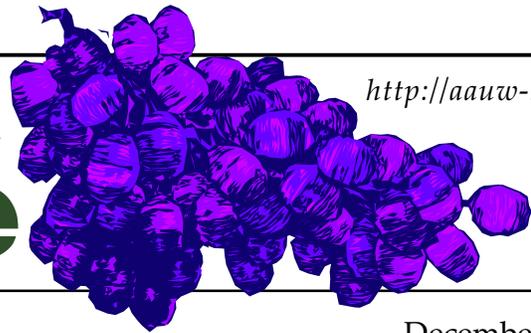


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Attend This Special December Travel Event!

Special Armchair Travel Program



Walking with Elephants: *An Elephant Keeper in Thailand*

Friday, December 2, 2016, at 7:30 pm

The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos).

Carpool and Come Early since Parking is Limited.

Invite your family and friends; invite prospective members. The branch will have Membership Materials available for prospective members.

Open to the Public!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work with large, 6-ton elephants?

In 2010, professional nature photographer Meggi Raeder traveled to Thailand to volunteer for four weeks at an elephant sanctuary and participated in the care of seven rescued Asian elephants including harvesting their food in the fields, cleaning their enclosures, bathing the elephants and scrubbing their back when they swam in the lake. She will share her experience and also talk about the fate of the Asian Elephant in today's mechanized world.

Coming Next Month . . .

IBC Joint Event – Women and Leadership

Sunday, January 29, 2017 ~ 2 to 4 pm

San Jose City College Auditorium

A panel of 5 outstanding leaders in the fields of business, law, government, technology and sports will discuss the challenges they have faced as leaders in their fields, their recommendations to women leaders of the future, and findings of the recently-released AAUW research report, *"Barriers and Bias."*

Turn to page 3 for details about next month's special event.

Open to the Public – Bring Your Friends and Family!

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Letter from the Leadership Team



How Did the AAUW Recommendations on the Statewide Ballot Initiatives Do in the Election?

Our thanks to Eleanor Yick and Terry Zaccone from the League of Women Voters who helped us sort through the 17 statewide ballot initiatives which faced the electorate on November 8.

The people who packed Barnes Hall at the Saratoga Retirement Center on October 19 brought sample ballots and voting materials to help them decide on various measures, mostly the statewide issues but a few local proposals as well.

So how did AAUW's recommendations fare in the election? In short, quite well. AAUW made a recommendation on the following propositions:

51 \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school construction and modernization, funds for community college buildings, funds for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs.

AAUW recommendation to SUPPORT.
Measure PASSED

52 Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend a current law that imposes fees on hospitals; fees are used to obtain federal matching funds for Medi-Cal. It directs fees and matching funds to uncompensated care provided by hospitals and to children's health coverage.

AAUW recommendation to SUPPORT.
Measure PASSED

53 Requires statewide voter approval before state may issue bonds of over \$2 billion to finance a single project. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote.

AAUW recommendation to OPPOSE.
Measure FAILED

55 Extends the Prop. 30 (passed by voters in 2012) income tax on high earners through 2030 – currently set to expire in 2019. This will generate \$8 –11 billion per year to be used for public schools and community colleges, health care for low income families, and local public safety.

AAUW recommendation to SUPPORT.
Measure PASSED

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58 Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which requires children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public school students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English.

AAUW recommendation to SUPPORT.
Measure PASSED

Note that AAUW California only makes recommendations on measures which directly relate to AAUW public policy priorities and did not have recommendations on the other measures.



Terry Zaccone (right) and Eleanor Yick present Pros and Cons of the Ballot Measures.

The American Association of University Women

Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership

Sunday, January 29, 2017 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

San Jose City College Theater

(2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose)

Free and Open to All

Learn from local leaders

- Hear how to find your own path
- Make connections
- Be inspired!

Moderator: Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW California

Our Local Leaders

Danielle Feinbeg

Director of Photography for Lighting at Pixar Animation Studios for 11+ years.

Julianne Sylva

Superior Court judge for 2 years and Deputy DA for over 20 years, focusing on cases of truancy and child abduction.



Malene Bjonsud

Director of Strategic Relationships, Alliance of Women Coaches, leading and advocating for women’s sports for more than 35 years.

Cayn Beck-Dudley

Dean of Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University, leading in employment law and the design of ethical organizations.

Zoe Lofgen

Since 1995, representing the CA 19th District, the heart of Silicon Valley, in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For more information: Claire Noonan, c.noonan@yahoo.com

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It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

- J.K. Rowling



Single-payer Health Care, What Do You Know?

• **Myth** – Single payer will cover less than the insurance I have now.

Wrong – For the majority of Americans, single payer will be a vast improvement. All medically necessary care would be funded through the single payer, including doctor visits, hospital care, prescriptions, mental health services, nursing home care, rehab, home care, eye care and dental care. An enlightened single payer will also result in a sharp increase in

public health funding to prevent disease. No more bills, No more deductibles. No more co-pays.

• **Myth** – Single payer will cost me more than I am paying now for private health insurance.

