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The Annual Games Party to Benefit Tech Trek

A July Afternoon of Fun & Games!

Tuesday, July 13, 2010 (changed to a new day this year)

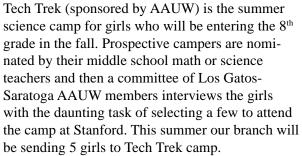
The Terraces of Los Gatos (the Glenn Rouse Assembly Room)

Cost: \$20 per person is requested

The Games Party, a summer afternoon of games, good friends and refreshments, is the annual fundraiser to support Tech Trek.

While most participants play bridge, you may play any board game you like. We just ask that you bring your own cards, or game sets. Talk with your friends and get one or more tables of 4 together. Refreshments will be provided.

See you at the Games Party!









Finance VP for next year.

To Sign Up! See the flyer inserted in this **Grapevine for the reservation form and** more details!

Call Louise Quenon at 408-867-0698 for more information.

Branch End-of-the-Year Finance Update

May 3, 2010

- 1. We still have a total of 114 members as of today who have not sent in their renewals. The renewals alone will generate \$2,280 towards our branch operating expenses. (92 members have renewed.)
- 2. Our bank balance is now \$4,868.55 thanks to the generous extra donations for 2009-10 of \$2,176 from our members. \$1,160 is payable to IBSPF, leaving \$3,706.55 in the account. I will transfer \$2,000 back to our reserves, leaving an ending bank balance of \$1,706.55 in our checking account. Our reserves will be \$5,102.71 for FY 2009-2010. A nice cushion for our branch and the new
- 3. A reminder: If you have outstanding bills, and wish to be reimbursed please send your receipts together with a voucher to Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos, CA 95032 by June 10, 2010.

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Farewell Message from the President

This is my farewell letter to all of you. I'd like to high-

light events we have done together during this past year as well as express my appreciation for the hard work many of you have done throughout the year.

- · We commenced the year with Gail Pedersen and Courtney Duncan taking over the production of the *Grapevine*. They have produced a fine publication, getting the branch news to us in a timely manner.
- Gail has "jumped in with both feet" providing ideas on all sorts of issues having to do with the functioning of our Branch. She is working on a recipe book with me. It is called *Beginnings* and *Endings*, appetizers and desserts. She printed and mailed all of the dues renewals. Gail organized dues renewal packets and saw that they were mailed to members who were unpaid for the current year. The list goes on and on.
- As you know from articles this past year, the Branch has been depleting its reserves at a rapid pace. I sent out a letter asking for donations, and we have raised in excess of \$2,000 so far. Thank you to all who were able to donate.
- Following up on this topic of special meetings, I'd like to thank the members who served on the Finance Committee. They are: Joan Kjemtrup, Joyce Rastatter, Gail Pedersen, Mary Surginer, Betty Maminsky and Geraldine Williams.
- Terri Raynaud stepped forward to chair the New Member Recruitment Event at the end of March.Her or ganization and follow through proved to be successful for our Branch. We recruited new members. Thank you very much, Terri.
- Louise Quenon, the Coordinator of the Bridge Groups, accepted an additional position as General Meetings Refreshment Coordinator. This was a new idea this year, and Louise very graciously and efficiently took charge and carried out the task with her usual high level of competence. The bridge groups supplied the cookies and helped with the set up and clean up. Thank you Bridge players!
- Virginia Turner deserves our thanks for her fundraising talents so that we can give 2 scholarships to West Valley Women who will be going on to a four-year college. Thank you and your committee, Virginia. V irginia wears another hat for usas our representative to the Inter-Branch Council and serves as treasurer to that group.

