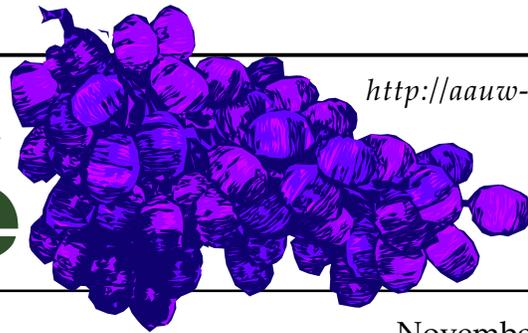


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Meet Our Elected Officials

November 2015 General Meeting



Assemblyman
Evan Low



Senator Jim Beall

Saturday, November 7, 2015

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

at the Wesley Manor (located at 1655 Winchester Blvd, Campbell – corner of Hamilton in High Rise)

Meet your elected officials. Ask questions. Hear about important issues.

State Senator Jim Beall and Assemblyman Evan Low will be among the elected officials in attendance. Other Invitees are Members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and Members of Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga City and Town Councils.

Free parking is available behind the Campbell United Methodist Church next door. (Numbered parking spaces are reserved for residents of Wesley Manor.) **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



For more information contact Eileen Barnes at barneseileen6@gmail.com.

Coming Next Month . . .

Interest Group December Holiday Parties

Wishing to attend a Holiday Party, consider one of these:

- **Tuesday, December 8:** Holiday Potluck lunch and gift wrapping for homeless women gifts. Starts at 11:00 am at Nancy Anderson's home.
- **Thursday, December 10:** Holiday Hike with annual holiday lunch. Starts at 9:00 am. Fall Creek and Hallcrest Winery (Felton) or at Kay's house if it's raining hard.
- **Friday, December 18:** Morning Book Discussion Group. 9:30 am. Holiday Celebration.

See next month's calendar for more details and additional Holiday Parties.

Events are sponsored by the LG-S AAUW interest groups listed.





Letter from the Leadership Team



LOS GATOS-SARATOGA AAUW NEEDS YOU

We have the place – Immanuel Lutheran Church in Saratoga; we have the date – Saturday, May 14, 2016; we have the menu – the fabulous cooks in our AAUW Branch; we have the guest list – AAUW members and their guests. We even have a complete schedule of tasks for the event. And we have volunteers who have said they would work on decorations, on choosing a speaker, on photography, and on event planning

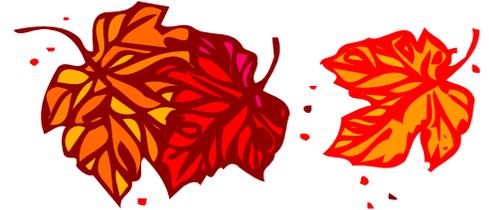
So what do we need you for? We would like to make our Branch's annual spring potluck a special celebration of Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW's 75th year of helping women and girls with educational opportunities. Everything is just about in place, but we need is an

organizer to pull this together.

Call a meeting of the already committed volunteers and the "old hands" will be there to offer suggestions and guidance. But it will be your event and you don't have to invent it from the ground up. You start with the basic structure and you and your committee round out the event. Even better, you don't even have to raise money!

If you are interested in taking on this activity or have questions about what you will need to do, contact Past President Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234 or vturner@sbcglobal.net.

Let's send our AAUW Branch to its next 75 years off in style.



"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

–Winston Churchill

"No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers."

–Ronald Reagan

Meet the Branch Leadership Team

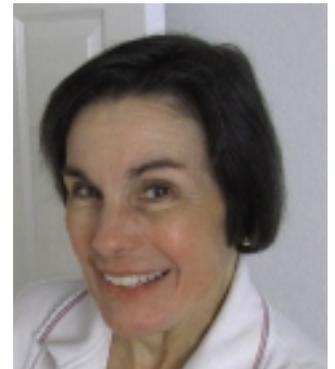
Virginia Turner, membership vice president, was born and raised in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area; in her senior year of high school her family moved to San Carlos, CA. She earned her BA in history from Santa Clara and her MBA in international business from St. Mary's College of Moraga. Her career has included many different aspects of financial communications including budget analyst, credit manager, investor relations officer and professional fundraiser. She has been in the same investment club for more than 27 years and enjoys following the stock market.

