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March 2017 Training Opportunity!

AAUW Leadership Training

Saturday, March 11; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Open to anyone interested in learning or improving leadership skills. \$30 fee includes box lunch. **Registering is Easy.** Sign up using the link at AAUW-CA.org and pay using PayPal, your ATM or Credit card or sending in a check to the person handling the reservations.



Where: San Jose City College, located at Bascom Ave and Moorpark Ave, San Jose. *Sponsored by the AAUW California.*



Coming Next Month . . .

“April Showers” Celebrating Our 31st English Tea & Silent Auction



Saturday, April 8, 2017 | 2:00 – 4:00 | Joan Pisani Community Center

This is one of our most popular events of the year. Come and bring friends and/or family members.

Door Prize. Jewelry Table. Support this fundraiser by making your reservations! Cost: \$50. Call for tickets to Sharon Kelkenberg, 650-962-1656. See page 2 of this *Grapevine* issue for the details.



Letter from the Leadership Team



Branch Membership—A Snapshot

Last spring we asked our members to complete a short demographic survey to help us get a better picture of our branch membership. Since the survey was optional not everyone included all the information, but I would like to share the results with you.

Ethnically we are mostly white/Caucasian (95%) followed by Asian (4%) and then Hispanic (1%). By age category, we have no members under age 40; only 2% are age 41 to 60; 63% are age 61 to 80; and 35% are over age 80. Nineteen of our members have earned the Honorary Life member designation, meaning that they joined AAUW at least 50 years ago and are no longer required to pay dues at the national, state or local level. That truly shows a lasting commitment to our organization!

Overall membership has been declining for many years not just at AAUW but for many other community organizations as well. Women today have more options for work and career than they had several decades ago – and you can probably thank AAUW for some of that progress. They may be balancing

work and families and find themselves stretched for time and can't join yet another organization. In addition we live in an expensive area where it is difficult for younger families to purchase a home so they are moving to more affordable areas.

How can we encourage more people to join AAUW?

Most importantly, we ALL need to tell our friends and neighbors about AAUW and what we strive to do, that we have been working for women and girls since 1881, and that we would welcome their membership. Some may be interested in supporting the mission of equity for women and girls, others may help run local projects or get involved in the community, or simply want to meet interesting, educated people in their neighborhood. Maybe they want to join a book group or take part in the Great Decisions program, or just meet people for lunch or a movie.

Who do YOU know who might enjoy AAUW? I am happy to send a packet of information, or you can refer them to our web page at www.aaug-lgs.org which has membership information available.

–Virginia Turner, Membership Chair

Help Recruit New Members!

Who Can Join?

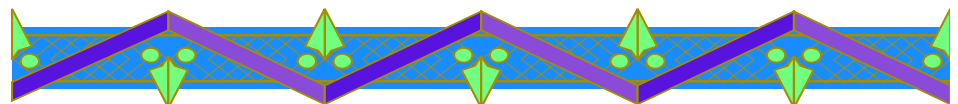
Capitalize on your relationships and reach out to friends, co-workers, and members of other local organizations. Bring a prospective member to an interest group, general meeting or one of our fundraisers.

Membership Qualification

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.

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

2017 English Tea & Silent Auction



Benefit for Homeless Women and Children & Local Scholarships

Saturday, April 8, 2017* | View Auction 1:00 pm & Tea 2:00 pm
Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center

19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga



"April Showers"

Door Prizes
Jewelry Table

TICKETS

Cost: \$50 (\$28 tax deductible) Tax ID 77-0201841

Checks payable to ISPF – AAUW

Contact Sharon Kelkenberg

(650) 962-1656

Seating limited to 150

** Due to a catering conflict, the date for the English Tea & Silent Auction has been changed to Saturday, April 8th*

Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership

Sunday, January 29, 2017, at San Jose City College Theater, five women shared their steps back and many steps forward to reach well-deserved seats on the California stage.

