

## November General Meeting

### Our November Guest Speaker Will Be Lori Gaskin, Ph.D., West Valley College's President



Topic: *West Valley Women*

Saturday, November 13, 2010; 10:00 am – 12 noon  
at the Saratoga Library, Community Room

Dr. Gaskin joined West Valley College just last summer (July 2009) as their new President. She comes to West Valley with an impressive background. Dr. Gaskin's professional involvement includes state and regional activities. She recently completed a second term as the state-wide president of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CIO) organization and in this capacity served as a member of the system's Consultation Council. Dr. Gaskin was also a member of the System Advisory Committee on Curriculum (SACC) which provides input and guidance to the Chancellor's Office on curricular issues.

Dr. Gaskin holds a B.A. and M.A. in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada, Reno. Her dissertation research focused on mission accretion within the California Community College system.

## Coming Next Month . . .

### December 2010 Holiday Party

### Save the Date for Our Fun & Festive Annual Holiday Party

*(Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided)*

Hosted by the Branch Board Members

When: Sunday, December 12, 2010; 2:00-4:00 pm

Where: Vasona Terraces, Clubhouse on Winchester Blvd.  
in Los Gatos

### Hikes and Walks – Los Gatos Trail Clean-Up

Plus a short hike, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am, at the Los Gatos Park & Ride lot. *(see the December calendar next month for details).*



## Message from the President

November helps us to reflect on what we have accomplished this last calendar year. I think we have done a lot during this past year. The governor has signed the No Cadmium bill and the Fair Pay bill should be voted on in November. We can be proud that our branch is one of the top ten contributors to AAUW causes.

I want to offer my thanks to following members for their help. Helen Lemmon was gracious and offered her home for the June meeting. Corrine Rathjens has stepped up to help with the minutes at our board meeting while Joyce Rastatter recovers. Judith Borlase will be our new "Meet and Greet" chair for our General Meetings. Congratulations to Virginia Turner and her committee for a delightful and

successful Wine Tasting event at the Black Hills Winery. The proceeds will benefit the Local Scholarship fund. The wine was complex and interesting. The setting spectacular and the company cordial. Everyone mingled and enjoyed the incredible snacks provided by the committee. *(See page 3 for a few photos from the Wine Tasting event.)*

You are all cordially invited to our first General Meeting of the year this month. We have Lori Gaskin, President of West Valley College, to look forward to hearing in November and then, of course, there is the Holiday Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus on hand for December. Last year's Holiday Party was a great success and we had a change to meet new members



and catch up with the members and their guests who attended.

Save the date and plan to attend the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 12. I hope to see you at our November General Meeting on Saturday, November 13 *(see the front page for details)*.

–Mary Surginer

### Register Your Opinion to AAUW National

One Member, One Vote, adopted at the 2009 AAUW National Convention, changed AAUW national elections from a delegate-only process to one that gives every member a vote. Every member needs to know about the new voting process and that the details are posted online now. We need your help in getting this message out!

Members can now propose bylaws amendments, resolutions, and Public Policy Program revisions/additions, as well as make comments and submit an application for national board candidacy on the AAUW website. Candidate applications are due by October 1, and the deadline to submit proposals is November 17. In early December, members will be able to "meet" the candidates online through biographies, videos, and candidate links.

Members were notified by e-mail about this online process in early August, but many may have missed the notice or don't have e-mail. We urge member leaders to provide this information to all branch and

state members through all their various channels. To learn more about the process, we recommend that you read the One Member, One Vote Current Topics Briefing and FAQ posted on the AAUW website and look for more details in the Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer issues of AAUW Outlook.

To access the One Member, One Vote section of website from the AAUW home page, click on Member Center in the top right corner, log in with your member ID, and select One Member, One Vote. You may also want to remind members that they can find their member ID on their AAUW Outlook mailing label or by using the Member ID Lookup link available on the AAUW Member Log-In page. *(Check your New Directory also for your member ID.)*

Thank you for helping to ensure that all members are familiar with the newest way to make their voices heard within AAUW!

Sincerely,

Linda D. Hallman, CAE; AAUW Executive Director

## Seeking Summer Campership Donations

### Save-the-Date for the Author's Luncheon in January

Annual EF Fundraiser to benefit the AAUW Funds

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

at the La Rinconada Country Club

See the January *Grapevine* for information about the exciting authors we have lined up for this year's luncheon.

