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Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch

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June 2009

Luncheon for Current Board and New Board Members to Get Acquainted

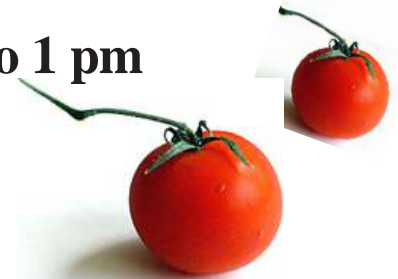
*Everyone who has been involved with the Current Board
or expects to be involved with the New Board is Invited*

Saturday, June 6, 2009, 10 am to 1 pm

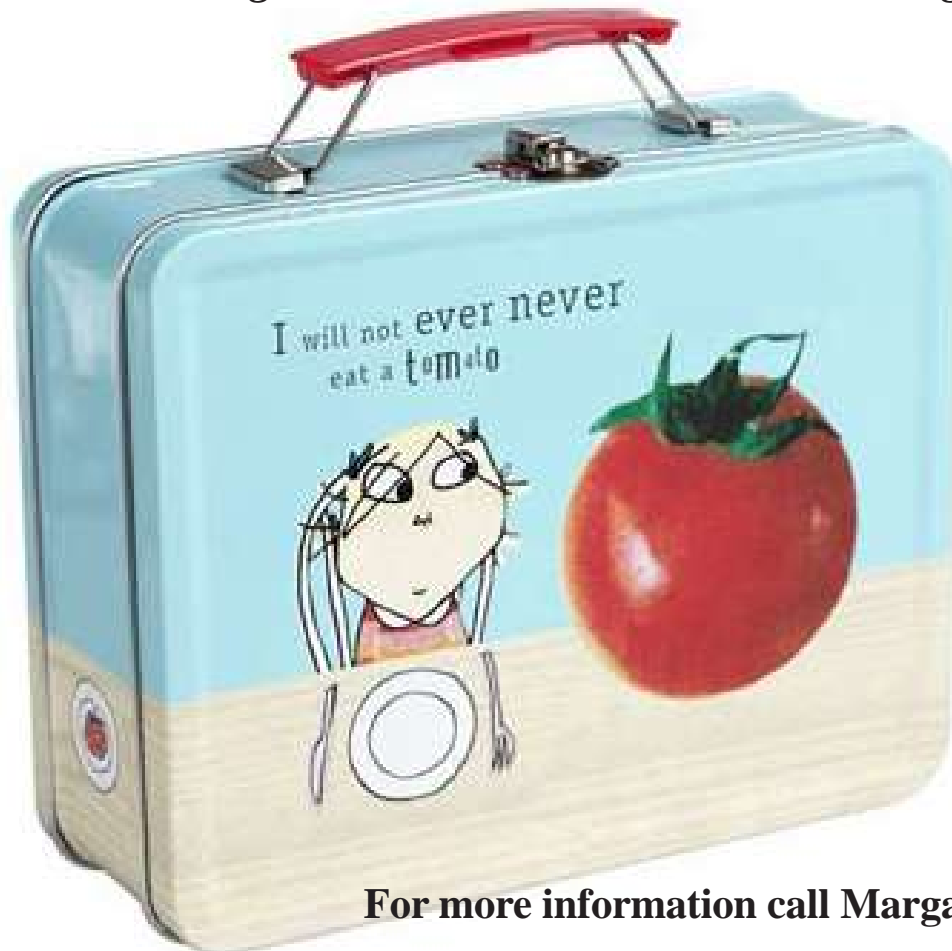
Home of Margaret Bard

4130 Ashbrook Circle

San Jose, CA 95124



Please bring a luncheon salad to share. Beverages and Dessert provided.



**Current Board
Members should
bring procedures
binders for their
office to provide
help to the New
Board Members**

For more information call Margaret Bard.

Message From the President

It's been an extremely fun year. I have especially enjoyed being your president because of all the amazing women I have gotten acquainted with in our membership. We really have an astonishing group of women. It's been so enjoyable, I volunteered to be the Interest Group Coordinator next year! Our interests cover such a wide range; it is endlessly fascinating to see what is going on among the interest groups.

