

October Wine Tasting to Benefit Local Scholarships for West Valley College



Thursday, October 14, 2010

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Black Ridge Vineyards

Light Refreshments ~ Non-alcoholic
Beverages Provided

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

\$20 per person – Proceeds Benefit Local Scholarships

For information contact: Virginia Turner, 866-4234

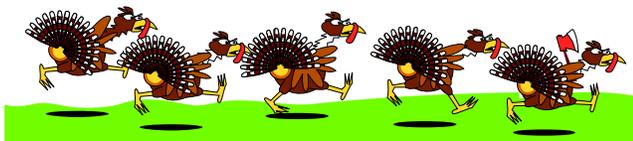
If you haven't ordered your tickets yet, see the PDF flyer on page 9 of the September and October 2010 issues of the Grapevine on our webpage at www.aauw-lgs.org/newsletter.html. If you receive a printed and mailed Grapevine contact Virginia Turner for more information or see the flyer insert in the September 2010 Grapevine.

Coming Next Month . . .

November 2010 General Meeting

Speaker: Lori Gaskin, Ph.D.;
President of West Valley College
Topic: *West Valley Women*

When: Saturday, Nov.13, 2010; 10:00 am–12 noon
Where: Saratoga Library, Community Room



Book Club – PM

The November book to read is:

Nov. 16, 2010, *Nine and Counting – The Women of the Senate*, by Catherine Whitney. Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm (see the November calendar next month for details).

Travel “Armchair” Adventures

The travel slide presentation will be announced
Meets the First Friday at 8:00 pm (see the November calendar next month for details).

Message from the President

As we begin the fall season for our AAUW branch I am so grateful to Linda Heigland for her talk on the history of Saratoga and Louise Webb's writers for sharing their memories with us on the 25th. Terry Raynaud's help was invaluable to the success of the meeting.

Lavonne Marafino has held me steady as I begin my presidency and Gail Pedersen's steadfast work on the Grapevine and Directory was invaluable. We welcome Patti Anderson as our new membership VP. New members please know how we value you and want you to find your place in our incredible organization.

This year we are featuring mission-based programs to reflect the work of AAUW to the community beyond our incredible interest groups. We are teaming with the League of Women voters to host two informational meetings pertaining to the coming elections. AAUW is a steady legislative voice for maintaining Title IX advances, equal pay and opportunity for women and a variety of issues that



better the life of women and their families. The extent of this role was a surprise to me before I went to the convention this year and one I plan to pay close attention to throughout this years' discussions.

If you or your family members belong to an organization which supports educational projects remind them of Tech Trek and the change it can make in a young woman's life choices.

Keep those recipes coming and I look forward to seeing you at the wine tasting event on October 14 (*see front page for details*).

-Mary Surginer



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.



"Snowflakes melt alone – but together they can be traffic stoppers."

-Anonymous

Interest Group Has New Chair & Co-Chair

Let's Do Lunch

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:30 am

Lunch bunch for conversation, good food, and networking. We sample various restaurants in Los Gatos, Saratoga, & Campbell.

NEW Chair: Barbara Hawks, 395-4397; NEW Co-Chair: Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607



Join in the Fun! Enroll in Great Decisions 2011

It is now time to enroll in Great Decisions 2011. The program, created by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters (LWV), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC), and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC). Specific information outlining the coming season's program has just been obtained from the FPA. **The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, November 30, 2010.**

The 2011 fee will be \$27 for individual participants and \$37 for couples who share course materials. (*Enrollment fees, will increase over last year's prices due to a \$2 increase in the price of the textbook.*)

The Local Programs/Schedules:

As in past years, three separate groups are planned and will meet in the following time periods and locations:

(Group 1) eight bi-weekly sessions to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Senior Center (*SASCC's Senior Center Modular Classrooms*).

(Group 2) weekly sessions for eight consecutive Thursdays from 10:30 to 12:30 am at the Saratoga Retirement Center (*SRC*).

(Group 3) weekly sessions for eight consecutive Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Center (*SRC*).

Organizing Meeting (*Group 1 participants only*). There will be an organizing meeting at 1:00 p.m. on January 27, 2010, at which time course materials will be distributed and volunteers identified to serve as individual topic leaders.

