

Grapevine



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March 2016 Events Roar in Like a Lion!

Women in Architecture: How Women Succeed

Sponsored by Silicon Valley AIA (*American Institute of Architects*)

The panel includes Kim Walesh, Director of Economic Development for the City of San Jose; Rosa Sheng, founder of Equity by Design; and Claudia Folzman, Iron Construction and 2016 Businesswoman of the year.

Thursday, March 17: 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Saratoga Foothill Club, 20399 Park Pl, Saratoga

Advance registration required, **Cost:** \$20 includes dinner

See the Details at <http://aiascv.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=772309>



Saratoga Blossom Festival

Sponsored by Saratoga Historical Foundation

We will have a table with AAUW information and could use your help. Would you be willing to hand out information and answer questions for an hour or so? Please call Virginia Turner (408-866-4234), or just stop by and say "hello."

Saturday, March 19: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Orchard and Civic Center area, 13777 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga

For additional information, please contact Virginia Turner – (408) 866-4234; vturner@sbcglobal.net

Coming Next Month . . .

The Pearl Tea, Celebrating Our 30-Year English Tea & Silent Auction



Saturday, April 9, 2016 | 2:00 – 4:00 | Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center

This is one of our most popular events of the year. Come and bring friends and/or family members.

Door Prize. Jewelry Table. Support this fundraiser by making your reservations! Cost: \$47. Call Contact Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656 for tickets. See page 4 of this Grapevine issue for the details.



Committee on Homeless Women & Children



Get out your pearls, for the annual English Tea!



This year's theme is the **Pearl Tea**, celebrating 30-years of our Committee on Homeless Women & Children. **The English Tea & Silent Auction** is Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center (19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga). Tickets cost \$47. Seating is limited to 150. To reserve your space, call Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. (See page 4 of this Grapevine issue for details.)

How Can You Help? We are seeking donations for the Silent Auction; gift certificates, wine, tickets for local events, gift baskets, items for theme baskets and jewelry donations for our fabulous and popular jewelry table.

Who Benefits from the Money Raised at the Tea?

This major fundraiser benefits the Committee on Homeless Women and Children and the Local Scholarships.

Support to Homeless Programs. The proceeds go to help support programs for homeless women and children at the following agencies: Woman's Gathering Place, LiveMoves (formerly InnVision) Family supportive Housing, St. Luke's Pantry, Women for Women International, Sunday Friends, Grace Community Center and Casa de Clara. You'll be reading about each of these

agencies in future Grapevine issues.

Support to West Valley STEM Students. The Local Scholarship Committee helps us with the tea. Their share of the proceeds will provide two \$1,500 scholarships for women, who are STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) majors transferring to a to a University. This year's recipients will be introduced at the Tea.

Meet the Branch Leadership Team

Gail Pedersen (*Membership Treasurer*) comes from a large family with 5 children – three girls and two boys (with Gail, the middle child). I was born and lived in northwest Montana until second grade when my family moved to California. I went to college locally – first at West Valley College (WVC) and next transferring to San Jose State University to earn a B.S. in Interior Design.

I worked as a facilities and design consultant but by the late 1980s I found that I needed computer skills. I had graduated from SJSU just as the first Apple personal computer hit the market.

I returned part-time to WVC to learn computer office application and digital media / design skills. I earned a number of degrees and certificated in areas of Graphic Design, Communications, Office Procedures and Office and Graphic Applications. I started working at WVC: first as a student computer lab assistant, then part-time teaching Computer Applications and Digital Media classes while also working for the West Valley-Mission College district in the staff development program.

A move to the High Tech industry in the late 1990s completed my career shift. I continued to teach at WVC and also worked as a marketing assistant, graphic designer, and office coordinator until the 2005 layoffs. Since then I have been caring for my oldest sister, Ann, (*who has complete renal failure*) and working as a business assistant, Graphic Designer and sometimes a general "Jill" of all trades.

