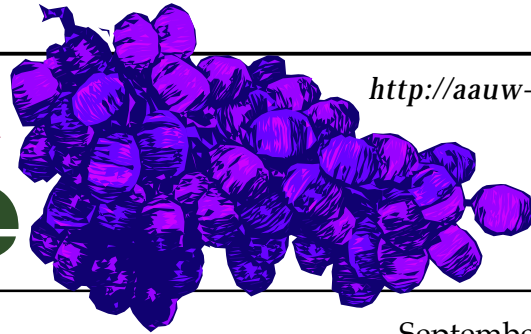


# Grapevine



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## September 2015 Interest Groups Showcase

# Check Out the Exciting Happenings!

## Tech Trek Campers & Interest Groups



This year's inspiring young women who will be sharing their experiences. *(Back Row; Left to right)* Nadia Selby (Redwood); Ariana Yamouti (Fisher); Kayleigh Khandelwal (C.T. English); *(Front Row; Left to right)* Risa Carter (Redwood); Aneesha Nema (Miller); and Macarena Novoa Delfin (Rolling Hills)

Saturday, September 19, 2015

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 2015-2016 Branch Directory at the meeting.\*
- Light Refreshments, Coffee and Tea
- Bring a prospective member ~ Membership Information & Application will be available.

\* Haven't paid your dues yet, come and pay to renew your membership and get your 2015-16 Directory.

## New Directory . . .

### Getting Your 2015-16 Directory

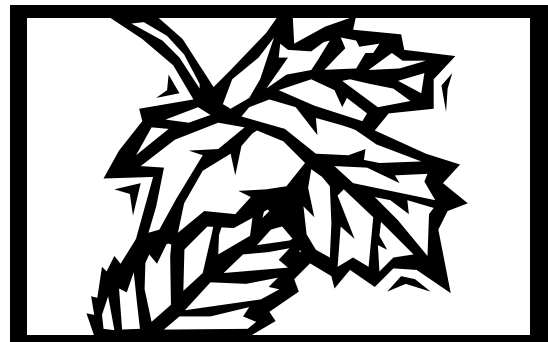
Directories can be picked-up at the:

- **Board Meeting** on Monday, September 14, 2015.
- **General Meeting** on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

**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 2015-16 Directory.

**Cannot Attend the Meetings** – Your 2015-16 Directory will be mailed to you first class.





# Leadership Team Message



Welcome to an exciting year for Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW – **it's our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary!** Throughout the year this column will highlight some branch activities, decade by decade, and refer to what was going on around us during that time. Our thanks to **Nancy Anderson** for providing the branch history.

We have a different **leadership** look this year, one which is not altogether new. Our positions of president and president-elect are vacant and we will be relying on a team of leaders to steer the branch during 2015-2016. A few years ago, in a similar situation, we operated quite successfully with a different Chairwoman for each month, so we know we have the necessary experience.

In response to the member survey we took in the spring, we are reducing the number of general **monthly meetings** slightly, from 9 meetings to 6. Some of those meetings are already set, if you want to note them in your calendar:

- Saturday, September 19, our traditional kickoff event at the Terraces in Los Gatos; *see the cover of the Grapevine for more details.*
- We encourage members to celebrate the December holidays with their interest groups or committees as the branch will **NOT** be holding a holiday party.
- Authors' Lunch January 19, 2016, at the California Café in Los Gatos; this is a fundraiser for AAUW funds supporting national fellowships and other programs at the Association level.
- English Tea, April 16, 2016, at the Saratoga Senior Center, our fundraiser for our Committee on Homeless Women and Children and for our Local Scholarships

- Our **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** potluck luncheon next May 2016.

We are working on two other programs, one in the fall and one in the spring, to be cosponsored with other community organizations that share our interest in supporting women and girls. In addition, the Interbranch Council of Santa Clara, representing all seven AAUW branches within the County, may be putting on another program of general interest which would be open to everyone. These are all wonderful opportunities to bring prospective members to learn more about AAUW.

