



September General Meeting & Showcase



Interest Groups are Showcased and The Fun Begins . . .

Mary Surginer, President, announces the first general “*showcase*” meeting on Saturday, September 25 at The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

There will be a full program of fun. The morning will start with an overview of the interest groups and their planned activities for this year. Jean Wenberg will present our Los Gatos-Saratoga branch history highlights. Tech Trek Campers will highlight this summers Stanford week of Math and Science activities. There will be refreshments and a choral program by the Zingers. The Zingers are not to be missed. You will be humming for days.

Membership information will be available for interested visitors. Please plan to attend and bring a friend who might like to join AAUW. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our branch.

The New 2010-11 Directory will be available for members to pick up their copy. (*Unclaimed Directories will be mailed.*)

Coming Next Month . . .

October 2010 Local Scholarship Fundraiser

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

(non-alcoholic beverages will be provided)

Chair: Virginia Turner

When: Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010; 4:00-6:00 pm

Where: Black Ridge Vineyard, Los Gatos

*See the flyer inserted in this Grapevine Issue
(for those who receive mailed copies). For our digital
PDF Grapevine users check out page 9 for the flyer.*

Book Club – PM

The October book to read is:

Not a Genuine Black Man, by Brian Copeland

Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm (*see the October
calendar next month for details*).

Travel “Armchair” Adventures

The travel slide presentation will be:

Ancient Morocco, Presenter Betty Toepfer

Meets the First Friday at 8:00 pm (*see the October
calendar next month for details*).

Message from the President

Has summer ended? I barely broke a sweat! It has been an extraordinary summer for me. I moved to Santana Row in February after my home burned down and it has been a unique living experience. I have met people from all over the world without leaving town and there is a real joie de vivre in the air with gourmet food and music each time you step out. Designer bags and classic cars float down the Row nightly. I've tried Karaoke and eaten really well, but now I would like to go home.

I enjoyed AAUW so much last year. I thought the lady from the Mercury News, the Sheriff and the attorney who told us how to avoid scams were so worthwhile. The scholarship speakers were exemplary, the Tea never better, and of course the Tech Trek girls are always a delight. The drummers were original and fascinating. Lavonne got us on solid ground financially and I plan to keep up the momentum. We start our September with the traditional highlighting of interest groups, Jean Wenberg telling us about the history of our AAUW branch and some tasty food from our gourmet groups. We want to see you and to bring a friend or a neighbor who might like to be a part of the group.

We only have to look at this week's "Time" cover to realize women suffer in hard situations and hence their children and our world so our work is important and honorable and the dream goes on for equal pay and opportunity.

Finally, I'd like to thank Gail Pedersen for her hard and skilled work on the Directory and *Grapevine*, Barbara Lea for help with the directory and database, Courtney Duncan



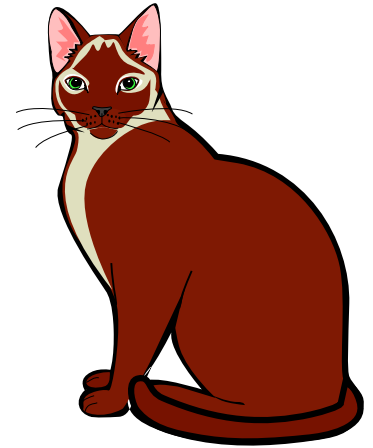
for making our Grapevine read so well, and Helen Lemmon for expanding our advertising base to defray the cost of printing and mailing the directory.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Terraces on the 25th.

—Mary Surginer

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen.”

—Anonymous



A New Era in Health Care

Panel Discussion on Federal Legislation “The Affordable Care Act”

Monday, September 27, 2010, 7:30 pm,
Saratoga Library, (13650 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070)

- Fred Armstrong, M.D.; Moderator & Past President
League of Women Voters, Southwest Santa Clara Valley

How does this new legislation affect the people in our communities?

- Speaker - to be confirmed
“Important Aspects of the Law”
- Jane Ogle
Chief Marketing Officer, Santa Clara Family Health Plan
“Effect on Public Agencies Providing Services”
- Margaret A. Smith, J.D.; CEO, Domus, Los Gatos & San Jose
“Changes for Small Business Owners”
- Todd Dray, M.D.; Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara
“Current Issues for HMO’s”

Questions from members of the audience will be welcome.

