

Our Annual Spring Potluck is May 17, 2014 Celebrate Los Gatos-Saratoga branch Success!

DATE: Saturday, May 17, 2014 | **TIME:** 11:15 am – 1:30 pm |

GUEST SPEAKER: Kathleen Krenek, with *Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence*, received a one year Community Action Grant from AAUW. She works with the *Self Sufficiency Program* in San Jose. | **PLACE:** St. Andrews Episcopal Church; 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga



We've been busy all this year raising money to help provide educational opportunities for women and girls. Now it's time to meet some of the women who have benefited from our efforts. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a delicious lunch, to visit with other branch members and to celebrate the success of this year's branch activities.

Program details are:

- Tech Trek Scholarship Students
- Local Scholarship Recipients
- 2011-12 Named Gift Honorees
- Our guest speaker will be Kathleen Krenek (*see above*)

Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, coffee, tea and dessert. Questions? Contact Geri Williams: gerisjs@aol.com, or telephone: (408) 642-5042

Coming Next Month . . .

Annual Planning Meeting Makes Next Year Successful! Old & New Boards Potluck

Please mark your calendar for the Old Board/New Board potluck:

Saturday, June 14, 2014 | 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

at the home of Helen Lemmon: 20653 Woodward Ct, Saratoga | (408) 867-0575.

This planning meeting is the **keystone** for next year's SUCCESS! Please come: All newly Elected Officers, All Appointed Members, and all interest members. WE NEED everyone who wants to make a difference in our branch. Open to all our valued members.

Bring a salad, an appetizer or a dessert treat to share at lunch. Tea, lemonade and ice water will be provided. *More details at the May Board meeting May 5 and by email. Saturday, June 8*

Letter from the President

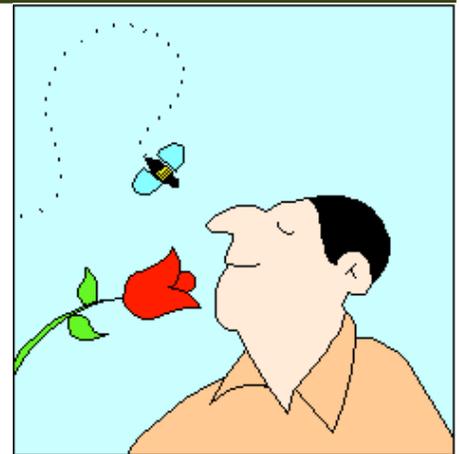
Our branch is always seeking new members, and I want to thank **Nancy Anderson** for hosting a prospective members' reception in April. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to take a look at AAUW; guests are welcome to attend an interest group once or twice to "test drive" AAUW before they join. Many of our monthly programs are open to the public, and **Gail Pedersen** is happy to mail an information packet to prospective members at any time. **Join now and your membership is good through June 30, 2015.**

Your own membership renewal is coming so please watch for an email or letter with the information for 2014-2015. Dues will remain the same as last year and will keep your membership active through June 30, 2015. Your timely response will simplify our work on the Directory and branch database.

Vote for five directors and a secretary for AAUW – California. There

is also a proposal to increase the state membership dues from \$16 to \$20 starting July 1, 2015, which was discussed in last month's *Grapevine*. You should have received a notice (*either by email or by mail*) with your personal voting code and instructions. It will only take a few minutes to let your voice be heard; please vote before the May 2 deadline. The state website at www.aauw-ca.org has more information about the candidates and the rationale for the dues increase.

We will be installing the new Board at our May 17 potluck lunch. Many thanks to **Shirley Cancellieri, Kay Duffy, Louise Quenon** and **Gerri Williams** for their willingness to serve as elected officers. We are still looking for President Elect, Vice President for Membership, and Vice President for Legal Advocacy. Would you consider filling one of these open positions? Would you be able to serve on a committee in these areas? The Santa Clara Interbranch



Council is holding a leadership day June 28 which will give you lots of good ideas for these positions and introduce you to your counterparts from other local branches.

Please let me know if you might be interested in serving on the Board (*co-chairs are welcome*) or working on one of the committees. This is **your** Branch; we welcome your help and ideas!

