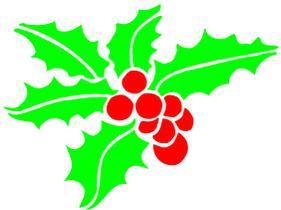


Good food! Good Company!



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW **Come One! Come All!**

Annual Holiday Party 2014!

When: Sunday, December 7, 2014 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

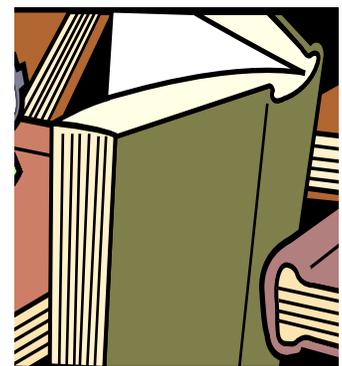
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Hong's Gourmet – Fine Chinese Dining, Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Time: 11:00 - 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 as diverse and entertaining as ever. **Join us!**

The author's books will be for sale. See page 2-3 of this *Grapevine* issue for biographical information about this year's authors. We really look forward to welcoming you at this special event.



Letter from the President

We need YOUR help in recruiting and retaining our members, if our branch is to remain relevant and healthy. The Board spent much of the November meeting looking at some ways that we ALL can help recruit and retain members:

- **Personal contact** is very important. ASK your friends to come to a general meeting or fundraising event with you and learn more about AAUW. Then ASK them to consider joining AAUW.
- **Interest groups and committees** provide a wonderful opportunity for potential members to get a sample of AAUW activities. Prospective members can even attend an interest group or committee meeting and see if it meets their expectations. Then they can decide to join the branch.
- Each month at our general meeting we will have **more information about what our branch is doing**. There is a lot going on at the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch! At our November meeting we highlighted the Tech Trek program. Of course we will highlight AAUW Funds at our Authors' Lunch in January, and in February and March we plan to highlight our Local Scholarships and our Committee on Homeless Women and Children.
- We need to **publicize our branch activities** better, through our local news media and with other community organizations. We can find some common goals that we share with other groups and make our community organizations stronger.

- Carry a **membership brochure** or 2 in your purse so that when you are asked about AAUW you have something to hand out and discuss.
- Make our **new members feel welcome** — they have a star on their name badge. Introduce yourself and find out a little about them. And watch for some short articles about them in the *Grapevine*.

Whether you are a new member or a long-term member, if you are willing to serve on the Board next year, please let me know. Many jobs can easily be shared by 2 or 3 people or can be done with a committee. Training will be provided.

Our holiday party is always a nice opportunity to get together casually and share some holiday cheer. Nancy Anderson's home will be decorated beautifully for the season so bring your significant other and join us on Sunday afternoon, December 7. I hope to see you there and wish you all the very best of the Holiday Season!
—Virginia Turner, President
vturner@sbcglobal.net;
408-866-4234



ERICA GOSS

Erica Goss is the Poet Laureate of Los Gatos, California. She was born in Germany and raised in California. She has been writing poetry since she was a child. She is the author of *Wild Place* (2012, Finishing Line Press) and *Vibrant Words: Ideas and Inspirations for Poets* (2014, Pushpen Press).

As Poet Laureate for Los Gatos, she organized the first St. Patrick's Day Poetry Walk, created Poems-in-the-Window (*local businesses displayed poems during National Poetry Month*), recorded The Poetry Podcast (*50-plus recordings of poems in a variety of languages*), established the first Los Gatos Poet Laureate Scholarship, and launched *The Poetry Kitchen*, a poetry reading series at the Los Gatos Library.

Erica's work is featured in numerous anthologies and journals, and she received the Many Mountains Moving Prize for poetry in 2011. Erica is the host of *Word to Word*, a Show About Poetry, on KCAT Cable TV in Los Gatos, and writes *The Third Form*, a column about video poetry, for Connotation Press. She leads poetry workshops and classes in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Preview of the 2015 Author's Luncheon Speakers

Benefiting AAUW Funds

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Hong's Gourmet – Fine Chinese Dining, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga

11:00 am No-host Wine Bar | 11:45 am Lunch

\$50 (\$25 tax deductible) / Make Your Reservations by January 15, 2015



About the Authors . . .



BARBARA JOANS



LAURI PASTRONE

Barbara Joans is an Anthropologist and former Director of the Merritt Museum of Anthropology as well as Department Chair. She has lived among the Iroquois, Bannock-Shoshoni and Bikers. She also works frequently as a legal anthropologist appearing in court cases as an expert witness. She wanted her own name. JOANS is her middle name and an added S.

