because of an inability to pay for it.

A fiscal study will be conducted to determine the impact of the bill. However, numerous studies in many parts of the country, including the 2006 *Lewin Report* in California, have shown that such a

single payer plan will save money over the status quo system based on private insurance. Thus, such a system is critically needed now as costs of care and coverage are rising and benefits are being reduced.

Advocates view this moment as presenting an excellent opportunity to achieve their goal, as our current system is under attack and a new way of ensuring access to care is needed. Advocacy for the bill is led by the Healthy California Campaign. The AllCare Alliance and Campaign for a Healthy California (CHC) are collaborating in mounting an energetic effort to educate the public and move the bill in the legislature. The League of Women Voters of California, a member of the AllCare Alliance, has consistently supported prior single payer legislation. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Reprinted from the LWV – Southwest Santa Clara Valley April 2017 VOTER newsletter, page 10.

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BOARD NOTES – at the April 6th Board Meeting

1. **National AAUW** is considering an increase of \$10 in national dues, effective July 1, 2018. The Board is concerned that a dues increase could negatively impact our membership, especially those who may be on fixed incomes. (*The dues will remain at \$89 again for next year 2017-18.*)
2. We have been given a 7th slot for **Tech Trek** this summer. Interviews will be conducted late in March.
3. Our **Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon** celebration will be Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (across from the Saratoga Public Library) this year. *See the bottom of front page for time and name of our speaker.*
4. The **nominating committee** is still trying to fill four slots of elected officers (President, President-elect, Program V.P. , and Legal Advocacy Fund V.P. (*See page 5 for the list of officers who have agreed to serve next year. Contact Virginia Turner if you want to fill a slot.*))

Read About . . .

The 2017 Local Scholarship Recipients

The Local Scholarship Committee met on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, to review and select the recipients of the AAUW Transfer Scholarship for 2016-2017. We are extremely pleased to introduce the two winners.

YASMEEN MARDI – Her goal is to attend UC Davis this fall to study Biology, with the career goal of becoming a pediatrician. Her mother's nursing career inspired Yasmeen's early interest in medicine. An enthusiastic student, she began courses at West Valley College before graduating with honors from Saratoga HS in 2016 with a GPA of 4.0. While at WVC she developed a keen interest in cell biology and became part of the Biology Dept. as a student assistant in the laboratory. Her cell biology and zoology studies at WVC changed her world-view and led her to add a minor in Environmental Sciences to her goals. Meanwhile she also volunteered at Redwood Middle School helping to enrich intermediate students' knowledge of math, reading, and writing. She received

the Saratoga HS Community Service award upon graduation for completing 200 hours of community service. In her spare time she also did an internship in a local cardiologist's office to become more familiar with the medical field. Coming from a single parent family, this scholarship will relieve some of the financial burden of her studies.

KARIN SHAMARDANI – Her goal is to attend UC Davis in the fall majoring in Cell Biology, with the career goal of becoming a dentist. Influenced by family members, who worked in the medical field and her own experiences in dental offices, she developed a desire to improve people's lives through dentistry. Upon graduating from high school in Iran, she immigrated alone to the US. Shortly after arriving here she began studies at West Valley College and needed to take ESL classes along with her biology and other science courses. However, she also found time to volunteer at Stanford Hospital as well as work as an intern at the DNA Sequenc-

ing Facility at UC Berkeley. Karin showed her leadership skills by founding the WVC Pre-Dental Society, the first pre-health club on campus. The society's focus is dental community service and members volunteer in local schools doing dental outreach programs. Karin, as a self-supporting student, will make good use of these scholarship funds.

There were a total of seven applicants for the scholarship, and it is always difficult for the committee to select two winners because they all have outstanding academic records and laudable career goals. Our branch members' donations and the April Showers English Tea & Silent Auction have given enough funding to award two scholarships of \$1,500 each. Thank you for your generosity in giving these two students extra support as they continue their education at university in the fall and pursue their STEM career goals!

