



# Grapevine

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch  
American Association of University Women

January 2009



**Amanda Scott**  
*Border Lass*



**Arlene Blum**  
*Breaking Trail*



**Penny Warner**  
*Ladies Night Out*

Attend the  
**Authors' Luncheon**  
Benefiting the  
**Education Foundation**

and hear

**Three Outstanding**  
**Local Authors**

at the

**La Rinconada**  
**Country Club**  
**Wednesday**  
**January 21, 11 am**  
**until 2:30 pm**

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**\$55 (\$25 tax deductible), In Advance only**  
**Reservations required by January 12, 2009**

**No-host wine bar opens at 11:am**  
**Lunch served at 11:45 am**

**Biographies and more details on page 5.**

## Message From the President

If you have access to the Internet, please look at our Grapevine on our website: <http://aauw-lgs.org>.

You may be amazed at how differently it looks in color. Donette is a highly skilled graphic artist and it shows especially well when you see it on the website. Besides its beauty, you can make the print really large if you like easy-to-read print.

The next time you see Donette please thank her for the work she does for AAUW. Without people willing to donate their talents and skills we would not have nearly as special an organization as we have.

There are a lot of people we should all be thanking, especially the many who quietly give us their time and concentrated efforts behind the scenes. Judy Zaccone provides coffee and tea at our General Meetings and arranges for yummy munchies, often including Brownies she makes herself. In addition, she is responsible for assembling, and mailing the Grapevine so, without her help, you would not be reading this.

Sarah Model contributes her time and skills in editing the Grapevine and writing some of its articles. She notices when we misspell words, create grammatical faux pas, and fixes them so we all look clever! She is our Interest Groups Coordinator as well.

Jean Wenberg is working to put the history of our branch in the Saratoga Historical Museum. In order to do that, she has to go through a myriad of papers to get them in sequential order, figure

out where the gaps are, and decide how to fill them. It's an awesome task. She also serves as our Interbranch Council President and was quick to offer to apply mailing labels and mail our Directories out when they were printed too late to be given out at our meeting.

Our Database is being maintained by the extremely able efforts of Barbara Lea, who gives a great deal of time to making sure it is accurate with the newest members, the most recent email changes of all members, and making labels whenever a mailing goes out. She emails all of you when I ask her to as well. She was immeasurably helpful when she was needed to complete our directory.

Within our branch there are a lot of people who are working hard to benefit the group as a whole. Your interest section leaders deserve your thanks for the time they spend making sure your group has what they need. Whenever you see someone who is helping AAUW by giving their time, skills, talents, efforts, please take the time to thank them. Without them we would dissolve.

I am thrilled with everyone on my Board who are incredibly generous with their efforts on our behalf. You can be proud that you have elected a stellar group of women to provide leadership for the branch. At every Board meeting I marvel at their skills and willingness to give their time and energy for our benefit. I thank them all with admiration. You will find their names in your Directory on pages 13-16. Would you take the time to thank them, too?

Margaret Bard

## Gifts for Teens

We met our goal! Gifts for Teens was able to distribute a total of 1,400 gym bags and totes to the clients of EHC Lifebuilders, the Bill Wilson Center, and Sacred Heart Community Service. Thank you to all who gave cash, created such items as knitted hats, scarves and jewelry, donated articles or worked as volunteers either for gathering items or putting together the beautiful bags and totes. A more detailed article will be in next month's newsletter - look for all the great details.

Rita Skillman

## Great Decisions

Sixty people from the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, the Saratoga Retirement Center, and the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council have registered to participate in the 2009 "Great Decisions" program. As in past years, this year's local program will involve three groups. The first meeting of *group one* will be at the SASCC facility, and will be an organizational session to be held on January 29 at 1 p.m. *Group one* study materials will be distributed at the January meeting. The first meetings for *groups two and three* will be at the Saratoga Retirement Center on February 5. Group 2 will meet at 9:30 a.m. and Group 3 at 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this release please call me at (408) 358-3177. Thank you for your support.