- We bid adieu to Joan Kjemtrup as our Financial Vice President. Joan has served in this position for five years! Joan was so helpful to me personally last year when I started as Nominating Committee Chair and at the beginning of my year as President. Besides the expert work she does with keeping our finances in order, she also compiles the budget. Joan wears another hat as one of three co-chairs of the Independent Women Interest Group. She has done this for three years now. Thank you, Joan!
- Geraldine Williams, our Educational Foundation Vice President was new to our board as well. She did an outstanding job with the Author's Luncheon. Thank you, Geri. Her assistant Kathy Cusick chaired the Potluck Luncheon for us in April where Mary Surginer, our President-Elect, presented our new slate of officers. Paula Goldman, the recipient of the AAUW American Fellowship Award was our guest speaker. Paula is attending Harvard for her doctorate in Social Anthropology. Kathy presented me with the Named Gift Honoree Award for which I sincerely thank all of you.
- I was invited by three Interest Groups to attend their meetings. I was able to attend the Independent Women's Group final luncheon meeting. The chairs of this group are Sarah Model, Joan Kjemtrup and Barbara Hawkes. The second group was the Homeless Committee Christmas Luncheon whose chair, Pat Khan, does a wonderful job as well. She will be our Financial Vice President this next year. At the Inter-Branch Council other Presidents have mention to me how well-known the Homeless Committee is in the Valley. Congratulations to all of the committee! The third group is the AM Book Club, which I hope to attend on the 21st. The chairs of that group are Kathy Cusick and Barbara Oggerino. My thanks to all of the Interest Group Chairs for their dedication and leadership.
- Anita Wolf has served on our board as Membership Treasurer and will continue to do so next year. Since we haven't had a Membership VP the work collecting the dues, etc. has been doubly appreciated. Thank you so much, Anita for letting us use your Club House for our annual Holiday Party. A little bird said we might be able to use it again this next December.
- Barbara Lea has been a great Database Manager. We have been fortunate to have an experienced person

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such as Barbara. We thank you for all of your hard work!

- Marge Bunyard and Sharon Kelkenberg, where
 would we be without your expertise on By-Laws and
 Policies? We know you had to do a lot of extra work
 this year with all of the revisions. You make it seem
 easy, but we know that is not the case. Thank you,
 Thank you!
- Two very close friends joined the board to help support my efforts. They are Joyce Rastatter and Dianne Priest. Joyce has been our Recording Secretary this year. She has taken this very seriously and works very hard at getting the minutes to include all of the details. I have so appreciated her punctuality and dedication. Thank you, Joyce. Dianne Priest did our Directory for us with her usual talent and thoroughness. She deleted pages which we no longer needed, which saved us money. Thank you, Dianne.
- Gladys Bernyk has worked as our Public Policy
 Chair all year and has done a great job. You have
 really been on top of what's happening in our area
 and on the national political front. We all thank you
 for your commitment to our Branch.
- We can't leave out our Tech Trek Chairs, Nancy Hobbs and Linda Hagelin. We will send 5 girls to camp this year thanks to these ladies. Louise Quenon, who chairs the Games Party, which will be on July 8 this year from 1-4pm. The proceeds from this party benefit Tech Trek. Nancy and Linda have worked very hard all year long to see that we are able to send selected girls. Thank you all.
- Betty Maminsky has been our Legal Advocacy Fund Vice President for 3 years now. She is stepping down. We thank her for her diligence and good work.
- Our new President soon to be installed is Mary Surginer. Don't miss the installation on May 20.
 Mary has been hard at work as Nominating Committee Chair getting new people to serve on the board with her. Before she took on being President-Elect, Mary served as Program Vice President. Thank you Mary for all of your work.
- Members of the Appointed Board who have served this year are: Helen Lemmon, who is in charge of advertising for the Directory. Helen has served many years in this position and deserves many thanks. This year Helen, was another year well done.
- Joyce Sogg has been the Choice Chair this year. She keeps us informed in this area. Thank you, Joyce. Jean Wenberg has served as Historian this year. She continues to work behind the scenes to keep track of our activities. Thank you Jean. Linda King has