Her mother Eleanor Heinen was an AAUW member and Virginia first joined AAUW in the Citrus Heights (Sacramento area) branch, then the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (East Bay) branch and now the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch. She has held many branch positions through the years including recording secretary, treasurer, program vice president, AAUW Funds vice president, newsletter editor, college/university relations, Local Scholarship Committee chair, and president in both the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branch and the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch. She knows that

joining an AAUW branch is an excellent way to meet interesting women in a social setting, as well as furthering the mission of AAUW, and she particularly enjoys playing bridge.

One of the most memorable opportunities for Virginia was spending her junior year of college studying in Rome, Italy, which allowed her to travel throughout Europe and as far west as Morocco. She and her husband organized a family holiday celebration this past December in Rome with all four of their sons, three daughters-in-law and their six grandchildren – truly an amazing experience.

Among her hobbies Virginia enjoys playing the piano and singing in the church choir, working jigsaw puzzles and word puzzles, and traveling, of course.



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW: The 1950s

We were involved in a bond election to build a local high school in Saratoga and gave an “*excitingly different*” card party to raise funds for the Fellowship Fund. A Current Interests group formed with programs concerning India, France, Siam and Conservation. A Samplers Group was started to acquaint new members with the Branch’s many activities.

The branch sponsored a summer demonstration school for nursery and kindergarten teachers and parents’ observation of four and five year olds under the guidance of **Betty Peck**. This became the Easterbrook Farm School. In 1953 the Branch presented a Forum on Mental Health in the county to learn the accomplishments and problems of the Mental Health Agencies.

The AAUW Interbranch Council began with presidents and social studies chairs from San Jose, Palo Alto, Los Gatos-Saratoga and Santa Clara branches. AAUW and the Santa Clara County Supervisors presented a public workshop on Jail and Juvenile Home Problems of Santa Clara County at San Jose State College.

Lockheed moved into the valley and our membership grew to 209. AAUW was dubbed the Lockheed Wives Club. International Relations topics concerned Penang, Japan under democracy, and the social economic, and political aspects of Iran, Israel and Scandinavia. A choral group, known as the AAUW Singers, was formed under the direction of **Elizabeth Elbon**.

Gwen Penniman gets the credit for starting several language sections –



Spanish, Italian, French, Japanese and German — in the local schools for children, starting them in her own home and branching out into other members’ homes later.

As a fundraiser for Fellowships, we held a “Meet the Authors” tea, chaired by **Nancy Hobbs**, at the Saratoga Foothill Club in 1958. Other fundraisers included an Oriental theme fashion show luncheon and a “Meet the Architect” tea at Montalvo.

Under president **Louise Cooper**, a committee was formed to screen and recommend members for public offices. **Louise Easterbrook** became a member of the Los Gatos Union High School Board of Trustees.

The Social Service Group, under the chairmanship of **Margaret Whalen**, adopted a ward at Agnew State Hospital and provided monthly, Christmas and July Fourth parties, semi-annual programs by the AAUW Singers, and a volunteer teaching program. The Play Reading Group, chaired by **Dr. Ruth Rogers**, read a play every month, and we listened to programs on estate planning and on the gifted child.

Memories of the 1950’s

- California population in 1950 – 10.6 million
- Queen Elizabeth II ascends the Throne
- Polio vaccine
- Alaska and Hawaii statehood
- New York Giants move to San Francisco
- Disneyland opens
- Family-style loaf of bread – 12 cents
- T-bone steak – 59 cents per pound
- 17” black and white TV – \$180
- Gallon of gas —18 cents
- Men’s all-wool suit – \$28.90

Popular Culture

- Best-selling books: *The Old Man and the Sea*; *The Power of Positive Thinking*; *Lord of the Rings (trilogy)*; *The Catcher in the Rye*; *Lolita*
- Oscar-winning movies: “From Here to Eternity”; “On the Waterfront”; “Around the World in 80 Days”; “Bridge on the River Kwai”; “Ben-Hur”; “Gigi”
- On Broadway: “The Teahouse of the August Moon”; “Long Day’s Journey into Night”; “Sunrise at Campobello”
- Popular television shows: The Red Skelton Show; I Love Lucy; Gunsmoke; Maverick
- Popular songs: “Volare”; “Mack the Knife”

See next month’s December 2015 *Grapevine* for the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch in the 1960s.



Celebrate Roe v. Wade

January 22, 2016, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE – The Los Altos-Mountain View Branch of AAUW is busy planning its annual celebration of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, which made legal a woman's right to choose an abortion.

If you haven't attended one of these celebrations put on by our local sister branch, you're in for a treat. The speakers are inspiring; the company is great; the energy is high; the cause compelling.