For more information, contact Geri Williams, Chair at [gerisjs@aol.com](mailto:gerisjs@aol.com).



One of the donations we make each year is the Summer Campership for the children at the San Jose Family Supportive Housing (Family Shelter). The money we give is used to provide clothing and equipment so that the children living in the shelter and going to the week-long camp look no different from the other kids attending the camp.

The camp is not just for homeless children. What a boost to the children's self esteem as they don't have to stand out as the "poor kids". If anyone would like to donate to this good idea please make a check payable to ISPF and mail it to our treasurer, Patty Weber at 5684 Hollyleaf Lane, San Jose, CA 95118

For information about our Committee on Homeless Women and Children please contact Nancy Anderson, [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com); 867-4383.

## Wine Tasting Photos from the Local Scholarship Fundraising



Thank you to the Black Hills Winery in Los Gatos and to those who organized the successful Wine Tasting fundraiser. *(Left Top)*

Pictured are Virginia Turner, Chair of the Local Scholarship Committee and Gladys Armstrong, committee member. *(Left Bottom)*

Sumi Tanabe, Local Scholarship committee member. *(Right)* The charming set up for the wine tasting at the Black Hills Winery.



## Choice Update

Several provisions affecting women and their reproductive health kicked in on the six-month anniversary of the Health Care Reform Act. Among the new provisions are the following:

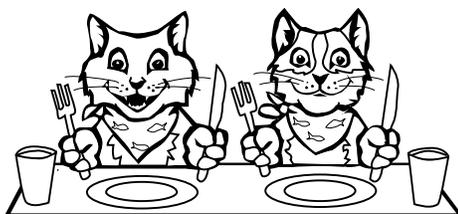
1. Preventive care, including breast and cervical cancer screenings will be covered without co-pays.
2. Insurance companies will not be allowed to drop coverage after an individual becomes ill.
3. Young adults will be allowed to stay on their parents' health plans until age 26.
4. 75 million dollars a year will be spent on fact-based sex education and teen pregnancy prevention.

Unfortunately the Act continues to carve out special abortion provisions leading to a complicated system requiring a separate policy with a second payment for abortion coverage. How about a second, extra plan for Viagra coverage?

Planned Parenthood Advocates Mar Monte is doing election work to insure that pro-choice candidates are elected. If you're interested in volunteering contact [sjvolunteer@ppmarmonte.org](mailto:sjvolunteer@ppmarmonte.org) or call (408) 795-3753.

For information, please contact Joyce at [joycelawyer@earthlink.net](mailto:joycelawyer@earthlink.net)

–Joyce Sogg, Choice Chair



*“Find a need and fill it.”*

–Ruth Stafford Peale

## Seeking Recipe Submissions

### Fundraising Cookbook

Please send your submitted recipes to either Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen who are putting the cookbook together. You can send your recipes to one of us or both via email or regular mail.



## Beginnings and Endings Cookbook!

(Appetizers and Dessert Recipes)

An order form to preorder copies of our fundraising cookbook, *Beginnings and Endings* will be available in early January (*see the Grapevine newsletter for details*). We are seeking to have the Cookbook printed and available to members by March.

To make this cookbook a success our goal is to have 280 to 340 recipes from 60 to 75 members. We are more than halfway to our goals. So we are asking for recipes of appetizers and desserts. We have received old family recipes, secret recipes, easy and simple recipes and favorite recipes of our members.

The last time our branch created a fundraising cookbook was in the early 1960s. The time has come for a new fundraising cookbook and I want to express my appreciation to Lavonne Marafino for proposing and organizing this effort. Please help us make this a successful fundraiser by participating. Send your recipes as soon as possible.

–Gail Pedersen, Grapevine and Directory editors

## Make a Difference and Get Involved!

### Breaking through the Barriers Awards – Apply by February 15

Does your branch or state have an outstanding program benefitting women and girls? Apply on-line for AAUW's new *Breaking through Barriers* Awards. Finalists will be featured at the AAUW National Convention and will receive convention discounts. Top awardees will be announced at the AAUW National Convention banquet and will receive a \$3,000 award. Let us hear from you!

### AAUW's 130th Anniversary Membership Campaign

As AAUW celebrates 130 years, we're challenging every member to recruit a new member. Beginning November 1, 2010, special introductory rates will apply to new graduate students and college/university partners. You and your branch can win prizes, be recognized in AAUW's Hall of Fame and help strengthen the organization for years to come.