Keiko Kimura, Dean of Language Arts at SJCC, welcomed the 150 person audience. Diane Trombetta, Santa Clara County Inter-Branch Council of American Association of University Women, introduced the five women panelists: **Danielle Feinberg**, *Director of Photography-Lighting for Pixar Animation Studios*; **Marlene Bjornsrud**, *Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches*; **Caryn Beck-Dudley**, *Dean of the Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University*; **Julianne Sylva**, *Superior Court Judge*; and former San Jose City

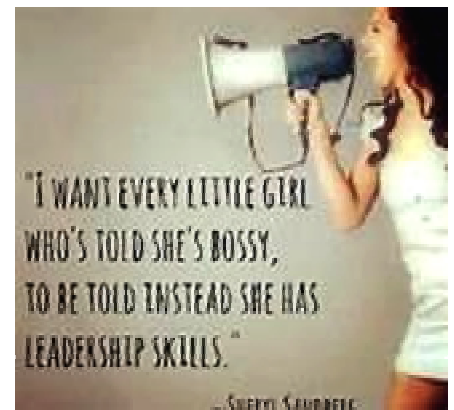
Council Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, representing District 8 from 2008-16.

Panel moderator, **Cathy Foxhoven**, AAUW-CA, asked the opening question: What helped you access your goals? Two women cited Title IX as a source of support. Two women said the 1964 Civil Rights Act and affirmative action played a part. Ms. Sylva cited that 50% of her 1989 law school class were women, evidence of change in women's access in the legal field.

A thought-provoking question was "For young women, what advice to succeed would you share in the political climate today?" As Ms. Bjornsrud told girls at the Women's March: **pay attention, take action, don't opt out, put pressure on the ones steering the ship.**

When asked what issue made you run for office, Ms. Herrera noted it may be that a narrow, local issue and an open seat on the city council provide the impetus. So, be ready to take the opportunity.

An audience from all parts of the Bay Area applauded the 2 hour discussion.



#1 **Caryn Beck-Dudley** (*Dean of Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University*).

We need to change how we teach students (*and citizens*). Lectures aren't the best way to teach. You can google any subject and find the information in 5 minutes. Instead students need to learn to discriminate between facts and fiction (*or lies*). We should teach students to assess the information they find and determine if it's (*from a credible and authoritative source*) a FACT, misinformation (*alt-fact*), or outright lies (*propaganda*).

#2 **Rose Herrera** (*Vice Mayor of San Jose*).

We need to encourage younger people (*both women and men*) to TAKE ON leadership positions. The first step is to encourage people with the "right stuff" by

recognizing (*telling them that you recognize*) their abilities and helping them find a beginning opportunity.

#3 **Danielle Feinberg** (*Pixar, Lighting Director of Photography*)

In production meetings if you (*as a subject matter expert don't speak up*) someone (*usually a superior or co-worker without your intimate depth of knowledge*) will. This leaves you with your voice silenced. AND A MAJOR PROBLEM – how do you correct this misinformation without showing someone up and creating friction.

#4 **Marlene Borsrud** (*founder of Alliance of Women's Coaches*)

In the mid-1970's (*after Title IX*) 79% of coaches in Women's College Athletics were women. Today the percentage has dropped to barely 40%.

#5 **Julianne Sylva** (*Superior Court Judge*)

She advised people to make a Dream Board! Collect image, ideas and quotes (*visual and verbal ideas*) that speak to you. Encourage a young person to explore a path (*the younger the better*) or someone who is retired (*or will be retiring soon*) to find their next passion.

The main point that I came away with from this event was that – **We can't afford to be observers. Participation is needed (if not vital) today.**

Santa Clara County Inter-branch Council Support for Strong Start

Strong Start offered the first of a quarterly newsletter to help supporters keep up on the issues surrounding early childhood learning.

A summary of important **Strong Start** actions begins with information about the Early Learning Master Plan, rolled out in 2010, and updated this year. There are 6 goals to be complete by Spring 2017 so that early learning initiatives are implemented in a coordinated effort. Most important are access to suitable facilities, program quality, and workforce development.

In addition, with coordination between First 5 and **Strong Start**, the county will roll out the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early learning providers. Since 2016 there are over 100 providers that participated in the pilot program, using QRIS to measure program quality and provide training.

