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Our Annual Celebration of 2016-2017

Annual Spring Potluck & Program

“The Meaning of Higher Education in Current Contexts”

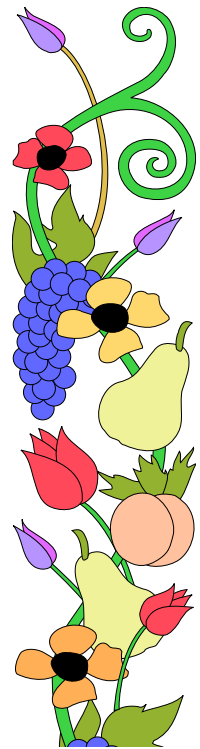
Saturday, May 20, 2017 | 11:15 am to 1:30 pm
at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church (13601 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga)

How has college changed since YOU attended? Our featured speaker Dr. Carla Walter is currently Provost at Presidio Graduate School and previously held leadership positions at Chabot College and California Lutheran University. Before moving into higher education, Dr. Walter served as Chief Operating Officer at MBIA Muni Financial specializing in municipal bonds and was the founder and Executive Director of West Coast Festival Ballet Theatre.

We also announce our Named Gift Honorees and our newest Honorary Life Members at this annual Spring Potluck.

This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your fellow AAUW members. Meet new friends or reconnect with old friends. Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish rolls, beverages, and dessert.

Questions? Contact Virginia Turner: vturner@sbcglobal.net or phone (408) 866-4234.





Branch Leadership Team



We Need You! Please Renew Your Membership by June 30

It's time to renew your membership, and we will be mailing you the 2017-2018 renewal forms early in May.

Dues remain the same as last year: \$49 for national dues, \$20 for California state dues and \$20 for Los Gatos-Saratoga branch dues plus \$10 if you wish to receive the *Grapevine* by mail. Life members do not pay national dues; and Dual members pay only the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch dues because they pay their national and state dues through their primary branch. Your membership will remain active through June 30, 2018.

Here are some of the benefits that your membership offers you:

- At the **national level** your dues support research that results in such reports as "*Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*" as well as legislative advocacy efforts on pay equity, reproduc-

tive choice, civil rights and educational opportunities.

- At the **state level** your dues support branch leadership training, monthly emails with links to helpful resources, personal and professional development opportunities and social media and networking.
- At the **branch level** your dues support the monthly *Grapevine*, general programs, our website, and coordination with other local AAUW branches to share programs and put on events such as the Ice Cream Social for Tech Trek campers.

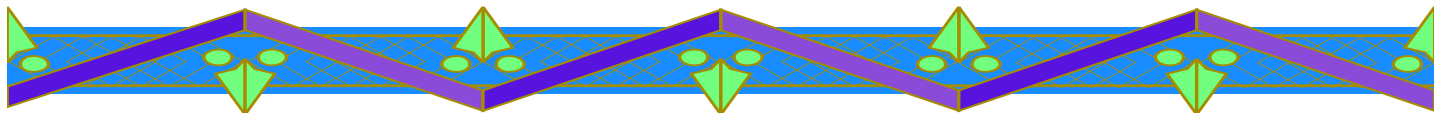
Consider joining a new committee or interest group this year – a great way to meet other members who share your interests.

Take a few minutes to complete the interest form to indicate your willingness to help or participate in various branch activities.

Please return your renewal forms by June 30, 2017 to ensure you are listed in our Directory and branch database. After June 30 there is a \$2 late fee for renewals.

Our branch is always seeking new members. Encourage your friends and neighbors to take a look at AAUW; guests are welcome to attend an interest group once or twice to "test drive" AAUW before they join. I would be happy to mail an information packet to prospective members at any time or they can find the information and forms on our branch website.

–Virginia Turner, Membership V.P.;
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Introducing AAUW's New CEO, Kimberly Churches

Announcement from April 06, 2017

AAUW is excited to announce that **Kimberly Churches** will be our chief executive officer starting June 1, 2017.

Kimberly comes to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fundraising as the managing director.

Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K-12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits.

Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.



Kimberly Churches



2017-2018 Nominees

The following are the nominees for Elected Officers:

Financial V.P. – Louise Quenon

Secretary – Kay Duffy

Membership V.P. – Virginia Turner

Membership Treasurer – Gail Pedersen

AAUW Funds (*Authors' Luncheon*) – Judith Borlase

We would love to have other members step forward to help run our branch and keep us strong and growing. Please consider whether you could serve in one of the open positions; many positions can be shared. We would be happy to give you information about the duties of each position.