The two recipients were introduced at the April Showers English Tea & Silent Auction held on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Local Scholarship Committee

The committee is composed of educators or those who have worked in educational institutions. Marilyn Fuller, Co-Chair – taught elementary and middle schools at three different CA districts for 34 years, the last 15 were in Campbell Elem. School District. Karen Pock- taught fifth grade in the Foothill Elementary School, Saratoga Union School District for 36 years. Ann Roberts taught at San Jose City College, Mission College and Campbell for a total of 26 years. Julie Stevens

worked as an administrative assistant in the Department of Civil Environmental Engineering at Stanford. Audry Lynch taught preschool, elementary, high school; 32 years as a counselor at an intermediate school and 25 years as a part time English instructor at Mission College. Sumi Tanabe, Co-Chair, worked at West Valley, District Office of the Chancellor and retired as a manager at Mission College and taught part-time Computer Applications for 20 years.





Margaret Laura (Peggy) Corr

December 7, 1921 - February 11, 2017
Resident of Los Gatos

Community leader Peggy Corr passed away peacefully at The Terraces of Los Gatos on Saturday, February 11, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. She was 95 years old.

Born Margaret Laura Beach on December 7, 1921 in Glenside, Pennsylvania, her parents were Merrill Ellsworth and Ethel Jane Beach. She graduated from Cheltenham High School in 1938 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from Drexel Institute of Technology where she met John Edward Corr. They were married on Armistice Day in 1944 and began their married life in Lynn, Massachusetts where they both worked for General Electric while John completed his Masters Degree in mechanical engineering at Harvard University.

They moved to Schenectady, New York where their daughter Maggie was born in 1949. They soon moved across the river to Scotia, where daughter Catherine was born in 1952. While raising her family Peggy began a long and illustrious career as a volunteer community leader.

She was founding president of Planned Parenthood in Schenectady County in 1956 and president of the League of Women Voters from 1958 to 1964. She was on the New York State Board of Directors of LWV from 1962 to 1964, served as a lobbyist for the LWV in the N. Y. State legislature until the family moved to Saratoga,

California in August, 1964.

Peggy picked up in California where she had left off in New York, joining both the local LWV and the AAUW. Peggy was the first woman to serve on the Saratoga City Council and served from 1974 to 1980. She was Vice Mayor for two years and was the Council liaison to numerous agencies including Santa Clara County Council on Aging and the Santa Clara County Criminal Justice Planning Board. She had a role in developing the Saratoga Public Library, Saratoga Senior Center and the Saratoga Adult Care Center. Over the years she was an active member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, the Ming Quong Guild, Friends of Saratoga Public Libraries, Saratoga Sister City, the Good Government Group of Saratoga, American Field Service Committee at Saratoga High School, the auxiliary of ASME and the Saratoga Foothill Club. She was honored as Saratoga Citizen of the year in 1983.

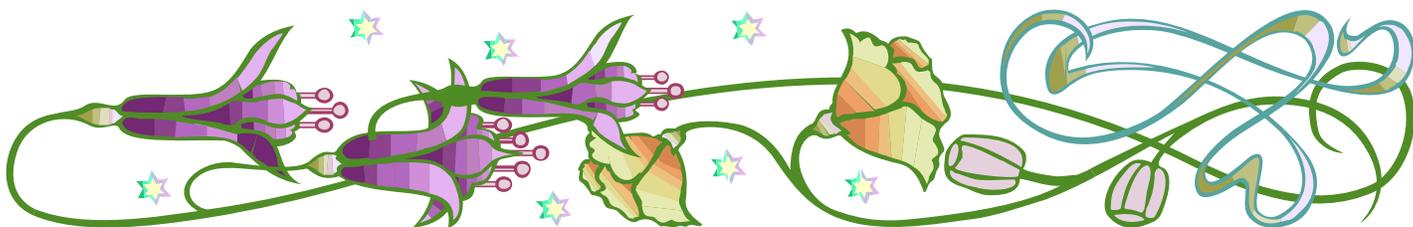
After John died in 1992 Peggy traveled extensively with family, friends and the Saratoga Sister City group.

An avid bridge player, Peggy routinely beat all comers at lively family Pinochle games and was always eager to learn a new game. She spent many hours doing needlepoint and created dozens of lovely cross-stitched samplers for friends and family.

Over the years Peggy volunteered hundreds of hours at the Book-Go-Round, the Echo Shop, the Hakone Garden Visitor Center and supporting community events and activities.

