



Celebrate Women's History Month

March 2013 General Meeting

Learn How Storytelling Can Empower Women

Storytelling is a highly effective method of opening dialogue and finding common ground. Great stories challenge, engage, inform, persuade, mobilize and inspire. Our Speakers are both are coaches of organizations, leaders and teams around the world. They are also members of the Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN).



Barbara E. Key

Saturday, March 16, 2013

from 10 am to 12:00 noon

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

Barbara E. Key – Founded her own consulting firm in 1998, she is Managing Director of At The Well. She has served as Operations Director and Associate Director for GWLN's Women Leaders for the World program. She helps organizations & teams to generate road maps & visions of the futures they care about.

Barbara will provide a guide to writing and sharing a story that captivates and invites your audience in.



Tanya Monsef
Bunger

Tanya Monsef Bunger – Founder of Mobilize Harmony & CFO of Global Niche, Tanya brings 25+ years of global business experience from corporate, start-up & nonprofit industries to her coaching. She is passionate about empowering her clients to express their unique gifts and talents for global harmony.

Tanya will illustrate the steps in the guide with inspiring stories of transformation.

Coming Next Month . . .

This year we have worked to raise money to provide educational opportunities for women and girls. And — we have been very successful at the national, state and local levels. Now it's time to meet some of the women who benefit from our efforts - in a fun, social setting! ***So please join us:***

Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga Av, Saratoga

Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish. The branch will furnish rolls, coffee, tea and dessert.

Meet the Tech Trek participants and the Local Scholarship recipients. Our guest speaker will be one of the current recipients of a California AAAUW grant or scholarship.

Questions? Contact Geri Williams: gerisjs@aol.com, or telephone: (408) 642-5042

Message from the March 2013 Chairwomen of the Month Committee

As we celebrate Women's History Month, I am reminded of how AAUW has worked for equity and education for women since 1881 and continues to open doors for women and girls. The Association website (www.aauw.org) has an online museum where their achievements in each decade of our history are chronicled along with information about the women who have lead the way to more equity for us all. *I will highlight a few of them here.*

- AAUW traces its roots back to a time when few women were allowed to attend college or to pursue a professional career. In 1881 Marion Talbot and Ellen Richards invited 15 exception alumnae who had graduated from 8 different colleges to gather in Boston and form the Association of College Alumnae (ACA) which would encourage more women to pursue a college degree. Wesleyan University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were admitted as the first educational institution members in 1882.
- The first local Branches to affiliate with the ACA were Washington D.C. in 1884 and New York; Boston, Philadelphia and San Francisco in 1886. Branches were admitted if they supported the work of the Association, as is true today. The first research was a survey of the health of college women to prove wrong a prominent Boston physician who claimed that higher education would adversely affect women's health. In 1889 ACA established a membership policy for educational institutions which marked the beginning of using AAUW membership as a means for encouraging higher standards in the education of women.
- In 1890 Branches established Bureaus of Occupation to provide information on employment and pay differentials. In the early 1890s, a new Committee on Educational Legislation advocated for child labor laws, compulsory education, establishment of juvenile court, the abolition of child labor and funding for public schools and libraries. This was the forerunner of the AAUW legislative program.
- Jumping ahead to the 1990s there was still work to be done. The most extensive comparative study of self esteem levels, career and educational aspirations, and math & science interests of American boys and girls was commissioned, with results published in a report and follow up programs on Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America.
- After 7 years of support by AAUW Lobby Corps, the Family and Medical Leave Act was passed in 1993. In the same year the report Hostile Hallways: the AAUW Survey on Sexual Harassment in America's Schools was released. In 1994 support was given to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which has numerous gender equity provisions proposed by AAUW in coalition with other groups and members of Congress.

I encourage you to visit the AAUW website and the Online Museum which is the source for all of the above. You will find much more detail and feel pride in the steady effort of our Association to achieve equity for all women and girls.

Please also plan to attend our Branch meeting on Saturday, March 16 (*see front page for details*) to learn from two young women who have empowered other women around the world and to celebrate Women's History Month.

