

# Grapevine



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## June 2015 – New Wilderness Open Space



*Pictured above is Calero from San Vincente*

In May our AAUW hikers and friends toured *Rancho San Vincente*, a new 1,000 acre wilderness open space preserve on the nearby, west side of the Almaden Valley. The site is not yet open to the public, but because several of our AAUW hikers have made contributions to *Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)*, our reward was a guided tour of this beautiful hillside land.

We climbed up the gravel road, surrounded by wild flowers, a few cows, and through a very rocky, grassy landscape, to the top of the hill with a fabulous view of Calero Reservoir and the valley below. And we got drenched by some icy cold rain showers (*lovely rain!*). A beautiful hike and a beautiful day! (*See the photos of Rancho San Vincente included in this Grapevines issue, page 3.*)

Last month we hiked on the Ancient Oaks trail off Skyline Ridge, a Midpeninsula Open Space Preserve above Palo Alto – another *POST* acquisition with fabulous views toward the ocean and with a

*(Article is continued on page 3 of this Grapevine.)*

## Over the Summer . . .

Stay in touch with your Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW friends over the Summer. Consider participating in a new or continuing interest group.

A number of branch interest groups continue to meet over the Summer months. Check out the listing on the Calendar for June, July and August. See the schedule for the following Interest Groups:

- **Let's Do Lunch,**
- **Scenic – Hike and Walks,**
- **AM Book Review, and**
- **Back-by-Noon Hikes**



## Letter from the President

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch president for the past two years. There is a wealth of experience and enthusiasm for **AAUW** among our members, and every person who joins the branch contributes in some way to furthering the mission of **AAUW** to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**Thank you** to those who took on various leadership roles as Board members, committee chairs, and interest group leaders. You are the backbone of the organization, providing the events and meetings – along with the delicious refreshments — that our members treasure. In particular I would like to thank **Margaret Bard** who volunteered to chair the Interbranch Council this year (*the position rotates among the 7 branches in Santa Clara County*) and oversee the Ice Cream social for all the Tech Trek campers.

**Thank you** to those who provided financial and moral support for

our many activities by attending the general meetings, contributing to our requests for funds, and buying tickets to the Authors' Lunch and English Tea. Your generosity provides Local Scholarships to women transferring from West Valley College to a four-year college, a week-long Tech Trek experience at Stanford for several girls in our local middle schools, and critical assistance for Homeless Women and Children here in Silicon Valley.

**Thank you** in a special way to **Gail Pedersen** who produces our beautiful *Grapevine* each month, prints the branch Directory and other publications and sends the membership packet to prospective members. Her creativity and dedication are amazing!

**Thank you** to those who offered me advice and guidance along the way and especially to everyone who returned the survey about branch priorities. We will begin to implement some changes this next year in response to that survey and would certainly welcome your



comments, suggestions or ideas.

The national **AAUW** office is very interested in hearing from you. The Spring/Summer issue of *Outlook* magazine contains all the information you need to vote for association officers, the public policy program, and bylaws amendments. The magazine contains information about each candidate and measure to be decided. **Voting ends June 19.**

–Virginia Turner, President

## New Honorary Life Members

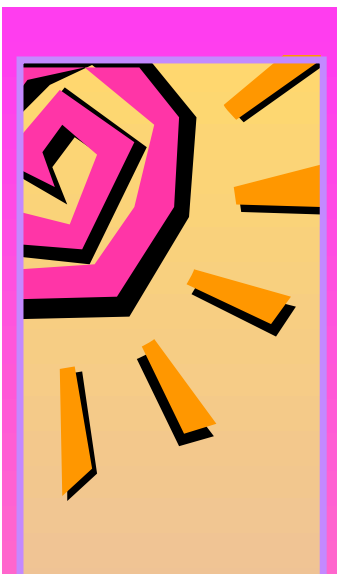
Dear Virginia and AAUW members:

I was surprised and delighted to become an Honorary Life member during our Potluck Luncheon. Special thanks to you for researching my history to make it happen.

It's a lovely certificate and it will be framed and hung in my den. Every time I look at it, it will be a reminder of 50 years of meeting wonderful, dynamic women, attending mentally stimulating general meetings and book groups, and backing women's rights such as parity in pay and reproductive rights. AAUW has always been an unfailing voice in defense of women's rights. I've been proud to be a part of it.

Thanks again. I've heard that the first 50 years in any group are the hardest. The road ahead looks smooth. Gratefully, Audry Lynch

**The other HL member is Nancy Christensen. Nancy was given her certificate at the last Travel group for this year.**



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new staging and picnic area dedicated to Audry Rust, retired leader of **POST**.

**POST** is a nonprofit, private organization working on the west side of our valley all the way to the coast to preserve the natural spaces around us. They have also purchased development rights on coastal farm lands enabling, encouraging sustainable and small family farms. They work closely with *Sempervirens Fund*, area parks and open space agencies.

