

## February 2011 General Meeting



### Budget Recommendations for 2011 State Budget

Thursday, February 17, 2011

1:00 to 3:00 pm

at the Community Room, Saratoga Library

**Speaker:** Gloria Leonard, Public Policy, chair San Jose branch and serves on AAUW CA State Public Policy Committee

Gloria Leonard will present the results of the Budget Study Groups recommendations. The IBC representatives for 2010-11 asked that this information be shared with the branches in a summary. Come and hear what was recommended and what is the next step.

The Budget Study Group consists of members from all the Santa Clara County AAUW chapters. They worked very hard from mid-October to mid-November to produce a comprehensive and reasoned report about what to do about the California Budget Crisis. *(See page 6 for a detailed overview of what the group did and why? At the bottom of the page is a short Biography about Gloria and the Public Policy Committees she serves on.)*

## Coming Next Month . . .

### March 2011 General Meeting

#### Strategic Role of Women in Addressing Global Issues

Speaker: Tanya Bunger, Program Manager  
Global Women's Leadership Network  
*(check out website [www.gwln.org](http://www.gwln.org))*

When: Saturday, Mar. 26, 2011;  
10:00 am-12:00 noon

Where: Saratoga Library, Community Room

### Book Club – PM

The March book to read is:

*Alias Grace*, by Margaret Atwood. Reviewer Blenda Mariani. Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm *(see the March calendar next month for details)*.

### Travel “Armchair” Adventures

The travel slide presentation will be:

*“The Kingdom of Norway and its Spectacular Fjords.”*  
Meets the First Friday at 8:00 pm *(see the March calendar next month for details)*.

## Presidential Message

This summer AAUW celebrates its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is awe inspiring to think about how AAUW has impacted issues throughout those 130 years. The issues and accomplishments include achieving the right to vote, helping refugee women flee Europe during the 1940's, providing \$156,413 to help Marie Curie purchase one gram of radium, providing 5000 fellowships to women from over 100 countries in the 1980s, and currently working to establish equal pay for women. These are a selected sampling of AAUW efforts on behalf of women.

We are still working on this last one. Equal pay for women is still an issue that AAUW continues to advocate for. Many outstanding women have been AAUW members such as Coretta Scott King, Ann Richards, Betty Friedan and Janet Reno to name a few. The influence and reach of AAUW continues to grow and spread in our local communities, our country and throughout the world.

Our branch has amazing women who have served their communities in public office, providing help for homeless women, sending girls to tech trek, providing scholarships to support women's education and working in various ways to improve the lives of women and girls.

As we begin planning for our next year we need your help to keep our branch strong and forward thinking, acting and moving. Please consider being a board member, an elected officer or helping with our programs in any way you feel able. We need each of you to keep the dream of equity and opportunity alive. We have accomplished a great deal but the journey continues. I invite you to



share your ideas, offer your help this next year and assist in keeping our branch vital and moving forward. I have returned to my home in Los Gatos and have a new phone number, 408-354-4905. Please give me a call to discuss how you can participate in the journey.

I am hoping to seeing each of you at our next General Meeting on February 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Library (*see the front page for more details*).

—Mary Surginer

## June 2001 The National Convention

The 130th anniversary of the founding of AAUW is being celebrated at the national convention from June 16 – 19 in Washington, D.C. The group will stay at the Renaissance D.C. Washington Hotel. For those who may be interested in attending, registration by January 21, 2011 will save some money as well as giving you time to work out the best deal for airfare. Go to AAUW website to get all the details.



## Seeking Recipe Submissions

Fundraising Cookbook

**Do you have any delicious, easy, and cost effective recipes to share?** We are seeking recipes for appetizers and desserts for our fundraising Cookbook. These recipes are the “Winners” that we make for family, friends & take to potlucks. “*I know that I want to share a recipe when it disappears whenever I take it to a function.*” —Lavonne Marafino.

Email or send the recipe(s) to Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen for inclusion in *Beginning and Ending Cookbook* that we are putting together.

## What is the Valley's Current Homeless Situation?

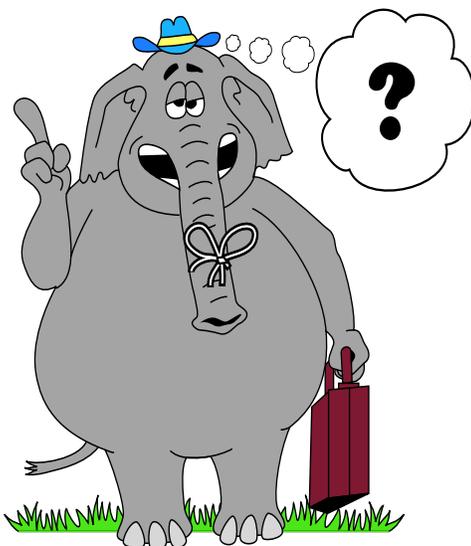
### From the Santa Clara County Website:

Despite major efforts on the part of many, homelessness remains a significant problem throughout Santa Clara County. Homelessness currently exists in all parts of the County, whether urban, suburban, or rural, but may be especially prevalent where there are pockets of persistent poverty.

