

October 2013 General Meeting

Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success



Saturday, October 12, 2013
from 10:00 am – 12 :00 noon
at the Campus Center, West Valley College

Topic: AAUW research report **“Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success”**

Speaker: Andresse St. Rose, Ed.D., senior researcher

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Discussion of **“Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success”**, this important AAUW research report, which presents an overview of community college students today, their goals and their realities. The report is a call to action to improve services on individual campuses to ensure that women at community colleges can access, pursue and achieve the educational and economic opportunities of the 21st century.

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Coming Next Month . . .

Understanding the Civil War ~ 150 Years Later

Saturday, November 9, 2013

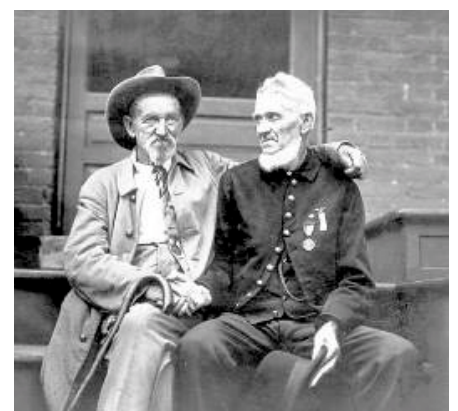
2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Community Room, Saratoga Library

Dr. Robert Senkewicz will discuss the way our understanding of the civil war has changed during the last 150 years. Dr. Senkewicz is a professor in the History Department of Santa Clara University. Mark your calendar and come to hear this wonderful event.

Open to the Public!

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See the flyer in *Grapevine* (in PDF on page 9 or inserted in printed and mailed).



50th Reunion of Gettysburg veterans—1913

Letter from the President

Our September meeting highlighted the rich variety of groups and committees in our branch which should provide something for everyone. Groups include reading, playing bridge, conversing in Spanish, seeing movies, eating well at lunch and dinner, discussing foreign policy, taking hikes and walks, attending performances, and traveling. If there isn't a group that meets your particular interest, ask about starting a new one or expanding a current one.

By now you should have received your beautiful new Directory, organized and edited by **Gail Pedersen**. **Barbara Lea** served as the proofreader to make sure everything was correct; we appreciate her diligence and attention to detail. If you have any changes during the year such as new phone numbers or email, please let **Louise Quenon** know; she is keeping the database up to date.

I spent a very informative afternoon with several newer members who had a chance to talk with some "experienced" members and learn about AAUW activities at every level. Many thanks to **Geri Williams** who talked about some national AAUW programs, **Sharon Kelkenberg** who discussed our three local projects, Tech Trek, Scholarships, and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children, and **Judy Borlase** who highlighted our many branch interest groups. I hope that every member, whenever they joined, finds something that will pique their interest this year.

We are very excited that West Valley College is cosponsoring our October 12 general meeting on the

AAUW research report "**Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success.**" The event is a wonderful opportunity to REACH OUT to our current members, to potential members, and to the community at large. It showcases the kind of research that makes us proud to belong to AAUW. (See the front page for details.)

AAUW Funds is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for some 245 fellowships and grants. You have an opportunity to hear from many of the Fellows and Grant Recipients on Sunday, October 20, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Details and registration form are posted on the AAUW - California website at www.aauw-ca.org.

Thank you for your membership in AAUW. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for making this the best AAUW year ever.

–Virginia Turner, President
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Renew Your Membership

Each member matters to us!

Your renewal helps us to maintain the financial stability to fulfill the AAUW mission.

Only 10 members have not renewed yet. If you have not sent in your membership renewal, please send it now. Be part of the 167 members who have renewed!

For renewal questions, call Gail Pedersen, (Interim) Membership Treasurer, (408) 377-6895.

Getting the Most Out of Your AAUW Branch Membership

1. Attend our monthly events.
2. Join an Interest Group.
3. Help recruit new members.
4. Be a "buddy" to a new member.
5. Help with fundraising activities (English Tea and Author's Luncheon can use whatever help you can offer).
6. Keep informed about local, state and national issues that affect the mission of AAUW.

Brush Up Your Foreign Policy Knowledge

Attend Great Decisions 2014

Great Decisions is a program created by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). Great Decisions are 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).

