

Attend this Year's Exciting Annual Author's Luncheon (Fundraiser to Benefit AAUW-Funds)

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Time: 11:45 - 2:30 pm; at the La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

Hear our guest authors at the annual Authors' Luncheon, sponsored by the Los Gatos/Saratoga branch of the American Association of University Women. A flyer is included in this month's *Grapevine*. This year's panel of authors promises to be very informative and entertaining. **Join us!**

Hicklebee's will again have the author's books for sale, as well as a great display of the latest best books for us to peruse. We really look forward to welcoming you at this special event.

Our guest authors – Bo Caldwell, Marcia Kemp Sterling and our very own Audry Lynch (*a longtime Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW member*) are this year's featured authors.



BO CALDWELL



MARCIA KEMP STERLING



AUDRY LYNCH

Coming Next Month . . .

Medical Ethics and Your Life Plan

Speaker: Faith R. Protsman, M.D.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Conference Room, El Camino Hospital (815 Pollard Road, Los Gatos)

Dr. Faith Protsman will discuss several issues challenging the ethics of the health care community. For the past 12 years Dr. Protsman has run her own general practice in Gilroy and is the chair of the Bioethics Committee of the Santa Clara County Medical Association. She is a member of the Morgan Hill branch of AAUW.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Letter from the President

Happy New Year!

Have you made any resolutions for the New Year? I hope that one of them is to stay active in AAUW. Along with our monthly general program, there are many interest sections that you might like to try; check the calendar in the *Grapevine* and let the organizer know that you'll be coming. Small groups provide a great way to connect with other members who share your particular interests.

The first of our two annual fundraising events is the popular *Authors' Luncheon* at La Rinconada Country Club on January 23 (*details on the cover*). Reservations are required. Proceeds support AAUW Funds (*formerly called Education Foundation*) at the national level, with more than \$3.7 million available annually in fellowships, grants and awards for women's educational and professional development.

Our second fundraising event is the *Silver English Tea and Silent Auction* at West Valley College on March 29 (*more details in the next Grapevine*). Reservations are required. Proceeds benefit our three local projects: Tech Trek science camp for seventh-grade girls, Local Scholarships for women transferring to a four-year college or university, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Girls.

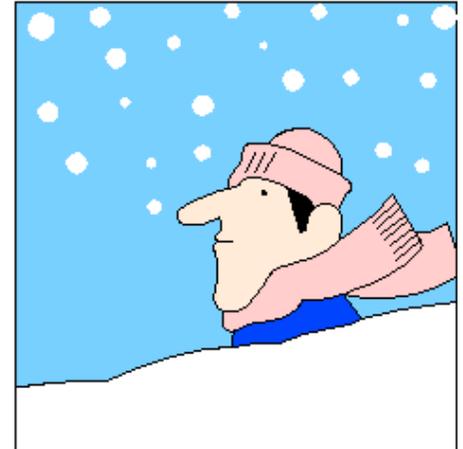
If those events don't fit into your schedule, there are other AAUW programs in January and March. Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy will be speaking at De Anza College Campus Center on January 28 (*see page 5 in this Grapevine for more information*), and Lily Ledbetter will be speaking at the South Bay Women's Confer-

ence at San Jose State University on March 8 (*keep tuned for more information in future Grapevines*).

Please note a change of date from the Directory listing for our April program. *Scams, Spams and Other Lies: Being a Savvy Consumer* will be cosponsored by the Saratoga Library and held on Friday afternoon, April 25, 2014 (*New Date*). Watch the *Grapevine* for details.

Spread the word about AAUW membership! From January 1 to March 15 a new member will only need to pay one-half of the national dues, a savings of \$24.50 and a great opportunity to see what we're doing in our branch and throughout the country.

Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions to offer (408-



866-4234 or vturner@sbcglobal.net). Hope to see you at the Author's Luncheon this month. **I wish you all a happy and healthy 2014.**

–Virginia Turner, President

Review By-Law Changes Required by AAUW-CA

Our Board approved the following state mandated changes to our Branch By-laws and called for membership approval at our January 23 General Meeting & Author's Luncheon Fundraiser.

