

May 2013 General Meeting and

the Installation of New Officers

Is Our Country Coming Apart?



Bob Loudon

Saturday, May 18, 2013

10:00 am – 12 noon

at the Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos

Speaker: Bob Loudon

In this age of the digital revolution the degree that you are “*tech savvy*” is just one part. Neighborhoods have become more divided. The job market has dramatically changed. Will we see the day when college is mostly “online”? When Medical Smart phones diagnose our ills?

Bob Loudon, our Saratoga resident futurist, will explore these ideas and more. Bob graduated from Princeton, worked at General Motors, IBM, Memorex and was a computer consultant. Bob is a past president of the Saratoga Historical Association, the former president of the Lions Club and commodore of the San Jose Sailing Club.

(What a fun and entertaining glimpse into tomorrow. Read about Bob Loudon's predictions for the future on the bottom of page 4.)

Note the New Location

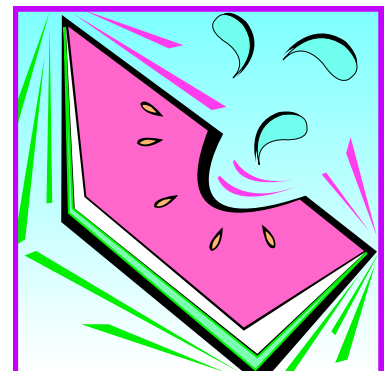
It's Time to Renew Your Membership

You will be getting your Renewal of Membership in a week or so. The cost of your membership has not increased in the last four years. We rely on your membership to support the branch and its mission to advance the equity of women and girls. Please promptly renew your membership.

Remember to update any changes in contact information on your Application. Keep our records up-to-date.

As you send in your renewals for 2013- 2014, consider a donation to the Branch operations. Your donations are allowing us to build the reserve account and improve the Branch's financial stability. Thank you.

–Pat Khan, Finance VP



Message from the May 2013 Chairwomen of the Month Committee

A Successful English Tea and Silent Auction to Benefit Local Projects

Thanks to All Who Worked Long and Hard To Make the Tea a Success!

By the time you read this, our English Tea and Silent Auction will have taken place. Our Committee to Support Local Women and Girls has been meeting monthly since last July and has worked very hard to make this a huge success. Once the event is over, they will be evaluating the results and will present more information in the June issue of the *Grapevine*.

Any unsold Silent Auction items or Jewelry will be available at the Saturday, May 18, 2013 General Meeting at the Saratoga Library. You may be able to find just the perfect gift for that special someone! Please be prepared to pay for any purchases that day; cash is fine, and checks may be made payable to ISPF-AAUW. Credit cards cannot be used, however.

As you know, proceeds from this fundraiser will support all three of our local projects: Tech Trek for middle



school girls, Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College, and the activities of the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. All three of the project committees have been involved in this one fundraising event, rather than have three separate events, and we couldn't have done it without their dedication. Many thanks to all of you, whether you could come to the meetings or not!

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



Elected Officers for 2013-2014

The election of officers took place at the potluck lunch on Saturday, April 13. Our sincere thanks to all who have agreed to serve this coming year!

President – Virginia Turner
President Elect – **OPEN**
Financial VP – Pat Khan
Membership Treasurer – Corinne Rathjens
Membership VP – Charlene Bunger
Communications – Lavonne Marafino
Program VP – Shirley Cancellieri
AAUW Funds VP – Geri Williams
Legal Advocacy Fund VP – Arleen Pickett

We are still hoping to fill the position of President Elect. Please consider filling the last open position for next year's slate of officers. If you have any suggestions, please contact Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234.

Annual Planning Meeting Makes Next Year Successful!

Old & New Boards Potluck

Saturday, June 8

11:30 am – 2:00 pm

at the home of Helen Lemmon,
20653 Woodward Ct, Saratoga, 867-0575.

RSVP to Lavonne Marafino, 867-1964.



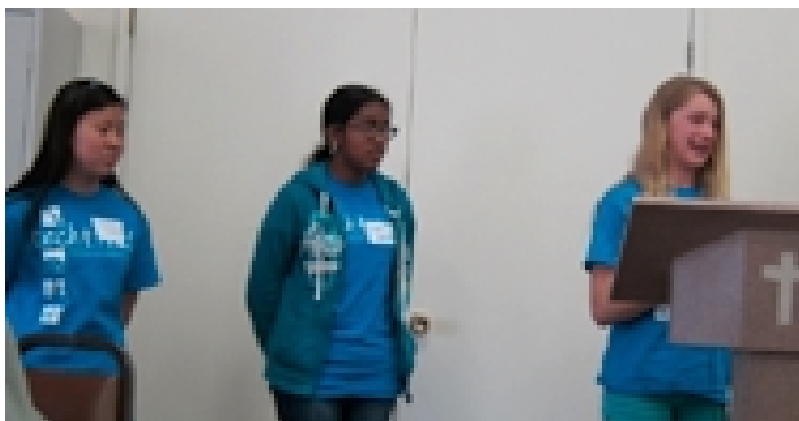
This planning meeting is the **keystone** for next year's SUCCESS! Please come: All newly Elected Officers, All Appointed Members, and this year's Chairwomen of the Month. AND everyone who wants to make a difference in our branch.

