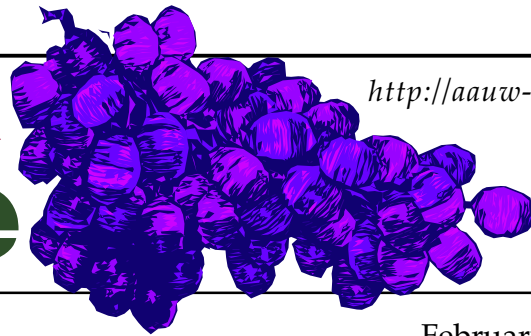


Grapevine



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Celebrate February 2016 . . .



President's Day is Feb 15

- *Abraham Lincoln* has a February Birthday
- *George Washington* has a February Birthday



Black History Month
is Feb 1 – 29

Valentine's Day
is Feb. 14



Leap Year Day
is Feb. 29

Coming Soon . . .

Remember to Save the Date for:

Saturday, March 19; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saratoga Blossom Festival

The branch will have a table with AAUW information so stop by and say "hello."

Where: Heritage Orchard and the area around the Civic Center, 13777 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga

Friday, April 15; 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon

"Let's Talk about Getting Older"

An interactive discussion of several topics related to getting older and maintaining health.

Where: Saratoga Library Community Room, 13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga

Co-sponsored by AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga, Soroptimist International of Los Gatos-Saratoga, and the Saratoga Library.





Letter from the Leadership Team



Looking for a Few Good Leaders

Our Branch Needs YOU!

We are looking for members who can help lead our branch in the coming year, 2016-2017. We need officers (*in particular the President and/or President Elect*) who take a more prominent leadership role, and we also need people to work on our various committees and administrative functions like bylaws and website liaison. There is a wide range of tasks to be done; check the directory for a complete list of all the board positions.

Are you willing to help?

The Board meets once a month to set the overall course for the branch, then most members work independently or with their committee to carry out the various

activities. It's a great way to get to know a great bunch of people! And you'll help keep AAUW a vital organization in the Los Gatos and Saratoga area.

If you are interested in helping, or if you would like more information about a particular job, please contact Virginia Turner, immediate Past President, at 408-866-4234 or by email at vturner@sbcglobal.com. Excellent supporting materials and information are easily available through the AAUW national website and the California website and from current board members.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to further the mission of AAUW!

Save the Date for AAUW-CA State Convention 2016

Friday, April 15 – Sunday,
April 17, 2016
San Mateo Marriott

Join us! For information regarding the California State Convention 2016 go to <http://www.aauw-ca.org>

Meet the Branch Leadership Team

Louise Quenon (*VP Finance*) is a Bay Area native, born and raised in Berkeley where her father was a professor and her mother was a librarian. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences at Cal and a Master's in Zoology at Univ. Wisconsin. After teaching at Wisconsin State Univ. for a few years, the Bay Area beckoned and she returned taking a position teaching in the Biology Department at De Anza College – the first woman hired to teach in any of the STEM fields at De Anza.

A canoe trip in British Columbia provided the opportunity to meet her husband-to-be, Michel, a Belgian citizen. Over the years they have enjoyed many travels, often with a natural history or anthropological focus, such as kayaking Glacier Bay, Alaska, rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, on Safaris in East Africa and exploring the Sepik River of Papua New Guinea in a dugout canoe.

Often these trips yield ethnic folk art souvenirs that find a place in their home and as her then 6 year old niece once said, "[she] has funny things on [her] walls!"

At home Louise is usually found working in her garden, devising rodent-proof protections for the vegetable beds (*a work in progress!*), or in the kitchen utilizing the garden produce the rodents didn't eat. She loves cooking and baking in particular!

AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga has been a part of Louise's life for 4 decades; while teaching, her involvement was mostly limited to playing in a bridge group but since retirement she has worked with Local Scholarships, Tech Trek, AAUW Funds (*formerly EF*), and for the past several years has coordinated the Bridge Interest Groups and organized the Games Party afternoons to benefit Tech Trek. She wholly supports the goals of AAUW and cherishes the many friendships she has made through the branch.



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW: The 1980s

The decade of the 1980's saw members visible in the community in various ways; for seven years the Saratoga Citizens of the Year were members of our Branch of AAUW: **Mildred Gordon** (1980), **Marge Bunyard** (1981), **Peggy Corr** (1983), **Willys and Betty Peck** (1985), **Marion Card** (1986), **Gladys Armstrong** (1987) and **Louise Cooper** (1989). Many members were elected to school boards and city councils or served on advisory committees and commissions.

Our Committee on Homeless Women and Children was probably the most active and visible group. **Georgia Travis** initiated the work in 1985 as a Women's Issue. By 1986 it was presented to Interbranch and became a county committee. In the spring of 1987 Georgia received the Santa Clara County Human Relations/Human Rights Award. She became a member of the Senior Hall of Fame of the Santa Clara County Fair Association for her work in research, organization and program development in addressing the problem of Homeless Women and Children.

