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Help Us Celebrate Our 75th Anniversary

May 2016 Annual Spring Potluck



Saturday, May 14, 2016

11:15 am - 1:30 pm

at the Immanuel Lutheran Church (located at
144103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga)

California State AAUW President Kathleen Doty will be our guest speaker as we wind up this very special year for the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of AAUW. We will honor those who have guided us through the past 75 years and install the new officers who will lead us next year. We will also announce our Named Gift Honorees and our newest Honorary Life Members.

Please bring your favorite salad, tasty appetizer or interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, beverages, and a birthday cake for dessert, of course.

Questions? Contact Virginia Turner: vturner@sbcglobal.net or phone (408) 866-4234.

Also This Month . . .

San Jose – AAUW Branch invites you to attend

Getting to Know Muslim Women in America Today

Saturday, May 21, 2016; 10:00 am to 12 noon

Community Room, Bascom Library (located at 1000 Bascom Ave, San Jose)

Zahra Billoo of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and Maha Elgenaidi of the Islamic Network Group (ING) will lead a discussion concerning the lives of Muslim women in America. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is the nation's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization.

Questions? Contact Janice Robbins (San Jose – AAUW) at 408-269-4620.





Branch Leadership Team



Renew Your Membership by June 30, 2016

It's membership renewal time. We will be mailing you the 2016-2017 renewal forms early in May. Dues remain the same as last year: \$49 for national dues, \$20 for California state dues and \$20 for Los Gatos-Saratoga branch dues plus \$10 if you wish to receive the *Grapevine* by mail. Life members do not pay national dues; and Dual members pay only the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch dues because they pay their national and state dues through their primary branch. Your membership will remain active through June 30, 2017.

Here are some of the benefits that your membership offers you:

- At the **national level** your dues support research that results in such reports as *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership* as well as legislative advocacy efforts on pay equity, reproductive choice, civil rights and educational opportunities.
- At the **state level** your dues support

branch leadership training, monthly emails with links to helpful resources, personal and professional development opportunities and social media and networking.

- At the **branch level** your dues support the monthly *Grapevine*, general programs, our website, and coordination with other local AAUW branches to share programs and put on events such as the Ice Cream Social for Tech Trek campers.

Consider joining a new committee or interest group this year – a great way to meet other members who share your interests. Take a few minutes to complete the interest form to indicate your willingness to help or participate in various branch activities.

Please return your renewal forms by **June 30, 2016** to ensure you are



listed in our Directory and branch database. After June 30 there is a \$2 late fee for renewals.

Our branch is always seeking new members. 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. I would be happy to mail an information packet to prospective members at any time or they can find the information and forms on our branch website.

–Virginia Turner, Membership V.P.,
408-866-4234 or
vaturner@sbcglobal.net

AAUW enjoys the Saratoga Blossom Festival



Again this year our branch hosted an information table at the Blossom Festival on March 19, produced by the Saratoga Historical Foundation to celebrate the beauty of the orchards and the good life they provided. Taking place in the Heritage Orchard next to the Saratoga Library, the Festival originated in 1900 and commemorates and preserves the

memory of Saratoga's agricultural and community-focused life.

We handed out brochures for our three local programs – Local Scholarships, Tech Trek and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children – and general information about AAUW.

Saratoga Mayor Howard Wilson stopped at our table to thank us for all we do in the local community. Dozens of other community organizations are involved with the Blossom Festival which provides a beautiful setting in which to talk with the thousands of people of all ages who attend the event.

AAUW member **Kay Duffy** was one of many local artists who exhibited their work at the Festival. There were antique automobiles and machinery from decades long past on display, talks about local history, and many musical groups, one of which performed near our table amid the flowering apple trees. Even the weather cooperated and gave us bright sunshine! Our thanks to **Gail Pedersen** who staffed the table for several hours and provided membership materials and extra copies of the *Grapevine*; and to **Sumi Tanabe** who also staffed the table for several hours. **Virginia Turner** was our liaison with the Historical Foundation.

Meet the Branch Leadership Team

Sumi Taniguchi Tanabe is the Local Scholarship Co-Chair. Born in Long Beach, CA, on Columbus Day, 1937, her family worked hard to make a living out of the harsh soil along with six other Japanese American families. Just when things were getting better, Pearl Harbor happened. The FBI agent told her father that he had less than two weeks to pack what they could carry. He learned later about Executive Order 9066 signed by President Roosevelt to send all Japanese, citizens or not, to ten internment camps. The Taniguchis asked to be sent to the Fresno Assembly Center so that all the siblings and parents could be together. They lived in the horses' stalls, and Sumi still remembers the stench. Later, they arrived in Jerome, Arkansas, where her sister was born. Afterwards they were moved to another internment camp on the Indian reservation in Gila, Arizona. Sumi learned years later, it was because the government was bringing in German POWs to Jerome. When the war

ended, the Taniguchis lost everything in Long Beach and came to Fowler, a small town near Fresno. Two siblings were added to the family. Many years later Sumi worked diligently for redress and reparations so that no other groups of people would be imprisoned based solely on race and wartime hysteria.