The topics for this year's eight sessions are:

- Political Islam in Africa
- China's Foreign Policy
- Turkey
- Israel
- Energy Independence
- Economic Statecraft and Trade
- Defense and the Rise of New Technologies
- Food Security and Climate Change

As in prior years, two separate groups will be formed 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. The first regular session for each group will begin on February 6, 2014. Group 2 will be led by Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for that group.

NOTE: For Group 1 participants only there will be an organizing meeting on January 30, 2014, in the SASCC classroom, at which time course materials will be distributed and volunteers identified to



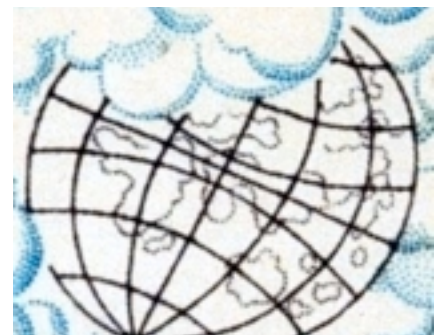
serve as individual topic leaders. Those interested in leading a particular one of the listed topics are urged to contact Anne or Al Stewart at (408) 358-3177 as soon as possible. Two leaders will be required for each topic to facilitate Group One breaking into subgroups to enable greater individual participation in group discussions.

Early signups for the coming season's program are encouraged. The sign up deadline is November 30, 2013, even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 6, 2014. That deadline is necessary to ensure the receipt of new program workbooks and DVDs from the FPA in time to insure their timely distribution to participants.

The registration fee is \$27.50 per individual and \$37.50 for couples who share a workbook. That is unchanged from last year's prices. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. It is important that you note on your check in which of the two groups listed you wish to participate.

“The work of the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is vitally important in educating Americans on current policy issues and expanding public participation in the foreign policy process.”

—Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State, made this statement at the FPA 2003 Annual Dinner.



July 2013 Tech Trek Campers – Part 1 (see next month for Part 2)

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek this summer. It has been a lot of fun and a great experience for me! I was incredibly proud and excited when I found out that I got to go to Tech Trek.

Some of my favorite parts of tech trek so far are the talk from the woman who works at Pixar and the star party. I looked at Saturn through a telescope. It looked like a little miniature toy! You could even see the rings around it. I am also enjoying my core class, which is CSI Forensics. We have gotten to test blood, examine fingerprints, and compare fibers. I have made a lot of new friends, too.

I really appreciated what you did in order to send me to Tech Trek.

–Grace Landers

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

I want to thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. It must be hard to raise enough money to send all the girls here. I can't express enough gratitude in this note for all that you do to send us to Tech Trek camp.

My favorite part of Tech Trek is the core class. I'm in 3D math and I love the teacher. I've been making great friends, and Tech Trek is such an amazing experience, maybe even life changing.

I am having lots of fun here. I believe that Tech Trek could have a major impact on my future. Thank you,

–Sara Moore

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

I just wanted to say thank you for choosing me for this Tech Trek camp. I have had so many great times here and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for you. You gave me the opportunity that other girls couldn't have.

On my first day, it was so easy for me to make new friends with these amazing girls. I got the opportunity to do cool things, like building a robot and programming it in robotics, and dissecting a squid! The core class I took is marine biology. When I grow up I have always wanted to be a marine biologist, so this class is like the next step in my future career.

Also with your help, my parents are very proud of me for completing this major accomplishment. I really did have an amazing time at Tech Trek, so thank you very much! A very thankful camper!,

–Britney Arce

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for sponsoring me to come to this amazing female empowering and "extremely" educational camp. I'm having a great time with my dormmates and participating in fun activities such as the DNA extraction of a strawberry. Tech Trek will definitely be one of the most life-changing experiences I will ever have.

My favorite activity here at Tech Trek so far is my Forensics core class. I really enjoy hands-on activities such as the baby powder finger printing. These activities

gave me such an opportunity to gain more knowledge.

Once again, thank you so much for giving me a life-changing experience. Not only will I learn much more over the course of the rest of the week, I have also made many memorable friendships and have met women that will inspire me for life. I only hope that I can return as both a junior and senior counselor!