At the California State Division of AAUW, eight Branch members served on the Group Effectiveness Training Team: **Margie Foote**, **Jean Foss**, **Mildred Gordon**, **Nancy Hobbs**, **Peggy Johnson**, **Jan Leyse**, **Phyllis Marangoni**, and **Mary Pastrone**. Fourteen members attended AAUW's 100th Anniversary convention in Boston and found the optional trips made this convention the most fun of any of the national meetings.



The Branch began co-sponsoring Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science, a one-day workshop at San Jose State to help girls see the variety of options available within these fields and to encourage them to take math and science classes. This program continued for nearly two decades.

The Branch established a scholarship at West Valley College in memory of **Sammy Wishneff** to benefit reentry women. Later this was expanded to include all women pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Thanks to the efforts of **Nancy Hobbs**, the Interbranch Special Projects Foundation (ISPF) of Santa Clara County was incorporated as a Charitable Nonprofit Organization which allows donations for charitable projects within AAUW to be tax-deductible. Nancy served as ISPF president for many years, and **Jan Leyse** was the original treasurer. The first project reported through ISPF was our English Tea to benefit the Committee on Homeless Women and Children.

Memories of the 1980's

- California population in 1980 - 23.7 million
- Sandra Day O'Connor, justice of the Supreme Court
- Personal computers
- AIDS epidemic
- Collapse of the Berlin Wall
- Sally Ride, astronaut
- Loma Prieta earthquake
- Gallon of gas – 97 cents
- Half gallon of milk – 85 cents
- 19" portable color TV - \$589.95

Popular Culture

- Best-selling books: *The Name of the Rose*; *A Brief History of Time*; & *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*
- Oscar-winning movies: "Chariots of Fire", "Gandhi", "Amadeus", "Out of Africa", "Rain Man", & "Driving Miss Daisy"
- On Broadway: "Children of a Lesser God"; "Biloxi Blues"; "M. Butterfly"
- Emmy Awards: Hill Street Blues; Cheers; The Golden Girls; L.A. Law
- Popular Songs: "Always on My Mind"; "We Are the World"; "Graceland"; & "Wind Beneath My Wings"

Our first male members, **Fred Hawkes** and **Brent Ventura**, joined after membership in AAUW was opened to men at the Houston convention in 1987.

See next month's March 2016 *Grapevine* for the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch in the 1990s.

The Pearl Tea, Celebrating Our 30-Year English Tea & Silent Auction

Saturday, April 9, 2016

2:00 – 4:00

**Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center
19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070**

Doors open for Auction Viewing at 1:00
Tea Served at 2:00



**Benefit for
Homeless Women and
Children
Local Scholarships**

**Door Prizes
Jewelry Table**

Presented by
Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch, AAUW

TICKETS: Contact Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656
Seating limited to 150
\$47 (\$27 Tax Deductible)
Tax ID 77-0201841

Checks Payable To: ISPF - AAUW
(Interbranch Special Projects Foundation)

AAUW San Jose – Gifts for Teens Mission Accomplished Again

The final numbers are in—Gift for Teens provided 1,283 gift bags and 101 extra large gifts like sports balls, skateboards and board games to needy teens in the South Bay. Our gift bags continue to be seen as an incentive to bring teens into the Agencies where they can access help. With the increase in youth homelessness, the need for



the practical contents of the Gift for Teen bags is greater than ever. Due to a generous grant from the Shark Foundation in 2015, this year's bag also had a gift card for a pair of new shoes. From local high school clothing drives, to knitting clubs, to local businesses, to company donations, Gifts for Teens mobilized a generous community to help fill our bags with donated items. It is a labor of love for all involved.

Gifts for Teens committee members are already working on grant proposal writing, purchasing and organizing for 2016. With AAUW members, volunteers and community involvement, we will succeed again.

—Jan Giroux, *Gifts for Teens*
jgiroux603@aol.com



New Member Drive

AAUW is a trusted source for timely and vital information and for advocacy and action. We bring people together united behind the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. **It all begins in our Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch.** Capitalize on your relationships and reach out to friends, co-workers, and members of other local organizations to find our next new member.

Invite Someone to Join Now?

AAUW helps provide a strong voice that makes a difference on critical women's and civil rights issues. Be sure to notice the half-year dues rates for new members joining between January 1 and March 15. New members joining March 16 or after will enjoy up to 15 months of membership.

Use the **New Member Application Form** in this Grapevine issue to sign up a new member. Questions? Call Gail Pedersen at 408-377-6895.

AAUW MORGAN HILL 33rd ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN Sunday, April 3, 2016

Fundraiser for AAUW Funds,
Tech Trek
and Local Scholarships for
Women and Girls
at the Live Oak High School,
Morgan Hill.