Once again we thank our dedicated Grapevine editor **Gail Pedersen**. **Joyce Sogg** proofreads the articles and is the Calendar editor. 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 proofreading help from **Barbara Lea**, Gail also produced the branch Directory which you can pick up at the September 19 meeting. Please support the sponsors who helped make the Directory possible.

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

–Branch Leadership Team

## Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

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**OPEN** President Elect – **Your Name Here**

**OPEN** Legal Advocacy Fund VP – **Your Name Here**

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

**AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch**  
**Proposed Budget 2015-2016**

<b>Income</b>	
Branch Dues ( <i>130 paid members</i> )	2,600.00
Directory Ads	400.00
Miscellaneous Income ( <i>donations</i> )	1,200.00
Newsletter print and mail ( <i>35</i> )	350.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,550.50</b>

<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Fees	60.00
Board Meeting Room Fee ( <i>9 mo. X \$20</i> )	180.00
Branch supplies	250.00
CA Secretary of State Filing Fee ( <i>biannual expense</i> )	20.00
Convention – State	300.00
Directory Mailing – First Class	110.00
Directory Printing	280.00
General Meeting Programs	150.00
General Meeting Beverages	150.00
Historian Expenses	15.00
Insurance CA AAUW	675.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00
Leadership Training	60.00
Meeting Facility Rental / Donation	75.00
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	400.00
Newsletter Postage ( <i>Grapevine</i> )	100.00
Newsletter Production ( <i>Grapevine</i> )	800.00
President Expenses	75.00
Sunshine Committee Expenses	15.00
Treasurer Expenses	25.00
Web Master Fees	500.00
Web Site	120.00
Installment Supplies ( <i>New Board</i> )	20.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>150.00</b>

*Prepared by Louise Quenon, Finance VP, July 31, 2015*



**The Reading List**  
**Get Ready for 2015-16**  
**PM-Book Group**

Meet at 7:30 pm, the Saratoga Retirement Community (*SRC*)

**September 15, 2015**

Book: **“Rosie Project”**  
 Author: Graeme Simsion  
 Reviewer: Ann Roberts

**October 20, 2015**

Book: **“A Fighting Chance”**  
 Author: Elizabeth Warren  
 Reviewer: Margaret McCartney

**November 17, 2015**

Book: **“Crossing to Safety”**  
 Author: Wallace Stegner  
 Reviewer: Pauline Berkowitz

**December 15, 2015**

**Annual Holiday Party**

**January 19, 2016**

Book: **“The Girl on the Train”**  
 Author: Paula Hawkins  
 Reviewer: Marlene Lamb

**February 15, 2016**

Book: **“God’s Hotel”**  
 Author: Victoria Sweet  
 Reviewer: Roberta London

**March 15, 2016**

Book: **“All the Light We Cannot See”**  
 Author: Anthony Doerr  
 Reviewer: TBA

**April 19, 2016**

Book: **“A Sudden Light”**  
 Author: Garth Stein  
 Reviewer: TBA

**May 17, 2016**

Book: *still to be chosen*  
 Author: TBA  
 Reviewer: TBA

**June 21, 2016**

**End-of-Year Potluck and**  
**2016-2017 book selection**

Information? Contact Marlene Lamb,  
 (408) 497-1555. **Seeking new readers!**

## Tech Trek Celebrates 18<sup>th</sup> Year at Stanford

This summer marked the eighteenth consecutive year that the AAUW **Tech Trek** Science and Math Camps were held at Stanford University. Our branch was pleased to sponsor six girls to participate in Camp Grace Hopper during the week of July 5, 2015. The girls arrived at camp on Sunday eager, and a little anxious. They left the following Saturday very tired, but clearly excited and inspired.

Many of you know from personal experience that the path for women interested in **STEM** fields has long felt as if it runs uphill. Sadly, the latest AAUW research report "*Solving The Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*" tells us that this is still too often true. **Tech Trek** is an important effort to encourage middle school girls with a natural love of math and science to persevere. This year the camp curriculum expanded to include computer programming and security in an effort to address the reluctance of girls to enter this field.

Every day is packed with core classes, experiments, field trips, and activities from which the campers learn specific math and science lessons. Being on a college campus gives many of the girls their first chance to imagine what it will be like for them to go to college. And being surrounded by other girls who are excited about math and science helps many of the campers realize that it is great to be a **STEM**-girl.