Descriptions of the 2011's Eight Topics

- 1. Rebuilding Haiti** – The January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti struck a country already suffering from widespread poverty and underdevelopment. Did this natural disaster inadvertently provide an opportunity for reassessment and planning a new Haiti? With presidential elections looming in early 2011, what can new leadership bring to restore the country?
- 2. U.S. National Security** – U.S. national security priorities were expanded after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to include waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan, tightening border security, pursuing cyberthreats, halting nuclear proliferation and attempting to snuff out homegrown terrorism. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11? In what ways will this agenda shape the American way of life in the future?
- 3. Horn of Africa** – Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns. Internal instability, weak governments in some countries, regional rivalries and a lack of development have resulted in an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?
- 4. Responding to the Financial Crisis** – As an immediate response to the financial crisis of 2007–08, governments around the world stepped in to bail out troubled private banks deemed “too big to fail,” underscoring the interdependence between private and public finances. With the recent eurozone crisis, what have we learned so far and is it possible to ensure that future crises will not occur?
- 5. Germany Ascendant** – Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe, in particular setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany, and how should the U.S. react when German and U.S. interests fail to align?
- 6. Sanctions and Nonproliferation** – Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear weapons?
- 7. The Caucasus** – The countries and regions of the Caucasus all have strong national identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?
- 8. Global Governance** – International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role?



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First Session (*All Groups*). Session One will be on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

Members who wish to participate in Great Decisions 2011 are urged to **enroll early** because some sessions are expected to quickly reach the limit which the facilities can accommodate.

Make checks payable to Rosalie Price and mail them to her at 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Apartment # 6110, Saratoga, CA., 95070. You must indicate on your check in which of the three groups listed above you wish to participate.

Program leaders are Al and Anne Stewart who also lead Group 1. Sharon Kelkenberg will serve as their back-up leader. Group 2 will be led by John Wurr and Elizabeth Simpson. Group 3 leader is Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for the two groups at the Saratoga Retirement Center (*SRC*).

–Anne and Al Stewart

Legislative Watch Update!

Ban Cadmium in Children's Jewelry

The Cadmium bill co-sponsored by AAUW CA has gone to Governor Schwarzenegger for his signature. Please contact Governor Schwarzenegger **now!** Urge Governor Schwarzenegger to sign SB929 (Pavley).

Enforce Title IX

Class bells are ringing again in high schools across America. Yet, the more things stay the same, the more they need to change. Title IX, the federal legislation that prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities, has provided girls with many more opportunities than they once had, but improved accountability will energize many more. For the young women in your life, **join AAUW in urging your member of Congress to enforce Title IX in our high schools and strengthen its protections.**



Two bills, the **High School Athletics Accountability Act (H.R. 2882)** and the **High School Sports Information Collection Act (S. 471)**, would do just that.

These bills would make participation rates and expenditures for high school athletes available to the public, helping communities better enforce Title IX.

Most of us probably do not depend on Social Security as our main support in retirement. It is a nice addition to our other retirement income but not necessary to maintain life. Even before the recession, many seniors and particularly women depended on Social Security for food and shelter.

Support for Social Security Helps Women

“Social Security is one of our country’s most successful anti-poverty programs, providing benefits to children, disabled workers, surviving spouses, and retirees. Without Social Security benefits more than half of older women would fall into poverty. I believe that cutting benefits to those who can least afford it is the wrong path to fiscal responsibility. In these tough economic times, cutting social programs like Social Security and Medicare could be devastating to women and families across our nation. Social Security does not contribute to the federal deficit, and cutting benefits will not reduce the deficit. I am opposed to any cuts to Social Security, including reducing monthly benefits, privatizing accounts, and raising the retirement age — a benefit cut that places the greatest hardship on older Americans.” California AAUW website

Support Paycheck Fairness Act

American voters show overwhelming support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. According to the most recent polling data available, this bill has the support of 84 percent of voters...with 72 percent strongly supporting it. This support crosses gender, party, and regional lines! **As members of AAUW, the leading advocate of equal pay for equal work, we must complete our work for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.**

If the Senate does not finish this important work this year, we have to start all over again with a brand new Congress — and we have no idea how its members will feel about this bill.

–Gladys Bernyk



Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) News!