Our EF Potluck Luncheon was a delightful day. The speaker we had scheduled cancelled early in the week, but Valerie Jones, a replacement, stepped forward. She was a spectacular speaker. She spoke about research she has been doing into gender differences in studying math and science. She pointed out some of the difficulties experienced by women working in math and science where very few other women are working. These women have a different set of problems than the men working in these fields. She told us about the fascinating research she was doing. We will be most interested when she publishes her findings.

At the meeting our membership voted to increase our local dues by \$4 to \$20 to run our branch. That will bring our dues up to \$85 with \$49 going to Association (\$46 of that will be tax deductible), \$16 going to AAUW-California, and \$20 to local dues. This increase will enable us to continue to run the branch without the financial difficulties we've been experiencing in the last few years. It was a necessary increase and I

thank all of you for recognizing that.

This meeting traditionally is one where lots of members come to greet old friends and this year was especially fun for many. We had a good size group to elect our officers for next year. Congratulations to the new Board!

Our Board this past year has done an exemplary job. Audry Lynch has given us a series of informative speakers and she efficiently organized the meeting places. Mary Pastrone assisted her and reported to Board meetings when Audry was teaching and could not attend.

Lydia Norcia and Barbara Oggerino have been indefatigable in their recruitment of new members. Louise Quenon has done an outstanding job for the Educational Foundation, putting the Authors Luncheon together, attending various EF meetings, and coordinating the EF Potluck Luncheon. She has raised lots of money with a smile and incredible efficiency. Betty Maminski has kept the Legal Advocacy Fund in our attention and encouraged us to help reach their goals. Denny Alff has been faithful in producing public relations notices of our meetings. Joan Kjemtrup, our Financial VP, has spent a great deal of time following up on all things with banking, state reporting, collecting funds and paying the bills. We needed all her expertise.

We are thankful to Virginia Turner for her fund-raising skills (and the rest of us thank her for a wonderful concert by the Mission Valley Chorus) and arranging the applications and awards for the recipients of local scholarships. Sumi Tanabe's Committee for Homeless Women and Children

were joyful givers again, helping out in many ways at the Georgia Travis Center and raising money for the Homeless. This committee sets the standard for a hard working committee! Nancy Hobbs has been awe inspiring in her promotion of the Tech Trek program and Linda Hagelin has done an efficient job of selection of the girls to attend the camp.

Judy Rossman consistently created Board minutes with skill and flair. She does not miss a thing. Marge Bunyard helped update our ByLaws. Sharon Kelknberg kept our Parliamentary procedure orderly, as well as keeping track of our website and making sure the updates are timely. Joyce Sogg kept us aware of what's going on in the Reproductive Choice arena.

Judy Zaccone has done an admirable job of preparing the Grapevine for mailing and mailing it every month. In addition to that important job, she has handled the refreshments at all our general meetings. Gladys Armstrong has been the one to reach out with comfort to our members with health problems. Jean Wenberg has ably represented our branch as President of the Inter Branch Council, as well as serving as our historian.

Donette Dake and Sarah Model have made the Grapevine a publication, both visually and easily read. This has been their fifth and last year as Grapevine Editors. Next year they prefer to read the Grapevine rather than create it!

I'm grateful to everyone for doing an outstanding job and making my life easy. Thank you to everyone who has helped - there are a lot of you - for this great year.

Margaret Bard

EF Potluck Lunch Honors Many



Valerie Jones, Speaker

The Annual EF Potluck Luncheon on April 25th gave us an opportunity to honor and acknowledge branch members and scholarship recipients for the year and to elect Branch officers for 2009-2010. A slate of officers for 2009-2010 is presented on page 5 in this *Grapevine*.

Members who attained 50 Years of Membership this year were Marge Bunyard, Carolyn Collins, Doris Jackson, and Peggy Johnson. Membership Co-VPs, Lydia Norcia and Barbara Oggerino, presented them with certificates.