Wrong – The vast majority of Americans will pay about the same or less than they are paying now. Instead of paying premiums to a private health insurance company, most of us will pay a similar or smaller amount in taxes. So, right now,

if you are paying \$8,000 in premiums for a family of four with a \$4,000 deductible, your yearly liability is at least \$12,000. You will probably pay less than that in taxes to fund a universal single payer system. There will be no deductible. And you can go to see any doctor or check into any hospital in the United States.

–Barbara Lea, Southwest Santa Clara Valley LWV, Health Care & VP Administration [Barbara Lea is also a LG-S AAUW member.]

Source: Public Citizen, Washington, DC, www.citizen.org

July 2016 Tech Trek Campers – Part 2

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Stanford University
July 7, 2016

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for the awesome experience of being here at Tech Trek. I think it's amazing that you encourage so many girls to pursue STEM related subjects. It was the best summer camp I have ever attended.

My core class was 3D math design. It was so fun, and one of my favorite times of the day. We tried out two games, Brain Age and Professor Layton on the Nintendo. We also made wooden block puzzles which was so cool. I also attended Robotics. I build a robot, programmed it and got to see it work.

You have given so many girls a chance to explore and learn about the STEM topics here at Tech Trek. It was a great experience and thank you.

–Ishani Gupta

2

Stanford University
July 7, 2016

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I had a wonderful time and many great experiences. With all the different classes I have many choices of subjects what I may try in high school and college.

My core class was Marine Biology. It was great getting to dissect a squid and fish. The robotics class was fun because the teacher just let us get with a partner and follow her general instructions (*instead of guiding us "step-by-step"*). I loved the instructor's enthusiasm in the Pixar class which made everything even more interesting. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity here at Tech Trek.

–Kimiko Milheim

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Stanford University
July 7, 2016

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

This week at Tech Trek has been so exciting and I was never bored (*I really got to think*). I learned so much every day!

My core class was Cyber Security and I learned about online safety by using in depth security methods involving binary codes and cryptography. The presentation itself was well thought out and so funny. I learned so much in just one week at Tech Trek. Now I just can't wait for college. The women who presented at Professional Women's Night were incredible. Wow! It was so mind boggling! So many career paths to choose from! This really opened my eyes to future options.

Tech Trek has been fabulous, fun and (*still*) educational. It showed me what the real world could be like for me. I want to earn a good and successful future. I wish the week didn't go bye so fast! Thank you. I will always remember my week here at Tech Trek.

–Judi Patel

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Stanford University
July 7, 2016

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for raising the money to send me to Tech Trek. I've learned so many things and have had so much fun this week. Tech Trek was an exciting adventure that I will never forget.

My core class was cyber security. I learned about how computers and the internet work and how to keep safe from hackers. I was curious about hackers, how they were tracked and was happy to learn about it. Professional Women's Night was one of my favorite events. I met a women who went to my middle school. She has

gone on to great success both in college and career. We hear about many smart and successful women, but it becomes real when you meet someone from your area with similar interests and background. I was inspired!

Tech was the first stay-away camp I've ever been to. I had a great time and loved having my own dorm room and roommate. I hope that I can come back as a counselor one day. Again, thank you so much for making it possible for me to be here at Tech Trek.

–Saavani Vaidya

Committee On Homeless Women & Children

Holiday Wrapping Party & Potluck

GIFTS NEEDED FOR WOMEN AT THE GEORGIA TRAVIS HOUSE

Every year the Committee on Homeless Women and Children holds a holiday party for the homeless women at LifeMoves *Georgia Travis House*. (*Children get so many parties!*)

The annual Holiday Party always includes a dinner and as many as three gifts for each women. This year the party will be on **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. Often during this season this is the only time these women will receive a gift of any kind (*many times for years*) and it's always a heartwarming event.

If you would like to spread some holiday joy and cheer, you can donate gifts (*or money to buy gifts*) for the women. All gifts are gratefully received and much appreciated. To donate, please call Nancy Anderson at 408-867-4383 or JoAn Lambert at 408-

867-6237 by December 13, 2016 (*gifts will be sorted on that date at Nancy's home*). Please note the size on the package or bag of clothing gifts (*larger sizes in clothing are often needed*).

Your choice of any of the following gifts of NEW ITEMS are welcome during this chilly time of year:

- warm scarves, knitted or woolen
- jackets or coats
- nice shirts or sweaters, knit or cotton
- warm gloves and caps
- sweat shirts and pants
- warm socks, either ankle-length or knee-high,
- slippers
- full-size toiletries (gift sets are especially appreciated – *lotion, soap and such*)
- wallets, etc.

Georgia Travis House Dedication



**HELP
THE
HOMELESS**

Additional photo from the "Georgia Travis House" dedication. (Left to right) Deb Chavez, Nancy Anderson, Cindy Chavez, Bruce Ives

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

BOARD NOTES

At the November 8th Board Meeting

1. Branch Policies and Procedures are under review by the Board and will be voted on at the December 5 meeting. Please forward any suggestions or changes to Audry Lynch.
2. The Committee on Homeless Women and Children can use donations of sweatshirts, scarves, toiletries and warm socks as holiday gifts for the homeless women. Gently used bath towels can also be donated for use at the Women's Gathering Place.
3. Look for more articles shining a spotlight on our interest sections in coming issues of the *Grapevine*.

