

November 2014 General Meeting

Early California through the Eyes of Women



Monday, November 10, 2014

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Community Room, Saratoga Library (located at 13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga)

Speaker: Dr. Rose Marie Beebe is a professor in the Modern Languages Department of Santa Clara University and has translated several works written in Spanish from early California history.

Hear the first-person accounts of 13 women who describe in great detail what it was like to live and survive on the California frontier in the early nineteenth century. One was a seven-year-old girl who traveled by ship to California; another was a young widow who participated in what could be considered a “*Californio Cook-off*”; a third California woman had her wedding ceremony brought to a screeching halt.

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For additional information, please contact Virginia Turner – (408) 866-4234 vturner@sbcglobal.net
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Coming Next Month . . .

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Annual Holiday Party 2014!

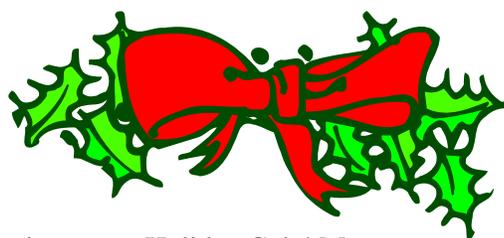
When: Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga –
cross street Saratoga and Scotland Avenues

Join Us! 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 white or sparkling 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.

New Members are especially invited!





Letter from the President



Our October 8 meeting drew an overflow crowd at Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC) to hear **Terry Zaccone** from the League of Women Voters present the Pros and Cons of the State-wide Ballot Initiatives. Many people brought their voter information guide and paid close attention to the arguments both for and against each of the initiatives. My sincere thanks to the staff at SRC for all their work "behind the scenes" which made this event possible.

Everywhere you go this month you see signs and posters for all kinds of candidates: Statewide officers, state and national representatives, city council members, school board members and judges, all asking that you vote for them to become a leader in that particular jurisdiction. The airwaves are full of ads for or against a particular candidate, and every newspaper writes editorials to support or oppose the candidates. It's a tough fight and a lot of work for those who chose to run for office, and it makes you wonder why these people go to so much effort to win the position.

It seems to me that these people are genuinely interested in helping make that agency better, more responsive, more accountable, more relevant to the people who live and work there. They have valuable ideas and experiences which help build and strengthen our communities.

So, too, with our AAUW branch. We need people who are interested in helping make the branch better, more responsive, more accountable and more relevant to our members, both existing and

potential. Are you one of those people? Do you have some ideas which you would like to see enacted? Are you willing to take on a leadership role on the Board? Are you willing to serve on a committee?

Volunteer to be a branch leader!
Our branch needs YOU!

Our Nominating Committee will be forming in November and would welcome your help. Please call me or email me and say that you'd like to help with the committee or that you would like to know more about a particular position on the board. Take the initiative: Don't wait for someone to ask you.

This is one of the opportunities our branch has to offer you!

Virginia Turner, President

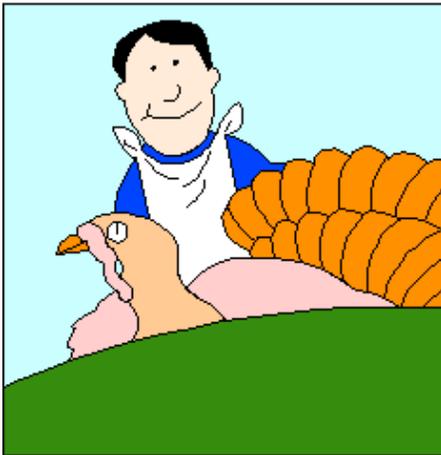
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(Pictured above) Terry Zaccone, League of Women Voters, presented the Pros and Cons of Statewide Ballot Initiatives with branch president, Virginia Turner.



(Pictured above) Full house for the presentation of the Pros and Cons of Statewide Ballot Initiatives at the Saratoga Retirement Center.



Ask Someone You Know to Join Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW!

New members say that they didn't join AAUW sooner because no one asked them. Think about your friends, co-workers, neighbors or family. **Who can you ask?**

Membership is open to anyone with at least an associate or equivalent degree. There is no limit on the number of FREE memberships a member can give to recent college graduates.

Membership forms are posted on our branch website at www.aauw-lgs.org on the membership page or you can ask Gail Pedersen, (408) 377-6895, to mail the latest *Grapevine* newsletter and a new member packet to any prospective members.



"The breeze, the trees, the honey bees – All volunteers!"
–Juliet Carinreap

Make the Holidays Merry! Can You Help the Women at the Commercial Street Inn?

This is an especially busy time of year for the **Committee on Homeless Women and Children**. The Committee kicks off our "holiday helping" by providing Thanksgiving dinner at the **Commercial Street Inn** (CSI) on Thursday, November 20, 2014. **We can always use more help.**

The Committee will celebrate the December Holidays with the women at **Commercial Street Inn** (CSI) by preparing dinner and giving the women gifts. Homeless women are forgotten at the holidays, so for many years we have given the women gifts. The women are so appreciative (*often this is the only gifts they have gotten for many years*).

