

## February 2013 General Meeting

### America's Cup Comes to San Francisco!

Saturday, February 9, 2013

1:00 to 3:00 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos  
(800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos)

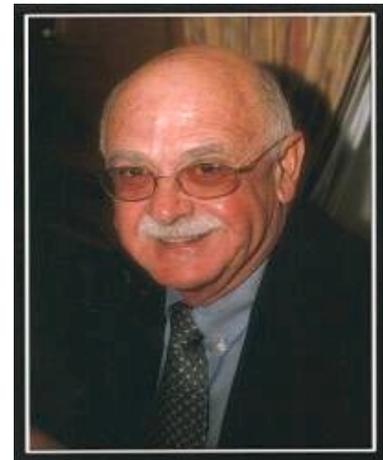
Speaker: Lawrence Tartaglino



The competition for the America's Cup goes back over 160 years. Hear about the traditions and the history of this avidly followed yacht race in the pursuit of the America's Cup. Open to the general public. Come and bring your friends, family and other members.

In his talk, Lawrence Tartaglino examines the men, the organizations, and the yachts that helped create the romance of "The Olde Mug". Using photographs and stories, he examines the fortunes and reputations gained and lost in pursuit of the Cup.

Lawrence Tartaglino has been an avid sailor most of his life. His casual, engaging style has gained him the reputation as a knowledgeable speaker and an exceptional storyteller. He has traveled with Princess Cruises as an Enrichment Speaker.



Lawrence Tartaglino

*(Read more fascinating facts about the America's Cup and about our speaker, Lawrence Tartaglino, on page 3.)*

## Coming Next Month . . .

### March 2013 General Meeting

#### Women's National History Month

Speaker: see next month *Grapevine* issue for details.

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013; 10:00 am-12 noon

Where: The Terraces of Los Gatos

(800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos)

Mark your calendar for next month's celebration of *Women's History Month*. Our yearly programs have covered a wide range of interests and highlighted the many wonderful achievements made by women.

Women's  
**HISTORY**  
**MONTH**  
**Celebration**

# Message from the February 2013 Chairwomen of the Month Committee

Early in the New Year, we have another great speaker. Lawrence Tartaglino will tell us about the America's Cup. See the article in this issue for information about Mr. Tartaglino. San Francisco is hosting this year's event. If you are like me, all you know about the America's Cup is it is some fancy yacht race. It will be interesting (and excited) to learn about the race and the impact it has on San Francisco and the Bay area. As with all our programs, this talk will be open to the public. This program will be fascinating, whether you are a boating enthusiast or not. Come and bring guests.

Our programs for this year have been outstanding. We have some great programs planned for the rest of the year. Mark the dates on your calendar and come to hear our other speakers. Saturday, March 16, 2013 our annual program celebrating Women's History Month; Saturday, April 13, 2013 Potluck Luncheon celebrating the Granting of Awards; Saturday, April 27, 2013 ISPF English Tea and Silent Auction fundraiser and, finally wrapping up the

year's programs, Saturday, May 18, 2013 discussion of the book *Coming Apart* (Working Class Collapse in America 1960 to 2010).

## WE NEED YOU

On a totally different topic, the Nominating Committee Chair is Virginia Turner. To keep the Branch going we need people to serve on the Nominating Committee. We also need people to serve as Officers and Appointed Board members. Please step forward. You can share your position with another person, which gives you flexibility. The Board is very supportive and will help you learn your position and offer support and help when needed. Even though you have served as an Officer and/or Appointed Board member, please step up and accept a position. Members of our branch are well informed on many subjects; they are kind, caring, funny – in a word, they are very special women. Many of my close friends I met through my membership and service in the Branch.

–Pat Khan, February Chairwomen of the Month



*Just A Reminder* 

## Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

### NEXT MONTH:

#### March's Chairwomen Committee –

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## We Urgently Need You to Participate!

### Seeking Members to Serve on Nominating Committee

Let us know if you can serve on the nominating committee. Contact Virginia Turner, the chair of the Nominating Committee, for more information (vturner@sbcglobal.net; 408-866-4234).