Author's Luncheon 2017



SAVE THE DATE – The annual Authors' Luncheon is coming soon!

Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm - at the Terrace of Los Gatos. The cost is \$55.00 per person, (\$24.00 is tax deductible). The flyer to reserve your place for this popular event will be in the December 2016 *Grapevine*. The next two *Grapevine* issues, December 2016 and January 2017, will have information about our three local authors and their books. **Stay tuned for more details!**

–Judy Borlase (408) 358-2262 | judith@borlase.com

GFT – Keeping the Holiday Spirit Alive

Gifts for Teens wish to thank all the AAUW members who so generously donated cash/items or their time filling holiday gift bags in 2016. With your help, Gifts for Teens was able to reach our goal of filling 1,200 bags. These bags are warmly received by local low income or homeless teens that other wise would go without any

holiday cheer. Thanks again for helping make a difference in the lives of these teens.

–Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens,
jgiroux602@aol.com



The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

December 20, 2016

Holiday Party Potluck, also bring a poem, or story to share!

Place: Marilyn Lenormand's home, at the Saratoga Retirement Center.



January's Book

Book: *"Raven Black"*

Author: Ann Cleeves

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb



Ann Cleeves

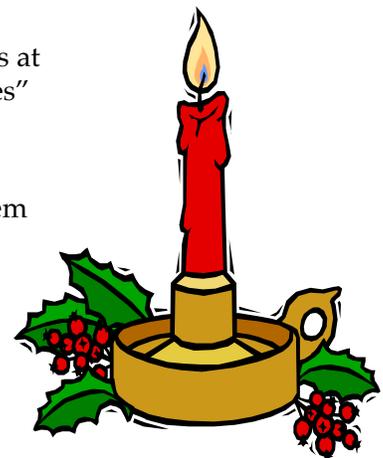
Interest Group December Holiday Parties

Wishing to attend a Holiday Party, consider one of these:

- **Thursday, December 8:** Holiday Hike with annual holiday lunch. Starts at 9:00 am. Fall Creek and Hallcrest Winery (Felton) bring holiday "goodies" to share for lunch or at Kay's house (at 11:00 am) if it's raining hard.
- **Tuesday, December 20:** PM Book Group Holiday Potluck , 6:00 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community. Bring a dish to share along with a poem or reading. RSVP Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820
- **Tuesday, December 27:** Film Buffs. 12:30 pm. Holiday Celebration at Sorell's Italian Bistro. RSVP to Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.

See calendar on next page for more details and any additional Holiday Parties.

Events are sponsored by the LG-S AAUW interest groups listed.



December 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Thursday **Trail Cleanup for Hikes and Walks** – on the AAUW adopted trail. Back-by-Noon + coffee or lunch. Bring gloves & clippers, if you have them. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos “Free Parking - Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 2 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures**. Meet 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Special Program Added for December! Walking with Elephants – Working as an Elephant Keeper in Thailand** – presented by professional nature photographer Meggi Raeder. Read the full description on the front page for details. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to the Public!**
- 5 Monday **Board Meeting**. Meets 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.) **All Members are Welcome!**
- 6 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**. Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP : Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 8 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Holiday Hike & Party**. A favorite hikes along the banks of Fall Creek (near Felton), followed by our annual lunch on the Hillcrest Winery deck. Bring holiday goodies to share. Kay will provide drinks, plates and utensils. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Los Gatos “Free Parking - Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356- 7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **P.S. Really poor weather, we’ll party at Kay’s home at 11:30 am. Call Kay Duffy.**
- 13 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children – Annual Holiday Potluck & Wrap Party (Time Change)** Meet 11:00 am (to wrap presents) & 12:00 noon (for potluck) at Nancy Anderson’s home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **Help Us!**
- 14 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch. (Note Special Day)** Meet 12:30 pm at *La Foret* (21747 Bertran Rd, New Almaden). Limit of 10 ladies. RSVP: Carol Greenleaf (408) 867-5680; Barbara Hawkes (408) 395-4397. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Join the Conversation & Fun.**
- 20 Tuesday **PM Book Group – Annual Holiday Potluck**. Meets 6:00 pm (Time Change) at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6150, Saratoga). Bring a poem or a reading to share. RSVP Marilyn Lenormand (408) 741-7820 Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 22 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike BEFORE CHRISTMAS**. Exercise before all that holiday food by walking and talking with friends (bring family, too!). 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. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 23 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. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 27 Tuesday **Film Buffs – Holiday Party. (Change of Date & Time)** Meet at 12:30 pm at *Sorell’s Italian Bistro*, (915 So. San Thomas Aquino Rd, Campbell). RSVP Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555, marlenela37@gmail.com. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**
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January 2017

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- 6 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures**. Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Parklands of Utah** – photographer and musician David Cousins. Journey through Utah National and State parks – including Bryce Canyon, Zion and Dead Horse Point – native American flute music accompanies the presentation. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to the Public.**



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Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Did a member receive recognition?

Please send her information to Lavonne Marafino, our Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-1964; lnmarafino@att.net

