

# Grapevine



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The American Association of University Women

## Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership

Sunday, January 29, 2017 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

San Jose City College Theater

Next to General Education Building on Moorpark Ave; Parking Lot available next to the Theater (2100 Moorpark Ave, San Jose).

We will hear about the obstacles these women have faced and overcame, what has inspired them, what public policies have been crucial to their success, and what they would advise other women who are charting new paths. Q & A will follow the panel discussion.

**Moderator:** Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW California

**Panelists** are former Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** (San Jose City Council, District 8), **Danielle Feinberg** (Director Photography-Lighting for Pixar Animation Studios), **Marlene Bornsrud** (Founder of Alliance of Women's Coaches), Superior Court Judge **Julianne Sylva**, and **Caryn Beck-Dudley**, Dean of the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University.

**For more information:** Claire Noonan, [c.noonan@yahoo.com](mailto:c.noonan@yahoo.com)

## Women in Leadership

Sponsored by the seven AAUW branches in Santa Clara County through Interbranch Council

**Free and Open to Public**  
**No Registration Needed**

Learn from local leaders

- Hear how to find your own path
- Make connections
- Be inspired!



## Celebrating Roe v. Wade . . .

## Step Up for Pro-Choice!



Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 12:00 noon – 1:15 pm

Los Altos Youth Center, 1 No. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

\$3 Registration at the door.

**Celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

Join **Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW**

And the **Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community**

See page 7 for the details!



## Letter from the Leadership Team



### What is ISPF and what does it do?

You may have already responded to a letter from Louise Quenon, our branch Treasurer, asking for your financial support for our three local philanthropic projects: the Committee on Homeless Women and Children, Local Scholarships, and Tech Trek. Donations are tax-deductible, and your check should be made payable to ISPF – AAUW.

What is ISPF? The abbreviation stands for **Interbranch Special Projects Foundation**, a non-profit charitable organization which is used by the AAUW branches within Santa Clara County so that donations for various projects can be tax-exempt for the donor as specified by federal law. All of the branch projects within ISPF are covered by one tax return which greatly simplifies the administrative work that would otherwise be required for the separate branches.

Our own **Nancy Hobbs** organized ISPF in 1988 and served as its president for 18 years. Faith Schmidt was the first secretary and **Jan Leyse** the first treasurer. Board members came from Gilroy, Los Altos, Morgan Hill, San Jose and Sunnyvale.

The first approved ISPF project was our Committee on Homeless Women and Children which raised money for bus passes to be given to families staying at the family shelter and bought a VCR for the Family Living Center. In the second year **Kay Eshleman** became the Treasurer, and two new projects were added – Project Homeless by the San Jose branch and The Treasure Box by the Gilroy branch. **Nancy Christensen** soon became the ISPF Secretary and served with Nancy and Kay for many years. Early records were kept on ledger paper and tax returns were handwritten!

Los Gatos-Saratoga started another early program, Local Scholarships in 1993, and sent a girl from Redwood Middle School to the first Tech Trek camp in 1998.

In 2006, Nancy Hobbs, Kay Eshleman and Nancy Christensen decided to “retire” after almost two decades of running ISPF and turned over administrative responsibility to members of the San Jose branch: Gloria Leonard as President, Brenda



Ladewig as Secretary and Zee Del Fiugo as Treasurer. In turn they retired in 2012, and the current officers are Carol O'Hare, President (Morgan Hill), Elena Anderson, Secretary (Morgan Hill), and **Virginia Turner**, Treasurer (Los Gatos-Saratoga). Each branch with ISPF projects has a representative on the Board of Directors.

At this time 11 projects are being operated by Gilroy, Los Gatos-Saratoga, Morgan Hill, San Jose and Sunnyvale-Cupertino branches, with an additional project for Tech Trek still supervised by Tech Trek founder Marie Wolbach (Palo Alto branch). In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016, ISPF raised **over \$200,000** for projects to benefit women and girls within our local communities. A total of 26 scholarships were awarded, 32 girls were sent to Tech Trek, 1,384 gift bags were given to local low-income teenagers, and countless women and girls were helped both directly and indirectly through various agencies and programs.

It's not too late to contribute to our local projects this year. Just make your check payable to **ISPF – AAUW** and mail it to **Louise Quenon** at 20297 Thelma Ave, Saratoga CA 95070.