League of Women Voters
Southwest Santa Clara Valley
408-867-VOTE (8683)

If You Would Like to Help Someone in Great Need . . .

Another year begins for our Committee on Homeless Women and Children. This summer we were pleased to send a check to Jo Griner at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Los Gatos to use at her discretion to help a mother and two daughters escaping from domestic violence.

If anyone would like to help a very deserving family, contact Jo at 354-1010.

Selections for the Book Club – PM

Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Sept. 21, 2010, *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

Oct. 19, 2010, *Not a Genuine Black Man*, by Brian Copeland

Nov. 16, 2010, *Nine and Counting, The Women of the Senate*, by Catherine Whitney

Jan. 18, 2011, *Detective Inspector Huss*, by Helene Thurston

Feb. 15, 2011, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot

March 15, 2011, *Alias Grace*, by Margaret Atwood

April 19, 2011, *Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery

May 17, 2011, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Steig Larsson

Questions, contact the Co-Chairs:, Pat Khan, 741-1616, and Marlene Lamb 356-8441

–Marlene Lamb

Update on the Homeless Situation!

Santa Clara County sent out their March 2010 Social Services Agency Employment Information. Some of the current facts may be of interest to you.

Definitions:

TANF – Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – used to be AFDC (welfare)

CalWORKS – CalWORKS Employment Services – the program that moves people from welfare to work

The Federal stimulus bill included a \$5 billion allocation to the TANF program nationwide. California's share was \$1.8 billion. This helped the County create 1,124 new subsidized jobs and distribute \$1 million in emergency payments to low-income families for rent and basic utilities. These funds will expire September 30, 2010.

The County CalWORKS caseload jumped from 14,325 families on public assistance in 2009 to 16,202 as of January, 2010. The typical family consists of a single parent with one child. (70.3% of caseload).

% below Standard in CalWORKS program by Ethnicity:

Latino (45%)

African American (32.3%)

Asian/Pacific Islander (18.8%)

White (13.5%)

Of the clients actively engaged in employment services, 43% are employed. Of the 3,087 who are working: 760 are full-time and off cash aid 667 are full-time but do not earn enough to be self-sufficient so continue to receive supplementary cash aid, 762 are part-time and on aid.

Self Sufficiency Standard in Santa Clara County

The Self-Sufficiency Standard measures the actual cost of living on a county-by-county basis, accounting for different families sizes, ages of children, and local variations in costs.

For Santa Clara County:

- Number of households below Standard – 102,286
- % below Standard with one or more workers – 87.2%
- A family of three would need to hold almost four full-time, minimum-wage jobs to achieve self-sufficiency
- Among households below the Standard only 6.1% receive Public Assistance (TANF) and 9.7% receive Food Stamps (SNAP)

According to the report, 3 out of 10 California households lack enough income to meet their basic needs. To achieve self-sufficiency – calculating Santa Clara County monthly costs of rent, utilities, food, etc., a family of two adults and one child requires an annual income of \$58,512.

For information about our committee contact Nancy Anderson, Chair, 867-4383, or Dander2567@aol.com.

–Nancy Anderson,
Chair, Committee on Homeless Women and Children

How can you help? Beginnings and Endings Cookbook!

We are wanting to have our cookbook, *Beginnings and Endings* ready for sale before Christmas, as we think it will be a good little gift to give to friends, family and for yourself.

To make this cookbook a success our goal is to have 280 to 340 recipes. We thank all of you who have already donated recipes, and we ask those of you who have not, to please do so. Gail and I think it is important to have as many of you represented with a recipe as possible. Just send it to either one of us or both via email or regular mail. Our goal is to receive recipes from 60 to 75 members.

In case some members are unaware, Gail Pedersen and Lavonne Marafino are putting the book together. We are asking for recipes of appetizers and desserts. We have received old family recipes, secret recipes, easy and simple recipes and favorite recipes of our members. Believe us, it is going to be fun to see the finished product.

–Lavonne Marafino



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.

