



## World Famous San Jose Taiko Drummers to Perform

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Performance at 2:00pm

The Sacred Heart's Geary Hall  
(13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga –  
near the Saratoga Library).

Tickets: \$15

Proceeds to benefit the local scholarships for West Valley College women. Details and order form on the flyer insert in this Grapevine or at <http://aauw-lgs.org/newsletter.html>

*Call Margaret Bard at 408-377-6625 for more information.*

## History of San Jose Taiko

Since 1973, *San Jose Taiko* (SJT) has been mesmerizing audiences with the powerful, spellbinding, and propulsive sounds of the taiko. Inspired by traditional Japanese drumming, SJT performers express the beauty and harmony of the human spirit through the voice of the taiko as they strive to create new dimensions in Asian American movement and music.

Under the artistic direction of Roy & PJ Hirabayashi, performance and expression are predicated upon a profound respect for each member of the group. The spirit and essence of both rehearsal and performance require physical endurance, with running and exercise required of all members during practice sessions. All compositions performed by SJT are written or arranged by members of the group. Composing, choreographing, designing and producing costumes, and handcrafting of the drums are part of the holistic process in which all

members participate. Through this singleness of mind and spirit, harmony is achieved and the music rings with unity and clarity.

SJT has broadened this historical art form into a style that joins the traditional rhythms of Japanese drumming with other world rhythms, including African, Balinese, Brazilian, Latin, and jazz, bridging many styles, while still resonating with the Asian soul in America.

SJT has been recognized for its artistic and managerial excellence by the Advancement Program from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Multicultural Advancement Program from the California Arts Council, Meet The Composer International Creative Collaborations, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Knight Foundation, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, and the Chevron Award for Excellence.



## Message from the President

Our first full Board Meeting was held Tuesday, September 9, 2009. The meeting was well-attended and very productive. I would like to share some of the updates and meeting highlights with you.

### Updates, Highlights, and Honors

- Our branch received AAUW's highest branch and state honor. We are among the top ten national advocates for laws and policies that are fair to women through total branch giving to AAUW.
- Joan Kjemtrup, our Finance VP, received kudos for her work by Sarah Model, who audited our books. I am pleased to report we are "where we should be." A round of applause was given to Joan.
- Mary Ellen Madden and Barbara Shandera reported on the National Convention this summer, which they attended as our two representatives. A crucial issue was the vote to change the admission standards to join AAUW. The proposal that would have allowed anyone without a college degree to join was defeated. It will be on the ballot again at the next convention. But the next convention each one of us will have a vote. There will be no more votes by representatives only. AAUW changed the name of EF to AAUW Funds. All of the groups, EF, LAF, and AAUW are under one umbrella. The Board gave Mary Ellen and Barbara a round of applause in appreciation for their representation.
- Program VP, Mary Surginer, reported that everything is in place for our first General Meeting on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at The Terraces—Los Gatos. "The Zingers" singing group performed for us. The Interest Group chairs arrived early to set up their tables. The brunch was ready as well.
- Geri Williams, EF VP, reported that the National Branch has notified her that EF has changed its name to AAUW Funds. Geri also announced that both the Author's Luncheon plans and the April Potluck plans, which Kathy Cusick is chairing, are on target.
- The Local Scholarship Fund-raiser chaired by Virginia Turner has been set for October 25<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart's Geary Hall. San Jose Taiko Drums will be the entertainers. Tickets are selling for \$15 to benefit West Valley College women.
- Betty Maminski, LAF VP, reported that she was able to add \$695 in donations to the dues collected this year.
- Louise Quenon reported that the bridge groups will handle the refreshments.
- Nancy Hobbs reported that Marie Wolbach, founder of Tech Trek, would be our General Meeting speaker on Saturday. The six student recipients who attended this summer's Tech Trek also attended and shared their experiences.
- Dianne Priest reported that the Directory is at the printers and will be ready for us at the General Meeting on Saturday morning. The Board gave a round of applause to Dianne.
- Gail Pedersen accepted kudos for her first Grapevine. Again there was a round of applause for Gail and Courtney Duncan, who started a

new job and was unable to attend the board meeting.

- Jean Wenberg reported that the Directories that are not picked up Saturday will be mailed by her committee.
- Margaret Bard, Interest Group Coordinator, reported that she plans to attend a group at a time and write about it for the Grapevine.

These excellent outcomes from the meeting show the dedication and commitment from our Board.

I hope that you will be able to attend the performance of San Jose Taiko on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and experience "the theatrical extravaganza of movement and music."

—Lavonne Marafino

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### Saratoga Public Lecture Series

"The Making of Opera San Jose," Irene Dalis, Founder and General Director of Opera San Jose, will discuss her artistic training and 20-year career at the Metropolitan Opera. She returned to San Jose to create a resident professional opera company that is now in its 26<sup>th</sup> season.