1. They included all foreign colleges and universities that met AAUW standards to enable graduates to be eligible for AAUW membership and its privileges at all levels.
2. They allowed qualified college/university including 2-year or community colleges to be partner members if they pay annual dues to AAUW, allowing them to appoint one or two representatives, allowing each to have member benefits provided they pay local and state dues

3. They allowed undergraduates of AAUW-qualified educational institutions to be student affiliates entitled to attend Branch, State, and AAUW meetings and received all publications distributed to members. They cannot vote or hold office. Branches can establish fees for these student affiliates.

4. The rest of our Branch By-laws conformed to the AAUW-CA requirements.

If you have any questions about the changes, or if you would like me to send you the by-laws, please call me at (408) 255-3594 or email me at gmbun@pacbell.net.

–Marge Bunyard, By-Laws Chair

About the Books Written by this Year's Authors

Join Us at the Author's Luncheon on January 23, 2014.

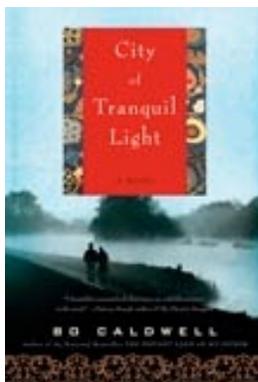
City of Tranquil Light, by Bo Caldwell (2010).

Her second novel was a Los Angeles Times bestseller, and one of the Ten Must Reads for *O Magazine*. Patricia Hampl, author of *The Florist's Daughter*, declares "What ardent, dazzling souls emerge from these American missionaries in China . . . A beautiful, searing book that leaves an indelible presence in the mind."

Will Kiehn is seemingly destined for life as a humble farmer in the Midwest when, having felt a call from God, he travels to the vast North China Plain in the early twentieth-century. There he is surprised by love and weds a strong and determined fellow missionary, Katherine. Finding themselves witnesses to the crumbling of a more than two-thousand-year-old dynasty and decades of civil war, the couple works to improve the lives of the people of Kuang P'ing Ch'eng—*City of Tranquil Light*, a place they come to love.

Told through Will and Katherine's alternating viewpoints—and inspired by the lives of the author's maternal grandparents—*City of Tranquil Light* is set against the backdrop of a beautiful but torn nation.

More Books — Her first novel, *The Distant Land of My Father*, was published in 2001 and was a national bestseller, and one of the Los Angeles Times' Best Books of 2001.



One Summer in Arkansas, by Marcia Kemp Sterling (2013).

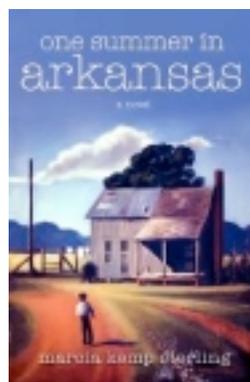
It's a long way from Texarkana to Palo Alto. Not surprising, I guess, that my first book would draw upon those distinct and contrasting cultures.

"This is a compelling book which I literally couldn't put down. While telling an intriguing story it touches on real life issues that we all wrestle with: understanding our roots, how historical events impact individuals and families, . . . and when to follow our hearts."
—John Benner

It is 1990, the stock markets are soaring and Lee Addison is on a fast track to success in Silicon Valley. Just out of law school with a job lined up at one of the best firms in the Bay Area, he is about to join the ranks of young elites.

But a promise to spend the summer back home in Riverton, Arkansas is standing between him and his shining future. He grapples with his sister's troubled adolescence, ethical questions relating to the drowning death of a black youth and the weight of his ancestral legacy. To make matters worse, a rekindled relationship with Annie Rayburn threatens to disrupt his carefully planned future.

Awards – Winner, General Fiction, 2013 USA Book News Award; Winner, North Texas Book Festival; and Honorable Mention, San Francisco Book Festival.



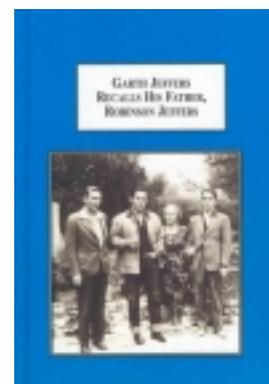
Garth Jeffers Recalls his Father Robinson Jeffers – recollections of a poet's son, by Audry Lynch (2012).

