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Pros & Cons of California Ballot Initiatives

October 2014 General Meeting



Wednesday, October 8, 2014

2:00 - 4:00 pm

at the Saratoga Retirement Community
(located at 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga)

On November 4, California voters will consider several propositions on water supply and infrastructure, the state budget, healthcare insurance, medical negligence lawsuits and criminal sentencing. No doubt you'll hear and read conflicting ads about all of them as the election nears. Be informed before you decide how to vote! The League of Women Voters will present the Pros and Cons of each initiative.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

Coming Next Month . . .

Early California through the Eyes of Women

Monday, November 10, 2014; 7 pm to 9 pm

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

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

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Letter from the President



Our September 13 showcase meeting got our branch off to a good start with an overview of the year ahead. We were delighted to hear from our **Tech Trek** campers, and our various groups and committees described a wide range of opportunities to meet your interests, whether it's food, bridge, hiking, Spanish, or legislative issues. I hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities our branch has to offer you!

If you did not pick up your directory at the Sept. 13 meeting, it is being mailed to you. Many thanks to our outstanding directory editor **Gail Pedersen** and proofreader **Barbara Lea**; they've done a great job with this important publication.

On October 8 we'll learn about the **Pros and Cons of the November Ballot Initiatives**, and on November 10 we will hear about pre-Gold rush California women through their diaries and journals. (*See the front page for details*). Our branch has also been asked to moderate the final candidate forum for Saratoga City Council on November 3, 2014; this will be aired on **KSAR** and the Saratoga city website.

One priority this year will be **Membership Issues**: both retaining the members we already have and recruiting new members. Our Board will brainstorm this topic at its Board Meeting on October 6 and welcomes any ideas you may have in this area.

One simple thing that anyone can do is **invite a friend or neighbor** to attend one of our monthly general meetings; most are open to the public. That personal touch can really make a difference. People who have the opportunity to hear about AAUW and see what we are doing

are more likely to join and help us fulfill our mission.

We will also be working on **Branch Leadership**. Whether you have already "*been there, done that*" or are new to the organization, everyone can help strengthen the branch. You can:

- Be informed about AAUW. Read your *Grapevine*, as well as the California *Perspective* and national *Outlook* magazine to keep in touch with what is happening at the local, state and national levels.
- Offer to help in whatever ways work for you, whether it's chairing an event or working on a committee. We value your commitment to AAUW!
- Help recruit for the Board next year by serving on the **Nominating Committee** — or serve on the Board yourself. Please let me know if you can help with this process.

Virginia Turner, President
(408) 866-4234;
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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 new Sunshine Chair.

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

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.

Study Topics Just Released – Great Decisions 2015

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:

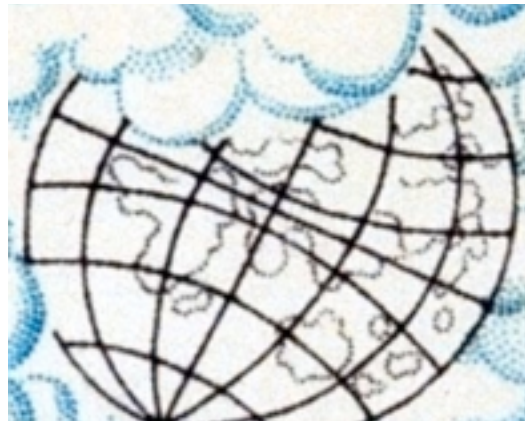
- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- India Changes Course
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Syria's Refugee Crisis
- Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
- Brazil's Metamorphosis.

Last year over 60 people participated in the two separate groups.

(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. Thursday, February 5, 2015 will be the first study session.

(Group 2) weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the SRC, Barnes Hall. Group 2 will be led by Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for that group. Thursday, February 5, 2015 will be the first study session.

NOTE: For Group 1 participants only there will be an organizing meeting on January 29, 2015 at 1:00 pm in the SASCC's Oak classroom, to distribute course materials and select volunteers to serve as individual



topic leaders. Two leaders will be required for each topic to facilitate Group One breaking groups to enable greater individual participation in group discussions. *(We are expecting 40 participants like last year.)*

Early signups for the coming season's program are encouraged. The absolute sign up deadline is November 30, 2014, even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 5, 2015. 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 \$30 per individual and \$40 for couples who share a workbook. (An increase of only \$2.50 over 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.

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

Update – Committee on Homeless Women & Children

With the *Georgia Travis Center* closing, we sought other resources for homeless women and children.

