

April General Meeting – Speaker from the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office

Scams, Spams and Other Lies: Being a Savvy Consumer

Friday, April 25, 2014

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Community Room, Saratoga Public Library



Patti McRae, Director of Mediation Services, Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office, will discuss some of the ways that criminals will try to fool you and take your money – or your identify.

Do you think that someone in Nigeria will pay you to help them move funds to the U.S.? If you do, the only money that moves will be out of your bank account and into theirs. **Did you find out that you won a foreign lottery?** If you need to send money in order to claim your winnings, it’s a scam.

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Coming Next Month . . .

Our Annual Spring Potluck is May 17, 2014

We’ve been busy raising money to help provide educational opportunities for women and girls.

Now it’s time to meet some of the women who have benefited from our efforts. Recipients of our local scholarships and girls who attended Tech Trek will be there.

Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2014 | **TIME:** 11:15 - 1:30 pm |

GUEST SPEAKER: Kathleen Krenek, with *Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence*, received a one year Community Action Grant from AAUW. She works with the *Self Sufficiency Program* in San Jose.

PLACE: St. Andrews Episcopal Church; 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga

Letter from the President

Our Committee to Support Local Women and Girls has worked all year to make our Silver English Tea and Silent Auction fundraiser on March 29 a huge success. Many thanks to all those involved, including **Nancy Anderson, Margaret Bard, Charlene Bunger, Vicki Feigelson, Linda Hagelin, Nancy Hobbs, Pat Khan, Joan Kjemtrup, Marlene Lamb, JoAn Lambert, Lavonne Marafino, Blenda Mariani, Louise Quenon, Ann Roberts, Sumi Tanabe, Patty Weber, Jean Wenberg, and Geri Williams.** They're a great bunch to work with!

More thanks are in order to the students serving at the tea who came from **Saratoga High School Interact Club** and **Lynbrook High School Octagon Club.** The beautiful centerpieces were provided by **Jean Knofler.** And many thanks to everyone who contributed silent auction items and jewelry for the event.

Proceeds from the Tea will benefit our three local projects: Tech Trek science/math camp at Stanford University; Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College to a four-year college; and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children which supports agencies working with homeless women and their families.

AAUW was well represented at **Lilly Ledbetter's** keynote speech at the South Bay Women's Conference on March 8 at San Jose State University. Lilly talked about her years working as a supervisor at the Goodyear Tire plant and detailed the high points – and low points – of her subsequent long legal battle to get equal pay for equal work. She pointed out that her unequal pay led directly to lower retirement benefits, reduced overtime pay and lower Social Security income which continue to affect her and her family financially. Her book, *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*, is available online and in book stores,

You will find the **Nominations** for elected officers who will lead our Branch in the coming year in the next column. There are still a few open positions that we need to fill; please let me know if you might be interested in serving on the Board (co-chairs are welcome) or working on one of the committees. This is **your** Branch; we welcome your help and ideas!

–Virginia Turner, President
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Report from the Nominating Committee

The following are the nominees for Elected Officers:

President – Virginia Turner
 President Elect – **OPEN**
 Program VP – Shirley Cancellieri
 Membership VP – **OPEN**
 Financial VP – Louise Quenon
 Secretary – Kay Duffy
 AAUW Funds VP – Geri Williams
 Legal Advocacy Fund VP – **OPEN**

Elections for next year's officers will be held at the April 25, 2014 General Meeting, and additional nominees can be proposed at that meeting.

Officers will be installed at the May 17 meeting and potluck lunch.



31st Annual Wildflower Run

Morgan Hill's 31st AAUW Wildflower Run



The 31st annual AAUW WILDFLOWER RUN will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2014 in Morgan Hill, CA at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main Av.

Reduced registration rates through April 3, 2014.

This is a fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K Run, 5K Walk and Run, 2K Run for kids 10 and under, 5K stroller/ baby jogger. Family and group rates are available.

FREE! Jamba Juice Smoothies, t-shirts, and goody bags for all.

Details and registration are available at www.WildflowerRun.org

Register online at www.racemine.com or www.active.com

COME RUN WITH US!

Energizing AAUW California Convention

E3 = Engage, Educate, Empower – April 11-13, 2014

Regular registration (\$249) has been extended through March 31. Late registration (\$279) begins April 1.

The theme of this year's convention is Energizing AAUW CA! E3 = Engage, Educate, Empower . . . A Formula for Success. The meeting will be held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel, April 11 – 13. There will be workshops, speakers and exhibits which highlight all that is happening throughout the state. Watch for more details in the next issue of California Perspective or on the California website www.aauw-ca.org.

