

# Grapevine



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## History of Women in Law Enforcement Presented by Sheriff Laurie Smith

### May General Meeting and Installation of Officers

Thursday, May 20, 2010

7:00 – 9:30pm

Saratoga Library, Community Room

**Topic:** *History of Women in Law Enforcement*

(There will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation.)

**Speaker:** Laurie Smith, Santa Clara County Sheriff

On December 15, 1998 Laurie Smith became the twenty-eighth person to hold the position of Sheriff in Santa Clara County. With her election she also became the first woman law enforcement officer to hold the Office of Sheriff in the State's history.



Sheriff Smith has spent her entire professional career with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, working and attaining command status in virtually every division, including jail, vice, intelligence, narcotics, patrol and detective. She was promoted to Assistant Sheriff in 1990 and served more than eight years as second-in-command of the Sheriff's Office.

Laurie Smith is a native of Michigan. In 1969 she relocated to San Jose, California to pursue her education and begin her law enforcement career. Laurie graduated from San Jose State University with a Bachelors degree in Administrative of Justice and hold a Masters degree in Management from Cal Poly Pomona. She is a graduate of the State's Command College and has also graduated from the FBI Academy.

Sheriff Smith is married to Brannon Smith, a retire San Jose Police Officer, and they have daughter, Shannon, a graduate of the University of Hawaii in 2006.

### Your 2010-11 Slate of Elected Officers



**President** – Mary Surginer

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**Program VP** – OPEN

(Program Committee: Mary Pastrone)

**Membership Treasurer** – Anita Wolf

**Educational Foundation VP** – Geraldine Williams

**LAF VP** – Lavonne Marafino

**Finance VP** – Pat Khan

**Recording Secretary** – Joyce Rastatter

**Membership VP** – OPEN

(Membership Committee: Sarah Model, Joyce Sogg,  
Patty Anderson)



## Message from the President

I wish to thank Terri Raynaud for the success of our Member Recruitment Event on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. I also thank all of the Interest Group leaders, who were organized by Margaret Bard, our Interest Group coordinator, for their part. John Garcia, Bart Raynaud and Nick Marafino were all there before the meeting and after to set up and take down the tables and chairs. Our thanks go out to them as well. We can't forget the Monday night bridge group who supplied the refreshments—thank you. Louise Quenon, the Bridge Interest Group Chair has been in charge of this extra activity for the Branch all year. Many thanks, Louise.

I was very proud of our questions that we asked of Susan Hammer after her Speech on Charter Schools. She commented on them as well. We are definitely a “with it” group. I have brochures that she left, please contact me if you'd like one.

May brings us to our Installation of Officers on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Library Community Room at 7:00pm.

We are very honored to have Laurie Smith, the current Santa Clara County Sheriff speak at our final general meeting. Laurie will discuss the history of women in law enforcement. Be sure to bring all of your interested friends and family to hear this ground-breaking woman speak. (See the front page for details.)

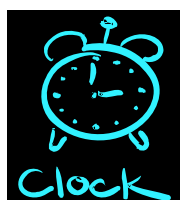
The State Convention is here again. It will be April 30 through May 2. We have four members attending this year. Mary Surginer is planning to attend the full convention, Nancy Hobbs, Joan Kjemtrup partial, and I'm not sure how much Mary Ellen Madden is attending; as she wears two hats—one for us and one for San Jose. In case you didn't know, Mary Ellen is responsible for our monthly calendar in the *Grapevine*. Thank you, Mary Ellen.

### Highlights from Our Board Meeting

- Peggy Corr, our Sunshine Committee Chair, informed me that Barbara Wyatt passed away. I did hear that her memorial service will be in May. She will be greatly missed.
- Nancy Hobbs reported on attending the Lisa Maatz event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. She urges all to contact Dianne Feinstein to urge her to support the Pay Check Equity Bill–S#182.
- Margaret Bard asked that we save-the-date of May 15 for the Affordable Housing Tour in San Jose. Please contact her for further information.