This is the first biography of this important American poet based on interviews with his son. *How does a poet find the time and space to create his work in the middle of a busy family life?* Garth Jeffers, the son of Robinson Jeffers, answers that question through his personal recollections of growing up in the Jeffers home.

He brings us a fascinating glimpse into their daily lives. His father's isolation in Hawk Tower while writing, his mother Una's trips to town where she gathered the real-life community news which inspired some of Robinson's poems, their home schooling, conversations in the family, and their exotic trips to Taos, New Mexico and Ireland. Garth tells us that his famous father never discussed or read his poems to his sons.

This book gives insight into Robinson Jeffers, the man and the father, in addition to his life as a poet.

More Books — *The Development of Roy Simmonds as a Steinbeck Scholar as Evidenced Through His Letters: The Life and Achievement of an Independent Academic* (2010); *The Rebel Figure in American Literature and Film: The Interconnected Lives of John Steinbeck and James Dean* (2009); and *Steinbeck Remembered: Interviews with Friends and Acquaintances of John Steinbeck* (2000).



Update – Read About Challenges to the Affordable Care Act

You may like and respect your boss, but would you really want him or her to have control over your medical care? Do you want to think about them every time you open your medicine cabinet or take a prescription?

Of course not. But it could happen because the Supreme Court decided that it would hear challenges to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive coverage requirement.

Take action by writing to your local newspaper about the dramatic impact this case could have on women.

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), certain preventive health care services are covered without co-pay or cost-sharing. Contraception is covered, as are immuniza-

tions, annual physicals, and certain screenings.

Yet more than 40 for-profit companies have sued for the right to deny their employees access to this contraceptive coverage. This effort is led by Hobby Lobby, a for-profit arts and crafts chain, which wants to deny its employees this benefit. These companies want the right to put themselves between women and their doctors.

The Supreme Court's decision to hear the challenge to this coverage is dangerous to women and everyone else.

If the Supreme Court rules in Hobby Lobby's favor, the ruling could open a slippery slope for women and anyone seeking medical care. In the not so far future, your boss could deny more



than just your vacation request. She could deny your contraception and make medical decisions that should stay between you and your doctor. In the name of corporate religious liberty, your boss could deny coverage of vaccines, surgeries, blood transfusions, or mental health care.

—Linda Hagelin

Recommended Reading List

November 2013 General Meeting – Understanding the Civil War

Professor Robert Senkewicz gave a list of books for those of us who want to reading more about the Civil War during this 150th anniversary year.

Santa Clara University history professor Robert Senkewicz gave us insights into how the American Civil War perception has changed over the 150 years since the battle of Gettysburg. During this winter, you might want to read some of his recommended books. (*All of these books are available at our local public libraries.*)



1. *The Civil War* – the companion book to Ken Burns' PBS series. Contains many photos, maps & essays by civil war historians. Uses civil war diaries & letters.
2. *Republic of Suffering*, by Patricia L. Faust. Highly recommended & unique treatment of the Civil War.
3. *Battle Cry of Freedom* – The Civil War Era, by James M. McPherson. According to the New York Times, the best one-volume treatment of the civil war.
4. *Civil War: A Narrative* (3 volumes), by Shelby Foote. The most graphic epic by a novelist who is also a fine historian. Leans slightly to the south in its sympathies.
5. Any of the many Civil War books by Bruce Catton. All written in a readable style. Many lean slightly towards the Union side.

Welcome Our New Office Manager for AAUW-CA

Roxy Villa's last day as our office manager was October 31, and we are happy to announce her replacement, Kim Wilber, who will manage the AAUW CA office beginning December 2, 2013. Kim comes to us with an eclectic background. Her varied experience includes house painter, preschool teacher, school bus driver and customer services call center supervisor. Her most recent employment was as an independent producer for Freelance Film/Television Crew.

Kim has extensive office skills including many software applications. She has just returned to Sacramento and is ready to start a new career with AAUW. She has a double Bachelor of Arts degree in Film and French. Please help the board make Kim feel welcome.

AAUW Members Helped to – Make Needy Teens’ Christmas a Little Mer- rier This Year!

