

November 2012 General Meeting

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Restoring the Luster to the Once Golden State

Speaker: Larry Gerston, Prof. Political Science SJSU

When: Saturday, November 17, 2012; 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Where: at the Saratoga Library, Community Room



Dr. Larry Gerston specializes in the public policy process at the national and state levels. He has written eleven books, focusing on a hands-on, user-friendly approach to politics. Gerston's most recent book, *Not So Golden After All: The Rise and Fall of California* (Taylor & Francis, publisher), assesses California's politics in the context of a complicated, contentious socioeconomic environment.

Gerston wrote (with Terry Christensen) *California Politics and Government: A Practical Approach*, now in its eleventh edition (2011) and *Recall! California's Political Earthquake* (2004), winner of the prestigious CHOICE award.

Professor Gerston appears regularly as the political analyst on NBC Bay Area television and has appeared on NBC Nightly News, CBS Evening News, CNN, PBS, and BBC. *The San Jose Mercury News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Los Angeles Times* have published his 100+ op-ed columns. He has a unique ability to passionately put complex issues into an understandable perspective. When not teaching or writing, Professor Gerston consults in media training, crisis management, and strategic thinking.



Dr. Larry Gerston

Coming Next Month.. .

December 2012 Holiday Party

Annual Holiday Gala

When: Sunday, December 16, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga

All members and their guest are invited to join the celebration at our Holiday Gala! Meet new members and renew friendships at this fun, relaxed and festive party.

The board is bringing savory finger-foods, dessert treats and wine (*a nonalcoholic punch will be provided*). You are welcome to bring a plate of your favorite holiday goodies or a bottle of wine. The most important thing is that you come and have fun with your fellow AAUW friends.



Message from the November 2012 Chairwomen of the Month

So at long last... this Presidential election is almost here. Please remember to VOTE! on November 6.

I was glad to see the good attendance at the October 9 **Pro/Con Ballot Proposition** presentation sponsored by the League of Women Voters and our local AAUW. Besides the 11 statewide California propositions and 2 County measures – there are many candidate choices to make! I'm sure most of you who vote by mail have made your decisions and voted. Some statisticians said that in the last major election 75% of Saratoga, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno & Campbell voted by mail! We'll soon know the results.

Marlene Duffin and I thought this November program was particularly appropriate as a wrap up to the election cycle. On Saturday, November 17, 2012, we will all have the opportunity to hear San Jose State's Dr. Larry Gerston speak on the topic **"Restoring the Luster to the Once Golden California."** We will have picked our elected officials and we can move on to hearing his ideas to solve California's problems. Dr. Gerston is an excellent speaker and teacher, and has a great sense of humor. Our Los Gatos-Saratoga branch is cosponsoring the event with Saratoga Library. Also invited to

attend are: Saratoga's Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, League of Women's Voters, and the Lions Club. This event is open to the general public — bring your friends, family, and neighbors.

The Local Scholarship fundraiser on Tuesday, October 2 featured the Mission Valley Chorus's fabulous show **"Magic to Do"** and was well attended. The Local Scholarship Committee appreciates the support for their fall fundraiser. Women attending West Valley College (who are majoring in science and math) and are transferring to four-year colleges to finish their education receive these scholarships.

Coming in April is the **English Tea** fundraiser and another opportunity to support the Local Scholarships (along with Tech Trek and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children). *Save the date for Saturday, April 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at West Valley College.*

When I tell people in other organizations about our **"Chairwoman of the Month,"** (which we developed to spread the *"presidential"* leadership among many members) they say *"What a good idea!"* Being responsible for a single month and one of several on a committee, anyone can

handle the duties needed organize the program, board meeting and *Grapevine* newsletter letter. Thankfully, our Board Leaders and Officers pitch in and help. The experience being on a **"Chairwomen of the Month"** committee is so much easier than what I remember from being our 1997-1998 AAUW branch president!

I look forward to seeing you at the November General Meeting.

