

Good food! Good Company!



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW
Come One! Come All!
Annual Holiday Party 2013!

When: Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga –
cross street Saratoga and Scotland Avenues

Join Us! All members and their guest are invited to join the celebration at our Holiday Gala! Meet new members and renew friendships at this fun, relaxed and festive party.

The board is bringing savory finger-foods, dessert treats and white or sparkling wine (*a nonalcoholic punch will be provided*).

You are welcome to bring a plate of your favorite holiday goodies or a bottle of wine. The most important thing is that you come and have fun with your fellow AAUW friends.

New Members are especially invited!

Coming Next Month . . .

Save the Date! for the Annual Author's Luncheon

Thursday, January 23, 2014

At the La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

Time: 11:45 - 2:30 pm

Join us at the annual Authors' Luncheon, sponsored by the Los Gatos/Saratoga branch of the American Association of University Women. A flyer is included in this month's *Grapevine*. This year's panel of authors promises to be very informative and entertaining. **Join us!**

Hicklebee's will again have the author's books for sale, as well as a great display of the latest best books for us to peruse. We really look forward to welcoming you at this special event.



Letter from the President

Happy Holidays!

Our traditional branch holiday party will be Sunday afternoon, December 8, 2013 at the beautifully decorated home of **Nancy Anderson** (*details on the front page*). Bring a prospective member, bring your significant other, bring a plate of goodies, and share some holiday cheer with us. You'll find that Nancy has already "*Decked the Halls*" for our enjoyment.

It's interesting to see what holiday traditions are observed in other countries. My husband and I recently spent a couple of weeks in Australia and enjoyed seeing so many brightly colored birds and unique animals. Even as their summer approaches, the shops displayed holiday decorations in keeping with the land Down Under — koalas riding in sleighs, wombats wearing Santa Claus hats, and kangaroos hanging their stockings by the chimney with care.

Program scheduled with Lisa Maatz January 28

AAUW has a very active role in Washington, D.C., so you'll definitely want to hear what Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy, has to say. She will be speaking on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 1:30 pm at DeAnza College. See page 5 for additional details and look for more in next month's *Grapevine*. **Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend** – this program is **not** in the Branch Program schedule in the Directory. The public policy program was adopted at the national convention in June and can be found on the AAUW website, or you can ask **Linda Hagelin** for a printed copy.

Are you interested in serving AAUW California?

AAUW California is looking for members who would like to serve as secretary or one of the director positions at the State level. The deadline for submitting nominations

is December 10, 2013, at 5:00 pm.

You can find job descriptions on the state website (www.aauw-ca.org) in the Forms and Documents/Governance section. AAUW CA is a reflection of every member and every branch and seeks leadership from every part of the state.

Your membership in AAUW makes us all stronger and I thank you for that. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for making this the best AAUW year ever. (*Contact me vturner@sbcglobal.net; 408-866-4234.*)

–Virginia Turner, President



Why Women Join Organizations!

What you and your branch members can do to

recruit and retain members? Well, AAUW conducted a survey and asked their members these very same questions.

Here are the answers with which every branch should be familiar:

Member Survey Results

Involve new members and retain them:

1. New members meet as a group and learn about AAUW
2. New member coffees, dinners, or zip-code meetings (if branch is more spread out)
3. Interest group chairs reach out to new members with personal invitations to attend groups they are interested in
4. Involve but don't overwhelm them
5. Touch base with new members – be aware some may not want to "DO" anything



Preview of the 2014 Author's Luncheon Speakers

Benefiting AAUW Funds

Thursday, January 23, 2014

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

11:00 am No-host Wine Bar | 11:55 am Lunch

\$55 (\$25 tax deductible) / Make Your Reservations by January 15, 2014



About the Authors . . .