Gifts for Teens thanks all the AAUW members who so generously donated cash or items for the teen holiday gifts bags this year. With your help, **Gifts for Teens** was able to fill 1,250 holiday gift bags, most of which were distributed to teens served by Sacred Heart Community Center, Bill Wilson Center and Unity Care. Cozy jackets and sweatshirts will provide winter warmth to these needy teens. For those who helped fill the gift bags, a big thank you is extended as well for your hard work and community spirit.



Special thanks also goes out to Second Harvest Food Bank and Whole Foods Market – Blossom Hill for their generous donations of snack food items for the gift bags. Remember, its not too late to donate to Gifts for Teens. Whole Foods Market – Blossom Hill continues their *Nickels for Non Profit program* through January 19th and is sponsoring **Gifts for Teens** as their end of the year recipient. Whole Foods Market – Blossom Hill will be donating all money raised under the program to help **Gift for Teens** support homeless and low-income South Bay teens with holiday gift bags.

How can you still help? Every time you shop at the Whole Foods – Blossom Hill store, bring your own reusable bag(s). Simply tell the cashier at the end of the transaction you would like to donate the bag refund and Whole Foods Market – Blossom Hill will donate 5cents to **Gifts for Teens** for each bag. Every nickel counts! The final donation numbers will be published in the February issue of the *Grapevine*.

— Jan Giroux

Hear a Speaker from AAUW National A Woman’s Voice in Washington

Tuesday, January 28, 1:30-3:00 pm

De Anza College Campus Center
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino
in Conference Rooms A & B

On-campus parking costs \$3; both cash and credit cards are accepted. The event is free.

Activist **Lisa Maatz** describes herself as a “snarky feminist, smartypants pundit, asshat whistleblower.”

As top policy advisor for the **American Association of University Women**, Lisa works on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in collaboration with other organizations. She follows, reports upon, and influences legislation affecting women and girls. Follow [@LisaMaatz](https://twitter.com/LisaMaatz) on twitter .



Lisa Maatz

For more details, see last month’s *Grapevine* newsletter (December 2013 issue). If you need a copy go to aauw-lgs.org/newslettersto to download a pdf of the December 2013 *Grapevine*.

For more information on this event, visit www.aauw-sv-cupt.org/ or call 408-733-4046.



Co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Institute of Community and Civic Engagement, De Anza College

“Success is not a destination. It is a constant, continuous journey.”



News from AAUW-CA President

We have so much to be thankful for in our membership and work for AAUW CA. I hope that you had very Happy Holidays with your family and friends and that you are now ready to celebrate AAUW CA in the New Year. Please share this *Prez Sez* message with your members and friends as AAUW CA needs every member's help as we build on our Title IX Year!

We started with the very successful event in September with the LA Sparks game. This month we need to work on increasing our state-wide visibility of Title IX with another one of our coalition partners, The California Center for Research on Women & Families (CCRWF).

2014 Women's Policy Summit: Advancing Women's Health, Wealth & Power

Please consider joining us at the *California Women's Policy Summit* on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Sacramento Convention Center from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Registration opens at 8 am. The leading organization for this annual summit is CCRWF.

If you cannot personally attend, please consider funding a branch member to attend so that your branch can receive the training and then participate in the Title IX Assessment of schools in your local community. We are looking to have between 10 and 20 branches from throughout California participating in this review process and

need the representatives to attend this Summit.

The Women's Policy Summit is a major policy forum held in the State's Capital to help launch the legislative session with proposals to advance the health, wealth and power of women and girls in all of their diverse communities. This year we have added a special focus on implementation. **How can we be sure that laws supportive of women and girls are translated into programs and practices?** AAUW CA will be looking at potential legislative proposals for next year based on the findings of these school level assessments—don't you want to be there from the beginning?

Topics include: Title IX Implementation; Women and Health Care Reform; Health Disparities & Gender, Paid Family Leave; Constructing a Vision for Child Care and Early Learning in California; and Building Political Power.

