



Grapevine

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch

American Association of University Women

January, 2008

Authors' Luncheon 2008

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

La Rinconada Country Club, 14597 Clearview Drive, Los Gatos

~ Meet our three local authors and have them autograph their books ~

Millie Kalish, author of
Little Heathens



Ann Parker, author of
Silver Lies



Belle Yang, author of
Hannah is My Name



~ Invite your guests and AAUW friends to a delicious luncheon of Southwestern Grilled Chicken salad, rolls and butter, and dessert of Grand Marnier Berries ~

\$49 (\$20 tax deductible), Advance Sales Only

No-host wine bar opens at 11:00 a.m.

Reservations required by January 14, 2008

Lunch served at 11:45 a.m.

Open Seating Tables of 8

DIRECTIONS to La Rinconada Country Club: From Winchester Blvd. take Wimbledon Drive and turn left onto Clearview Drive; club entry is between two houses. Parking in front of the clubhouse.

For additional information please call (408) 354-2944.

Number attending _____ x \$49 each = _____ + Optional Donation of _____ = \$ _____
of persons Subtotal Opt. Amt. Total Enclosed

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

NAMES as you would like them on badges: _____ PHONE _____

Mail completed form and check payable to AAUW – EF (received by January 14) to Ethel Worn, 95 Wadsworth Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030
(Your check is your receipt.)

Message From the President

A AUW members are readers. We have Book Review sections plus Great Decisions with discussion groups and many of our members belong to other book clubs. Though we keep up with current events by reading newspapers, magazines, the internet and television, how many of us are writers?

All of us had to write in college. How about high school? Do you remember writing a term paper or did you keep a diary or journal when you were young? Have you written a long letter to

a friend or sent a message by Email? There are many styles of writing and different motivations to do so. Many of you who were English Majors in college probably write well. Since I was not an English major, I really admire women who are writers.

Our Author's Luncheon affords us the opportunity to listen to women who have chosen this medium to express themselves. The luncheon is in a lovely setting and supports our Education Foundation as well.

I hope that many of you will join me at this inspiring event.

Gladys

Being On Your Own

Our next meeting will take place January 16 from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Joan Kjemtrup. Our topic this month will be home maintenance. Joan is going to take us through her home and discuss the aspects of home maintenance, which should concern us.

We are compiling a list of reliable maintenance people such as plumbers, carpenters, and painters so please bring any names you want included.

Joan's address is 15950 Rochin Terrace in Los Gatos and her phone number is

408-356-6016. Please call her if you are able to come.

Topics of future meetings will be: connecting socially and cooking for one.

Sarah Model

Age Discrimination Case Could Have Far-Reaching Effects

Recently, the Supreme Court heard the first in a series of age discrimination cases on their docket this session, and their decision in the case could limit the scope of federal laws designed to protect women and others from workplace discrimination. According to *Women's eNews*, the case, brought by a woman who lost her job at age 51, aims to ease the burden of proof for victims of age discrimination. While nearly two-thirds of age-discrimination cases are brought by men, the number of cases brought by women is on the rise, and the effects of age discrimination may be harder on women. Women also reportedly begin to report age discrimination at age 40, a full 10 years earlier than men. Because of the continued pay inequity between men and women, and fewer years in the workforce due to family responsibilities, women often have less savings and lower pension benefits. With the increased life span for women, many are forced to stay in the workplace longer as well. The Court is expected to rule on the case before it adjourns in June 2008.

Women age 65 and over have substantially higher poverty rates than men. In fact, more than half of older women would fall into poverty without Social Security benefits. As many women depend on Social Security as their primary source of retirement income, AAUW believes that any Social Security improvements must maintain guaranteed benefits and consider the inequity of pension benefits and retirement security for women. AAUW is firmly against privatizing all or part of the current Social Security program, since that would eliminate many of the guaranteed benefits women need and jeopardize important benefits to children, especially women and children of color. Social Security's long-term solvency needs to be strengthened, not weakened through privatization



BRANCH INFORMATION

Homeless Committee

Georgia Travis Center (GTC) - This is the season for giving. The best gift of giving is time, and this was given by Pat Khan and Sharon Kelkenberg when they volunteered to man the office at GTC on Monday, December 10 so that GTC staff could attend the InnVision's holiday lunch. The gift of time was also given by members of the Homeless Committee at the annual holiday party at GTC Thursday, December 13. The Committee chaired by Nancy Anderson, served smoke links, egg rolls, fruits and sweet breads. Each client received several gifts, and there were many happy faces.

We would like to thank all of the Branch members who donated gifts for this event. They were appreciated by the women. I'd like to also thank the San Jose Buddhist Church Sangha Crafters who knitted 47 scarves, 2 hats and 4 scarves with hats. This group has been donating beautiful blankets on a regular basis and other items for the Georgia Travis Center. The other organizations that have supported the holiday party with gifts are the Deep Cliff Women's Golf Club and the Spring Valley Swingers in the memory of Ann Dempsey.