Sincerely,

–Michelle Kwan

Donations Needed for Holiday Gift Bags

Most of us love to shop and look for just the right article of clothing or perfect shade of lipstick. But imagine you are a needy teen browsing the mall but have no money for spending. Now with a Target gift card from a Gifts For Teens tote bag, you could choose what you really wanted or needed, like those warm pair of gloves. Help Gifts for Teens supply a gift card for each needy teenager.

The Gifts for Teens committee is already busy buying fun and practical items to fill December

holiday gift bags for homeless and needy San Jose teens. The need is tremendous and Gifts for Teens will fill 1, 225 gift bags. How can you your Chapter help? Consider spearheading a clothing drive or look for back to school sales to purchase items to donate. Examples of needed items: store gift cards, tee shirts (no red or blue), hairbrushes, shampoo (no travel sizes), socks (male/female), lip balm and eye shadow, body lotion, gloves (male/female), and small fleece blankets. Include anything fun that a teen might



like. New items/gifts only, please. Monetary donations are welcome too.

Donations should be placed in a box with the donor's name and address inside and brought to AAUW San Jose headquarters 1165 Minnesota Ave. San Jose. Contact person: Elaine Benoit (408) 268-9654, Elaine@gifts4teens.org.

-Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens



“I don't think there's anything as wonderful in life as being able to help someone else.”

-Betty Ford
Former First Lady

Why Women Join Organizations!

Why someone remains a member year after year?

Well, AAUW conducted a survey and asked their members these very same questions.

Here are the answers with which every branch should be familiar:

Member Survey Results

AAUW Members gave these top five reasons for staying:

1. I believe in the mission
2. I enjoy branch activities
3. I want to connect with women of similar interests
4. I participate in local programs and activities
5. I support AAUW's advocacy positions and efforts



Two more survey questions will be shared in November and December *Grapevine* issues. Last month's September *Grapevine* has the first survey question.

You're Invited to a Silver Tea

Commonly purchased tea from the grocery store is most likely **BLACK tea**, and the name oolong tea comes from the Chinese term for "black dragon tea." The tea industry uses the term **ORANGE pekoe** to describe a basic, medium-grade black tea. The traditional Japanese tea ceremony involves the ceremonial preparation and presentation of powdered **GREEN tea**.

Many people like Earl Grey tea, which isn't actually **GREY tea** but is named for Charles, the second Earl Grey, who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1830 to 1834. **RED clover tea** is an herbal tea made from the dried flowers and leaves of the red clover which is found in the area of Mediterranean Sea. There are also **WHITE** and **YELLOW teas**.

With such a variety of colors to choose from, our branch has decided to have a **SILVER TEA** to mark the 25th Anniversary of the English Tea which was originally

started to raise money for our Committee on Homeless Women and Children. This elegant event now helps support our other two local projects — Tech Trek and Local Scholarships – as well as the Committee on Homeless Women and Children.

You're invited to share this special silver jubilee Tea to be held **Saturday, March 29, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at West Valley College**. Members' own china services, beautiful floral centerpieces and white table cloths help set the tone for an afternoon of fun and fundraising. Put the date on your calendar and watch the *Grapevine* for more details.

Our Committee meets once a month and would welcome new members. If you have any suggestions or questions, or if you would like to join our fundraising committee, please call Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234.

–Submitted by Committee to Support Local Women and Girls

Attend the First Travel Program for This Year.

Program: ***The Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan***

Date: Friday, October 4, 2013

Time: starts at 7:30 pm

Location: The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos

Spanning more than 1000 kilometers from the Black Sea to the Caspian, the Caucasus Mountains lie at a strategic nexus between continents, linking Asia and Europe via the Silk Road. Join David Couzens in this lavish photographic presentation accompanied by original music. We'll visit isolated mountaintop monasteries in Georgia, enjoy the serenity of Lake Sevan in Armenia, and marvel at the magnificent mosques of Baku, Azerbaijan. Copies of David's latest book *Images of the Caucasus* will be available for purchase.

Photographer, editor, writer, composer, and musician David Couzens has traveled to more than 30 countries as well as to the majority of American states and Canadian provinces. David plays a variety of musical instruments, ranging from piano and guitar to Native American flute, Chinese xiao, and Turkish saz.

