

December General Meeting



Come One! Come All! to . . . the Annual AAUW Holiday Party!

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2011, from 2:00 and 4:00 pm

Place: at Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga
(note new location)

Bring: A plate of your favorite holiday savory finger-food, a dessert treat or a bottle of wine to share. (A nonalcoholic punch will be provided.)

Good Food! Good Company! Good Conversation!

Put on your smile and bring your holiday spirit and join your AAUW friends and their guests for an afternoon of celebration and good cheer. Plan to take a little time to relax and catch up with friends, old and new. We cordially invite members, spouses or guests and new members!

A special thank you to Nancy Anderson for hosting this year's party at her lovely home!

We especially look forward to meeting all of our new members and "putting names to faces" at the Holiday Gala.

Coming Next Month . . .

January 2012 Benefiting AAUW Funds

Author's Luncheon 2012

Chair: Geri Williams

When: Wednesday, January 25, Lunch served 11:45 am

Where: La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

See page 3 for mini bios of this year's three authors.

See the flyer inserted in this Grapevine Issue (for those who receive mailed copies). For our digital PDF Grapevine users check out page 9 for the flyer.

Book Club – PM

The January book to read is:

The Genius of All of Us, by David Shenk

Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm (*see the January calendar next month for details*).

Travel "Armchair" Adventures

The travel slide presentation will be:

"Exploring the South Pacific by Sailboat." Meets the First Friday at 8:00 pm (*see the January calendar next month for details*).

Message from the December 2011 Chairwomen of the Month Committee

November's General Meeting was a resounding success!

I want to thank Mary Gardner for a wonderful talk about "*Leadership and Women*" at November's General Meeting. The presentation of her book *Women's Ways of Leading* was vivid and instructive. Hearing people tell her that she spoke with great passion was thrilling because I know that this book and the women's leadership topic are very close to her heart.

During her presentation, Mary shared meaningful poems and interesting personal stories from her experience and from the women in the book. There was lively audience participation and many in the audience left with an strong desire to read the book.

It was so good that Eleanor Yick and Wendy Hendry were able to be with us. Thank you for helping Mary Gardner with her book sales. It is so much fun to have the author sign a book just for you! Many of the books were purchased for daughters and a story to go with each sale. The Los Gatos superintendent ordered three books for her Advisory Team.

The success is owed to many people!

I want to thank Lavonne Marafino for taking on the meeting portion of the morning. Lots of valuable information was shared with the 70 + people that were in attendance. Lavonne has been a great mentor for those of us who have taken on a Chairwomen assignment. It is a challenging but also a rewarding task. I am so pleased with how this endeavor has given many women a chance to use their leadership skills and to help the branch this year.

Louise Benjamin and Lydia Mednick, you were right there to help with name tags for members and guests. And it looked like most everyone remembered to turn them in. Judy Borlase thank you too.

Shirley Cancellieri and Marie Horn, thanks for your help keeping things moving along at the refreshment tables. And thanks to the two gourmet interest groups who brought the delicious breakfast treats.

Your publicity efforts paid off! Joan Kjemtrup, you were successful getting the event information in local weekly newspapers, sending out "Save the Date" notices and even having three people respond to the Los Gatos Weekly Times event notice. Also, thank you handling the coffee and tea making. You can put it all away until February now!

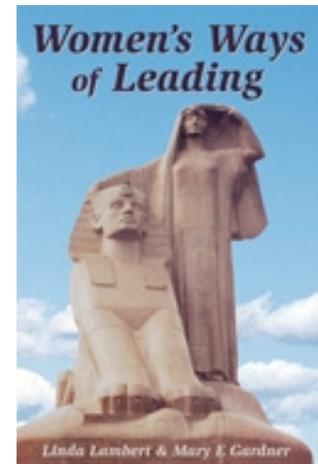
And Gail Pedersen! All the Grapevine articles, email messages and flyers sent out to the community helped. Communication is the key to keeping our monthly Chairwomen events successful. Thank you.

You are invited to the Annual Holiday Party!

It was so helpful to have Charlene Bunger reminding people about the Holiday Party in December. We hope to see you there on Sunday, December 12 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. (See the front page for the details. The location has changed to Nancy Anderson's home.)

I want to thank you all. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with you in supporting our branch activities and the goals of AAUW.

–Terri Raynaud



I echo Terri's thanks to you all and also want to give a shout out to Terri Raynaud. She made Saturday pure joy for me. Her organization skills and her caring touch were both appreciated. I did not publicly give you enough thanks for a smooth, exciting event.

