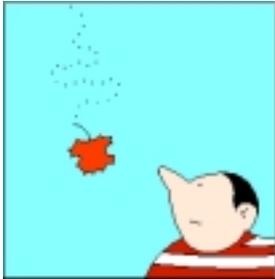


September General Meeting & Showcase



Over the Decades

A fun and humorous look
at the history of the
Los Gatos-Saratoga branch

Written by Nancy Anderson
Presented by Our Local
AAUW Troupe

**You will not want
to miss this!!**

Bring a Guest to the Showcase of the Branch Interest Groups . . .

Charlene Bunger, Membership VP, is pleased to announce the first general meeting. **Plan to come and bring a guest or two! Explore the varied interest groups available in our branch.**

Saturday, September 15, 2012

at Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall, 13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga
(next to Saratoga Library)

from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

There will be a full program of fun and refreshments. The morning will start with an overview of the interest groups and their planned activities for this year. Tech Trek Campers will highlight this summers Stanford week of Math and Science activities.

Membership information will be available for interested visitors. Comes and bring a friend who might like to join AAUW. Fun and facts about our branch, our many activities and projects will be highlighted.

The new 2012-2013 Branch Directory will be mailed to you this year.

Coming Next Month . . .

October 2012 Local Scholarship Fund-raiser for Women in Science or Math

“MAGIC TO DO”

Mission Valley Chorus presents its international competition performance!

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 ~ 7:00 – 8:30 pm

A great value at only \$20 per ticket.

Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Sign up and come to this wonderful event. See the flyer inserted in this Grapevine Issue (for those who receive mailed copies). For our digital PDF Grapevine users check out page 9 for the flyer.

Message from the September 2012 Chairwomen of the Month

Welcome back to another year of AAUW in Los Gatos/Saratoga.

We are starting out the year with a fun general meeting on September 15 from 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Sacred Heart Church on Saratoga Ave. Nancy Anderson has written a humorous skit about our branch which is being presented by our own AAUW Troupe (aka LG/Saratoga members). This is definitely a meeting you will want to attend!! Our long-time members will enjoy the memories, and new and prospective members will be impressed with the history of our branch. We will

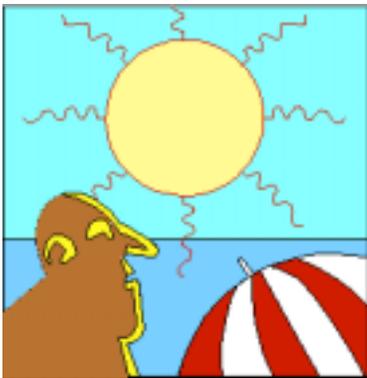
also have representatives from the interest groups and committees there to talk about what they do and to give you the opportunity to sign up.

As we begin this new year, keep in mind the importance of “me” in membership. Personal contact is so important. Find out the interests of prospective members and talk about what we have that fits their interests. Christy Jones, National AAUW Membership Director, stresses that this is the way to build membership.

As another part of our efforts to attract and retain members we are going to once again have small coffees and/or teas for new members. Those of you who would like to participate in these please call or email me so that when I start putting these together you will be included. This is another way of being the “me” in membership.

We plan to see you Saturday, September 15 at the General Meeting!!

–Charlene Bunger, Joyce Sogg, and Shirley Cancellieri



Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

November's Chairwomen Committee –

Marge Bunyard

gmbun@pacbell.net

408-255-3594

Chairwomen of the Month for 2012-2013

September 2012: General Meeting

Charlene Bunger, Shirley Cancellieri, Joyce Sogg and Nancy Jorgensen

October 2012: Fundraiser

Virginia Turner, Sumi Tanabe, Lavonne Marafino, Margaret Bard, and Gladys Armstrong

November 2012: General Meeting

Marge Bunyard (*need volunteers*)

December 2012: Holiday Party

Gail Pedersen, Barbara Oggerino (*need volunteers*)

January 2013: Fundraiser

Geraldine Williams, Sarah Model, Barbara Hawkes, Margaret Bard, and Virginia Turner

February 2013: General Meeting

Pat Khan (*need volunteers*)

March 2013: General Meeting

Sharon Kelkenberg, Ann Roberts

April 2013: Potluck and Grant Awards

Lavonne Marafino, Mary Thygeson, JoAn Lambert, Blenda Mariani (Tech Trek) and Virginia Turner

May 2013: Officer Installation and General Meeting

Geri Furman, Marlene Duffin and Gail Pedersen

HELP! Volunteer for one of the Chairwomen of the Month Committees! Step up to join any month that is convenient for you. Questions? Call Lavonne Marafino, 867-1964 or Gail Pedersen, 377-6895.