The state convention is held every other year and alternates between northern and southern California. Several branch members attended the California convention in Santa Clara two years ago and found it quite interesting and energizing. If you are interested in representing our branch at the convention, please let me know; we do have money in our budget to send a representative.

–Virginia Turner

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Energizing
AAUW CA!



E³ = ENGAGE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER

...a Formula for Success.

Help Our Branch Membership Grow!

We're planning a reception for prospective new AAUW members on Sunday, April 6 at 2 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. They can learn more about AAUW's mission, see what is happening in our Los Gatos-Saratoga branch, and get to know us in a casual setting.

We need your help to make our membership grow!

Please invite qualified friends, family and neighbors to attend – please come with them, if you can.

Call me (408-866-4234) or send an email to vturner@sbcglobal.net to let us know you're coming so we

will have plenty of refreshments and enough chairs to go around.

AAUW means different things to different people at different times. When I first joined AAUW I was working full time and had a young child; I was not very active in my branch, primarily playing bridge and occasionally attending a general meeting. I got to know a variety of educated, interesting women — and some were great bridge players. As my children grew up and my jobs changed, I became more involved with AAUW, attending Great Decisions, participating in a Best Sellers book group, working on several committees and ultimately

taking on various leadership roles. Of course when I moved to Saratoga about 14 years ago, I joined the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch and have become VERY involved, to say the least.

We value members who can only support our mission by paying their dues just as much as those who can help make the branch run. There is a place for all of them in AAUW. We look forward to talking with prospective members not just at the reception April 6, 2014 but at any time during the year; Gail Pedersen would be happy to send them an informational packet even if they can't attend the reception.

–Virginia Turner, President



Help Keep AAUW CA Strong, Growing and Vibrant.

Voting for AAUW CA runs from April 12 – May 2. This year, let's all vote and keep AAUW CA strong and vibrant, serving the Branches! You will receive an email alert with the online voting instructions or, if you don't have email, a postcard with instructions on how to request a ballot.

This is an important year for voting as the AAUW CA Board of Directors has put on the ballot a \$4 state dues increase. This would increase the state dues from \$16 to \$20 starting July 1, 2015.

Does this sound familiar? Yes, it does, because we voted on this last year but the dues increase needed a 2/3 majority to pass and the vote fell short by less than 3%. It has been ten years since the last dues increase and during that decade the cost of doing business has grown significantly.

Being on the AAUW CA Board of Directors for almost two years, I have been very impressed with how hard the Board members work and how careful all Board members are with the dues income available. Many cost-cutting measures have been undertaken: moving the state office into a space shared with other non-profits which is a much less expensive space; state conventions are now every other

year; the state board has been reduced in size from 36 (a few years ago) to 12; and emailing of the CA Perspective. One can still opt to receive a hard copy, but electronic mailing is significantly less costly.

For the past several years, the state organization has had to dip into reserves to the tune of \$30,000-40,000. This is unsustainable. Action needs to be taken now to insure that, starting in 2015, AAUW CA will receive sufficient income to operate.

The Dues Analysis Task Force Report with Recommendations offers further details and clarification. This document can be found at www.aauw-ca.org under the AAUW CA Business tab as the first item listed under Finance.

CA AAUW provides crucial support to the branches, including fiscal and legal oversight and structure; statewide programs including Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Financial Literacy (Start \$mart), and Leader on Loan; leadership training; mission based program, membership and AAUW Funds support; and public policy emphasis, including the Sacramento legislative lobbyist.

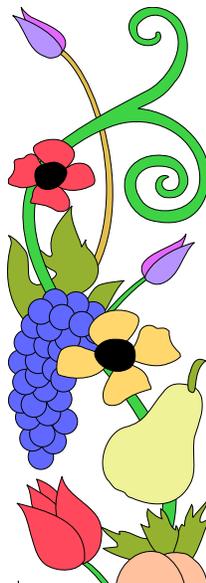
–Virginia Beck, AAUW CA Board of Directors
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Qualification of Membership

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



*“The breeze, the trees,
the honey bees –
All volunteers!”*
–Juliet Carinreap

*“Those who can, do.
Those who can do more,
volunteer.”*
–Author Unknown



In Memoriam – Jean Foss

Jean’s daughter, Coral Knudsen, let us know that her mother passed away on December 16, 2013. As far as a funeral there will none, but we will have her ashes scattered sometime this summer. Jean Foss was AAUW branch president in 1976-77.