I enjoyed seeing so many Saratoga faces and enjoyed meeting new people. I applaud all of you for your work in leadership. Saturday will stand out as one of my fondest book talks.

Thank you, Thank you.

–Mary Gardner



Preview of the 2012 Author's Luncheon Speakers

Benefiting AAUW Funds

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

La Rinconada Country Club, 14587 Chearview Dr., Los Gatos

11:15 am No-host Wine Bar | 11:45 am Lunch

\$55 (\$25 tax deductible) / Make Your Reservations by January 15, 2012



About the Authors . . .



Betty Auchard



Julia Matsushima



Helen Wang

Betty Auchard, a native of Iowa, retired art teacher, mother of four and grandmother of fourteen, started writing in 1998 after the death of her husband.

Her new memoir, *“The Home for the Friendless: Finding Hope, Love, and Family,”* was a finalist in the National Indie Excellence Awards in two categories: one for content and another for book design.

“The Home for the Friendless”—takes place in Iowa, and is a collection of Betty’s humorous and poignant stories about her unconventional family making their way through the Depression and WWII.

Julia Matsushima has written a book *For the Love of Aimee: A Memoir*. Owner of an interior design and consulting business and a community leader, Julie Riera Matsushima’s life took a dramatic turn with the birth of twin granddaughters in 1997. Since accompanying her three-year-old handicapped granddaughter to Poland for cutting-edge cerebral palsy therapy, Julie has tirelessly advocated for children with special needs.

In 2001 she established the nonprofit That’s Amore Charitable Foundation, Inc. to serve children with disabilities.

Helen H. Wang is a Forbes columnist, consultant, and expert on China’s middle class.

Wang’s book *The Chinese Dream: The Rise of the World’s Largest Middle Class and What It Means to You* is top rated #3 on Amazon Kindle Store. Wang has been quoted by the Wall Street Journal, The Christian Science Monitor, and featured in San Jose Mercury News, Boston Review, China Daily, Asia Times, and other major media.

Originally from China, Wang has lived in the U. S. for over twenty years.



Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

January’s Chairwomen Committee –

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“Go the extra mile. It’s never crowded.”
–Anonymous

Help Protect All Students from Bullying and Harassment!

Tell the Senate to Promote the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 506)

This week, AAUW released a brand new report about sexual harassment in grades seven through twelve, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*. The many disturbing stories and statistics our researchers gathered add up to one fact: sexual harassment is part of everyday life in middle schools and high schools across America.

You can do your part, right now, to help change this: Ask your senators to

promote the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 509)!

The Safe Schools Improvement Act would significantly strengthen schools' ability and responsibility to combat sexual harassment and bullying. It would require schools to have comprehensive anti-harassment and bullying policies and promote prevention strategies. The bill would also tell schools to maintain and report data regarding incidents of bullying and harassment.

The best and fastest way for this critical bill to become law is as an

amendment to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). ESEA is the law that sets some of the educational and disciplinary standards by which middle and high schools which receive federal funding — and right now, its anti-harassment and bullying rules are woefully inadequate.

So if you, your friends, or children were bullied or harassed, you can stand up and say "Enough is enough." Tell your senators to support the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S.506) as an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization!

Join Us for the Annual Focus on Membership Program!

Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW)

Together We Make a Difference!

February 2012 General Meeting

Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 1:00-3:00 pm
at the Terraces of Los Gatos (on Blossom Hill Rd. in Los Gatos)



AAUW 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.

If you have questions or want to receive a membership application, contact Charlene Bunger, Membership VP, lgs_aauw@ymail.com or call her at 440-0063.



Keep Up with the Current Interests Blog

The smart thing to do in these troubled, modern times is to keep informed.

A pleasurable way to do just that is to attend Shirley Cancellieri's "Current Interests Blog." Lunch and conversation takes place at 12:30 pm at the Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga.

The meetings are the first Wednesday of every month. Good food and excellent conversation are available along with splendid company. Try it. You'll like it.

See for yourself on December 7th, a famous date, if ever there was one.

–Shirley Cancellieri, chair

–Joan Kjemtrup and Barbara Hawkes, co-chairs



GIFTS FOR TEENS: HOLIDAY HELPING

Share your festive holiday spirit and caring compassion with needy homeless and low-income San Jose teenagers by helping create and distribute gift bags stuffed with useful and fun items that teens love. Help make the holidays brighter for local youth. Participate in this feel-good holiday activity.