- Kathy Cusick reported on our upcoming Potluck Luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Saratoga. (See your Directory for further details.) Our slate of officers for 2010-2011 (see front page) will be presented as well as our Tech Trek girls and the local scholarships recipients.
- The ice cream social sponsored by the Inter-Branch Council for the tech trek girls and one parent will be on June 6 at the San Jose Branch.
- Renewals are coming in. Don't forget to mail yours in. Many thanks to Gail Pedersen for printing and mailing them out. Congratulations, Gail on a job well done.
- Pat Khan reported on the English Tea. There are a few tickets available, but by the time you read this, it will be over. I hope to see you there.
- Gail and I still need additional recipes from branch members for our fundraising Beginnings and Endings Cookbook. We are looking for desserts and appetizer recipes. Thanks to all of you who have already sent in recipes.

–Lavonne Marafino



*Just A Reminder*

## Seeking Recipe Submissions

### Fundraising Cookbook

Do you have any delicious, easy, and cost effective recipes to share? These are the “Winners” that we make for family, friends & take to potlucks. *“I know that I want to share a recipe when it disappears whenever I take it to a function.”* –Lavonne Marafino.

Email or send the recipe(s) to Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen for inclusion in *Beginning and Ending Cookbook* that we are putting together.

## Meet Three of Our New Members

### New Member Charlene Bunger.

I was born in Sedalia, Missouri and graduated from Central Missouri State University with a degree in Elementary Education. I taught 2 years in Kansas City and then applied to the Department of Defense to teach in Europe. I was accepted and taught 2 years in Germany while traveling extensively all over Europe. I met my husband and we got married there. We came back to the midwest while he got his bachelor's degree and ended up in California in 1969 through a job transfer. We lived in Santa Rosa for 28 years before moving to San Jose to be closer to children and grandchildren.

I joined AAUW because of the programs and focus it offers. I am interested in getting involved in this community and to be a part of interactive groups of women. The focus on education and equal rights for women is important to me. I look forward to knowing more of you.

### New Member Wendy Chartock

Wendy was born in San Francisco in 1942, attending San Francisco State for 2 years and then Fresno State to finish up her teaching credential. Her career for 32 years was teaching high school home economics. She has been active in sports, downhill and cross country skiing, hiking, backpacking, bowling, and golfing which she started in high school. She loves to play both

golf and bridge and has traveled the world.

The reason for joining our Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW is to play more bridge, meet more people, and look into the gourmet and out to lunch interest groups. She feels our group is much more active than other AAUW groups she has joined.

### New Member Eleanor Gilbride Yick

Born and raised in New York City but became a permanent resident of California in 1973. Married to David for 38 years, proud mother of two children (Brian and Julie), and proud grandmother of Violet Rose Yick and male grandchild expected in April 2010. Taught in Saratoga for approximately 20 years before moving onto school and district administration in the Whisman School District in Mountain View that eventually became the Mountain View-Whisman School District in 2001. Retired in 2005 after 42 years in public education.

The areas I am interested in exploring and supporting are those related to nurturing and supporting young women in studying science, homelessness here in Silicon Valley, beginning bridge and perhaps another book club to add to my current repertoire of three. I am also very interested in meeting and socializing with other women who are involved in similar activities.



## AAUW CA News! Easier Way to Contact Our Legislators

AAUW CA now has an Action Alert System, a pet project of mine, as your AAUW CA Public Policy Director.

This online system will make it much easier for you to contact your legislators when AAUW-supported bills are scheduled for hearings in committees or the full bodies. It is an extension of the national alert program, customized for California. If you are already registered on the national alert, you are automatically registered for the California alert.

The system will provide you with a direct link to your elected representative, and if you don't know who they are, the site tells you, according to your zip code. When a bill is scheduled for a hearing, the message will go out, with instructions on whom to contact. If the hearing is before a committee, you will be asked to contact committee members. If the bill is going to the full Senate or Assembly, you will be contacting your elected representative.

To take a look at this wonderful new tool, go to AAUW CA website at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org), click on **Advocacy**, then on **Public Policy**, and then on **California Action Alerts**. If you are not currently registered, you can do so on the website. I am deeply grateful to Harriet Tower, AAUW-CA Communications Director, for her technical expertise in getting the system operational.