Peggy is survived by her daughters, Maggie Barr of Aptos, California, and Cathy Schmidt (Butch) of Wrangell, Alaska, her numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A family celebration of Peggy's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Peggy's family requests that donations be made in her honor to benefit the Saratoga Foothill Club Historic Landmark Foundation (*P.O. Box 2233, Saratoga, CA 95070*), the SASCC Saratoga Adult Care Center Program (*19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070*) or your favorite local charity.



Making Connections 2017

It is time for the AAUW **state annual meeting**, and we have an exciting day planned for you. First up, we will give you a report on the activities of your state board for 2016-17 while you enjoy a continental breakfast.

Next we will have *Table Talk – What's on Your Plate?* We'll create the space; you bring some "food for thought" and discussion. This will be a time to share best practices, talk about challenges, and take the opportunity to solve our puzzles together.

Finally, we will have the annual *Speech Trek Finals*. This event will be the centerpiece of the luncheon.

The cost is only \$50 for the day, which includes continental breakfast, annual meeting, Table Talk and the Speech Trek luncheon. Register online or use the form in the latest issue of AAUW-CA newsletter.

Join us at the **Marriott San Francisco Airport Hotel in San Mateo on April 22, 2017**. Register now – space is limited.



Nominees for 2017-2018

The following are the nominees for Elected Officers:

Financial V.P. – Louise Quenon
 Secretary – Kay Duffy
 Membership V.P. – Virginia Turner
 Membership Treasurer – Gail Pedersen
 AAUW Funds (*Authors' Lunch*) – Judith Borlase

We would love to have other members step forward to help run our branch and keep us strong and growing. Please consider whether you could serve in one of the open positions; many positions can be shared. We would be happy to give you information about the duties of each position.

President – **OPEN**
 President Elect – **OPEN**
 Program V.P. – **OPEN**
 Legal Advocacy Fund V.P. – **OPEN**

Additional nominees can be proposed at the Saturday, April 8, 2017 English Tea when elections will be held. Officers will be installed at the Saturday, May 20, 2017 Potluck Luncheon.

San Jose AAUW Third Wednesday Program Title IX in Our Schools

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 | 7:00 to 9:00 pm

San Jose AAUW Headquarters (*Willow Glen Public Library is next door*).

Find out about the *Current Status of Title IX*. This landmark law may be impacted by policies of the new administration. Kim Turner of *Legal Aid at Work* and Maha Ibrahim of *Equal Rights Advocates* will share insights and information about what is required for compliance in local schools.

Title IX states: "No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Because of this legislation from 1972, generations of girls have grown up with opportunities as competitors and leaders in fields that in the past were not open to women. Schools have the responsibility to be sure that these opportunities are available fairly to all students.

Title IX has been interpreted to cover classroom subjects and athletics as well as sexual harassment, non-traditional gendered students, and pregnant and parenting students.

\$1,000 Raised for AAUW Funds

Our three authors (*Janet Dawson, Shelly King and Anne Heffron*) captivated the audience the annual Author's Luncheon with their diverse stories about how they became authors and how they approach writing. They happily chatted with people and autographed their books. Along

with the fun of meeting three interesting women, we raised almost \$1,000 for the national AAUW Fund, which supports a wide range of community-based, mission-driven programs such as Start Smart and Work Smart, Elect Her, community action grants, graduate fellowships and research.

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

– Maya Angelou

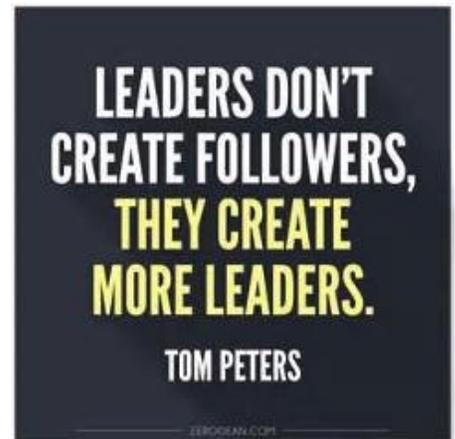
Generous Grants Kick Start Gifts for Teens 2017

Gifts for Teens was awarded two grants which will help us continue our mission of supporting homeless and low income South Bay teens. We are very grateful to Silicon Valley Cares and the Trombetta Foundation for their charitable and community minded focus. Silicon Valley Cares (SVC) is a group of philanthropic women whose efforts raise money for youth in the community. SVC's major fundraiser is the Broom Stick Ball, which will be held October 14, 2017. Look for details in a later Bonfire.