Sumi attended schools in Fowler, and received her A.S. from Fresno City College. Her father told her that money for college education had to go to her brothers. She finally received her B.S. from the University of San Francisco. She married Art Tanabe in 1964. Sumi spent the majority of her life working at all the CA public higher education including community colleges, state colleges and the U.C. system. She worked for 29 years at West Valley, the Chancellor's Office and Mission College. She was one of the first employees of Mission College, and she retired in 2002. She was involved with many boards including national ones where she was the only woman. She was the first



woman president of the SJ Buddhist Church, Fuji Towers (*housing for low income seniors*) and president of FBWA, national organization for Buddhist women. Volunteer work was a way of life for her as she participated in Stanford Hospital Spiritual Care program and other non-profits. Urged by Sharon Kelkenberg, she joined AAUW in 2002 and has been actively involved with the Homeless Committee, Local Scholarship, Legal Advocacy and Great Decisions. Widowed in 2012, she has three daughters living in Maryland, Berkeley and Campbell. She adores her grandson in Maryland and granddaughter in Campbell.

Meet the Branch Leadership Team

Marilyn Fuller. As a Northern California native, I developed early a love of the Spanish language. After graduation from Tamalpais HS in Mill Valley I went on to earn my BAs in Spanish and Psychology from UC Berkeley. One highlight of my university experience was my junior year in the UC Education Abroad Program, living and studying in Spanish, in Madrid, Spain. After graduation here, I went back to teach English at Berlitz in Madrid for a year, before returning to earn my teaching credentials at UC Santa Barbara. My teaching career, as an elementary and middle school bilingual teacher took me from Santa Maria School District, to Alum Rock in San Jose, and then Campbell. Now retired, I miss interacting with students, so I volunteer in a weekly middle school STEM Maker Space.

My husband, Dave, and I enjoy life in the house we built in the Santa Cruz Mountains, but we also like traveling, and spending time with our friends and family. In my free time I enjoy reading, hiking, knitting, crocheting, and rubber stamping.

As a co-chair of the Local Scholarship Committee, I am committed to helping worthy young women fulfill their educational goals. I also believe strongly in Fair Trade, to help raise the living conditions of people around the world, including giving educational opportunities to their daughters, so I have been active on the team of volunteers who make possible the annual International Gift Faire (internationalgiftfaire.com) each October in San Jose.

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW: The 2010s

We pioneered another form of organization early in the decade with rotating *Chairwomen of the Month* where various committees took responsibility for the Board meeting agenda and monthly programs. A comprehensive guide was developed which we then shared with other AAUW branches that had difficulty filling all their leadership positions.

Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen began collecting recipes for our own AAUW cookbook – *Beginnings and Endings*. It includes members shared appetizers and desserts recipes.

We enjoyed programs about West Valley College, women's strategic role in addressing global issues, and women's ways of leading. We learned about the Los Gatos and Saratoga Railway, an electric inter-urban railroad built at the beginning of the 20th century, and we heard Larry Gerston discuss his book *Restoring the Luster to the Once Golden State*. When the America's Cup sailing race came to San Francisco we were well prepared, and we recognized the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. We got an update on research relating to Alzheimer's disease and heard about efforts to exonerate those wrongfully con-



victed of a serious crime.

When the AAUW California convention was held in Santa Clara in 2012, our branch provided several volunteers to act as greeters. The Homeless Committee, having held the English Tea for 23 years, decided to try a spring garden party in 2012, but with disappointing results decided to reinvigorate the English Tea in 2013 and then celebrated the 25th "Silver" English Tea in 2014.

Our Tech Trek girls inspired us all with their enthusiastic response to their week of math and science camp at Stanford University. Local scholarship recipients represented varied countries of origin — Mexico, Iran, Vietnam, the former Soviet Union—and an equally wide range of majors – physics, mechanical engineering, molecular biology and mathematics. AAUW certainly supports women in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields through our local, statewide and national efforts.

Memories of the 2010's

- California population in 2010 - 37.3 million (*and estimated to be 38.7 million in 2015*)
- Japanese earthquake and tsunami
- "Arab spring" protests
- Janet Yellen, Federal Reserve
- Loaf of bread - \$2.49
- Gallon of gas - \$3.52

Popular Culture

- Best-selling books: *The Help*; *Three Cups of Tea*; *Fifty Shades of Gray*; *Still Alice*; & *Lean In*
- Oscar-winning movies: "The King's Speech"; "Argo"; & "12 Years a Slave"
- On Broadway: "War Horse"
- Emmy Awards: Modern Family; The Big Bang Theory; & Breaking Bad
- Popular songs: "When I Was Your Man" Bruno Mars; "Rolling in the Deep" & "Hello" Adele; "What's My Name" Rihanna; & "Glory" John Legend



Nickels Add Up for Gifts for Teens

What does a nickel mean in the scheme of things in today's world? When you add up 69, 460 nickels, it means \$3,478.30. Gifts for Teens received this amount from Whole Foods Market Blossom Hill as part of their Nickels

for Non-Profits program last quarter. A big thank you goes out to Whole Foods Market Blossom Hill for their continued involvement in the community and to all the shoppers who donated their nickels. Gifts for Teens thanks you for your support!