How lucky we are to benefit from **POST's** wonderful environmental preservation work. Consider lending them your support! Check out their website at [www.openspacetrust.org](http://www.openspacetrust.org).

**Join Us!** AAUW Hikes and Walks meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday all year. See the Calendar in this *Grapevine* for the June, July and August schedule.



*Pictured above is Rancho San Vicente.*



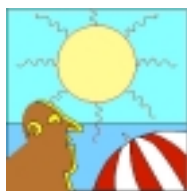
*Pictured above are the Hikers and Walkers and friends.*

## **Membership Renewals are Due!**

**The branch needs every member to renew today!**



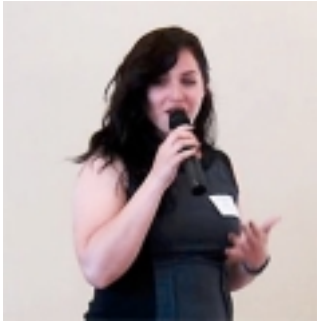
Your AAUW membership for 2015-2016 is now due. Paying your dues will keep your membership active through June 30, 2016. Your prompt response will simplify our work on the Directory and branch database.



When you renew your membership, you may find it convenient to include donations to support our three local projects (*Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children*) and /or AAUW Funds to support the Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. These can be included on one check. Your generosity will truly make a difference to these women and girls.

**Thank you for being a member of the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of AAUW!**

# Silver English Tea Guest Enjoying the Day! Successful Silent Auction and Yes the Tea & Food was Delicious Too.



(Photo Above left) Guest Speaker, Elizabeth Moss – Local Scholarship recipient from West Valley College; (Photo Above) JoAn Lambert, Sumi Tanabe and Pastor Sharon Hare, of First Presbyterian Church & Women’s Gathering Place; (Photo to the far Right) Jewelry Shoppers; (Photo Below left) Georgia Travis, Homeless Committee founder; (Photo Below Right) Our lovely teatime table decor.



(Photo Left) The room full of tea time guests enjoying their tea and talk; (Photo Above) Silent Auction of donated wines.

## Rosalie Price

Named Gift Honoree 2015



This year's honoree grew up and attended public school in San Francisco's Marina District. When she entered middle school, she came down with polio and spent 6 months in the hospital. She had painful physical therapy to stretch and strengthen her muscles.

She became an art major at Oakland College of the Arts. She earned elementary, secondary and college teaching credentials. After graduating she worked at a publishing company. She and her English husband, John, met at a cricket match and have been a team ever since. They have a son.

She was a Palo Alto **AAUW** member for 30 years, serving as a board member, president, and vice president. She and another member learned word processing and desk-top publishing to make the newsletter *The Key* more attractive and received an award from **AAUW-CA**.

When she moved to the *Saratoga-Retirement Community (SRC)* our honoree joined the Los Gatos-Saratoga **AAUW**.

After moving to the *SRC*, the director hearing of her past library experience asked her to organize a *SRC* library with the books the new residents had donated—a *daunting task*. The books were stacked floor to ceiling. Recruiting teams of residents to sort the books, they had the books shelved and duplicates donated to *Saratoga Friends of the Library* in just two weeks.

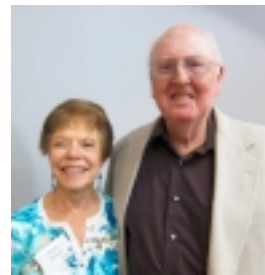
She has been active in our *Great Decisions Programs*, starting two groups at the *SRC* and working with Anne and Al Stewart in ordering the materials for our large group at the *SRC*. She and John both volunteer at Rosemary Middle School and have worked for 9 years on theater productions at West Valley College – she has acted, sung in the chorus, written scripts, and directed plays. In her spare time she knits and donates her work to *Project Linus*.

It is indeed a pleasure to introduce one of the this year's Named Gift Honorees – Rosalie Price!

–Sharon Kelkenberg

## Anne Stewart

Named Gift Honoree 2015



This year's honoree was born in Bell, California. She had one brother. She was always a top student. In high school, she was the Girls League President and was on the Student Council.

The honoree and her second husband met in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Sanger, California. He was the editor of the high school paper and knew her parents. Years later they would meet again.

She received her BA degree in Political Science at U.C. Berkeley and was a Phi Beta Kappa. She went on to receive an MA in Political Science from San Jose State University.

I'm not sure she would want me to tell you this but one of her first jobs was working at Macy's as a bunny! Now I don't know what kind of bunny she was.

She taught school, was a real estate appraiser and broker and worked to reduce taxes for people. She is the mother of two children, grandmother of four and has done extensive traveling. She's been all over the world except Antarctica.

