

The Silver English Tea is in March!

Benefits Committee on Homeless Women and Children, Local Scholarships, and Tech Trek

**Change the Lives of Women and Girls in Our Community
by Supporting Our Action Committees (ISPF) Fundraiser!**

Saturday, March 29, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 pm

West Valley College Campus Center

Doors open for Auction Viewing at 1:00

Tea Served at 2:00

Door Prizes and Jewelry Tables



*Read the about what you can do to help in the article on page 3
of this Grapevine issue. Sign up to attend – see the flyer.*

Coming Next Month.. .

Scams, Spams and Other Lies: Being a Savvy Consumer

Friday, April 25, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
In the Community Room, Saratoga Public Library

Speaker: Suzana Gal, Consumer Protection Unit of the
Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, will discuss the
latest scams and consumer issues.

Open to the Public



Co-sponsored by Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW and the Saratoga Library

Letter from the President

I hope to see you at our Silver English Tea and Silent Auction fundraiser on Saturday afternoon, March 29, at West Valley College (*see front page and flyer for details*). Invite some guests to fill your table (*either 6 or 8 people*) and help make this our best fundraiser ever. Proceeds benefit our three local projects: Tech Trek science/math camp at Stanford University; Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College to a four-year college; and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children which supports agencies working with homeless women and their families. Speakers from each program will talk about the impact our support has made on their lives.

The talented students from the Hospitality Management Department of Mission College, under the direction of Chef Instructor Scott Brunson, will offer a variety of delicious sandwiches and tasty desserts for your enjoyment.

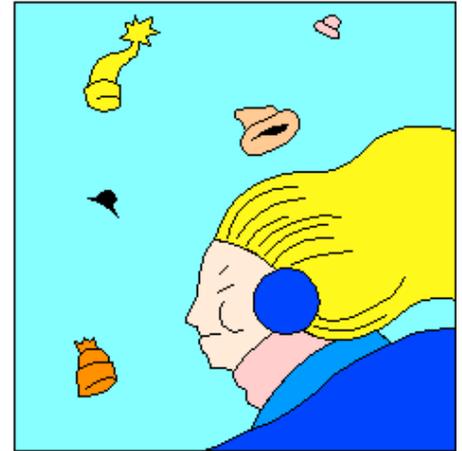
New this year: You will be able to use your credit card for Silent Auction and jewelry purchases through PayPal. There will be plenty of interesting items and plenty of time to look at them all.

In addition to the Silver English Tea, another great event in March will be Lily Ledbetter as the keynote speaker for the South Bay Women's Conference on Saturday, March 8, at San Jose State University (*see page 5 for details*). Tickets can be purchased through the conference website www.southbaywc.org/registration/ including tickets for just the keynote. Lily became the symbol of the effort to require equal pay for equal work and is the namesake of the Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act, the first bill signed into law by President Obama in 2009.

Equal pay is only one part of AAUW's advocacy efforts in Washington, spearheaded by Lisa Maatz who spoke in February at DeAnza College about her role as AAUW's chief policy adviser. Lisa outlined the advocacy/lobbying process, noting that AAUW selects 2 or 3 major issues to address each session. AAUW provides valuable non-partisan research on its positions and has earned such a solid reputation that people "*take our calls*" and pay attention to our positions. We may not win every issue but Lisa and her staff members keep AAUW advocating for equity for women and girls.

Our Nominating Committee is looking for members to lead our branch next year. Under the direction of Geri Williams they have already filled some of the positions and ask you to consider serving as a branch officer for 2014-2015. When they contact you, please take this opportunity to work with a great group of members.

–Virginia Turner, President
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“Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful.”

–Author Unknown

Audry Lynch's Book is Now Available

Several people at the Authors' Lunch in January were disappointed that Audry Lynch's book, "*Garth Jeffers Recalls His Father Robinson Jeffers: Recollections of a Poet's Son*", was not available for purchase and signing. Audry has made arrangements with her publisher so that she will have a limited number of (her) books (which she will sell you) available at the special price of \$30 each.

Please contact Audry directly at (408) 725-1898 or glynch0001@comcast.net if you would like to purchase this book. Of course she will be happy to sign it for you!



