

September 2013 Interest Groups Showcase Reach Out to the World of AAUW

Meet Your AAUW Friends and Join In!



(Back Row – left to right) Kate Zepecki (Fisher), Meshi Shachaf (C.T. English), Britney Arce (Rolling Hills), and Grace Landers (Rolling Hills) (Front Row – left to right) Sara Moore (Redwood), Michelle Kwan (Miller), and Hannah Logar (C.T. English)

Saturday, September 21, 2013
10:00 am-12:00 noon
at The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Rd,
Los Gatos, CA

- Talk to interest group leaders
- Make a difference! Sign up for committees and programs
- Meet our 2013 Tech Trek Campers and hear about their week at Stanford (*see photo to the left & article on page 5*)
- Bid on Silent Auction items to benefit our local projects (*items left over from The English Tea*)
- Bring a prospective member – See our New & Exciting Membership Materials

Light Refreshments, Coffee and Tea

Coming Next Month . . .

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

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW and West Valley College are
Co-sponsoring this event

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See the flyer on page 9 of the PDF *Grapevine* or inserted in the printed and mailed *Grapevine*. For additional information, please contact Virginia Turner – (408) 866-4234
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Letter from the President



We appreciate the time you took to complete the Interest Surveys sent with your membership renewal letter; they have helped the board plan programs and activities that we hope you will enjoy. Over the summer we have been busy, and I would like to thank two members who deserve special recognition and our heartfelt gratitude.

We would be lost without GAIL PEDERSEN, our tireless and creative *Grapevine* editor. Not only has she designed a new look for the newsletter, she also designed new branch stationery, notecards, and business cards incorporating the new AAUW logo and colors. On top of that she is the editor of the branch Directory which you will be receiving in the near future. And in case that wasn't enough, she stepped in as (interim) Membership Treasurer and sent out all the membership renewal letters and redesigned the membership packet. In so many ways Gail truly makes our branch look good.

Advertising provides the financial support that makes the Directory possible, and we thank HELEN LEMMON for contacting advertisers, getting their artwork, and collecting their checks. And she graciously hosted the June New & Old Board meeting at her home. She is someone who just gets things done, quietly and efficiently.

Like Gail and Helen, YOU can help make our branch stronger.

REACH OUT to other members to keep them connected and informed.

- Sit next to someone you don't already know.
- Try a new group or activity this year.
- Offer a ride to someone who needs one.

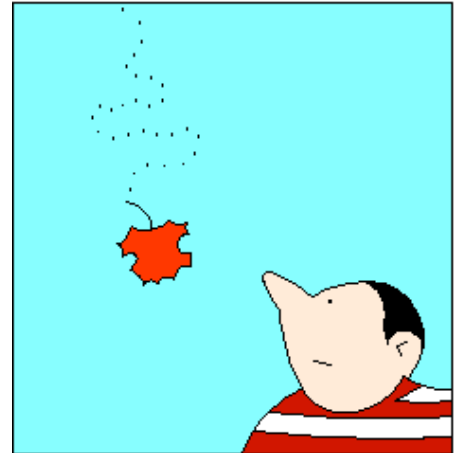
REACH OUT to potential members by inviting friends or neighbors to a

general meeting — many are open to the public – or to a fundraiser.

REACH OUT to the community by supporting our local projects – Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Children – and our national projects through AAUW Funds, supporting the Education Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Attend the fundraisers or make a donation, if you can.

Thank you for your membership in AAUW. Working together we'll all have a great year!

–Virginia Turner, President
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Why Women Join Organizations!

Have you ever wondered why someone joins AAUW? Well, AAUW conducted a survey and asked members this question.

Here is the answer with which every branch should be familiar:

Member Survey Results

The top five reasons why members joined AAUW were:

1. Connection with women of similar interests
2. A friend ask me
3. Belief in mission
4. Participation in local program
5. Participation in philanthropic activity



Three more survey questions will be shared in October, November and December *Grapevine* issues.

Why Did You Join AAUW?