Reminder: Still Time to Renew Your Membership

If you have not sent in your membership renewal, send it in today. Remember to update any changes in contact information on your Application. Keep our records up-to-date.

As you send in your renewals for 2012- 2013, consider a donation to the Branch operations. Your donations are allowing us to build the reserve account and improve the Branch's financial stability.

Questions or concerns about your renewal. Call Charlene Bunger, Membership VP, at 440-0063.

Thank you. –Pat Khan, Finance VP



A New Approach to Branch Fundraising

At the Board meeting in June, there was a spirited discussion about the way our branch raises money for our various local ISPF projects. Our branch members generously support *Tech Trek* to send junior high girls to the summer science camp at Stanford, *Local Scholarships* to help college women transition from West Valley College to four-year universities, and the *Committee for Homeless Women and Children* to provide needed services and supplies.

Although each committee works hard on its own event or events during the year, the results over the past few years have been somewhat disappointing. Over the summer all three committees met and decided to organize one “*big*” event to be held this coming spring, and one special “*appeal letter*” sent this fall, with the proceeds to be divided among the three local ISPF programs. The most obvious benefits are that the work and help needed to put on a successful event will be shared by all three ISPF committees, and we will limit the number of times we ask our members for financial support.

Our event will build on the popular and very successful *English Tea* put on for many years by the Committee for Homeless Women and Children. We urge you to you mark your calendars now ~ Saturday, April 27, 2013, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at West Valley College. *Watch the Grapevine for details.*

Many members donated to our local ISPF projects when they renewed their branch membership. Our “*appeal letter*” will be mailed in mid-October and provides another opportunity for you to make a direct contribution to any of the local projects. Of course, donations are tax-deductible and can be made at any time. *Your generosity is truly appreciated!*

Because of the timing this year, this change will NOT affect the *West Valley Chorus Performance* – benefits Local Scholarships (*see the flyer in this Grapevine issue*) already scheduled for October 2, 2012. Also NOT affected is the annual *Authors’ Luncheon*, on January 23, 2013, that benefits AAUW Funds (the national educational program). This luncheon is always one of the highlights of the year, extremely popular and an enduring branch tradition. Suggestions, questions, or if you would like to join our fund-raising committee, call Virginia Turner, 408-866-4234 or Charlene Bunger, 408-440-0063.

– Virginia Turner, Chair of Local Scholarship Committee

Tech Trek News and Highlights!

Many of our members have been very generous while sending in dues this year, and now Tech Trek has almost enough to send four girls to Stanford Camp next year. The money already raised includes \$500 from Los Gatos Rotary and money from the Card Party. (*The Card Party also had several additional donations which helps.*) We are hoping to raise the funds to send more girls to Tech Trek camp this year through fund-raising and donations.

The ‘*Thank You*’ notes (*watch for them in a future Grapevine issue*) from the six girls that our branch’s sent to Stanford Camp in July show that it has been well worth our effort and generosity. Betsy Wall, who we sent two years ago, attended as a Junior Counselor. Our own Marlene Lamb was a Dorm Mom, so she can tell you

much more about this year’s camp.

We are going to have another source to be able to send more girls next year. *The History Club of Los Gatos* chose Tech Trek as the recipient from their annual fundraiser. It will be a **Fashion Show Luncheon**, on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, starting at 11:30 am. The History Club is at 123 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos. Clothes from Chico’s of Los Gatos, which are sporty and very wearable, will be shown. Ticket Price: \$45.00. More information in next month’s *Grapevine*. Remember to “*Save the Date*” and plan to ask a friend to go with you to the Fashion Show Luncheon.

– Nancy Hobbs, assisting Tech Trek and Blenda Mariani, Tech Trek Chair

BUDGET 2012-2013 – Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch of AAUW**NEWS UPDATE –
Committee on
Homeless Women
and Children**

The Committee assists The George Travis Center, Commercial Street Inn, The Villa, Family Supportive Housing in San Jose and St. Luke's Pantry in Los Gatos.