One program is **Grace Community Center** at 10th St. and San Fernando in San Jose. They have the only shower program for homeless women in San Jose area. *(They take donations of clothing and household items. Hotel toiletries and new or gently used towels are always needed.)*

Another program is **“Be a Dear and Donate a brassiere”**. They collect new and slightly used bras and take them to facilities and programs that serve homeless women. I went to one of their sorting meetings. They receive bras from all over *(California, entire United States, Australia, Japan, etc)*. If you have bras to donate you can contact Pat Khan or JoAn Lambert.

Several women in the area are confident that they will be able to open a program that will provide services for homeless women. The proposal is very similar to the *Georgia Travis Center* with the exception that there will be no services for children. It is called **“The Women's Gathering Place”**. We will follow their progress and support them any way we can.
–Pat Khan, chair

Branch Directory Mailed to You

All directories not pick up were mailed. 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.

Contact Gail Pedersen, Directory editor, if you did not get your directory (408) 377-6895; gail_pedersen@yahoo.com

Human Trafficking Action!

Tell Governor Brown to sign SB 477



Slavery has been illegal in the United States for 149 years. Despite this, illegal forced labor and human trafficking still persists, with over 2,400,000 victims of human trafficking worldwide.

Traffickers prey on those who suffer most from macro factors like gender discrimination, family violence, and a lack of access to education and economic opportunity. Although some are forcibly taken into the United States, many are lured here with the promise of a well-paying job and a chance at improving their lives and those of their families. They arrive, only to find that the

promised job doesn't exist and they are now in the human trafficker's control.

SB 477 takes a three-pronged approach to this problem: Contractors using foreign labor must register with the state,

- cannot change the terms of a contract without enough notice to the workers
- cannot charge them various "visa" or "processing" fees
- cannot claim that a job is available without actually hiring the foreign worker brought in for that job.

Notes from Board Meeting

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

From the Sept. 8, 2014 Board Meeting

- We reviewed the plans for the monthly programs for the 2014-15 year. One big issue is the increasing costs of venues that we might use for programs and fundraisers. **Suggestions anyone?**
- Fundraising plans for the year were discussed. The Homeless Committee will be holding the **English Tea and Silent Auction** and AAUW Funds will host **the Authors' Luncheon**.
- A fall appeal letter asking for donations to support the tax deductible ISPF (**Local Scholarship, Tech Trek, Homeless Women & Children**) and AAUW Fund will be sent to members.
- Membership is a concern. We are about 170 members, down from 245 in 2009. All members need to assist by sponsoring new members to keep our branch vital and grow the membership.

What is being done to improve branch visibility and membership? (1) President Virginia Turner has

sent out 160 special notes to *AAUW members-at-large* living in this area inviting them to join LG-S branch. (2) Gail Pedersen has contacted lapsed members to gently entice them to return to membership and to take another look at LG-S branch. (3) With the help of our members, we have 11 new members to start this year (*and 1 needing to send her check*).

This brief summary is a continuing effort to keep the members apprised of discussions, proposals and decisions made during the Board Meetings.

All members are invited to attend Board Meetings. See the Directory for the list of dates. For the October 2014 Board Meeting, see the calendar on page 7.

If you have comments or questions, contact the president, Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234, or vturner@sbcglobal.net

– Kay Duffy, Secretary, email to k@kayduffy.com

July 2014 Tech Trek Campers – Part 1 (see next month for Part 2)

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship to **Tech Trek**. This experience so far has been amazing.

I am in the core class Forensics and it is awesome. I like watching a lot of crime shows like NCIS and it's cool to learn about that stuff in real life.

I've made tons of new friends with not only other campers, but with the counselors as well. I've learned so much about different science careers – it's crazy.

I will never forget this inspiring camp! Thank you,

–Raven Vujevich

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for sending me to **Tech Trek** this year! The camp has opened my eyes about the variety of careers in the STEM field (*and I have had a great time!*). This week at Tech Trek I have seen and done some phenomenal things.

The week kicked-off with a very neat robotics class where we built and programmed robots. Some of my other favorites were the Pixar presentation about movie-making, and tours of the NASA research facilities.

Overall, I have learned so much at **Tech Trek**. I have had the opportunity to meet and speak to ten different women in STEM professions, look at powerful telescopes to see the stars and planets, and learn so much more about science and math.

Thank you for sending me to **Tech Trek**; I had a magnificent time and it has broadened my horizons.