Many people join for **social** reasons – to make new friends or to connect with interesting educated people. Others join because they want to promote our **mission** of education and equity for women and girls – to get involved in public policy or legislative matters. Still others are drawn by our three **local community projects** – Tech Trek summer science camp, Local Scholarships, and the Committee for Homeless Women and Girls. Some are looking for **personal or professional growth** – stimulating discussions, thought-provoking programs or information about current events.

Does AAUW offer all that? Yes, we offer all that.

Every member has access to a broad array of AAUW material

and resources. Read your *Outlook* magazine, or check out the AAUW website at <http://www.aauw.org/>. You can access research reports, view legislative priorities, read about sports equity or court cases, and be inspired by the stories you find there. California AAUW has its own publication, *California Perspective*, and an excellent website at <http://www.aauw-ca.org> with information about California events and news. Take a look –you may recognize some of our branch members' photos currently on the California website.

Membership in AAUW is open to **anyone** holding an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree or the equivalent, or nursing school diploma or business school associate degree from an accredited institution. Membership is not limited to women.

Every current member can help recruit new members.

- Tell your friends and family why YOU joined AAUW.
- Give a gift membership to someone you care about.
- Invite a prospective member to one of our monthly meetings; they may qualify for discounted membership dues if they join at a meeting open to the public.
- Ask Gail Pedersen to send a packet of membership information and the latest *Grapevine* issue.

We appreciate your membership in AAUW. Now help us spread the word to others!

–Virginia Turner, President
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English Tea Celebrates its 25th Year!

The story of the English Tea began when a little old lady of 78, a social worker who had written the first welfare regulations for President Franklin D. Roosevelt – the Widows and Orphans Program – happily retired at The Meadows, put down her paint brush and decided to take a walk. She wanted to verify what she was reading in the newspapers. She walked the length of Guadalupe Creek through San Jose, stopping to talk to the people living under the bridges. She found a huge homeless problem and set to work.

She joined AAUW because she knew that each branch across the nation adopts a variety of projects, many more than the scholarships we give out. The AAUW Committee for Homeless Women and Children was established in 1986, and that woman was Georgia Travis.

Soon after the committee began, they realized that they needed money and thought an English Tea was a good idea. The first one was held in 1988. Some 100 women came to the recreation room at the mobile home park next to the Winchester Mystery House.

Over the years the location varied and the number of attendees more than doubled, but the English Tea has been held every year (with only one exception) since then. The 2014 English Tea marks the Silver Anniversary of this event. What a wonderful tradition!

This past year we expanded the focus of the English Tea to include support for our three local projects, Tech Trek to send junior high girls to the summer science camp at Stanford, and Local Scholarships to help college women transition from West Valley College to four-year universities, and with the Committee for Homeless Women and Children to provide needed services and supplies.

You won't want to miss this special English Tea. So mark your calendars now – Saturday, March 29, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at West Valley College. *Watch the Grapevine for details.*

If you have any suggestions or questions, or if you would like to join the planning committee, call Virginia Turner at 408-866-4234. Thanks to Nancy Anderson for the history of the English Tea

AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch
Proposed Budget 2013-2014

Income	
Dividends-American Century (Reserves)	0.50
Miscellaneous Income ("Angels")	1,200.00
Directory Ads	985.00
Branch Dues (162 paid members)	3,260.00
Newsletter (\$10 subscription to print & mail)	710.00
Total Income	\$6,155.50

Expenses	
Appreciation Funds	150.00
Branch Supplies	100.00
Convention – AAUW-CA in Southern California*	500.00
Convention – Association (<i>not this year</i>)*	0.00
Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	215.00
Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	190.00
Directory Printing Expense	775.00
Facility Rental or Donation	75.00
General Meeting Program	0.00
General Meeting Refreshments	220.00
Historian	15.00
Holiday Party	150.00
Insurance CA AAUW	650.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00
Leadership Training	50.00
Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality**	0.00
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	400.00
Miscellaneous Bank Fees	80.00
Newsletter Postage	200.00
Newsletter Production & Communication Expenses***	750.00
President Expenses	75.00
Publicity/LG & Saratoga Chambers of Commerce	350.00
Recording Secretary	15.00
Secretary of State Filing Fees	20.00
Sunshine Committee	20.00
Treasurer's Expenses	10.00
Web Master	500.00
Web Site	120.00
Board Meeting Room	180.00
Stationery****	800.00
Total Expenses	\$6,630.00
Net Income / (Loss)	(\$474.50)