Here are just a few things that the girls sponsored by our branch had to say about their experience:

- *Some of the most wonderful experiences I've ever had happened here at camp.*
- *Thank you so much for inviting me to go out of my comfort zones and expand my academic potential at this wonderful camp.*
- *Learning more about engineering really inspired me to try new things and ask questions.*
- *Thank you for allowing me to go to a camp where almost everyone likes science or math and for helping me learn more about the career options in science.*
- One girl summed it up the best as "*This is the best science and math camp ever, Tech Trek rocks.*"

A number of our branch members helped to make this amazing experience possible for these girls. Many of you donated much-needed funding. Others worked behind the scenes selecting the campers and dealing with all the administrative details required to run a summer program. And a few gave up an entire week of their time to spend with the girls, making the experience one that will have a lifelong impact. Thank you!

–Cynthia Miller (*Co-Chair Tech Trek*),  
cynthia@koshume.com | 408-867-8244

## Facts About the Gifts for Teens Program at AAUW-San Jose

Did you know...

- **Gifts for Teens** was established by the AAUW-San Jose in 1997
- Our gift bags are distributed to homeless and needy teens through Sacred Heart Community Services holiday gift giveaway, Bill Wilson Center, Home First (EHC) and Unity Care Group
- Distribution of these gift bags is a motivating factor for youth to visit these agencies to access counseling, health care, life skills/job training and other essential services
- **Gifts for Teens** improves our community by helping and supporting low-income San Jose teens often overlooked by local youth programs
- 98.5% of all donated funds are used to directly benefit teenagers

For more information, check out our website [www.gifts4teens.org](http://www.gifts4teens.org). See future *Grapevine* articles for volunteer gift bag assembly signup opportunities in December.

–Jan Giroux, **Gifts for Teens**, [jgiroux603@aol.com](mailto:jgiroux603@aol.com)



## Help the Branch to Recruit New Members

### Answer the Question: Why Should I Join AAUW?

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

#### Educational Funding and Awards:

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2015–16 academic year. Due to the generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

#### Research That Matters in the Lives of Women and Girls:

AAUW conducts ground-breaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. Our work influ-

ences the national discussion on topics like the pay gap between women and men, sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses, and the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering. Through new and traditional media, targeted outreach to policymakers, and member efforts, AAUW research serves as a catalyst for action.

#### Public Policy:

Since AAUW's founding, our members and supporters have spoken out about policies important to women and girls. Without their voices, invaluable legislation would never have been passed. In recent years, such legislation included the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to advance our work to empower women and girls. With the member-endorsed Public Policy Program as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. AAUW members across the country who give their time, energy, and voice to AAUW issues deserve the credit for truly advancing women.

#### Legal Advocacy Fund:

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Our resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.



Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

AAUW membership is open to anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree or the equivalent. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. For membership forms and more information, contact Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234 or by email at [vturner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vturner@sbcglobal.net) or visit our branch website [www.aauw-lgs.org](http://www.aauw-lgs.org).

–Virginia Turner  
Membership V.P.



### Sunshine to a Member in Need!

*Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support?* Please send her information to Lavonne Marafino, Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne at 408-867-1964, or [lnmarafino@att.net](mailto:lnmarafino@att.net)

## The Homeless Committee Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Year

Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year – that’s right, 30<sup>th</sup> year – our AAUW Branch’s Committee on Homeless Women & Children (a.k.a. “*the Homeless Committee*”) continues its hard work. For a number of years the Committee has been chaired by a most-dedicated Pat Khan. Sadly, Pat has developed some health problems and is taking a break. Nancy Anderson has generously agreed to take over the reins as chair for this year.

The Homeless Committee raises money to provide services and assistance for homeless women and children; we also provide direct assistance and support, such as our annual holiday party and gift giving. We will try to include an article in each issue of the *Grapevine* to let you know what we are doing and what you can do to help. There are lots of opportunities, big and small, to help.

