



# Grapevine

March, 2008

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch  
American Association of University Women

## **General Meeting, Saratoga Community Library Friday, March 21, 10:00 am**

*“Three Important Women in the History of Santa Clara County”*

**A Delightful  
Historical  
Experience**



**Beth Wyman  
Former Mayor  
Morgan Hill**

- ***Gertrude Achilles, Kodak heiress, builder of Fountain Oaks estate in Morgan Hill***
- ***Isola Kennedy, president of two-county WCTU who lost her life fighting a mountain lion***
- ***Clara Shortridge Foltz, first female attorney in California who established the public defender's office***

## Message From the President

**M**arch is Women's History Month. During this month our AAUW Branch is sponsoring two outstanding events: (1) The English Tea and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 8, 2-4 pm at West Valley College, a Benefit for Homeless Women and Children and (2) our General Meeting, Friday, March 21, 10:00 am at the Saratoga Community Library. The speaker for this meeting is Beth Wyman, a former member of our branch and also a past mayor of Morgan Hill. When I mentioned these two meetings to an AAUW friend, she reminded me of the 1970's when Santa Clara County was considered the "Feminist Capital of the United States." This was in part because Janet Gray Hayes was the first elected

mayor of a major metropolitan city in the country. Since that time, many women have been successful in politics. Just look at the number of women in city councils, county supervisors, state legislatures, Congress and, possibly, the Presidency.

This started me thinking of our own branch members who have been successful in the political arena.

Here is a list:

**Ruth S. Cannon**— Mayor of Los Gatos, AAUW president, 1960-62

**Nancy Hobbs**—Mayor of Monte Sereno, AAUW president, 1982-83

**Dorothea Bamford**—Mayor of Monte Sereno, AAUW president, 1987-88

**Barbara Nesbet**—Mayor of Monte Sereno, AAUW president, 2005-06

**Ann Marie Burger**—Mayor of Saratoga—1994-95

**Gillian Moran**—Mayor of Saratoga—1997-98

**Peggy Corr**—first female Council Member in Saratoga—1974-80

When you think of these women and those who serve on school boards, church organizations, major business corporations, the courts of law, medicine and teachers, we can say that women have come a long way.

However, we still have many challenges ahead of us to help young girls and women in difficult situations. So today I salute our branch members who work in our section for Homeless Women and Children, and also those who are involved in Tech Trek. I thank all of you.

Gladys Armstrong, President

## Biography for Beth Wyman

Beth received her BA in Social Science from San Diego State University and obtained her Masters degree in History from San Jose State. She went on to work for the County as the Homeless Coordinator in the Office of the County Executive. She has been a lecturer in Historic Preservation in the Department of Urban Planning at San Jose State University and has been a Council member and Mayor of the City of Morgan Hill. She has been and is currently an independent consultant.

Beth has been nominated several times for the Santa Clara County Women of Achievement Award and

won the Women's Leadership and Community Service Award in 1992. Currently she is involved in many community projects including the Saratoga Heritage Resource Commission, Executive Board of the Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters, Executive Board of the Santa Clara County Land Trust, and is a member of Friends of Coyote Valley Greenbelt. In addition, Beth has been a member of AAUW since 1960.

You can read some of her publications including, "Shasta Hanchett Park in San Jose. A Residence Park," in the *American Bungalow Magazine*, June 2007.



## BRANCH INFORMATION

### Committee on Homeless Women and Children

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary English Tea – Saturday, March 8, 2008, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, West Valley College Campus Center, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. Cost: \$30 – Checks payable to ISPF (Interbranch Special Projects Foundation). Doors open at 1:00 pm for auction viewing. Tea will be served at 2:00 pm – Please see the full page English Tea ad which was inserted in the January Grapevine. Tickets are available from Homeless Committee members. You may also call Jackie Anderson at (408) 867-0108.**

This is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary English Tea, and we would like to have as many of you participate as possible. The Tea benefits InnVision's Georgia Travis Center, the Villa, the Family Supportive House (formerly the San Jose Family Shelter), and Catholic Charities. 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. Contact JoAn at (408) 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 one ticket, 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 or you can call Nancy Anderson at (408) 867-4383. The drawing will be done at the English Tea on March 8, and you need not be present to win.

The "Duet Duet" of Sweet Adelines will perform. There will be door prizes. Please mark March 8 on your calendar and purchase your ticket soon. Thank you very much.

*Meeting on January 8, 2008 –* Nancy Fash McHenry spoke at our meeting. She is new to InnVision, and she is the InnVision Director of Marketing and Communication. Her main goal is to provide a different direction for InnVision's public relation activities. Although InnVision is the largest homeless provider with 20 sites in Santa Clara County and South San Mateo County, many people are unaware of their services.