Also we want to hear from you if you know a member who is a leader and can serve as an elected officer for next year.

There are many roles to play in the branch. Consider becoming a board member. When the committee calls, step up and help make the branch work for all members.

## Hear About the Traditions of the America's Cup



The America's Cup is the most coveted trophy in sports; its competition is steeped in tradition going back over 160 years. From its first winning yacht, *America*, which was built as a vehicle for winning money on the water, to the latest challengers and defenders, whose teams spend up to \$100 million for each campaign, the competition has always attracted widespread international attention and fierce competition.

The tradition for the Cup was originally envisioned as a way to promote “friendly competition among nations,” but it has resulted in international scandal, lawsuits, and charges of cheating, deception, and spying. There was even a threat to withdraw ambassadorships.

Competition for the Cup has drawn millionaires and billionaires,

yachtsmen, boat designers, space-age engineers and scientists. It has resulted in innovations and breakthroughs in yacht design and has employed advancements in computer technology, hydraulics, weather forecasting, and mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

Our speaker, Lawrence Tartaglino, received his Bachelor's and MBA degrees from San Jose State Univer-

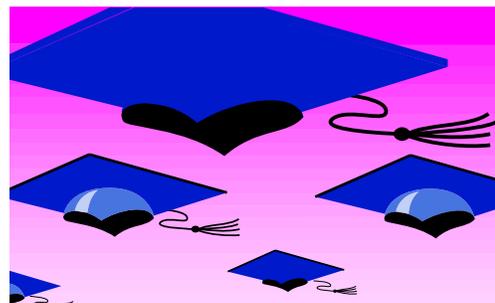
sity. He worked in management for a multinational pharmaceutical company, owned his own business, and taught accounting and finance classes at a California community college. He has been an avid sailor most of his life. Since retiring, he has enjoyed developing talks and speaking on subjects including business and maritime history and travel.

–Lavonne Marafino



### Still Time to Complete the 'Every Member Survey' Tell Us What You Think!

The Every Member Survey is included in the Winter 2013 issue of *AAUW Outlook*. Your opinions help shape AAUW's programs and activities. Complete and return the survey by mail or complete it online by April 2, 2013.



### Three Ways to Start the New Year with the Gift of Membership in AAUW

Give an AAUW membership to a graduate student for just \$18.81. Undergraduates attending AAUW college/university partner member schools can join for free as e-student affiliates! Give recent graduates free membership using the [Give a Grad a Gift](#) campaign.

## Success for This Years Holiday Season of L-O-V-E

### Report from the Committee on Homeless Women and Children

The Committee on Homeless Women and Children had a very successful dinner and gift exchange on December 14th at the Commercial Street Inn (CSI). Sixteen women and their children enjoyed a dinner of chicken tetrazzini, vegetarian lasagna, mac and cheese for the children, plus a tossed green salad, steamed green beans, rolls, butter and chocolate cake for dessert. Meals were saved for the seven women who were working. The CSI dining room was very crowded, so we walked across the street to the Georgia Travis Center to open gifts. A baby sitter watched the children in the shelter. Because of the generosity of many friends of the Committee we had 113 gifts. Presents were set aside for those women at work and for some long term drop-in clients at Georgia Travis Center.

By opening the gifts at Georgia Travis we had the time to socialize with the women and hear their stories. There was a pregnant woman with two children who was past due her due date. A grandmother in the shelter with her grandchildren opened only one of her gifts because she wanted to open the other gifts with her grandchildren. A woman shared with me that her 24-year old son had a successful kidney transplant, but her 27-year old son had been murdered in 2007. Another woman told us it was her first Christmas in 17 years, having left home when she was 14. They also enjoyed the See's candy purchased from the late Irmalyn Benkert's memorial fund.

Of course, the women were so thankful for the lovely gifts they received. The committee received lots of hugs and kisses at the end of the evening. The spirit of Season was there with all of us - LOVE.



You can still help the homeless women and their children: JoAn Lambert is still seeking silent auction items and jewelry for jewelry table at the Annual English Tea, April 27, 2013, West Valley Cottage. The Tea is being sponsored by the AAUW Committee to Support Women and Girls (the official name of the Homeless, Local Scholarship, and Tech Trek groups sponsoring the English Tea). More information is in this issue of The Grapevine.