Branch leaders who were recognized as Named Gift Honorees were Frank Lemmon, presented by Margaret Bard and Margaret Bard, presented by Pat Weber. You can read their introductions on page 4 in this *Grapevine*.

Nancy Hobbs, Co-Chair of Tech Trek, presented the girls who attended Tech Trek last July. Sydney Clark, Samika Kumar,

Emily Santich, and Summer Vance each spoke enthusiastically of her favorite activity at the camp and House-Mom, Marlene Lamb, said she had such a wonderful time (as did all the other House-Moms!) that she'll be returning for this year's camp.

Two women received \$1,000 scholarships to continue their college level science studies and were presented by Virginia Turner, Chair of the Local Scholarship Committee. Bin Tu will transfer to U.C. Davis in the fall and is considering studying Veterinary Medicine when she completes her 4-year degree. Jill Slyter will transfer to San Jose State in January to pursue studies Mechanical Engineering. Stories about these women were in the May *Grapevine*.

The keynote speaker was Valerie Jones, a Ph.D. Candidate in Social Psychology at Stanford. She is an EF American Fellow and will earn her degree in June. Her thesis is a

study of women working in science and math fields and the pressures they experience to excel. Her research has shown that when there are relatively few women in a department or work unit, there is a tendency for them to work harder and longer hours than their male counterparts and as a result to experience more stress. She has identified a "critical mass" of women in a work environment (usually 15-30%) and when that level of representation of women is achieved, stress levels are not elevated. Valerie's presentation prompted many questions from the audience, including a question from one of the Tech Trekkers.

It appears that our support of women and girls in science fields is on the right track but we still have a way to go to make sure that women who enter these fields are in sufficient number so that the "critical mass" is attained.

Louise Quenon
EF - VP



The Lemmon Family, (from left) Christine, Helen, Charles, Frank

Frank Lemmon, Named Gift Honoree

One of our Named Gift Honorees is Frank Lemmon. Frank maintained our AAUW Database and created our Directory for ten years. Although not the type to call attention to his many good deeds, he was well known in Saratoga as a reliable, effective and productive volunteer. However, that was after he retired in 1992.

He was born and grew up in Steubenville Ohio. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1943 to help out in the war. In California he met and married Helen, another of our AAUW's stalwart mainstays. After the war, he went to Ohio where he got his master's degree in Electrical Engineering at Ohio State. This was the beginning of his career in the aerospace industry working first with Douglas Aircraft, then Lockheed and TRW, and finally with Itek. He had a very high security clearance as he worked with scientists like Werner von Braun on rocket science as well as radar warning systems among other projects.

Frank and two other engineers working for Douglas Aircraft invented what we now call the Black Box used on all aircraft to enable investigators to discern what caused an airplane to crash. This was originally designed for military aircraft. I regard this invention as a major contribution to all our lives.

Frank and Helen raised two sons and a daughter, all of whom were university graduates, which was very important to him.

Frank and Helen have lived in Saratoga for 37 years. After his retirement in 1992, he began to serve the community in various ways.

- As a Public Safety Commissioner, he was instrumental in the successful effort to build a new fire station - where we now hold our Board meetings.

- As a member of the Saratoga Lions Club, he served as President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman of the Lions Charitable Board. In addition, he decided to focus on the Lions' annual mail campaign that solicited donations for their charitable activities. From 2004-2007 the mail campaign raised more funds than all other charitable efforts combined.
- A long time member of the Masons, in 2003 he received the distinguished Hiram award for his lifetime of service to the lodge.

In all he did he was able to inspire others to cooperation toward the goals he held dear and he was tireless in his willingness to help worthy causes.

We honor Frank Lemmon.

Margaret Bard

Margaret Bard, Named Gift Honoree

Margaret is a gourmet cook! I know because I've been invited to dinner at her home along with a number of other people. Each dish tasty, and appealing in appearance.

The reason everything is so tasty is because an assortment of fresh vegetables is made available to her on a monthly basis. Everything is assembled from scratch, and only the vegetables in season right from the field are used.