Games Party Support for Tech Trek

On a delightful afternoon in July, 36 AAUW members and guests gathered at The Terraces in Los Gatos for the annual Games Party. As always, the beneficiary of the proceeds is our local Tech Trek project. This year we netted over \$900 from the event, a little more than enough to send one girl to the Stanford camp next summer. This summer 5 girls from the Los Gatos – Saratoga area participated in the camp thanks to funds raised by our local AAUW branch.

Other donations throughout the year make up the balance of the funds needed to send the girls to camp. If you were unable to attend the fundraiser and would like to make a donation to Tech Trek, please send your contribution to Nancy Hobbs.

–Louise Quenon

How is it going . . .

We thank the following members who have already sent in their recipes.

Agree, Doris
 Bernyk, Gladys
 Bunger, Charlenen
 Bunyard, Marge
 Corr, Peggy
 Dalcher, Patricia
 Drury, Joy
 Duffy, Kay
 Furman, Gerry
 Garrod, Jane
 Hill, Dale
 Lea, Barbara
 London, Roberta
 Marafino, Lavonne
 Mariani, Blenda
 McKim, Elaine
 Model, Sarah
 Monroe, Ann
 Newlove, Phoebe
 Peck, Betty
 Pedersen, Gail
 Priest, Dianne
 Quenon, Louise
 Rastatter, Joyce
 Raynaud, Terri
 Reinhardt, Catherine
 Restrict, Margo
 Sternberg, Laura
 Stone, Kerstin
 Surginer, Mary
 Williams, Geri

Recipe submission follow-up.

Another 15 members have pledged to send recipes and you will be getting a reminder email soon. The more members who participate the better the final cookbook will be. Please send all of your recipes to Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen.

Take this opportunity to gather your “winning” recipes and share them with us to benefit the branch.

Sheriff Laurie Smith Spoke at May's General Meeting

Laurie Smith spoke on the topic of *History of Women in Law Enforcement*. The Question and Answer period included a lively discussion of the changing roles of women in the workforce and in management positions. (Pictured below, Mary Surginer (left), Laurie Smith (center) and Lavonne Marafino (right)).



Fresh Corn Salad

It's fresh corn season again. This recipe is wonderful but it couldn't be easier.
MAKES: 6 servings.

- 3 cups corn kernels (from 6 ears of fresh corn)
- 1 tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 firm but ripe avocado, diced (dip in a bowl of lemon water)
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced or 2 Tbsp. red onion, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro, to garnish

LIME DRESSING:

- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 tsp. finely minced garlic
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. In a large serving bowl, remove corn kernels from the cobs. Combine with the tomato, avocado and scallions.
2. To Make the Dressing, in a small bowl, whisk together all the dressing ingredients.
3. Combine the dressing with the salad and gently mix. Garnish with chopped cilantro right before serving.

—Gail Pedersen, Grapevine Editor

Work-Life Balance

Healthy Families Act (S. 1152) Co-sponsorship

The Healthy Families Act (S. 1152) would provide accrued paid sick and safe days for many employees nationwide. It would require employers with at least 15 employees to guarantee workers seven days of paid sick leave annually.

In addition, these paid sick days could be used for treatment, recovery, and activities necessary to deal with an incidence of domestic violence.

By ensuring that hard-working Americans have access to a minimum number of paid sick days, which can also be used to care for sick dependents, this legislation would mean that employees no longer have to choose between caring for themselves or loved ones and losing much needed income.

The legislation was originally introduced by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) on May 21, 2009. Since Sen. Kennedy's passing, the bill has continued under the leadership

of Sens. Chris Dodd (D-CT) and Tom Harkin (D-IA). At the time the Congressional Voting Record went to press, the bill had 24 co-sponsors.

AAUW and Our Representatives

AAUW has supported 8 Congressional issues this year as part of the Public Policy agenda. They are: the Ledbetter Pay Equity Bill, Paycheck Fairness Act, Economic Security, Paid Sick Days, DC School Voucher, Hate Crime Prevention, Sotomayer Confirmation and International Family Planning. Our representatives were mostly supportive of these issues. Barbara Boxer and Mike Honda scored 100% on these AAUW issues. Anna Eshoo scored 89% and Diane Feinstein scored 63%.