–Caroline Zepecki

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you to Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW for choosing me as one of the participants. This is a great experience for 8th grade, high school, and college. I'm having a great time and experience here at Tech Trek.

I got into marine biology, the core class I wanted. I would love to come back as a Junior Counselor (JC) in the future.

So – thank you once again and I hope to come back to **Tech Trek**. I love your generosity in accepting me.

–Haileigh Crain

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Stanford University
July 18, 2014

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for supporting and choosing me [to attend **Tech Trek**]. You have broadened my perspective of the science and math fields.

I have had many pleasurable experiences, such as with a woman from Pixar – who loves astronomy, a woman who is a veterinarian, and a woman who went to Antarctica to study phytoplankton.

I have not only learned from professional women, I also have learned from other girls like me. Each girl

comes from different backgrounds and many of them have experienced a harshness and unfairness from first-hand experience, yet they stay cheerful. This is remarkable for a girl who has lived in a sheltered area.

At **Tech Trek** I learned from professional women about the many options in the math and science fields. Also I learned to let go of certain experiences from the girls here at **Tech Trek**.

Thank you for helping to broaden my world.

–Aimi Wen, a happy Tech Trekker

Branch Members on the Move

Our members are dedicated and committed to the work of the local AAUW branch. But we also have lives beyond AAUW, and this column will pay note to our member's other activities. If you have an announcement or special event you would like to have noted, contact Joyce Sogg, joycelawyer@verizon.net

Audry Lynch Wins Award at Hollywood Book Festival

Honor felt like a mini Oscar evening for writers

Last month Audry Lynch, 81, was honored at the *Hollywood Festival of Books* in Los Angeles on July 26 for her book which shines a spotlight on the movie stars of "bygone age". Lynch accepted the award for her book in the biography and autobiography category. The ceremony was held in the Academy Room at the Roosevelt Hotel.

In *The Rebel Figure in American Literature and Film*, Lynch reveals an interconnection between movie star James Dean and novelist John Steinbeck. This latest book looks at how the lives of Steinbeck, Dean, and director Elia Kazan intersected on Kazan's *East of Eden*, based on Steinbeck's 1952 novel. The movie catapulted all three to fame. The book also traces similarities between Steinbeck and Dean, the main ones being that both were college dropouts who hailed from small towns and conservative families. Dean and Steinbeck both disliked their hometowns and left at the age of 18, but were buried there upon their death.

Lynch has a 40-year "passion for the writing" of Steinbeck and has made him the focal point in two other books, *Steinbeck Remembered* and *With Steinbeck in the Sea of Cortez*.

Lynch is a member of the California Writers Club and the National League of American Pen Women. She is working on a book about Mark Twain and his travels to Bermuda, where he is considered a rock star, she said.

Lynch is a graduate of Harvard University, Boston University, and the University of San Francisco, where she earned her Doctorate Degree. Before committing her life to writing she served as a guidance counselor for 32 years and taught English at Mission College (in Santa Clara) for 25 years. Lynch has lived in Saratoga since 1970.

(Condensed from an article written by Khalida Sawari and published in the *Saratoga Times*.)

Kay Duffy's Gallery Show!

Kay Duffy, a watercolors and collage artist, will have a showing of her work at the **Aegis Gallery of Fine Art** in the village of Saratoga. The gallery show runs from October 1 – 26 at 14531 Big Basin Way at Fourth Street.

Duffy enjoys teaching watercolor and collage and her work together with the work of 10 of her loyal students will be presented. Meet Kay Duffy and her students at a **Champagne Reception** on Saturday, October 11th from 5 – 7 pm.

Duffy will also be in the gallery: Friday, October 10 from 2 – 6 pm; Sunday, October 12 from 2 – 6 pm; Saturday, October 25 from 11 am – 2 pm; and Sunday, October 26 from 2 – 6 pm.

Aegis Gallery of Fine Art (in the village of Saratoga)

Hours: Wed, 11 am – 3 pm

Thurs to Sun, 11 am – 6 pm

Telephone: 408.857.0171



The 26th Annual International Gift Faire!

Marilyn Fuller, a new member, is in charge of volunteers at the faire and invites members to come by and check out the items available.

Featuring exceptional unique handmade *gifts, jewelry, toys, home decor, art and sculpture, textiles, serve ware, food items, crèches / holiday items and personal accessories* representing the diverse cultures of artisans in 38 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.

Where: Lincoln Glen Fellowship Hall, 27 Bookson Av, San Jose.

When: Friday, Oct 17 from 9 am to 8 pm and Saturday, Oct 18, from 9 am to 6 pm.