—Sharon Kelkenberg



Is Our Country Coming Apart?

Join us for the last General Meeting in May 2013 of our 2012-2013 program.

TOPIC: *Working Class Collapse in America from 1960 to 2010*

Saturday, May 18, 2013; 10:00 am – 12 noon
Saratoga Library, Community Room

In this age of the digital revolution the degree that you are “*tech savvy*” is just one part. Neighborhoods have become more divided. The job market has dramatically changed. Will we see the day when college is mostly “online”? Medical Smart phones diagnose our ills?

Bob Loudon, our Saratoga resident futurist, will explore these ideas and more. Bob graduated from Princeton, worked at General Motors, IBM, Memorex and was a computer consultant.

—Marlene Duffin

Your Donations Help to Support Local Women and Girls

Our Committee to Support Local Women and Girls is very excited about our upcoming English Tea on Saturday afternoon, April 27, at West Valley College. This branch fundraiser will support all three of our local projects – Tech Trek for middle school girls, Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College, and the many activities of the Committee for Homeless Women and Children.

We expect to offer a wide array of items in the Silent Auction and would appreciate any donations you may have of popular items like bottles of wine, theater tickets, restaurant gift certificates, and vacation getaways. All donors will be listed in the program and acknowledged at the Tea. The Silent Auction area will open at 1 pm so that our guests can view the items before the tea service starts. Following the tea service and program, guests will have one more opportunity to check the status of their items and get in those final winning bids.

Now let's be honest and admit that we all probably have jewelry we no longer wear – for whatever reason. It isn't quite our style, or we no longer have the outfit we bought it for, or we're just plain tired of it. Our Committee would be happy to find new homes for these pieces of jewelry! During the English Tea the Jewelry Table will sell both costume jewelry and fine jewelry, so your no-longer-worn jewelry can help support our three local projects. JoAn Lambert is coordinating the Jewelry Table; just give your donations to any member of the committee.

The most exciting piece of jewelry will be our beautiful diamond pendant which will be won by one lucky participant in the Drawing. For a donation of only \$5 you will receive one ticket for the drawing; for a \$10 donation you get 3 tickets and for \$20 you get 7 tickets. Everyone says

this is one of the prettiest necklaces they have seen so you'll want to have several chances to be the winner. Tickets for the Drawing will be available through committee members during February, March and April as well as at the Tea itself.

Tickets to the English Tea are \$40 (\$25 of which is tax-deductible) and we encourage you to bring friends and family to fill a table of 6 or 8. See the enclosed flyer for more details about a very exciting and worthwhile afternoon.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to join the Committee to Support Local Women and Girls, call one of the Co-chairs, Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234 or Charlene Bunger at 408-440-0063.

–Virginia Turner, Co-Chair Committee to Support Local Women and Girls

Attention Spanish Language Speakers!

The ongoing Spanish classes at the Saratoga Senior Center are the best- kept secret in the Los Gatos-Saratoga area.

There are two classes currently being taught: Beginning Spanish and Intermediate Spanish. The instructor is Senor Medardo Molina. He is fluent in four languages – Spanish, French, English, and Quecha (a language spoken in the Andes Mountains).

Senor Molina teaches practical grammar, vocabulary, and introduction to the Latin American Culture using songs, cartoons, and videos by Spanish speaking artists. The classes are informative and fun and Senor Molina has endless patience with our mistakes.

The cost of a six-week class is \$40 for members of the Saratoga Senior Center and slightly more for non-members. For more information, please contact the Saratoga Senior Center at 408-868-1257. I would also be happy to speak with anyone who is interested in one of the classes. Call Sarah Model at (408) 354-7879 for more information.



**Take either
Beginning
Spanish or
Intermediate
Spanish!**



Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

April's Chairwomen Committee –

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Another Terrific Author's Luncheon

The annual Authors' Luncheon was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at the La Rinconada Country Club and the event was a great success.

Claire Teel of Hicklebee's brought lots of interesting, informative and challenging books for us to browse and purchase. We have been very lucky to have her support for the past four years.