Barbara received a BA from Brooklyn College, then married and had two kids, both boys, and both “wonderful.” She received her MA from New York University and in 1974 received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from CUNY. She was part of the civil rights movement, traveling between New York and Washington and then part of the anti-war movement. Her work has been published in journals and edited anthropology text books and newspapers.

Her first book is **BIKE LUST: Harleys, Women and American Society** (2001, University of Wisconsin Press). After twelve years, it's still in print and is featured in the Beat Museum in San Francisco. Her next book is **THE CHANGING WOMAN: Women of a Certain Age** (2013, Amazon Press). A partial memoir, a partial analysis of the different cultures women grew up within and a partial glimpses of the future.

She writes for *Thunder Press*, a motorcycle newspaper, and is the only Moto-Anthropologist in the country. She has four grandchildren and at the age of fifty-nine had the pleasure of watching her grandchildren passenger on a big bike with her husband. She lives with her second husband, two cats, and three motorcycles in San Francisco and Santa Cruz.

For **Lauri Pastrone**, this book really began in 2000 when she moved from Northern California to London with her husband and 6-month-old daughter. Lauri and baby Giovanna tagged along on business trips with her husband and found themselves in Amsterdam where she happened to see the Oprah Winfrey show – the only English-language program she could find. Oprah was interviewing Zainab Salbi, founder of *Women for Women International* (WFWI), a foundation that helps war victims create new lives by offering skills training and other assistance. Often the biggest victims in battle-torn countries are women, who aren't just driven from their homes but are attacked, raped and forgotten.

Eventually Lauri decided to become a sponsor. Her \$30 per month donation — “*That's less than my latte budget,*” she says — covered a year-long sponsorship for one woman, but Lauri wanted to do more. So on her 50th birthday, she rallied a team of volunteers and launched a cookbook project to raise funds for the charity, with considerably more in mind than a quick-printed compendium of favorite casseroles. They wanted to publish a glorious volume involving celebrities, humanitarians and notable chefs.

Four intense years in the making, “*Share*” (Kyle Books) includes 100 unfussy, delicious recipes, and both hair-raising statistics about women in war-torn parts of the world and heart-rending profiles of some of the women helped by the charity.

National AAUW Tech Trek Survey Shows Solid Results

The results of the 2013 survey of Tech Trek attendees by our national AAUW organization are in and they are impressive. Of the girls surveyed:

- 91% report improved self-confidence in science classes
- 78% report improved self-confidence in math classes
- 77% completed precalculus (compared to a national average of 37%)
- 87% completed algebra (compared to 78% nationally)
- 82% selected more science classes in high school

Our branch has participated in this program, designed to stimulate interest and awareness in STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*), since its creation in 1998. We have also helped to track our former campers via

phone and email to enable the periodic surveys that provide us with data to determine the effectiveness of the program.

Now it is time to bring our portion of the master database up to date by contacting approximately 40 of our 56 camper alumnae (*girls now in high school, college or the workplace*) to collect current contact, career, and education information to update our records and be ready for the next survey. Many of these girls have left the area but may be available for email or phone contact. Other girls are still part of our community and may be part of your extended network, maybe even your neighbors.

If we recruit ten callers, each person will need to call only 4 girls. Of course, obtaining a current email address or phone

number may be a challenge, but I do have an Excel file with contact information to use as a starting point and it was last updated in 2007.

To volunteer for our branch tracking effort, contact Blenda Mariani, blenret@gmail.com

To read the Executive Summary or full report by Woodside Research Consortium (*professional research organization hired by national AAUW*), go to the website:



*Wishing You
a Happy
and Joyful
Holiday
Season!*



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Notes from Board Meeting

From the November 3, 2014 Board Meeting

- **Save the Date:** Authors' Luncheon is now set for Jan 21, 2015.
- The branch has added 12 new members to date – President Virginia Turner is holding a welcoming gathering with brief explanations of AAUW activities, committees and interest groups.
- All members are asked to help recruit new members. A local member brochure will be created – volunteer to help!
- Discussed recruiting ideas, suggested that recently retired teachers are a good source of possible new members.
- Check out our website www.aauw-lgs.org let us know what you think.

