

Membership Renewals are Due! Every Member is Needed and is Important!

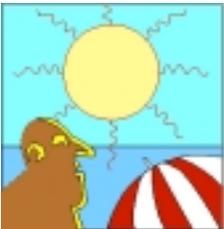


Your AAUW membership for 2014-2015 is now due. Dues will remain the same as last year and will keep your membership active through June 30, 2015. Your prompt response will simplify our work on the Directory and branch database.



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!



If you receive your *Grapevine* via email, you should have received your membership renewal forms via email. If you receive your *Grapevine* through the mail, you should have received your membership renewal forms in the mail. Please call Gail Pedersen at 408-377-6895 or email her at gail_pedersen@yahoo.com if you did not receive your forms and she will send them to you.

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 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

As our AAUW year quiets down a bit for the summer, we have begun thinking about next year, and the Board will be planning where we should devote our energy and effort in the coming months. We would certainly welcome your comments, suggestions or ideas to make the branch strong and relevant.

This past year we **reached out** to our existing members with regular monthly programs, a wide variety of smaller groups to meet many different interests, and opportunities to just get together and socialize. Did you find the programs worthwhile? Have you heard an interesting speaker or are you concerned about a particular issue? Let us know and we'll see what we can arrange for the coming year.

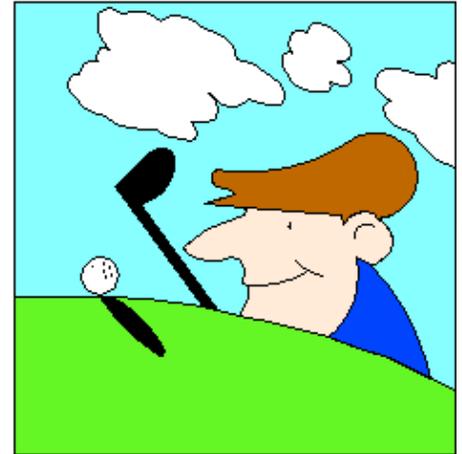
I would like to thank all the interest sections who provided refreshments during the year; **Shirley Cancellieri** has done a great job organizing the schedule and contacting our coffee provider. Many thanks to our greeters **Ann Fenolio, Barbara Hawkes, Audry Lynch** and **Mary Pastrone** who welcomed members and guests, handed out name badges and other materials, and provided a friendly smile as people arrived.

We **reached out** to new and prospective members with receptions in the fall and the spring. If we are to keep this branch active we need all or YOU to recruit new members. Invite prospective members to attend a meeting with you – they can even visit a smaller group for one or two meetings to help them decide whether to join. Check our website for information or ask **Gail Pedersen** to send a membership packet.

We also **reached out** to our community with programs co-sponsored by the Saratoga Library and by El Camino Hospital, Los Gatos, and with our two fundraising events that support the Association's Fellowships and Grants and our three local projects (Tech Trek, Local Scholarships and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children). We were able to meet several of the women who benefited from our efforts at the Silver English Tea and our May potluck lunch. We connected with AAUW at the national level, hearing from senior researcher Andresse St. Rose and lobbyist Lisa Maatz during the year. We can be very proud that AAUW continues to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

We would like to fill our vacant Board positions. Would you be able to help in a particular area? Co-chairs are welcome or a committee working together would be great. This is **your** Branch; we welcome your help and ideas!

–Virginia Turner, President
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AAUW-CA: Election Results!

It is an honor to announce the following, elected for two year terms (2014-2016):

Secretary – Tracey Clark

Directors — Kathy Andreini, Virginia Beck, Susan Negrete, Jane Neimeier, and Sharon Westafer.

On July 1, these six women, along with the other directors: Lynne Batchelor, Helene Carr, Cathy Foxhoven, Sue Miller and CFO Donna Mertens, will assume their duties as the AAUW California Board of Directors for 2014-2015.

Due increase proposal –

1,891 Yes Votes or 76.7%

576 No Votes or 23.3%

Thanks to all who cast their ballots! The percentage of members who voted was 20.8%, a total of 2475 votes. That is a record number of votes and a tremendous increase over last year.