This year's authors were heartily welcomed by the audience — C.W. Gortner delighted us with his story. He covered the reasons why he has chosen to write of such historical women, his process of researching, and his method of writing — many hours each day, plus another hour after dinner. His disarming manner and interest in others were most welcome. Many of his books were purchased and signed.

Alice A. Carter is another very interesting person — and an "author". The story of her beginnings as an 'author' were full of honesty and humor. The audience was quite attentive and interested in her current projects and her future goals as well.

And the Grammys were such fun! Four women shared their expertise, both professionally and experientially — and have put together the essential book for new 'grammies'.

Did I mention the delicious lunch? La Rinconada has topped itself each year with the menu — this year served on blue and white linens. The centerpieces were pots of colorful primroses and were sold out completely.

All in all, this was a successful and fun day — in next month's *Grapevine* see the event photos. It has been my pleasure (and sometimes my challenge) to chair this event for the past four years.

— Geri Williams

Women's Economic Well-Being Lags Behind Men's – Report Confirms

According to a new report released by Legal Momentum, women still lag behind men in economic well-being. Although today women surpass men in educational attainment, men ages 21-30 are better off than women of the same age group based on eight measures of economic well-being, such as salary and employment rates.

These findings support the conclusions of AAUW's research on the pay gap; most recently, AAUW researchers found in *Graduating to a Pay Gap* that women working full time one year out of college earned an average of 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers.

—Linda Hagelin - Public Policy Chair

Report on Closing the Wage Gap Equal Pay Day is April 9, 2013

One of the most important AAUW Public Policy Priorities is that women deserve "fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes."

We are still not there! Published last October, the newest AAUW study shows that just one year out of college millennial women are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers. Women are paid less than men even when they do the same work and major in the same field.

The AAUW report, *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, also found that 20 percent of women working full time one year after graduation devote more than 15 percent of their earnings to paying back college loans.

Equal Pay Day will be observed on April 9, 2013 - another year, another wage gap for women and their families. And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women feel the pinch of the wage gap, and there's not much being done about it.

An important step in closing the wage gap is for Congress to pass the *Paycheck Fairness Act*. It would help close some of the loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that have made it less effective. Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act is an AAUW focus in the 113th Congress. AAUW research allows us to say: "There is a wage gap and here's the numbers to prove it."

Be informed and Take Action!

—Sue Miller, AAUW CA VP, Public Policy Director



Details about New 5-story Shelter on King Rd in San Jose English Tea and Silent Auction will be Saturday, April 27, 2013

Our February meeting speaker was Beth Leary, Executive Director, Family Supportive Housing. Beth became the new director when Trish Crowder retired. Beth comes from within the organization. She started working in the development department 9 years ago and has held many other jobs over the years.

New 5-story Building on King Road in San Jose. The building has space for 35 clients. The clients rooms, with private bath, are on the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors. The on-site day care is up and running with 2 teachers, 4 babies and 8 — toddlers to school age. As part of the shelter, this day care program is not open to the community (*no government funds are used*).

Beth said that the outside area (with a memorial bench dedicated to Georgia Travis, Ann Dempsey and Bette Pestka) has a beautiful fountain, and is widely enjoyed by the clients.

Evening Programs include – a Homework Club, (*with new volunteers from Santa Clara University and San Jose State University – the*

volunteers need to make a 3 month commitment), a Computer Lab, and even a wonderful Library. Other adult programs include Anger Management and Parenting classes. Families get to talk about their week, and what has worked and not worked at the House Meetings.

Good Fresh Food – Vania, a retired professional chef, is the program chef and only uses fresh produce. Second Harvest Food bank provides produce on Wednesday, on staples are provided on Friday. St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday sends the unsold food from their farmers market. Weekend meals are provided by outside groups.

Campership – Beth thanked us for our annual gift to the summer campership program. It is a life changing experience for the children at the shelter. They are provide with all new clothing and equipment for camping, so they fit in with the other children going to camp.

Help Needed – Donations can be dropped off from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Sheets and towels are always needed.