The Luncheon Keynote Speaker is Sandra Fluke, Attorney & Social Justice Advocate speaking on: *Reproductive Rights, Freedom & Justice: A vision for California's Future*

For more information contact Cathy Murnighan, Event Coordinator at summit@ccrwf.org or at 916-944-4935 or Alicia Hetman, AAUW CA President at statepresident@aauw-ca.org

A third Title IX partnership has come my way this year as I was recently appointed to the *Fair Play Advisory Council* to support the Fair Play for Girls in Sports project of the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law center of San Francisco. I am extremely excited to be involved with this Title IX project. I will share more about this project in early 2014.

–Alicia Hetman
President AAUW California

Silver English Tea & Silent Auction



Saturday, March 29, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

DOOR PRIZES

JEWELRY TABLE

SAVE THE DATE!

You can help make this event a huge success ~ donate WINE for our Silent Auction or gently used JEWELRY for the very popular Jewelry table.

January 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *Hiking Through the Alps – France and Switzerland*. Presented by Gary Marcos. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chair: Pat Khan, (408)741-1616.
- 6 Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 7 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-3:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 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** at 12:00 Noon at La Florentine Restaurant in Saratoga (located at 14510 Big Basin Way). Arrangements by Shirley Cancelliari. RSVP to Shirley, (408) 741-5586; Linda King, (408)354-4105.
- 9 Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks** meet promptly at 9:00 am. *Harvey Bear Open Space* – 5 to 6 mile hike up to the ridge overlooking Anderson Reservoir. Wonderful panoramas. Dress warmly. Bring lunch. Los Gatos "Free Parking- Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 14 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. All guests are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 17 Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings whatever book they want to talk about. Call Chair, Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625 for more information.
- 21 Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. Main Building. Book: *Sisters of Fortune* by Jehanne Wake; Reviewed by JoAn Lambert. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 356-8441.
- 23 Thursday **Author's Luncheon** 11:45 am – 3:30 pm at La Rinconada Country Club. Reservations required. (See front page and flyer inserted in this Grapevine issue for details.)
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- 28 Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets at 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the home of Madeleine Salzman, 15550 Winchester Blvd, Monte Sereno. RSVP to Madeleine (408) 348-2025. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. **New members are welcome!**
- 30 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike** meets promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga. Way out in front of CVS. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

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In Memoriam – Sue Boyd

Sue’s daughter, Shereen, let us know that her mother passed away peacefully on July 14, 2013 while in hospice care. Her family was grateful that she did not linger long but died after only two weeks in hospice. She had been slowing down in the previous six months.

Sue Boyd was AAUW branch president in 2003-04. An avid hiker, who committed our chapter to trail clean-up along the creek trail in Los Gatos, which the AAUW hikers still do while remembering her.

Her family suggested this idea to honor Sue’s memory: a group of AAUW friends go to lunch and share remembrances. She would be truly honored by this act.

New Member for Your Directory

Nancy Patterson

Address: 840 Meridian Way, San Jose, CA 05126
Telephone: (408) 299-0546, no email address

Education: BA in Social Sciences / Humanities (Geo. Williams College, IL).

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



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~ Meet our three authors and have them autograph their books ~



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Marcia Kemp Sterling, author of *One Summer in Arkansas*

Audry Lynch, author of *Garth Jeffers Recalls his Father, Robinson Jeffers – Recollections of a poet's son* (2012). A Carmel love story – *Una and Robinson Jeffers* is Audry's latest book.

~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to a delicious luncheon and an irresistible dessert~

~ Pre-Ordered Vegetarian Choice ~ available if requested on reservation

\$55 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

Reservations with payment must be received by January 15, 2014

No-host wine bar opens at 11:00 am | Lunch served at 11:55 am

Open Seating Tables of 8 — Arrive Early to Select Your Seat

DIRECTIONS to La Rinconada Country Club: From Winchester Blvd. take Wimbledon Drive and turn left onto Clearview Drive; club entry is between two houses. Parking in front of the clubhouse.

For additional information please call Geri Williams, (408) 642-5042.

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Number attending _____ x \$55 each = \$_____ (Total Enclosed) **Vegetarian?** _____

NAMES as you would like them on badge(s): _____ **PHONE** _____

Mail the completed form and check made payable to AAUW FUNDS (to be received by January 15)
to **Judy Borlase, 1660 Hyacinth Lane, San Jose, CA 95124** (Your check is your receipt.)