We had our annual fundraiser, an English Tea, at the end of April 2015. Thank you to all who attended and worked so hard to make the event memorable and profitable. Every time we consider ending the Tea fundraiser, we realize how many things it allows us to do for homeless women and children. And so we are once again hard at work planning 2016’s English Tea in the spring.

Sadly, the **Georgia Travis Center**, named after our Committee’s founder, which provided many services for homeless women and children has permanently closed. So now much of our energy and resources are going to a fledgling drop-in center for homeless

women, **The Women’s Gathering Place (WGP)**. Homeless women who spend the night in a shelter are required to leave early in the morning. These women often have no place to go; they ride the bus all day or spend their day in the park or on the sidewalk. The **WGP** provides a place of safety and community for some of them.

The Homeless Committee has contributed a refrigerator and a dishwasher to support the lunch program at **WGP**. We also provide a meal for some 25 women once a month.

So easy to do; so much appreciated. We serve lunch at the monthly birthday celebration so we bring a birthday cake and balloons. What a special treat! How about signing up to make a pasta salad or pot of soup for 25? This is easy to do and so appreciated; so gratifying. If you would like to participate in this program, contact Joyce Sogg, [joycelawyer@verizon.net](mailto:joycelawyer@verizon.net)

For further information about the Committee please contact chair: Nancy Anderson, 408-867-4383 or [Dander2567@aol.com](mailto:Dander2567@aol.com)

## The Reads for PM Book Group!

Get Ready to Attend September & October

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

### September’s Book

Book: “**Rosie Project**”

Author: Graeme Simson

Reviewer: Ann Roberts



Graeme Simson

### October’s Book

Book: “**A Fighting Chance**”

Author: Elizabeth Warren

Reviewer: Margaret McCartney



Elizabeth Warren

## Your Membership is Vital!

**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 Renewal Application. Help us keep our records up-to-date.*)

As you send in your renewals for 2015- 2016, 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.

## September 2015 AAUW Calendar

- 1** Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:00-2:30 pm (**Note New Time**) at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga). RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Attend & Improve or Maintain Conversational Skills.**
- 8** Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson (13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga). RSVP: Nancy (408) 867-4383. Chair: Nancy Anderson. **Find Out What We Do – You Are Welcome and Needed!**
- 9** Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Center, (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). Please bring \$16.00 cash to cover the cost. RSVP: Roberta London, host, (408) 741-7645. Chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Open to All Members!**
- 10** Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks.** We are hiking **Purissima Open Space Preserve** – a lovely redwood hike off Skyline. Visit the amazing contorted rocks similar to Castle Rock (5 – 6 miles). Bring lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga (way out in front of CVS Drugs). Questions? Call chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Seeking New Hikers! For this year's schedule contact Kay or Jane.**
- 14** Monday **Board Meeting. (Second Monday due to Labor Day holiday)** Meets 3:00 pm (**Permanent New Time**) in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd). **All Branch Leaders should Attend. Open to All Members!**
- 15** Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community, (14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga). Book: "**Rosie Project**" by Graeme Simsion. Reviewer: Ann Roberts. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. See this year's reading schedule in this *Grapevine* issue. **Come and Meet the Group.**
- 18** Friday **AM Book Group.** Meets 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For more information and meeting location, contact Margaret Bard at (408) 377-6625; margaretbard@gmail.com. **Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 19** 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 Guests.**
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- 24** Thursday **Back-By-Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos "**Free Parking – Northside Lot**" behind Starbucks. Questions? Call chairs, Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Start a Walking Program by Joining Us! For this year's schedule contact Kay or Jane.**

## October 2015

- 1** Thursday **Trail Clean-Up Day (Hikes and Walks)** on AAUW adopted trail + back by noon hike + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly 9:00 am Los Gatos "**Free Parking – Northside Lot**" behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers will be provided. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **Help Maintain Our Adopted Trail.**
- 2** Friday **Armchair "Adventures" Travel.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: **Hiking the French Pyrenees** including a visit to Andorra. Presented by Frederick Thompson. Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to Public!**
- 5** Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm (**Permanent New Time**), Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd). **Branch Leaders should Attend.**
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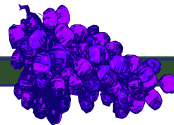


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