April Potluck Celebrates the Achievements of Our Branch! Oh Yes, and the Food was Delicious too.

All photographs were taken by Margaret Bard, the Los Gatos-Saratoga Photographer.



(Photo Left) Potluck guests enjoy a delicious lunch; *(Photo Above Right)* Two of the Scholarship Recipients (the third recipient could not attend) go through the buffet line.



(Photo Above Left) Three of last summers Tech Trek campers; *(Photo Left)* Guest Speaker, Nazenin Shahrokni. Her topic was “Gender Segregation in Iran”. Nazenin is a fellowship award winner. *(Photo Right Top)* JoAn Lambert introduces and presents the ‘Named Gift Honoree’ award to Sarah Model. *(Photo Right Bottom)* Joan Kjemtrup introduces and presents the ‘Named Gift Honoree’ award to Charlene Bunger. Shawn Bunger, Charlene’s daughter received the honor for her mother, who could not attend.



AAUW Reveals a New Logo

The Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook* magazine introduces the brand new AAUW logo which replaces the logo in use since 1990. The new logo is more web-friendly, uses a more readable typeface, and features colors that work well with a broader color palette, including the many versions of teal that exist within the AAUW community. The AAUW web site also includes the customized logo which has been designed for each branch throughout the country.



We will be incorporating the new logo in the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch over the next few months in our letterhead, note cards and envelopes, as well as the *Grapevine* and other publications. If you have any stationery or note paper with an AAUW letterhead, please be sure to change to the new logo.

Wireless Future – Customized to Your Needs & Wants

Indications of the future are already here. Bob Louden gives us a look at the world that is coming. Computers will be as big as a ring; iPhones will be used as credit cards are today. TVs will be 3D, even in five years.

Try to imagine a world where there are no post offices, banks, cash, credit cards, newspapers, marriage, air travel—*even no shoplifting*.

The scenario Louden envisions:

When you enter a grocery store in the near future your profile will be encoded at the entry, and you won't get in if your profile doesn't show the ability to pay. Hence, no shoplifting.

Of course, Louden can't look into the future any more than the rest of us can, but he was there on the ground floor with IBM and other ground-breaking companies.

This will be a fun and engaging discussion. Attend the **May 2013 General Meeting**

on **Saturday, May 18, 2013**

10:00 am – 12 noon

at **The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos (Note the New Location)**

Bob Louden, our Saratoga futurist, will open our eyes to the future possibilities. Bring your friends and family.

From Web Article, Futurist Louden predicts unbelievable changes, by Mary Ann Cook, for the Los Gatos Weekly-Times. Posted 8/1/2011

An Interest in Reviving the “Independent Women” Group

Both Sarah Model and I have had requests to revive our branch interest group, Independent Women. We are willing to do so.

However, we propose a new format. All Independent Women participants will either arrange for a speaker or make her home available to us for a meeting. If you are interested in reviving the group under these circumstances, please call Joan at 408-356-6016, or Sarah at 408-345-7819.

If there is enough interest, we will schedule a planning meeting in the Fall.

–Joan Kjemtrup



Our Branch Needs Your Help to Grow Our Membership

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

If you want to have a printed copy of the *Grapevine* sent to a prospective NEW member, contact Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor, at 377-6895 or gail_pedersen@yahoo.com

If you want membership information sent or the Membership VP to contact a prospective NEW member, contact Charlene Bunger at (408) 440-0063 or mozart2006@thebungers.net

Meet Our Three Local Scholarship Recipients for 2013

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW gives scholarships to three remarkable and inspiring recipients.

Shannon Ferreira plans to change the world. While still a high school student, she has maintained a 4.0 grade point average student in the Middle College program at West Valley College, an advanced program in which juniors and seniors take both high school and college courses. She has already earned 40 units of college credit which will transfer to Cal Poly with a major in Mechanical Engineering.

Her goal is to work in renewable energy and harness the power of the natural elements to create new, more effective forms of sustainable energy. She realizes the importance of the math classes she has taken but particularly enjoys her physics classes. In her spare time she played on a club soccer team for nine years, learning the value of teamwork and communication, as well as different kinds of leadership styles. She has been a volunteer at Adobe Animal Hospital, and volun-

teers to help the elderly as well as young students in the area where she lives.