Additional donations of cash and gift items are also greatly appreciated at this time. This will allow the committee buyers to purchase bargain gifts to fill bags for this December. Contact Elaine Benoit, elaine@gifts4teens.org for either type of donation.

-Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens, jgiroux603aol.com



The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

April's Book

Book: *"The Japanese Lover"*
Author: Isabel Allendale
Reviewer: Roberta London



Isabel Allendale



Coming Next Month from San Jose AAUW Selecting A Senior Community

Saturday, May 20, 2017

10:00 am to 12 noon

Community Room, Willow Glen Library (next door to the San Jose AAUW branch house). Hear Jean Boyden, Financially Fit for Life

Are you planning to live in a senior community in the future, but don't know where to begin your search or what to ask?

Plan to attend Financially Fit for Life's speakers panel on *"Selecting a Senior Community"* for information to help get you started. We will meet at the Community Room at the Willow Glen Library for the discussion, and the conversation will continue next door at the San Jose AAUW Headquarters. Mark your calendar for this event.

May's Book

Book: *"Old Filth"*
Author: Jane Gardam
Reviewer: Pauline Berkowitz



Jane Gardam

April 2017 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:00 in the community room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave. & Saratoga-Las Gatos Rd.
- 4 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Barbara Davis's home (7608 Erin Way, Cupertino). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome!**
- 7 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: *A Photographic Tour Of Machu Picchu and Other Ruins of Peru.* Presented by Photographer Jim Katzmann. This tour included visits to Lima, Cuzco, The Sacred Valley of the Incas, Ollantaytambo, the Pisa Ruins and the Market, Sacsay human, cultivating with a two-day tour to Machu Picchu. **Open to the Public!**
- 8 Saturday **English Tea & Silent Auction.** Fundraiser to benefit the Homeless Committee and Local Scholarships. 1:00 pm opens for auction viewing; 2:00 -4:00 pm English Tea. **A few tickets are available.** Call Gail Pedersen for a reservation, (408) 377-6895. *See front page for details.*
- 11 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 3:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383.
- 13 Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks. Sierra Vista Open Space Preserve.** We are repeating this spectacular hike above Alum Rock Park. This new entrance and trail gives us fabulous views from the Valley from the East and gorgeous Wildflower displays. Bring your wildflower books, binoculars and lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am. Los Gatos in "Free Parking-Northside Lot" back behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 18 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6150, Saratoga). Book: *The Japanese Lover*, by Isabel Allende . Reviewer: Roberta London. RSVP Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Book Lover's are Welcome.**
- 19 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:30 pm at the *Blue Door*, (1502 Saratoga Ave. San Jose at Westgate Shopping Center). RSVP Barbara Allen, (408)354-8208. Chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 348-9211. **Friendly Group – Join Us for Good Food and Conversation!**
- 21 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.
- 25 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Barbara Davis's home (7608 Erin Way, Cupertino). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome!**
- 25 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meet at 1:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community, RSVP Lita Askansas, (408)867-2543. **Chair:** Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**
- 27 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Exercise 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!**

May 2017

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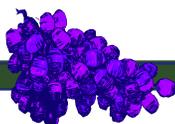


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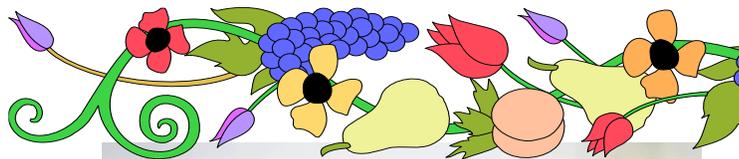
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It's that time again!
Membership Renewal

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; (408) 866-4234.



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**WITH DREAMS
BECOME WOMEN**
with vision.