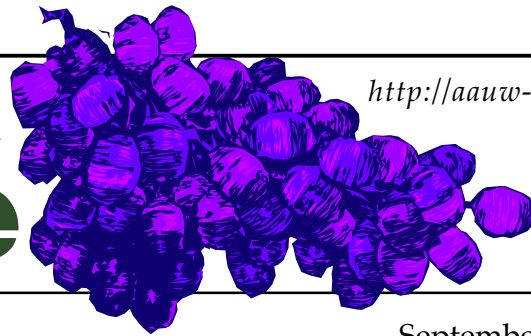


# Grapevine



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## September 2017 Interest Groups Showcase Attend This Year's Big Kick Off!

### Tech Trek Campers & Interest Groups



Meet this year's inspiring young women who will be sharing their experiences. (Back row, L to R): Natasha Cordova-Diva, Rhheaa Mehta, Anishka Merwah; (Middle row, L to R): Nadya Klug, Lucy Klarich; (Front row, L to R): Alessandra Kelly, Tanvi Rao, Athena Kazos.

Saturday, September 16, 2017

10:00 am-12:00 noon

The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos)

- Meet our Tech Trek Campers and learn about their week at Stanford
- Talk to interest group leaders
- Sign up for committees and programs
- Purchase jewelry to benefit Homeless Women and Children
- Pick up your 2017-2018 Branch Directory at the meeting.\*
- Light Refreshments, Coffee and Tea
- **Bring a prospective member** ~ Membership Information will be available.

\* Haven't paid your dues yet, come and pay to renew your membership and get your 2017-18 Directory.

## New Directory . . .

### Getting Your 2017-18 Directory

Directories can be picked-up at the:

- **General Meeting** on Saturday, September 16, 2018.

**Paid Members** – just sign the checkout sheet for your Directory. (*Save the Branch Money.* Ask a branch friend to pick up your Directory. They can sign the checkout sheet.)

**Haven't paid yet** – come, pay to renew your membership, and receive your 2017-18 Directory.

**Cannot Attend the Meetings** – Your 2017-18 Directory will be mailed to you first class.





# Leadership Team Message



Welcome! We're looking forward to another productive year for the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of AAUW. Over the summer the Board members and **leadership team** reviewed the past year and laid out our overall goals for 2017-2018.

**First:** We will **raise money** for our three local programs — Local Scholarships, Tech Trek and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children — and for the AAUW Fund which supports several programs nationally. Watch for our annual appeal letter later in the fall. Of course donations are welcome at any time, and we deeply appreciate the generosity of our members who donated with their dues renewal.

**Second:** We will offer a range of **interesting programs** open to all members and guests.

- September 16, 2017 – our traditional **kick-off event** at the Terraces in Los Gatos; see the cover of the *Grapevine* for more details. Invite prospective members to find out what our branch is doing this coming year.
- October/November, 2017 – find out how Universal Design may make it possible for you to live in your home “forever.” Watch the *Grapevine* for details.
- January 30, 2018 - **Authors' Lunch** at the Terraces in Los Gatos; this is our annual fundraiser for the association's AAUW Fund supporting fellowships, community action grants and other programs.
- March, 2018 – celebrate **Women's History Month** with a look at women and their role in World War I.
- April 21, 2018 - **English Tea** at the Saratoga Senior Center, our fundraiser for our Committee on Homeless Women and Children

and for our Local Scholarships.

- May/June, 2018 – help the Board evaluate our programs and make plans for 2018-2019.
- July 24, 2018 – We're moving the **annual potluck luncheon** to the summer so please mark your calendar and come to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga. Relax with AAUW friends, bring prospective members, and help us honor our 50-year members and Named Gift Honorees.

During the holiday season you can join our Committee on Homeless to wrap gifts for homeless women, or you can help Gifts for Teens put together backpacks and totes for local teenagers. A number of the interest sections will also have holiday parties. (See the *Grapevine* for details.)

**Third:** This column will highlight the latest **AAUW research**

**report “Deeper in Debt”** about women and student loans. How did this become a women's issue? What steps can be taken to help make college more affordable? How might this affect our children or grandchildren as they consider the costs of higher education? A PDF of the report is available on the national AAUW website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) if you want more details.