Members of the Homeless Committee have been preparing and serving lunches at the Georgia Travis Center on the third Tuesday of each month. These hot and nutritious lunches are welcomed by the clients of the GTC.

Sumi Tanabe, Chairperson  
Committee on Homeless Women  
and Children

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### Authors' Luncheon— A Success

Eight-four members and guests gathered for the annual Authors' Luncheon at La Rinconada Country Club on Jan 23rd to hear presentations from three authors. Belle Yang, author of *My Name is Hannah* and *Always Come Back to Me*, two children's books which she both wrote and illustrated, spoke of emigrating from China as a young child; her experiences and stories told by her father were the inspiration for her books. Millie Kalish's delightful book, *Little Heathen's* is a collection of stories about her childhood experiences on a farm in Iowa during the depression. Originating as stories told to her grandchildren as she walked them to school, she was encouraged to publish them and her book has been a run-away hit. Ann Parker, a physicist with Lawrence Livermore Labs, was inspired to write her mysteries, *Silver Lies* and *Iron Ties*, after learning that her grandmother had lived in Leadville, Colorado, a very "colorful" town during the silver rush of the 1800s. She told of her very interesting discovery of a collection of old letters written from the town and of finding a book of etiquette from the period on eBay!

The fund raiser was successful in netting over \$2,000 for EF. And as you know, our monies are pooled with other branches to support EF Fellows across the nation. Last year 223 Fellows were awarded grants – out of a pool of 2,865 applicants! Clearly our collective efforts are fruitful. We will hear from a local Fellow at our April 19 EF Pot Luck Luncheon – I hope to see you there!

Louise Quenon  
EF - Vice President

## Being on Your Own - January Meeting

Joan Kjemtrup graciously lent us her house again for our January meeting. Our topic was: *Maintaining Your Home*. Joan began by taking us outside and showing us where to shut off the gas in case of an earthquake or any other emergency. She also showed us a special shut-off wrench which can be used for that purpose.

Next, we had a look at Joan's sprinkler system and she showed us how to shut off the water. She also mentioned that it is important to keep water from standing under the house.

We then looked at the electrical wires for cable TV and the telephone. We also looked at the fuse box and Joan pointed out that it is very important to label each fuse so one knows exactly which one to shut off if it is necessary.

We looked at the hot water heater in Joan's garage and she pointed out that it should be attached to the wall so it will not tip over in case of an earthquake.

She also showed us a tool to be used for cleaning gutters.

Our group highly recommends the book, *Dare to Repair*, by Julie Sussman and Stephanie Glakas-Tenet.

Sarah Model is in the process of compiling a list of people whom we have found to be reliable in maintaining our homes. She will provide the list upon request.

We made a schedule for future meetings:

March – Sarah Model will lead a discussion of finances.

April – We will have a discussion of how to connect socially and to remain safe while driving at night.

May - Barbara Hawkes will give us some ideas for cooking for one and freezing meals ahead.

June – we will go out to lunch and work on topics for the 2008-2009 year.

Please see each month's Grapevine for the exact details of each meeting.

Sarah Model

## Ladies Night Out with BAWSI

For a special way to celebrate International Women's Day, please join us on Saturday, March 8, from 5:45-7:30 pm at the HP Pavilion for Ladies Night Out. Two Pac-10 Women's Basketball Games are featured, as well as exclusive access to the North Club for exotic drinks, food, casino games and live music. Tickets are only \$35 per person. Mention AAUW when you buy your tickets to credit AAUW for support of women's opportunities in sports and BAWSI (Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative).

This event is part of the Pac-10 Women's College Basketball Tournament held annually in San Jose. Increased attendance at women's sports events is a concrete way to show that we value the opportunities guaranteed women by Title IX. Who can resist the promised pre-game fun? Plan to attend with your friends and family. Please contact Brian Espiritu at (408) 999-5841 or [bespiritu@svse.net](mailto:bespiritu@svse.net) to order tickets.

Jean Reed, (408) 297-2691

## Local Scholarships for West Valley Women

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed their time and money to our fundraiser at Hakone Gardens; a more detailed report will be included in the next Grapevine issue.

It's not too late for you to help provide scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College to a four-year college or university in a math or science-related field of study. Simply make a tax-deductible donation payable to ISPF – AAUW of SCCO and send it to Virginia Turner, 14415 Evans Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070.