– Marge Bunyard
(and Marlene Duffin, November's **Chairwomen of the Month**)

Help Poor SJ Teens

Make no mistake; teenagers live a life of extreme poverty in downtown San Jose! Service Agencies estimate that 400 to 450 local homeless teenagers and street kids couch surf or live in shrubbery, under bridges, and in makeshift shelters. Families with teens are in trouble too. For economic reasons two or three families share a house or apartment, taking turns with a single bath and kitchen. These teens, our neighbors, fall way below the poverty level, even though most do have small jobs. Help **Gifts for Teens** make their holidays brighter and add a holiday sparkle of hope.

How to help? ONE: Your financial gift will buy warm sweatshirts for the winter. Contribute to Gifts for Teens, ISPF-AAUW, mailed to 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, Ca 95125.

TWO: Volunteer to organize donated gifts and pack gift duffel bags from December 5 – 13. Schedule both a date for morning or afternoon shift with kathy@gifts4teens.org. We would love your help. The work is a feel a good, fun activity.

–Elaine Benoit



Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

December's Chairwomen Committee –

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Barbara Oggerino	oggerinobarb@aol.com ;	408-354-5394

The Merger of InnVision and the Shelter Network has Secured the Future of the Georgia Travis Center (GTC)

Due to loss in the number of drop-in clients coming to access services at the Georgia Travis Center (GTC) – the future of GTC was uncertain but with the merging of InnVision and Shelter Network the GTC is the only multi-service center serving only women in Santa Clara Valley. Commercial Street Inn shelters both single women and women with children. When a woman has obtained employment, she can move across the street into The Villa.

We are hoping that The Family Place, (the child care center at GTC) will be opened by January 2013. The merger of InnVision with the Shelter Network has brought about other changes — two new Directors at the Georgia Travis Center, and the Commercial Street Inn and The Villa. Jill Dawson, will be the new Program Director of Georgia Travis Center and Debra Chavez will be the new Director of The Villa and Commercial Street Inn. The annual *Mercury News Wish Book* has accepted a story from the Commercial Street Inn on behalf of a

client with three children, ages 3 months, two- and five-years. Right now The Family Place (childcare center at GTC) is not open, so the mother is caring for the children herself. The father was involved with the family, but is not working full time. The article in the *Mercury News* will ask for \$24,000 to help open The Family Place (the childcare center) by the first of the year.

When it is up and running the childcare center at GTC will serve 25 children, ages 2-5 years old. Studies have shown that children as young as two are traumatized by being homeless. The Shelter Network has a program to have case workers for these children.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Towels and toiletries are needed for clients who come to shower at the facility. There is an on going need for deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Remember to continue to save those toiletries items from your travels. Donations can be dropped off with Pat Khan (408) 741-1616. The

Georgia Travis Center takes donations between 12:30 to 3:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

ENGLISH TEA FUNDRAISER: Charlene Bunger and Virginia Turner are chairing the ISPF Fundraising Committee (representing Local Scholarships, the Homeless Committee, and Tech Trek). **The English Tea and Silent Auction** is being revived and will be on Saturday, April 27 at West Valley College. The committee met again in October to work out how the money raised will be divided between the three ISPF groups: Local Scholarships, Tech Trek and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children.

A very popular feature at the **English Teas and Silent Auction** has been the jewelry table. So please donate those lovely (but often little worn) pieces of jewelry and ask your neighbors and your friends to donate also. We also need other items for the silent auction.

Call JoAn Lambert if you have any **“Questions?”** about donations at (408) 867-6237. Donations of both jewelry and other items for the silent auction can be left at JoAn Lambert’s home: 14030 Elvira St., Saratoga.

DONATIONS FOR GTC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY: The Homeless Committee will again have their annual holiday party for the women at Commercial Street Inn.

We are seeking donations of adult-sized hats, scarves, sweatshirts, sweaters, socks (not plain white) vests, fleece throws, umbrellas, back packs, totes, cosmetics, and lotions. *Gifts do not need to be wrapped.* Call Marlene Lamb at (408) 356-8441 for information about making donations to support the Homeless Committee’s holiday party or for helping the committee. – Marlene Lamb, chair Committee on Homeless Women and Children



Save the Date! for the January 2013 Author’s Luncheon

Wednesday, January 25, 2013
at the La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

This year we feature two local authors and a local illustrator. Look for the flyer in both the December and January *Grapevine*!