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am at the Saratoga Foothill Club, 20399 Park Place (behind Saratoga Fire Station off Saratoga Ave). Cost is \$10. The event is sponsored by the Saratoga Foothill Club.

For information: Marlene Duffin, [Marlduffin@aol.com](mailto:Marlduffin@aol.com)

## An Educational Foundation Update

Since 1959, the Educational Foundation has provided educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grant programs, including International Fellowships, American Fellowships, Selected Profession Fellowships, and Research and Project Grants. Its first research in 1885 dispelled the notion that higher education is detrimental to women's health.

In April 2008, the AAUW Educational Foundation awarded \$4.5 million to 267 outstanding applicants through fellowships and grants. Applications for this year's awards is available online on the national Fellowships and Grants webpage. The Foundation values and seeks diversity in both applicants and panelists who review applications.

You can donate to the Educational Foundation, whether or not you are a member. Members will receive a request for donations in October 2009. The AAUW Educational Foundation also has a number of endowments, which you can support directly through your donation. Because the Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity, all gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

—Geraldine Williams, VP Educational Foundation

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*

—Elizabeth Andrew

## A Picture of Homelessness Today

The following are the results of a survey done on January 26 and 27, 2009 in Santa Clara county:

1. 7,086 are homeless on any given night. This is down 2% from 7,202 in 2007.
2. Of the 7,086 homeless, 4,983 are unsheltered.
3. 12,377 were homeless in the last 12 months. This is down 31% from 18,056 in 2007.
4. 2,270 are chronically homeless, up 35% from 2007.

These statistics may have changed since the survey in January 2009 as many more people have lost their jobs since that time. Homelessness costs \$62,000 per person/per year. The cost of emergency care/ambulance is very high. The current shift in the approach to aid the homeless is housing as a priority and then following up with other resources. Working on this principle is the agency, “One-Stop-Shop” — one of which is housed at the Georgia Travis Center.

The members of our Committee are frequently asked what items the Georgia Travis Center can use.

The following items are always appreciated:

- Toiletries – shampoos, soaps, hygiene items, and especially the motel/hotel shampoos, conditioners, toothbrushes, toothpaste and soaps.
- Men's, women's, children's clothing – They also provide a wardrobe to women beginning new employment.
- Household items to help set up new housing - blankets, linens, kitchen equipment.

The Georgia Travis Center (GTC) is on the corner of 7th St. and Commercial Ave. in San Jose at the InnVision Shelter.

For more information call GTC, 453-3124 or Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.

—Nancy Anderson, Chair, Committee for Homeless Women and Children

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## New Member & Grapevine Co-editor

I am excited to be a new AAUW member and a Grapevine Co-editor. Though you may not realize it, some of you may have seen me at past Author's Luncheons or English Tea's. That's because I'm better known as “Jean Wenberg's granddaughter.” I am thrilled with the opportunity to share my AAUW experience with my wonderful Grandma, who has already done so much with AAUW.

I graduated Cum Laude from Santa Clara University with a B.S. Degree in Sociology in March 2009. I also just started working at Nordstrom. You can find me there most days in the “Women's Active and Swimwear” department. My ultimate career goal, however, is to work in Human Resources.

This is my first experience editing a newsletter, although I did my fair share of editing countless pages of research papers throughout college. It has been a fun and challenging learning experience, but mostly I love getting a first-look at your articles. I appreciate all of you who take the time to write such informative and interesting articles. My goal is to make your voice sound its best!

—Courtney Duncan, Grapevine Co-editor

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## Independent Women Meeting for the Third Year!

Come join us for our first meeting of the year. It will be a social meeting to get acquainted with new and old participants and share ideas for future discussions, speakers, etc. The last two years we have had some great topics and speakers; from "Travel for Women & Singles," The Santa Clara Fire Department talking about safety in the home including a tour of one of their fire trucks, financial issues, and cooking for one. So bring along your thoughts and some cookies or crackers to share.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00–3:00pm. The first meeting will be at Joan Kjemtrup's home on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016; Sarah Model, 354-7819; or Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397 if you plan to come and to get directions.

–Joan Kjemtrup, Chair, Independent Women

## Interbranch Training

Share best practices, as well as collaborate on resources. Each topic will be led by a moderator, and all questions and ideas are welcome.

### Training Topics:

- Public Policy
- Publicity
- Website/Webmaster Activities

Attend if you are currently chairing the topic, or if you are part of the leadership of your branch, or if you are simply interested. *All AAUW Members Welcomed!*

### When & Where:

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30am Check In & Coffee  
9:00am – 12 Noon Training

San Jose Headquarters  
1165 Minnesota Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95125

Contact Margaret Bard, [margaretbard@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbard@gmail.com) or 377-6625 to make a reservation for this training.