Another Successful Author's Luncheon in January!

Our annual Authors' Luncheon was held Thursday, January 23, 2014, at the Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos. Branch members and their guests along with members representing other local branches were in attendance. The lunch was particularly tasty this year - and, of course, the staff at Rinconada did an impeccable job welcoming us.

The highlight of the luncheon was the talk given by each author after being introduced by Patty Weber.

Audry Lynch spoke of the poet, Robinson Jeffers. She became interested in learning more about him after visiting his house in Carmel and meeting with one of his twin sons, Garth. With her talent for bringing her audience into the life of an author, Audry's retelling of the love story between Robinson and Una captivated us. She told of how important Una was in his life, as companion, organizer and maintainer of their privacy as he became more famous. Their *'bohemian'* lifestyle seemed fascinating.

Marcia Kemp Sterling was our second speaker. She told us of her interesting and diverse background, meeting both setbacks and successes - how she worked to become a prominent lawyer, then had to deal with the reality of losing her voice. She was able to continue her successes and eventually *"retire"* and write a book: *One Summer in Arkansas*, drawing on her career as a successful Silicon Valley lawyer and on her childhood in a small town in Arkansas. She spoke of her emphasis on character over plot and told how her characters *"became themselves"* as the story progressed.

Bo Caldwell rounded out the trio of authors - She experienced success in writing while in school, thanking her teachers for their encouragement. Bo's writing ability enabled her to make an income from business writing. Her first novel, *Distant Land of My Father*, was published in 2001 and was based on

experiences of her uncle in China. She related the interesting story of how she became a friend of this uncle as an adult, how she became the owner of his memoirs, and then how she put these experiences into a narrative. Bo's continuing habit is to write fragments of a novel, keeping these on file, then revisiting them, trying to see connectors. She hadn't been having much success doing this, but then she 'heard a voice' telling her to go back to China - and she did - using stories told her of her grandparents' experiences as missionaries. The result is her second novel, *City of Tranquil Light*, published in 2010.

Throughout her talk, she referred to *'left turns'* in her life - and how these have affected her professionally and personally.

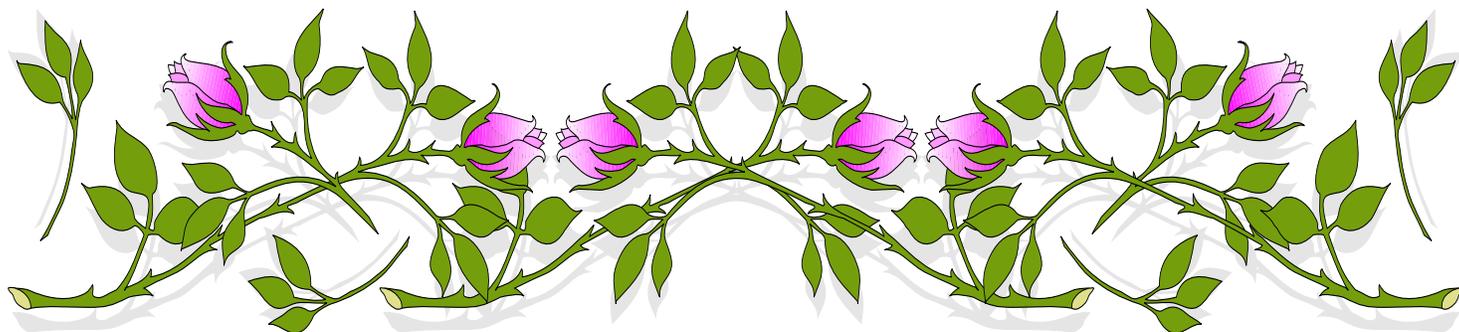
Many people worked on this year's event. Among them:

Margaret Bard
Judith Borlase
Claire Campodonico
Barbara Hawkes
Carol Howard
Joan Kjemtrup
Geri Lamble
Barbara Lea
Gail Pedersen
Lynn Sprague
Virginia Turner
Patty Weber

Hicklebee's again brought fun books to look at and purchase.

Delicious food — talks by three successful and fascinating women — just a lovely time! And — we were able to raise money for AAUW Funds — thanks to all of the attendees.