Learning about Early California Women

Dr. Rose Marie Beebe and Dr. Robert M. Senkewicz presented a fascinating picture of several early California women at our general meeting November 10. One was Apolinaria Lorenzana, a little 7-year old orphan girl who was transported by ship from Mexico City to Alta California in 1801 with several other children. She taught herself how to write, became a nurse, and lived until 1884. Another was an indigenous woman named Isidora Filomena, the wife of Chief Solano, whose testimony is one of the few documents about Native Americans before the arrival of the “white men.” Another woman talked about the Bear Flag Rebellion of 1846, and one essentially eloped with an American when official permission to marry was denied by the Spanish officials.

These were strong women whose first-hand “*testimonies*” were recorded under the direction of Hubert Howe Bancroft in the 1870’s. You can read more about them in Dr. Beebe and Dr. Senkewicz’ book *Testimonios* which will be reissued in the spring.



(Photo above left to right) Dr. Robert M. Senkewicz, Dr. Rose Marie Beebe and Virginia Turner, branch president; (below right) Dr. Beebe and Dr. Senkewicz’ book *Testimonios*, reissued in the spring.



Can You Help?

The Committee Works to Make the Season Bright for Women Often Forgotten!

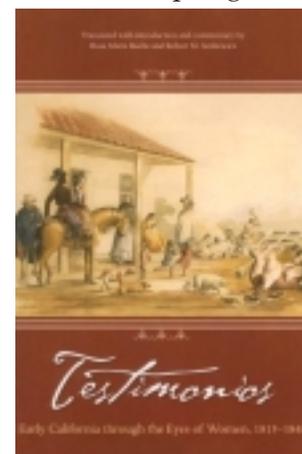
Annual Wrapping Party and Potluck. The Committee on Homeless Women and Children will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 11:00 am at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy, (408) 867-4383. Please bring a dish to share.

What Do We Do? We wrap gifts, eat and finish wrapping the gifts.

- Please bring 3 gifts (*large and extra large sizes are appreciated*), wrapping paper, tape, and scissors.
- Then we break for lunch. (*Everyone brings a dish to share.*)
- After lunch we finish gift wrapping.
- If you would like to help contact Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.

Can’t Attend the Wrapping Party and Potluck? You can still donate money or gifts. We will accept gifts and donation of money until December 9, 2014. Let Pat Khan know if you can help with a donation.

The Annual Holiday Party is Thursday, December 11, 2014. We will take the gifts and dinner to Commercial Street Inn. If anyone would like to go with the Committee, contact Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.



Changes to Your Directory

New Member – Email Change for Your Directory

Joanne Cutting

Email joanne4277@comcast.net

Send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Louise Quenon, Database Manager, lquenon@comcast.net



AAUW Headlines – Women’s Issues in the News

2014 News Bytes & Up-coming 2015 Training Day

Supreme Court: Birth Control is, in Fact, Your Boss’s Business

In a troubling 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court in July sided with two for-profit companies that challenged a provision of the Affordable Care Act requiring employer health insurance plans to cover preventive services like contraception at no extra cost to employees.

Plaintiffs Hobby Lobby, an arts and crafts store, and Conestoga Wood, a cabinetry business, said their employees shouldn’t receive coverage for intrauterine devices and the morning after pill under the companies’ health insurance because the owners have religious objections to the contraceptives.

The opinion said that “*closely held*” companies — which account for 90 percent of all U.S. corporations — don’t have to cover birth control. Although the court claimed that its decision was narrow and only applied to these specific circumstances, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz says that the decision could result in corporations challenging other medical procedures or medications, including other forms of birth control, and dangerously singled out women for discrimination.

Women’s Testimony Scarce in Congress

A study released in September by the Sunlight Foundation found that women make up less than one-quarter of the witnesses called to testify before committees in the U.S. House of Representative. Much of the work Congress does to draft laws is completed in committees and subcommittees, where lawmakers hear from and interview experts and people with personal connections to the issues. The representation was worst in the committee on agriculture, where only 13 percent of witnesses were women, and best in the committee on education, where 40 percent of witnesses were women.



Universities Fined for Not Disclosing Assaults

The University of Nebraska, Kearney, was fined \$65,000 for not correctly reporting crimes that occurred on campus. With this move, the U.S. Department of Education has now fined four schools this year for violating the Clery Act, which requires schools to record crimes, including sexual assaults, and disclose the information publicly. The other schools that the department found to be violating the law were Mid-Atlantic Christian University, Midlands Technical College, and Sterling College.

Leadership Development Training from AAUW-CA

Leadership Development announces that both our Northern and Southern California 2015 Annual Meeting / Leadership Day will include keynote speakers from AAUW’s national office! Both speakers’ themes will focus on “*Leadership Within the AAUW Environment.*”

On March 21st, the NCA speaker will be Erica Stout, Training & Program Manager, Member Leadership Programs.