If you would like to help, you can donate gifts or money to the Committee. Items needed are clothing, (*including very large sizes, 1x, 2x and 3x*), such as sweatshirts

and sweatpants, jackets and coats. Other useful items are hats, gloves, warm socks (not white), scarves, purses and nice tote bags. The women like makeup, perfume, jewelry, or any other item you want to give. If you are not sure what to buy, money donations are helpful. That way we can buy items needed and in the right sizes.

Please leave gifts unwrapped so we can mark sizes and put several items together as one gifts.

Deadline for donations: We need items by Monday, December 8, 2014. Contact Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616 or patannekhan@gmail.com

If you wants to help, we need it! (1) Wrapping the gifts on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 with the Committee. (*More information about the Wrapping Party in the next Grapevine.*) (2) The day of the holiday party on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at CSI.

–Pat Khan,

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Notes from Board Meeting

From the October 6, 2014 Board Meeting

- **Save the Date:** Authors' Luncheon is now set for Jan 21, 2015.
- **Committee on Homeless Women & Children** with the holidays coming are looking for gift materials – jewelry, makeup, warm clothes, etc. – unwrapped. Suggestion was made that when shopping let the store know that purchases are for homeless support and hopefully you will get a substantial discount.
- **Membership recruitment brochure** from the Association is available. Pick up and give to friends.

Check out our website www.aauw-lgs.org let us know what you think.

Letters from July 2013 Tech Trek Campers – Part 2

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for sending me to this year's Tech Trek at Stanford. It's been an unimaginable experience – and I ought to tell why this week has been such an eye-opener for me.

Wednesday night was Professional Women's night – the **Pixar** lady, a pediatrician, an astronomer – their schooling and profession lives were open to questions and it was suddenly like they were old family friends we could admire.

Today, we went behind-the-scenes at NASA. Serious behind-the-scenes, behind the "**Visitor Center**", and in the NASA people's workplace, where they take only "*congressmen, presidents of countries, and executives of Google.*" But we got their point – NASA is a possible place to work and help discover in science and tech and almost everything – except "*ballerinas and bowling*", as they say.

But to a 13-year-old, it has been an explosive package of new roads that has landed on my doorstep. I saw how SMART people can be. I have a new purpose of what to do with "*smart*".

So thank you so much, loving people of the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW. It's been life changing.

Your Tech Trekker, Annie Xu

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for everything. My experience at Tech Trek has been beyond amazing – I got to build and program a robot, work with forensics, and meet so many amazing people. I loved being exposed to interesting branches of science and trying new things.

When I first heard that Tech Trek was paid for through a scholarship, I really couldn't believe it. The thought that someone would care enough to donate money so girls can get a taste of college and get inspired to work in the math and science fields.

I loved visiting NASA, listening to an engineer talk about building a telescope, and staying out in the cold night looking at stars and planets millions of miles away. I was inspired by a **Pixar** women's talk about combining coding with art to make incredible movies. I study computer programming and I am interested in the film industry. I've been motivated to work harder in programming, and one day work in movies combining math, science, and art.

This week has been such an unforgettable experience, and I couldn't be more grateful for this opportunity. Thank you for supporting my dreams.

Sincerely, Patricia Wei

Save the Date for Authors' Lunch!

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Hong's Gourmet –
Fine Chinese Dining
14510 Big Basin Way
Saratoga, CA 95070

Details will be in the
December and January
Grapevine.



Challenged Yourself & Attend Great Decisions 2015

Brush Up on Your Foreign Policy Knowledge!

The registration fee is \$30 per individual and \$40 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. ***It is important for those wanting to participate in Group One to write "Group One" on their checks. (See below.)***

Everyone desiring to participate is urged to sign up soon. The sign up deadline is November 30, 2013 (even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 5, 2015).

The topics for this year's eight sessions are:

- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- India Changes Course
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Syria's Refugee Crisis
- Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
- Brazil's Metamorphosis.

As in prior years, two separate groups will be formed. The first regular session for each group will begin on February 5, 2015 and will meet as follows:

(Group 1) eight bimonthly sessions held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in SASCC's Modular Oak and Magnolia classrooms. Group 1 will be led by Al and Anne Stewart who will serve as Program leaders also.

(Group 2) weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the SRC's Barnes Hall. Group 2 will be led by Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for that group.

For questions please contact program coordinators Anne or Al Stewart at (408) 358-3177 or Rosalie Price at (408) 741-7670.



(Pictured above) Three of the Tech Trekker; (Pictured right) The audience attending the September 2014 Interest Group Showcase, showing a good turnout; (Pictured left) Working the jewelry table is, new member, Ann Suyeyasu and Kay Duffy, a longtime member and our new recording secretary.



Gifts for Teens – Giving to the Community

“Cool sweatshirt, warm, stylin, best gift”. Words from a past grateful teen recipient. Help **Gifts for Teens** provide a cozy sweatshirt to 1,275 needy teens this year.