Al Stewart

## Branch Information

### Homeless Committee

Christine Burroughs, Executive Director of InnVision, and Julia Burkhead, Director of the Georgia Travis Center, were the guest speakers at our November meeting. InnVision is the umbrella agency serving the homeless and at-risk families in Santa Clara County. Under their administration are of some of the following facilities in and around San Jose: Montgomery Street Inn for men, Julian Street Inn, Stevens House, and Alexander House for those with mental disability. Commercial Street Inn and the Villa provide housing for women and children while the HomeSafe program provides shared housing for victims of domestic violence. Additional programs provide food, clothing and help with crisis problems as well as providing guidance, tools, and resources to clients seeking self-sufficiency. In addition to these programs, InnVision has multiple agencies along the Peninsula as far north as San Mateo. This past year InnVision has provided service to over 20,000 individuals, up 4,000 from last year.

Of course, as our Georgia Travis Center (GTC) is part of all this, it was interesting to hear from the speakers about the changes soon to happen. As with every non-profit agency, donations are down just as need is up. This will mean cuts in some programs but new programs will help counteract them. Two of the new ventures are a full-time day care facility and “One Stop,” collaboration with the City and County to bring a multiple of services to low-income families and individuals. Director Burroughs’s closing statement said it all, “I think GTC will be what

Georgia Travis dreamed of it being.”

If any member of AAUW or their guest would be interested in a tour of these facilities, please contact one of our committee members. Please see the contact information below.

A REMINDER!!!! Save the Date—March 14, 2009—for our delicious and fun **English Tea**. Tickets will soon be available. **See page 7.** JoAn Lambert (867-6237 or [jgdlam@earthlink.com](mailto:jgdlam@earthlink.com)) asks that you contact her if you have any jewelry you would care to donate to the sale table.

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

### Photo from Committee on Homeless Women and Children

At the November 15 Branch meeting, Sumi Tanabe, Co-Chair of the Homeless Committee, is seen giving a \$6,000 check to Trish Crowder of Family Supportive Housing. The money will be used for the three memorial benches for Georgia Travis, Anne Dempsey and Bette Pestka at the new Family Supportive Housing Building. Money for the memorial funds was given generously by members of the Branch. JoAn Lambert and Nancy Anderson spoke about the three women who have supported the Homeless Committee and its programs.





## Independent Women – “The Joan and Sarah Show”

Please join us to hear Joan Kjemtrup who is a former enrolled agent for the IRS speak on tax changes for 2009. She will also answer any other questions you may have.

Sarah Model, who has worked in investment banking, will talk about possible scenarios for the economy in 2009.

We will be meeting at the home of Barbara Hawkes on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Please see calendar entry for address and RSVP details.

## Legal Advocacy

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund will help by fighting for pay equality and to keep work places free of gender discrimination in academia and the wider workplace.

Checks for \$10 or less are still being gratefully accepted. Make the check payable to AAUW-LAF and mail it to

Betty J. Maminski  
576 W. Parr Avenue, #12  
Los Gatos, CA 95032

## Changes in the Directory

Please welcome our new member, Shirley Hill and note the address correction for Jacqui Smith

New Member:

### **Shirley Hill**

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BS – Stanford University, Education  
MA – Stanford University,  
Education Administration  
EdD – University of Arizona,  
Elem. Educ. & Educ. Psych.

Address Correction:

### **Jacqui Smith**

130 E. San Fernando St., PH 20  
San Jose, CA 95112

## Public Policy

California Congressman Henry Waxman has submitted a letter to Secretary Michael Leavitt, head of the Department of Health and Human Services, challenging the process used by HHS to review and rewrite the proposed healthcare provider conscience/right of refusal regulation that seeks to protect “the right” of health care individuals and entities to refuse to perform medical procedures, including abortion and sterilization, and to refuse to sell birth control. Mr. Waxman is the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The letter reads in part, “...it has come to my attention that the rule was issued in apparent violation of an executive order that requires interagency coordination and review. I am writing to request an explanation of this lapse and a description of how HHS will redress this lack of coordination in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and other affected federal agencies.” The letter went on to detail Mr. Waxman’s concerns.