Account Balances	
Checking Account Balance	2,908.28
Educational Foundation Account Balance	2,509.13
LAF Account Balance	60.15
Reserves-American Century	7,104.32
Subtotal of Accounts	12,581.88
Total Assets [Subtotal of Accounts – Net Income / (Loss)]	\$12,107.38

NOTES: *Every two years. This spring is the AAUW CA Convention 2014.

**Not in existence anymore.

***The charges for communication expenses include cost of membership recruitment and associated printing and mailing costs. 85% of the newsletter production and mailing costs are paid by the \$10 subscription fees.

****New AAUW logo: the branch needs new stationery printed.

Prepared by Pat Khan, Finance VP, 08.09.13

The Reading List

Get Ready for 2012-14 PM-Book Group

The meet at 7:30 pm at the Saratoga Retirement Community

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Book: *And the Mountains Echoed*
by Khaled Hosseini

Reviewer: Blenda Mariani

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Book: *Half the Sky, Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women*
by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn

Reviewer: Margaret Ford

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Book: *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*
by Anna Quindlen

Reviewer: Margaret McCartney

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Annual Holiday party

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Book: *Sisters of Fortune*
by Jehanne Wake

Reviewer: JoAn Lambert

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Book: *My Beloved World*
by Sonia Sotomayor

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Book: *The Reliable Wife*
by Robert Goolrick

Reviewer: Marilyn Lenomard

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Book: *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*
by Candice Millard

Reviewer: Ann Roberts

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 (*Two slim books for the May read.*)

Book: *The Professor's House*
by Willa Cather

Book: *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, by Rachel Joyce

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

End of year potluck, and 2014-2015 book selection

Tech Trek 2013 News

A Week of Fun, Fellowship and Creative Learning

It's late afternoon on a warm summer day, but robots are still roaming the halls. Girls are huddled in small groups to plan their special 3-D math building projects for the last night of a special week at camp. Showers and phone calls home will be squeezed into other pockets of time in the busy schedule of Grace Hopper Camp at Stanford University. The buzz in the air lets you know that these enthusiastic campers are totally caught up in their various projects and focused on completing things before camp ends the following day.

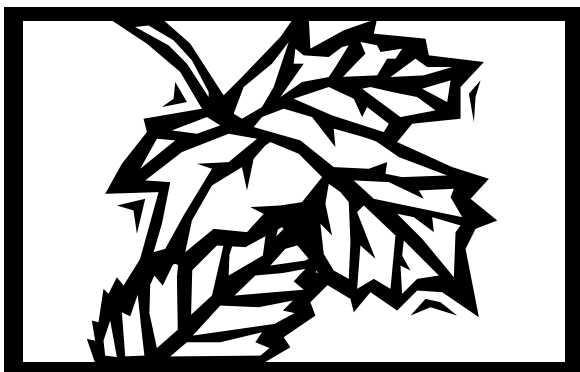
After dissecting fish on the dorm steps that morning and taking field trips to either NASA or the marsh that afternoon, the girls will attend math and chemistry lectures that evening. This pre-dinner time becomes precious because it is their last chance to follow up on the creative thoughts they have been exchanging throughout the week.

Thanks to the generosity of our Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch members, seven girls had the chance to experience the intensity and excitement of this year's Grace Hopper Camp the week of July 14, 2013.

"It was a life-changing experience" is a common theme running through each of the "Thank You" letters from the girls to our branch members. We will be printing half of the letters in the October and November *Grapevine* issues, but thought that you would like to have a brief report before meeting some of the girls in person at our September General Meeting.