### From Family Supportive Housing Website:

Each year, more than 20,000 people experience homelessness in Santa Clara County. Of this number, 25% are under the age of 18. In the City of San Jose alone, there are approximately 20,000 to 30,000 households that are at risk of homelessness.

Today the majority of homeless families are actually working full-time, but they do not earn enough to afford housing, food, clothing and the necessities of life on either one or even two paychecks.



## Attend the Popular Annual English Tea

### From the AAUW Committee on Homeless Women and Children:

The state of homelessness continues to be very serious and widespread. To continue to support the Georgia Travis Center and help InnVision meet some of the needs of the homeless, we need the financial resources which we accrue at our Annual English Tea. Please help support the Committee on Homeless Women and Children and to make this year's fund-raiser a success. So, ladies, you can see our work is still in progress.



**Save the Date** and plan to bring your friends and family to our popular Annual English Tea.  
 Date: Saturday, April 9  
 Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm  
 Location: the Saratoga Community Center



You will receive more information in the March 2011 *Grapevine*. This is an extremely popular event so be sure and make your reservations early, last year we sold out and had a waiting list.

To make advanced ticket reservations to attend the English Tea, contact Patty Weber, 264 - 2601. The tickets cost \$35 (*Tax Deductible*) per person.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the Annual English Tea, contact Nancy Anderson by telephone, 867-4383 or email, [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com)

## UPDATE: What's "Blogging" at the Current Interests Blog

We've already had four interesting and informative sessions at our first Wednesday of the month meeting at Florentine Trattoria in Saratoga. We've discussed current political issues, i.e., California elections, what's going on in Washington and I found out what the "Dream Act" is. We learn from each other and it's fascinating to hear everyone's point-of-view.

We've shared our experiences with and recommendations for vendors such as home contractors, handymen, etc.

If you're interested in intelligent discussions on a variety of subjects and want to voice your opinion come and join us the first Wednesday of the month. Check the *Grapevine* Calendar and put it on YOUR calendar.

Reservations aren't necessary, but for further information call Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586; Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397, or Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016.

—Joan Kjemtrup

## Let's Look Back to the AAUW Successes in 2010!

AAUW, along with the tens of thousands of others in our nationwide network of e-activists, has helped influence public policy throughout 2010. In the current economic climate, when so many organizations are cutting back, AAUW remains uniquely positioned to be a strong voice for you in the halls of power.

As educated women and men, we continue to be advocates and catalysts for sustainable change, and will supercharge our efforts to break through barriers for women and girls tomorrow. Thanks to your activism and generosity, we can claim some impressive advocacy and programmatic achievements this year.

This year, AAUW:

- Made enormous strides toward strengthening and updating the Equal Pay Act by advocating for the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#). Although the bill was ultimately defeated by a [procedural vote](#) of 58-41 in the Senate we will continue the fight for strong pay equity legislation in the next Congress, and for stronger equal pay enforcement through the Executive Branch.
- Published *Why So Few?* Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, a comprehensive report on the continued underrepresentation of women in these fields.
- Awarded \$3.2 million in [Fellowships, Grants, and Awards](#) for the 2010-11 academic year to support 215 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls.
- Helped close the book on the Pentagon's 17-year-old "*Don't Ask, Don't Tell*" policy which bans LGBT Americans openly serving in the military.
- Encouraged the inclusion of Sen. Barbara Mikulski's (D-MD) [Women's Health Amendment](#) in the health care reform legislation. This amendment will prevent health insurance providers from discriminating against women, requiring insurance companies to cover additional preventive health care and screenings for women at no additional premium or co-payment cost.
- Brought nearly 500 college women from 48 states, Washington D.C., the Virgin Islands, the West Indies, and Guam together for the [25<sup>th</sup> National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#). Students returned home ready to improve their campuses and their communities.
- Received recognition of our research and advocacy in publications as diverse as *Good Housekeeping*, *The Washington Post*, and *Time Magazine*.
- Broke the readership record for the [AAUW Dialog Blog](#) with nearly 10,000 readers this year. We also moved the conversation about equity for women and girls into other new media, including [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Celebrated the one year anniversaries of the [Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act](#) and the [Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act](#), hard-won victories for equal rights that could not have succeeded without the commitment and dedication of AAUW's e-advocates. The FBI has relied on AAUW's input in writing and updating its hate crimes statistics collection to include gender-biased motivated crimes.
- Prevented several attempts to weaken public education by [diverting public funds](#) to private or religious schools through voucher funding schemes. AAUW stands firmly by the belief that the country should provide an excellent education for all children, not private school vouchers for a few.
- Increased support for [anti-bullying legislation](#) that would ensure all schools have effective policies in place to prevent and respond to bullying and harassment, as well as educate teachers and administrators about these issues.
- Successfully fought back a [dangerous "Personhood Amendment"](#) in Colorado which would have brought a sweeping ban on abortion, even in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother was at risk.
- Successfully fought for the inclusion and passage of the [Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act](#), one of the largest investments in higher education ever, in the health care reform bill.
- Launched "*In That Moment I Knew*," a series of radio public service announcements highlighting members' stories and AAUW's mission and goals.