Mr. Waxman’s letter should significantly delay HHS’s regulatory process. HHS has already missed the 30-day deadline to publish responses to comments received during the public comment period. AAUW CA and its allies are hopeful this additional delay will result in the proposed changes being abandoned altogether. That is unlikely but the missed deadline opens other avenues of opposition to the proposed changes.

Gladys Bernyk



## A New Birth of Freedom’—2009 Inaugural Theme

“A New Birth of Freedom” commemorates the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birth. The words, echoing across 200 years from Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg address, express Lincoln’s hope that the sacrifice of those who died to preserve the United States would lead to “a new birth of freedom” for the nation.

### 2009 Theme Selection

The theme was chosen by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in consultation with the Senate Historian’s Office. Inaugural themes are incorporated into the official Inaugural program, Inaugural Luncheon menu and decor.

### Swearing-In Ceremony

The Swearing-in ceremony takes place on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol with the president-elect being sworn-in by 12 noon on January 20. Amendment XX to the U.S. Constitution states that the term of the President expires at noon on January 20.

## Author Biographies

### *Arlene Blum*

is well-known as an author, feminist, and activist. Her fame is not for any of these things, but for being the first woman to lead an all-woman team to climb to the top of Annapurna. This is one of the highest peaks (26,546 feet) of the Himalayan mountains in central Nepal. She will be known forever for her slogan: "A woman's place is on top." She has used her mountaineering experience as a metaphor in addressing women, challenging them to conquer life's challenges. She also is a writer, publishing "Annapurna: A woman's place," "Breaking Trail: A climbing life," as well as monthly email newsletters, in which she urges action on many issues of interest to women.

### *Amanda Scott*

is a native-born Californian. She has during her lifetime been in a gifted child program, worked as a model, and taught in the Salinas School District. Her undergraduate work was done at Mills College in Oakland with a major in History. She later attended University of North Carolina and San Jose State University, receiving a Master's in British History. She started writing novels on an old Smith-Corona portable electric typewriter, and has since graduated to computer data processing. More than 25 (yes, 25) of her historical fiction novels are set in the English Regency period (1810 to 1820), while others are set 14th- through 18th-century Scotland. She and her husband and children now live in Napa.

### *Penny Warner*

is from Danville, CA, has published over 50 books, both fiction and non-fiction. She received a Bachelor's degree in Child Development and a Master's degree in Special Education. She teaches seminars on writing tips. Altogether, her books have won national awards and have been printed in 14 countries, including Russia, France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, India, Israel, Poland, Japan and China. Some of her best-selling titles have been "Best Party Book," "Games People Play," "Kids Party Book," and currently "Ladies' Night: 75 excuses to party with your girlfriends," "Rock-a-Bye Baby: 200 ways to help baby (and you!) sleep better," and her on-going mystery novel series called the *Conner Westphal Mysteries*. In her spare time she writes a weekly column in the "Contra Costa Times."



### Authors' Luncheon Reservations

Please see the insert in the December Grapevine and fill out the proper form to reserve your space. The cost is \$55 each for the luncheon. Checks should be made payable to AAUW-EF and must be received by January 12. Send your checks to Ethel Worn, whose Los Gatos address is in your directory.

The luncheon is always interesting, and the authors are available to autograph their books.