20th Anniversary English Tea – Saturday, March 8, 2008

The Mission College Hospitality Management will cater the event. Once again there will be a silent auction. JoAn Lambert is asking for jewelry donations from Branch members. If you have pieces of jewelry you no longer use, please consider donating them to our English Tea auction. Please contact JoAn at 867-6237.

The necklace for the benefit drawing has been purchased. It is a beautiful three diamond pendant necklace, a 14K yellow gold tiered pendant with .50 ct.t.w. diamonds and is valued at \$1,395 from Macy's. Donation: \$5 for each ticket or 3 for \$10 and 7 for \$20. The tax deductible donation should be made to: ISPF (Interbranch Special Projects Foundation). Tickets are available from any Homeless Committee members. The drawing will be done at the English Tea on March 8, and you do not need to be present to win.

Thank you for your support.

Sumi Tanabe, Chair
Committee on Homeless Women
and Children



Great Decisions

Great Decisions 2008, which is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (**SASCC**), and the Saratoga Retirement Community (**SRC**) will officially begin its new season on February 7. However, only for those **Great Decisions** members who will be participating in **Group 1**, an organizational meeting will be held at the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (**SASCC**) portable classroom beginning at 1:00 p.m. on January 31. Workbooks will be distributed at this meeting and volunteers will be solicited to chair each topic's discussion at the eight regular sessions.

Regular sessions for **Group 1**, as well as for **Groups 2 and 3**, will begin on February 7. All three groups will meet in the same locations as in past years. The topic for each of the first sessions will be "Iraq Endgame." The seven subsequent topics will be "European Union at 50," "Talking to Our Enemies," "Russia, U.S. Defense and Security Policy," "Latin America," "U.S-China Trade Policy," and "Private Philanthropy."

Group 1 will meet in eight bi-weekly sessions held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the portable classroom at the **SASCC**, which is also sometimes called the Saratoga Retirement Center near the Saratoga City Hall; **Group 2** will meet in eight consecutive weekly sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the **SRC**; and, **Group 3** will meet in eight consecutive weekly sessions from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the **SRC**. For questions regarding Group 1 contact Anne or Al Stewart at (408) 358-3177 and for Groups 2 or 3 contact Rosalie Price at (408) 741-7670.

The AAUW-CA LAF Committee is so pleased to present a successful LAF litigant, Michael Burch, as the speaker for our first annual LAF luncheon in Northern California . Mr. Burch was the Women's Wrestling team coach at UC Davis until he was fired by the Univer-

sity. With the help of the LAF he sued the Regents of the University of California for retaliation in violation of Title IX. Earlier this year he reached a settlement that included a payment of \$750,000.

We hope you can join us on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at the

Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento from 11:00 to 2:00. More information is on the following flyer.

If you have any questions, please call me, Marty McKnew 916-691-1347 AAUW CA LAF committee

You are cordially invited to a

Legal Advocacy Fund Luncheon

Sponsored by the AAUW-CA LAF Committee

Come hear Coach Michael Burch share his compelling story of his fight for the women wrestlers at the University of California, Davis.

11 AM to 2 PM
Saturday, February 2, 2008
Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn
300 J Street
Sacramento

\$30 per person

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Meal Choice: (check one) Grilled Breast of Chicken Al Pesto
 Vegetarian Strudel

Sorry, I can not attend but am making a donation of \$ _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW CA

Mail your reservation by **January 24, 2008** to: Marty McKnew

9365 Castlevue Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95604



Publicity for AAUW Events

Because we currently do not have a publicity officer for the Branch, Sharon Kelkenberg has volunteered to develop a list of the e-mails for local newspapers and other organizations to which we would like meeting information and news stories to be sent.

If you want an event to be on the Calendar section of the *Los Gatos Weekly Times* and the *Saratoga News*, as well as other media, please send the following information to Sharon by e-mail (sakelk@comcast.net) at least three weeks before the event:

1. Title of Event.
2. Date and Time.
3. Location and Address.
4. Reservations information: i.e. free and open to public or cost of tickets.
5. Phone or e-mail for more information or address for tickets.
6. Short sentence describing program or speaker.

Please title your e-mail to Sharon: "Calendar Item" and call her at 408 867 0588 so that she will read your email promptly.

If you prefer, you may send this info directly to the paper at: lgwt@communitynewspapers.com, indicating it is for the Calendar. Also send a copy to our president, gladysarmstrong@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like the local newspaper to do a longer article about an AAUW program or event, you may send Sharon more information and details. Title these e-mails "Story Idea or Press Release". The newspapers like photos of local events and people, so attach those to your e-mail if you have some. Sharon will send the article to the

papers as you submit it — she will not write the articles for you.

Please let Sharon know e-mail addresses of other organizations that would put AAUW events in their newsletters and how far ahead they need the information

Grapevine Posted on Website

The Branch *Grapevine* is now posted each month on our website: In fact you may be able to find the upcoming month's issue there before you receive it in the mail!

If you have access to the *internet*, please visit the website:

<http://www.aauw-lgs.org>

and select: "Newsletters" on the left side of the home page.

Then in the next window, click on the desired Newsletter where it states "(PDF Format)."