## Public Policy Update

- *“Women’s Rights Are Human Rights”* AAUW will have an official delegation to the Women’s March on Washington on January 21 in Washington, DC. Other marches will be held around the country, including San Jose.
- The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bipartisan **Women, Peace and Security Act (WPS Act)**, which would ensure that women’s voices are heard when decisions about conflict prevention are made. Research has shown that women’s involvement in peace processes leads to a substantial probability of an agreement lasting longer. Yet women currently make up only 10% of negotiators in peace agreements. Contact your senator now to urge them to pass this bill.
- Recently the Washington, D.C. Council heard testimony on a bill that would bar employers from using prior salary of applicants during the interview process. Kate Nielson, AAUW’s state policy analyst, testified in support of this bill. AAUW suggested strengthening the bill by adding a provision requiring job postings to include a salary range.
- The bipartisan Congressional Commission on the American Museum of Women’s History presented a proposal for a new Smithsonian museum dedicated to women’s history.



## Legal Advocacy Fund – GOSSET v. LASCH

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin and religion. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination. Nathalie Gosset, an AAUW member & active Tech Trek supporter, was hired, in 2003 by the Alfred E. Mann Institute at University of Southern California as a senior engineering manager.

She was promoted to senior director of marketing and technology evaluation, a position directly below the executive director, Jonathan Lasch. Gosset claimed she was subjected to ongoing sexual harassment by her boss. *“He would talk about what happened between the bed sheets the night before. You know, sexual positions, and how he performed or didn’t perform.”* Gosset reported the harassment, but claims that her complaints were disregarded. She states that her duties were reassigned and reprimands were issued. In 2015, she was terminated, as was the full four-year scholarship that had been awarded her daughter. Gosset has since filed an arbitration demand. Since the matter is in arbitration and not a federal case, AAUW cannot offer financial support at this time. However, because sexual harassment is a core issue, AAUW dedicates their moral support.



## Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

### BOARD NOTES – At the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

1. Tech Trek: We will be sponsoring 6 girls; the History Club of Los Gatos has made a donation. We need some younger women to volunteer to be Dorm Moms.
2. Author’s Luncheon: Publicity for February 22, 2017 event will be in the next 2 Grapevine issues.
3. Local Scholarship: Julie Stevens will be replacing Sumi Tanabe as chair of the committee. Applications from West Valley College students are due on February 27; results will be given on March 20. Big Job and a short time frame.
4. Look for more articles shining a spotlight on our interest sections in coming issues of the *Grapevine*.

# Preview of the 2017 Author's Luncheon Speakers

## Benefiting AAUW Funds

Thursday, February 16, 2017

The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos

11:00 am No-host Wine Bar | 11:45 am Lunch

\$55 (\$24 tax deductible) / Make Your Reservations by February 9, 2017.



## About the Authors . . .



Janet Dawson



Shelly King

**Janet Dawson** was born in Oklahoma and grew up in Colorado. With a journalism degree from the University of Colorado, she worked as a newspaper reporter. Next she joined the Navy. An enlisted journalist, she wrote news and features in public affairs offices in Guam and Pensacola, FL. As an officer, her duties took her to the San Francisco Bay Area, where she lives in Alameda. After leaving the Navy, Dawson worked in the legal field and at the University of California.

Now retired, she writes full time. Janet has a master's degree in history from California State University East Bay and can't think of anything she wants to study enough to go back to grad school. She enjoys gardening, cats, and climbing around on trains.

In elementary school, Janet wrote mysteries in long-hand on lined binder paper, influenced by those blue-backed Nancy Drew books she devoured. She has written eleven novels featuring Oakland private investigator Jeri Howard. Her first book, *Kindred Crimes*, won the St. Martin's Press/Private Eye Writers of America contest for Best Private Eye Novel, and was nominated for Shamus, Anthony and Macavity awards. Other books include *Till the Old Men Die*, *Take a Number*, and her latest *Cold Trail*. She wrote a suspense novel, *What You Wish For*, and a historical mystery set on a train, *Death Rides the Zephyr*.

Dawson is a longtime member of Mystery Writers of America and chair of the Edgar Allan Poe awards. She also belongs to Sisters in Crime.

[www.janetdawson.com/bio.html](http://www.janetdawson.com/bio.html)

**Shelly King** (*a native Southerner*) grew up in Orangeburg, South Carolina, the daughter of a college professor and a social worker. She spent a lot of time in the library and the solarium on top of the Biology building where her father taught.

Shelly attended the University of Tennessee and earned a degree in English. After graduation, she pursued a career in software that finally led her to Silicon Valley. Shelly started as a technical writer in Alabama and then moved to Silicon Valley in 1994 at the height of the Internet boom. Shelly worked for a long line of start-ups and Fortune 500 companies as a writer, project manager, information architect, professional services manager, and social media strategist.

Shelly lives in the Santa Cruz mountains with her husband, John, and two big lovable dogs (*Tyson and Reba*), three kick-ass barn cats (*Caesar, Xena, and Loki*), and an adored indoor princess cat (*Scout*). *THE MOMENT OF EVERYTHING* is her first novel.