—Sue Miller, AAUW CA Public Policy Director



## In Next Month's Grapevine Issue

Meet and Welcome Some Other New Members

1. Judith Borlase
2. Ann Monroe
3. Mary Thygeson

## English Tea a Great Success!

Our tea was a great success and if you don't mind we are going to pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

JoAn Lambert and Nancy Anderson co-chaired the event. JoAn was in charge of the silent auction and with solicitation from merchants and anyone who wants to donate, to filling up her living room for weeks before the tea, to pricing the items, and then hauling them all into the venue, she is responsible for a large percentage of the tea profits. Nancy Anderson does tablecloths, the jewelry raffle and go-fer jobs.

Margaret Bard, one of our newest members, jumped right in helping where she could. Nancy Christensen canvassed Los Gatos for auction items while hubby, Bud, is happy to take your money at the end of the tea. Bernie Fawley finds our entertainment and makes sure they have all their needs met in order to perform well. Vicki Feigelson helps with the

auction and is our number one ticket seller year after year. Sharon Kelkenberg made sure the public heard about the tea with articles for the newspapers. Pat Khan, so many roles. Not only is she our committee chair, but helps with the auction before and at the tea and then acts as cashier. Marlene Lamb also helps with the auction and then sits down and writes hundreds of thank you notes to all the donors (while knitting with the other hand). And speaking of knitting, Margaret McCartney trailing her ball of yarn, helped JoAn with the auction. Ann Roberts is the one to count on for the set up and take down, while Penny Sink finds auction items and helps sell tickets. Sumi Tanabi is our contact with the caterer as Melva Vollerson is off to Morgan Hill to pick up and then deliver the centerpieces donated by Jean Knofler. Patty Weber may seem a bit dazed for awhile — she handled the ticket sales and with Pat Khan, the seating chart. Without



Jean Wenberg's help we would have had to eat off the table as she organizes all our sets of china. So you see this was definitely a group effort, hard work but lots of fun.

We thank you all for supporting our work, it is your attendance at the tea that keeps our committee going as, other than occasional donations, it is our only fundraiser. See you next year!

For information contact Nancy Anderson, 867-4383 or [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com)



## Recipe

### Chicken Casserole Supreme

This is an entrée that is always a big hit for a Chapter Luncheon or a Potluck. You can either poach chicken breasts or use leftover rotisserie cooked chicken. It is easy to put together and is wonderful served with rice.

Makes: 8 – 10 servings

3 1/2 lbs. chicken, cooked and cut into chunks\*  
 2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
 1 cup mayonnaise  
 2 cans (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, rinsed  
 1 cup chopped celery  
 12 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced and sautéed  
 1 onion, chopped  
 1 pkg. herb croutons  
 1/2 to 3/4 cube butter, melted

1. Combine chicken, water chestnuts, celery, mushrooms, and onions. Add the soup and mayonnaise. Mix to blend.
2. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish (3 quart size) with cooking spray. Spread the chicken mixture evenly in the baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes at 350° F. in the oven.
3. Sprinkle top with the croutons and drizzle with the melted butter. Continue baking for an additional 20 to 30 minutes until heated through and the top is browned. (Cover loosely with foil if the croutons get too dark.)

\*I use boneless, skinless chicken breast and simmer in broth or water slowly until done. I use the chicken broth (made from poaching the chicken) to cook rice which I serve with this casserole.

—Dianne Priest, Directory Editor

## Sharing Information from Meeting at San Jose Chapter of AAUW

Nancy Hobbs attended a meeting at the San Jose Chapter of AAUW and shared the information with me.