—Gladys Bernyk
Public Policy Chair

AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch**Proposed Budget 2009-2011**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Dividends - American Century (Reserves)	0.15
Miscellaneous Income ("Angels")	3,000.00
Directory Advertising	800.00
Transfer from Reserves	1,000.00
Branch Dues	4,000.00
Newsletter (\$10 per person to print and mail)	800.00
Total Income	9,600.15
<u>Expenses</u>	
Appreciation Fund	150.00
Branch Supplies	20.00
Convention-Association **	500.00
Convention - Northern California	1,000.00
Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	200.00
Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	190.00
Directory Printing/expense ***	900.00
Facility Rental or Donation	250.00
General Meeting Program	100.00
General Meeting Refreshments	100.00
Historian	15.00
Holiday Party	175.00
Insurance (California AAUW)***	600.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00
Leadership Training	50.00
Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality	35.00
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	300.00
Miscellaneous/Bank Fees	35.00
Newsletter Postage	350.00
Newsletter Production	1,200.00
President's Expenses	75.00
Publicity/L.G. & SaratogaChambers of Commerce	315.00
Recording Secretary	15.00
Sec of State Calif. Filing fee	20.00
Sunshine Committee	20.00
Treasurer's Expenses	10.00
Web Master	500.00
Website	120.00
Equipment	250.00
Total Expenses	7,515.00
Net income/loss	2,085.15
Checking Account	3,958.21
Educational Foundation Account	7,897.10
Reserves - American Century	7,102.72
Subtotal	18,958.03
Less Accounts payable to ISPF:	<u>(2,035.00)</u>
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**Every two years. This summer in 2011 is next National convention.
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Prepared by Joan Kjemtrup, Finance VP and Mary Surginer, President; 7/28/2010

AAUW Funds

In 2009, the various funds we support in AAUW were organized into a structure called AAUW Funds. No longer called the Educational Foundation, those funds providing educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grants programs, including International Fellowships, American Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, and Research and Projects Grants, are all included in AAUW Funds.

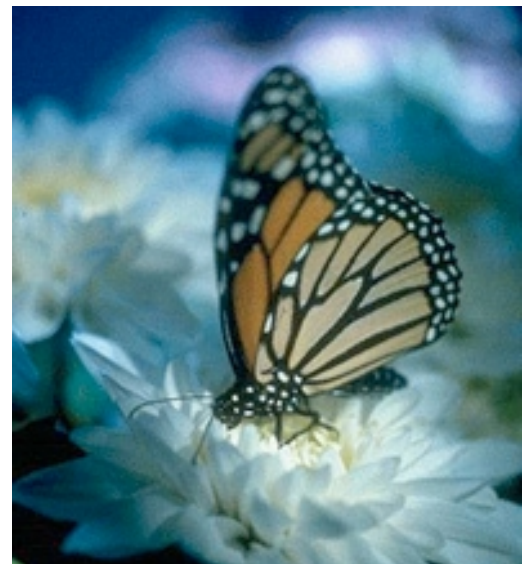
Also included are the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for Women and Girls, which has long supported research on gender equity in education, and the Legal Advocacy, Public Policy and Leadership Programs Funds.

A diagram which graphically displays all the AAUW Funds can be found on the AAUW CA or AAUW National website.

You will soon be receiving a letter asking for a donation to AAUW Funds. Your donations are fully tax deductible and can be restricted to any specific fund or program by writing the fund or program name or number on your check or indicating your preference on the accompanying donor form.

Last year we were able to send in over \$4,000 to support AAUW Funds, thanks to your generosity. Please consider sending in your contribution again this year!