*January in the frozen north.*

## January 2009 AAUW Calendar

- 5 Monday Board Meeting, 3:30 pm**, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Avenue & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 6 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.
- 8 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Los Gatos Park and Ride. Pleasanton Ridge. Greet the New Year with an invigorating hike in this park with spectacular views. Dress warmly. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 9 Friday Travel, 7:30 pm (Note: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)** at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. “Down The Colorado—Painting as We Go” Join well-known local artist, Kay Duffy, as she and a group of fellow artists go river rafting down the Colorado River. While others may go exploring on the banks when they stop, this group spends their free time painting at each stop. Some work in oils, some with watercolors and others with acrylics. Kay will have a few of her works on display that night so that you can share with her what she saw and painted on this trip. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Margaret McCartney, 741-0652.
- 10 Saturday The Gourmet Supper Club.** Co chairs: Doris Agee and Gladys Bernyk. If interested phone Gladys at 408-867-2348 or Doris at 408-257-9428.
- 13 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women and Children, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Guest speaker: Margaret Bard, Branch President. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191.
- 14 Wednesday Let’s Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Crimson Restaurant, 15466 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos. Hostess: Doris Traber, 354-5718. Chair: Jean Power at 356-5122. Start the New Year by visiting our Merry Group.
- 16 Friday AM Book Review at 9:30 am**, at the home of Margo Restruck, 15725 Peach Hill Dr., Saratoga. RSVP to Margo at 741-5087. For information: Call Margo at Restruck at 741-5087 [margrest@gmail.com](mailto:margrest@gmail.com), or Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394, [oggerinobarb@aol.com](mailto:oggerinobarb@aol.com).
- 20 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.
- 20 Tuesday PM Book Review, 7:30 pm** The Terraces. RSVP: Margaret Ford, 356-5028. Book: “The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court” by Jeffery Hogan. Reviewer: Liz Brownwell. For information call - Co- chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb 356-8441.
- 21 Wednesday Author’s Lunch Education Foundation, 11:00 am – 2:30 pm** at La Rinconada Country Club. See front page for details.



- 22 **Thursday** **Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs.
- 27 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. RSVP: 264-4488. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488
- 28 **Wednesday** **Independent Women, 1:00-3:00 pm (Note date change because of the Author's Luncheon)** at the home of Barbara Hawkes, 15541 Palos Verdes Dr., Monte Sereno. Come see the "Joan and Sarah Show." For more information see the "Independent Women" article in the *Grapevine*. Please RSVP to Joan Kjemtrup at 356-6016, or Barbara Hawkes at 395-4397, or Sarah Model at 354-7819.
- 29 **Thursday** **Trail Clean-Up, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*.

## *English Tea Time*

*Tea and Auction*

*Save the Date: Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm*  
*West Valley College, Saratoga, CA*

*Benefit for the Homeless Women and Children*



*For Tickets: Call Pat Khan (408-741-1616)*  
*\$30 Tax Deductible payable to ISPF*  
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### **A Few Interesting Facts from previous Inaugurations:**

March 4, 1793	George Washington	First Inauguration in Philadelphia; delivered shortest Inaugural address, just 135 words.
March 4, 1801	Thomas Jefferson	First Inauguration in Washington, D.C.
March 4, 1817	James Monroe	First President to take oath of office and deliver Inaugural address outdoors; ceremony took place on platform in front of the temporary Brick Capitol (present Supreme Court).
March 4, 1841	William H. Harrison	First President to arrive in Washington by railroad; delivered the longest Inaugural address (8,445 words).
March 4, 1861	Abraham Lincoln	Lincoln's cavalry escort to the Capitol was heavily armed, providing unprecedented protection for the President-elect.
March 4, 1897	William McKinley	First Inaugural ceremony recorded by a motion picture camera; first President to have a glass-enclosed reviewing stand.
March 4, 1913	Woodrow Wilson	Inaugural ball was suspended for the first time since 1853.
March 4, 1921	Warren G. Harding	First President to ride to and from his Inauguration in an automobile.
January 20, 1937	Franklin D. Roosevelt	First President Inaugurated on January 20th, a change made by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution; first time the Vice President was Inaugurated outdoors on the same platform with the President.
January 20, 1953	Dwight D. Eisenhower	Broke precedent by reciting his own prayer after taking the oath, rather than kissing the Bible; first time the JCCIC hosted the Inaugural luncheon at the Capitol.
November 22, 1963	Lyndon B. Johnson	First time a woman administered the oath of office (U.S. District Judge Sarah T. Hughes swore in Johnson on Air Force One).
August 9, 1974	Gerald R. Ford	First unelected Vice President to become President.
January 21, 1985	Ronald Reagan	January 20th fell on Sunday, so Reagan was privately sworn in that day at the White House; public Inauguration on January 21st took place in the Capitol Rotunda, due to freezing weather; coldest Inauguration day on record, with a noon temperature of 7°F
January 20, 1997	William J. Clinton	First Inaugural ceremony broadcast live on the Internet.

*From <http://inaugural.senate.gov/index.cfm>*