TO DONATE: Cash and teen gift items are being collected by Elaine Benoit, ebenoit@pacbell.net, 268-9654.

TO VOLUNTEER: December 7 through December 15. Schedule a bag filling shift, 9:00-12 noon, or 1:00-4:00 pm with Cherylmarkman@hotmail.com, 578-8315, www.gifts4teens.org. Times are filling fast. Site location is in the shopping center at Almaden Expressway and Via Valiente, just 5 minutes south off Hwy 85, San Jose.

–Elaine Benoit, ebenoit@pacbell.net

Homeless Committee News

GIFTS FOR WOMEN

If anyone would like to contribute gift items for the women at the overnight shelter you can bring them to the holiday party at Nancy Anderson's home. On December 15th we will take them with the others we have collected as well as a delicious holiday dinner to the Commercial Street Inn, the overnight women and children's shelter. This party will be for the women only as most of them receive no other holiday gifts.

Suggestions: scarves, gloves, umbrellas, fleece throw blankets, socks, cosmetics, extra-large sweat shirts and pants. If you gift wrap them please attach an identifying note as to item and size.

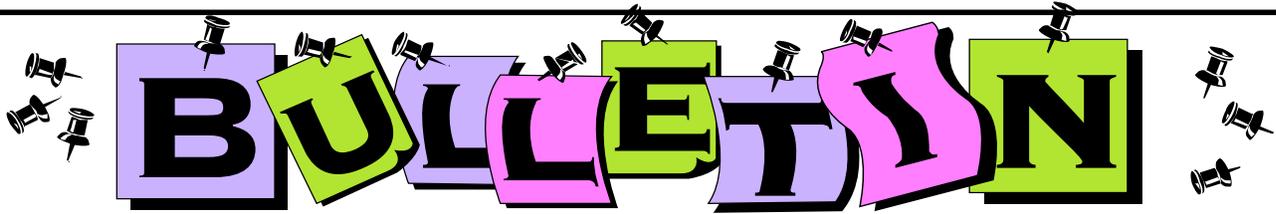
GTC TOUR

Although most of us on the committee are very familiar with the Georgia Travis Center we have been made aware of a number of changes in the building which we wanted to see. Thanks to Julia Burkhead, Executive Director, we enjoyed a lengthy tour of the Center along with a quick run through of the Commercial Street Inn across from GTC. The huge warehouse building is a welcoming environment for the many people in need. The front reception area is freshly painted, and after checking in with the receptionist a client is taken to the front office where the social worker accesses the needs and begins the referral process. The client can then do any of the following. The large center room has a cafe for a hot lunch and the station where one picks up their towel and toiletries for the shower room. Laundry facilities are off to the side. Meanwhile - from this station, one can see the women in the computer room with the teacher, the hall to the children's day care center, the circle of women in the domestic violence workshop, and the door to the room where substance abuse addition therapy is taking place. Along the hall is the fully equipped medical examination room where a doctor volunteers twice a week. Outside, a complete playground awaits the children.

So rather than a barren warehouse, it is colorful, bustling with activity, and serving people with a variety of needs. Next month we will describe Commercial Street Inn as we report on the holiday party. Good wishes for your holiday season.

For information, please contact Nancy Anderson - Dander2567@aol.com or 867-4383





Two Longtime branch AAUW Members have Died

Lillian Nerenberg

Lillian Nerenberg, teacher, author, and attorney, died on November 2 in Los Gatos. She was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the American Association of University Women, a Charter Member and a 50-year Member of the Southwest Santa Clara Valley League of Women Voters. Coauthor of high school text American Government in Action.

Lillian started law school at age 54, completing the University of Santa Clara program in four years while continuing her 25-year career teaching Political Science at West Valley College. As a Charter Member of the California State Bar, she spent her entire legal career doing pro bono work for Senior Adult Legal Assistance.



Maxine Deurell

Maxine Pexton Deurell, a longtime resident of Saratoga, died on Aug. 9. She was 95.

She was born in Neligh, Neb., and later lived on ranch near Douglas, Wyo., before moving to Santa Rosa. She attended Santa Rosa Junior College and graduated from San Jose State, where she met her husband of 54 years, Herman Deurell. Her first teaching position was in a one-room schoolhouse near Santa Rosa.

After the couple married, they settled in Saratoga. Mrs. Deurell served on the Youth Center committee and as a Girl Scout leader (for which she received the Thanks Badge that recognized outstanding performance as an adult volunteer), and she was a past president of the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of the AAUW (1973-1974) and the Saratoga Foothill Club (1979-1980).