## Recipe

### Lavonne's Ham & Cheddar Strata

I have been preparing this dish for various occasions (mostly brunches) during the past forty years. It is an easy entertaining dish since you put it together the night before and refrigerate it. Substitute turkey or sausage for the ham. To make a vegetarian version, leave out the ham and use mushrooms or spinach instead. *To make a smaller amount, you can cut the ingredients in half and use a 9x9-inch baking pan.*

Makes: 10 – 12 servings

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| <p>8 to 10 slices of white bread, crusts trimmed</p> <p>4 cups cheddar cheese, grated</p> <p>2 cups ham, cubed</p> <p>2 Tblsp. minced onion (I use dehydrated onions)</p> <p>1 Tblsp. flour</p> <p>8 to 10 large eggs</p> <p>3 cups milk</p> <p>2 Tblsp. prepared mustard (Dijon or your favorite)</p> <p>Garlic salt, to taste</p> <p>A little white pepper, if desired</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking pan with Pam. Cut the trimmed bread into cubes. Spread evenly in the bottom of prepared pan.</li> <li>2. Assemble by sprinkling in order:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Layer the cheese over bread cubes</li> <li>• Layer the ham over cheese</li> <li>• Layer the onion over ham</li> <li>• Sprinkle the flour over onion</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. In a bowl, beat to combine the eggs, milk, mustard, garlic salt and white pepper. Pour over the layered ingredients. Cover and refrigerate overnight.</li> <li>4. The next day, preheat the oven to 350° F. Bake, uncovered, for 60 minutes. It will come out of the oven like a puffy egg dish. Serve hot or warm.</li> </ol> |
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–Lavonne Marafino, AAUW President

*Have you eaten a wonderful dish at a potluck, or have you received "rave reviews" and requests for your potluck recipe? Share it with us. Space permitting we will publish a recipe in each issue of the Grapevine.*

## AAUW - LOS GATOS/SARATOGA BRANCH MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2009 - Sept. 3, 2009

	Starting Balance	Payments	Deposits	Ending Balance
<b>Comerica Bank-Branch</b>	5,366.05			
Directory Ads			665.00	
Gross Dues			2,445.00	
Check Adjustment			0.50	
AAUW Dues		833.00		
AAUW-CA Dues		288.00		
Bulk Mail Permit #117		185.00		
Deposit for Grapevine Mailing #61770		350.00		
Saratoga Fire District Rent		180.00		
Transfer to EF (\$961) and LAF Accounts (\$695) from dues donations		1,656.00		
Transferred to ISPF-AAUW OF SC CO from dues donations		2,440.00		
September Grapevine Printing		142.90		
September Grapevine Insert Copies		49.10		
Bank Service Charge		1.13		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,125.13</b>	<b>\$3,110.50</b>	<b>\$2,351.42</b>
<b>Comerica Bank-LAF Account</b>	1,046.15			
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$695.00</b>	<b>\$1,741.15</b>
<b>Comerica Bank-EF Account</b>	959.55			
Bridge Group Donations (FY 08-09)			330.00	
Dues Donations transfer from branch account			961.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,291.00</b>	<b>\$2,250.55</b>
<i>LAF &amp; EF Accounts are both in our tax-exempt account. Balance = \$3,991.70</i>				
<b>American Century - Reserves</b>				
Dividends	4,102.61			\$4,102.61
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$11,474.36</b>			<b>\$10,445.73</b>

Prepared by Joan Kjemtrup, VP Finance, 9/03/09

## AAUW's Advocacy of Health Care Reform

While there is no shortage of proposals for how health care reform should be achieved, AAUW's emphasis is not on pushing one proposal over another, but instead ensuring that whichever program ultimately emerges provides access to quality and affordable health care for all Americans. AAUW's position is that everyone is entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible.

Without health care reform, insurance companies could continue the discriminatory practice of gender rating, and women could continue to pay monthly premiums ranging from four percent to 48 percent higher for individually-purchased health care plans than men.

### First Key Element.

Without health care reform, insurance coverage for basic reproductive health care services for women could continue to be denied.

Without health care reform, access to and coverage of preventive services like screenings, immunizations, and educational material may not be covered or expanded, and women could continue to die of preventable and treatable diseases.

As debate in congress picks up steam, AAUW believes we must advocate to our members of Congress. Tell



*"There are two ways of spreading the light — to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*

—Edith Wharton

them that these **Three Key Elements** must be included in any final health care reform legislation. *Now, tell a friend to do the same.*

Health care is intrinsically tied to economic security; this is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and use more health care services than men do. These two factors—less income and more costs—mean women face a high-level of health care insecurity. Health care reform is necessary now more than ever, and it must focus on the need for access and affordability in a way that is equitable to women.