BO CALDWELL

Bo Caldwell grew up in Los Angeles and graduated from Stanford University, where she later held a Wallace Stegner Fellowship and a Jones Lectureship in Creative Writing. She has received a fellowship in literature from the National Endowment for the Arts, an Artist Fellowship from the Arts Council of Santa Clara County, the Georgia Shreve Prize in Fiction at Stanford University, and the Joseph Henry Jackson Award from the San Francisco Foundation. She lives in Northern California with her husband, novelist Ron Hansen.

Her second novel, *City of Tranquil Light*, published in 2010, was a Los Angeles Times bestseller, an October 2010 Indie Next Notable, and one of O Magazine's Ten Must Reads for October 2010.

Her first novel, *The Distant Land of My Father*, was first published in 2001. The book was a national bestseller, one of the Los Angeles Times' Best Books of 2001, and a Booksense 76. The book was also selected for community reading programs in Pasadena ("One City, One Story"), and Santa Clara County ("Silicon Valley Reads").



MARCIA KEMP STERLING

Marcia Kemp Sterling practiced law in Silicon Valley before turning to writing. With degrees from Vanderbilt University and Stanford Law School, she has been a newspaper reporter, high school teacher, law firm partner and software company general counsel. She grew up in Texarkana, Arkansas and lives with her husband in Palo Alto, California.

Her first book, *One Summer in Arkansas*, takes place in 1990. The stock markets are soaring and Lee Addison is on a fast track to success in Silicon Valley. Just out of law school with a job lined up at one of the best firms in the Bay Area.

But standing between him and his shining future is a promise to spend the summer back home in Riverton, Arkansas. He is unprepared for the siren pull his hometown still holds on his heart. To make matters worse, the allure of a rekindled relationship with Annie Rayburn threatens to disrupt his planned future.

This is a story of crisis and survival and the universal struggle to tap into values that will hold fast against the uncertainties of time.



AUDRY LYNCH

Dr. Audry Lynch, from Massachusetts, earned a bachelors degree in English at Harvard in 1955. She married her husband Greg in 1956. While working and rearing her three children, she earned her masters in Counseling from Boston University in 1967. Moving to California in 1970, she worked as a guidance counselor in South San Jose and earned her doctorate degree in Educational Psychology at the University of San Francisco in 1984.

Living in California she pursued an interest in author John Steinbeck. After his death, on panels at various conferences and gatherings, she met school mates, close neighbors, his second wife, and even a travel companion.

Audrey's latest book is *The Development of Roy Simmonds as a Steinbeck Scholar as Evidenced Through His Letters: The Life and Achievement of an Independent Academic* (2010).

Other books about John Steinbeck are *The Rebel Figure in American Literature and Film: The Interconnected Lives of John Steinbeck and James Dean* (2009), and *Steinbeck Remembered: Interviews with Friends and Acquaintances of John Steinbeck* (2000).

Honor Given to Tech Trek founder, Marie Wolbach

Marie Wolbach was one of five women named for the *National Classic Woman Award 2013*, sponsored by the Traditional Home magazine. She was honored for starting Tech Trek in 1998 with the help of a Community Action Grant and was able to use ISPF as her 501c3 foundation.

Tech Trek, the week long camp on campus at Stanford University has since grown to 10 camps on 8 campuses. This year AAUW had four other states with Tech Trek camps. A Classic Woman is, in this case, “someone who saw a need to be addressed and started a volunteer program to address that need”.



Marie was in New York for the award luncheon at the Mandarin Hotel overlooking Central Park. Several surprises at the luncheon were a gift of a silver cuff bracelet, Lenox place settings of their dinnerware “Butterfly Meadow” to be used in raising funds for Tech Trek and Lenox gave all attendees a porcelain condiment serving dish and a crystal candle holder.



Marie Wolbach honored

The award was a Lenox china plate inscribed for each of the awardees.

AAUW could not have had a better ambassador! AAUW and Tech Trek were mentioned everywhere and what wonderful publicity for all of us.