—Geri Williams!



Energizing AAUW California Convention

E3 = Engage, Educate, Empower – April 11-13, 2014

The theme of this year’s convention is Energizing AAUW CA! E3 = Engage, Educate, Empower . . . A Formula for Success. The meeting will be held at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel, April 11 – 13. There will be workshops, speakers and exhibits which highlight all that is happening throughout the state. Watch for more details in the next issue of California Perspective or on the California website www.aauw-ca.org.

The state convention is held every other year and alternates between northern and southern California. Several branch members attended the California convention in Santa Clara two years ago and found it quite interesting and energizing. If you are interested in representing our branch at the convention, please let me know; we do have money in our budget to send a representative.

–Virginia Turner
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Coming Soon!

Morgan Hill’s 31st AAUW Wildflower Run



The 31st annual AAUW WILDFLOWER RUN will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2014 in Morgan Hill, CA at Live Oak High School, 1505 E. Main Av.

Reduced registration rates through April 3, 2014.

This is a fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and local scholarships for women and girls.

10K Run, 5K Walk and Run, 2 K Run for kids 10 and under, 5K stroller/baby jogger. Family and group rates are available.

FREE! Jamba Juice Smoothies, t-shirts, and goody bags for all.

Details and registration are available at www.WildflowerRun.org

Register online at www.racemine.com or www.active.com

COME RUN WITH US!



Deciphering the Code Women in STEM Careers

Saturday, March 8th 2014

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Lilly Ledbetter

A crusader for equal pay and women's rights, equality activist and namesake of the Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act

- Panel Discussion
- Resource and Networking Fair

The SBWC encourages dialogue and action to create social change and awareness of gender issues in the STEM professions. By providing space for all people to come and discuss societal influences on women and girls, we aim to break through those barriers. We bring students, scholars, educators, cultural workers, community organizers, working professionals, researchers and policy makers together to discuss how these professions interact with matters of gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, size, disability, class, and religion.

Accessibility: This event is wheelchair accessible. Persons who need accommodations to participate should contact the Women's Resource Center at (408) 924_6500.



Lilly Ledbetter



Save the Date! Spring Potluck on May 17

Our annual Spring Potluck is coming! Attending will be recipients of our Local Scholarships, girls who have attended Tech Trek, along with a special speaker who has been given an AAUW Award from the state!

Watch for more details in the May Grapevine – but mark your calendars:

- DATE:** Saturday, May 17, 2014
PLACE: St. Andrews Episcopal Church
 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga
TIME: 11:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Thank you! –Geri Williams, VP AAUW Funds

For more information contact:
 SJSU Women's Resource Center
 Modular B · One Washington Square, San Jose, CA
 95192 | (408) 924-6500 | info@southbaywc.org

To register, visit www.southbaywc.org

At the Door
(limited space)

SJSU Student:	\$20.00
Other Student:	\$30.00
Community:	\$40.00





Title IX COALITION

We have joined a coalition of California women's organizations to increase compliance with Title IX – and open up opportunities for girls! A Title IX Check List has been developed to assess Title IX implementation in local high schools – focusing on priority indicators and best practices in three important areas covered under Title IX: athletics, sexual harassment, and pregnant teens.

Although Title IX is best known for breaking down barriers in athletics, it also protects students from sexual harassment and requires fair treatment for pregnant and parenting students, among many provisions.

Are you interested in learning more or signing up to help with this effort? Sign up for a webinar that will offer training on how to use the **Title IX Check List**.

Afterwards, technical assistance will be available through the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center, Equal Rights Advocates, and AAUW of California.

And, thanks to a partnership with **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson**, our local partners will have an opportunity to present the results of their Title IX assessments at a legislative hearing.

Join us as we work together to ensure that Title IX is implemented — and help open up doors and opportunities for girls and young women!