—Gladys Bernyk

## Step Forward to Meet Tech Trek Goals

Tech Trak signed up six girls again for camp, which might be wishful thinking. We are short by \$300 to send four girls right now. Stanford Camp costs \$800 per girl.

### Two ways to help are:

- make a tax deductible contribution made out to ISPF — AAUW with a note on the memo line for Tech Trek — LG Saratoga Branch
- encourage your service club scholarship program to support our Tech Trek effort by sending one or two girls.

I know that visiting Stanford Tech Trek Camp was a great experience for all

four of our AAUW members. During the General Meeting, this year's recipients shared their rich camp memories. The girl's attended morning sessions that included: Chemistry of Food (what makes up food), Biotechnology (dissected owl pellets), Robotics (making and programming robot), "Brain Age" Mathematics with both single and group problems, "Crime Stoppers" (using DNA extraction as part of solving the crime), and Marine Biology (dissecting fish and other sea creatures). One of the fun activities for all was the Chemistry of Ice Cream because they could eat the ice cream. Check out the other aspects of the camp that were mentioned in the September issue of the Grapevine.

I also have a seven minute DVD on this years' Tech Trek made by a girl who was a previous camper and has come back as a junior councilor. I have a copy for anyone to borrow.

Contact by phone or mail: Nancy Hobbs, 408-395-4045; 15604 Kavin Lane, Monte Sereno, 95030. Questions? Send email to [nfhobbs@verizon.net](mailto:nfhobbs@verizon.net)

—Nancy Hobbs

*"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer."*

—Anonymous

## October 2009 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Thursday **Trail Clean Up**, meet promptly at 9:00am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 2 Friday **Armchair Travel**, 7:30pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. “Down In Monterey”– Underwater photographer extraordinaire, Chuck Tribolet, brings us another in his series of seldom or never-before seen underwater life in Monterey Bay. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237; Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; and Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445.
- 3 Saturday **Interbranch Training**, 8:30am check in & coffee; 9am–12 noon for training. Call or email Margaret Bard, 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com to sign up. *See page 4 for details.*
- 5 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30pm, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga-Los Gatos Road.
- 6 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30–2:30pm at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Anyone who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 7 Wednesday **Independent Women**, 1:00–3:00pm, at Joan Kjemtrup’s home. Our kick-off meeting topic is “Meet Your Fellow Independent Women.” Bring a few cookies or crackers to share. Please RSVP to Sarah Model, 354-7819; Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397; or Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016.
- 8 Thursday **Hikes and Walks**, meet promptly at 9:00am. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 13 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00pm at the home of Nancy Christensen, 116230 Azalea Way, Los Gatos. Speaker: Julia Burkhart, Georgia Travis Center (GTC). Please RSVP to Nancy Christensen, 356-1181. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616.
- 14 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30am at La Maison Du Cafe, 14103 Winchester Blvd, Los Gatos. Hostess: Clare Baker. Call Clare for reservations at 867-2295. Chair: Clare Baker, 867-2295. Visitors and guests are welcome.
- 16 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30am at the home of Pat Dalcher, 118 Belridge, Los Gatos. Please RSVP to Pat, 358-1070. For information, please call Co-chairs: Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394 or Kathy Cusick, 356-2213.
- 20 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30–2:30pm at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Anyone who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 20 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30pm at the Saratoga Retirement Center, Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Book: “The Soloist” by Steve Lopez. Reviewer: Marilyn Lenormand. For information call Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 or Marlene Lamb, 356-8441
- 22 Thursday **“Back By Noon” Hike**, meet promptly at 9:00am at the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 25 Sunday **Fund-Raiser for Local Scholarship**. Performance of San Jose Taiko Drums, 2pm at Sacred Heart Church-Geary Hall. Tickets: \$15. *See front page for details.*
- 27 Tuesday **Saratoga Public Lecture Series**, 10am at the Saratoga Foothill Club (behind Saratoga Fire Station). The cost is \$10. Sponsored by the Saratoga Foothill Club. For information contact Marlene Duffin, marlduffin@aol.com. *See page 2 for details.*
- 27 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30–3:00pm at the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. Please RSVP to the Chair, Mary Ellen, 264-4488.



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## Notes & Notices



### Volunteers welcome.

Please consider joining our leadership by filling one of the following positions:

- President-elect
- Membership VP
- Publicity
- Nominating Chair
- Grapevine Mailing (*after the October Grapevine issue*)

### Important reminders.

Dues: If you have not paid your dues, please do so now. National will drop you from their membership if they do not receive your dues by October 15, 2009.

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*"The breeze, the trees,  
 the honey bees — All  
 volunteers!"*

—Juliet Carinreap

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