## Teens Gifted in Record Numbers

The stockings were hung by the chimneys with care; Holiday hopes of poor teens were met by caring people out there.

Gifts for Teens assembled and distributed 1,502 beautiful full totes and gym bags and an additional 290 blankets, soccer balls, skate boards, and high quality jackets. The total count of the gifts was 1,792! The highest count ever, demonstrating the love, care and generosity of the larger community for the impoverished youth of downtown San Jose. The agencies identifying the teens, Sacred Heart C.S., Bill Wilson Center, and Unity Cares, especially appreciated the \$20 or \$25 certificates for new shoes included with practical and fun gift items filling each and every bag.

A very special thanks to generous AAUW cash donors, knitters of hats and scarves, those who delivered small gift items and cosmetics, and to the over 360 volunteers who helped during the 10 days of assembly. You out-did yourselves, with the result, a rousing success for the Gifts for Teens project. THANK YOU!



AAUW-San Jose committee members are thanked: Gloria Leonard, communications; Phyllis Keesey, gift certificates; Sharon Bouska, gift buyer; Elaine Benoit Chair.; Mary Ellen Heising, Food Bank/buyer; Cheryl Markman, volunteers. An additional 11 committee members are from the community.

–Elaine Benoit, [ebenoit@pacbell.net](mailto:ebenoit@pacbell.net)



## Turkey or Chicken Tetrazzini

This recipe is brought to you by popular request. The gals (the Committee on Homeless Women and Children) who worked on this year's Holiday Dinner at the Commercial Street Inn asked for the recipe of the main dish I brought. They suggested it might be shared with all of the branch members through the Grapevine. It is easy to make and always very popular.

Makes: 6 servings

2 cups cooked turkey or chicken,  
shredded in bite-size pieces  
1/2 lb. Spaghettini pasta  
6 tblsp. butter, divided  
1/2 lb. mushrooms, sliced  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tblsp. lemon juice  
2 tblsp. all-purpose flour  
1/4 tsp. paprika  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/8 tsp. nutmeg  
2 1/2 cups chicken broth  
1 cup heavy cream  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan

1. Cook the spaghettini according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
2. Saute mushrooms in 3 tablespoons butter. Add 1/2 tsp. salt and lemon juice. Set aside.
3. Melt the remaining 3 tablespoons of butter in a medium saucepan, add the flour, seasonings and cook a 1 to 2 minutes. Slowly whisk in the broth. Simmer, stirring until thickened. As you are stirring with a whisk, add the cream. Stir in the turkey or chicken, the sauted mushrooms, the cooked spaghettini into the thickened sauce. Stir in the Parmesan cheese.
5. Pour the mixture into a 9x13-inch pan and bake in a preheated 400° F. for 30 to 45 minutes until heated through.

–Nancy Anderson

## AAUW CA Budget Recommendations To Be Sent to Governor & Legislators Soon

Under the direction of the AAUW CA Public Policy Director, Sue Miller, Gloria Leonard and other members of the Santa Clara County AAUW branches formed a California Budget Study Project group.

The Budget Study Project conducted three workshops to discuss the state budget process, spending and revenue while focusing on education and health and human services needs. After gathering information and much discussion, the group made recommendations to reform state government, and in particular the budget process, as well as spending and revenue recommendations. The report from this group has been sent to AAUW CA where it will be integrated into a comprehensive state-wide report.

AAUW CA will send this report with the state-wide recommendations to the California legislature and governor.

## State AAUW Now on Facebook

Please take a look at our **AAUW California Facebook page**. We hope our branches will post their news and activities here. Better yet, why not set up your branch's own page and let us know so we can "friend you."

Contact me, if you would like assistance, **Harriet Tower**, Director

### To Branch Members:

I am planning to add a Facebook page so that we can post our NEWS and ACTIVITIES. I am currently studying the process. Stay tuned for the announcement.