—Marlene Lamb

## Tech Trek Report

Our Branch received a wonderful gift from the History Club of Los Gatos. The History Club had a fund raiser much like our English Tea. They made enough to donate five scholarships to Tech Trek, three for our branch and two for San Jose, plus almost three thousand dollars divided between the two camps at Stanford.

They supported Tech Trek several years ago by providing scholarships for our branch as well as the San Jose and Gilroy branches. After Therese Wiese, the History Club fundraiser, visited Tech Trek at Stanford, she realized that they could help not only by providing scholarships, but also by giving support directly to the camp program.

—Nancy Hobbs, Tech Trek Co-Chair



## Start the Year Off Right! Start a Healthy Tradition of Walking

### An Invitation From Your Hikes And Walks Leaders:

It is time to exercise for the New Year and to enjoy companionship with friends on the trail! We had a fabulous hike in January. On a cold, crisp, sunny day we hiked a lovely ridge trail on the east side of the valley above Gilroy, with beautiful views of the valley below and Anderson Lake to the east. We picnicked in the sun and shared our plans for the year and,

when we got back, a cup of coffee to warm up.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and check the *Grapevine* for our schedule for more information contact Co-chair Kay Duffy by telephone, 408-867-0508 or by email, K@kayduffy.com

JOIN US for trail adventures with Jane Bishop and Kay Duffy.

## Our English Tea Fundraiser is Coming in April 2013!

### Join Us! Our English Tea Helps to Support Local Women and Girls

Please join us at West Valley College for a delightful English Tea on Saturday, April 27, and help support our three local projects: Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. Tickets are \$40 (\$25 of which is tax-deductible) and we encourage you to bring friends and family to fill a table of 6 or 8.

The doors will open for the Silent Auction at 1:00 pm and you can begin bidding on the products and services provided by local businesses and friends of AAUW.

Tea Service will begin at 2:00 pm with delicious sandwiches and scrumptious desserts served on china dishes provided by AAUW members. The caterer from West Valley College impressed the committee with the presentation and variety of food which should appeal to the most discriminating tastes. He promises a little something for almost anyone! There will be Door Prizes during the Tea.

Following the tea service, you will be entertained by the "early music" of Art and Peter on dulcimer and fiddle, and you will hear from one of the women who benefited from our financial support. Prizes will be awarded for the finest

Spring Hats so look through your closets and select your best chapeau for the occasion.

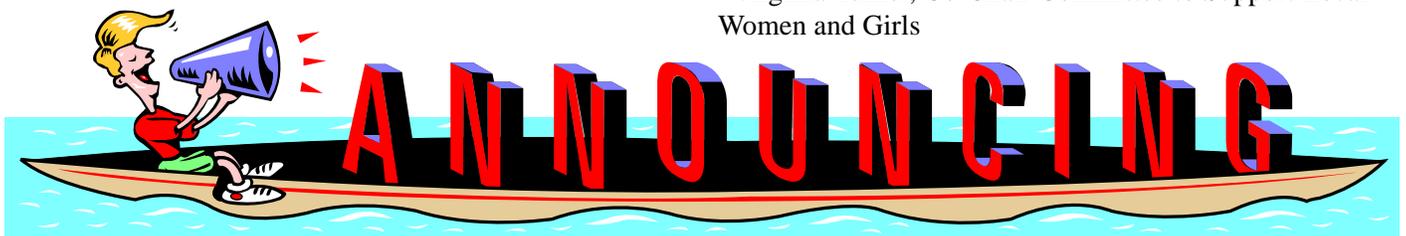
During the afternoon the very popular Jewelry Table will sell both costume jewelry and fine jewelry. The most exciting piece of jewelry will be our beautiful diamond pendant which will be won by one lucky participant in the Raffle. Raffle tickets will be available through committee members during February, March and April as well as at the Tea itself.

The event ends about 4:00 pm. See the enclosed flyer for more details about a very exciting and worthwhile afternoon.