You should now see the Newsletter on your computer screen. Check out the rest of the website also when you have time. Our website was designed by Pavlina Razova who is a West Valley College international student from the Czech Republic. We think it is very attractive and easy to use. New and prospective members can learn a great deal about AAUW and our Branch at the website.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions by calling me at 408.867.0588. If you want an event posted under "What's New?" please e-mail the information to me at: sakelk@comcast.net.

Thank you.

Sharon Kelkenberg
Website Liaison

In California

Give thanks for 2007 CA legislative successes: SB 94 (which will increase funding for family planning) is a great victory and will increase our ability to provide quality reproductive health care. AB 629 (which requires state sex education funds to be held accountable to common-sense standards such as being medically accurate and unbiased) will help ensure our communities receive accurate health information.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program Successes: With all the talk about the need to reduce teen pregnancy (which of course remains very important) you may not know that California's successful teen pregnancy prevention programs reduced teen pregnancy by over 40% between 1991 and 2001. This 40% reduction represents a great accomplishment. Programs such as the Male Involvement Program, Community Challenge Grant Program, Information and Education, TeenSMART Outreach and comprehensive sex education in our public schools help to bring comprehensive medically-accurate health information to our youth, enabling them to make responsible choices about sex. Learn about PPMM's programs.

Looking to the future: With new studies showing the effectiveness of providing youth with comprehensive information covering abstinence, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, and decision-making and skill-building activities, we know how to continue to make strides forward in reducing teen pregnancy. We are focused on maintaining California's successful programs and continuing to improve the quality of comprehensive sexuality education in our schools and communities.

January 2008 AAUW Calendar

(Calendar items due on the 8th of the month to Mary Ellen Madden @ Lipetska@aol.com)

- 4 Friday** **Travel, 7:30 pm** at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. "Mexico's Colonial Heartland" – Walk with find arts photographer, Susanne Karlak, through the streets of Guanajuato and San Miguel de Allende. Through her lens, experience the daily life of these two delightful Mexican towns. You'll experience the cobbled streets with their colorful architecture, and the charming parks with lush gardens and flowers. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Carol McFarlin, 867-2557.
- 7 Monday** **Board Meeting 4-6 pm** at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women and Children, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191.
- 9 Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Mimi's Café, 1200 El Paseo Dr. San Jose. Hostess: Ginny Schroeder, 255-1423. Please call her for reservations. Chair: Jean Power, 356-5122. Guests and Visitors most welcome.
- 10 Thursday** **Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Almaden Quicksilver Park – Greet the New Year with an invigorating hike in this park with the interesting mining history. *Dress Warmly. Bring Lunch.* Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 15 Tuesday** **Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Any one who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 15 Tuesday** **PM Book Review, 7:30 pm** at The Terraces. Book: *Between Two Worlds* by Zainab Salbi. Reviewer: Margaret Ford. Co chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb 356-8441.
- 16 Wednesday** **Being on Your Own, 1:00 to 3:00 pm** at the home of Joan Kjemtrup. Her address is 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos. Phone: 356-6016. Topic: Maintaining your home.
- 18 Friday** **AM Book Review 9:30 am** at the home of Pat Dalcher, 118 Belridge Dr. Los Gatos. RSVP: 356-1071. Information: Geri Williams, 296-1939. *gerisjs@aol.com*.
- 23 Wednesday** **Author's Luncheon Educational Foundation 11:00 am to 2:30 pm** at La Rinconada Country Club. See front page for details.
- 24 Thursday** **Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs.
- 29 Tuesday** **Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Any one who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 29 Tuesday** **Film Buffs, (NEW TIME) 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the home of Vicki Feigelson, 20075 Seagull Way, Saratoga. Please RSVP to Vicki at 255-8822. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 31 Thursday** **Trail Clean up meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*.
- 31 Thursday** **Organizational meeting for Group 1 of the Great Decisions Group 1:00 pm** in the portable classroom of the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC). Please see related article in this issue. For questions contact Anne or Al Stewart by phone at (408) 358-3177 or e-mail *ag2stewart@hotmail.com* or *agstewart@earthlink.net*.

In Memoriam

The following active members of AAUW have died recently, and we would like to offer condolences to their families.

Dorothy Dowell was a member for over 50 years. She was a writer who published 27 books and lived for 15 years at the Terraces. She had five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Edith Hinman graduated from Simmons College with a BS degree in Home Economics.

Delores Lopez graduated from San Jose State university in Education. She was a long-time AAUW member.

Donna Padrick was a long-time member of the organization. She was a dedicated artist working in various media throughout her life including pottery. She had three children and four grandchildren.

Your Organization Needs YOU!

AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga is looking for a volunteer to serve on the nominating committee for officers for the 2008-2009 year. Please help by volunteering and inform Gladys Armstrong of your willingness to serve. Her email address is gladysarmstrong@sbcglobal.net or 408-867-1090. Thanks for considering.

Also, the new President Elect, Margaret Bard, will be looking for a Newsletter Editor. Join the fun of creating the news for the organization. The present editor, Donette Dake, is very willing to give you help to get started. Please call Margaret Bard at 408-377-6625 or email her at mcbard@aol.com and offer your help.

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In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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