–Gail Pedersen, Grapevine editor

## AAUW CA Budget Study Committee – Santa Clara County IBC

AAUW San Jose Public Policy Committee has discussed the initiative to form a Santa Clara County ad hoc committee to address the 2011 California State Budget. The Santa Clara County branches brought together interested members to form a Budget Study group. The study group met weekly for four weeks, mid-October through mid-November, to produce reasoned solutions to California's budget crisis. The format for the study meeting was modeled after "Great Decisions" groups many of us were familiar with. A report was compiled and sent to the AAUW CA Public Policy Directory, Sue Miller. The discussions and recommendations received from the branches state-wide will be consolidated into a single report and those recommendations will be sent by AAUW CA to the Governor and the legislator by March 2011.

The IBC representatives for 2010-11, at the September 21, 2010 meeting, asked that this information be summarized and sent to them. They identified members at their branches to participate in the Study Group.

*"AAUW CA Board of Directors has approved initiating a study that will result in AAUW CA taking a position on the 2011 California State Budget. Branches are asked to help the Board develop recommendations that will be distributed to the Governor and California legislators in 2011."*

–Sue Miller, Director of Public Policy, AAUW CA



## Gloria Leonard Serves on the State Public Policy Committee

Gloria Leonard has been a member of AAUW for over 10 years. She is committed to the mission of breaking down barriers for women and girls and appreciates that she is able to join her voice with others to promote the ideals of AAUW. She has served on the AAUW San Jose board for most of her 13 year membership including a year as President.

Soon after joining AAUW, Gloria

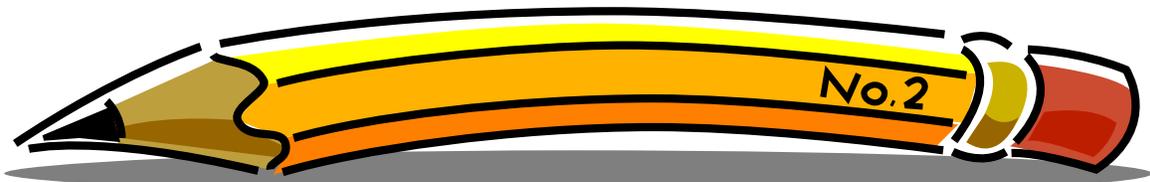
found her calling in the organization in Public Policy. Becoming an advocate for the AAUW issues that promote equity for women and girls was the most compelling part of the AAUW programs to her. She is both the Public Policy Chair of the San Jose Branch's Public Policy Committee and serves on the AAUW CA State level Public Policy Committee.

## February 2011 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, 867-4383. Contact either: Sharon Kelkenberg 650-962-1656 or Helen Lemmon 408-867-0575.
- 2 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 and Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397.
- 3 Thursday **Hikes and Walks – Trail Clean-up**. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Park & Ride lot behind Starbucks. Short hike, coffee or lunch possible after cleanup.
- 4 Friday **Travel “Armchair” Adventures**, 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *Hikes and Walks in France*, presented by Kay Duffy. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445.
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383
- 9 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30 am at the Yeung Shing restaurant, 14107 South Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos. All members and guests welcome. Reservations to hostess Pat O’Hare, 354-6790. Chair, Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607.
- 10 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, “*Our Annual Valentine Hike.*” Bring your lover or best friend; hike on the coast and a cozy lunch at Barbara’s Fishtrap. Hike is 5-6 miles. Dress warmly. Back by 4 pm. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center parking lot way out in front of CVS Drug Store. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 15 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, 867-4383. Contact either: Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656 or Helen Lemmon, 408-867-0575.
- 15 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm The book read will be *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Reviewers: Pat Khan and Marilyn Lenormand. The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. RSVP to Margaret Ford, 356-5028. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb, 356-8441
- 17 Thursday **General Meeting**, 1:00-3:00 pm, *Budget Recommendations for 2011 State Budget*, presented by Gloria Leonard. Saratoga Library, Community Room. (See the front page for details.)
- 18 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Margaret Bard, 4130 Ashbrook Circle, San Jose. Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625.
- 22 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30-3:00 pm, at the home of Barbara Shandera, 1646 Canna Lane, San Jose. RSVP: Barbara, 978-0192. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 24 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike**. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center way out in front of CVS Drug Store.

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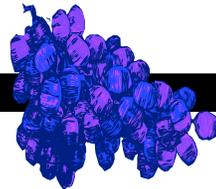
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**Please make this change in your directory.**

**Mary Surginer** (*Mary has moved back into her Los Gatos home.*)

Tel. 408-354-4905; the cell phone number is still the same.

Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Patty Weber, Database Manager, [xaviercugat@comcast.net](mailto:xaviercugat@comcast.net)



**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**

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