AAUW in Select Group! Executive Director to Lead a Delegation to Cuba, Oct. 30-Nov. 4

AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman, CAE, blogs about the upcoming trip to Cuba. In AAUW Goes to Cuba – Really!, she writes, “Less than six months ago, I never would have thought that I’d be making this announcement, but — this is truly exciting — AAUW has been selected to lead a delegation to Cuba for the purpose of studying ‘Gender Equity and the Role of Women in Cuban Society.’”

Astronaut Sally Ride Discusses Key Point of Why So Few? on NPR

Astronaut Sally Ride spoke of her new mission, to make science cool for kids and especially girls, on the Diane Rehm Show on NPR. The host asked listeners to submit questions and picked one sent via email by AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill regarding “growth mindset,” the belief that intelligence is malleable. This topic was explored in the AAUW research report *Why So Few?* Ride explained that she had a growth mindset as a child and worked hard to learn science and math. If you wish to listen to this program, please contact me and I will forward you the link.

AAUW Makes News Roundup for Supporting a Title IX Suit, which is “key gender equity lawsuit against Delaware State University.” The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Title IX announced the award of \$11,500 in support of the plaintiffs in *Foltz et al. v. Delaware State University*. They are challenging the university’s decision to eliminate the women’s equestrian team and replace it with competitive cheerleading. The circumstances of that suit closely resemble those of a recently-decided suit against Quinnipiac University, in which the judge said that competitive

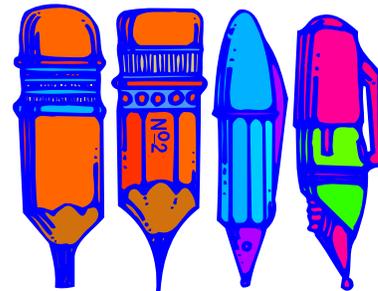
cheer “is still too underdeveloped and disorganized to be treated as offering genuine varsity athletic participation opportunities for students.”

AAUW Part of National Discussion to Increase the Numbers of Women and Girls in STEM

AAUW was part of a meeting this week to develop recommendations to help improve “Educate to Innovate,” a campaign launched by President Obama to improve the participation and performance of America’s students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Join the conversation on the AAUW STEM Facebook page.

AAUW LAF Program Manager Continues to Speak Out Against Street Harassment

Ms. Magazine turned to LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl for an article about street harassment. In it, Kearl, whose new book – Stop Street



Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming For Women – will be published in September, said: “street harassment is quickly becoming something you can take to your policymaker, something you can vocalize about, something you can fight against. And hopefully, we can start to change the public consciousness and get legislation passed to education the public, especially young boys.”

If you wish more details, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

–Lavonne Marafino, LAF, VP

English Tea Fundraiser Check Presented to Georgia Travis Center

Pat Khan presents check from the Committee on Homeless Women and Children to the staff at the Georgia Travis Center. The funds are from the proceeds of the English tea.

To join our committee or for information contact Nancy Anderson at 867-4383, or dander2567@aol.com.



AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch
Monthly Treasurer's Report

July 1 to August 30, 2010

	<u>Starting</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
Comerica Bank-Branch	3,958.21			
General Dues Renewals			1,141.00	
Printed Grapevine Requests			40.00	
Late Fees			4.00	
Directory Ads			<u>900.00</u>	
Saratoga Fire Dept Board Meeting Rental			180.00	
Membership materials		37.00		
Postmaster Grapevine Postage Deposit		100.00		
Grapevine Printing		108.16		
P. Razova Webmaster: May & June		100.00		
ISPF-AAUW Donations Transferred		<u>2,035.00</u>		
		2,560.16	2,085.00	3,483.05
Comerica Bank-LAF account	2,140.15			2,140.15
Comerica Bank-EF Account	5,756.95			5,756.95
LAF & EF Accounts are both tax-exempt. Balance = \$7897.10				
American Century - Reserves	7,102.71			7,102.71
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,958.0</u>			<u>\$ 18,482.86</u>

Prepared by: Joan Kjemtrup, Temporary VP Finance, 9/2/10



EF Changes – Now Called AAUW Funds

In 2009 the various funds in AAUW were organized into a structure called AAUW Funds. No longer called the Educational Foundation (EF), the following funds, which provide educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowships and grants programs include

- International Fellowships
- American Fellowships
- Research and Project Grants
- Eleanor Roosevelt Funds for Women and Girls in education
- Legal Advocacy Funds (LAF)
- Public Policy
- Leadership Programs

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Cusick, Co-Chair AAUW Funds at 356-2216, by email kvmcusick@comcast.net; or contact me at 642-5042, by email gerisjs@aol.com.