- served in two areas: one is West College Representative and the other is Photographer. Thank you Linda.
- Patti Weber is General Meetings Greeters and Name Tags Chair. She has been at every General Meeting armed with her name tags. Thank you so much for your dedication, Patti.
- Margaret Bard has served as Interest Group Coordinator for the year. She has organized the Interest
 Group Leaders to be present at the September
 meeting and the March 27 recruiting meeting. She
 visited many if not all of the groups. Thank you
 Margaret for a job well done.
- Although Sharon Kelkenberg has been mentioned before, I need to mention her two other positions.
 She is our Parliamentarian and our Website Liaison.
 Sharon is in the process of moving and trying to juggle all of her responsibilities. Good luck and thank you very much!
- Thanks to Peggy Corr, our Sunshine Chair for this year. She has faithfully sent cards to those who needed them or their families.
- Thanks to Mary Ellen Madden for doing such an outstanding job as our Calendar Editor. We couldn't have made it without you! Also thanks to Lynn Sprague for stepping in to mail the *Grapevine* newsletter this year. Thank you for your hard work!

I look forward to seeing you on May 20 at the Installation. –Lavonne Marafino





Reminder: Membership Dues Renewal for 2010-11

We still have 114 members who need to renew, slightly more than half the membership. Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2010. Please submit your renewals now and send the renewal forms plus your check to Anita Wolfe, 15400 Winchester Blvd. #36, Los Gatos, Ca 95030. *After June 30 please add a \$2.00 late fee.*

If you wish reimbursement for outstanding bills, please send your receipts and voucher to Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Ter. Los Gatos, Ca 95032. If you need vouchers please call me at 356-6016.

-Joan Kjemtrup, VP Finance

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Wow! Two Board Members with Five Years of Service

There have been two members of the Board during the last two years who have each worked at a position for five consecutive years. This is quite a feat as it takes dedication, commitment and competence. These two women demonstrate all three of these attributes. They are Donette Dake and Joan Kjemtrup.

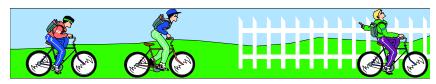
Donette was *Grapevine* editor from 2003-04 until 2008-09. She worked with five different Presidents and enjoyed them all. Sarah Model was her editor for the newsletters, keeping them accurate. The *Grapevine* went from black and white to color and printed only to being a pdf on the web during the five years. Donette taught for over forty years at West Valley College. Gail Pedersen, new *Grapevine* editor, was a

student in her classes. She was the Dean of Career Education prior to her retirement.

Joan Kjemtrup enjoyed her five years as Finance Vice President. She learned Excel with the help of Gail Pedersen, whom Joan says is a *'treasure.'* Barbara Lea, our database manager, gave Joan help and support as did Anita Wolf, Membership Treasurer. By being on the Board Joan says she now understands the function and purpose of AAUW. She had been a AAUW member for 39 years.

I have been so grateful to have had Joan working and supporting me during this past year. I know we will miss her on the Board next year. The Branch has been very fortunate to have had these two outstanding women working for it.

-Lavonne Marafino



Meet Our Local Scholarship Recipients

Chelsea Barnes has known for a long time that she wants to work in clinical and abnormal psychology. Her course work has shown her how important it is to take biology and physiology into account, along with a person's social surroundings. She has learned different kinds of communication skills within her own family, and she has learned to be flexible and adapt to other people's needs in order to help them. At West Valley College she is taking 15 to 18 units a semester and works at least 20 hours a week to pay for extra workshops and conferences in her chosen field of study. She serves as a volunteer with autistic children and is a member of the West Valley College PowWow Committee, helping to support a cross-cultural, community event. Chelsea plans to transfer to UC Davis in the fall and pursue her dream of becoming a Clinical Psychologist.

Sherrie Ladee Batiste was selected as the recipient of a scholarship given in memory of our own AAUW

member Martha Beverett. Sherrie went to a travel school and worked for an airline for 3 years, then worked at a startup travel and software company where she learned about the business side of travel and developed managerial skills. She realized that she enjoys computers and technology, as well as business. While at West Valley College, she has volunteered for the Robotics Competition Event in San Jose, and has designed her own Excel spreadsheet for her personal budget and to help her mother deal with some complicated financial issues. Her mother never went to high school, and her dad went back to finish high school. She will be the first member of her family to complete a college degree. Sherrie is deciding where she will study this fall - San Jose State, San Francisco State, Santa Clara University or one of several UC campuses – to pursue her degree in Business Administration: Information Systems.