Finally, California Governor Brown's January budget proposal eliminates about \$226 million earmarked for early learning which will increase the difficulty for low-income families to afford access. Right now, funding is frozen to increase seats at preschools; smaller rate increases for providers who are reimbursed by the state; and, to the disadvantage of children, flexibility is being used to meet adult to child ratios in preschools and to help "exceptional needs" children. *Organizations supporting Strong Start must stand up for early learning issues. Go to strongstart@sccoe.org to see the complete newsletter.*



Gifts for Teens – 2016

Gratitude from the Heart

The Gifts for Teens committee is already hard at work pricing and purchasing needed teen items for the 2017 holiday gift bags. While being able to assemble, fill and distribute gift bags to needy teens is fulfilling in itself, hearing feedback from actual teen recipients is so much more rewarding. And whether you were a volunteer helping assemble the gift bags or a monetary donor, this feedback is meant for you too.

One male recipient voiced, *"Its always hard to put pure gratitude into just words because they never truly explain my feelings. Thank you for taking the time out and bringing these gifts. For no matter what is in the bag, it is the thoughtfulness that this thank you goes out to."* A foster teen said, *"Thank you so much for sending me Christmas gifts. This year has been really rough for me. I truly appreciate you supporting me and my peers."* And lastly, a female recipient expressed, *"Thank you for the wonderful duffel bag. You have no idea how much it means during this time of year to know that people care."*

GFT again would like to thank all the volunteers and donors for 2016. Without you, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. And knowing you helped put a smile on a needy teens face is priceless.

–Jan Giroux, Gifts for Teens, jgiroux603@aol.com



Saratoga Blossom Festival 2017

Sponsored by Saratoga Historical Foundation

We will have a table with AAUW information and could use your help. Would you be willing to hand out information and answer questions for an hour or so? Please call Virginia Turner (408-866-4234), or just stop by and say "hello."

Saturday, March 18: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Heritage Orchard and Civic Center area, 13777 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga

For additional information, please contact Virginia Turner – (408) 866-4234; vturner@sbcglobal.net

This Year's Fun, Lovely and Delicious Author's Luncheon



Our three local authors, (pictured above) Janet Dawson; (pictured above right) Shelly King; (pictured right at the podium) Anne Heffron.



(Pictured directly below) Judy Borlase greeting guests attending the Author's Luncheon; (pictured bottom from left to right) JoAn Lambert and Pat Khan.



Helpers and members attending the Author's Luncheon, pictured (top above, left to right) Joan Kjemtrup, Audry Lynch and Lynn Sprague; (directly above) Virginia Turner double-checking the tables.



AAUW MORGAN HILL 34th ANNUAL WILDFLOWER RUN Sunday, March 26, 2017



Fundraiser for AAUW Funds, Tech Trek and Local Scholarships for Women and Girls at the Live Oak High School, Morgan Hill.

- 10K USATF Certified Run
- 5K Run/Walk/Stroller
- Kids' 2K Fun Run
- Senior 2K Run/Walk (ages 60+)

Free Jamba Juice Smoothies and T-shirts

Family and Group rates
Reduced registration fees through March 16, 2017

Registration Information is available at the website www.WildflowerRun.org (You can register by mail)

Easy Online Registration at racemine.com or active.com



Saratoga Foothill Club's Art Series

American Art and Artists of the Twentieth Century

Presented by Fran Rushing, M.A.



Bridge, 1936, by Joseph Stella

Location

Richard's Hall of the Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga (Across the street from Foothill Club)

Lectures (all these lectures begin at 7:30 pm)

- **Thursday, March 9, 2017**
– **Ashcan School and the Armory Show.** Robert Henri, John Sloan, Georgia O'Keefe, Alfred Stieglitz and others.
- **Thursday, March 16, 2017**
– **Art of the Depression and WPA.** Charles Sheeler, Charles Demuth, Jacob Lawrence, Reginald Marsh and others.
- **Thursday, March 23, 2017**
– **Painters.** Grant Wood, Thomas Hart Benton — Art Deco & Architecture
- **Thursday, March 30, 2017**
– **The 40's and 50's.** Jackson Pollock, Willem de Kooning, Richard Diebenkorn, Archile Gorky and Bay Area Figurative artists.

Price

Public Series passes are \$100 for all 4 lectures (with the purchaser able to bring a guest free to each lecture). Single ticket public price is \$25.

For additional information, contact Judy Vance at judyvance867@gmail.com or (408) 867-9753.