Attend English Tea and Silent Auction in April and ... Support Fundraising for Tech Trek, Local Scholarships and Homeless Committee

For many years our AAUW branch has held fundraising events such as *Games Party* for Tech Trek, this October's *Mission Valley Chorus* performance for Local Scholarships, and the *Garden Party* for the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. We've worked hard on these events but feel that the time has come for a new approach.

We believe that by holding just one "big" event to raise money for all our local projects (*that benefit local women and girls*) the work will be shared and more support from the branch and community can be generated for these programs. We're very excited to be combining our efforts.

April 2013 ISPF Fundraiser: This year we are reviving the **English Tea & Silent Auction**. Save the date on Saturday, April 27, 2013, 2:00 to

4:00 pm, (*the Silent Auction opens at 1:00 pm*) – you won't want to miss it!

October Appeal: Along with this special event, we are sending our members one letter asking for financial support. Many thanks to Louise Quenon for her work on the appeal letter which you should have received mid-October.

Your contribution stays right here in our local community, and you can even meet the women and girls who benefit from our projects. Our Tech Trek campers spoke at the September General Meeting and will again at the April Potluck, and our Local Scholarship recipients will be introduced at the April Potluck lunch. We'll be able to hear representatives from the Committee for Homeless Women and Children at the **English Tea** on April 27, 2013. All our recipients tell us that

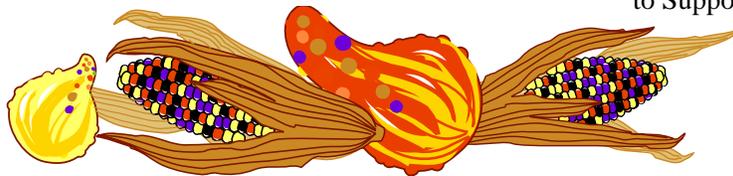
our support has made a difference in their lives.

You can specify how your contribution should be allocated among our three local projects. Of course donations are tax-deductible and can be made at any time. If you have already contributed, we thank you sincerely. Every donation helps.

The Committee to Support Local Women and Girls – our fundraising committee now has a name. We meet once a month and would welcome new members. Together we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls in our community.

If you have any suggestions or questions, or if you would like to join our committee, call Co-chairs, Virginia Turner, (408) 866-4234; or Charlene Bunger, (408) 440-0063.

–Virginia Turner, Co-chair Committee to Support Local Women and Girls



A Magical Evening Raises Money for Local Scholarships

There really was "Magic to Do" as the Mission Valley Chorus presented its program for the upcoming international Sweet Adelines competition. The music included Broadway and movie show tunes, current popular hits and some older numbers. In sparkling pink dresses and glittering jewelry, the Chorus looked and sounded like they're ready to claim the international title in Denver. Several quartets and even a double quartet added to the evening's enjoyment. Many, many thanks to Angela Suraci, director of the Chorus, and to all its talented members for a memorable evening.

A special note of thanks to Linda King, a member of the Chorus and of AAUW, who coordinated everything with the Chorus with dedication and enthusiasm. She also brought the beautiful table decorations which added to the magical environment.

Our Committee was terrific (as always) with delicious treats, registration support, and general help in setting up

and cleaning up. Kudos to Margaret Bard, Donette Dake, Lavonne Marafino, and Sumi Tanabe. I appreciate all your help and support.

With college costs increasing and funding hard to find, we will be able to offer scholarships of \$1,000 each to women who are transferring from West Valley College to a four-year institution to complete their degrees in a math or science related field. Our generous donors and guests deserve a round of applause for helping to make that funding possible.