July 2015 Tech Trek Campers – Part 2 (see last month for Part 1)

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Stanford University
July 9, 2015

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend **Tech Trek**. It took a couple of days to settle in, but now I love it here! My roommates and I have gotten really close. They're become like a second family. **Tech Trek** camp have given me an unforgettable experience.

I've learned a lot of new things. My core class was Cyber Sleuthing. This was a new class at camp, and as one of the "alpha testers", I would definitely say that it was amazing! In the first days of the class, we did the least exciting activities, like programming, but now I realize that those were the basic guideline to becoming a successful hacker. Lately, we have been doing really interesting activities such as encrypting code and taking computers apart and putting them back together. I am now thinking of becoming a cryptologist when I grow up due to this fun experience.

I would like to thank you again for this wonderful week. I will come back as junior counselor, senior counselor, and possibly even as a dorm mom.

I am very glad that girls my age have the opportunity to be introduced to so many more things than they ever even thought of as possible careers. Without your help, girls couldn't even imagine doing math and science for the rest of their lives.

Thank you for an opportunity to attend a whole week of amazing and life-expanding math and science activities that were available during this awesome **Tech Trek** camp. Now, so many **Tech Trekkers**, like me, will definitely remember this week, and will hold the experience in their heart forever.

–Aneesha Nama

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Stanford University
July 9, 2015

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to attend and to participate in **Tech Trek** camp. This has been one of the best weeks of my entire life. It was so much fun!

Something that I really enjoyed was being able to experience a whole week like a college student – in the dorm rooms, in the cafeteria, and in the classes.

My core class, Engineering Design, was something I really enjoyed. I got to build cars and rockets every day! It was awesome.

I am really proud to have been part of **Tech Trek 2015**. This has been an extraordinary week because I did so many things I wouldn't ever be able to do anywhere else.

Thank you for sending me to this "best science and math camp ever", **Tech Trek** rocks.

–Macarena Novoa-Delfin

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.

Pass Along a Little Bit of 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;
Inmarafino@att.net



Photos of Our Local Authors from the January 2016 Author's Luncheon

Pictured top left, Keith Raffel (latest book – *Temple Mount*); pictured bottom left, Donia Bijan, (her book – *Maman's Homesick Pie: Persian Heart in an American Kitchen*) and Margaret Bard; pictured bottom right, Pamela C. Spahr (her eBook – *Caregiver's Survival Toolkit: Go from Surviving to Thriving*) and Terri Reynaud.



Pictured above, AAUW – Santa Cruz guest and Claire Campodonico; Photo to the right, the lovely centerpieces and (left to right) Gladys Bernyk, Eleanor Yick and Patty Weber enjoying a conversation.

May 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (*Permanent Time Change*) Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.) **All Members are Welcome!**
- 3 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. **New Members and Visitors are Welcome.**
- 6 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). **Adventures in the Amazon Jungle** – Photographer Joan Sparks – Invited to photograph wildlife with some National Geographic photographers for a two week visit to a remote area in the Amazon Jungle. *"We hiked everywhere, discovered plants, avian and reptiles common to the area. It was a challenging trip at best hiking with all your photo gear trudging through knee high mud, bugs galore-colorful and poisonous to watch out for, beautiful birds that were candy to your eyes and monkeys . . ."* Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Everyone is Welcome to This Year's Last Program!**
- 10 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children. (Corrected)** Meets 7:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). Speaker from the Garment Project. (Program helps to provide "going home" clothes for victims of rape since their clothing is taken into evidence.) RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **RSVP to Hear this Interesting Guest Speaker! Visitors are Welcome.**
- 12 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Point Lobos** – On our last visit to this spectacular spot just south of Carmel we were treated to a fabulous display of wild flowers, friendly deer, a plethora of birds and, of course, the beautiful wild coast. We will hike 5-7 miles on the Cypress Grove Trail, rated as one of the "top 10" in California. Plan for a longer day. 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!**
- 14 Saturday **Celebrating 75 Years – Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon.** 11:15 am – 1:30 pm in the Community Room, Immanuel Lutheran Church (14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga). Guest speaker is Kathleen Doty, AAUW-CA President. Branch will provide beverages and an anniversary cake. See front page for details. **Help Us Celebrate Our 75th Anniversary!**
- 17 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). **Book: "The Children's Crusade"** by Ann Packard. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 18 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch. (New Date)** Meet 12:30 pm at *Mia Vicino* (14441 Big Basin Way, Saratoga). RSVP to Shirley Cancellieri (408) 741-5586. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Friendly Group, Open to Everyone.**
- 20 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 24 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.**
- 26 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!**
- 31 Tuesday **Film Buffs. (Change of Date & Time)** Meet at 1:30 pm. The place to be announced. Call for information about location. Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**

Calendar in the Next Grapevine issue lists the Interest Groups that meet in June, July & August 2016! Stay in touch with your Los Gatos-Saratoga friends during the summer by attending.

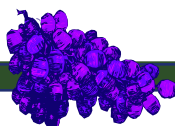


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More Pictures of
the English Tea . . .**