Shaina Rosene has wanted to be an electrical engineer since she was in

the fourth grade, when a friend's mother who was an electrical engineer proved to be an excellent role model. She hopes to work for an industry that shares her respect for the environment through the use of sustainable products and more efficient engineering methods. She enjoys studying math and has recently discovered the joy of physics, too, specifically in the electronic world. She volunteered at Sacred Heart Community Center's after-school program working with second and third graders, and felt that she was really making a difference in the lives of these youngsters, just by being there for them. She works part-time to help pay for her education, and plans to transfer to San Jose State in the fall with an Electrical Engineering major.

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients! And thanks to all our generous donors who helped make these scholarships possible!

Virginia Turner, Local Scholarship.

-Virginia Turner, Local Scholarship Committee Chair Volume 42, Number 10 Page 5

EF Potluck Luncheon – Speaker and Awards

Our annual EF Potluck luncheon, which was held on Saturday, April 24, was an excellent opportunity to hear from some women and girls who have benefitted from our efforts to promote and provide opportunities to advance in various scientific fields of study.

Guest Speaker

Paula Goldman, recipient of an American Fellowship award, and Harvard Ph.D. candidate in Social Anthropology, spoke to us about her research on how social causes gain mainstream acceptance. Her intention is to publish her dissertation research in a book title *Unthinkable – How the Outrageous Becomes Mainstream*, with the "*Un*" crossed out. She accompanied her talk with computer visuals that enlivened her presentation.

She gave examples of past "unthinkables" that have already become mainstream: breast cancer, drunk driving, and tattoos! These no-no's are now acceptable, but how long did it take to reach this stage of mainstream?

The process fascinates Paula. There is a chain of persuasion, and at each stage in the progress, someone tweaks it to move it along. Celebrities often can do this, with their access to the media and to important people. However, not all celebrities are created equal. A certain amount of gravitas is necessary, and also a realization of what the cause is about – Paula mentioned some instances of where the celebrity was a mismatch with the cause.

She also mentioned that sometimes there are social causes that don't need a celebrity to move it along, because significant interest exists within a group or segment of the population to push the idea along the way.

Another stage of moving a cause towards acceptance is where the Prophets and the Pragmatists come into conflict. As an idea becomes mainstream, there will be a fight between the purists, to keep the image unchanged, and the pragmatists who say it is important to reach the goal and some compromise is acceptable. Paula cited the ERA amendment as an example of this conflict. Lack of making some compromises (*i.e. women in the military*) became a factor in ERAs failure to pass. The "Question and Answer" session indicated the high level of interest this talk generated.

Mary Surginer, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented next year's, 2010-11, slate of officers who were unanimously accepted by those present.

Recipients Share Their Stories

After lunch Nancy Hobbs introduce two of the girls who attended Tech Trek at Stanford last summer, and they spoke briefly about their experiences, their favorite subjects, and their interest in pursuing more science courses in school. Both girls will be entering high school next fall, Sarah Finley to Saratoga High, and Joanne Lum to Los Gatos High.

Virginia Turner introduced Chelsea Barnes and Shaina Rosene, who are recipients of our local scholarships. They have been attending West Valley College and will be transferring to four-year colleges in the fall to study Clinical Psychology and Electrical Engineering respectively.

AAUW Named Gift Pin Given

Our last speaker was Dianne Priest who gave clever clues about our Named Gift Honoree, who turned out to be an unsuspecting Lavonne Marafino. Lavonne was then presented with an AAUW Named Gift pin.

-Kathy Cusick, EF Luncheon Chair

Meet More New Members

New Member Judy Borlase

Born in London, Ontario (county seat for seven of the recent gold medalists), I taught elementary school in Ottawa where I met my husband, Walter. We shortly moved to the Boston area to be near a hospital treatment center for our daughter, and I became involved with social justice and environmental issues. I played a lot of bridge in those days with the mothers of my children's friends.