AAUW lobbies Congress in favor or against legislation that relates to their Public Policy Action Fund’s goals. These are things like equality in employment, Work Life Balance, Education, Civil Rights, and Economic security. From the beginning of the Obama administration, AAUW urged President Obama to prioritize women’s issues. The administration responded in a number of ways, six women serve among the 22 cabinet level positions. Obama created the House Council on Women and Girls and the White House Middle Class Task Force, entities that seek to promote issues that affect working women and their families. In addition Justice Sonia Sotomayor became the first Latina woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

There have been bills and laws approved and encouraged by AAUW. They publish a Congressional Record of how Senators and Congress persons vote. Senator Boxer

received a 100% rating meaning she voted with AAUW on all issues. Senator Feinstein received a 63% rating because she voted against the AAUW position on the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Paid Sick leave legislation and on the Hate Crime Prevention Act. Our representatives in the House of Representatives scored 100% for Honda and 89% for Eshoo, voting against the AAUW PACT/ Job Training legislation. We are fortunate because our legislators are mostly in agreement with the AAUW positions. If you are interested in how your Senators or Congress person voted, you can go to their web sites and send them an email with your thoughts on matters of interest to you.

This information can be used at community candidate and issue forums or at town hall meetings held by your members of Congress, use the voting records when writing letters to the editor regarding legislators positions on AAUW issues. By taking these actions, you help to educate your community on the issues and on policy-makers’ records.



## AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch April 2010 Treasurer’s Report

March 7 – April 5, 2010

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Comerica Bank-LAF account</b>	1,841.15			1,841.15
<b>Comerica Bank-EF Account</b>	1,143.95			1,143.95
<i>LAF &amp; EF accounts are both in our tax-exempt account. Balance = \$2985.10</i>				
<b>American Century - Reserves (No Activity)</b>	3,102.71			3,102.71
<b>Comerica Bank-Branch</b>	877.04			
16 Angels			560.00	
2010-2011 Mailed Grapevine (1)			10.00	
2010-2011 Gross Renewals (41) + 1; Bridge Group donation to be allocated among 5 funds; Dues to National & California			4,358.00	
Renewal letters & postage ( <i>membership</i> )		342.69		
		<u>342.69</u>	<u>4,928.00</u>	<u>5,462.35</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>6,964.85</u></b>			<b><u>11,550.16</u></b>

Prepared by Joan Kjemtrup, 4/5/10

## Retirement Homes Discussion for Independent Women Meeting

Along with “*Selling on Ebay*,” one of the topics that most interested our group was a discussion of retirement homes.

Barbara Hawkes arranged for three speakers from retirement homes in our area: one from the Los Gatos Meadows, one from the Saratoga Retirement Community, and one from The Terraces of Los Gatos to tell us about their experience living in each of these homes.

### The Meadows

Jean Barrick is a resident of The Meadows. The Meadows is located on 11 acres and allows pets. There are 172 residents so it is easy to get to know everyone. Jean finds the people and staff to be very caring.

The dining room has a panoramic view of the Santa Clara Valley and three meals are served. They also have parties on special occasions.

There is also a fitness center and many other activities are offered to the residents.

There is no entry fee – resident’s pay on a month-to-month basis.

### Saratoga Retirement Community

Roberta London is a resident of the Saratoga Retirement Community. She was attracted to this community because it is “*dog friendly*” and because of the rural atmosphere – the center is located on 37 acres. There are 50 couples, 75 women, and 25 men who live there.

There are 38 cottages, 105 apartments, 100 assisted living apartments, and 94 places in the Health Care Centers.

One meal a day is included and they are delicious. They also have a fitness center. Many other activities are offered to the residents.

### The Terraces of Los Gatos

Lydia Mednick is a resident of The Terraces. She picked this community because of its central location; one can take care of all of one’s needs, even in a wheelchair because of the close proximity of two shopping centers.

She has a fully equipped apartment so she is able to entertain her family. Also she has found the people living at the Terraces to be very friendly and interesting.

The food is good and one meal per day is provided. The Terraces has a points system for meals so you are entitled to a certain amount of points per month. Each food item costs a certain amount of points and if you have points left over, you may use them for a guest.

There is a fully equipped exercise room and the Terraces also provide a “*Healthy Living Calendar*” and an Events Calendar.

Barbara made available a fee schedule of each of the retirement homes and there were brochures from each home. Anyone wanting more information should contact the marketing department of the places that interest them.