–Deanna Arthur,
Nominations & Elections Chair,
nominations@aauw-ca.org

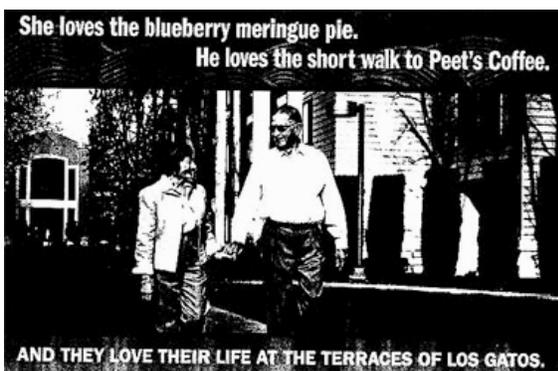
Branch Members on the Move **Defending Women's Health**

As dedicated as our members are to furthering the educational opportunities for girls and women, many are equally involved in other pursuits, from work to hobbies to other volunteer work. We would like to hear what our members are up to. Email me at joycelawyer@verizon.net to share your pursuits and accomplishments with our members in this newsletter column. Our second installment will be:

Featured in Promotional Brochure

Terri Raynaud and her husband, Bart, were selected to represent the Terraces on a recent promotional brochure. It was a *"Show Biz"* experience for a couple who have enjoyed living at the Terraces for the past five years.

A make-up artist arrived to prepare them for a photo shoot which resulted in many pictures and a video. They later participated in a meeting with 28 prospective new members where they told the story of their own experiences at the Terraces. *"We love it here"*, says Terri, *"because we feel secure and well cared for here"*.



Book Award

May was a busy month for Audry Lynch. On Saturday, May 3 she presented a workshop on *"The World of John Steinbeck"* at the National Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Hyatt Hotel in Santa Clara. Chairperson Daphne Cagle complimented Lynch on *"an outstanding interest session where you created such a buzz that it is sure to last the entire year"*. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization dedicated to the support of women in education.

On Saturday May 12, Lynch attended the San Francisco Book Festival at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel where she received Honorable Mention for her book, *Steinbeck Remembered* in the Biography category.

Get the idea. *What activities outside of AAUW can we feature in our new column "Members on the Move"?*

Let us know!

Care at the Supreme Court

April 04, 2014

In March, the Supreme Court **heard** arguments challenging employees' rights to health care plans that cover all necessary health services. As you may recall, the Affordable Care Act requires that qualified health plans cover preventive care without copay or cost-sharing, including contraception.

The court heard challenges brought by two for-profit companies — Conestoga Wood, a family-owned cabinetry business, and Hobby Lobby, a family-owned chain of arts and crafts stores. The companies claimed that providing certain services violates their religious freedoms and that they shouldn't have to provide employees insurance that covers this kind of health care. (It's recently come to **light** that Hobby Lobby's employee retirement fund has significant investments in a variety of companies that produce abortion and contraceptive-related products.)

People go to these businesses for cabinets and crafts supplies, not for religion. Yet Conestoga Wood and Hobby Lobby are trying to claim that the businesses themselves have religious rights and that those rights let companies control the private lives of their employees. That's a dangerous argument and would let employers have a voice in the health decisions of their employees. Who wants that?

The Affordable Care Act already ensures that religious rights are respected by **exempting** churches and houses of worship from the contraceptive requirement, and the law also gives **religiously affiliated nonprofits** the option to use a third-party insurer to provide coverage, thus ensuring that their own funds don't directly support the purchase of birth control. Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood do not qualify for an exemption — and they shouldn't. They are not religious enterprises, despite their owners' beliefs. Saying something doesn't make it so.

That's unacceptable and dangerous, and AAUW is committed to **protecting employees' rights**. AAUW signed on to several amicus briefs opposing the challenges to the Affordable Care Act's coverage requirement and signed on to a **brief** before the Supreme Court. We're also working with our allies on Capitol Hill to educate them about this issue. When it comes to women's health, we won't take anything for granted.

Photographs from the 2014 Granting of Award Potluck Our Annual Celebration of this year's branch success!

Photographs were taken by Louise Quenon.



(Photo Above) Tech Treker Meshi Shachaf and her mother; *(Photo Above Center)* Lavonne Marafino and Virginia Turner; *(Photo Above Right)* Jussely Morphin, Local Scholarship Recipient *(Photo Below)* Lavonne Marafino, Dianne Priest and Karen Peck; *(Photo Below Right)* Audry Lynch and Mary Pastrone.



