

Annual Authors' Luncheon!

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Hong's Gourmet – Fine Chinese Dining, Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Time: 11:00 - 2:30 pm | Cost: \$50 | Reservations needed (see flyer in this Grapevine issue)

Join us! at the annual Authors' Luncheon (*that benefits the AAUW Funds*) sponsored by the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of the American Association of University Women. Reserve your place today by using the flyer included in this month's *Grapevine*.

This year's panel of authors promises to be as diverse and entertaining as ever. The author's books will be for sale. See page 2-3 of this *Grapevine* issue for more information about the books written by these authors.



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Coming Next Month . . .

Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease: The Basics

Cosponsored with El Camino Hospital, Los Gatos

Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Conference Room 2 & 3, El Camino Hospital (815 Pollard Rd, Los Gatos)

This program will cover topics such as:

- Warning signs of dementia
- Differences between dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Diagnosis and risk reduction
- Research and Accessing community resources

For additional information about this program, please contact Virginia Turner ~ (408) 866-4234 | vturner@sbcglobal.net

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Letter from the President

Happy New Year! Happy January 2015!

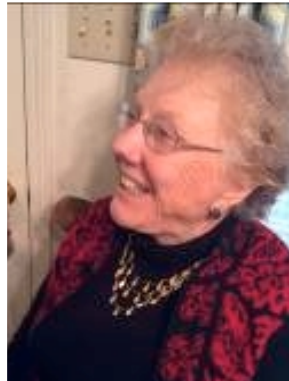
The ancient Romans named the month of January in honor of their deity Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions, and thereby of gates, doors, passages and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the past and to the future.

PAST: In December we enjoyed our annual Holiday Party at the home of **Nancy Anderson**, always a gracious hostess. It's especially nice to see so many members and guests in such a festive setting.

Our fall appeal for donations has brought additional funding to our three local projects – Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children. Many thanks to **Louise Quenon** for handling this important effort. You can still respond to this appeal; make your check payable to ISPF-AAUW and send it to Louise.

FUTURE: Our Authors' Lunch is Wednesday, January 21 (*see the flyer for details*) at Hong's Chinese Restaurant in Saratoga, a change from last year's location. Food will be served "family style" with each table seating 10 people. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to learn more about AAUW. The Committee — **Arleen Pickett, Claire Campodonico, Judith Borlase, Lynn Sprague, Roberta London and Terri Raynaud** — has worked hard to find interesting local women authors you will enjoy. Bring your own copies of their books to be signed or buy the books directly from each of the authors; checks and cash accepted.

Are you interested in helping our branch use **social media**? I attended

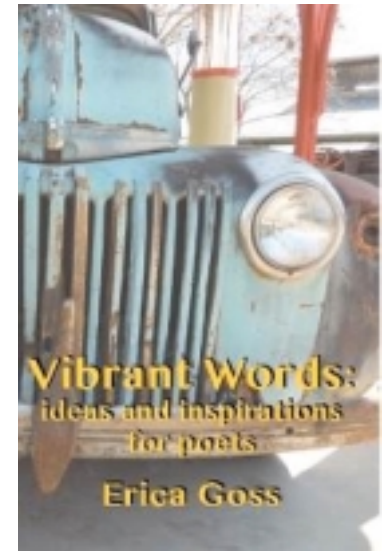
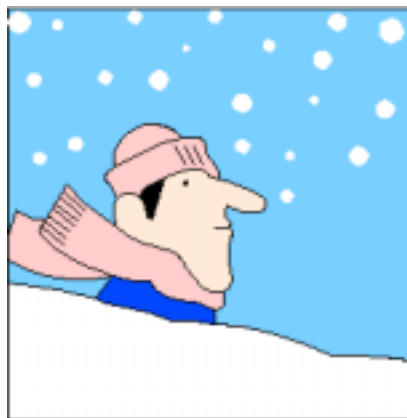


(Pictured above) A special thanks to **Nancy Anderson** for again holding the Annual Holiday Party at her home.

a training session on MeetUp and would appreciate someone's help in implementing it over the next few months. This is one way we can reach out to our community and let more people know about AAUW.

We are looking for people to **serve on the Board** next year. Many jobs can be shared by 2 or 3 people or can be done with a committee, and training will be provided. Please consider whether you are willing to help shape the future of our branch.

