

March 2011 General Meeting

Women's Strategic Role in Addressing Global Issues



Saturday, March 26, 2011

10:00 am – 12:00 noon (*Note the change of location*)
at The Terraces – Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd.)

Speaker: Tanya Bunger, Program Manager

Global Women's Leadership Network (check out www.gwln.org)

We live in an interconnected world and cannot ignore what is happening even in remote areas. Women leaders need to be part of the network for social change – in corporations, academia, civil society, and government.

Explore the issues facing our world and learn about the impact women leaders are having globally. Gain inspiration and knowledge of what happens when women are empowered to act as 'change agents.'

The general public is invited to attend. AAUW members please bring interested guests to this vital presentation about the role of women in the world.

Membership materials will be available.

Tanya Bunger has 20 years of experience working in finance and corporate management. She has served as COO of Lex End and Executive Director of Finance for Maxim Integrated Products, an analog semiconductor company. As an active community volunteer, she serves as school board president for a local school, working with the YWCA on the Tribute to Women Awards, and serving as a leader for Global Women's Leadership Network. Ms. Bunger has a BS degree from Santa Clara University.

Coming Next Month . . .

April 2011 – Pot-Luck Luncheon

AAUW Funds Announcing Grant Awards (EF, Tech Trek, and Election of Officers)

Chair: Geri Williams (*note change of date*)

When: Saturday, Apr. 30, 2011; 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga Ave

*See the **English Tea** flyer inserted in this Grapevine Issue (for those who receive mailed copies).*

For our digital PDF Grapevine users check out page 9 for the flyer.

Book Club – PM

The April book to read is:

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, by Stieg Larsson.

Reviewer Licia Thomson. Meets on Third Tuesday at 7:30 pm (*see the April calendar next month for details*).

Travel "Armchair" Adventures

The travel slide presentation will be:

"*Thailand – Land of Smiles.*" Meets the First Friday at 8:00 pm (*see the April calendar next month for details*).

Presidential Message

This remarkable week has surely changed our perspective and attitude about the middle east and Egypt as a country. I was fortunate enough to spend time in Egypt during my tenure in Lebanon. I had occasion to visit synogue in the heart of Cairo and was amazed to find how graciously this community had been treated when Israel and Egypt were literally at war. Have you noted there are women in the crowds but disproportionately represented compared to the number of men.

Our March program blends perfectly with the changes before us. Please consider volunteering your time and support to AAUW at this historic moment. We are asking each of the members to bring a friend or neighbor to this program who might be interested in joining our branch.

A big congratulation to Geri Williams and her outstanding committee for the successful Author's luncheon. This was the best yet!



Our national legislature is considered narrowing the perimeters around choice. These bills unfairly impacts young women who have been victimized. This is not a step forward and should be watched carefully.

Plan to come and bring a guest or two for the presentation about the role of women in a global world (*see front page for details*). I hope to see you Saturday, March 26 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at The Terraces–Los Gatos (*change of venue*). *Membership information and materials will be available.*

–Mary Surginer

Women's Organizations Make a Difference

National Organization for Women

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; and promote equality and justice in our society.

Office on Women's Health

The Office on Women's Health (OWH) was established in 1991 within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Our vision is to improve the health and sense of well-being of all U.S. women and girls. We accomplish this by leading and coordinating the efforts of all the HHS agencies and offices involved in women's health.

Madre: International Women's Human Rights Organization

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization that works in partnership with community-based women's organizations worldwide to address issues of health and reproductive rights, economic development, education and other human rights.

We provide resources and training to enable our sister organizations to meet these goals by addressing immediate needs in their communities and developing long-term solutions to the crises they face.

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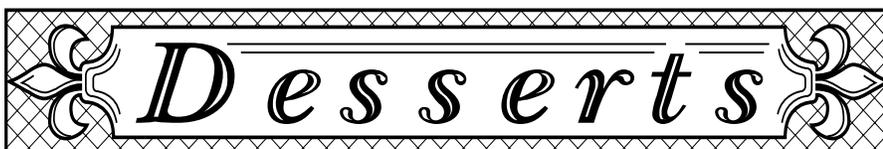


Seeking Recipe Submissions

Fundraising Cookbook

Do you have any delicious, easy, and cost effective recipes to share? We are seeking recipes for appetizers and desserts for our fundraising Cookbook. These recipes 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.



March is Again Branch “Membership Outreach”

Please invite a prospective member or bring a guest to hear the speaker at the General Meeting on Saturday, March 26 (*see front page for details*).

If everyone will bring an interested person, we can meet our membership goals for this year. Help us to keep the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch strong.

(Membership forms will be available!)

“Youth is the time of getting, middle age of improving, and old age of spending.”

–Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672)

“It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.”

–Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

“Every one has a gift for something, even if it is the gift of being a good friend.”

–Marian Anderson (1902-1993)

Legal Watch

In December the Supreme Court agreed to hear the suit against Walmart, the world’s largest retailer, and decide if thousands of women will be allowed to file a class action suit against Walmart. If the Court agrees, it will be the largest class action suit filed in history (involving between 500,000 and one million women).

The suit alleges women are paid less than men, a hostile environment, and denial of equal promotion opportunities for women. Two Federal Courts have already agreed to hear it.

Reprinted from the AAUW magazine, “Outlook.”

–Lavonne Marafino, LAF, V.P.

Coming Next Month The 23rd Annual English Tea

The Elbon Singers are coming on Saturday, April 9, 2011

Our Committee on Homeless Women and Children (CHWC) will hold its annual fundraiser – English Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 9, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Saratoga Joan Pisaro Recreation Center on Allendale Ave, near Fruitvale. Doors will open at 1 pm for the Silent Auction and Tea will be served at 2 pm. The theme this year is *Showers of Flowers*.

We are pleased to have the Elbon Singers for our entertainment. This group of women singers began 55 years ago as an Interest Section of the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW under the leadership of Elizabeth Elbon. The group continues to meet weekly and add interested new singers under the leadership of Margretta Dollard. They perform throughout the community during the Holidays and Spring season. Some members of the group not only sing, but bring other talents to the group. Their accompanist is Mary Brown and their percussionist is Carol Green. Carol also composes music, lyrics and is a ventriloquist. She has many puppets and will bring **Katy Lynn** to the English Tea.

Pat Smith Catering will provide the delicate and tasty tea sandwiches, desserts and, of course, English and herbal teas. There will be a benefit drawing for an elegant piece of jewelry. Tickets for the drawing can be purchased from Committee Members or Nancy Anderson. Please support our CHWC’s work. In the current economy, there are more homeless families and fewer resources available to help them.

The Committee is now busy organizing the Tea and Silent Auction. **You can help the Committee by doing any of the following:**

1. Buying tickets for the Tea, \$35. each and inviting your friends. Contact Committee members or call Patty Weber, 264-2601.
2. Donating jewelry for the Silent Auction or pricing auction items. Contact JoAn Lambert, 867-6237.
3. Asking businesses you patronize to donate a gift certificate or merchandise to our Silent Auction. Please let JoAn Lambert know the names of the businesses you will ask.
4. Assisting us in setting the tables, decorating, or setting up the silent auction. Contact Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
5. Being a photographer for the Tea. Contact Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
6. Joining our Committee. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 pm at Nancy Anderson’s home.

With many hands to help, we all will have a successful and enjoyable 23rd annual English Tea.



Trouble Ahead – AAUW Supports a Women’s Right to Choose

No matter what your personal belief system is, AAUW supports a Women’s Right to Choose. It is difficult to make decisions for people you do not know and do not know anything about.

There is a serious assault on this right to choose going on in the House of Representatives. In spite of jobs, the budget, wars and revolts and poverty in the U.S. as well as around the world too extreme for most of us to imagine, the House has put eliminating a “Women’s Right to Choose” at the top of their agenda.

One onerous bill that has been proposed is HR358. It would allow hospitals that receive federal money, most of them, to refuse to perform an abortion even when a women’s life is in danger. In a change from current law, hospitals could let a woman die rather than provide an abortion.

Even more troubling, H.R. 3 would allow public hospitals to refuse to provide a medically necessary abortion to a pregnant woman facing a life-threatening emergency.

The Smith bill would make permanent the unjust bans on abortion coverage for women who rely on the government for their health insurance, including federal employees, women in the military, Native Americans, Peace Corps volunteers and poor women enrolled in Medicaid. In addition, it would effectively eliminate coverage for abortion in the private market by making it onerous for insurance companies to offer these plans and imposing new taxes on businesses and individuals that purchase them. All abortions would have to be paid out of pocket, though not with tax advantaged health savings account dollars if this bill would pass.

The Senate will no doubt defeat these bills and President Obama will veto them so the real reason for putting them out there is to pacify the most extreme right wing of the Republican Party. We are fortunate, that both our Senators and all our local representatives will vote against these bills, but it is frightening to think that other Representatives are making these decisions for their constituents.

“Policies that support families aren’t political issues. They’re personal. They’re the causes I carry with me every single day.”

–Michelle Obama (Jan. 17, 1964 -)

“The power of a book lies in its power to turn a solitary act into a shared vision. As long as we have books, we are not alone.”

– Laura Welch Bush (Nov. 4, 1946 -)

“What people say, what people do, and what they say they do are entirely different things.”

–Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)



Recipe

Spanish Spinach Salad with Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette

This is an old recipe that I got about 35 years ago from Alice Miller, a now deceased AAUW member. Alice was a Named Gift Fellowship honoree in 1976. She held several offices in the branch and was a participant in the Gourmet Dinner Group which is still in existence.

This simple vinaigrette can be made ahead of time and stirred up right before using. This vinaigrette makes enough for a pound of spinach or it can also be used on mixed greens.

Makes: 2/3 cup salad dressing; The salad serves 6.

2 tsps grated onion
 2 tsps prepared mustard (1 teaspoon Dijon and 1 teaspoon regular yellow mustard)
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/4 tsp pepper
 2 Tbsps white wine vinegar
 8 Tbsps salad oil
 1/4 to 1/2 tsp lemon juice (double the amount if using Meyer lemons)

1. In a small bowl, mix the onion, Dijon and yellow mustards, salt and pepper. Add the wine vinegar and whisk to mix.
2. While whisking, gradually add oil and continue to whisk until light and well combined. Add lemon juice and stir. (You can make it and at this point refrigerate until ready to use.)
3. Just before using, mix up the dressing and pour enough over the salad to dress the greens (spinach or mixed greens). The greens are topped with sliced red onion rings, crumbled bacon, and cherry tomatoes.

–Anne Hexamer



Author's Luncheon Photos, (Above) Our authors, Annick O.Shinn, Ginger Summit, and Jean Lin; (Below) Margaret Bard and Gloria Leonard (San Jose Chapter); (Left) Three generations—Marilyn Buelteman, her daughter, Laura Fairchild and her grand-daughter, Geneva Fairchild.



Author's Luncheon Photos, (Above) Kathy Cusick, Sandra Hill, Geri Williams and Irma Jean Crouch; (Right) Donette Dake (former Grapevine editor) and her sister, Jan Alderson ; (Below) Mary Pastone and Jean Arndt.



Successful 2011 Author's Luncheon

The annual Authors' Luncheon, held at Rinconada Country Club on January 26 was a huge success! The authors were a diverse group, each was very interesting in their own way. A part of the fee went to AAUW FUNDS, which last year provided more than **\$3.2 million** to support graduate education for hundreds of women at critical stages in their careers – Funds also support:

- Research
- Fellowship and grants programs
- Legal advocacy
- Leadership activities

The following volunteers helped make the day a success:

- Kathy Cusick
- Patty Weber
- Virginia Turner
- Mary Jeanne Fenn
- Carol Howard
- Margaret Bard
- Lavonne Marafino
- Gail Pedersen

Hicklebee's Book Store provided books by the guest authors and also a wonderful display of Staff Picks from the newest in books for young people.

SummerWinds Nursery donated the attractive centerpiece plants, which brought in \$5 apiece.

Richelle Skillicorn and her staff at Rinconada again were invaluable, creating the ambience and truly delicious meal.

Coming Up – Annual April AAUW Funds Potluck

Mark Your Calendar

DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2011

(note the change of date)

TIME: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

PLACE: Immanuel Lutheran Church
14103 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA

Please bring a salad or a dessert and we'll share and have a great time!

"Find something you're passionate about and keep tremendously interested in it."

–Julia Child (1912 - 2004)

"I decided that if I could paint that flower in a huge scale, you could not ignore its beauty."

–Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986)

"I didn't fear failure. I expected failure."

–Amy Tan (Feb 19, 1952 -)

We Need More Like Mikulski in National Government

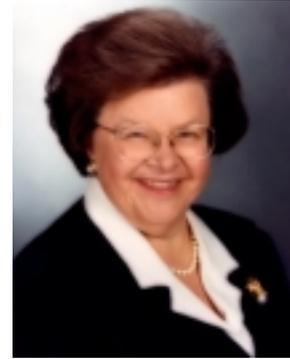
January 12, 2011, by lehman

Ninety-two women hold seats in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives this Congress, a number down from the previous session — the first time that number has declined in 30 years. Women make up just over 17 percent of the Congress, which means the United States ranks 72nd in the world for women's representation in national parliaments — well below nations like the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, Angola, and most of Europe. This is at a time when the most powerful politicians in nations like Germany, Australia, and Brazil are women.

But the news isn't all bad for American women political leaders. In November, Maryland voters re-elected Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), who last

Wednesday became the longest-serving woman senator in history. Mikulski is also the second longest-serving member of Congress, having served five terms in the House of Representatives before her time in the Senate. She was also the first Democratic woman elected to the Senate in her own right (*rather than being appointed*).