Our committee will be reviewing the scholarship applications in the spring and will introduce our winners at the EF Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, April 13. We encourage you to come and meet them; they are always a very inspiring group of women. If you would like to join the committee, call me at (408) 866-4234 or email vturner@sbcglobal.net

–Virginia Turner

Brush Up Your Foreign Policy Understanding

Sign Up by the November 20, 2012 Deadline!

Sign Up to Reserve Your Space

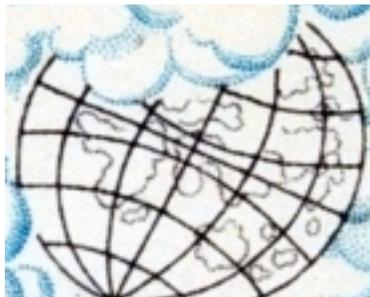
Early signups are encouraged. Even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 7, 2013, **the sign up deadline is November 30, 2012**. That deadline is necessary to get the new program workbooks and DVDs from the FPA. The registration fee is \$27.50 per individual and \$37.50 for couples who share a workbook. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. Please indicate on your check in which group (Group One or Two) you wish to participate

Study Sessions

As in prior years, two separate groups will be formed. Both groups will hold their first study session on February 7, 2013. Groups One and Two will meet as follows:

- **Group One:** Will meet in the SASCC Oak and Magnolia modular classrooms from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month.

For Group One participants only, there will be an organizing meeting on January 31, 2013, at 1:00 pm in the SASCC classroom to distribute course materials and identify volunteers



to serve as individual topic leaders. Those interested in leading a particular topic (*See listing below for dates and topics*) are urged to contact Anne or Al Stewart at (408) 358-3177 quickly. Two leaders will be required for each topic to facilitate breaking into subgroups to enable greater individual participation in group discussions. Anne and Al Stewart are group leaders for Group One (they also serve as Program Leaders).

Schedule of Group One Study Sessions & Topics:

February 7–Future of the Euro; February 21–Egypt; March 7–NATO; March 21–Myanmar and Southeast Asia; April 4–Humanitarian Intervention; April 18–Iran; May 2–China in Africa; and, May 16–Threat Assessment.

- **Group Two:** Will meet weekly on eight consecutive Thursdays beginning on February 7, 2013 at the SRC from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Rosalie Price is the group leader for Group Two (she also serves as the Program Coordinator).

Brief Overview of 2013's Eight Topics

Future of the euro by Erik Jones

How did the 2008 global recession contribute to the development of the euro crisis? The health of the euro affects and is affected by the state of the global economy. How can European Union leaders prevent the collapse of the common currency?

Egypt by Bruce Rutherford

The popular revolution that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in 2011 ushered in the promise of radical change. Two years later, what is the state of Egyptian democracy? How will the military and the civilian government balance power?

NATO by Mark Webber

How has NATO's agenda evolved since its inception during the cold war? With its military commitment in Afghanistan winding down and a recent successful campaign in Libya, what are the Alliance's present-day security challenges?

Myanmar and Southeast Asia by Barbara Crossette

The West has welcomed unprecedented democratic reforms made by Myanmar's government. What challenges must Myanmar overcome before it can fully join the international community? What role can it play in Southeast Asia?

Intervention by Thomas Weiss

The "responsibility to protect" doctrine has become central to modern humanitarian intervention. When should the international community intervene? Why did the West rush to intervene in Libya but not Syria?

Iran by John Limbert

Suspicion and a troubled history have blighted U.S.-Iranian relations for three decades. How can the United States and Iran move forward? Is the existence of Iran's nuclear program an insurmountable obstacle?

China in Africa by David Shinn

What interests govern China's engagement in Africa? Should China's growing emphasis on political ties and natural resource extraction inform U.S. relations with African nations?

Threat assessment by Gregory Treverton

How can the United States address the challenges of a weak economy, homegrown terrorism and nuclear proliferation? What threats and opportunities are presented by the ascendancy of China and by regime change in the Middle East?

Travel “Armchair” Adventures Spring 2013!

First Friday of Month at 7:30 pm, the Terrace of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd.