Diem-Phuong or "Tina" Nguyen loves helping people, especially those in need. She grew up in Vietnam and in 2008 immigrated to the US with her family as a high school student. She experienced racism and discrimination at school and felt very isolated and alone. She turned to her studies and realized how much she enjoyed them, earning a 4.0 GPA.

Working at a fast food restaurant helped her improve her English and her interpersonal skills and she has become involved in the tutoring program at West Valley College. Occasionally she helps translate for other Vietnamese students. Along with her studies, she takes care of her mother since her father died about a year ago, and also has a one-year-old daughter. The course which has had the most impact for Tina is biology, which opens many mysteries about human health, and she has maintained a 3.7 GPA at West Valley. She plans to

enroll this fall in the Nursing program at San Jose State University.

Nhi Nguyen has learned a lot from the flea market. When her family lived in Vietnam, they thought of America as a shiny heaven with luxurious furniture, classy clothes, high technology and too much money to spend. But Nhi knows the other side of America, that of the flea market where people trade old stuff, negotiate, argue and distrust.

Her parents work very hard and sacrificed much to come to a foreign country with big hopes; she plans to honor their commitment by becoming a physician who will cure thousands of sick people in her lifetime. First she will get her degree in biochemistry and molecular biology at UC Davis, then apply for medical school. She loves her science and mathematics classes and is a math tutor at West Valley College and has earned a 3.8 GPA. When she is not busy with school, she likes to play the keyboard which she bought at the flea market.

Submitted by Virginia Turner, Local Scholarship Committee Chair

What Happened at the Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon?

Jennifer Reisch was the guest speaker at the AAUW CA Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon on March 16, 2013.

Jennifer is the Legal Director for Equal Rights Advocates, a national nonprofit law firm dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights of women and girls. She spoke about the Dukes vs. Wal-Mart case and representing Betty Dukes and the women of Wal-Mart.

Did you know that Wal-Mart is the biggest employer in the US? Or that 2/3 of the employees are women and 1/3 are men, yet management is 2/3 men and 1/3 women? According to Jennifer, this happened because Wal-Mart has a history of not posting management jobs and has no application forms for management job openings. They also require that if you do apply for a management position, you must agree to be transferred in 48 hours. Few women or men could agree to move this fast. Often managers tend to promote people they know and, since Wal-Mart didn't

have an organized Human Resources Department, it was easy to promote someone they knew rather than promote from a fair unbiased position.

Jennifer said, "*Betty Dukes is a strong person and continues to work at Wal-Mart in Pittsburg, CA. It is important that she and the other women continue to work at Wal-Mart while they argue their case in Federal court in San Francisco.*" There have been many cases filed against Wal-Mart throughout the United States.

If you want to support the work of LAF, you may include a donation with your dues renewal or send a separate check to Arleen Pickett, Legal Advocacy Fund VP for Los Gatos-Saratoga. Donations to the Legal Advocacy Fund are tax deductible.

—Mary Barry, AAUW San Jose Branch, shared this written summary with us.

Update on Committee on Homeless Women and Children

The Woman's Foundation of California focuses on empowering women to achieve economic security. Their study "*Falling Behind: The Impact of the Great Recession on California's Women and their Families*", 2012 summarized seven areas of concern.

1. The gap between California's rich and poor is the seventh widest in the nation.
2. Single mothers were hardest-hit by the recession and recent budget cuts.
3. Older Women remained in the work force longer but were more likely to live in poverty.
4. Cuts to state childcare and preschool programs hindered the ability of low-income parents to keep their jobs or get back into the work force in the aftermath of the recession.
5. Women have been dispassionately affected by cuts to essential health care services for low-income Californians.
6. Cuts to assistance to older women and women with disabilities have compressed their ability to afford necessities such as housing and groceries.
7. Budget cuts have reduced access to higher education for women seeking to gain the skills they need to obtain higher-wage jobs in a highly competitive job market.

The Governor's proposed 2012-2-13 budget will further weaken programs that California Women depend on, leaving cash-strapped state and local governments ill-equipped to make up for the loss of federal funds.

To read the complete study go to [www.Falling Behind:The Impact of the Great Recession on California's Women and Their Families](http://www.FallingBehind:TheImpactoftheGreatRecessiononCalifornia'sWomenandTheirFamilies).

The Committee on Homeless women and Children congratulate and thank all the women who helped make the English Tea and Silent Auction a success.

Can You Help?

See the List of Items Needed

The Georgia Travis Center has put out a call for the following much-needed items – if you care to donate please contact Marlene Lamb. (*See below*)

Personal Hygiene – Towels, bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, razors, Q-Tips, lotion, diapers, baby wipes, nail clippers.