–Nancy Hobbs

Branch Members Continue to Support Local Women and Girls

Appeal Letter Update: Many thanks to everyone who has responded so generously to our letter asking for financial support for our three local projects: Tech Trek, Local Scholarships for women, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. All the money raised for these projects stays right here in our local communities where we can actually meet the recipients and see how our support makes a difference in their lives.

It's not too late to make a contribution to any or all of the three projects and help local women and girls. Make your check payable to **ISPF – AAUW** and send it to Louise Quenon (20297 Thelma Av, Saratoga, CA 95070). *Donations are tax-deductible.*

You can also make a donation to **AAUW Funds**, formerly called the Education Foundation, which support graduate-level students and community action projects throughout the country. Send your check to Geri Williams (4630 Corrida Circle, San Jose, CA 95129). *Donations are tax-deductible.*

Our annual **Authors Luncheon** on January 23 will be the major AAUW Funds fundraiser. You'll enjoy a delicious lunch and hear three fascinating authors. This *Grapevine* issue has more information.

Silver English Tea March 29: The committee is working hard on our one fundraising event for our three local ISPF projects, the **Silver English Tea** on **Saturday, March 29, 2014, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, at West Valley College**. Some of the women who have benefited from our help will be speaking at the Tea. Mark your calendars now – you won't want to miss it!

You can help make the Tea a rousing success:

- Contribute your gently used jewelry for resale at the Tea, whether it's fine jewelry or costume. The jewelry table is always a highlight of the Tea. JoAn Lambert will coordinate jewelry and can be reached at 408-867-6237.
- Donate or help solicit silent auction items such as gift certificates and event tickets; the Committee will provide training and a sample letter you can use.

It takes a village to raise enough money to support our local committees. **Can you help make our fundraising successful?** We need your help. Volunteer to make a difference.

The Committee to Support Local Women and Girls is open to new members. If you would like to join the Committee, please call Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234. –Committee to Support Local Women and Girls

Hear a Speaker from AAUW National

A Woman's Voice in Washington

Tuesday, January 28, 1:30-3:00 pm

De Anza College Campus Center
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino
in Conference Rooms A & B

On-campus parking costs \$3; both cash and credit cards are accepted. The event is free.

Activist Lisa Maatz describes herself as a "snarky feminist, smartypants pundit, asshat whistleblower."

As top policy advisor for the **American Association of University Women**, Lisa works on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in collaboration with other organizations. She follows, reports upon, and influences legislation affecting women and girls. Follow @LisaMaatz on twitter.



Lisa Maatz

Recently featured in the book *Secrets of Powerful Women*, Lisa is known for her strategic approach to legislation and advocacy. Her career has included directing a battered women's program, work for the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Older Women's League, and being legislative aide to Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY).

Lisa has worked for AAUW since 2003. The American Association of University Women is a nationwide organization of 170,000 college-educated women and men, with 1000+ branches nationwide, and over 800 College partners. For AAUW's work on equal access to education, paycheck fairness, graduate study scholarships & more, see www.aauw.org

AAUW membership is open to all women and men who have earned an AA degree or higher from an accredited institution. Students pursuing degrees are welcome as affiliates.

For more information on this event, visit www.aauw-sv-cupt.org/ or call 408-733-4046.



Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Institute of Community and Civic Engagement, De Anza College

Understanding the Civil War

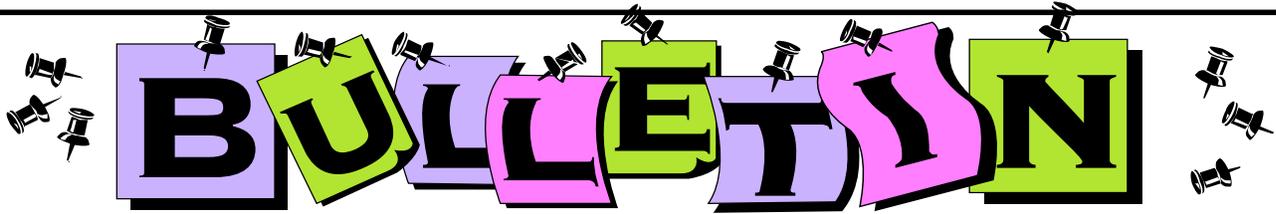
The November General Meeting was a great success with over 80 people attending the lecture. Santa Clara University history professor Robert Senkewicz (*pictured below*) gave us insights into how the American Civil War perception has changed over the 150 years since the battle of Gettysburg.