Families take all the supplies in their room when moving.

Update on the English Tea and Silent Auction

The AAUW Committee to Support Local Girls and Women (made up of the Homeless Committee, Local Scholarship and Tech Trek) are sponsoring an **English Tea and Silent Auction** at West Valley College Campus on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Tickets are \$40, contact Pat Khan, patannkhan@gmail.com or (408) 741-1616.

A beautiful diamond necklace is being raffled off in a special drawing at the tea. You can purchases tickets in advance or on the day of the event at the cost of one ticket for \$5, three for \$10 or seven for \$20.

If you have donations for the silent auction, contact JoAn Lambert, ijgdblam@earthlink.com or (408) 867-6237. The committee is still in need of jewelry for the popular jewelry table. Even broken beads can be donated, as these are wanted by bead makers.

–Marlene Lamb
Chair of Committee on Homeless Women and Children

AAUW Joins Clinton Global Initiative!

AAUW is pleased to announce that we are a Strategic Partner of the initiative.org Clinton Global Initiative and the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U).

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. From April 5–7, 2013, President Clinton will host the sixth annual meeting of CGI U at Washington University in St. Louis, where student leaders, including those from the AAUW community, as well as NGO representatives, topic experts, and celebrities, will gather to address global challenges with practical solutions. More than \$400,000 in funding will be provided to CGI U 2013 student attendees to turn their ideas into action to help confront some of the world's most urgent challenges.

For more information, visit www.clintonglobalinitiative.org or www.cgiu.org

–Linda Hagelin, Public Policy Chair



Join Us and the Proud History of Our Branch Leaders

Our Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch Needs YOU!

Branch History – In May of 1941, a luncheon was held for about 25 college graduate women to discuss the possibility and procedures for organizing the Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch of AAUW. On June 5 of that year, a tea was held to elect officers and organize the branch, and the first regular branch meeting was held in October of 1941.

For nearly three-quarters of a century our Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch has offered informative general meetings, raised money for local and national projects, fought for important changes in the educational system and in public policy, and supported a wide range of interest groups as members have requested. At this year's September meeting, Nancy Anderson and her troupe of actors presented a hilarious and touching reminder of how life has changed during that time and how AAUW has played an important part in promoting positive societal change for women and girls.

Branch Leadership – As we look forward to our next year, we are

looking for officers to lead our branch. The Nominating Committee invites each of you to consider serving as a branch officer for the program year 2013-2014. Many of the board positions can be shared with a co-chair, which provides a great deal of flexibility, and we are happy to provide on-the-job training for those who have not served previously. Board meetings are held once a month, from September through June. Even if you yourself are unable to serve, we would welcome any suggestions you have for Board members.

In addition to helping the branch, you will get to know a fantastic group of women! Our Board is very supportive of one another and has a lot of valuable experience to offer, and I think that you will truly enjoy working with the Board and helping build a strong AAUW branch.

While we do have a long history, we are also comfortable with experimentation and flexibility. Last year and this year we have been operating with an unusual Board structure which

divides many of the functions of the President and President-Elect among several committees called Chairwomen of the Month. Each month a committee has been responsible for the Board meeting, writing a message for the Grapevine, and running the monthly meeting. We have a terrific planning guide that makes this possible, and a few other branches throughout the state are trying a similar approach.

The co-chairs of the Nominating Committee are Virginia Turner and Geri Williams. If you are interested in a particular position (*see the list in the front of your directory*) or know someone who would be a good candidate, please call Virginia (408-866-4234) or Geri (408-642-5042) or any of the other members of the Committee — Judith Borlase, Joan Kjemtrup, Lavonne Marafino and Sarah Model. In typical AAUW fashion, they are a great group to work with.

–Virginia Turner
Co-Chair Nominating Committee

In Memoriam

Betty Hunter

A longtime former AAUW branch member passed away recently. We express our sympathy to her family and AAUW friends.

Enid Shoor

Her daughter, Olivia Dorman, let us know that Enid away Thursday, February 14. Anyone wanting to make a donation in her name, please send it to the AAUW Educational Foundation. We express our sympathy to her family and AAUW friends.