Many, many thanks to all of you who have responded so generously to our appeal letter. Your generosity will truly make a difference to many local women and girls. You can still make a contribution to any or all of the three projects. Send your check payable to ISPF – AAUW to Louise Quenon, 20297 Thelma Av, Saratoga, CA 95070. Donations are tax-deductible.

If you have any questions or if you would like to join the Committee to Support Local Women and Girls, call one of the co-chairs, Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234 or Charlene Bunger at 408-440-0063.

–Virginia Turner, Co-Chair Committee to Support Local Women and Girls



### Coming Soon! New AAUW Logo and Website

For the first time in more than 20 years, AAUW is unveiling a new logo. You can see it — and our brand-new website! — when we launch them both on February 20.

Customized state and branch logos will be available to state and branch officers in March, along with a host of tools and resources you can use to update your materials easily, efficiently, and cost-effectively. In the meantime, check [the current website](#) regularly for more logo news.

### AAUW Meets New Members of the 113th Congress

AAUW is celebrating the [record number of women](#) who are now getting settled in the 113th Congress. AAUW lobbyists Lisa Maatz, Erin Prangley, and Anne Hedgepeth recently visited the offices of newly elected female members of the 113th Congress to discuss AAUW priority issues.

AAUW encourages you to [get to know](#) your members of Congress. See our [tips](#) for meeting with elected officials.

### Have You Registered for AAUW Convention Yet?

Don't miss this opportunity to take part in our exciting national convention in New Orleans. You'll be wowed by the [speakers](#), invigorated by the workshops, and make new lifelong AAUW friends from across the country.

Plus, [pre- and post-convention tours](#) of one of the most charming cities in the United States give you an excuse to come early and stay later! So, climb aboard the streetcar named AAUW and laissez les bons temps rouler!

## Silver Jubilee Scholarships Offered by SF AAUW Branch

The San Francisco AAUW branch will offer scholarships of \$2,000 each to help upper division and graduate school women complete their final year of study in an accredited college or university for the school year 2013-2014. Candidates must live or attend a university or college within a

100-mile radius of San Francisco and be on track to complete their course of study by June 2014. There is no restriction on the use of the funds. Completed applications are due by April 30, 2013.

If you are interested, or have friends or relatives who may benefit from the

scholarship, please check the Silver Jubilee Fund information on the AAUW San Francisco website at: <http://www.aauwsf.org>

–Pat Camarena (Silver Jubilee Scholarship Chair) at: [tappat157@aol.com](mailto:tappat157@aol.com)



## 1410 – A Number to Celebrate!

*GIFTS FOR TEENS* is celebrating phenomenal success this year! During the rainy December Holidays, durable bags containing nicer contents and packed fuller than any time in the past 14 years, were given to low-income and homeless local teens. 1,410 of them!

**THE NUMBERS ARE IN!** *Gifts for Teens* distributed 1410 bags and special gifts to the impoverished youth of our valley. In December, it took a full 2 weeks to prepare items and fill the totes and duffels. A high quality hooded sweatshirt for each and every teen, cosmetic bags filled with Neutrogena teen skin-care products (7 pallets arriving on the final packing day....whew!), 2 colorful, stylish t-shirts per teen and many other fun and useful gifts were the highlights of the bags this year. The San Jose Rotary Club bought all the bags and totes through a \$10,000 cash grant and The Farrington Historic Foundation grant provided the necessary seed money to launch the sweatshirt drive. 5 Agencies' teen clients received colorful girls' totes worth \$158 per bag (see photo) and guys duffel bags valued at \$145 each.

The total value of the project is estimated at \$210,000, with \$57,000 cash raised and \$153,000 in items donated!

### EVERYONE HELPED OUT!

Amazingly, an elderly woman in her nineties, having the use of only one hand, knit a beautiful gift scarf using a special tool. From a generous donor, the final dozen girl's sweatshirts came on the last day of the packing process.