This year, the focus of the event will be support of Planned Parenthood. Put this date on your calendar; additional details will be in next month's December 2015 Grapevine.

If you have any questions, contact Joyce Sogg at (408) 354-5122 or joycelawyer@verizon.net.

Try Something New This Month

– Read one of the *PM Books* (see page 6); Join one of the *Interest Groups* you have never attended (see *Calendar on page 7*); attend our Nov General Meeting – *Meet Our Elected Officials* (see front page for details).

Two Simple Ways to Recruit New AAUW Members

The first idea is one you're already familiar with: **Word of mouth.** Our current members are the best way to recruit new members because they already know about AAUW and are interested in our mission.

- Be prepared with a brief description of what AAUW is and what AAUW does. Memorize the mission statement – it's only 13 words long: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."
- Invite your friends and acquaintances to join you at a **general meeting** which is open to the public.
- Encourage them to come to one of the **interest sections** they might enjoy. Anyone who is interested in joining our branch is welcome to attend a meeting of any interest group before they join — a "free sample" before they make their decision. Check the calendar in the *Grapevine* for details of interest group

meetings each month and let the coordinator know you are bringing a guest.

- Ask them to sit with you at either of our **fundraisers**, the Authors' Lunch on January 19 which benefits AAUW Funds and the English Tea on April 16 which benefits our Committee on Homeless Women and our Local Scholarships.

The second idea may be something you are not familiar with: **Give a Grad a Gift.** Any AAUW member can give recent college graduates a FREE, one-year AAUW National and State membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. You can give as many gifts as you like! Would this be appropriate for a member of your family or for a neighbor?

For membership forms and more information, contact Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234 or by email at vturner@sbcglobal.net or visit our branch website www.aauw-lgs.org.

–Virginia Turner, Membership Chair

A Message from Chair Nancy Anderson

AAUW Homeless Committee is Hard at Work!

There are lots of activities going on now and we have plans for the future. Here are a few things which we are working on and which other AAUW members can support:

1. The AAUW Homeless Committee urges you to join us at the one year anniversary celebration of the **Women's Gathering Place**. The celebration will be on Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 49 N. 4th Street, San Jose. One year ago a safe place for women to go during the day was just a dream; now we offer such a place two afternoons a week. That is the Miracle on 4th Street. Two afternoons a week the women have a safe place to go, to share a warm meal in a safe, nurturing environment. There are crafts, lectures, and performances. There is a very popular Clothes

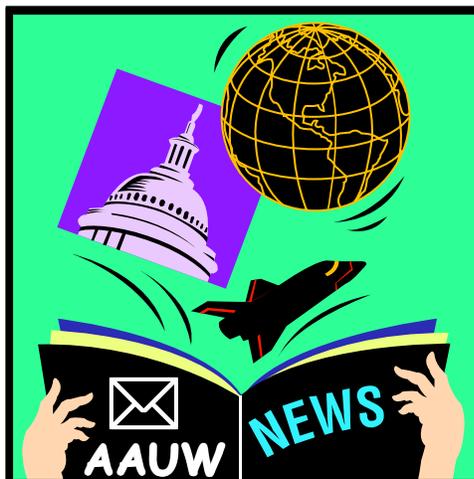
Closet, a washer and dryer, and soon a shower. For more information, to organize a car pool, or to get directions contact Joyce Sogg at joycelawyer@verizon.net or (408) 354-5122.

2. **Drop off used clothing** to Nancy Anderson at 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. You may leave items on the porch. We can also use towels, as the shower at Women's Gathering Place will soon be installed.
3. We put on a fabulous **December holiday party** with a wonderful dinner and many gifts for the women at the shelter. And always a special treat- a box of See's chocolates. We would appreciate donations of gifts- we try to have at least 3 for each woman. Some suggestions: Colorful socks, hats, and gloves. Hoodies, vests, and sweaters (large sizes appreciated), but not blue or red, as

HELP THE HOMELESS

these are gang colors and sometimes cause trouble. Lotions and cosmetics. You may drop these items off at Nancy's home at 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga.

4. We are still preparing and serving lunch at the **Women's Gathering Place** the last Wednesday of each month. This is a simple and very gratifying way to become involved. Contact Joyce Sogg joycelawyer@verizon.net or (408) 354-5122.



Still Time to Stay Informed Sign up for Public Policy Newsletter

Ladies, this is a no-brainer! Give me your email, and I will send you the occasional AAUW Public Policy update!