When you get into a fascinating conversation with our honoree, ask her which of the seven courses of the famous Great Christmas Banquet at the Awahanee in Yosemite is her favorite.

She mothers her daughters from afar, using the telephone she listens to their problems, hearing all the day-to-day problems with the grandchildren, and their accomplishments. She is quick to approve all accomplishments, and offers carefully little bits of advice. Most

importantly, she puts her personal seal of approval on all their activities.

She and her husband share two areas about which both feel passionate. The first is baseball! They make it a priority to go to all home-games and root for their team. Nothing interferes with going to the games.

Margaret's other passion is real estate development and sales. She and her husband both have been involved professionally in this for their working years. Her particular interest is affordable housing for working couples, and more specifically, in young couples who are looking to buy their first home. She has taught them to find their way through the maze of financial conundrums and legal tangles.

An outgrowth of this last activity is that she been busy for years with an organization that specializes in non-profit housing for the financially impaired. The group is comprised of totally disparate people from real estate organizations, city planning, union organizers, community-wide organizations (such as AAUW), and builder/developers who are active only in the non-profit area. These last organizations come before this over-arching watchdog organization for their seals of approval, which they can then take to city governments for their approval.

Lastly, in addition to all of the above activities, she takes her part in leading community-wide organizations. A great deal of time is demanded to any who take on this last duty. You must have a personality rich in organizational skills, as well as people-skills. (Sometimes it is like herding a bunch of mosquitoes). I hope you'll agree with me that the time has come for us to put OUR personal seal of approval on our own AAUW President: MARGARET BARD!!

Introduced by Patty Weber

AAUW Board for 2009-2010

Following are the names of the elected officers of the new Board:

- President Lavonne Marafino
- Program Vice President Mary Surginer
- Membership Vice President Judy Gilchrist
- Educational Foundation VP Geraldine Williams
- Legal Advocacy Fund VP Betty Maminski
- Financial Vice President Joan Kjemtrup
- Membership Treasurer Anita Wolf
- Recording Secretary Joyce Rastatter

We still have several appointed board positions that, as yet, we have not filled. They are:

- Directory Editor
- General Meeting Greeter and Name Tags
- General Meetings Refreshments
- Grapevine Editor
- Nominating Committee Chair
- Publicity
- Sunshine Chair
- Photographer

As all of you are, no doubt aware, it takes a great many people to successfully run our branch. If you are willing to take one of these positions, or can help with any of these positions, please contact Lavone Marafino at (408) 867-1964.

Ladies, please “step up to the plate”. Our branch needs your help!!!

Sarah Model

Tech Trek Games Party Scheduled for July 8

Once again, the branch will hold a Games Party to benefit Tech Trek. This year the event will be on Wednesday, July 8 from 1-4 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos. Table games of any kind are welcome – for example, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Monopoly, and of course the usual favorite, Bridge. Get your friends together for 1, 2 or more tables of 4 and have a wonderful afternoon knowing that you will be helping to support sending a girl to Tech Trek summer camp.

This year, thanks in large part to the History Club of Los Gatos which made a very generous contribution, we will be sending 6 girls from middle schools in Los Gatos and Saratoga to the camp at Stanford in July. Girls are unani- mously enthusiastic about the experiences they have there — isolating DNA to transforming bacteria, sampling life forms in SF Bay, and using powerful telescopes to look at the stars and planets. It’s a wonderful opportunity for these 8th graders and has the potential to be an experience that changes their focus at a critical juncture in their lives.

The flyer enclosed in this *Grape- vine* has additional details or you can call Louise Quenon at 408 867 0698. See you at The Terraces on July 8!

Louise Quenon
Bridge Section Chair

Homeless Committee

June ends our work for this year as we take a two-month summer hiatus. Thanks to your support, we have fulfilled our financial commitments to the various homeless agencies as promised, as well as spending many hours with the women and children. Our June meeting will be our pot- luck lunch, little business, if any, just a time to relax together. If any AAUW member would like to join us for the lunch, please contact Nancy Anderson. Please see the information below.