M. Floyd Hobbs

Beloved husband of Nancy Hobbs, Floyd, passed away at age 88 on Friday, February 22. Nancy and Floyd were married for 65 years. We express our sympathy to his family and AAUW friends.



March 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 1** Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** will meet at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. *Interesting Views of Eastern Europe* – presented by photographer Jeff Katz and his wife, Rudi, about their travels through the Ukraine, the Baltic States and Russia. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-2445.
- 4** Monday **Board Meeting**, at 3:30 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room. Located at corner of Saratoga Ave & the Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.
- 5** Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, will meet at 1:30-2:30 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 12** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba in Saratoga, (408) 741-1616. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. All members are welcome to join this wonderful group.
- 13** Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch** will meet at the La Maison Du Café at 11:30 am, 14103 Winchester Blvd. in Los Gatos. RSVP to Roberta London or Barbara Hawkes. Chair: Roberta London, (408) 741-7645; Co-chair: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397.
- 14** Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks**. A favorite hike in *Castlerock Park* – along the skyline with waterfalls and rocky vistas. Look for the eagles. Bring lunch to eat in the pavilion. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, way out in front of CVS Drugs. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 15** Friday **AM Book Review** will meet at 9:30 am at Arleen Pickett’s home, 204 Danville Dr in Los Gatos, to share a wide range of reading with other book lovers. Chair: Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625.
- 16** Saturday **General Meeting** - celebrating Women’s National History Month **How Storytelling Can Empower Women** with speakers Barbara E. Key and Tanya Monsef Bunger from the Global Women’s Leadership Network (GWLN). 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd in Los Gatos.
- 19** Tuesday **PM Book Review** will meet at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd in Los Gatos. RSVP to ALicia Thompson (408) 741-7611. Book: *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh; the Reviewer: Geri Williams. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 26** Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish** will meet at 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575.
- 26** Tuesday **Film Buffs** will meet 1:30–3:00 pm at the home of Barbara Lea, 121 Strathmore Place in Los Gatos. Please RSVP to Barbara at (408) 354-2287. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.
- 28** Thursday **Back by Noon Hike**. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, by CVS Drugs. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

April 2013

- 1** Monday **Board Meeting** at 3:30 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room. Located at corner of Saratoga Ave & the Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.
- 4** Thursday **Trail Clean-up for Hikes & Walks** will meet promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride Lot. Questions? Call Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796, or Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508.
- 5** Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** will meet at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. *Eastern Australia* presented by intrepid traveler Pat Khan. Join Pat as she and AAUW member, Karen Fillmore journeyed through Eastern Australia, visiting major cities including Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Then going west, they take a not-to-be-missed trip to Alice Springs and Ayres Rock. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 867-2445.

April’s **PM – Book Group** will be reading *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown.



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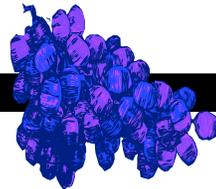
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New Member for Your Directory

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Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Patty Weber, Database Manager, xaviercugat@comcast.net



Qualification of Membership

Anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree or the equivalent, or nursing school diploma or business school associate degree from an accredited institution is eligible for membership. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

Recruiting New Members

If you want to have a printed copy of the *Grapevine* and a membership packet sent to a prospective NEW member, contact Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor, at 377-6895 or gail_pedersen@yahoo.com.

English Tea and Silent Auction

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Hats Off!!



Prizes for the
finest Spring Hats!

Saturday, April 27, 2013

2:00 - 4:00

West Valley College
Campus Center
(see map on reverse side)

Open for Auction Viewing at 1:00

Tea Served at 2:00

Door Prizes

Jewelry Table

ENTERTAINMENT

Art and Peter on dulcimer and
fiddle play English Country tunes

Benefit for
Homeless Women and Children
Local Scholarships
Tech Trek

TICKETS: Contact Pat Khan 408- 741-1616
or email: patankhan@gmail.com

\$40 (\$25 Tax Deductible)

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