President – **OPEN**

President Elect – **OPEN**

Program V.P. – **OPEN**

Legal Advocacy Fund V.P. – **OPEN**

Officers will be installed at the Saturday, May 20 , 2017 Potluck Luncheon.

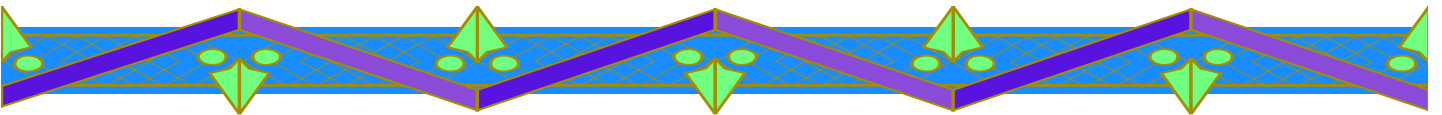
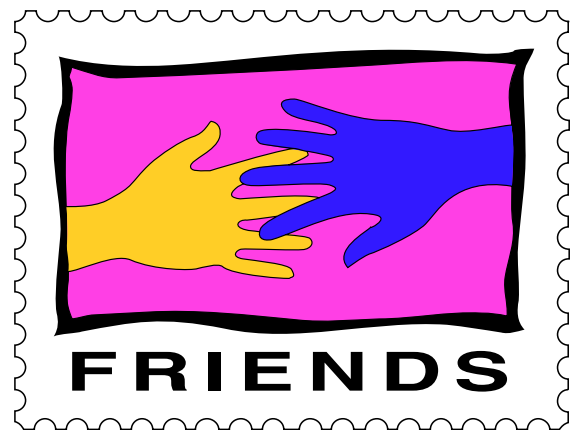
Help Recruit New Members!

Who Can Join the Branch?

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

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.



Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

BOARD NOTES – at the May 1st Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the branch budget to date and realized that our branch is in good financial shape! Our income this year is higher than budgeted and our expenses are lower than budgeted.

1. The Board voted to provide additional support for our three local projects as follows: \$500 for **Tech Trek**, \$500 for **Local Scholarships**, and \$500 for the **Committee on Homeless Women & Children**.
2. The Board approved a \$100 donation to **The Saratoga Historical Foundation** in honor of our members Nancy Anderson and Linda Hagelin. Both of these members are being recognized for their service to the community and interest in history. Congratulations to Nancy and Linda!
3. The Board voted that \$4,000 from our AAUW Funds be donated to help complete the **Morgan Hill AAUW Endowment** which will fund Research and Projects. (*Our AAUW Funds contain the proceeds from the Author's Luncheon and individual donations.*)

Thank you for your generous support of AAUW this year – your contributions make a big difference in the lives of so many women and girls! –Virginia Turner and the Board Members

Also This Month . . .

San Jose AAUW – Selecting A Senior Community

Saturday, May 20, 2017 | 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
Community Room, Willow Glen Library (1157
Minnesota Ave, San Jose; the San Jose AAUW branch
house is next door).

Are you ready to face the next few stages of your life? Do you have your legal life in order? Is your current home safe if you become frail or immobile? How much does home caregiving cost? Come and find out the answers to these questions and many more.



What about a senior living community? Do you know the types? What about restrictions, cost & benefits? Hear Jean Boyden (*Financially Fit for Life*) & panel discuss “*Selecting a Senior Community*”. The conversation will continue next door at the San Jose AAUW Headquarters over coffee and cookies.

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW Congratulations to New Honorary Life Members

The AAUW Bylaws state that an individual member who has paid Association dues for fifty years shall become a **life member** and shall thereafter be exempt from payment of Association dues. Both California AAUW and the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch also exempt honorary life members from paying dues.

This year we recognize three new Honorary Life Members in our branch.

Helen Lemmon has been a member of the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch for all 50 years. She joined because a neighbor in Pasadena suggested she might enjoy the variety of activities that AAUW provides. Helen liked the study topics very much and enjoyed a small group that shared her interest in wines. Currently she is participating in Conversations in Spanish.

Jan Schmidek first joined AAUW in Utica, New York, then she was a member in Bedford, New Jersey, Cupertino, California and now the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch. As she moved she found AAUW a great way to meet new people

with similar interests. She supports the AAUW mission and enjoys the interesting programs and smaller groups.