This was our last informational meeting. We will have lunch on Wednesday, May 5 at the Florentine Trattoria in Saratoga. (*Please see our calendar for details.*)

–Sarah Model

## Seeking New Leadership for Independent Women Interest Group

Purpose of Our Group: sharing our experiences & interests.

These last three years, Sarah Model, Barbara Hawkes, and I have done exactly that.

Since I became a widow and am living alone I wanted and needed to know how the infrastructure of my house works. My husband was the handyman around the home and I had a lot to learn. Because of this interest, I had speakers from the fire department, the police department, and discussed the location of important utilities in the home.

Sarah’s interests were with finance and sharing her experiences with handymen. She gave two talks herself, arranged a speaker about finance, and helped compile a list of local handymen and other resources.

Barbara was interested in elder issues & retirement and had a gerontologist from our branch give a talk. She is getting in touch with local retirement homes and will give a report at our April meeting.

One of our members suggested the topic of “*solo Travel*” and we had a speaker from Travel Advisors telling us about women and singles travel.

Other members were interested in “*Selling On Ebay*” and Sarah arranged for her son, who is an Ebay employee to give a demonstration.

After three years, we are “*hanging up our shingle.*” We need a new chairman to continue this group and we suggest that, going forward, each member should take on the obligation of either planning a topic and/or finding a meeting venue.

We would appreciate everyone’s input on this.

–Joan Kjemtrup

## May 2010 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Monday Board Meeting**, 3:30pm, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 4 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 5 Wednesday Independent Women**, 12:30pm. Lunch at the Florentine Trattoria, 14510-B Big Basin Way, Saratoga. We will celebrate the end of our third year of Independent Women. Please RSVP to Barbara Hawkes at 395-4397, Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016 or Sarah Model, 354-7819.
- 7 Friday Travel**, 7:30pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. “Antarctic Adventure” – Photographer Ken Bloomfield and his wife, Ellen, visited this cold and icy land at the bottom of the world last winter (summertime there) and were awestruck with the beauty of such a place. Ken now brings to you his photographs of this magic land covered with snow and ice, and of the animals and the birds, and especially the many types of penguins who consider this home. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445.
- 11 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616.
- 12 Wednesday LetÕs Do Lunch** 11:30am at Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga, CA. For reservations call Hostess: Roberto London at 741-7645. Chair: Clare Baker, 867-2295. Guests and members welcome!
- 13 Thursday Hikes and Walks**, meet promptly at 9:00am at *Los Gatos Park and Ride lot*. Uvas Canyon Park – Keep cool in this pretty canyon. Walk along the creek, past waterfalls and loop back along the ridge –5 miles. Late season wildflowers? Questions? Call Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 16 Sunday Gourmet Supper Club Sunday Brunch**. For information call: Doris Agee, 992-4918 or Gladys Bernyk, 440-1080.
- 18 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 18 Tuesday PM Book Review**, 7:30pm, at The Terraces of Los Gatos. RSVP to Margaret Ford, 356-5028. Book: “*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*.” Reviewers: Margaret McCartney and Jean Wenberg. For information call Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 or Marlene Lamb, 356-8441.
- 20 Thursday May General Meeting**, 7:00-9:30pm, at the Saratoga Library. Check front page for information.
- 21 Friday AM Book Review** at 9:30am, at the home Pat Dalcher, 118 Belridge Dr. Los Gatos, 358-1071. RSVP to Kathy, 356-2213. For information please call Co-Chairs: Brbara Oggerino, 354-5394 or Kathy Cusick, 356-2213.
- 25 Tuesday Film Buffs**, 1:30-3:00pm, at the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. Call Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 27 Thursday Back By Noon Hike**, meet promptly at 9:00am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by CVS Drug Store.



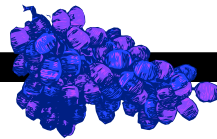


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**2010-11 Renewals Mailed Out to Members**

You should have received your Membership Renewal Notices, if you didn't please contact Gail Pedersen, gail\_pedersen@yahoo.com. Please send your dues by June 30. (*Late renewals – add \$2 late fee and may not appear in the Branch Directory*)

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