- January 4, 2013** **Journey to Historic Turkey** – presented by photographer Gary Marcos. Gary and his wife visited Turkey a year ago and came home impressed with the historical significance of the country. Visit Istanbul, the energetic capital of Turkey where the European continent meets the Asiatic continent. Then on to Ephesus, an ancient Greek city, and to Pamukkale with its brilliant white hot springs. Journey on to Canakkale, the ancient city of Troy, and lastly visit Cappadocia with its “fairy chimneys” and entire cities carved into stone cliffs.
- February 1, 2013** **The Antarctic: Its Wild Life & Landscape** – presented by photographer, Larry Rossier, who with his wife, took a three-week Lindblad expedition to this unique land in 2011. They started in Ushuaia, Argentina and sailed to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic mainland. Larry will focus on the wild life and landscape including lots of penguins and birds. This is your chance to get your penguin fix!
- March 1, 2013** **Interesting Views of Eastern Europe** – presented by photographer, Jeff Katz. Join Jeff and wife, Rudi, as they recently traveled through the Ukraine, the Baltic States and Russia. See golden onion-domed churches, art nouveau apartments, baroque public buildings, medieval castles, renaissance palaces and much, much more.
- April 5, 2013** **Eastern Australia** – presented by intrepid traveler Pat Khan. Join Pat as she and AAUW member, Karen Fillmore journeyed through Eastern Australia, visiting major cities including Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. Then going west, they take a not-to-be-missed trip to Alice Springs and Ayres Rock. Then see the inland chocolate kangaroos and visit an island off the coast where live the smallest penguins in the world—the 6” tall Little Blue Penguins!
- May 3, 2013** **East Africa!** – presented by biologist and eco-safari leader Doug Cheeseman. With his images, Doug will explore wild life behavior of the East African mammals and birds. We will see the dynamic interaction between mammals and birds and learn about their perdition and adaptations for survival. A not-to-be-missed program!

Join the “Sights and Sounds” Interest Group Attend Fun & Interesting Events!

Sights and Sounds is a fun and interesting group of people who explore a variety of entertaining and educational experiences (*often with excellent meals*) throughout the greater Bay Area. We meet every other month from September through June. **Join Us!**

We have participated in some great experiences through **Sights and Sounds**. Highlights of some of these fabulous past events enjoyed are shared below.

1. A special tour of **Club Auto Sport** with amazing automobiles and a delicious formal dinner, including wine and a concert by the fabulous Italian Tenor, Pasquale! This

was a very memorable night!

2. Watching the annual **4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza** display at the San Jose Giants Stadium. We viewed from reserved tables at the San Jose Historical Society grounds, enjoying a shared BBQ and wine dinner. We had preferred, no-hassle parking.
3. A private tour of the **Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing**, with a fantastic lunch at Phil’s Fish Market in Moss Landing. Elkhorn Slough is one of the last coastal wetlands in California and is one of only 17 estuarial reserves in the US.
4. A private tour of **the Monterey Bay**

National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center at Santa Cruz, with a delicious and scenic sea-view lunch at the Crow’s Nest in Santa Cruz, CA. The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center is part of an ongoing development effort to make Santa Cruz a major eco-learning destination known for its support of ocean conservation

You are invited to become a member of the **Sights and Sounds** interest group. Please call Gladys Bernyk at (408) 440-1080 for more information and details about planned events.

Chair, Lydia Norcia; (408) 358-8556 or lydia.norcia@cbnorcal.com
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS.