Here are a few changing perceptions made in Professor Senkewicz's presentation:

- The states, when they seceded, cited the preservation of slavery as one reason for their action. By the 50th anniversary the stated reasons for secession were said to be states' rights and the role of the federal government.
- After the 100th anniversary there was a critical alignment between the causes of the Civil War and the "*Civil Rights movement*" which fought against racial segregation, one of the legacies of the Civil War.
- Recent scholarship draws extensively on the ordinary soldiers' diaries and letters, such as Ken Burns used in his Civil War series. Now virtually all scholars agree that abolition of slavery was the primary, if not only, cause of the Civil War.
- From the beginning, women played an important role in the Abolitionist movement; many were also involved in the struggle for women's rights. Women on both sides also played important roles in medical care, not just in nursing, and in the north with fundraising for their cause.

The Saratoga Library co-sponsored the meeting with us. The library gathered a great display of materials about the Civil War on display at the entry to the adult area. Many thanks to Roslyn Donald and her library staff for all their help in making this event so successful.



AAUW California Branches

Take this Opportunity to Work on a Title IX Project

I have been talking with Kate Karpilow, Executive Director of the California Center for Research on Women and Families (CCRWF) about our collaboration related to Title IX – the goal is to support local groups of people, including AAUW CA branches, to assess Title IX compliance in public schools and to bring press and visibility to the results.

Here is how it will work.

CCRWF is the host of the Women's Policy Summit to be held on January 16, 2014 at the Sacramento Convention Center. This Summit will offer a training session to train attendees on how to assess Title IX compliance in the public schools — not a full-blown evaluation, but just an assessment of six priority indicators focusing on sports.

The training will be conducted by the California Women's Law

Center and, most likely, the Employment Law Center who worked with AAUW to develop our very own Program in a Box, Title IX: Know the Score. We have AAUW members employed as attorneys at both firms.

The AAUW CA goal is to inspire at least 10 AAUW CA branches to commit to evaluating the high schools in their own communities. These groups could be comprised of members of a local AAUW branch or a committed AAUW member who wants to take on a time-limited project with other community groups. Or, we hope that some AAUW CA branches and/or members will work with high school journalists or athletes — so that the research on Title IX compliance can also become a mentoring opportunity.

After the January 16 Summit, the local teams will complete and



submit their assessments within a three month period. There will be online technical assistance in the forms of conference calls or email correspondence with the law firms involved in this effort.

Then, there will be a May hearing in Sacramento to release and publicize our results. We also will be assessing if there might be potential legislation as part of this effort.

Your input is needed. This is a project in development and we welcome your ideas and participation. There will be a call for local teams soon and I hope that you will use the next month to determine if your branch or some branch members will be a part of this exciting statewide effort. AAUW has supported Title IX for more than 41 years and this is a tremendous opportunity to continue that support.

There will also be an informational conference all about the project — stay tuned for an email invitation. Please discuss this project with your members soon so your branch will be ready to participate.