We will be reviewing the scholarship applications early in April and will introduce the winners at the EF potluck luncheon on April 19. They are always interesting women who have faced many obstacles in obtaining their education, and they are very grateful for our assistance.

If you are interested in helping with next year's local scholarship committee, please give me a call at 866-4234 and I'll be happy to tell you more.

Virginia Turner  
Local Scholarship Committee Chair



*March, in like a lion.*

## Family Workplace Policies

As reported by *USA Today* and in the February 2, 2007, edition of *Washington Update*, a study by Harvard and McGill University researchers found the United States lags far behind virtually all wealthy countries with regard to family-oriented workplace policies such as maternity leave and paid sick days. The study grouped the U.S. with Lesotho, Liberia, Swaziland and Papua New Guinea for the distinction of not guaranteeing some form of paid maternity leave.

AAUW has long supported flexible workplace policies to address the family responsibilities of employees. AAUW advocated for nearly a decade to pass the Family and Medical Leave Act, which was finally signed into law in 1993. While the FMLA has been an enormous gain for millions of workers, millions of Americans still do not have the option of taking time off to care for family members or themselves without putting their jobs, their healthcare benefits, or their family stability at risk. AAUW believes that creating work environments that help employees balance the responsibilities of work and family is good public policy—good for workers, good for families, and good for business.

Please urge your representative and your senators to support the **Healthy Families Act (H.R. 1542/S. 910)**, which would provide full-time employees with seven paid sick days a year to be used for their own medical needs or to tend to the medical needs of a child, spouse or parent.

## Abortion Rates Decrease Despite, not Because of, Abstinence-Only Education

As mentioned in the January 18 edition of *Washington Update*, abortion rates in the U.S. are at their lowest level since 1974. In addition, the percentage of pregnancies ending in abortion is also down. Anti-choice advocates are touting this as a success for their campaign, but according to a *New York Times* editorial, a closer look at the numbers suggests another explanation.

Almost two-thirds of this decline can be traced to jurisdictions that have generally rejected the anti-choice, abstinence-only approach advocated for by the Bush administration. These jurisdictions, including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, California, Oregon, Washington, and the District of Columbia have few or no restrictions on abortions, instead reducing unintended pregnancies through a commitment to real sex education and widely available contraception. It seems that several other states are getting the message as well; in an update from the December 21 edition of *Washington Update*, Gov. Janet Napolitano (D) last week added Arizona to the growing number of states opting out of federal funding for abstinence-only education, the *Arizona Republic* reported. This examination of the falling abortion rates, instead of strengthening the abstinence-only campaign, highlights the need for national emphasis on complete sex education and wide access to contraception.

Gladys Bernyk

## Other News of Interest

The California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom annual lobby day at the State Capital is March 25 from 8 am to 4:30 pm. The gathering will convene at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street Sacramento, CA. If you are interested in attending, please call 510-451-3381.

Gilroy's AAUW is celebrating Women's History Month with a presentation on March 15 from 2 to 4 pm. Matilda Butler, co-author of *Rosie's Daughters: "The First Woman to" Generation Tells Its Story*. Contact Lyn Hackett at 842-4946 if you are interested.

The Saratoga Foothill Club in their Public Lecture Series on March 25 at 10 am at the Foothill Club will hear Dr. John R. Koza, Stanford University speak on "*Every Vote Equal: Electing the President by National Popular Vote*."

The League of Women Voters, Southwest Santa Clara Valley Chapter is hosting Rod Diridon, Executive Director of the Norman Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State, who will speak on "*The California High Speed Rail Project and Sustainability*." The meeting will be at the Neighborhood Center, 208 East Main Street, Los Gatos on March 27 at 7:15 pm.