She and her husband, Al Stewart, have been married 14 years, and I met both of them when I joined *Great Decisions Program*. They have been coordinators of *Great Decisions* for about 8 years. While some of us might slack off and not read our weekly chapters, this honoree was always prepared and contributed to each and every session with insightful research and personal stories.

She joined the League of Women Voters and has been active for many years with the Saratoga Federated Church. In fact, she has been in the same prayer group for 40 years! Volunteer work occupies a good deal of her time. She has helped with teaching ESL, helped mothers with clothing, involved with a reading program that donates books.

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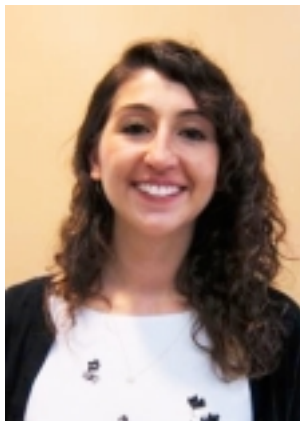
–Sumi Tanabe

### August 2015

- 12 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meet at 12:30 pm at *The Bell Tower Bistro* (20490 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Saratoga). RSVP: Linda King, (408) 354-4105. Chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950.
- 13 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks. Beach Hike and Annual Clean-Up.** Moss Landing Beach, 5 - 6 miles. Bring binoculars for whale watching! Bring gloves and bags. Reward ourselves with lunch at Phil's. Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos "Free Parking-Northside Lot" back behind Starbucks. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 21 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings a book (*good or bad*) she would like to talk about. Call Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com for more information and meeting location. **New participants welcome!**
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## Photographs from the 2015 Granting of Award Potluck Our Annual Celebration of this year's branch success!

*Photographs were taken by Louise Quenon.*



*(Photo Above)* Guest speaker, Elizabeth Manzi – AAUW fellowship; *(Photo Above Center)* Two of the Tech Trek campers, Annie Xu and Aime Wen; *(Photo Above Right)* Elizabeth Moss (Mathematics) and Stephanie Hadley (aeronautical engineering) Local Scholarship recipients



*(Photo Above);* Named Gift Honorees, Rosalie Price and John (husband) and Anne Stewart and Al (husband); *(Photo Right)* The delicious potluck luncheon buffet.

## June 2015 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Note new of time: Meets 1:00-2:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga). RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. Improve your conversational skills. **Visitors are welcome!**
- 3 Wednesday **Board Meeting.** Old and new Board members invited. Meets 1:00 pm at Florentine La Trattoria's Restaurant (14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga) for a no host lunch. RSVP: Virginia Turner, (408) 866-4234. **All interested members are invited!**
- 4 Thursday **Trail Clean-Up.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos "Free Parking-Northside Lot" back behind Starbucks. Questions? Call Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** End-of-the-year Potluck at 6:00 pm Meets at the home of Nancy Anderson (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Nancy, (408) 867-4383 by June 6. Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 10 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm, Hult's Restaurant (165 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road – corner of University). RSVP: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950.
- 11 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks. Devil's Slide Bypass Trail.** We will hike the new trail on the section of old Highway 1 that was cut off by the new tunnel. Rugged coast with a spectacular ocean views. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga (way-out in front of CVS Drugs). Questions: Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Group. End-of-year potluck.** Help pick the books for next year. Meets 6:00 pm at Marilyn Lenormand's at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave #6150, Saratoga.) RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 18 Thursday **2015 AAUW National Convention** to Saturday, June 20. Meets in San Diego. For information see [http / aauw.org](http://aauw.org)
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings a book (*good or bad*) she would like to talk about. For more information and meeting location, call Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625 or [margaretbard@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbard@gmail.com). **New participants welcome!**
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- 30 Tuesday **Film Buffs. End-of-year luncheon.** Call Chair Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488) for time and place. **New participants welcome!**

## July 2015

- 8 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meet at 12:45 at *The Fish Market* (1007 Blossom Hill Rd – just east of Almaden Expwy). RSVP: Barbara Allen, (408) 354-8208. Chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950.
- 9 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks. Portola Redwoods State Park** – Hike through the cool redwoods to the "Page's Mill" site west of Skyline. 5 - 6 miles. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am Argonaut Center, Saratoga (way-out in front of CVS Drugs). Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Seeking New Hikers!**
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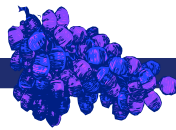


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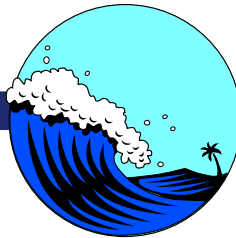
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### Branch Officers – Can you help?

The following are open positions for 2015-2016 Elected Officers:

- President – OPEN**
- President Elect – OPEN**
- Legal Advocacy Fund VP – OPEN**
- Program VP – OPEN**