—Alicia Hetman
AAUW California President

*Wishing You
a Happy
and Joyful
Holiday
Season!*

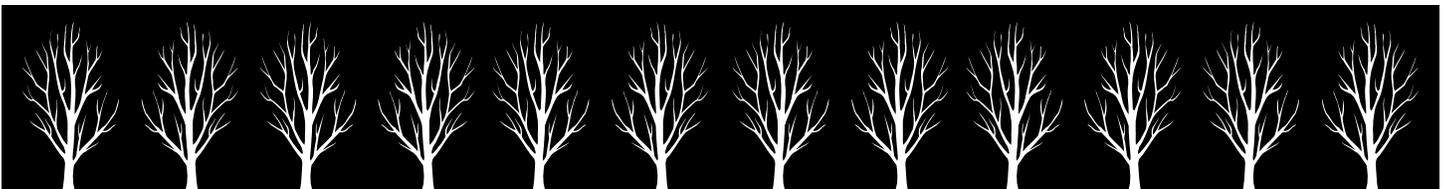


December 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 22** Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 3** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-3:00 pm, 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.
- 5** Thursday **Trail Clean-Up** Short hike, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am *Los Gatos "Free parking- Northside Lot"* behind Starbucks. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 8** Sunday **Holiday Party** 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. *See front page for details.*
- 10** Tuesday **Committee on Homeless Women and Children** meets at 11:00 am Annual Holiday (*note change of time*) Potluck and Gift Wrapping of Presents for shelter clients. At the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contact Nancy at (408) 867-4383 to let her know what you will be bringing. **Everyone is welcome.** Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 11** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 12:30 pm at La Mere Michelle Restaurant, 14467 Big Basin Way (*at 3rd Street*), Saratoga. Organized by Carol Greenleaf. RSVP to Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone is Welcome!**
- 12** Thursday **Holiday Hike and Party!** One of our favorite hikes along the banks of Fall Creek. 5 - 6 miles. Our annual holiday lunch at the friendly Hallcrest Winery. Bring holiday "*goodies*" to share for lunch. Kay will provide drinks, plates, and utensils. Meet promptly at 9:00 am Los Gatos "*Free parking - Northside Lot*" behind Starbucks. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. *Note: If the weather is really poor, we will party at Kay's at 11:30. Contact Kay at (408) 867-0508*
- 17** Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 6:00 pm (*note change of time*). Annual Holiday Potluck at the home of Marilyn Lenormond, 14500 Fruitvale Ave. #6150 Saratoga. RSVP to Marilyn, (408) 741-7820. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 356-8441.
- 20** 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.
- 26** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Work off all that holiday food- walking and talking with friends. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga. Way out in front of CVS. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

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- 3** Friday **Travel - Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **Hiking Through the Alps- France and Switzerland.** Presented by Gary Marcos. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616
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Santa Needs Elf Volunteers

ASSEMBLE GIFT BAGS: December 4 to 13, 2013.

TO VOLUNTEER: Contact Kathy@gifts4teens.org, 408 557-8653.

ASSEMBLY SITE: Assembly site is 6942 Almaden Expressway, corner of Via Valiente, 95120, same site as 2012. Morning or afternoon shifts.

Each needy teen will have a zipped sweatshirt in her colorful tote bag. How warm and cozy these local teens will be this winter!

TO DONATE ITEMS OR CASH: Contact Elaine Benoit, ebenoit@pacbell.net, 408 268-9654. **Leave donated gift items:** at AAUW, 1165 Minnesota Ave. SJ, 95125. (*Knit scarves, cosmetics, and other fun teen gifts are still being collected.*) Leave items, clearly marked for **Gifts for Teens**, including your name. **Checks:** made out to **ISPF-AAUW, GFT**, mail to AAUW at the above address.

Thank you, holiday elf!



*Gifts
for Teens*

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~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to a delicious luncheon and an irresistible dessert~

~ Pre-Ordered Vegetarian Choice ~ available if requested on reservation

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

Reservations with payment must be received by January 15, 2014

No-host wine bar opens at 11:00 am | Lunch served at 11:55 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) **Vegetarian?** _____

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

Mail the completed form and check made payable to AAUW FUNDS (to be received by January 15) to **Judy Borlase, 1660 Hyacinth Lane, San Jose, CA 95124** (Your check is your receipt.)