Go the national website at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) to find out the details about both of these opportunities to make a difference.

## Current Interests “Blog”

(Formerly known as “Independent Women” Interest Group)

Blog, Chat, Twitter, E-mail, Text or try FACE to FACE. Discuss Hot topics...Cold topics...Future topics... Express your views and opinions. Bring ideas from the personal to the international. Speak your heart, your head and your mind. Give us your knowledge. Come and BE HEARD!

### GOOD FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!

Where: Florentine Trattoria, 110 Big Basin Way, Saratoga CA

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 12:30 pm

Cost: \$12.00 (cash or check) made out to Trattoria  
(Includes Iced Tea, choice of 3 entrees & soup or salad)

Chairman: Shirley Cancellieri: (408-741-5586)

Co-Chairman: Joan Kjemtrup (408-356-6016)  
Barbara Hawkes (408-395-4397)

Guests Welcome!



## Cranberry-Pomegranate Sauce

This sauce is wonderful served with roast chicken, turkey, or ham. It also makes a wonderful spread for biscuits or scones. You can use fresh or frozen cranberries in this recipe. I pick up a few extra bags of cranberries in the late fall and freeze them for use all year in the sauce.

Makes: 10 servings

- 1 to 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup pomegranate juice (I used cranberry-pomegranate juice)
- 1 tblsp. grated orange peel
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 bag (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries

1. In a non-reactive 2-quart saucepan, stir together all ingredients. Heat to boiling over high heat, stirring constantly.
2. Reduce heat to medium-low heat and cook for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cranberries pop and sauce thickens slightly (it will be jelled when cooled).
3. Pour into serving bowl, cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

–Gail Pedersen, Grapevine editor



## Continue to Receive Your Printed and Mailed Grapevines

**If You Haven't Given us Your Email Address, Send \$10 to Pat Khan, Finance VP**

To give you time to adjust to the change of distributing the *Grapevine*, the newsletter has been mailed to members with no email address listed in our records for September, October and November. You have received a letter asking you to provide an email address, to pay the \$10 for a printed and mailed copy or to ask a friend to print you a copy of the newsletter.

**Starting in December you will no longer receive a printed and mailed Grapevine unless you have paid the \$10 to cover the cost.** Please send your \$10 to Pat Khan, Finance VP to continue to receive your printed and mailed monthly Grapevine newsletters.

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.”

–Erma Bombeck

## Enrollment is Now Underway for Great Decisions 2011

### Deadline to Sign Up is November 30, 2010!

The program, created by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters (LWV), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC), and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC). Specific information outlining the coming season's program was recently obtained from the FPA. **The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, November 30, 2010.**

#### The Local Programs/Schedules:

As in past years, three separate groups are planned and will meet in the following time periods and locations:

**Group 1** – eight bi-weekly sessions to be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Saratoga Senior Center (SASCC's Senior Center Modular Classrooms).

**Group 2** – weekly sessions for eight consecutive Thursdays from 10:30 to 12:30 a.m. at the SRC.

**Group 3** – weekly sessions for eight consecutive Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the SRC.

*(Note for Group 1 participants only) There will be an organizing meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at which time course materials will be distributed and volunteers identified to serve as individual topic leaders.*

**(All Groups) Session One will be on Thursday, February 3, 2011.**

Sign ups are underway and members who wish to participate in Great Decisions 2011 are urged to do so soon because some sessions are expected to quickly reach the limit which the facilities can accommodate.



**Enrollment fees have increased over last year's prices due to a \$2 increase in the price of the textbook. The 2011 fee is \$27 for individual participants and \$37 for couples who share course materials.**

**Make checks payable to Rosalie Price and mail them to her at 14500 Fruitvale Avenue # 6110, Saratoga, CA, 95070. You must indicate on your check in which of the three groups listed above you wish to participate.**

Program leaders are Al and Anne Stewart who also lead Group 1. Sharon Kelkenberg will serve as their back-up leader. Group 2 will be led by John Wurr and Elizabeth Simpson. Group 3 leader is Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for the two groups at the SRC.