Please remember that State’s 2015 Leadership Development Days are Saturday, March 21, 2015 in northern California and Sunday, April 19, 2015 in southern California.

Every California branch will definitely want to attend these important events. In addition to the opportunity to hear from National speakers, the Leadership Development Committee will present new content! Join us for new ideas and skills and, more importantly, finding new enthusiasm. Attend this day packed full of ideas and techniques to promote branch leadership.

More details, including location and times, will be published as our programs are finalized. See you in the spring.

Virginia Beck, vbeck@aauw-ca.org and **Susan Negrete**, snegrete@aauw-ca.org, AAUW CA Leadership Development Co-Chairs



December 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 1** Monday **Board Meeting.** Meet at 3:30 pm in the Community Room, Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road
- 2** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets at 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Practice conversational Spanish and help improve or maintain your conversational skills. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **New members and visitors welcome.**
- 4** Thursday **Trail Clean-up: Short hike and coffee or lunch.** 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.
- 7** Sunday **Holiday Party!** Join us from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, at NancyAnderson's home, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga. Bring a plate of "goodies" to share. Non-alcoholic beverage provided. *See front page for details.*
- 9** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children Holiday Lunch.** Meets at 11:00 am at Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Bring a dish to share. We wrap "Gifts for homeless women at our Annual Holiday Party". Please bring 3 gifts (*large and extra large sizes are appreciated*), wrapping paper, tape, and scissors. Chair: Pat Khan (408) 741-1616. **All Welcome!**
- 10** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:30 pm at **Effies Restaurant and Bar**, 331 W. Hacienda Ave (*at Winchester Blvd.*) in Campbell. RSVP to Host: Joanna Yates,(408) 395-2950; or Chair, Linda King (408) 354-4105. **Everyone Welcome!**
- 11** Thursday **Holiday Hike and Party.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos "Free Parking-Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. **A favorite hike along the banks of Fall Creek.** 5- 6 miles. Annual holiday lunch at Hallcrest Winery. Bring holiday "goodies" to share. Kay will provide drinks, plates, and utensils. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. *If the weather is really poor, we will party at Kay's at 11:30 am.*
- 16** Tuesday **PM Book Review Holiday Potluck.** Meets at 6:00 pm at Ann Roberts' home, 18833 Harleigh Dr, Saratoga. RSVP to Host: Ann, (408) 867-1834. Sharing – bring a dish, and a poem or book. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 19** Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings a book (*good or bad*) to talk about. Meeting location, call the Chair, Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625. **New participants welcome!**
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- 26** Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike: Friday after Christmas/First Day of Kwanza.** Walk off the holiday food 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.

January 2015

- 2** Friday **Armchair "Adventures" Travel.** Meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. **Wildlife Around the World-Wildlife in Peril** After a successful career in science, Meggi Reader, Ph.D. is following her passion for wildlife and nature photography. She has traveled to six continents in the last decade photographing wildlife. Her presentation focuses on the perils to wildlife because of habitat and biodiversity loss. **Come and See Why This is Such a Popular Interest Group. Open to the Public!**
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*Gifts
for Teens*

Can You Help Assemble Gift Bags?

ASSEMBLE GIFT BAGS: December 3 to 11, 2014 (*morning or afternoon shifts*).

TO VOLUNTEER: Contact Beverly at bassett@gifts4teens.org

ASSEMBLY SITE: Assembly site is 6942 Almaden Expressway, corner of Via Valiente, 95120 (*same site as last year*). Morning or afternoon shifts are available.

Each needy teen will have a colorful tote bag filled with goodies. Help us make the season bright!

TO DONATE ITEMS OR CASH: Contact Elaine Benoit, (408) 268-9654. Leave donated gift items at AAUW Headquarters, 1165 Minnesota Ave., 95125. (*Knit scarves, cosmetics, and other fun teen gifts are still being collected.*) Label dropped off items as **bing** for the **Gifts for Teens program**.

Make checks to **ISPF-AAUW/GFT** and mail to AAUW Headquarters at the above address.

Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch AAUW

Authors' Luncheon 2015

Benefiting AAUW Funds

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~ Meet our three authors and have them autograph their books ~



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Lauri Pastrone, originator and co-producer of *Share: The Cookbook That Celebrates Our Common Humanity*

~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to enjoy a variety of Chinese specialties ~

\$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

Reservations with payment must be received by January 15, 2015

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

For additional information please call Judith Borlase, (408) 358-2262.

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

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