His photography books, *Images of Rajasthan*, *Images of Ireland*, *Images of Guatemala*, and *Images of the Caucasus*, along with their companion DVDs were released starting in 2008 as part of an ongoing series of multimedia projects. *Images of the Taj Mahal* is his fifth book in this series. *Images of the Habsburg Empire*, spanning the region of modern-day Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic will be his next book.

October – Lovely Weather to Hike & Walk Monthly on the Second and Fourth Thursdays

Join us for outdoor adventure and camaraderie! Begin walking and improve your health while roaming the beautiful hills and valleys of our area.

The second Thursday of the month we bring a lunch and plan a full day's Scenic hiking adventure—back by 4:00 pm. Hikes are usually 5 to 6 miles long. If you aren't up for that distance, bring a companion to walk your speed and go a lesser distance. The fourth Thursday is a "Back-by-Noon" Walk that is nearby and unplanned. Often we end with coffee and chatter. (See calendar on page 7 for Hikes & Walks.)



(Left to Right) Kay Duffy and Jane Bishop, our dedicated hikers and co-chairs of the Hikes and Walks Interest Group.

October 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-3:00 pm, 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. **Brush up your Spanish – Come and Practice.**
- 3 Thursday **Trail Clean-up** + short hike, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Free Parking-Northside Lot behind Starbucks on N. Santa Cruz Ave. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 4 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. Program: **The Caucusus: Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.** Speaker: David Couzens Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm, the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. **All are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children.** RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan (408) 741-1616.
- 9 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 11:30 am at Willow Street Pizza, Los Gatos location. Great Italian food! 20 South Santa Cruz Ave. (across from the Plaza in Los Gatos). RSVP to Linda King (408) 354-4105 **Everyone Welcome!**
- 10 Thursday **Scenic Hike: Big Basin Park.** Cool Sempervirins loop trail with lovely views. 5 - 6 miles. Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Argonaut Shopping Center, Saratoga, way out in front of CVS. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.
- 12 Saturday **Monthly General Meeting** 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Campus Center, West Valley College. Andresse St. Rose, AAUW Researcher, will discuss the AAUW report **“Women in Commuity Colleges: Access to Success”** Co-sponsored by West Valley College. **Bring a young girl and expand their avenues to success. Open to the Public.**
- 15 Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm. Book: *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. The Saratoga Retirement Community, Main Building, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. RSVP: Licia Thomson, (408) 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 356-8441.
- 18 Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am. Participants may bring a book to discuss. Call Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 for location and additional information.
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- 24 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Walk** meets at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Free Parking- Northside Lot, behind Starbuck's on N. Santa Cruz. Questions? Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All walkers are invited! Bring a co-walker and proceed at your pace!**
- 29 Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. Please RSVPto Chair Mary Ellen, (408) 264-4488. **New members welcome!**

November 2013

- 1 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: **The Natural and Man-Made Wonders of Arizona** presented by John Perry. For more information contact Chair JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237.
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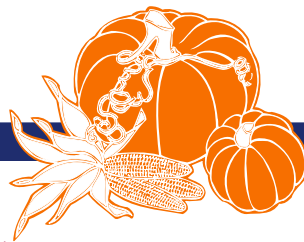
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Send a Ray of Sunshine to a Member in Need!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Please send her information to Sarah Model, our new Sunshine Chair.

Contact Sarah at **(408) 867-2634**
or fritznbits@aol.com



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Please check your entry and send any additions, changes, and corrections to: Louise Quenon, Database Manager, (408) 867-0698; lquenon@comcast.net

Help the branch keep in contact with you by keeping your information current and up-to-date. If you move or change your email or telephone, let us know.

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Understanding the Civil War ~ 150 Years Later



Gettysburg veterans at 50th Reunion - 1913

Saturday, November 9, 2013

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Community Room, Saratoga Library

(13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070)

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, site of a pivotal battle of the American Civil War. Dr. Robert Senkewicz will discuss the way our understanding of that war has changed during the subsequent 150 years. Dr. Senkewicz is a professor in the History Department of Santa Clara University and also served as the faculty director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SCU.

Co-sponsored by Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW and Saratoga Library

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