Once again we thank our dedicated *Grapevine* editor **Gail Pedersen**, assisted by **Ann Griffin** and **Julie Stevens**. The newsletter is available by email or regular mail and archived on our branch website at [www.aauw-lgs.org](http://www.aauw-lgs.org). With help from **Barbara Lea**, Gail also produced the branch Directory which you can pick up at the September 16 meeting. Please support the sponsors who helped make the Directory possible.

Thank you for your membership in AAUW. Working together we'll help advance equity for women & girls and enjoy another great year!

## 2017-18 Branch Leadership Team

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**OPEN** Program VP – **Your Name Here**

## AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch Proposed Budget 2017-2018

### Proposed Income

Branch Dues (110 paid members)	2,200
Directory Ads	400
Miscellaneous Income (Donations)	1,000
Newsletter (Printed Subscriptions)	350
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,950</b>

### Proposed Expenses

Bank Fees	50
Board Meeting Room Fee (9 mo. X \$20)	180
Branch Supplies	225
CA Sect'y of State Filing Fee (biennial)	20
Convention (State)	300
Directory Mailing – First Class	110
Directory Printing	300
Gen. Meeting Refreshments/Beverages	100
Insurance CA AAUW	575
Installation of new board supplies	20
Interbranch Council Dues	30
Leadership Training	60
Meeting Facility Rental/Donation	75
Membership Recruitment/Renewals	225
Newsletter (Grapevine) Production	700
Newsletter (Grapevine) Postage	125
President's Expenses	75
Speaker Honorarium	50
Sunshine Chair Expenses	15
Treasurer Expenses	20
Web Site: Domain	120
Web Site: Maintenance	500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,875</b>

Prepared by Louise Quenon, Finance VP

## Recruiting New Members AAUW Advances Equity for Women and Girls

Our branch is always looking for new members. We think that AAUW has a lot to offer and that our friends, neighbors and family members should know about AAUW and consider joining. As this diagram



from the national AAUW convention this summer shows, recruiting members requires much more than simply asking someone to join.

After that initial contact there are several more steps that ultimately lead to membership: *Do you know people who would like to know more about AAUW?*

I am happy to contact them directly, or I can give you some membership materials that you could discuss with them. We all can help recruit new members!

–Virginia Turner, Membership VP

Tel: 408-866-4234 | Email: vturner@sbcglobal.net

## Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

### BOARD NOTES

On June 10th Board Members meet at Louise Quenon's home. A "thank you" to our Board Members for their continuing efforts and dedication to keep the branch running smoothly.

### Fundraising –

1. Appeal letter in the November ( Louise Quenon)
2. AAUW Funds - Authors Luncheon, Jan. 20, 2018. (Judith Borlase)
3. English Tea, April 21, 2018. (Judith Borlase)
4. Tech Trek: no fundraiser but approach to parents.

### Grapevine and Directory –

- Gail Pedersen will continue to edit the Grapevine for the ninth year.
- Ann Griffin will continue to proof read the Grapevine.
- Julie Stevens will put together the calendar.

# 2017 AAUW National: Election Results

Every two years AAUW's national election offers members the chance to share their opinions on proposed amendments to the AAUW By-laws, Public Policy Program, and resolutions as well as to select the members of the national AAUW Board of Directors. The 2017 election was a great success, with 11.49 percent of our members voting — ~~more~~ than double the 5 percent quorum required by our bylaws.



Here are the results of the 2017 AAUW National Election.

## Candidates for AAUW Election

**AAUW Chair** – Julia Brown

**AAUW Vice Chair** – Peggy Ryan Williams

**AAUW Directors** – listed below

- Joanna Amberger
- Susan Barley
- Janet Bunger
- Melody Jackson
- Melissa Cooke Johnsen
- Dot McLane
- Leah Sakacs
- Cheryl Sorokin
- Mardy Stevens
- Mary L. Zupanc

## AAUW Public Policy Program

1. Environmental sustainability | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,793; No 268; Did Not Vote 304]
2. Gun violence | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,334; No 784; Did Not Vote 247]
3. Diversity and inclusion | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,436; No 379; Did Not Vote 550]
4. Sexual health | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,604; No 347; Did Not Vote 414]
5. Equity in salary and benefits | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,464; No 264; Did Not Vote 637]
6. Quality and affordable child care | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,620; No 263; Did Not Vote 482]
7. Voting rights and affirmative action | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 7669; No 9.3; Did Not Vote 793]
8. Reproductive health decisions | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,429; No 458; Did Not Vote 415]
9. Definition of self | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,008; No 458; Did Not Vote 899]