Please consider becoming part of our branch Tech Trek Committee. In addition to fundraising, we need help coordinating and communicating with middle schools. You will *not* find a more rewarding way to spend your time than with these bright and motivated 13-year-olds!

For information, call Blenda Mariani (408) 379-4808.



Openings in AAUW Couples Gourmet Supper Club

Do you enjoy Eating? This is the Interest group for you!

The AAUW Couples Supper Club has been active for 40 years, and some of the original members are still with us. It is open to all members and their spouses/partners. We are looking for more AAUW members to join us.

Since we usually have 12 people at each dinner, you need to be able to seat that number in your home. We meet the second Saturday, every other month. Each member hosts the group every other year and in alternate years works on creating the menu. Each member cooks one dish of her/his choice from the menu for each meeting.

In July we get everyone together for a BBQ or other outdoor event. This July we had a delightful BBQ at the home of Joan Kjemtrup, with 19 participants.

You'll have an opportunity to sign up at the AAUW Interest Groups Preview meeting on Saturday, September 21 at the Terraces from 10:00-12:00 noon.

If you want more information please contact Diane McLaughlin, the new Chair at (408) 356-6043.

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

What's New with the Committee on Homeless Women & Children?

The members of the Homeless Committee were very pleased with the English Tea, and would like to thank everyone who attended and worked so hard to make it a huge success. At our next meeting, our committee will be allotting our share of the proceeds (about \$5,000) to the local shelters and services for the homeless. Checks will be written and sent, and, as you might imagine, will be received with great joy.

Wouldn't you like to take an active part in such gratifying services to women and children? Come join us at one of our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May at 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at Pat Khan's beautifully renovated house, 13710 Calle Tacuba in Saratoga. We serve good desserts, too! For more information, contact Pat Khan at (408) 741-1616

-Patty Weber

Looking Forward ...

Great Decisions 2014 Programs

A tentative list of study topics for the Great Decisions 2014 program has just been released by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The program is co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara Valley, The American Association of University Women, and the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council.

The sessions and tentative topics will be as follows:

SESSIONS	TOPIC (<i>Tentative List</i>)
Session One	Political Islam in Africa
Session Two	China's Foreign Policy
Session Three	Turkey
Session Four	Israel
Session Five	Energy Independence
Session Six	Economic Statecraft and Trade
Session Seven	Defense and the Rise of New Technologies
Session Eight	Food Security and Climate Change

Sign up deadlines and contact information will be publicized in the *Grapevine* newsletter as soon as the pricing of 2014 materials is received from the Foreign Policy Association.

Group One is expecting to enroll about forty members. As in past years, Group One sessions begin in the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating

Council's (SASCC) Oak Room. A planning session is scheduled for January 30, 2014 to distribute materials. The first study session will meet on February 6. They will meet the first and third Thursday thereafter. The whole group will assemble to view the topic DVD. The group splits in two with half of Group One going to the Magnolia room. Two sub-groups offers better individual participation in discussions.

Group Two which meets in the Saratoga Retirement Center (SRC) is expected to attract about 20 participants. Their first meeting is February 6 at the Saratoga Retirement Center (SRC) and they will meet for weekly sessions.

We Value Our Members Renew Today!

Each member matters to us!

Your renewal helps us to maintain the financial stability to fulfill the AAUW mission. If you have not sent in your membership renewal, please send it now. (*Remember to update any changes in contact information on your Application. Help us keep our records up-to-date.*)

As you send in your renewals for 2013- 2014, consider a donation to the Branch operations. Your donations are allowing us to build the reserve account and improve the Branch's financial stability.

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

Thank you. -Pat Khan, Finance VP

Sign up for a Fun and Interesting Tour with Sights and Sounds

We have the rare privilege of touring Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF). MVTF, featured on the History Channel, is located in Portola Valley. It includes a highly valued collection of tanks and other military vehicles so unique that the armed services occasionally use them for training on specific vehicles and systems.

Following the tour we will drive to the restaurant "Opa!" in Los Altos for lunch. The Greek menu includes seafood, fish, meat and cheese entrees as well as salads, pita sandwiches and pizzas.