How: DONATE. Mail your check to **ISPF-AAUW Gifts for Teens**, 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 92125.

Also: VOLUNTEER. Holiday gift bag assembly

When: December 3-11, morning or afternoon shifts or evening shift Thursday, December 4. Contact beverly@gifts4teens.org, (408) 979-9141, now.



Where: 6942 Almaden Expressway, corner of Via Valiente and Almaden Expressway

Join the fun, bring a friend, help a needy teen!

–Jan Giroux, **Gifts for Teens**
jgiroux603@aol.com



(Pictured above) Grateful and happy teen recipients of the **Gifts for Teens** tote bags last year.



Phyllis Marangoni

October 21, 1926 – September 26, 2014
 Los Gatos, California

Phyllis Ella Garver Marangoni, 87, passed away of bone marrow cancer at the Los Gatos Meadows on Friday, September 26, 2014.

Born in Hiram, Ohio, she referred to her “small town” upbringing with gratitude. Phyllis graduated from Hiram College and completed two years of graduate work at Kent State in Ohio. Phyllis was one of five children; her sole surviving sibling, Sally Flick, was with her when she died.

Phyllis was married on December 27, 1948 to Louis Dominic Marangoni. She is survived by their four children, Eugene Garver Marangoni (Frank McNamara), James Ray Marangoni (Lisa), Anne Louise Marangoni (David Simonsen) and Maura Leigh Marangoni (John Norris) and five grandchildren.

In Cleveland, she found special joy in teaching. After the birth of her first child she left teaching to become even more active in community affairs. Phyllis served as a PTA president at Lynbrook High School and as a state vice-president of the AAUW. Phyllis was the Los



Gatos-Saratoga branch president 1974-75. She volunteered with the League of Women Voters, the Saratoga Book-Go-Round and Hakone Gardens. Phyllis had a keen interest in handwriting analysis. Phyllis was a member of the Unitarian Universalists, first in Palo Alto, then in Sunnyvale and Los Gatos. She particularly enjoyed PBS, reading and playing bridge. She was a devoted Giants fan. She is remembered as having a great sense of humor, loving people and giving warm hugs.

Donations may be made to aauw.org Educational Opportunities Fund or to the St. Anthony Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102.

November 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. **Open to all members!**
- 4 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets at 1:30-3:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383 or Dander2567@aol.com Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656 Improve or maintain your Spanish conversational skills. **New members & visitors welcome.**
- 7 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). **Journey into Mongolia**, presented by Judith Bingman. *What do you think of when you think of Mongolia?* Probably the Gobi Desert. But there are also mountains, green valleys, lakes with ice in June. Men hunting with golden eagles and vultures. Photogenic yaks, horses, and of course the fascinating people. **All Welcome!**
- 10 Monday **General Meeting.** Meet 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Community Room, Saratoga Library. **Early California History Through the Eyes of Women, 1818-1848.** Speaker: Dr. Rose Marie Beebe, Spanish Department, Santa Clara University. *See the front page for details.* Co-sponsored by the Saratoga Library. **Members and guests welcome!**
- 11 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm in the home of Pat Khan (13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga). Learn about the work we do with homeless women and children. RSVP to Chair Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **All Welcome!**
- 12 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:30 pm at Mimi's Cafe (1200 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose). RSVP to Host Joanne Yates (408) 395-2950 or Chair, Linda King (408) 354-4105.
- 13 Thursday **Scenic – Hike & Walks. El Corte de Madera.** Promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, way out front of CVS. We will check out the new parking area and trail links through the redwoods Open Space on the skyline above San Mateo. Lovely views. 5 - 6 miles. Bring lunch. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 18 Tuesday **PM Book Review.** Meets at 7:30 pm in the Main Building, Saratoga Retirement Community, (14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga). Book: **The Bartender's Tale** by Ivan Doig. Reviewed by Blenda Mariani. RSVP to Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. CoChairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **Join us for a fun evening.**
- 21 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Everyone brings a book (good or bad) to share. Call Chair, Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625 for meeting location. **All reads are welcome!**
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- 25 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meets at 1:30 pm at the home of Lita Askanas, 13460 Saraview Drive, Saratoga. RSVP to Lita, (408) 867-2543. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.
- 28 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike. Friday after Thanksgiving.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am, Argonaut Center, Saratoga way out in front of CVS. Walk off some of that huge turkey dinner! Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.

December 2015

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. **Open to all members!**
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- 4 Thursday **Trail Clean-up Day + short hike & coffee or lunch.** Meet at 9:00 am. Park in Los Gatos "Free Parking – Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers are provided. Chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.



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Addition to Your Directory

New Members Not in Your Directory

Sharon Auchard

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Please send any additions, corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Louise Quenon, Database Manager, LQuenon@comcast.net

Know of a Member in Need of a Little 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 new Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-2634;
lnmarafino@att.net