—Virginia Turner, President
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You Can Make a Difference for Women & Children in Need

We are making an urgent appeal to help fill the needs of homeless women and children during this time of year. **Can you help us provide the desperately needed supplies?** We need to fill the unmet needs for May, June, July and August at the homeless shelter and at the showers in the homeless day programs (*see the list in the far column*).

Most of the homeless using these facilities don't have the basic toiletries that we take for granted when we take our daily showers and baths. They don't have towels or the basic necessities of soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion or deodorant.

The Homeless Committee is collecting gently used towels and unopened toiletries (*perhaps the little*

bottles of lotion and shampoo you get in hotel rooms) for the women in homeless shelters and for those who use showers in homeless day programs these items make a major difference in their daily lives.

Now's your chance during your spring cleaning to pass along those unopened toiletries and help some homeless women and children. For your convenience, you can bring your donations to the **AAUW Funds Potluck Luncheon** on May 17. (*See the front page and the calendar for details.*)

To donate directly to the Homeless Committee at any time during the next 4 months, contact Joyce Sogg for information and to arrange a pick-up of the donations.

Meet Our Three Local Scholarship Recipients for 2014

The Local Scholarship Committee met on April 1, 2014, and selected the following students for the AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga scholarships for West Valley College women transferring to a four-year college or university and majoring in the Sciences, Mathematics or related fields of study:

Meet Michelle Herrera

Michelle's desire to care for people has always been a top priority. After high school she landed a corporate position with a national property managements company and along the way, she took night classes. Her job gave her opportunities to hone her customer relations and managerial skills.

After her son was born, becoming a mother changed her life, particularly in her education. She also worked as a volunteer to mentor and develop teens in the local

community and organized volunteer groups and food drives.

Michelle's dream is to travel with her church on global initiative projects and be able to serve and contribute her skills as a nurse to those in need in underdeveloped countries. Her goal is to be a registered nurse and continue on with an advanced degree as a nurse practitioner.

As a single mother, she faced many challenges but Michelle is completely committed to continuing her education and achieving her goals. She has applied to several colleges, including Samuel Merritt University.

Meet Jussely Morfin

Jussely's family came to the United States from Mexico when she was two years old. Her parents wanted her to receive the best education possible and have supported her academic journey. She had shingles at age 14 which sparked her curiosity and passion for cell biology. She would spend hours studying cancer cells or DNA replication.

Her math and science courses broadened her knowledge, and they taught her the value of teamwork. She hopes to be a pediatric neurologist. She has been hospitalized several times, and the experiences helped her appreciate the kindness of people. Her volunteer work includes Sacred Heart Community Center and Loaves and Fishes.

Participating in these volunteer efforts has made her a more compassionate and understanding person. Jussely's career goal is to receive a B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology. She has applied to U.C. Santa Cruz, U.C. Berkeley

and University of Santa Clara for the fall 2014 semester.

Meet Brittany Yeung

Brittany will be the first person in her family to attend a four-year institution. Her parents are first-generation immigrants.

Brittany took Algebra II which was the first class she was truly interested in. She competed in the Math Competitions, and by the end of the year, she was the only female to place in the top five out of the entire school.

While attending high school, Brittany was able to take community college courses in math. She became a math tutor and a teacher assistant at West Valley College, and she was able to find new ways to approach math questions from her students. She has encouraged female students to work hard and overcome stereotypes that females are not smart enough to do math. She spent the past seven years by helping her elementary school in classroom preparation. She spreads her passion to her students. She has applied to U.C. Berkeley as a math major.

The Local Scholarship Committee was very impressed with the caliber of all the applicants this year. We extend our best wishes for all the students to succeed in their educational endeavors.

The three recipients will be honored at the luncheon on Saturday, May 17, at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 13601 Saratoga Ave. Attend and meet this year's outstanding scholarship recipients.

–Local Scholarship Committee:
Carol Howard, Lavonne Marafino,
Dianne Priest, Ann Roberts, Lynn Sprague and Sumi Tanabe, Chair

Can You Help?