Here in California I got another teaching credential and taught 15 years at Monroe Middle School in Campbell and subbed some since retirement. I've enjoyed traveling and bridge, lots of reading, and hope to have more time in the future to pursue any of these interests with AAUW, especially since my husband died a few months ago.

New Member Mary Thygeson

Mary Thygeson was an "Army Brat" born at Fort Mills, Corregidar in the Philippines. She lived in CA, PA, OH, TX and Japan before her dad retired in CA. She graduated from San Jose State College with a BA in geography in 1960. She is married to Earl and they have 4 children, and 7 grandchildren. Besides attending grandchildren's events Mary loves to travel, read and garden.

Mary was an aidewith Lavonne Marafino 17 years and still tutors elementary school children.

She has joined AAUW because she thinks it is important to stress the education of girls and women so that they reach their full potential. All of the activities and groups sound very interesting to Mary.



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Join Us at the Annual Homeless Committee Potluck Dinner

The -May Homeless Committee meeting was of great interest.Jo Griner of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Los Gatos gave a Power Point presentation on the homeless situation in our local area.

The June meeting will be the last for the summer, it is a Potluck dinner on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30pm at Nancy Anderson's home.

We hope thatover the summer you might consider joining our Committee in September. As we have said before, there are many levels of involvement by the members, each chooses how much time they will devote to this work. And no experience is necessary! If you would care to come to the potluck dinner, contact Nancy, 867-4383, or Dander 2567 @ aol.com.

-Nancy Anderson,







Seeking Recipe Submissions

Do you have any delicious, easy, and cost effective recipes to share? These are the "Winners" that we make for family, friends & take to potlucks. "I know that I want to share a recipe when it disappears whenever I take it to a function." — Lavonne Marafino.

Email or send the recipe(s) to Lavonne Marafino and Gail Pedersen for inclusion in *Beginning* and Ending Cookbook that we are putting together.

Two Views - The 89th AAUW California Convention

Membership Matters! Give a grad a gift. Daughters and grand daughters can be given a one year member-at-large membership at no cost to them. They can then join a branch near them and only pay branch and state dues. The membership application be completed online or a PDF version can be downloaded, filled out and sent to the AAUW national office.

Various size branches gave many interesting ideas for recruiting new members. Many ideas were integrated with the program and sections.

Tech Trek:The Latest News and Views I was hoping for some fund raising ideas.No luck.W e had great reports and testimonials by previous campers.One young woman had attended Tech Trek at Fresno State University, came back as a junior counselor, again as senior counselor and now that she is 21 years old, she will be a dorm mom.That's dedication!

This year, UC Irvine is added to Tech Trek.Next year UC Davis will be added.

Anybody interested in helping Linda Haglin and Nancy Hobbs start a Tech Trek alumni group please phone either Linda, 867-3763 or Nancy, 395 4045.

Ideas to Adopt Developing a Mission Based Program presented many ideas for the Branch.Developing a program that is specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time bound including member talents and interests was the thrust of the workshop.

The Saturday luncheon speakers were terrific. They were Assembly Members Joan Buchanon, Fiona Ma and Nancy Shemner. Theiremphasis was on safeguarding our schools, supporting our higher education needs and safe-guarding the environment. I felt well represented by these women.

-Nancy Hobbs, Tech Trek Co-Chair



The State Convention in San Ramon was thick with enthusiasm and new ideas. The focus of the speakers was policies and politics and the importance of engaging in the process.

Key speakers were Charlotte Newhart, Sacremento Public Policy Advocate, Joan Buchanan and Nancy Skinner, California State Assembley members. Their messages emphasized the importance of being involved and changing the 2/3's majority needed to pass a budget to 50%. Realistically we need wider and more revenue sources.

I enjoyed the session on mission based programs with the emphases on keeping our themes in line with our our goals of equity for women. Thereby showing the public who we are and what we stand for.