Cleaning Products – Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, detergents.

Office Supplies – pens, highlighters, paper clips, printer ink.

We thank you all again for your support.

For information or to drop off donated supplies, please contact Marlene Lamb, by phone at 408-356-8441 or by email at marlenela37@gmail.com



Vote Today in the AAUW California 2013 Elections

This is a reminder that the AAUW California is currently conducting an electronic election for officers. If you have not participated yet, we hope you will cast your vote today. **This state election is different from the national AAUW election which is also running at this time.**

We are voting for two officers this year, **President Elect**, a new position that will serve as vice president for one year before assuming the presidency for two more years, and **Chief Financial Officer**.

In addition we will elect enough directors to complete the board. Currently there are eight director vacancies. If the proposed bylaws amendment to reduce the size of the board (see below) passes, the four top vote-getting candidates will become directors.

Other ballot items are the proposed Public Policy Priorities for 2013-15, a bylaws amendment to reduce the size of our Board of Directors, and a

proposal to increase our annual membership dues.

The three-week election period is currently open and ends on May 11, 2013. Links to each candidate's Information Form and to the Public Policy Priorities are available on the ballot page.

For additional general information about the election, visit the AAUW CA website: www.aauw-ca.org

May 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 3** Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **“EAST AFRICA!!”** – presented by biologist and eco-safari leader Doug Cheeseman. With his images, Doug will explore wild life behavior of the East African mammals and birds. See the dynamic interaction between mammals and birds and learn about their predation and adaptations for survival. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741 1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 628-0244.
- 6** 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 in Saratoga.
- 7** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** will meet at 1:30-2:30 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 8** Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch** will meet at 12:00 noon at the Bella Saratoga Restaurant, 14503 Big Basin Way in Saratoga; RSVP: Roberta London or Barbara Hawkes. Chair: Roberta London, (408) 741-7645; Co-chair: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397.
- 9** Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks EL CORTE DE MADERA OPEN SPACE** – off skyline above Woodside. Wander through redwoods, visit the Tafone rock formations similar to Castle Rock. Some lovely views. 5-6 miles. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga — way out in front of CVS Drugs. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 14** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba in Saratoga. All are welcome to join in working with this wonderful group. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 17** Friday **AM Book Review** will meet at 9:30 am at Dale Hill’s home at 150 Robin Way, Los Gatos, to share a wide range of reading with other book lovers. Chair: Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625.
- 18** Saturday **General Meeting & Installation of New Officers**; 10 am – 12:00 noon at **at the Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. Note the New Location.. Is Our Country Coming Apart?** Speaker: Bob Louden, our Saratoga Futurist, will predict the future and review the book *“Coming Apart”* by Charles Murray. **Come to this thought provoking talk.** (See front page and page 4 for details related to this program.)
- 21** Tuesday **PM Book Review** will meet at 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community. RSVP Licia Thompson (408) 741-7611. The Book will be *The Phantom* by Jo Nesbo; the Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 23** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, by CVS Drugs. We will do a nearby, quick walk on a local trail. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 28** Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish** meets at 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 28** Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets 1:30–3:00 pm at the home of Vicki Feigelson, 20075 Seagull Way in Saratoga. RSVP to Vicki, (408) 255-8822. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

June 2013 AAUW Calendar

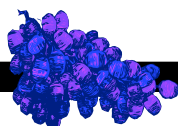
- 6** Thursday **Trail Clean-up for Hikes & Walks**, meets promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride Lot. Questions? Call Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 8** Monday **Old & New Board Potluck** meets at 11:30 am - 2:00 pm at Helen Lemmon’s home, 20653 Woodward Ct in Saratoga, RSVP to Lavonne Marafino, (408) 867-1964. Annual Planning Meeting for all old & new elected officers, board members and this year’s Chairwomen on the Month. ***A special invitation to anyone who wants to make a difference in our branch.***
- 13** Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks - HALF MOON BAY** – Hike along the bay through the marina to a fun seafood lunch at Barbara’s Fish Trap. 6 miles. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga—way out in front of CVS Drugs. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.



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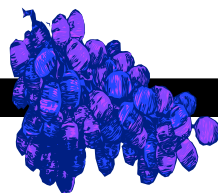
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Has any of your contact information changed?

Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Patty Weber, Database Manager, xaviercugat@comcast.net



We Appreciate Our Members Who Give a Great Deal to Make Our Branch Work!

Named Gift Honorees for 2012-2013

Sarah Model

Charlene Bunger



Sunshine to a Member in Need!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Please send her information to Gerry Furman, Sunshine Chair.

Contact Gerry at 867-2634, or gsfurman2@sbcglobal.net