I am slow getting information out, forgive me. I miss having her around. I was able to be around her the last 6 months of her life. I just thought I would have her here longer.

I enjoyed being with her in the past years when she was the president during the fundraisers around Christmas time at Montalvo Village. There were many things she did for the organization, and she was an inspiration to me in my later years and I hope for other people as well. She will truly be missed.

– Coral Knudsen
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Announcements from AAUW-CA

Nominations & Elections

We now have a candidate for secretary and four candidates for director.

There are five director positions in this election. The deadline for submission of nominations for state board is April 6, so get them to me soon. You will find instructions and required forms at aauw-ca.org.

There will be on-site voting at the convention! Computers will be available and the voting hours are:

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 13, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

Of course, you can vote from your own computer or mobile device as soon as you receive your voting code from Vote-Now.

Contact me with any questions.

–Deanna Arthur, *Elections & Nominations Chair*,
elections@aauw-ca.org



Send in Your Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership. You will be receiving your renewal letters in only a few weeks! Don't get left out of next year's Directory – renew promptly.

As you send in your renewals for 2014- 2015, consider a donation to the Branch operations. Your donations are allowing us to build the reserve account and improve the Branch's financial stability.

Remember to update any changes in contact information on your Application. Keep our records up-to-date so that the Directory is up-to-date.

If you have any questions about your membership, call Gail Pedersen, (Interim) Membership Treasurer at 408-377-6895

Thank you. Pat Khan, Finance VP

Public Policy

Equal Pay Day, April 8, 2014 is fast approaching!

How is your branch calling attention to the fact that women still earn less than men for doing equal work? Check the AAUW CA website under Public Policy for "Quick and Easy Ideas for Equal Pay Day 2014" . **There's still time!**

–Sue Miller, *Public Policy Director*,
smiller@aauw-ca.org

California, Here We Come!

Next year's AAUW National Convention in San Diego will be even bigger and better. So save the date — June 18–21, 2015 — on your calendars. **Join the wave in San Diego!**

Convention attendees left New Orleans recharged and eager to put in motion tons of new and creative ideas. Don't just take our word for it — here's what one member had to say about the 2013 event: "This was, without a doubt, the best convention I've ever attended (and I started in the '70s!)."



"Throughout my life. I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer!"

–Jimmy Carter

April 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets 1:30-3:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-Chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 3 Thursday **Trail Clean-up.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Los Gatos Free Parking – Northside Lot, behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 4 Friday **Armchair Traveler** meets at 7:30, The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **Madagascar.** Presented by George and Tamara Mednick. Madagascar is the world's largest island, having broken away from Africa well over 150 million years ago. This isolation makes it a living laboratory of evolution, with plants and animals found nowhere else on earth. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-chair: Pat Khan. (408) 741-1616.
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm, the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. All are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 9 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 12:30 pm at BJ's Restaurant Brewhouse in Cupertino, 10690 N. De Anza Blvd, Cupertino, across from Apple. Organizer: Marie McGowan. RSVP to Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone is Welcome.**
- 10 Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks: Sunol Regional Park:** Just over the east hills on 680 in a lovely valley. Hike 5 - 7 miles up and down beautiful green hills. Wonderful views and wild flowers. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Los Gatos "Free Parking – Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 15 Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm, the Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. Main Building. Book: *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candace Millard. Reviewed by Ann Roberts. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 18 Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings whatever book they want to talk about. Call Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625, for more information.
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- 24 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga. Park way out in front of CVS. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 25 Friday **General Meeting:** "*Scams, Spams, and Other Lies: Being a Savvy Consumer*". 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Community Room of the Saratoga Library. 13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga. Speaker: Patti McRae, Director of Mediation Services, Consumer Protection Unit of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, will discuss the latest scams and consumer frauds. Free and Open to the Public.
- 29 Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets at 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the home of Vicki Feigelson, 20075 Seagull Way, Saratoga. RSVP to Vicki, (408) 255-8822. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

May 2014

- 2 Friday **Armchair Traveler** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. **Program: the Antarctic region.** Doug Cheeseman is an ecology safari leader, biologist, and photographer. Doug concentrates on action photographs of wildlife behavior, such as leopard seals hunting penguins and albatrosses displaying during breeding season. Join us for a unique look at this fascinating world.
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Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Louise Quenon, Database Manager, LQuenon@comcast.net



Sunshine to a Member in Need!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Please send her information to Sarah Model, our new Sunshine Chair.

Contact Sarah at (408) 867-2634
or fritznbits@aol.com