Our new officers for the coming year are:
Chair - Pat Khan, Secretary - Marlene Lamb,
Treasurer - Patty Weber.

Plans are afoot for next year’s tea. We are looking for a new venue, probably the Saratoga Community Center (easy parking!). The date is still to be selected. Please stay tuned for further information.

For information contact Nancy Anderson:
Dander2567@aol.com, 867-4383.



Convention Highlights

I was happy to represent the Los Gatos/Saratoga AAUW Branch at the 88th Annual AAUW California Convention 2009, held in San Diego on April 24-26th. There were 235 registered attendees.

I attended the Tech Trek Workshop where two former Trekkers spoke about how their experience at Tech Trek Camp influenced their education decisions. One girl was about to transfer to UC Davis to study animal science and the other was in pre-med at UC San Diego.

Branch members shared how they raise money to send girls to camp, such as: two or three members serve a meal for a group at someone's home and charge twenty or thirty dollars per meal: or a "non-event" tea. Carol Holzgrafe, Tech Trek co-coordinator, has a list of fundraisers that she will soon have on the AAUW web site. There was also a brief discussion about how the camper cost remains affordable with grant monies, which covers roughly 50% of the cost.

At the Business Session on Sunday morning, A Resolution presented by the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch was voted on.

This Resolution states:

Whereas, after discussion, the Oakdale-Riverbank-Escalon Branch found itself opposed to the Open Membership Proposal and seeks to forestall the implementation of this change until after the One Member-One Vote is enacted at the Association level; and

Whereas, Open Membership would not reflect the achievement of the members of AAUW; and

Whereas, Open Membership is not a time sensitive proposal; and

Whereas, every voting delegate should inform themselves of the varied opinions related to the proposal of Open Membership before casting their vote, and

Where, Open Membership is a proposal that should be voted on by every member, rather than just the voting delegates present at the 2009 Association Convention; now therefore be it

Resolved that AAUW California recommend to all voting delegates to the 2009 Association Convention to consider postponing any vote on Open Membership until one member-one vote provisions are enacted so that all members can vote on this weighty issue.

The Resolution needed a three quarter (158) vote to pass. The results of the vote taken were: Yes..159; No...51. The Resolution passed by one vote.

Mark your calendar, AAUW California 89th Annual Convention 4/30-to 5/2, 2010 in San Ramon, CA.

Mary Ellen Madden

Public Policy

Excerpts from a letter from the Nurses Association in response to a recent hearing about Health Care in America follow. AAUW supports a Single Payer Health Care System. Your message to your representative about your concern for all the uninsured would be appreciated.

By Donna Smith, California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee, May 5, 2009.

It has finally happened right here in the United States. Citizens who believe healthcare is a human right have been arrested and are being processed like criminals through the Southeast District of Columbia police station. Their crime? Asking for single payer healthcare reform — publicly funded, privately delivered healthcare — to be discussed during the Congressional hearings on reform. Doctors and other single payer activists were handcuffed and went to jail speaking up for single payer to be at the table in the Senate Finance Committee's roundtable discussion on healthcare access and coverage. In stark contrast, Karen Ignagni,

head of the industry lobby group American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), was escorted into the room like royalty by staff members of the Senate committee. Clearly, the position of the United States Senate is not with the majority of Americans who support a national, public insurance system. Simply asking to have single payer be included and fully vetted is a crime. Profiting as the for-profit health insurance companies do at the expense of 22,000 American lives every year, however, gets you a run of the table in this healthcare reform discussion. The protestors were stoic and respectful but direct. One by one they asked why single payer reform was not "at the table" of 15 witnesses Senator Max Baucus and his finance Committee gathered to map out what sort of coverage Americans might expect in the Senate reform bill now being crafted. Sen. Baucus eventually spoke and indicated that he was respectful of those who believe in single payer but he made no attempt to explain why no single payer voice has been included in any Senate discussion to date. The C-SPAN cameras fixed on both the Committee's table at the front of the room and the witness table directly across from them could have easily picked up the protests but the network chose to keep their cameras fixed only on Chairman Baucus — though the protestors' words could be heard in the audience. While this Congress may pass something very different than single payer reform, it will not do so without hearing the cries of the people left so openly exposed to personal health and financial ruin by the corrupt system that celebrates only profit. The citizens who stood for the thousands and thousands of dead today will not let this democracy give itself completely over to the big money interests in healthcare. Not without a fight. Not on their lives or yours or mine.