## March 2008 AAUW Calendar

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

- 3 Monday Board Meeting 4-6 pm** at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave. & Saratoga/ Los Gatos Road.
- 6 Thursday Great Decisions, (Group 2), 9:30-11:30 am** at the Saratoga Retirement Community in Barnes Hall. For information call: Rosalie Price at 741-7670.
- 6 Thursday Great Decisions (Group 1), 1-3 pm** at the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Center. For information call: Anne or Al Stewart at 358-3177.
- 6 Thursday Great Decisions (Group 3), 2-4 pm** at the Saratoga Retirement Community in Barnes Hall. For information call: Rosalie Price at 741-7670.
- 7 Friday Travel, 7:30 pm** at The Terraces of Los Gatos in the Main Hall. "Cruising Along the Danube"-Join Fred Armstrong and wife, Gladys, as they leisurely sail along the Danube from Budapest, Hungary to the Black Sea, passing through five countries along the way. Highlights of the trip? Budapest and Romania!! Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616 and Carol McFarlin, 867-2557.
- 8 Saturday English Tea, 11am to 2:30 pm** at West Valley College. See back page for details.
- 8 Saturday Gourmet Supper Club.** For information call Carolyn Laub, 354-1415.
- 11 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.
- 11 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.
- 12 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Los Gatos Gourmet Shop, W. Main Street, Los Gatos. Hostess: Catherine Rhinhardt at 867-0607. Please call Catherine for reservations. Chair: Jean Power, 356-5122. Guests and members are most welcome.
- 13 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the *Los Gatos Park and Ride*. Coe Park, Hunting Hollow. Fairly flat hiking with some stream hopping and hopefully lots of wildflowers. Bring your wildflower books. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 18 Tuesday PM Book Review, 7:30 pm** at The Terraces. Margaret Ford, 356-5028. Book: *Between Two Worlds* by Zainab Salbi. Reviewer: Margaret Ford. Co- chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb 356-8441.
- 19 Wednesday Being on Your Own, 1 to 3 pm** at the home of Sue Boyd, 16330 Matilija, Los Gatos, phone 354-9083. Sarah Model will discuss managing your finances.
- 20 Thursday Great Decisions (Group 1) 1-3 pm** at the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Center. For information call: Anne or Al Stewart at 358-3177.
- 21 Friday AM Book Review 9:30 am** at the home of Terri Raynaud, 138 Fairmead Lane, Los Gatos. RSVP: 356-0075. Information: Margo Restruck, 741-5087, [margrest@earthlink.net](mailto:margrest@earthlink.net) or Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394, [oggerinobarb@aol.com](mailto:oggerinobarb@aol.com).

## March 2008 AAUW Calendar Continued

- 25 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.
- 25 Tuesday** **Film Buffs, (NEW TIME) 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the home of Marlene Lamb, 105 Arroyo Grande Way, Los Gatos. Please RSVP to Marlene, 356-8441. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.
- 27 Thursday** **Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at Argonaut Center, Saratoga by Longs.

### Join One of AAUW's Interest Groups

Our AAUW branch has interesting, and exciting meetings throughout the year as listed in the directory. Yet to come before we break for the summer, are this month's Women's History Month speaker and the English Tea. In April, there is the AAUW State Convention, as well as the always interesting Education Foundation Potluck Luncheon, (the time is yet to be determined). In May, Dr. Seth Shostak, an Astronomer at the SETI Institute will give his views on astronomy. In June there is a luncheon for incoming and outgoing Board Members.

In addition to these programs, there are some very busy Interest Sections. They are listed here only to peak your interest and to have you consider joining one of the groups. Some groups are so full that you may want to consider opening another section. The Coordinator, to whom you can direct your questions, is Phyllis Maragoni, [pgmaragoni@earthlink.net](mailto:pgmaragoni@earthlink.net) or you can call her (her phone number is in the Directory). All of the interest groups are listed in the Directory

(except the Conversational Spanish Group, led by Sharon Kelkenberg as it is newly formed) and the coordinator of each group is listed with her phone number.

*Being on Your Own* was started for the 2007-2008 year. This group explores information that is of interest to those who are alone; however, many of these topics apply to everyone and anyone is invited to attend.

*Book Reviews*, both in the morning and the evening.

*Bridge groups* including day, evening, and duplicate sections.

*Committee on Homeless Women and Children*, a very active committee helping women and children who need our help at this time.

*Film Buffs* discuss many different films and the *Friday Matinee* group attends various movies as a group.

There are two different *Gourmet* groups, the *Supper Club* and *Gourmet Dinner A*. Of course these groups eat well! As both have many members, this is one area where a new group could be started.

*Great Decisions* is a group sponsored with others and is one you must sign for at a specific time.

Watch the Grapevine for invitations to join the group for next year. They discuss many important global issues.

*Hikes and Walks* organizes hikes to some very interesting places and they help with ecology clean-up days as well.

*Legal Advocacy Fund* is a group that assists with raising funds to support people fighting legal matters of interest to the national AAUW.

*Let's Do Lunch* group finds many different area restaurants to explore each month.

*Conversations in Spanish* is a newly formed group to help members review and improve their conversational Spanish skills.

*Travel* group meets monthly with members reviewing some of their travels. The talks are supported with lots of slides from trips and tips on how to travel the world over.

In addition to all of the above groups, a member wanting to create a new group should contact the Interest Group Coordinator with particulars as to what would be involved in the group. -

Enjoy AAUW by being involved.

Donette Dake, Grapevine Editor

Committee on Homeless Women and Children, Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch



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