Come to the Holiday Party – Sunday, December 16

November 2012 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures**, 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *Cuba 2012: Tourist Visit to a Communist Country*: Marlene Duffin’s trip from Saratoga to Sister City in Cuba. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, (408) 867-2445. **Open to the general public.**
- 5 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 6 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish**, 1:30-3:00 pm at 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. **Come and practice your Spanish!**
- 8 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks, PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE IN SCHEDULE!** We will hike at the University of California at Santa Cruz and visit the arboretum (bromeliads are a specialty). Explore the campus and hike the upper forest trail. Theresa Yuen, the campus resident architect for many years, will lead the five mile hike. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Park & Ride behind Starbucks. Questions? Call Theresa Yuen, (408) 356-3015; Jane, (408) 356-7796.
- 13 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **All are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children.**
- 14 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, at 11:30 am at Effie’s Coffee Shop, 331 Hacienda Avenue, in Campbell. For RSVP to Chair: Roberta London, (408) 741-7645; Co-chair: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397. **Members and guests welcome.**
- 16 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Geri Williams, 4630 Corrida Circle, San Jose. RSVP to Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625. **Come and share your latest great read!**
- 17 Saturday **General Meeting**, 2:30-4:30 pm at the Saratoga Library in the Community Room. Larry Gerston, Professor of Political Science at SJSU will speak on *Restoring the Luster to the Once Golden State*. Come and hear this interesting discussion about the future of California. *See front page for details.*
- 20 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm. Book: *The White Lioness*, by Henning Mankell. Reviewer: Marlene Lamb. At the Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. RSVP: Licia Thomson, (408) 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 356-8441.
- 23 Friday **Back-by-Noon – Hike**, Friday after Thanksgiving. 9:00 am. Join with the Friday walkers to work off the turkey! Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga way out front of CVS Drugs; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Call Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All walkers are welcome!**
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- 27 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30 – 3:00 pm at the home of Marlene Lamb 105 Arroyo Grande Way, Los Gatos, (408) 497-1555. Please RSVP to Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

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Every Vote Counts!

AAUW is supporting a voter drive for the November 6 Presidential Election.

Please vote!

New Members

Please add to your directory:

Gayle Muehring (new member)

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 tel. 925-943-2638; C 925-487-9046
 200 Winchester Cir, A-227
 Los Gatos, CA 95032

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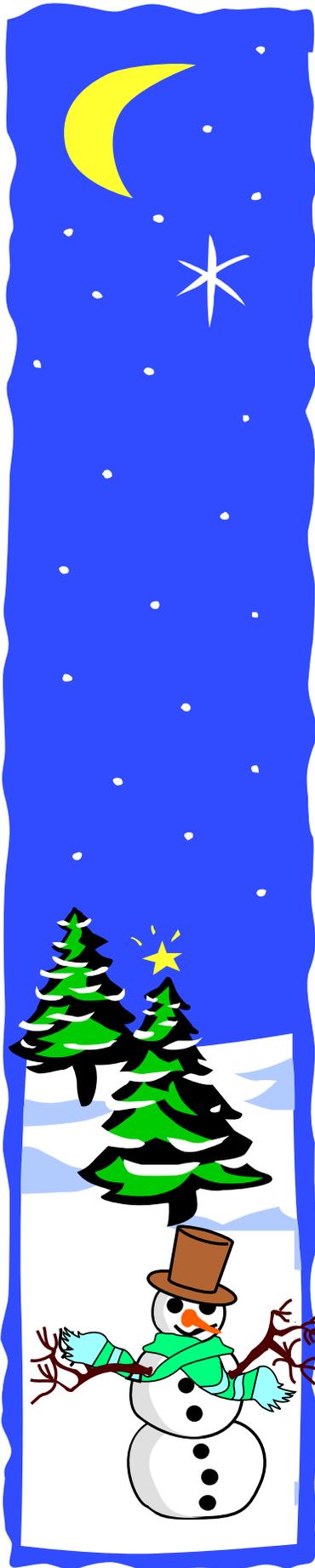
A Special Thanks to Bob Louden – our new Calendar Editor!

A few key people help to produce the *Grapevine* newsletter. Joyce Sogg is a great at proof reading the submissions. Blenda Mariani, who has been Calendar Editor for the last 2 years, is moving on as Co-chair of Tech Trek. Thank you, Blenda.

Bob Louden, Anne's husband, has generously volunteered to be the new Calendar Editor.

Please send your submissions for the *Grapevine* Calendar to Bob Louden at boblouden@aol.com or (408) 741-1100





Come One! Come All!

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Holiday Gala, 2012