I joined Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW in 2008-09 as the Grapevine newsletter editor. My role expanded to include many branch communications jobs (*the newsletter, PLUS – the directory, new members recruitment, membership treasurer, and updating the website and stationery with the new AAUW graphic look in 2013-14*).

I support the AAUW mission and enjoy helping to improve communications throughout the branch.



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW: The 1990s

The branch celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reenactment of our 50-year history, including songs performed by our own "Andrews Sisters" and a 1940's tableau depicting the valuable contribution of women to the war effort through service in the armed forces, the Red Cross, the workplace, and volunteer organizations.

Georgia Travis was appointed to the Santa Clara County Commission on Social services. **Margaret Brackett** and **Nancy Hobbs** received the Santa Clara County Human Relations Award. Two members were named Saratoga Citizen of the Year – **Mary Jeanne Fenn** (1998) and **Marlene Duffin** (1999).

In 1992 AAUW released its research report "How Schools Short-change Girls" which prompted Marie Wolbach of the Palo Alto branch to seek funding for projects that AAUW could perform locally to engage girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In the spring of 1997, AAUW of California received a Community Action Grant from the national AAUW office, and Tech Trek began in the summer of 1998 with 151 California girls attending the first camp.

The Local Scholarship Committee, organized in 1992, inaugurated the annual Chinese New Year Dinner as its fundraiser, held around the time of the Lunar New Year and featuring a variety of speakers about some aspect of Chinese history and culture. The Committee on Homeless Women and Children continued to hold an English Tea as their fundraiser each year; members provided the



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food and brought their finest china dishes for the table settings. We held several House Tours and we sold entertainment coupon books to raise money for the Education Foundation.

Monthly programs featured a wide variety of topics – the emerging European woman, women in the arts, teaching astronomy to teachers, the North American Free Trade Agreement, women's health issues, cultural diversity, stress management and coping, the juvenile justice system, the rewards of rituals. Our Interest Groups included both morning and evening book review groups, bridge, film buffs, Friday matinee, Great Decisions, hikes and walks, let's do lunch, low-fat gourmet, sights and sounds, supper club, travel, and the vintage sippers.

We earned the Five Star Award at the 1997-98 state convention with our excellence in Community Action, Public Policy, Education Foundation, Legal Advocacy, and Visibility.

Memories of the 1990's

- California population in 1990 – 29.8 million
- Internet
- Soviet Union breakup
- Policy of Apartheid ends in South Africa
- Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State
- Lazy Boy recliner – \$260
- Levi jeans – \$34.99
- Gallon of gas - \$1.22
- Chicken – \$1.05 per pound

Popular Culture

- Best-selling books: *Harry Potter (series)*; *The Bridges of Madison County*; *The Celestine Prophecy*; *The Horse Whisperer*; & *Tuesdays with Morrie*
- Oscar-winning movies: "The Silence of the Lambs"; "Schindler's List"; "Forrest Gump"; "Titanic"; & "Shakespeare in Love"
- On Broadway: "The Grapes of Wrath"; "The Lion King"; & "Master Class"
- Emmy Awards: Northern Exposure; Seinfeld; Law & Order; & Frasier
- Popular songs: "From a Distance"; "Unforgettable"; & "My Heart Will Go On"



See next month's April 2016 *Grapevine* for the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch in the 2000s.

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2:00 – 4:00

**Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center
19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070**

Doors open for Auction Viewing at 1:00
Tea Served at 2:00



**Benefit for
Homeless Women and
Children
Local Scholarships**

**Door Prizes
Jewelry Table**

Presented by
Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch, AAUW

TICKETS: Contact Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656
Seating limited to 150
\$47 (\$27 Tax Deductible)
Tax ID 77-0201841

Checks Payable To: ISPF - AAUW
(Interbranch Special Projects Foundation)

Review Our Updated Bylaws

Amendments to Branch Bylaws

Following the national and state AAUW meetings last year, there were a number of minor changes that were required in our branch Bylaws to bring them into compliance. Since these are **mandatory changes**, there was no need for a branch vote and Board approval at our monthly board meeting on February 1, 2016.