#### Brief Overview of 2011's Eight Topics

1. **Rebuilding Haiti** – The January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti struck a country already suffering from widespread poverty and underdevelopment. Did this natural disaster inadvertently provide an opportunity for reassessment and planning a new Haiti?
2. **U.S. National Security** – U.S. national security priorities were expanded after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to include waging war in Iraq and Afghanistan, tightening border security, pursuing cyberthreats, halting nuclear proliferation and attempting to snuff out home-grown terrorism. How has the U.S. national security agenda evolved since 9/11?
3. **Horn of Africa** – Since the early 1990s, the U.S. has monitored the Horn of Africa due to security concerns. Internal instability, weak governments in some countries, and a lack of development have resulted in an environment conducive to terrorism. Can the U.S. protect its national interests while mitigating the dangerous conditions in the region?
4. **Responding to the Financial Crisis** – As an immediate response to the financial crisis of 2007–08, governments around the world stepped in to bail out troubled private banks deemed “too big to fail,” underscoring the interdependence between private and public finances. What have we learned so far and is it possible to ensure that future crises will not occur?
5. **Germany Ascendant** – Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe, in particular setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany?
6. **Sanctions and Nonproliferation** – Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators?
7. **The Caucasus** – The countries and regions of the Caucasus all have strong national identities but have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today?
8. **Global Governance** – International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions?

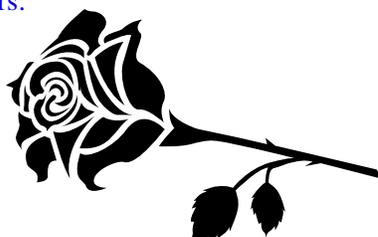
## November 2010 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 2 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, 867-4383. Contact either: Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 3 Wednesday **Current Interests Blog**, 12:30 pm at Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga. Chair: Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586, Co-chairs: Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016 and Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397.
- 5 Friday **“Armchair Adventure” Traveler**, 7:30 pm at The Terrace of Los Gatos. Join JoAn Lambert as she visits a numbers of Utah’s beautiful red-rock parks in a program titled *Southern Utah’s Magnificent Parks*. See Utah’s many breathtaking parks with their magnificent rock formations and spectacular vistas. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237; Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 628-0244.
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
- 10 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30 am, at The Garret Station, 14101 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos. Reservations to hostess Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397. Members and guests welcome. Chair: Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607.
- 11 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. Capitola—a quiet time of year to visit this charming town and hike the trails and beach. Dress warmly and bring lunch. Back by 4pm. Meet promptly at 9 am at Los Gatos Park ‘n Ride. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 13 Saturday **General Meeting**, 10:00 am-12 noon. Speaker: Lori Gaskin, Ph.D., President of West Valley College. Topic: *West Valley Women*. Saratoga Library, Community Room.
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm. *Nine and Counting – Women of the Senate*, by Catherine Whitney. Reviewers: Margaret McCartney and Jean Wenberg. At the Saratoga Retirement Community, RSVP to Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Co-chairs; Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb, 356-8441
- 16 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, 867-4383. Contact either: Sharon Kelkenberg 650.962.1656 or Helen Lemmon 408.867.0575
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Shirley Newsom, 115 Via Santa Maria, Los Gatos, 356-7256 . RSVP to Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625.
- 26 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike**, 9:00 am (*Yes it’s the day after Thanksgiving*) Leave the dishes behind and work-off some of that turkey with a local hike. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center, way out in front of CVS on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 30 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at the home of Vicki Feigelson, 20075 Seagull Way, Saratoga. RSVP to Vicki, 255-8822. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.

### Welcome Our New Members

Our two latest members:

Minnie Banning  
Arlene Pickett



New to Our Branch This Year!

Janice Baxter	Rachel Larson
Judith Borlase	Ann Monroe
Charlene Bunger	Marilyn Sefchovich
Wendy Chartock	Mary Thygeson
Beth Goldfaden	Joanna Yates
Sheila Goldstein	Eleanor Yick
Nancy Jorgensen	

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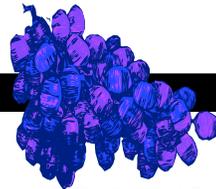
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## Notes & Notices



**Phyllis Marangoni**, a former President of AAUW, is gravely ill. Please include her in your thoughts. She was our branch president from 1974-75 and went on to become a state officer.

**Corrine Rathjens** is helping out with the minutes at our board meeting (as the Communications, formerly Recording Secretary) while **Joyce Rastatter** is recovering. We wish Joyce a speedy return to health.

**Please make these changes in your directory.**

**Lavonne Marafino** has a new email address, [lnmarafino@att.net](mailto:lnmarafino@att.net)

**Margaret Ford** has a new email address, [margaret.e.ford@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.e.ford@gmail.com)

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