–Virginia Turner, President
vaturner@sbcglobal.net; (408) 866-4234



Vibrant Words: Ideas and Inspirations for Poets by Erica Goss (2014)

This is a book of poetry writing prompts intended to spark creativity, banish writer's block, and inspire new ideas. You'll find out why you need core strength to write well, that poetry waits in parking lots, and what you can do with just one word. The ideas in this book are tried and true. Like snowflakes, no two are exactly alike, but all are equally valuable. May this book open your writing to new possibilities.

"A useful guide for new and experienced writers alike."

– The Pedestal Magazine

Previous Book: *Wild Place* (2012)

Preview of the 2015 Author’s Luncheon Speakers

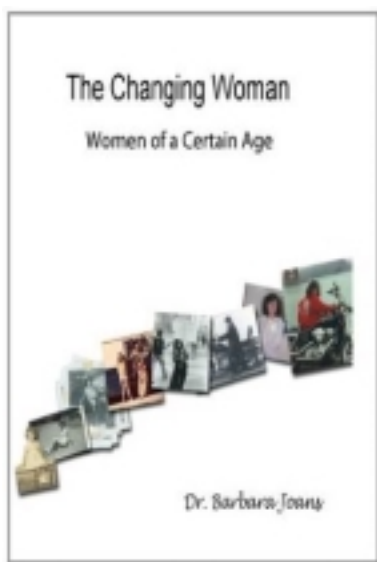
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About the Books . . .



The Changing Woman: Women of a Certain Age by Barbara Joans (2013)

This is a book about the experience of women growing older, written by a woman, for women. What does it mean to be old? What does it mean to “act your age”? Is there a blueprint somewhere? In *The Changing Woman*, Dr. Barbara Joans calls upon a career as an anthropologist and uses a personal framework to define and explore the experiences of being a woman in her 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond. This is a partial memoir, partial analysis of the different cultures women grew up within and part glimpses of the future.

Previous Book: *Bike Lust: Harleys, Women and American Society* (2001)

Share: The Cookbook That Celebrates Our Common Humanity coproduced by Lauri Pastrone (2013)

The underlying message of *Share* is simple: For all our apparent diversity—as individuals, societies and nations—our actions, however small, can have an exponential, positive influence both on the world and the lives of others. Nothing more beautifully conveys our interdependence than the food we eat. The recipes featured in this uplifting book—provided by contributors who are all actively engaged in humanitarian issues, as well women from the eight countries in which Women for Women International work – celebrate this truth. Food builds our physical resilience, brings us joy, and strengthens our bonds with family and friends. What we choose to eat, and how we choose to prepare it, can also generate employment, wealth and economic stability for others.

Over the last 20 years, Women for Women International has helped some 407,000 women in war-torn countries rebuild their lives and move toward economic self-sufficiency through yearlong job skills training and micro-financing programs in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Kosovo, Nigeria, Rwanda and South Sudan.

Lockheed-Martin Provides National AAUW Grant and Mentors for Tech Trek Camps

Our national organization has partnered with Lockheed-Martin to strengthen the **Tech Trek** Program for 2015. In a press release dated December 8, 2014, AAUW announced that Lockheed-Martin has awarded a grant of \$90,400 to support the 21 camps across the country next summer. Our two local Stanford camps, Grace Hopper and Marie Curie (*the ones attended by our Santa Clara County branch Tech Trek campers*). These mentors will interact with campers on campus and provide role models for success in STEM careers.

This national-level funding means that the individual camps can focus on producing the best quality camp experience and let each AAUW branch focus on raising funds for camperships. In the past, branches have tried to raise additional funds to help the

camps once they have raised the funds for the campers.

In addition to the grant, Lockheed-Martin will provide employees to mentor selected camps, including both Grace Hopper and Marie Curie (*the ones attended by our Santa Clara County branch Tech Trek campers*). These mentors will interact with campers on campus and provide role models for success in STEM careers.

The **Tech Trek** program was selected for the grant due to its demonstrated success in working with girls during their crucial middle school years, as reported in the latest survey of camper alumnae.

tech trek

—Blenda Mariani, Tech Trek Chair
(For more about this grant read the **Tech Trek** article on page 4, **National AAUW Tech Trek Survey Shows Solid Results**, in the December 2014 Grapevine.)