GEORGIA TRAVIS CENTER

Georgia Travis organized the Committee on Homeless Women and Children. She noticed that shelters were closed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Where did these women and children go during this period of time. With persistence and funding from the San Jose Junior League, the Georgia Travis Center was opened. The Georgia Travis Center is a drop in center for homeless women and children. Clients can have voice mail, take a shower and do their laundry. Some of the other services offered, are counseling, assistance in how to find a job, and interviewing techniques, a mobile medical clinic comes once a month and each client has a case manager.

COMMERCIAL STREET INN

Commercial Street Inn, is across the street from GTC, is an emergency shelter for women and women with children for up to 90 days. There are 12 family units and 15 private cubicles for single women. Due to the design of the facility boys over the age of 12 are not permitted. Clients can stay 90 days. Women pay a small program fee after the first 30 days. While in the shelter, women work closely with a case manager to secure transitional or permanent housing. Meals are provided and all residents assist in daily chores.

<u>Income</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
Dividends-American Century (Reserves)	0.70
Miscellaneous Income (Angels)	2,300.00
Directory Advertising	750.00
Transfer from Reserves	0
Branch Dues	3,500.00
Newsletter	850.00
Total Income	7,401.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
1 Appreciation Fund	150.00
2 Branch Supplies	100.00
3 Convention-Association**	500.00
4 Convention-State	1,000.00
5 Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	200.00
6 Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	190.00
7 Directory Printing/Expenses***	800.00
8 Facility Rental or Donation	200.00
9 General Meeting Program	100.00
10 General Meeting Refreshments	150.00
11 Historian	15.00
12 Holiday Party	150.00
13 Insurance (California AAUW)	650.00
14 Interbranch Council Dues	20.00
15 Leadership Training	50.00
16 Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality	35.00
17 Membership Recruitment/Renewal	400.00
18 Miscellaneous/Bank Fees	60.00
19 Newsletter Postage****	250.00
20 Newsletter Production****	750.00
21 President's Expense	75.00
22 Publicity/ L.G & Saratoga Chambers of Commerce	350.00
23 Recording Secretary	15.00
24 Sec of State Calif. Filing Fee	20.00
25 Sunshine Committee	20.00
26 Treasures Expenses	10.00
27 Web Master	500.00
28 Website	120.00
29 Equipment	50.00
Total Expenses	6,930.00
Net Income/ (loss)	471.00

Every two years. 2013 is the next National Convention | *From Directory advertising sold | ****Paid by \$10 newsletter subscription

Account Balances

Checking Account Balances*****	11,210.64
Education Foundation Account Balance	4,120.90
LAF Account Balance	50.15
Reserves-American Century Balance	7,103.79
Subtotal	22,485.48

Less dues payable to AAUW & AAUW-CA (to be reconciled)

Less donations payable to ISPF (to be reconciled)

Total Assets***\$22,485.48**

*****includes dues payable to AAUC, AAUC-CA & donations to ISPF. Prepared by Pat Khan, Finance VP, 08/02/2012

NEWS Continues ... Committee on Homeless Women and Children

THE VILLA

The Villa provides transitional housing for single women, with children. A community kitchen, common rooms, play area and computer lab are available to all residents. Individual units are wired for telephone service. The Learning Zone Homework Club is offered twice a week for school age children. Case management is part of the program. Residents must be employed and pay 30% of their income for rent, and maintain residency for two years.

FAMILY SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, has just opened a new facility. It is the only facility serving families. Each family has their own room and bath. Meals are served in a communal dining room. Most of the families have full time employment, but don't have the income for the expensive rents in The Valley. There are many services offered, including budgeting, parenting, English as a second language, and after school tutoring for the children. Families can stay for 90 days. The Committee on Homeless Women and Children support the summer camping program. The children attending camp are provided with new clothing and other camping necessities, so they look like any other children going to camp.

ST. LUKE'S PANTRY is an outreach program hosted by Saint Luke's Episcopal Church to serve the homeless in the Los Gatos a church area. The pantry is open in the parish hall at 10:00 AM on Tuesday mornings to provide food, companionship and clothing. This program receives funding and support from the members of St. Luke's, from other churches in Los Gatos, and the Los Gatos Community.

A reminder to save the toiletries you find in hotels and motels while traveling. We send these to GTC.

The ISPF annual English Tea will resume this spring on Saturday, April 27th at West Valley College. This year the Tea will be a joint ISPF event of The Homeless Committee, the Local Scholarship Committee, and the Tech Trek Committee. The profits will be shared by the three groups. It is not too early to save jewelry for the jewelry table, and items for the silent auction.