No meetings, just good information to stay informed. Send your email to: lhagelin1@gmail.com

Know what is going on that affects women and girls!

-Linda Hagelin, Public Policy Chair

Local Community Businesses Give Financial Boost to Gift for Teens

Gifts for Teens would like to recognize and thank the following businesses for their cash and item donations and volunteer help.



- Hitachi Data Systems donated a generous \$3700 grant to GFT for the purchase of warm, cozy sweatshirts. A team of local HDS employees will help assemble gift bags this December.
- SanDisk donated 850 USB drives for the teenagers' use in storing schoolwork, personal information, job resume, etc. A very popular useful and portable item for the kids.
- Meriwest Credit Union employees donated over \$500 to raise money for bag contents and will send an enthusiastic team to fill bags in December.
- Almaden Valley Singles Club donated \$1100 to buy apparel and fill bags with warm clothes the kids love.
- Whole Foods, Blossom Hill Market has chosen to feature and raise funds for GFT through their Nickels For Non-Profits Program. From October 1st through January 17, 2016, five cents will be donated to GFT for every grocery bag brought in by customers.
- New assembly site: the Scottish Rite Center Address: 2455 Masonic Drive, San Jose 95125. Location: centrally located just off Hwy. 87, one block from Curtner and Canoas Garden Dr.

Bag assembly dates are during the first 2 weeks of December. Contact cheryl@gifts4teens.org to volunteer.

- Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens

The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

November's Book

Book: "Crossing to Safety"

Author: Wallace Stegner

Reviewer: Pauline Berkowitz



Wallace Stegner

December 15, 2015

Holiday Party, bring a poem, or story to share

Place: see next month's calendar

January's Book

Book: "The Girl on the Train"

Author: Paula Hawkins

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb



Paula Hawkins

Author's Luncheon 2016

SAVE THE DATE - Plans for the annual Authors' Luncheon are being finalized! **Tuesday, January 23, 2014 - at the California Café in Old Town Los Gatos.** See next month's Grapevine for more information.

AAUW Funds Fundraiser. | **Reservations are required.**

If you can help, please let me know! Thank you!

-Judy Borlase (408) 358-2262 | judith@borlase.com



November 2015 AAUW Calendar

- 2 **Monday** **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (*time change*) in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station (*corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd.*)
- 3 **Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:00-2:30 pm (*new time*) at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga). RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Spanish Speakers Welcome!**
- 6 **Friday** **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos) **Program: Burning Man** (*began in San Francisco in 1986*). Gary Marcus explains about this week-long annual event that has migrated to the Black Rock Desert in northern Nevada. Held the last Monday in August and described as an experiment in community, art, radical self-expression, and radical self-reliance. Focus is on the art, self-discovery, education, and theater at the festival. Chair: JoAn Lambert (408) 867-6237. **Open to the Public.**
- 7 **Saturday** **General Meeting – "Meet Our Elected Officials."** Meets 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Wesley Manor (1655 Winchester Blvd. Campbell). This is an opportunity to meet, question, and socialize with some of our local elected officials, including Assembly Member Evan Low and State Senator Jim Beall. Co-sponsored with LWV. *See front page for details.* Contact Eileen Barnes at barneseileen6@gmail.com for questions or further information.
- 10 **Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **All are Welcome!**
- 11 **Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **Aldo's Ristorante** (14109 Winchester Blvd., Los Gatos). Easy parking. RSVP: Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950.
- 12 **Thursday** **Scenic – Hikes and Walks.** Hike the **Sunol Regional Park** – a favorite park just over the East hills off 680 in a lovely valley. Hike 5 - 7 miles up and down beautiful grassy hills with wonderful views. Picnic with the cows at the old barn at the top of the hill. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **Seeking New Hikers!**
- 17 **Tuesday** **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga). **Book: "Crossing to Safety"** by Wallace Stegner. Reviewed by Pauline Berkowitz. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 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 or details, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **New Participants Welcome!**
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- 24 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** 12:00 noon (*note time change*) **Bell Tower Bistro**, (20490 Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd, Saratoga). RSVP: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.
- 27 **Friday** **Back-by-Noon Hike.** (*New Day this Month Only*) Walk off some of that huge turkey dinner. 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!**

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- 3 **Thursday** **Trail Clean-Up for Hikes and Walks** on AAUW adopted trail + back by noon hike + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly 9:00 am at Los Gatos "Free Parking – Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
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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 Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-1964; lnmarafino@att.net