Gladys Bernyk
Public Policy Chair

June 2009 AAUW Calendar

- 2 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.
- 4 Thursday Trail Clean Up, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*.
- 6 Saturday Curreent and New Boards Potluck, 10:00 am**, at Margaret Bard's home. Check front page for details.
- 9 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women and Children Potluck, 11:30 am** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191.
- 10 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Blue Sky Chinese Restaurant, 2028 Winchester Blvd, Campbell. Please call Hostess Barbara Hawkes at 395-4397 for reservations. For information call Chair: Clare Baker, 867-2295. Visitors and guests are welcome.
- 11 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Argonaut Shopping, Saratoga-way out in front of Longs. Portola State Park-a vigorous hike in the cool redwoods. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 16 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
- 19 Friday AM Book Review at 10:30 am**, at the home Shirley Newsom, 115 Via Santa Maria, Los Gatos. RSVP to Shirley at 356-7256. For information: Call Margo Restrck at 741-5087, or Barbara Oggerino at 354-5394.
- 16 Tuesday PM Book Review, 6:30 pm (please note change of time)** Saratoga Retirement Community. RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611. End -of- year book selection. For information call Co-Chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 or Marlene Lamb 356-8441.
- 25 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 30 Tuesday Film Buffs, 1:30 to 3:00 pm**, at the home Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. RSVP to Mary Ellen at 264-4488. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488

July 2009

- 9 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am**, at Los Gatos Park and Ride lot. Beach hike and annual clean up near Watsonville. Bring Gloves and Bags. Reward ourselves with pie at Gzidich Ranch. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 11 Saturday The Gourmet Supper Club.** If interested phone Gladys Bernyk, 440-1080 or Doris Agee, 992-4918.
- 23 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 30 Thursday Trail Clean Up, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride

August

- 13 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Argonaut Shopping, way out in front of Longs, Saratoga. Loughry Woods Trail-Skyline/Castle Rook loop trail. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 27 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

1-4 PM

Games Party



**AAUW Los Gatos-Saratoga
Branch presents a FUND RAISER
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TECH TREK

**a week long intensive summer
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ence in the sciences for
8th grade girls.**

**AAUW members and the general
public are welcome to attend**



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- **\$15 donation per person payable to ISPF**
- **Please bring your own cards and score pads**
- **Cookies and beverages will be provided**
- **Reserve your tables of 4 by July 3**
- **Donations to TECH TREK are welcome**
- **Questions? Louise Quenon 867-0698**



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Saratoga, CA 95070



Names of the 4 people at your table: (additional names on the back, please)

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Reimbursement for Branch Expenses

If any of our members who wish to be reimbursed for their expenses on behalf of the branch, please send your receipts, together with a voucher, to Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

I can e-mail you a copy of the vouchers.

I must have this information by June 10, 2009.

Thank you.

Joan Kjemtrup, Treasurer

Dues Increased For 2009-2010 Year

At the general meeting on April 25th, the membership passed by acclamation an increase in the dues of \$4.00.

Dues will now be \$85, which will include mandatory dues of \$49 to the national organization, \$16 to the state, and \$20 to our branch.

Beginning April 1, 2009, \$46 out of the \$49 national dues will be tax deductible.

Thank all of you for voting for this dues increase. It will make our finances easier to manage going forward.

The Board

Directory Changes

New Address

Kathy Cusick
800 Blossom Hill Road, Q267
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Remove from Directory

Jean Power (Deceased)

Change Email

(Ed. Note: I hope I got it right!)
Mary Pastrone
johnandmary@pastrone.net