We are an organization with both social and substantive action groups who contribute to advancing the cause of women through advocacy, education and research.

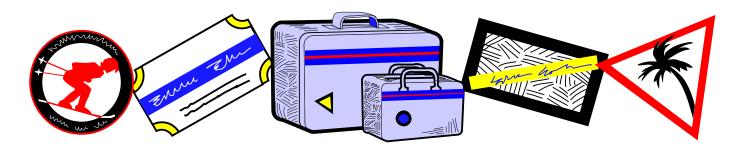
I would like to explore the possibility of using Facebook or another social network to reach a larger group of university graduates.

-Mary Surginer

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June 2010 AAUW Calendar

Conversation in Spanish, 1:30 – 2:30pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., 1 Tuesday Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575. 3 Thursday **Trail Clean-up**, meet promptly at 9:00am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. 5 Saturday **Board Meeting,** Old and New Boards Potluck at Lavonne Marafino's home, 19787 Glen Brae Dr., Saratoga. RSVP to Lavonne Marafino, 867-1964. 8 Tuesday Annual June Potluck of the Committee for Homeless Women and Children, 6:30pm (Note change of time) at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616. 9 Let's Do Lunch, 11:30am at Jasmine Chinese Restaurant, 20 South Santa Cruz Ave, Los Gatos Wednesday (entrance on Main Street). For reservations call Pat O'Hare, 354-6790. Chair: Clare Baker, 867-2295. Guests and members welcome! Scenic Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00am at Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. Loch Lomand 10 Thursday - beautiful water company property in the Santa Cruz Mountains, 5 mile loop up and back. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796. 15 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish, 1:30-2:30pm, at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575. PM Book Review, 6:30pm (Note change of time) Annual June potluck and Book Selection. 18833 15 Tuesday Harleigh Dr., Saratoga. RSVP Ann Roberts, 867-1834. For information call Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 or Marlene Lamb, 356-8441. 18 Friday **AM Book Review,** 10:30am (*Note change of time*). Potluck lunch at the home Shirley Newsom, 115 Via Santa Maria, Los Gatos. RSVP to Shirley, 356-7225. For information please call Co-Chairs: Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394 or Kathy Cusick, 356-2213. 24 Thursday Back-By-Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00am at Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. July 2010 AAUW Calendar 8 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am Los Gatos Park and Ride. Big Basin State Park — Hike under the cool redwoods 7 miles to Berry Falls and back. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane bishop 356-7796. Gourmet Supper Club, BBQ at the home of Gladys Bernyk. For information call Gladys Bernyk, 10 Saturday 867-2348 or Doris Agee, 257-9428. 13 Tuesday Games Party, 1 – 4pm at The Terrace of Los Gatos. (Fundraiser to benefit Tech Trek.) Call Louise Quenon, 867-0698. Cost: \$20 per person is requested. See the front page for details. 22 Back-By-Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride Lot. Thursday 29 Trail Clean-up meet promptly at 9:00am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride Lot. Thursday August 2010 AAUW Calendar Scenic Hikes and Walks - Manresa State Beach - south of Santa Cruz this is quiet beach. Easy Thursday 12 hiking, but a long staircase from the bluffs. Bring bags to pick up trash. Possible stop at the sausage factory or Gzidich Pies or Gayle's. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796. Thursday Back-By-Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00am at Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. 26





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Notes & Notices

New Member

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Address Change

Elizabeth Moran: 624 Clara Vista Ave. Santa Clara, Ca 95050, New Tel. 408-249-3074

Name Change

Angela Anne Gavin got married June 13, 2009 and her last name is now Majic.

Resignation

Elizabeth Hunter writes she is resigning after 50 years of enjoyable and "learned" membership

Please send any corrections or changes in the Directory Information to Barbara Lea, Database Manager at barbara.lea@comcast.net

Member Passes Away

Barbara Wyatt, a longtime AAUW member, passed away suddenly on March 25, 2010 according to her son, Brad.

Our sympathy to her family and friends.