In reviewing our Bylaws, the state Bylaws Chair also suggested a few other **optional amendments** which the Board has reviewed and recommends for branch approval. Some amendments would eliminate duplicate language within the Bylaws: When dues are payable, composition of the Executive Committee, the role of the Parliamentarian, duties of the Secretary, filing of annual reports, and recording votes of the Executive Committee. Other proposed amendments would provide more flexibility in when to hold the

Annual Meeting (*currently they state that it will be in April*) and how to notify members about business meetings to include email, mail, the Directory and our newsletter.

Another proposed amendment would clarify voting rights for **co-chairs sharing one position**. The issue with co-chairs is that California state laws say that incorporated branches (*we incorporated in 1960*) must give each officer a vote, so co-officers would each have a vote on the Board which would give those positions double voting power. After extensive discussion the Board felt that we definitely do need to comply with state laws and should change the Bylaws accordingly. If we do have two people sharing one position, our Policies will define that any officer may have (*non-voting*) assistants to help fulfill the duties of that position.



Take a Moment to Review the Branch Bylaws changes on page 6 of this Grapevine issue.

The membership will be voting on the proposed amendments at our April 15, 2016 General Meeting at the Saratoga Library. If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of all the proposed amendments, please contact Audry Lynch, Bylaws Chair at 408-725-1898 or by email at glynch0001@comcast.net
–Audry Lynch, Bylaws Chair

Let's Talk about Getting Older

Friday, April 15, 2016 | 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon
in the Community Room, Saratoga Library

Get ready for an interactive conversation with **Elaine Fritz**, Executive Director of Seasons Hospice, and **Stephanie Bisceglia**, owner of San Jose Wholistic Health Center, about what happens as we get older.

Topics include the changes in our major organs, the importance of good nutrition, keeping our minds strong and finding a purpose in our lives. **Co-sponsored by Soroptimist International of Los Gatos-Saratoga and Saratoga Library.** See next month's April 2016 Grapevine for the details.



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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

Proposed amendments shown in ~~highlighted strike-through~~ for deletions and **red for new language**, with rationale in *[bracketed blue italics]*.

BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN LOS GATOS-SARATOGA, INC., CALIFORNIA, BRANCH

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 5. Dues.

- d. Dues are payable annually on or before July 1. *[Rationale: The details of when/how dues are collected belong in branch policy, not the bylaws. The bylaws establish that the fiscal year begins July 1 in Article X, Section 1, so there is no need to repeat it here.]*

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers.

- a. The elected officers shall be a President, President Elect; vice presidents for Program, Membership, AAUW Funds, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Finance; and Secretary. ~~These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.~~ *[Rationale: Article VIII defines the Executive Committee, so it is duplicative to repeat it here.]*
- f. ~~Each position may be filled by an officer or co-officers.~~ *[Rationale: CA state laws says that incorporated branches must give every officer a vote, so co-officers would each have a vote on the board. This would give those positions double voting power. Instead, policy could be written to authorize each position to have a non-voting assistant or committee if desired.]*

Section 2. Duties.

- f. ~~All officers shall submit an annual written report to the President.~~ *[Rationale: This practice no longer takes place.]*

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. Minutes. Minutes shall be recorded of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Membership Business meetings. Minutes must be kept available for any Board member to review. *[Rationale: Article VI, Section 2-d already established that the Secretary takes minutes at all meetings (board, membership, special meetings) and makes the minutes available upon request, making this section duplicative.]*

Section 5. Quorum. The quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its voting members. ~~Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member.~~ *[Rationale: CA law prohibits sharing votes for an incorporated branch.]*

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5. Voting Between Meetings. Between meetings of the Board of Directors, a written or electronic vote of the Executive Committee may be taken at the request of the President on any question, provided every member of the Executive Committee shall have an opportunity to vote upon the question submitted. If a majority shall vote on any question so submitted, the vote shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast at an Executive Committee meeting. **The result of the vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the next Board meeting.** *[Rationale: Clarifies how these votes would appear in branch records.]*