The Reads for PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

March's Book

Book: *"The Man Called Ove"*
Author: Frederick Backman
Reviewer: Marilyn Lenomand



Frederick Backman



Isabel Allendale

April's Book

Book: *"The Japanese Lover"*
Author: Isabel Allendale
Reviewer: Roberta London

Mary Ann Roberts

Resident of Los Gatos
May 28, 1930 – December 24, 2016

Mary Ann Roberts, recently a resident of The Terraces of Los Gatos. After a life of joy, she died peacefully on Christmas Eve. Mary Ann was born on May 28, 1930 to John and Hallie Jacobs in Buckhead, Georgia. She was a very proud graduate of University of Georgia. Mary Ann Roberts lived in Milpitas, CA for 53 years. She worked as a teacher and later as a Realtor and spent many years as volunteer tutor. Her greatest enjoyments included music, gardening and camping, especially in Ashland for the Shakespeare Festival.

Mary Ann married Jim Roberts on July 24, 1955, and they shared a life of exceptional devotion and deep love until Jim preceded her in death on January 30, 2016. She was the mother of four daughters: Mary Lynn Briggs (*Carroll*), Laura Weber (*Paul*), Lise Miller (*Michael*), and Anna Velasco (*Jonathan*); 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The two pillars of her life were family and faith. A lifelong Methodist, her strong Christian faith was demonstrated by her actions, including service as a choir member and church pianist. We are all very thankful and blessed to have had her in our lives.

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March 2017 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: "A Visit to the Eastern Australian Area" presented by Pat Kahn. Australia is a land of contradictions and a fascinating place. See a camel race, the world's smallest penguins and photos of local native animals. Learn how health care and education are brought to the bush people. Trips also to Ayers Rock and Alice Springs. **Open to Public!**
- 6 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave. & Saratoga-Las Gatos Rd.
- 7 Tuesday **Conversation in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Barbara Davis's home (7608 Erin Way, Cupertino). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome!**
- 9 Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks. Harvey Bear Open Space.** 5 - 6 mile hike up to ridge overlooking Anderson Reservoir on east side of the Valley. Wonderful Panoramas. Dress warmly. Bring lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at Los Gatos in "Free Parking-Northside Lot" back behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 14 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets 3:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **Come and Help!**
- 15 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **VIVA Neighborhood Eatery** (15970 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos (corner of Blossom Hill Rd & L.G. Blvd.)). RSVP to chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950 or (408) 348-9211. **Friendly Group, Join Us!**
- 17 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625. **Find Your Next Great Read!**
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- 21 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6150, Saratoga). Book: *The Man Called Ove*, by Frederick Backman. Reviewer: Marilyn Lenomand. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Book Lover's Welcome.**
- 23 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Exercise on nearby trails, coffee or lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Saratoga at Argonaut Center, (*way out in front of CVS*). Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 28 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meets 1:30 pm. at Marlene Lamb's Home. (105 Arroyo Grande Way Los Gatos) RSVP to Chair: Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555. **Movie Lovers Welcome!**
- 30 Thursday **Trail Clean-up** + exercise, back-by-noon, coffee or lunch. Meet 9:00 am Los Gatos in "Free Parking - Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. Bags and grabbers provided. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.

April 2017

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- 7 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: "*Machu Piccu: a Marvle of Inca Civilization*" presented by Jim Katzmen. (*Read the full description in next month's Grapevine*) **Open to Public!**
- 8 Saturday **English Tea & Silent Auction - Fundraiser.** 1:00 pm preview auction items; 1:00 - 4:00 pm; at Joan Pisani Community Center, Saratoga. Cost: \$50. Make your reservations; call Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. (*See bottom of front page and page 2 details about reservations*)



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Women's



HISTORY MONTH

the most important thing a girl wears is her confidence ♥

Remember the difference between a boss and a leader: a boss says go- a leader says "Let's go!"

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

BOARD NOTES – at the February 6th Board Meeting

1. **National AAUW is:** considering an amendment to remove the requirement that members have an associate or higher degree. After discussion, the our Board doesn't support this change.
2. **Committee on Homeless:** Looking for donations of jewelry to sell at **the English Tea & Silent Auction on Saturday, April 8.** (*Reserve your place today. See the save the date notice on page 2.*)
3. **Tech Trek:** Our branch has 6 slots for Tech Trek campers and may be able to choose a 7th girl. The camps can use a variety of volunteers. Interested? Call chair, Cynthia Miller, (408) 867-8244.