Date: Friday, September 27, 2013

Tour begins: 10:30 am (*in Portola Valley*)

Carpool: we will gather at 9:45 am (*be prompt*) at the Coldwell Bank (*the parking lot is located behind the Coldwell Bank Building, 410 N. Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos*).

Cost: guided tour fee is \$10 per senior visitor. (*Sometimes getting older pays off!*) The regular adult tour costs \$20.

To secure our tour we need a minimum of 10 people to sign up. RSVP to Anne or Al Stewart by **September 13, 2013**. Contact by phone (408) 358-3177 or email agstewart@earthlink.net or ag2stewart@hotmail.com to secure your place at this special event.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. We will provide more detailed driving instructions to all those who register.

September 2012 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-2:30 pm, the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **Practice your Spanish!**
- 9 Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 10 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm, the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. RSVP: Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Attend and find out what we do!**
- 11 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 12:00 noon at Red Robin Gourmet Burger. 1000 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose (near Mimi's across from Westgate Shopping Center). (408) 370-1236. RSVP: Barbara Hawkes, (408) 395-4397. New chair, Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Join us for fun!**
- 12 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks** meets at 9:00 am. *San Francisco and The Americas' Cup* – We will hike the shore and climb to Telegraph Hill. This is the final week of the yacht races, so maybe we will glimpse some of the boats racing on the bay. Bring binoculars and lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga (way out in front of CVS Drugs). Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. **Time to start walking, join us!**
- 17 Tuesday **PM – Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm. Book: *“And the Mountains Echoed”*, by Khaled Hosseini. Reviewer: Blenda Mariani. Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC), 14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga, in the main building. RSVP: Licia Thomson, (408) 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408)356-8441. *(See page 4 for this year's reading list.)*
- 20 Friday **AM – Book Review** meets at 9:30 am, For more information, call the chair, Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625. **Come and find the next great read!**
- 21 Saturday **September General Meeting** meets at 10:00 am-12 noon, at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Learn about and sign up for interest groups and committees. **Meet old friends, make new friends, and get involved.** *(See the front page for details).*
- 24 Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets at 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Potluck at the home of Cathy Foscatto, 18327 Lexington Dr, Monte Sereno. RSVP: Cathy at (408) 354-7159. For further information call Chair Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. **Come and Join Us!**
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- 26 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hikes** meets promptly at 9:00 am in the parking lot behind Starbuck's and PETCO, on North Santa Cruz Ave. We will go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **All levels of walkers invited to join us!**
- 27 Friday **Sights and Sounds Special Event.** Meet promptly at 9:45 am to carpool from the Coldwell Bank parking lot (located behind the Coldwell Banker Building, 410 N. Santa Cruz Av, Los Gatos). Our tour of the world recognized Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) begins at 10:30 am. We need a minimum of 10 people to sign up for this special tour. Cost is \$10 for seniors or \$20 regular admission. **Please RSVP by September 13, 2012 to Anne or Al Stewart, call (408) 358-3177 or email agstewart@earthlink.net Come and Join Us!**

October 2012

- 3 Thursday **Trail Clean-up for Hikes** meets promptly at 9:00 am in the parking lot behind Starbuck's and PETCO, on North Santa Cruz Ave. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Bring clippers, gloves and a sun hat.**
- 4 Friday **Travel “Armchair” Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. *Program: The Russian Steppes and areas East.* See next month's *Grapevine* for details. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. Co-Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616. **Come and see why this is one of the branches most popular interest groups.**
- 12 Saturday **October 2013 General Meeting.** *Save the date.* Speaker Andresse St. Rose, a senior AAUW researcher, will be coming from Washington D.C. to discuss the new AAUW report, *“Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success”*. *(See the lower front page in this Grapevine issue and the Flyer on page 9 for PDF or insert in printed version.) Open to the Public.*

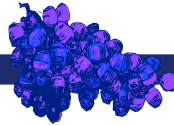


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Saturday, October 12, 2013

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

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14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070



Senior researcher Andresse St. Rose, Ed.D. will discuss 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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