## AAUW Bylaws

1. Advocate category of membership | **Pass No\***  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 5,728; No 2,913; Did Not Vote 724]  
\*Bylaws amendments require a two-thirds vote.
2. Eliminate degree requirement | **Pass No**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 3,456; No 5,519; Did Not Vote 390]
3. Moving section on appealing membership | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 5,886; No 1,897; Did Not Vote 1,582]
4. Change Nominations Committee appointment date | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 7,378; No 933; Did Not Vote 1,054]
5. Eliminate specific voting methods | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 6,735; No 1,550; Did Not Vote 1,080]
6. Allow board members to serve as committee chairs | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 6,538; No 1,865; Did Not Vote 962]
7. Change Public Policy Program to Public Policy Priorities | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 7,593; No 833; Did Not Vote 939]
8. Change the quorum to 3 percent | **Pass No\***  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 5,400; No 3,084; Did Not Vote 881]  
\*Bylaws amendments require a two-thirds vote.

## AAUW Resolutions

1. Equal Rights Amendment resolution | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,789; No 292; Did Not Vote 284]
2. Human trafficking resolution | **Pass Yes**  
[Breakdown of Votes – Yes 8,543; No 523; Did Not Vote 299]

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## Gifts for Teens! Teens Looking for Party Goers and Gift Bag Assemblers

Don't miss out on the fun – get your tickets now for the Silicon Valley Broomstick Ball on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy dinner, dancing, drinks and a high-end silent auction all at the Hotel Valencia in Santana Row. Tickets are \$150.00. Get a group together and share a table for a night of fun and magic. For more info and to purchase tickets, go to [www.siliconvalleycares.org](http://www.siliconvalleycares.org) and click on Broomstick Ball or contact Elaine Benoit 408 268-9654.

Sign ups are now starting for the gift bag assembly the first 2 weeks in December. Shifts are 3 hours, AM or PM and slots will fill up fast. Many hands are needed to prepare and fill 1,200 holiday gift bags. For individual volunteers, contact [Kathy@gifts4teens.org](mailto:Kathy@gifts4teens.org) or [groups-cherly@gifts4teens.org](mailto:groups-cherly@gifts4teens.org).

–Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens  
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## Why Does Public Policy Matter?

**Can you remember the day you first learned about AAUW?** It may not be as imbedded a memory as “*I remember what I was doing when Kennedy was shot*”, but if you think back you might remember what that special thing was that made you think – “*Yes – I want to be a part of that!*” Was it the desire to join the fight to help all women achieve economic self-sufficiency? Or maybe it was the idea of finding ways to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for the underserved in your community that got your juices flowing. How about playing a role in ensuring legislation that protects women’s reproductive rights? Any of this sound familiar?

Now, here you are, 2 or 5 or 10 years and 120 bridge games, or lunches, or book discussions later ... and public policy is just that report you listen to each month from your branch Public Policy Chair. Now we public policy nerds enjoy our interest groups and

social activities as much as anyone, don’t get us wrong. But what if you could fit in just one extra hour, or maybe two, each month, to rekindle your passion for doing something that would really make a difference in the lives of girls and women?

In talking with branch Public Policy Chairs around the state, the common and recurring lament is that “nobody wants to do public policy work!” In so many branches, all the work is left to a single person – the PP Chair. Worse than being merely overly burdensome for one person is the fact that there is so much that is left undone – one person can only do so much. And there is so much that still needs to be done. We are still fighting for equal pay for equal work; still being denied promotions and access to power; still facing workplace policies that make it harder on women than men to balance life/work responsibilities; still watching our female athletes being

denied equal access on the playing fields and in coaching positions; still watching state-after-state pass laws restricting our access to safe, effective family planning methods of our choice; still afraid of sexual violence on campus, and domestic violence in the home, and physical violence in the military.

Any of these making you mad? Are you ready to join the chorus and declare “we’re not going to just keep taking it?” Your State Public Policy Committee wants to remind you that Public Policy *Still Matters*, and encourages you to contact your branch PP Chair today to ask – “what can I do to make a difference?” Sometimes all that’s needed is just an extra pair of hands. You don’t need to be an attorney or a political science major to do public policy work – just passion and your gift of time.

–Kathi Harper is a member of the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee (*From the Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista branch*)

## We're Calling on Secretary DeVos to Protect and Strengthen Title IX



I have recently had the opportunity to speak with Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos about the importance of Title IX. AAUW has urged Secretary DeVos to strengthen and fully enforce this crucial civil rights law. But the Department of Education has left the door open to rolling back the guidance and regulations that implement Title IX and ensure our schools are free from sex discrimination.