A few things about Shelly:

- I'm completely invisible to those motion detectors on the faucets in public restrooms. If you see someone wailing her hands under the tap frantically, it's probably me.
- I have a Shakespeare bobble head on my desk right next to my Jane Austen action figure.
- Whenever I hear George Jones sing "He Stopped Loving Her Today" I always cry. And if you don't, you have a heart of steel.

[www.facebook.com/ShellyKingAuthor](http://www.facebook.com/ShellyKingAuthor)





Anne Heffron

**Anne Heffron** was born in Manhattan in 1964 to a young college student who gave her up for adoption. Adoption can be tricky. It's a wonderful thing to be chosen, to be brought up by loving parents, but in order for this to happen, there has to be an initial abandonment, and this loss can settle like a seed of unease in the adopted person, quite possibly affecting the entirety of his or her life.

Anne, who would be adopted at ten weeks old, embarked fifty-one years later on a journey to Manhattan to find the roots of her story and to tell that story. This was not the story that began "*The day we got you.*" This journey is the subject of "*You Don't Look Adopted*", an account of the perils and blessings of adoption. This book is an intimate look at what it means for an adopted person to live in the world as someone who was both chosen and given away.

Before turning to memoir, Anne co-wrote the film "*Phantom Halo*" with her writing partner, Antonia Bogdanovich. The film "*Phantom Halo*" was first shown at the 2015 Austin Film Festival and won Best Picture at the 2015 New York International Film Festival. She and Antonia currently have a screenplay, "*The Rabbit Will Die*" in development. When she isn't writing, she's either doing laundry, hiking (*which really means just walking on a dusty road*), watching her daughter play field hockey, or sitting in the back row of a movie theater or looking for adventure.

[www.anneheffron.com/aboutme](http://www.anneheffron.com/aboutme)

## Committee on Homeless Women & Children December 2016 Holiday Dinner & Presents at the Georgia Travis Home!

Despite a pouring rain storm, the Homeless Committee Members managed to serve a delicious dinner to 17 women and distribute 4 gifts each at the Georgia Travis Home (GTH). Seven women (*later comers*) also had dinner and received their 4 gifts that we had saved for them.

The box of See's candy was enjoyed by all. Since we had a total of 102 gifts, the remaining gifts were taken to the Villa by Debra Chavez, coordinator of the GTH and The Villa, and given to the residents who were unable to attend the Holiday Party.

Those serving the Holiday Dinner were Nancy Anderson, Marlene Lamb, JoAn Lambert, Ann Roberts, and Sumi Tanabe. Mary Jean Grafton, from the Golf group also helped.

Thank you to all of the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW members who gave so generously this year. You helped make the "*Season Bright*" for the ladies at the GTH this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# HELP THE HOMELESS

**HELP NEEDED.** If you can help with the *English Tea and Silent Auction* this year, please contact Nancy Anderson (*chair*) to find out what needs to be done. We need members to volunteer to do just a single task or to do whatever tasks that they can.

Contact Nancy at (408) 867-4383 or by email at [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com) to discuss how you can help make this year's fundraiser a success.

# Step Up for Pro-Choice!



**Sunday, January 22, 2017**

**Noon to 1:15 PM**

Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

## **Celebrating the 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

Join **Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW**

And the **Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community**

Cosponsors: Palo Alto AAUW, Sunnyvale-Cupertino AAUW, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte,

Palo Alto League of Women Voters, Mountain View-Los Altos League of Women Voters

**Lupe Rodriguez**, Director of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, will speak on the continuing assaults against Planned Parenthood, the shift in the political climate and offer action ideas to those who support reproductive rights.

Dr. Sophia Yen will also speak and give a physician’s response to the threats to reproductive choice.

Photos for use on social media will be taken and made available.

Registration is \$3 at the door.

## **The Reads for PM Book Group!**

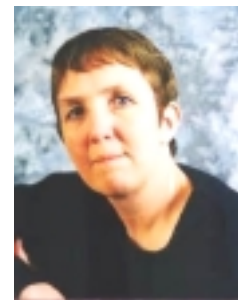
7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

### **January’s Book**

Book: *“Raven Black”*

Author: Ann Cleeves

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb



*Ann Cleeves*

### **February’s Book**

Book: *“The Wright Brothers”*

Author: David McCollough

Reviewer: Ann Roberts



*David McCollough*

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## **WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP**