Sunday Friends Program

Another Successful Season Made Bright! Find Out What's Next! Join Us in a Visit to Sunday Friends.

Committee members and one guest met on Tuesday, December 9 to wrap presents for the women at **Commercial Street Inn (CSI)**, a shelter for homeless women and children. For most of the women this was the only gift they received this year. For some of the women it maybe the first gift they have gotten in years or (*in some cases*) have ever received.

Thank to those who donated gifts for the women. You have made many women very happy and brightened their holiday.

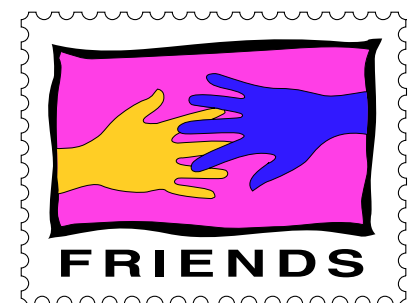
A Visit to Sunday Friends – Join Us!

On Sunday, January 25, 2015 the Committee will visit **Sunday Friends, The Working Alternative to Charity** with a visit to Lowell elementary. This program works with very low-income families. They meet at four elementary schools, two schools on the first and third Sundays and two schools on the second and

fourth Sundays. This program involves the whole family—including fathers, who are frequently absentee parents.

The family members attending have an opportunity “to earn basic necessities and learn life skills needed for self-reliance.” This program is about “helping people learn to help themselves”.

Anyone wanting to see how the program works may come with us. We will car pool. We have to be at Lowell elementary school at 1:00 pm. **Interested?** Please contact Chair, Pat Khan, 408-741-1616, patannkhan@gmail.com for more information.



2015 Great Decisions starts on February 5, 2015.

The **2015 Great Decisions** developed by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), will begin with over 62 people participating in two separate groups. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara Valley (LWV), The American Association of University Women Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch (AAUW), the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC) and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC).

The 2015 program will function with two groups just as in past years. **For Group One only**, course materials will be distributed at a planning session beginning at 1:00 pm on January 29, 2015, in the SASCC Oak Room.

Group One as enrolled 48 members and will have its first study session on February 5, 2015 from

1:00 to 3:00 pm and thereafter on the first and third Thursday of each month in the SASCC's Oak Room (*modular classroom*). That initial assembly is for viewing a DVD, provided by the FPA, pertaining to each session's scheduled topic. Half of **Group One** then adjourns to the Magnolia room. Separating into two subgroups facilitates greater individual participation.

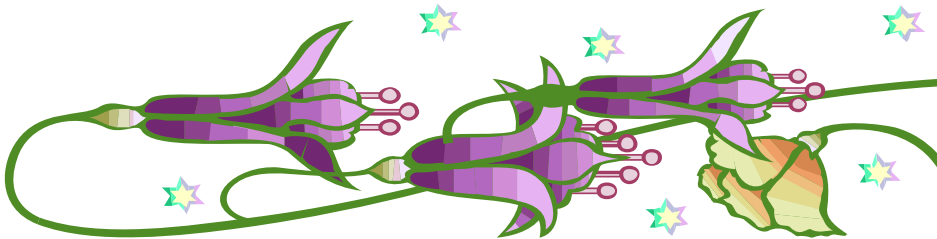
Group Two's participants will hold their first study session on February 5, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Group Two has enrolled 14 members and meets weekly on Thursdays thereafter from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community's Barnes Hall.

For questions please contact program coordinators Anne or Al Stewart, (408) 358-3177; Rosalie Price, (408) 741-7670.

Group One Breakout Session Leaders, The following are the topics, dates and group leaders for each session :

- (1) **Russia and the Near Abroad**, 2/5/15, Al and Anne Stewart
- (2) **Privacy in the Digital Age**, 2/19/15, Hana Itani and Sumi Tanabe
- (3) **Sectarianism in the Middle East**, 3/5/15, Terry Zaccone and Mike Lieberman
- (4) **India Changes Course**, 3/19/15, Bruce Baldrige and Barbara Lee
- (5) **U.S. Policy Toward Africa**, 4/2/15, Ann Roberts and Jean Barrick;
- (6) **Syria's Refugee Crisis**, 4/16/15, Sharon Kelkenberg and Marge Bunyard
- (7) **Human Trafficking in the 21st Century**, 5/7/15, Adele Salle and Dave Zuverink
- (8) **Brazil's Metamorphosis**, 5/21/15, Dan Hoffman and Dale Hill.