Product sales help pay for food, education, healthcare and housing for artisans. Every hand-crafted product makes a remarkable journey, from fairly paid artisans in developing countries to you for purchase.



The faire partnered with the **Ten Thousand Villages** to provide the majority of items we sell.

October 2014 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Thursday **Trail Clean-up Day + short hike & coffee or lunch.** Meet promptly 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. Questions? Chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All members are invited.**
- 3 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, (800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos). Program: **Images of Southwest China**, presented by John Perry. Join photographer and musician David Couzens’ show of photos from his new book. Travel along terraced rice fields, cruise the Li River, trek Tiger Leaping Gorge, climb Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, wander the Stone Forest. Learn about southwest China’s diverse peoples and landscapes. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Open to the public.**
- 6 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets at 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. **All members are invited.**
- 7 Tuesday **Conversation is Spanish.** Meets from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. RSVP to Nancy, (408) 867-4383. Co chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575. **Brush up your Spanish.**
- 8 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **The Mynt**, 5210 Prospect Rd, (near Westgate) San Jose. RSVP Hostess Shirley Cancellieri (408) 741-5586, or Chair, Linda King (408) 354-4105. Delicious Indian buffet. **Everyone is welcome!**
- 8 Wednesday **General Meeting** – Topic: **Pros and Cons of the November Ballot Initiatives.** Wednesday, Oct 8, 2014; 2:30 – 4:00 pm; at Saratoga Retirement Center, main building (*ride sharing recommended*). Co-sponsored: The League of Women Voters. (*See front page for details.*) **Open to the public.**
- 9 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve.** Visit the tide pools, hike the bluffs overlooking the ocean to Half Moon Bay for lunch. Spectacular views! Bring warm jacket. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga. (*Park way out in front of CVS Drugs.*) Questions? Chairs: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All walker’s welcome!**
- 14 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 7:00 pm at Pat Khan’s home, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. RSVP to Chair, Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Come and get involved.**
- 17 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. **More books, more fun!** Contact Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625. (margaretbard@gmail.com) for meeting location. **New participants welcome.**
- 21 Tuesday **PM Book Review.** Meets at 7:30 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga. Book: **Luncheon of the Boating Party**, by Susan Vreeland. Reviewed by Marilyn Lenormand. Co Chairs, Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555.
- 23 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Walk.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am. Shorter local walk. Park in Los Gatos “Free Parking – Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All walker’s welcome!**
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- 31 Friday **Film Buffs.** Meets at 7:00 pm. Information, call Chair, Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488.

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Welcome Newest Branch Members

- Frieda Caldwell
- Joanne Cutting*
- Dr. Barbara Davis*
- Marilyn Fuller
- Joni Huffman
- Cynthia Miller
- Nancy Patterson
- Danice Picraux*
- Mary Ann Roberts
- Linda Smith
- Ann Suyeyasu

Stay tuned for the **New Member Profiles** in the Nov. & Dec. 2014 *Grapevine* issues.

AAUW LAF Supports Sex Discrimination Suit

Former University of Tennessee athletic department professional allege unequal pay practices, retaliation

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) announced today that it will provide support to the plaintiffs in *Moshak v. University of Tennessee*, a case that underscores the everyday nature of gender discrimination in college athletics.

The lawsuit was filed in 2012 by Jennifer Moshak, Heather Mason, and Collin Schlosser, former employees of the University of Tennessee's women's athletics department. The plaintiffs allege sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. They claim they were unlawfully discriminated against and eventually forced out of their positions during a university-led merger of the men's and women's athletic departments.

Schlosser and Mason argue in part that they were fired by UT after making internal complaints alleging unequal pay between the men's and women's athletic departments. Moshak claims she was forced to retire after being demoted and marginalized. The plaintiffs also say that during the merger, which was led by newly hired Athletic Director Dave Hart, the vast majority — 86 percent — of positions terminated either were held by women or were associated with the women's athletic department.

"This case is an opportunity to grapple with some of the gender gaps still at play in university athletics," said AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda D. Hallman, CAE. *"We are proud to stand with these plaintiffs in their fight for fairness. Their claims shine a light on why AAUW does this type of work, day in and day out."* The case is currently scheduled to go to trial in June 2015 in the U.S. District Court for Eastern Tennessee.