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

—Winston Churchill

News About Our Member

Audry Lynch (*a Los Gatos-Saratoga branch member*) was the luncheon speaker for the October meeting of the Harvard Club of Boston. Located at One Federal Street, in the heart of Boston's financial district, the building is one of the most beautiful in downtown Boston. During the month of October, Harvard was celebrating the 350th anniversary of its founding.

Audry's speech was titled: *Two Rebels With a Cause, John Steinbeck and James Dean*. The speech was based on a book Audry has published, *"The Rebel Figure in American Literature and Film: The Interconnectedness of the lives of John Steinbeck and James Dean."*

The talk was well-received by the audience and one of the alumni gave Audry his Harvard tie in appreciation.

Audry also gave the same talk to the reunion gathering of the Radcliffe Class of 1955. Two of the members presented Audry's book to the Schlesinger Library which is part of the Harvard Library System. The library also has a selection of Audry's papers.

Coming Soon! The Tech Trek Fundraising Games Party has moved to March!

The Annual Games Party will be held at The Terraces of Los Gatos the 4th Thursday of March. The date will be March 27, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm This is our chance to support Tech Trek and raise money to send girls to the Stanford Science and Math camp.

Call Louise Quenon (867 0698) if you have any questions.



December 2011 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. *Trail Cleanup*. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Park & Ride behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 5 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 6 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383; Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 7 Wednesday **Current Interests Blog**, 12:30 pm at Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga. Chair: Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586. Co-chairs: Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016; Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397.
- 8 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. *Holiday Hike and Party*. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride. One of our favorite hikes along the banks of Fall Creek under redwoods, 5-6 miles. **We will have our Christmas Party and lunch at the friendly Hallcrest Winery. Bring holiday “goodies” to share for lunch.** Kay will provide drinks, plates, and utensils. (*Note: if the weather is really poor, we will party at Kay’s at 11:30 am.*) Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 11 Sunday **Holiday Party**, 2:00-4:00 pm, (*note change of location*) at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. Chairs: Gail Pedersen, Terri Raynaud and Arleen Pickett.
- 13 Tuesday **Committee on Homeless Women and Children**, 11:00 am (*note change of time*) **Annual Holiday Potluck and Gift Wrapping for CSI Party** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
- 14 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30 am at La Rinconada Country Club, 14595 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos. For reservations call Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607. **All Members and their guests are welcome!** Chair: Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607.
- 20 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 3:30 pm (*Note change of time.*) **Annual Holiday Gathering**. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Also bring a holiday book or poem to share. Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, 741-7820. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, 356-8441.
- 22 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike**, 9:00 am. **Take a break from your holiday chores and get some exercise with friends.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, way out front of CVS; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 27 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30-2:30 pm. We will see a movie together. Mary Ellen will e-mail or call with the name, place and time of movie. For more information call Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.

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- 6 Friday **Travel Armchair Adventures**, 7:30 pm. The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. *Exploring the South Pacific by Sailboat*. If you have ever just wanted to sail away in the sunset, you will enjoy sailing with Sue Swackhammer and her husband Barry who, after renting out their house for four years, sailed from San Francisco to Australia on a 43’ sailboat. Sue will describe what cruising sailors see and do as they pass through the Equator, French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Western Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji. **Join us for another real adventure!**





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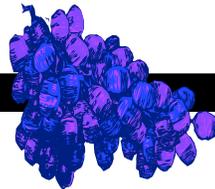
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Qualification of Membership

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.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch AAUW

Authors' Luncheon 2012

Benefiting AAUW Funds (formerly The Educational Foundation)

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La Rinconada Country Club, 14597 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

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~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to a delicious luncheon of Compressed Arugula and Manchego (chicken) Salad (Vegetarian on request) and a tempting Chocolate dessert ~

\$55 (\$25 tax deductible) per person

Reservations with payment must be received by January 15, 2012

No-host wine bar opens at 11:00 am | Lunch served at 11:45 am

Open Seating Tables of 8 — Arrive Early to Select Your Seat

DIRECTIONS to La Rinconada Country Club: From Winchester Blvd. take Wimbledon Drive and turn left onto Clearview Drive; club entry is between two houses. Parking in front of the clubhouse.

For additional information please call Geri Williams, (408) 642-5042.

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Number attending _____ x \$55 each = \$_____ (Total Enclosed)

NAMES as you would like them on badge(s): _____ PHONE _____

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