–Geraldine Williams, Co-VP AAUW Funds



September 2010 AAUW Calendar

- 7 Tuesday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch**, 11:30 am, at Los Gatos Gourmet, 109 W. Main Street, Los Gatos. For reservations call Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607. Members and guests welcome. Contact: Barbara Hawkes, 408-395-4397
- 9 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am, Wonderlich Park explore the trails (around 6 miles) under redwoods in this San Mateo park. Meet promptly at 9 at Argonaut Shopping, way out in front of CVS, Saratoga. Questions? Co-chairs: Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796
- 11 Saturday **Couples Gourmet Supper Club**. This section is open to members and husbands or partners able to provide a facility capable of seating 12 to 14 persons. Members take turns providing the menu. More information, call Co-chairs: Ann Fenolio, 395-0523; Mary Pastrone, 395-5708.
- 14 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-161
- 21 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm, Book: *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese. Reviewer: Marlene Lamb. Saratoga Retirement Community, RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Co Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, 356-8441
- 23 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike**, 9:00 am. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride, behind Starbuck's/PETCO; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Co-chairs: Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796
- 24 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am, at the home of Barbara Oggerino, 18280 Lakeview Court, Los Gatos, 354-5394. RSVP to Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625.
- 25 Saturday **September General Meeting**, 10:00am-12 noon, at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. *Showcase of AAUW Interest Groups (Check front page for information.)*
- 28 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Potluck luncheon at the home of Lita Askanas, 13460 Saraview Drive, Saratoga. RSVP to Lita, 867-2543. Bring your favorite salad. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 30 Thursday **Trail Clean-up**, 9:00 am. Clean and clip along the Los Gatos Creek Trail, then hike "til noon" if you wish; meet promptly at 9 at Los Gatos Park & Ride behind Starbuck's/PETCO. Questions? Co-chairs: Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796

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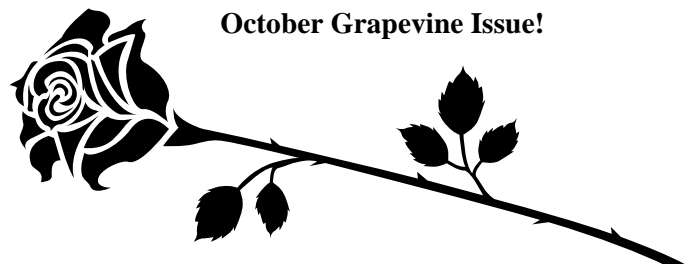
- 1 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures**, 7:30 pm, at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *"The Ancient Land of Morocco."* Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445



Welcome Our New Members

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| Janice Baxter | Rachel Larson |
| Judith Borlase | Ann Monroe |
| Charlene Bunger | Marilyn Sefchovich |
| Wendy Chartock | Mary Thygeson |
| Beth Goldfaden | Joanna Yates |
| Sheila Goldstein | Eleanor Yick |
| Nancy Jorgensen | |

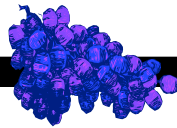
Watch for New Member Bios in October Grapevine Issue!



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Support Local Scholarships for West Valley College Women in Science or Math

Wine Tasting

Light refreshments ~ non-alcoholic beverages provided



Thursday, October 14, 2010
4:00 to 6:00 pm

Black Ridge Vineyards

18550 Black Road, Los Gatos, CA
(just off Highway 17)

\$20 per person – proceeds
benefit Local Scholarships

Event is open to the public. Invite your friends!

The land of Black Ridge Vineyards was planted with grapes as early as the mid-nineteenth century during the California wine boom. Replanted with prune trees during Prohibition, and later converted into a Christmas tree farm, Black Ridge Vineyard partners, Jim Landes and Fred Faltersack returned the land to its roots by replanting grapes shortly after they purchased the property in 1999. Black Ridge Vineyards produces 100% estate-grown wines.

Directions from San Jose/ Los Gatos:

Take the Bear Creek/Black Road exit off Highway 17. Go straight at the stop sign and continue on Montevina Road a few hundred feet to Black Road on your left. Turn left and go about 1/2 mile up Black Road to Black Ridge Vineyards which will be on the left hand side (*the second stone entrance with two gates*). The main entrance is the gate on the left.

Send checks payable to **ISPF – AAUW of SCCO** with form below to:

Virginia Turner, 14415 Evans Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070.
Phone 408.866.4234 for more information.

Your check is your receipt. Tickets will be held at the door.

Names _____ Phone _____

Number attending _____ x \$20.00 = _____ + Optional Donation _____ = \$ _____
of people Subtotal Opt. Amt. Total Enclosed

I cannot attend but have enclosed a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____