- 10K Run
- 5K Run/Walk/Stroller
- Kids' 2K Fun Run
- NEW: Senior 2K (*ages 60+*)

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies
and T-shirts

Details & registration at
www.WildflowerRun.org

Register online at
racemine.com or active.com or
by mail

Family and Group rates

**Reduced registration fees
through March 24, 2016**





Joyce Sogg

June 28, 1937 – January 9, 2016
Resident of Los Gatos

Activist and community leader Joyce Sogg died Saturday, January 9, 2016 from complications of surgery. She was 78.

A resident of Los Gatos, Joyce practiced family law in San Jose for over 30 years. As a lifelong activist, she was fiercely passionate about humanitarian causes, including women's rights, civil rights, abortion and reproductive rights, and UNICEF. She was a National Representative for the National Organization for Women, and active in state and national politics. More recently, she volunteered for the Los Gatos Public Library, in elementary school literacy projects, and at the Women's Gathering Place, a day center for homeless women.

Joyce was born in Washington, DC. Raised primarily in Boston, she lived for three years as a young girl in Oahu, Hawaii where her father was an Army doctor. There, she was eyewitness to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Joyce attended Radcliffe College, and later, Santa Clara University School of Law, one of only three women in her class. Joyce moved to the Bay Area in 1961. With her former husband, Richard Sogg, M.D., she raised two children, David and Carrie, and also delighted in her grandson, Stefan.

Known for her passion for the arts — visual arts, theatre, dance, and music — Joyce was highly valued as a volunteer at the City Lights Theatre and the San Jose Rep. An avid world traveler, she studied Chinese, and also played championship duplicate bridge (Life Master) and was a wicked-good knitter.

Joyce is also survived her sister, Karen Gahm, and brothers Norman Gahm and Randy Gahm.

Her friends, family, and colleagues will miss Joyce's passion, generosity, and humor. A memorial celebration of her life is being planned.

Those wishing to honor her memory may send tax deductible contributions to the Women's Gathering Place. Checks are payable to "AAUW Committee on Homeless Women and Children, ISPF" and sent to 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, CA 95070.

The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

February's Book

Book: *"God's Hotel"*

Author: Victoria Sweet

Reviewer: Roberta London



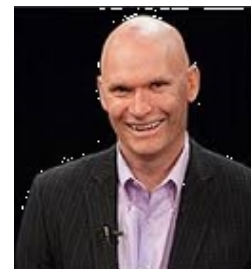
Victoria Sweet

March's Book

Book: *"All the Light We Cannot See"*

Author: Anthony Doerr

Reviewer: TBA



Anthony Doerr

Armchair Travel Adventures.

ROME: 50 Years in the Eternal City – All roads lead to Rome and they keep leading traveler **Virginia Turner** back. As a college student, she lived in Rome, returning many times with friends and family, children and grandchildren, seeing Rome as it was in ancient times and as it has changed in the past 50 years. Rome's oldest buildings can provide new experiences as archeology uncovers previously unseen wonders. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237.

February 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (*Permanent Time Change*) Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.)
- 2 Tuesday **Conversation is 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 to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656.
- 5 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Tanzania: Animals, Animals, Animals.** Through the stunning images of wildlife photographer Tamar Mednick, experience an adventure safari to the wild animal parks of Tanzania. East Africa is the site of the "Great Migration" of zebra, gazelle and wildebeest which they followed in their safari Land Cruisers, as did the predators: lions, hyenas, cheetahs and leopards. The Arusha, Tarengire and Serengeti National Parks and the Ngorongoro Crater are wonders of natural beauty with abundant wildlife beyond comparison – that served as the site of the origins of the human species. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chair: Marlene Lamb.
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **All are Welcome!**
- 10 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meet 12:30 pm at *Alexander's* (10330 N. Wolfe Rd, Cupertino). RSVP to Carol Greenleaf, (408) 867-5680; or Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Everyone is Welcome.**
- 11 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Valentine Hike to Lover's Point.** Bring your lover or best friend! Ramble along the **Monterey** coast, 5-7 miles, look for whales (or seals!), bring picnic or buy lunch from the food shack. Plan for a longer day. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at the Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga). **Book: "God's Hotel"** by Victoria Sweet. Reviewed by Roberta London. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 18 Thursday **Trail Cleanup for Hikes and Walks – on the AAUW adopted trail.** Back-by-Noon + coffee or lunch. 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. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location or details, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **New Participants Welcome!**
- 23 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 to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 25 Thursday **Back by Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. 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. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 26 Friday **Film Buffs.** Meet at 12:00 noon. For more information about location, call the Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

March 2016

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- 4 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). See description of program at the bottom of facing page (see page 6 of this Grapevine issue).
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Changes for Your Directory

Mary Sessler
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Shirley Hill

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New Phone (408) 356-0950

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

Know of a Member in Need of a Little Sunshine!

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