All are welcome to come join the committee, and learn about the work we do. To join us or for more information or suggestions contact Marlene Lamb by email to marlenela37@gmail.com or by telephone 356-8441.

Teacher Corps Program to Boost STEM Education

The Obama administration announced a \$1 billion Master Teacher Corps program for teachers, which will focus on improving student success in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The Master Teacher Corps program will select 2,500 STEM teachers from all 50 states to share knowledge and skills with each other in an effort to boost student success. As an incentive to join the program, teachers in the Corps will receive a \$20,000 pay raise. As part of the administration's ongoing efforts to produce 100,000 additional math and science teachers in the next 10 years to help close the gap between American students' success in STEM and that of their international peers.

AAUW strongly supports efforts to incentivize STEM teaching and promote STEM education. The shortage of American scientists threatens our nation's ability to compete and innovate in the coming years. Efforts like this will help increase America's competitiveness by enhancing STEM education for all students and hopefully encourage more girls to pursue these fields. Supporting women and girls in studying STEM fields is a vital part of AAUW's mission.

House Appropriations Bill Enacts Deep Spending Cuts, Defunds Health Care Law

The House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services passed an appropriations bill that would cut \$6.3 billion from federal spending in fiscal year 2013. Among other cost-cutting measures, the bill would end the Obama administration's signature Race to the Top education initiative and would defund implementation of the Affordable Care Act among other cost-cutting measures, while increasing the budgets for Pell grants and the Head Start program. All subcommittee Democrats voted against the bill, along with Rep. Jeff Flake (R-AZ), who had wanted deeper spending cuts.

Although AAUW recognizes that these are tough budgetary times, a balanced budget should not come on the backs of students, women, and working families. As Congress grapples with difficult budgetary trade offs, it is vital that we maintain programs that promote job creation and economic security, expand educational opportunities, defend civil rights, and protect women's health.

Gifts for Teens Holiday Sweatshirt Drive

Although currently it's still warm outside, Gifts for Teens is seeking cash donations to purchase cold-weather gear for street kids and low-income Silicon Valley teenagers. Warm sweatshirts are number one on the wish list for these impoverished teens. We would like to provide each teen with a sweatshirt, adding them to the gift bags that Gifts for Teens distributes to 1,350 needy teens in December.

Funds have already been collected to buy 550 sweatshirts, yet another 800 teenagers will be left out in the cold without some additional donations. Now is the time to make an early holiday tax-deductible charitable donation to buy warm outer wear for the youths. Checks should be written to ISPF-AAUW, Gifts for Teens and mailed to 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 95125.

You might plan a sweatshirt drive at your work place, school, church, or with your favorite Bunco or card group. Contact Gifts for Teens, Elaine Benoit, for ideas and drive help. Not only will you have warm generous feelings but 1,350 snug and toasty teenagers will thank you during the coming cold winter months!

–Elaine Benoit, elaine@gifts4teens.org



Orzo Salad with Cucumber and Feta

This salad is a delicious accompaniment to fish, chicken, beef or pork – or it is just as good all by itself.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings

8 oz. dried orzo (about 1 cup)
 1 bunch scallions, chopped
 1 medium cucumber, peeled and diced
 1/2 cup chopped, pitted kalamata olives
 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes, julienne cut (optional, you can use red bell pepper, diced, if you prefer)
 8 oz. (1 cup) Feta cheese, crumbled

DRESSING:

1/3 cup Canola oil
 1/3 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 tbsps fresh dill, minced or 2 tsp dried dill weed
 1/4 tsp dried oregano, crushed
 Salt and pepper, to taste

1. **Make the Dressing.** In a jar, combine all the dressing ingredients and shake to mix well. Refrigerate until needed. You can make it a few days in advance, if you want. Shake before using.
2. **Cook the Orzo Pasta.** Cook the orzo according to the package directions and let cool until just warm. (I cooked the orzo for 7.5 minutes until it was al dente.)
3. In a large bowl, combine the cooled orzo, scallions, cucumber, olives, sun-dried tomatoes (if using) or the diced red bell pepper and the crumbled Feta cheese.
4. Pour 3/4 of the dressing over the orzo salad and toss to blend. Taste and adjust seasonings and add more dressing, if needed. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours until ready to serve. (*Can be made the day before.*)

– Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor (*salad taken to this year's April Potluck*)

Couples Gourmet Supper Club

Do you enjoy eating well (and sampling various wines, perhaps?) Do you enjoy hosting dinner parties, preparing menus, and trying out new recipes?