(Photo Left) Geri Williams; *(Photo Right Bottom)* Three of the Tech Trek girls (L to R), Kate Zepecki, Jennifer Moore and Michelle Kwan; *(Photo Below)* Branch President, Virginia Turner



Highlights of the 2014 Awards Potluck

Our annual Spring potluck was held Saturday, May 17, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Saratoga Ave. The program began with installation of new Board members and then we ate a delicious luncheon brought by members. There were several vivacious and helpful Tech Trek girls present, introduced by Blenda Mariani (Tech Trek chair). They spoke about their Tech Trek experience.

One of the highlights of this annual event is the opportunity to hear one of the recipients of a state or national AAUW award. We were very fortunate to welcome Kathleen Krenek, who is affiliated with *Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence*. AAUW awarded Kathleen and her colleagues a one year Community Action Grant. She works with the Self-Sufficiency Program in San Jose.

Kathleen became executive director of *Next Door Solutions to Domes-*

tic Violence in July 2001. She brought with her 31 years of non-profit leadership experience, with 16 years specifically in domestic violence prevention and intervention. Kathleen worked at the local and state levels; then she moved to the national level to work as director of the *National Resource Center on Domestic Violence*, where she led policy development, technical assistance to battered women's programs across the country, and research into causation and intervention strategies to eliminate domestic violence. She has written numerous papers dealing with topics including poverty / welfare reform, incarcerated battered women, battered women who kill, and the transformation of the battered women's movement that was published in 2001. A Special Note: Kathleen was pleased to meet one of our members, Joyce Sogg, who was one of the founding women of *Next Door Solutions*.

Local Scholarships have been presented to three young women. Diane Priest introduced one of the recipients, Jussely Morphin, who will be attending Berkeley in the fall. Morphin, a very capable and deserving woman, spoke of the importance of this award to her personally and professionally.

At the luncheon Blenda Mariani and Marlene Lamb, who have worked so hard with Tech Trek over the many years, were presented Named Gift Honors.

Blenda Mariani, a Bay Area native, came to SJSU to attend college and never left. After volunteering in her children's schools in Campbell, she worked full time for Addison — Wesley Publishing Company in Menlo Park and Hewlett-Packard in Cupertino, Mountain View and Palo Alto.

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(Photo Left) Blenda Mariani, named gift honoree; (Photo Below) Marlene Lamb, named gift honoree; (Photo Right) Kathleen Krenek, the AAUW Funds Community Grant recipient and guest speaker.



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Blenda Mariani was an active member of the San Jose Branch of AAUW in the 1970's, then resigned to concentrate on raising her children while working at her career. She rejoined AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga branch after her retirement. For the past two years she has acted as the Branch Coordinator for the Tech Trek Program. Her first-hand experience in trying to fill tech positions with qualified women led to her interest in Tech Trek. She feels that

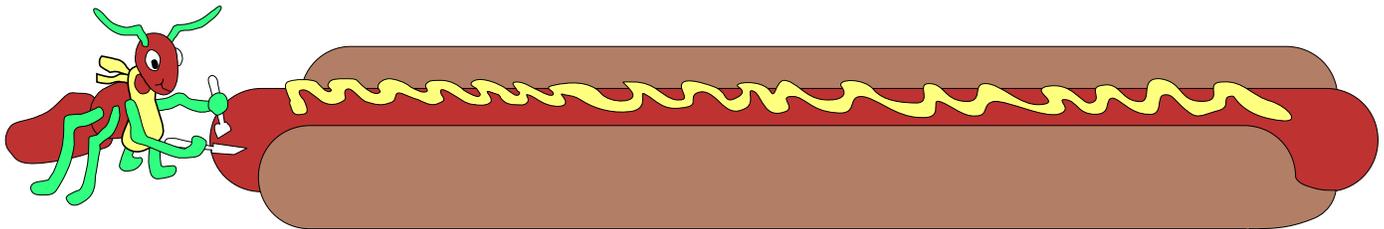
encouraging interest in science, math and engineering is especially critical for the younger girls — she feels that this program truly makes a difference.

Marlene Lamb is from Everett, Washington. After graduating from University she came to California to teach in 1958. She retired after teaching for 34-1/2 years. Marlene signed up to be a dorm mom for Tech Trek when her granddaughter was selected by the San Jose branch of AAUW

several years ago. She was put on a waiting list, but was asked to attend when a returning dorm mom broke her leg. This will be her 6th year at Tech Trek, where she holds the camp record at Camp Hooper for locking herself out of her room.