*“You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.”*

–Eleanor Roosevelt

## January 2017 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors Welcome.**
- 6 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). **Program: Parklands of Utah** – Presented by photographer and musician David Cousins. A journey through the national and state parks of Utah, including Bryce Canyon, Zion and Dead Horse Point, in a photographic presentation accompanied by original music on the native American flute. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408)867-6237. **Open to Public!**
- 9 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:00 in the community room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave. & Saratoga-Las Gatos Rd.
- 10 Tuesday **Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 3:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Speaker: Jo Griner, St. Lukes Pantry, Los Gatos. **Open to All Members and Guests.**
- 12 Thursday **Scenic Hike & Walks – Uvas Canyon Waterfalls.** Hike up the canyon past numerous beautiful falls then loop through the oak forest to a viewpoint picnic table. Early rain makes this a special hike. Bring lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am. Parking in Los Gatos at "Free Parking-Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **New Hikers are Always Welcome!**
- 14 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** 12:30 pm at *The Table* in Willow Glen (1110 Willow St, San Jose – corner of Lincoln Ave & Willow St). RSVP to Julie Stevens, (408) 867-5968. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Friendly Group, Open to Everyone.**
- 17 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave #6150, Saratoga). **Book: Raven Black** by Ann Cleaves. Reviewer: Chair, Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **Book Lover's Welcome!**
- 20 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) that you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com **Find Your Next Great Book!**
- 26 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Exercise on nearby trails, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in Saratoga at Argonaut Center, (*way out in front of CVS*). Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
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- 29 Sunday **General Meeting – Women in Leadership.** 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the San Jose City College Theater / Auditorium (2100 Moorpark Av, San Jose. *Parking next to the Theatre*). See the front page for details. **Bring yourself, your friends and family for this special event. Open to Public!**
- 31 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meets 1:30 pm at Marlene's home (105 Arroyo Grande Way, Los Gatos). RSVP: Chair, Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555 or marlenela37@gmail.com. **Movie Lovers Welcome!**

### February 2017

- 2 Thursday **Trail Cleanup for Hikes and Walks – on AAUW adopted trail.** Back-by-Noon + coffee or lunch. Bring gloves & clippers, if you have them. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 3 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets 7:30 at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). **Program: A Whirlwind Journey through South Africa** with an excursion to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or "Get that Monkey Off of My Bed" presented by World Travelers Bob Feigelson and Michael Marron. **Open to the Public!**
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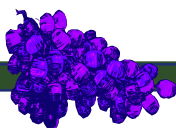


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### Know of a Member in Need of a Little Sunshine!

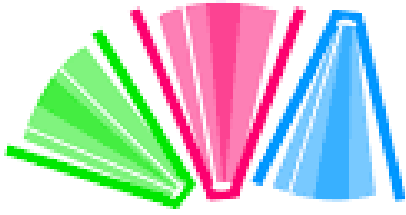
Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Did a member receive recognition?

Please send her information to Lavonne Marafino, our Sunshine Chair.

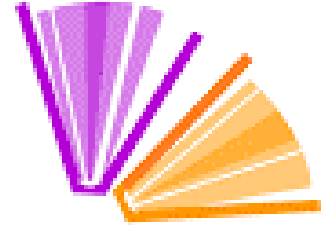
Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-1964; [lnmarafino@att.net](mailto:lnmarafino@att.net)



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# Meet Our Three Local Authors



## Benefiting AAUW FUNDS Authors' Luncheon 2017

Thursday, February 16, 2017 | 11:00 am – 2:30 pm  
The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos)

Meet our three authors and have them autograph their books



Janet Dawson



Shelly King



Anne Heffron

**Janet Dawson**, author of *Cold Trail*; *Where the Bodies are Buried*, and many others

**Shelly King**, author of *Moment of Everything*

**Anne Heffron**, author of *You Don't Look Adopted* and co-writer with Antonia Bogdanovich of the film *Phantom Halo*

*Invite your friends to a delightful afternoon of good food and interesting book talk*

No/host wine bar will open at 11:00 am; lunch will be served at 11:45 am

Open Seating – tables of eight

**Cost is \$55.00 per person**, (\$24.00 is tax deductible)

**Luncheon** – Choice of Entrée, a Garden Salad, choice of Coffee, Soda, Iced Tea, and Tiramisu for dessert

**Choice of Entrées** – (1) Chicken Picatta; (2) Salmon with Orange Hollandaise Sauce; (3) Vegetarian Lasagna

**Make Check Payable to AAUW FUNDS** and include your menu choice with your check.

**Send the Names of your Guests and their Entrée Choices as well**

**Mail to Eleanor Yick, 105 Stacia St, Los Gatos, 95030** | Tel. 408-354-7473

*(Include your email to receive a confirmation that your check has been received)*

Reservations with payment must be received by **February 9, 2017** to guarantee your attendance!