Mikulski isn't just an inspiration to women and girls considering a career in politics. She is also a fierce advocate for gender equity and has authored and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation aimed at ensuring equity for women and girls in health care, education, and employment. Among her most recent victories was the Mikulski amendment to the health care reform



bill. This amendment, which was included in the final package, expanded coverage of women's preventive care and, in most cases, ended the premiums women were forced to pay just for being women. It's just one of many successes the senator has achieved through her hard work and dedication to women's issues.

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March is National Women's History Month

Feb 2, 2011, Jennifer Landsberger

Women's History Month, which has grown out of a single day dedicated to women, promotes the equality of women and celebrates women throughout history.

"Resolved, that the women of this nation in 1876, have a greater cause for discontent, rebellion and revolution than the men of 1776." This quote, by Susan B. Anthony, summed up the frustrations of women who were battling for the right to vote, the right to work, and the right to education. The struggle for equality still goes on today, though great strides have been made. March is National Women's History Month, a celebration of the great women of the past and their place in history.

Our History is Our Strength

Each year, National Women's History Month has a different theme. The theme for 2011- "Our History is Our



Rosie the Riveter- Women Stating "We Can Do It!" - *National Women's History Project*

Strength"- sums up the point of National Women's History Month perfectly. Rather than dwelling on the inequality of the past, March is a month for remembering the achievements, contributions, and strength of all the women who have helped make the world what it is today.

The History of Women's History Month

The origin of National Women's History Month goes back to the first

"Men – their rights and nothing more; Women – their rights and nothing less."

–Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)

"Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength."

–Betty Friedan (1921-2006)

recorded organized protest by working women, which took place on March 8, 1857 in New York over a variety of issues including low pay, working conditions, and the lack of a right to vote. In 1909, the first National Woman's Day was held in the United States. By 1911, International Woman's Day was honored in multiple countries, including Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Over the years it has continued to grow and is now celebrated by over 40 different countries on March 8.

March 2011 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga, 867-4383. Contact either: Sharon Kelkenberg 650-962-1656 or Helen Lemmon 408-867-0575.
- 2 Wednesday **Current Interests Blog**, 12:30 pm at Florentine Trattoria restaurant on Big Basin Way in Saratoga. Chair: Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586. Co-chairs: Joan Kjemtrup, 356-6016; Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397.
- 4 Friday **Travel “Armchair Adventures”**, 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: *“The Kingdom of Norway and Its Spectacular Fjords.”* Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445.
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383.
- 9 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30 am at restaurant, Rose International Market, 14445 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. All members and guests welcome. Reservations to hostess Shirley Cancellieri, 741-5586. Chair, Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607.
- 10 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks**, Coe Park at Hunting Hollow. Wildflowers (*we hope*) and stream hopping in this lovely, quiet valley in the east foothills near Morgan Hill, 5-6 miles. Bring lunch. Back by 4pm. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride behind Starbucks. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
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- 15 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm. *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood. Reviewer: Blenda Mariani. The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, RSVP to Margaret Ford, 356-5028. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, 356-8441.
- 18 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Teri Reynarud, 800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos; 356-0075. Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625.
- 24 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike**. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center way out in front of CVS Drug Store.
- 26 Saturday **General Meeting**, 10:00 am-12 noon, Celebrate Women’s National History Month. *Topic: Strategic Role of Women in Addressing Global Issues*. Speaker: Tanya Bunger, Program Manager, Global Women’s Leadership Network. (*See front page for details. Note the change of venue.*)
- 29 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 1:30-3:30 pm at the home of Lisa Askanas, 13460 Saraview Drive, Saratoga. RSVP: Lita, 867-2543. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 31 Thursday **Hikes and Walks Los Gatos Trail Clean-up**, 9:00 am. Short hike, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park and Ride behind Starbucks.

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Celebrate Women’s History Month

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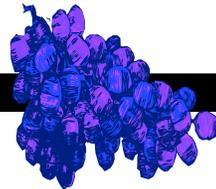
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Qualification of Membership

Anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree or the equivalent, or nursing school diploma or business school associate degree from an accredited institution is eligible for membership. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

Recruiting New Members

If you want to have a printed copy of the Grapevine and a membership packet sent to a prospective NEW member, contact Gail Pedersen, Grapevine editor, at 377-6895 or gail_pedersen@yahoo.com.

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English Tea & Silent Auction

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& The Villa;
San Jose Family Shelter
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- ◆ *Door Prizes*
- ◆ *Jewelry Table*

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Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch
Committee on Homeless Women and Children

Saturday, April 9, 2011
2:00 - 4:00

*Doors open at 1:00 for auction viewing;
Tea served at 2:00*

Saratoga Community Center
19665 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga

**Entertainment by
THE ELBON SINGERS**

TICKETS: Contact Patty Weber (408) 264-2601
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*"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book
long enough to suit me." - C. S. Lewis*