2015-2016 – The Change in State Dues Goes into Effect Next Year

As you will recall, AAUW-CA members voted to increase the State dues from \$16 to \$20 starting with the 2015-16 year. The dues and fees schedule, under Membership on the State website will be updated after the first of the year. Until then, the chart (*see table to the right*) outlines dues for the coming year.

Be sure to notice the half-year dues rates for new members joining between January 1 and March 15. New members joining after March 15, enjoy 15 months of membership.

–**Kathy Andreini**, AAUW-CA Director, Membership Co-Chair; membership@aauw-ca.org

	<u>National</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Branch</u>
New Member, Half Year (1/1/15 – 3/15/15)	24.50	16.00	20.00
New Member, 15 Months (3/16/15 – 6/30/16)	49.00	20.00	20.00
Regular - Renewing Member (3/16/15 – 6/30/16)	49.00	20.00	20.00
50 Year Life Member (3/16/15 – 6/30/16)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paid National Life Member (3/16/15 – 6/30/16)	0.00	20.00	20.00
Branch Dual Member (3/16/15 – 6/30/16)	0.00	0.00	20.00



AAUW Headlines – Women’s Issues in the News

Go on a Pro-Choice Walk & 2015 News Byte

Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW’s Roe V. Wade Walk!

Step Out for Pro-Choice!

**Celebrating the 42nd
Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**
Thursday, January 22, 2015,
11:30 AM to 1:30 pm

at the Los Altos Youth Center,
1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Join Los Altos-Mountain View
AAUW and the Santa Clara
County Pro-Choice Community as
we walk for choice in downtown
Los Altos.

The program begins at 11:30 am
with speakers on sexual abuse on
campus. The walk will depart
from the Youth Center at 12:30
pm, cross San Antonio, continue
on State St., and return to the
Youth Center via Main St.

Registration is \$2 at the door.

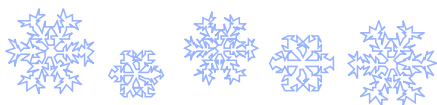
For Information: Myra Orta, 650-
968-8476, mee-maa@sbcglobal.net



February 2015

PM – Book Review Book.

Title: *Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel
James Brown.



AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Supports Sex Discrimination Suit Against University of Tennessee

Former athletic department professionals allege unequal pay practices, retaliation

The American Association of
University Women Legal Advocacy
Fund (LAF) announced that it will
provide support to the plaintiffs in
Moshak v. University of Tennessee, a
case that underscores the everyday
nature of gender discrimination in
college athletics.

The lawsuit was filed in 2012 by
Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason,
and Collin Schlosser, former
employees of the University of
Tennessee’s women’s athletics
department. The plaintiffs allege
sex discrimination and unlawful
retaliation under Title VII of the
Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of
the Education Amendments of
1972, and the Equal Pay Act of
1963. They claim they were unlaw-
fully discriminated against and
eventually forced out of their
positions during a university-led
merger of the men’s and women’s
athletic departments.

Schlosser and Mason argue in part
that they were fired by UT after
making internal complaints alleg-
ing unequal pay between the
men’s and women’s athletic
departments. Moshak claims she
was forced to retire after being
demoted and marginalized. The
plaintiffs also say that during the
merger, which was led by newly
hired Athletic Director Dave Hart,

the vast majority — 86 percent —
of positions terminated either were
held by women or were associated
with the women’s athletic depart-
ment.

*“This case is an opportunity to grapple
with some of the gender gaps still at
play in university athletics,”* said
AAUW Executive Director and
CEO Linda D. Hallman, CAE. *“We
are proud to stand with these plaintiffs
in their fight for fairness. Their claims
shine a light on why AAUW does this
type of work, day in and day out.”*

The case is currently scheduled to
go to trial in June 2015 in the U.S.
District Court for Eastern Tennes-
see.