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The branch shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the branch including but not limited to hearing officers' reports, reviewing the budget, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws, and giving directions to the Board. The general membership meeting held **between the months of March and May** ~~in April~~ shall be designated the Annual Meeting, the exact date, time and place to be determined by the Board. *[Rationale: Allows more flexibility in scheduling the annual meeting, and deletes the end of the sentence which duplicates what is in Section 2.]*

Section 2. Membership Meetings. The branch shall hold at least three (3) business meetings during the fiscal year. The Board shall determine the time and place for these meetings ~~and publish the dates, times, and location in the Membership Directory and Grapevine newsletter.~~ *[Rationale: Section 4 already requires advance notice of all meetings, and the bylaws should allow the board to do so in a variety methods (including email or US mail outside of the newsletter), rather than giving this level of specificity.]*

Section 5. Voting. Voting members entitled to vote at any meeting of members or by ballot **shall be all** those voting members in good standing as of the election ~~meeting~~ notice. *[Rationale: Inserts missing words, and changes "election" to "meeting" to include voting of other types in addition to the branch elections at the annual meeting.]*

Section 6. The Quorum. The quorum shall be ten percent (10%) of the branch membership. ~~Eligible member voters are those who have paid their dues 24 hours before the meeting when the vote takes place. A majority of those voting is required to approve a motion.~~ *[Rationale: The 2nd sentence conflicts with Section 5, which requires the member to have paid dues by the time of the meeting NOTICE, which would be at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The 3rd sentence is already covered by Article XIV, which assures the use of standard parliamentary procedure such as this.]*

ARTICLE XVI. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. Mandated Amendments. Amendments required by AAUW or the state to bring branch bylaws into conformity shall **only not** require a vote of the branch members ~~as required by state law or branch Articles of Incorporation.~~ *[Rationale: The articles of incorporation do not require a membership vote for mandatory amendments, so this now makes that clear.]*

Date Last Amended by Branch Vote: May 17, 2012 **April 15, 2016**



March 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Tuesday **Conversation is 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 to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656.
- 4 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Tanzania: Animals, Animals, Animals.** Through the stunning images of wildlife photographer Tamar Mednick, experience an adventure safari to the wild animal parks of Tanzania. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chair: Marlene Lamb.
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (*Permanent Time Change*) Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.)
- 8 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **All are Welcome!**
- 9 Wednesday **Change! Let's Do Lunch.** Meeting date has *changed permanently to the third Wednesday of the month.* See listing under Wednesday, March 16 for the details.
- 10 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Coyote Valley Open Space Preserve** in the west hills of the south valley. 5-7 miles. Newly opened by the *Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley.* Bring your wildflower books, binoculars and lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at the Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 15 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga). **Book: "All the Light You Cannot See"** by Anthony Doerr. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 16 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch. (New Date)** Meet 12:30 pm at **Pacific Catch** (1875 So. Bascom in the Pruneyard, Campbell). RSVP to Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Everyone is Welcome.**
- 18 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location or details, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **New Participants Welcome!**
- 22 Tuesday **Conversations 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 to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 24 Thursday **Back by Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly! 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!**
- 29 Tuesday **Film Buffs. (Change of Date & Time)** Meet at 1:30 pm at Cathy Foscatto's home (18327 Lexington Dr, Monte Sereno). Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**

April 2016

- 1 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **ROME: 50 Years in the Eternal City** – All roads lead to Rome and they keep leading traveler **Virginia Turner** back. As a college student, she lived in Rome, returning many times with friends and family, children and grandchildren, seeing Rome as it was in ancient times and as it has changed in the past 50 years. Rome's oldest buildings can provide new experiences as archeology uncovers previously unseen wonders. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237.
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MONTH

The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

April's Book

Book: "A Sudden Light"

Author: Garth Stein

Reviewer: TBA



Garth Stein

Help Recruit New Members!

Who Can Join the Branch?

Capitalize on your relationships and reach out to friends, co-workers, and members of other local organizations. Bring a prospective member to an interest group, general meeting or one of our fundraisers.

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.