California Title IX Coalition members include:

- AAUW of California
- CA Center for Research on Women & Families
- California Women's Law Center
- Equal Rights Advocates
- Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center

Melicia Hetman, AAUW CA President,
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LET'S GET OUT OUR AAUW-CA VOTE

Branch Support

Your branch support team looks forward to an exciting time of the year for AAUW-CA. We have an election, convention and leadership days scheduled in the near future. The current issue of the *Perspective* has information regarding the upcoming election. **LET'S GET OUT OUR AAUW-CA VOTE.** This is an important election and nominations are still being accepted by the nominating committee for the state board of directors. The leadership development team has scheduled leadership days for IBCs and branches – watch their page in the **Branch Support** section for the dates. For additional information please visit our section of the website or contact your **Branch Support Liaison** who can be found on the Support Contacts page.

Helene Carr & Lynne Batchelor, Branch Support Team Directors, branchsupportteam@aauw-ca.org

Vote to Increase State Dues

AAUW CA is going for the gold, not just the medal that our Olympic champions have come to prize, but a first place outcome in the **vote to increase our state dues by \$4 per year to \$20.** Members will have the opportunity to weigh in on this measure when April voting begins.

If you take a look at the **Value for CA Dues** which can be found on the Membership section of our web site, you'll find dozens of examples of the resources and services AAUW CA provides to its membership categorized under six main topics. Many of these may be new to you; others you may have come to rely on and take for granted. Take some time to review each of these items and put a check by the ones that your branch utilizes. Hopefully you'll have an impressive list; if not, it's time your branch began to take advantage of the resources AAUW CA provides.

Remember your membership team is available 24/7 to answer your questions and we're just a click away — membershipdir@aauw-ca.org

Dinny Hatfield & Lisa Beauchamp,
Membership co-Directors, membershipdir@aauw-ca.org

March 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 3** Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 4** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-3:00 pm, 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.
- 7** Friday **Armchair Adventure Traveler** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: India. See the wonders of the National Parks and visit many of the Heritage Sites. Presented by Judy Bingham. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Open to the General Public!**
- 8** Saturday **Lilly Ledbetter** will speak to a joint SJSU / AAUW audience on International Women's Day. Ledbetter was the plaintiff in the equal pay suit against Goodyear Tire which led ultimately to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Her talk will be at 1:15 pm. Cost: \$40.00 (*at the door*). **See this newsletter for information about attending the conference.**
- 11** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm, the home of Pat Khan 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. **All are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children.** RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 12** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 12:00 Noon at La Maison du Cafe. 14103 Winchester Blvd, #C, Los Gatos in the Vasona Shopping Center. Organizer: Barbara Hawkes. RSVP to Barbara (408) 395-4397 or Linda King (chair) (408) 354-4105. This restaurant serves fine French country cuisine. **Everyone is Welcome!**
- 13** Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks.** Santa Teresa County Park: A high hill in the Santa Clara Valley – beautiful views, lots of wildflowers. Bring your wildflower books, binoculars, and 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.
- 18** Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. Main Building. Book: The Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick. Reviewed by Marilyn Lenormand. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 21** 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.
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- 25** Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at the home of Madeleine Salzman, 15550 Winchester Blvd., Monte Sereno. RSVP to Madeleine (408) 348-2025. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. New members welcome!
- 27** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Walks** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Center, Saratoga. Way out in front of CVS. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 29** Saturday **English Tea and Silent Auction** 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This is the major fundraising event to benefit our Branch's Homeless Women and Children Program, Local Scholarships, and Tech Trek. Women who have benefitted from these three programs will speak. *See the front page and the flyer for this event.*

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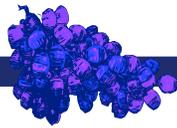


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Contact Change for Your Directory

Jean Foss

New Address: 2325 NW 26th Avenue, Camas, WA 98607-8056

Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Louise Quenon, Database Manager, LQuenon@comcast.net

Send a Ray of Sunshine to a Member in Need!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Please send her information to Sarah Model, our new Sunshine Chair.