Thank you both for your many hours (and hours) supporting Tech Trek! As said above — this was another terrific event

–Geri Williams (AAUW Funds VP)



Recipe

Pineapple Coleslaw – Hawaiian Style

Nancy Hobbs, our recently passed member, brought this wonderful and simple Pineapple Coleslaw to last year's Grant Awards Potluck. Nancy, a founding member of the 40+ year old Gourmet Group, could be relied on to bring tasty and delicious treats. Make this unusual Coleslaw this summer in remembrance of Nancy Hobbs and all the work she gave to Tech Trek and to Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW. I found this Coleslaw easy to make and very popular when taken to barbecues.

MAKES: 8 to 10 servings

- 1 small head (about 1 pound) green cabbage, cored and shredded
- 2 small carrots, peeled and shredded
- 2 small cans (8 ounces each) crushed pineapple, with all the juice
- 2 tblsp. red wine vinegar or cider vinegar (optional)
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tsp. poppy seeds (to garnish)

1. Combine all the ingredients. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.
2. Sprinkle with poppy seeds and toss to combine. (*Can be made a few hours before.*)

– Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor (*salad taken to April 2013 Potluck by Nancy Hobbs*)

June 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 3** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets 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.
- 10** Tuesday **Committee on Homeless Women and Children** meets at 6:00 pm. (*Note change of time*) Annual June Potluck at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. (408) 867-4383. RSVP by June 7, Marlene Lamb, (408) 497- 1555. Committee Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **All are Welcome!**
- 11** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meet at 12:30 pm at LB Steak restaurant in Santana Row. Fine dining, fresh, organically-grown produce. Address: 334 Santana Row, Suite 1000. San Jose. (408) 244-1180. Complimentary parking at both ends of Santana Row. The nearest garage is on Alyssum Lane and Winchester Blvd. Chair: Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone is Always Welcome!**
- 12** Thursday **Scenic – Hike and Walks.** Destination is Point Lobos-Carmel. Plan for a longer day. We hike the Cypress Grove Trail, rated as one of the “top 10” in California- ocean, rocks and wild flowers. 5 - 7 miles. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Los Gatos “Free Parking- Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 17** Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets at 6:00 pm (*note change of time*) End-of-year Potluck and 2014/2015 book selection. At the home of Ann Roberts, 18833 Harleigh Dr, Saratoga. RSVP by June 14 to (408) 867-1834. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 20** Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am for the End-of-year potluck Everyone brings whatever book they want to talk about. Email Margaret Bard margaretbard@gmail.com for information.
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- 26** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos “Free Parking-Northside Lot” back behind Starbucks. Questions: Kay Duffy. (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

July 2014

- 9** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:00 Noon. Florentine Trattoria, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. RSVP Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone is Always Welcome!**
- 10** Thursday **Scenic – Hike and Walks.** Destination is Medicine Buddha Retreat. Lovely, cool redwood trails at this interesting spot near Nicene Marks Park above Aptos. Meet promptly at 9:00 am Los Gatos “Free Parking- Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 18** Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings whatever book they want to talk about. Call Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 for more information.
- 24** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike:** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos “Free Parking- Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop .(408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy. (408) 867-0508.
- 31** Thursday **Trail Clean-Up:** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Los Gatos “Free Parking- Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.

August, 2014

- 13** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meet at 12:00 Noon. Florentine Trattoria, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. RSVP to Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone is Always Welcome!**
- 14** Thursday **Scenic – Hike and Walks.** Destination is Beach Hike and Annual Clean-Up at Moss Landing Beach. 5 -7 miles. Bring gloves and bags. Reward ourselves with lunch at Capt. Phil's. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Los Gatos “Free Parking- Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
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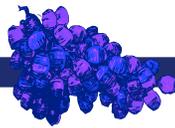


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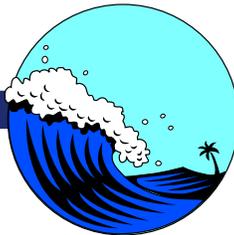
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Addition for Your Directory

Marilyn Fuller – New Member (David Krug – husband)

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Education: BS Spanish and Psychology, UC Berkeley

2 Teaching Credential – HS Spanish and Elementary Ed, UC Santa Barbara

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Louise is taking over the Finance VP job for the branch. She will be handing off the Database Manager tasks to a new chair for the fall. Please contact Virginia Turner, president, if you are willing and interested in taking on any of the branch leader positions. Thank you!