–Geri Williams, VP – AAUW Funds

“The best thing you can give someone is a chance.”

–Anonymous

Local Teens Need Your Help

A fragile twelve year old girl is living in San Jose with five fifteen/sixteen year old girls. None are with their parents. Why? They live together in a group home for displaced teen girls run by Unity Care, a local social service agency. At the house the girls benefit from intensive counseling, life skills help and lots of emotional support on their rocky journey to becoming adult women.

In December these six girls will receive a colorful bag from AAUW’s

Gifts for Teens program. The festive bags will be filled with useful and fun small gifts to help brighten their holidays.

These girls and another 1,444 low-income downtown San Jose teens will enjoy their full girls’ totes or guys’ duffle bags distributed by Gifts for Teens. Cosmetics, hand knit scarves and hats, games and crafts, socks and t-shirts, fleece blankets, gloves, dental and personal care products and any other new small gifts that teens would

like are being collected. Please help us gather items. To help buy bags and contents, a donation of cash is greatly appreciated. All these things will help stuff to overflowing a record number of bags this year!

Leave all donations clearly marked for Gifts for Teens at AAUW-San Jose’s house, 1165 Minnesota, San Jose, 95125.

Contact Elaine Benoit, 268-9654, or ebenoit@pacbell.net, for information.

October 2010 AAUW Calendar

- 1** Friday **Travel**, 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
- 4** Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 5** Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. Contact Sharon Kelkenberg 650-962-1656; or Helen Lemmon 867-0575.
- 6** Wednesday **Current Interests Blog** (formerly Independent Women), 12:30 pm at Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga. Members and their guests are welcome. Chair: Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586.
- 12** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP to Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
- 13** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch**, 11:30 am, at Steamers, Old Town, 31 University Avenue, Los Gatos. Reservations to Doris Traber, 354-5818. Members and guests welcome. NEW Chair: Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397 and NEW Co-Chair: Catherine Reinhardt, 261-0607
- 14** Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Shopping, way out in front of CVS, Saratoga. Questions? Kay Duffy 867-0508; Jane Bishop 356-7796
- 14** Thursday **Local Scholarship Fundraiser Wine Tasting**, 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Black Ridge Vineyards, 18550 Black Road, Los Gatos (just off Hwy 17) Tickets are \$20 per person and this event is open to the public. Chair: Virginia Turner, 866-4234.
- 15** Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Terri Raynaud, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Apt. #E321, Los Gatos. RSVP to Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625.
- 19** Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm, Book: *Not a Genuine Black Man* by Brian Copeland. Reviewer: Ann Roberts. Saratoga Retirement Community, RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611; Co Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; or Marlene Lamb, 356-8441
- 19** Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30 to 2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga CA. Contact Sharon Kelkenberg 650-962-1656 or Helen Lemmon 867-0575.
- 26** Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. RSVP to Mary Ellen, 264-4488. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden
- 28** 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? Kay Duffy 867-0508; Jane Bishop 356-7796

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

Welcome Latest New Members

Minnie Banning
 Shirley Church
 Malkah Carothers – Rejoined
 Janice Down – Rejoined
 Arlene Picket

Watch for New Member Bios in
 Upcoming Grapevine Issue!





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Recruiting New Members Helps the Branch

To strengthen our branch, we can all work with the new Membership VP to recruit new members. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW send their name and contact information to Patricia Anderson, our new Membership VP, at (408) 354-7005 or panderson@cbtnorcal.com

Patricia will mail them 3 months of the *Grapevine* free. She will also send them a New Member Packet which includes a letter highlighting the benefits of membership, an overview of the interest groups, an application and a new member survey.

Thank you for helping to grow the branch in 2010-11.

Updates for the Branch Directory

The new 2010-11 Directory will be available soon. Please check your entry and send any additions, changes, and corrections to: Patty Weber, Database Manager, (408) 264-2601 or xavercugat@comcast.net

Help the branch keep in contact with you by keeping your information current. If you move, change your email or telephone let us know.

I sincerely thank all of the members who updated their contact information during this past year and who corrected mistakes in the previous Directory.

–Gail Pedersen
Directory and Grapevine editors

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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 \$ _____