See the List of Items Needed

For the women in the Homeless Shelters and for those who use the showers in homeless day programs. (See below)

Personal Hygiene – New or Gently Used Towels, bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, razors, Q-Tips, lotion, diapers, baby wipes, nail clippers.

Cleaning Products – Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, laundry detergents.

We thank you all again for your support.

For information or to donate supplies, please contact Homeless Committee member Joyce Sogg at (408) 354-5122 to arrange for a pick-up.

Silver English Tea Guest Enjoying the Day! Successful Silent Auction and Yes the Tea & Food was Delicious Too.

Photographs were taken by Margaret Bard, the Los Gatos-Saratoga Photographer and Louise Quenon.



(Photo Above) Virginia Turner and Myrtis Baron, one of the clients of the Commercial Street Inn; *(2 Photos to the Right)* Jewelry Shoppers; *(Photo Below)* Lynn Sprague, Kay Duffy and Geri Furman; *(Photo Below Right)* Marge Bunyard, Ann Roberts and friend.



(Photo Left) Patty Weber *(Photo Right Bottom)* The lovely Tea Table set for guest; and *(Photo Below)* Gerber Daisy table decorations.



2014 Silver English Tea Supports Our Local Projects

The weather may have been somewhat “*English*” and rainy, but the spirits were quite sunny for our Silver English Tea at West Valley College on March 29, 2014. Brightly wrapped Gerbera daisies provided by Jean Knofler added splashes of color to the room, and AAUW members’ own china sets gave a personal touch to each table.

The Silent Auction and Jewelry tables, under the watchful eye of JoAn Lambert, drew a lot of attention and competitive bidding. Our Tech Trek speaker Jennifer Miller and her mother Cynthia Miller helped in setting up the displays. We truly appreciate the local businesses and individual donors who provided a wide range of items for the Silent Auction. Pat Khan supervised the registration and check-out tables, with her capable crew of Patty Weber, Ivan Fawley, Louise Quenon, Margaret Bard, and Vicki Reader.

The delicious sandwiches and luscious desserts brought rave reviews from the more than 160 people in attendance: A job well done by Scott Brunson and his students from the Mission College Hospitality Management program. Linda Hagelin recruited high school students from both Saratoga and Lynbrook High Schools, and Nancy Anderson supervised them serving and clearing, allowing our guests to enjoy the afternoon.

The audience particularly enjoyed hearing from women who have been helped by our three local projects: Local Scholarships, Tech Trek, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. Sumi Tanabe introduced Faun Maddux who had received one of our Local Scholarships in 1999 and is now a math instructor at West Valley College. Blenda Mariani introduced Jennifer Miller, a Tech Trek alumna who will be a senior counselor at the camp this summer. Myrtis Baron, one of the clients of the Commercial Street Inn, spoke movingly and sang — about how much she had been helped by our support which is given to several agencies that work with homeless women. ***We do make a difference to these women.***

Special thanks to Margaret Bard (*our branch photographer*) and to Louise Quenon for the great pictures!

Much of the work that goes into the English Tea is “*behind the scenes,*” and we could not have put on the event without the help of our other committee members: Charlene Bunger, Vicki Feigelson, Nancy Hobbs, Joan Kjemtrup, Marlene Lamb, Lavonne Marafino, Ann Roberts, Jean Wenberg and Geri Williams. Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!
—Virginia Turner, Event Chair | Committee to Support Local Women and Girls



(Photo Left) Sumi Tanabe at the jewelry table; (Photo Below) Margaret Bard and Virginia Turner; (Photo Right) JoAn Lambert, Nancy Anderson and Virginia Turner at the podium.



Branch Members on the Move

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

Silicon Valley Open Studio

AAUW Hikes and Walksleader and watercolor artist Kay Duffy is having an "Artistic" Garage Sale during Silicon Valley Open Studios on Saturday and Sunday May 17 and 18 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at 20637 Leonard Rd, Saratoga (*Leonard Road is one mile north of the center of town – off of the Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd – toward the hills, sixth house on the right.*)

For information on participating artists and location maps, go to www.svos.org

Book Prize

Audry Lynch's children's book *Ruben's Tales of the Amazon* won an honorable mention in the Los Angeles Book Festival. She received her award and gave a brief speech at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, March 22 at the historic Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood.