In recent years, the Department of Education's release of much-needed information and guidance for schools has made a difference in the lives of

students with the goal of ensuring all schools are free from discrimination and violence. It is imperative that the Department maintain the progress we've made.

We need your help safeguarding the steps we've taken toward strengthening and protecting Title IX today.

Thanks for all that you do,

Anne Hedgepeth, Interim Vice President of Public Policy and Government Relations AAUW

## Urge Your Senators to Reject Efforts to Cut Health Care



Stay alert and ready to act! The Health Care debate is NOT over. The attack on Health Care is still going forward under the radar – whatever they call it: defunding, repealing or gutting – the U.S. Senate is still working to get rid of health care for *millions* of Americans. What's worse, this legislation continues to be drafted in secret, without adequate time for analysis, public debate, or even the opportunity for all lawmakers to read the bill.

AAUW believes that everyone deserves high-quality, affordable, and accessible health care. A repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would eradicate years of progress in expanding health care access for women, including increasing out-of-pocket costs, causing premiums to skyrocket, eliminating coverage for Essential Health Benefits like maternity care, and gutting Medicaid.

*We need all hands on deck to stop this dangerous effort from advancing. Call your senators now and ask them to protect Americans' health care!*

To reach your senators, dial (202) 224-3121 now and ask the switchboard operator to connect you. The message is simple:

*My name is {NAME} and I am calling from {CITY, STATE}. As your constituent, I urge you to reject the American Health Care Act and any other effort that reduces access or does not provide the same level and quality of health care coverage for women and families.*

**Your voice is crucial to this debate. Pick up the phone – or send an email – and urge your senators to protect our health care now!** Go to their official senate website (see below) and send them an email.

- Senator Diane Feinstein, [www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov)
- Senator Kamala Harris, [www.harris.senate.gov](http://www.harris.senate.gov)

You can make a difference to the lives of many.

## The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community, Saratoga

### September's Book

Book: *"Hillbilly Elegy"*

Author: J. D. Vance

Reviewer: Margaret McCartney

### October's Book

Book: *"The Bullet"*

Author: Mary Louise Kelly

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb



Mary Louise Kelly

## September 2017 AAUW Calendar

- 5 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, C (408) 348-3427. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 11 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 4:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd).
- 12 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets 3:00-4:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, C (408) 348-3427.
- 14 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Annual San Francisco Hike** – We will visit the new Presidio Visitors Center and hike this beautiful SF park and open space. Wonderful views, cool temperatures. Bring lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at the Los Gatos “Free Parking – Northside Lot” behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **Hikers Welcome!**
- 15 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 16 Saturday **General Meeting. Annual Fun Interest Group Preview** featuring this July's Tech Trek Campers. Meets 10:00 am at The Terraces, (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). AAUW Interest Groups and Committees will describe their activities and give a preview of their upcoming year. **Open to All Members and Bring a Guest.**
- 19 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). **Book:** *Hillbilly Elegy*; by J. D. Vance. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **Join in the Discussion.**
- 20 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meet 12:30 pm at *Mia Vicino* (14441 Big Basin Way, Saratoga). RSVP to Shirley Cancellieri (408) 741-5586. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Open & Friendly Group!**
- 26 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, C (408) 348-3427. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 26 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meet at 1:30 pm. The place to be announced. Call for information about location. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**
- 28 Thursday **Back by Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. 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!**

## October 2017

- 2 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.)
- 3 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, C (408) 348-3427. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 5 Thursday **Trail Cleanup for Hikes and Walks** – on the AAUW adopted trail. Back-by-Noon + coffee or lunch. Bring gloves & clippers, if you have them. 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!**
- 6 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos). *Journey to Korea and Japan* – presented by Seiji Kawamura – This April, I went to South Korea (first time) – exciting culinary delights, hiking trails and a chance to visit the DMZ and peek into North Korea. In Japan, a four-day pilgrimage to Shinto shrines was fascinating, although we hiked over 3,000 feet and 10 miles each day. Staying nightly at Japanese Inns with hot springs was our end-of-the-day reward! Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to the Public – Everyone is Welcome.**

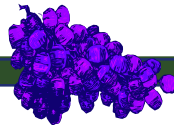


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