Over 300 volunteers helped prepare and pack the full to overflowing bags. Lunch was provided to GFT workers on 3 separate days by anonymous donors. Corporate and community groups enthusiastically donated both

time and funds. Cash donations from individuals and AAUW members topped \$20,000. Students from Presentation and Mitty High Schools gathered \$6,000 worth of gift cards. And a handsome middle school boy shyly brought girl's scarves when he came to volunteer. On the final day, SJSU Fraternity members and GFT volunteers helped load and unload 2 large truckloads totaling 900 bags destined for teen clients of Sacred Heart Community Service.

A heartfelt "Thanks" to all! FOR THIS SUCCESS we are most grateful and yes, we are celebrating!

–Elaine Benoit,  
[elaine@gifts4teens.org](mailto:elaine@gifts4teens.org)



Photograph on the left: The GFT Gift Bags were filled with useful & fun items that made "The Season Jolly!"



## February 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Friday** **Travel “Armchair” Adventure** meets at 7:30 PM, The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: *The Antarctic – It’s Wildlife & Landscapes*, presented by photographer Larry Rossier, who, with his wife, took a three-week Lindblad expedition to this unique land in 2011. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 354-1781. **Open to All Members.**
- 4 Monday** **Board Meeting** at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Avenue & the Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. **All Members are Invited.**
- 5 Tuesday** **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 PM at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575. **Seeking Spanish Speakers at Any Level.**
- 7 Thursday** **Trail Cleanup – Hikes & Walks.** Meet promptly at 9 AM in the Los Gatos Park & Ride lot. Questions? Call Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796.
- 9 Saturday** **General Meeting.** Topic: *The America’s Cup Comes to San Francisco*, 1:00-3:00 PM at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). **Open to the General Public.** See the front page and page 3 for more details about the traditions of the America’s Cup.
- 12 Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** at 7:00 PM at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba in Saratoga. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Seeking New Members.**
- 13 Wednesday** **Let’s Do Lunch, 11:30 AM** at the Viva restaurant, 15970 Los Gatos Blvd. RSVP to Roberta London. Chair: Roberta London, (408) 741-7645. Co-chair: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397.
- 14 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes & Walks: Valentine Hike to Lover’s Point in Monterey.** Bring your lover or best friend. Hike 5-6 miles along the Monterey Bay coast. Meet promptly at 9:00 AM in the Los Gatos Park & Ride Lot. Bring lunch. A possible winery visit in the Cannery. Questions? Call Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796. **Seeking New Walkers.**
- 15 Friday** **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 AM at Margaret Bard’s home at 4130 Ashbrook Circle in San Jose to share a wide range of reading with other book lovers. Chair: Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625. **New Members are Welcome.**
- 19 Tuesday** **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 PM, The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Book: *The Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard, Reviewer Ann Roberts. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **New Members are Welcome.**
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- 26 Tuesday** **Film Buffs**, 1:30–3:00 PM at the home of Lita Askanas, 13460 Saraview Drive, Saratoga. Please RSVP to Lita at (408) 867-2543. **New Members are Welcome.**
- 28 Thursday** **Hikes & Walks – Back by Noon**, promptly at 9:00 AM at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, by CVS Drugs. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Come and Walk with Us.**

## March 2013

- 1 Friday** **Travel – “Armchair” Adventures**, 7:30 PM at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *Interesting Views of Eastern Europe* – travels through the Ukraine, the Baltic States and Russia. Presented by photographer Jeff Katz and his wife, Rudi. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 354-1781.
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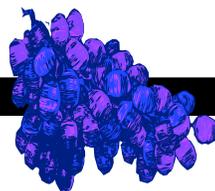
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**Found at AAUW Holiday Party**

Nancy Anderson found two red rubberized bag clips after the December AAUW Holiday Party at her home. To claim them, contact Nancy Anderson at – 408-867-4383 or [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com)



# English Tea and Silent Auction

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

## Hats Off!!



Prizes for the  
finest Spring Hats!

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

2:00 – 4:00

West Valley College

Campus Center

(see map on reverse side)

Open for Auction Viewing at 1:00

Tea Served at 2:00

Door Prizes

Jewelry Table

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Art and Peter on dulcimer and  
fiddle play English Country tunes

*Benefit for  
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**TICKETS:** Contact Pat Khan 408-741-1616  
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