Audry was one of this year's speaker at the January 2014 Author's Luncheon. She was one of the three local authors featured. Audry's latest book is *Garth Jeffers Recalls his Father Robinson Jeffers – recollections of a poet's son*, by Audry Lynch (2012).

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



In Memoriam – Nancy Duncan Hobbs

Nancy died Wed, April 9, 2014 after a short illness. She was 88. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, M. Floyd Hobbs. She leaves behind her 5 children [Duncan (and his wife Carey), Roderick (and his wife Judy), Stuart (and his wife Patti), Victoria (and her husband Ric) and Douglas (and his wife Ann)], as well as nine grandchildren (Jessie, Libby, Brian, Cassie, Eric, Molly, Kelsey, Colton and Blaire) and her sister Caroline Lucinda.

Nancy was born in Redwood City, graduated from Sequoia High School, then San Jose State University, where she earned a master's degree in Special Education. Nancy taught first grade in Richmond and later served as a remedial teacher in Campbell when her family relocated to the South Bay in 1956. She was active in many organizations including League of Women Voters, the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, the Advisory Board of the Terraces, and the American Association of University Women.

Nancy was the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW president in 1982-1983 and also stepped in as one of our four co-presidents in 2001-2002. She established the Interbranch Special Projects Foundation in 1988 so that our fundraising would be tax deductible and served as the ISPF president until 2006. Nancy worked tirelessly in the Tech Trek program, "a science and math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women." She remained active with Tech Trek and helped with the interviews this year, despite her illness. Nancy enjoyed cooking (*she was a founding member of the Gourmet interest group*), gardening and playing the piano. She was a Named Gift Honoree in 1973.

Nancy was elected in 1993 to the Monte Sereno City Council (*Mayor for one year in 1996*), Santa Clara County Advisory Committees, Village House, Boy and Girl Scouts and Art Docents.

[Pictured above is Nancy at last year's English Tea fundraiser. Nancy is wearing a hat for the themed event.]



May 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 2** Friday **“Armchair” Travel Adventures** meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. **Program: Antarctic.** Doug Cheeseman is an ecology safari leader, biologist, and photographer. He recently completed his 16th trip to the Antarctic region, including the southern ocean around the South Georgia Island. Doug concentrates on action photographs of wildlife behavior, such as leopard seals hunting penguins and albatrosses displaying during breeding season. Join us for a unique look at this fascinating world.
- 5** Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 6** 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.
- 8** Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks: Canada Del Oro:** South County wilderness open space, above Calero Reservoir. Great views and wildflowers. 5 - 7 miles. 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.
- 13** 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. **Welcome to All!**
- 14** Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch** meets at 11:30 am at Sushi Heaven, 12108 Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road (*in the Saratoga Shopping Center*) at the intersection of Prospect Rd. This restaurant has interesting combination lunches. RSVP, Audry Lynch, (408) 725-1898 or Chair Linda King, (408) 354-4105 by May 9. **Everyone welcome!**
- 16** 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.
- 17** Saturday **AAUW Funds Potluck Luncheon** meets at 11:15 am -1:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 13601 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga. Meet girls and women who have benefited from our efforts. Speaker: Kathleen Krenek from *Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence*. Questions: Geri Williams, (408) 642-5042.
- 20** Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm. at the Saratoga Retirement Community, Main Building, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. Two short books this month: *The Professor’s House* by Willa Cather, reviewed by Pauline Berkowitz and *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce, reviewed by Marlene Lamb. RSVP, Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 22** Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike** Senior Citizen Special at Happy Hollow Park in San Jose. Visit the animals and walk the beautiful Japanese Garden and History Park. Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos *“Free Parking-Northside Lot”* behind Starbucks. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
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- 27** Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets at 11:30 am. For the last meeting of the year we will lunch at a local restaurant. Contact Chair, Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488, for details.
- 29** Thursday **Trail Clean-up – Hikes and Walks.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Los Gatos *“Free Parking-Northside Lot”* behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers are provided. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

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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**
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