If you answer **YES** to any of the above questions then you are the member we would like to have join us. **The Supper Club** has been an interest group in our branch for more than 40 years. At this time we need more participants.

The group is open to all members and their spouses/partners/friends. We meet six times a year in members' homes with 10-14 at each. Sometimes we need to use two homes depending on attendance. Each couple is expected to contribute by either hosting or preparing a menu once a year and preparing an assigned dish for each dinner. Ideally the hostess need only decorate the table and provide tea and coffee.

For more details, please contact either co-chairs: Judy Borlase, at 358-2262 or e-mail Judith@borlase.com; or Joan Kjemtrup at 356-6016 or email joanjens@comcast.net.

September 2012 AAUW Calendar

- 4 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. **Come practice your Spanish.**
- 5 Wednesday **Current Interests Blog**, 12:30 pm at Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga. Chair: Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586. **All Members Welcome.**
- 8 Saturday **Couples Supper Club** meeting, for details and more information – call Joan Kjemtrup at 356-6016. *(See page 6 of this Grapevine issue for information about joining.)* **Seeking New Members – All Members Welcome.**
- 10 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm, in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. **All are invited, but elected officers and appointed Board Members should attend.**
- 11 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. RSVP: Pat Khan, 741-1616. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616. **Begin this exciting new year by joining us! Seeking New Members.**
- 12 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch**, 11:30 am at Mint Leaf Cuisine, 14420 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. Members and guests welcome. RSVP to Roberta London, 741-7645. **Members and guests are welcome.**
- 13 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. **Wilder Ranch.** Beautiful open space on the coast north of Santa Cruz. Five to six miles with hills and ocean views. Bring lunch. Back by 4:00 pm. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. **Walkers and New Members Welcome.**
- 15 Saturday **September General Meeting**, 10:00 am-12 noon, **at Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall, 13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga.** *(Corrected Location)* Showcase of AAUW Interest Group. **Over the Decades: A fun and humorous look at the history of the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch.** See the front page for details. **All members and their guests are welcome.**
- 18 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. **Come practice your Spanish.**
- 18 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 3:30 pm, Book: *“The Sisters”* by Jean H. Baker. Reviewer: Pat Khan. Saratoga Retirement Community, RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611 Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616, Marlene Lamb, 356-8441. **All Members Welcome.**
- 21 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am, at the home of Arleen Pickett, 204 Danville Drive, Los Gatos, 356-3233. RSVP to Margaret Bard, 377-6625. **All Members Welcome.**
- 25 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 12:30 to 3:00 pm. **Come and Join Us!** For location, call Mary Ellen. Chair Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488. **All Members Welcome.**
- 27 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike**, 9:00 am. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride, behind Starbuck's/PETCO; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. **Join us! Walkers and New Members Welcome.**

October 2012 AAUW Calendar

- 5 Friday **Travel “Armchair” Adventures**, 7:30 pm, at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: See next month's Grapevine for details about this year's exciting program. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445. **All Members and their Guests Welcome.**



HELP!!!! Seeking New Calendar Editor.

Blenda Mariani has been a great Calendar Editor for the last two years, but she has become the Tech Trek chair and cannot do both jobs.

I need help getting the monthly calendar put together for the *Grapevine*. Please volunteer to be the Calendar Editor this year. Contact Gail Pedersen, *Grapevine* editor, gail_pedersen@yahoo.com or 377-6895.



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Tuesday, October 2, 2012

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue, Los Gatos, CA 95032



\$20 per person (tax-deductible)

Light refreshments will be served

Space is limited. Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 29, 2012.

The International award-winning Mission Valley Chorus has been an entertainment mainstay of the San Francisco Bay Area since its founding in 1958. Dedicated to performing vocal music in the classic American four-part harmony style known as Barbershop, Mission Valley is one of the premier chapters of Sweet Adelines International, a women’s vocal organization of more than 30,000 voices across the nation and around the world. Proceeds from this event benefit a West Valley College woman majoring in science or math who will transfer to a 4-year college or university next year. For more information, call Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234.

**Mail checks payable to ISPF – AAUW of SCCO with form below to:
Virginia Turner, 14415 Evans Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070. (Your check is your receipt.)**

cut here

Name _____ Phone _____

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I cannot attend but a donation is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____