Contact Sarah at **(408) 867-2634**
or fritznbits@aol.com



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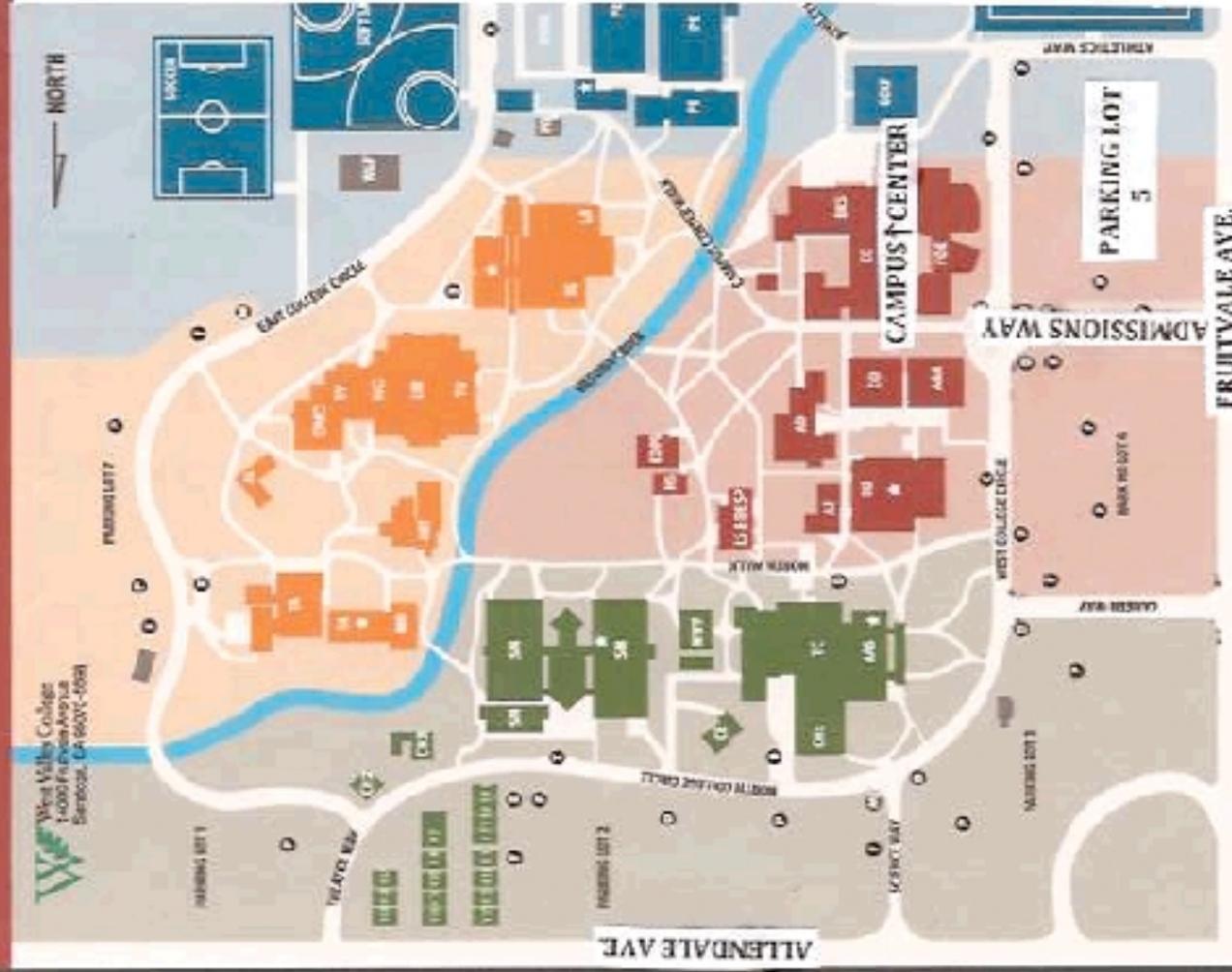
TICKETS: Contact Pat Khan 408.741.1616; patannkhan@gmail.com
P.O. Box 2428, Saratoga, CA 95070

\$45 (\$25 Tax Deductible)

Checks Payable To: ISPF - AAUW
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Directions to West Valley College

Take Highway 85 to the Saratoga Avenue Exit

Turn West
(left if coming from the South; right if coming from The North)

Proceed approximately 0.6 Miles on Saratoga Ave. to the third traffic light

Turn left on Fruitvale Ave.

Proceed approximately 0.3 miles, past the light at Alameda, and turn left on Admissions Way into the College

Parking Lot 5 is on the right. FREE parking for the English Tea