"The University of Tennessee and its Athletic Director, Dave Hart, engaged in blatantly discriminatory and retaliatory actions against accomplished employees in the women's athletic department, in violation of Title IX and other federal laws," said the plaintiffs' attorney, Lisa Banks, of Katz, Marshall, and Banks, a civil rights law firm in Washington, D.C. *"Gender discrimination is unfortunately a situation that is all too common in collegiate athletic departments across the country today, and we intend to use all the tools at our disposal to hold the university accountable and to shed light on this pervasive problem."*

The AAUW LAF has been crucial to the success of many gender discrimination cases during its 33-year history. The case support program provides financial and organizational backing for plaintiffs challenging gender discrimination in education and the workplace.

Fill a Bag – Spread the Holiday Joy!

Imagine the smile on a needy or homeless teens' face when they receive an unexpected holiday gift bag. Get a head start and begin holiday shopping early by contributing to **Gifts for Teens** and help us make this scenario a reality! Cash donations and/or items like store gift cards, socks, gloves, tee shirts (*no red or blue*) for boys or girls, toiletries, shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste (*no travel sizes*), nail polish or small hand held games like puzzles and NERF balls are needed. (*New items*

only please.) Excess corporate incentive items like logo shirts, cups, hats, etc. are also welcome.

Donations should be placed in a **Gifts for Teens** box in AAUW San Jose headquarter's parlor closet with the donors name, address and zip inside. We need your help to fill 1,275 gift bags this year. Donations from generous members like you can help us achieve this goal. Remember, if you shop Amazon, log onto smile.amazon.com and choose **Gifts for Teens** as your charity. There is no cost to you and



Amazon gives a percentage to **Gifts for Teens**.

Contact persons – Elaine Benoit, (408) 268-9654; Jan Giroux, (408) 996-8875 or visit www.gifts4teens.org. Holiday gift bag assembly will be the first two weeks in December. More details to come in a future issue.

–Jan Giroux, **Gifts for Teens**
Jgiroux603@aol.com

Felicia Francis Pollock

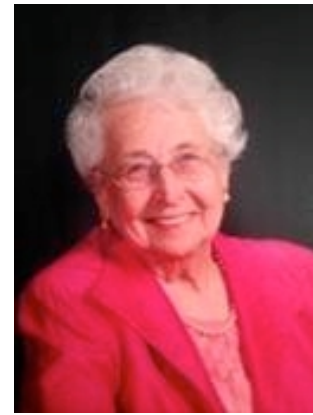
April 2, 1921 – September 11, 2014

Felicia passed away peacefully at the age of 93 with her family at her side. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she was the youngest of four children. Felicia, at age 16, entered Fenn College (*now Cleveland State University*). There she met her future husband, Michael, an upperclassman.

Felicia and Michael married in January, 1943. They lived on Long Island, Felicia's family grew to include three sons and a daughter. A job change had the family moving in 1960 to a new home in Saratoga, California. Years later when the "*nest*" was empty, Felicia started working for the City of Santa Clara, first in the Building Department and later as secretary to the Chief Librarian.

During a trip to Alaska, Felicia took a lovely picture of flowers poking through a film of snow. Starting a new professional photographer career that lasted 35 years. Her new profession gained her entry to the National League of American Pen Women, an organization of artists, composers and writers.

She was also a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Felicia was an active



member of Saratoga's Sacred Heart Church Choir and Young Ladies Institute (YLI). Other activities included volunteering at the Saratoga Book-go-Round, the Historical Society, Hakone Gardens and the Foothill Club.

Felicia is survived by her husband of 71 years, Michael D. Pollock; her three sons, Michael S., James, and Robert; daughter, Marcia and four grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her kindness, grace, empathy, positive attitude and radiant smile. She was blessed to have led a very long and active life.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to UCSF Stroke Research, Box 45339, San Francisco, CA 94145.

Joan H. Rutherford

July 9, 1936 – May 14, 2014

Joan Rutherford was an active and longtime **Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW** member. She moved away a few years to be near her family.

Joan was raised in Oakland, California. After high school she earned a K-3 teaching credential from San Jose State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Kai Omega sorority. Joan taught 37 years as an elementary school teacher, touching countless students' lives.

In her younger days, she was an enthusiastic hiker and cross-country skier with her beloved husband, Ralph Rutherford, who preceded her in death in 1992.

Joan was an avid and accomplished contract bridge player. She loved geography, "*Jeopardy*", books, the newspaper, and a good novel.



She adored her family, and never missed a holiday or gathering, (*even when she had to drive long distances or fly to be there*).

Donations in Joan's name can be made to the St. Anthony Foundation, 150 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102.