*“The University of Tennessee and its
Athletic Director Dave Hart engaged
in blatantly discriminatory and
retaliatory actions against accom-
plished employees in the women’s
athletic department, in violation of
Title IX and other federal laws,”* said
the plaintiffs’ attorney, Lisa Banks,
of Katz, Marshall, and Banks, a
civil rights law firm in Washington,
D.C.

The AAUW LAF has been crucial
to the success of many gender
discrimination cases during its 33-
year history. *(LAF is funded through
the AAUW Funds. Attend the
Author’s Luncheon which benefits the
AAUW Funds.)*

January 2015 AAUW Calendar

- 2** Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. Program: **Wildlife Around the World – Wildlife in Peril!** – After a successful scientific career, Meggi Raeder, Ph.D., is following her passion of wildlife and nature photography. She has visited six continents in the last decade while photographing wildlife. Learn about the perils facing wildlife everywhere due to habitat loss and other factors decimating the planet’s biodiversity. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Open to everyone.**
- 5** Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd.
- 6** Tuesday **Conversation is Spanish.** Meets from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy, (408) 867-4383. Co chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575. **Come and check us out.**
- 8** Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks.** SAN FRANCISCO – Climb to Coit Tower. See beautifully restored murals. Lovely views. Walk the Waterfront and scenic back lanes. Visit the Ferry Building market for “real” French bread, cheese. Meet promptly 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga way out in front of CVS Drugs. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **Start a healthy new year and come for a walk.**
- 13** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm at Pat Khan’s home, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. RSVP to Chair, Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 14** Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **Papa Ole (Traditional Spanish Cuisine)**, 18818 Cox Av, Saratoga (*across from Gene’s Market in Quito Shopping Center*). RSVP to Audry Lynch, (408) 725-1898 or to Chair, Linda King, (408) 354- 4105. **Everyone is welcome.**
- 16** Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. More books, more fun! We each bring a book (*good or bad*) to tell the group about. Read recently or long ago is fine. Contact Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625. (margaretbard@gmail.com) for meeting location.
- 20** Tuesday **PM Book Review.** Meets at 7:30 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community, Main Building, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. Book: *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeannette Walls Reviewed by Kate Bartlett. Co Chairs, Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 21** Wednesday **Fundraisers – Author’s Luncheon (to benefit AAUW Funds).** Three local authors will discuss their books and autograph them. 11:00 am to 2:30 pm; Hong’s Gourmet – Fine Chinese Dining, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. *See the front page and the flyer in this Grapevine for details.* **Reservations Required. Cost is \$50.**
- 22** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Walk.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Short local walk for all levels of experience. Park in Los Gatos “Free Parking – Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
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- 29** Thursday **Trail Clean-up Day + short hike & coffee or lunch.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Park in Los Gatos “Free Parking – Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers are provided. Questions? Chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Come and help us!**
- 30** Friday **Film Buffs.** Meet from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. For more information, call Chair, Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. **Have some fun with us and share a film.**

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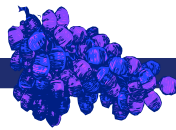


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Gifts for Teens

AAUW Members Bring Holiday Smiles to Needy Teens

Gifts for Teens wish to thank all the AAUW members who donated cash or items for the teen holiday gift bags this past year. With your generous help, **Gifts for Teens** filled and distributed 1,275 gift bags, which included a warm hoodie and practical personal items. AAUW members who helped fill the gift bags are thanked as well for your hard work and community spirit.

A special thanks goes to Sacred Heart Community Services food pantry and Whole Foods Market Blossom Hill for their generous donations of snack food items for the gift bags. Always a welcome teen favorite.

AAUW members and the community coming together for a worthwhile cause – an unbeatable team!

– Jan Giroux, **Gifts for Teens**



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~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to enjoy a variety of Chinese specialties ~

\$50 per person (\$25 tax deductible)

Reservations with payment must be received by January 15, 2015
No-host wine bar opens at 11:00 am | Lunch served at 11:45 am
Open Seating Tables of 8 — Arrive Early to Select Your Seat

For additional information please call Judith Borlase, (408) 358-2262.

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Number attending ____ x \$50 each = \$_____ + Optional Donation of _____ = \$_____ (Total Enclosed)

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.)