Louise Webb joined AAUW in Santa Barbara, California, and retained her membership when she moved to the Los Gatos-Saratoga area. She says she just liked the group and has stayed active and involved, currently enjoying the “Armchair Adventures” travel group.

We look forward to talking with all three of our new Honorary Life members at our potluck lunch on Saturday, May 20.

–Virginia Turner, Membership V.P.,
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“Team work (*in a group*
– *like AAUW*) allows
common people to attain
uncommon results.”

–Unknown

Interbranch Council – What is it?

The SCC Interbranch Council is a 501(c)(4) organization representing the Santa Clara County Branches and encouraging their interactions, communications, and concerted efforts. (*IBC branches – Gilroy, Los Altos-Mountain View, Los Gatos-Saratoga, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Jose, and Sunnyvale-Cupertino.*)

Each branch has one member (*usually a past president*) as their representative to the IBC, and IBC leadership rotates among the branch representatives from year-to-year. Each branch pays a small dues (*currently \$25 per branch*) per year, to be used for activities benefiting all branches.

The IBC meets five times a year between September and June, in person and electronically. Members exchange news and best practices from their branches. IBC occasionally sponsors county-wide events such as the “*Women Changing The World*” panel in January 2017, organizes the Ice Cream Social for Tech Trek girls, and offers a leadership training day for branch members. AAUW CA assigns a liaison to the IBC to offer advice as needed, and to help arrange AAUW CA training.

–Margaret Bard, IBC representative

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW “April Showers” (See More Next Month)

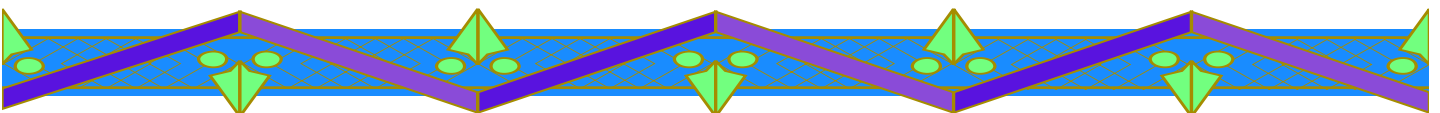
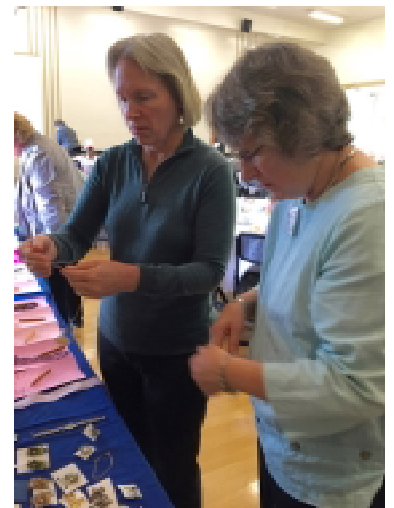
2017 English Tea & Silent Auction



Pictured (top left) the lovely tea tables set for the guests; (top above, left to right) Marlene Duffin, Kay Duffy, Gladys Armstrong, Virginia Turner and Nancy Anderson; (below, left to right) Sumi Tanabe, Yasmeen Mardi, Marilyn Fuller, Karin Shamardani, Briana Hernandez – Scholarship Guest Speaker, and Julie Stevens.



Pictured (far left) wine bottles for the auction; (below far left) Gift Baskets donated for the silent auction; (below center) the lovely centerpieces for the tea tables; (below to right, left to right) Cynthia Miller and Marilyn Fuller.



Oppose the Working Families Flexibility Act

Congress will markup the deceptively-named Working Families Flexibility Act (H.R. 1180), a smoke-and-mirrors bill that would result in a loss of overtime pay for millions of working people.

AAUW is committed to greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance, which are critical to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women. But the Working Families Flexibility Act would provide the exact opposite – cutting overtime pay and limiting flexibility for working families.

H.R. 1180 claims to offer flexibility to employees by allowing them to convert overtime work into paid time off “*comp time*” for family responsibilities. It sounds good on the surface, but what it really does is erode long-standing overtime protections and create a law that would offer hardworking people a false choice between time off and money earned.

Many Americans struggle to meet the demands of job and family, as well as to make ends meet. The Working Families Flexibility Act is not the solution to employees’ needs for time off for family responsibilities. To truly support working parents and caregivers, Congress needs to enact legislation that ensures all employees have access to paid sick days, to paid family and medical leave, and to pay equity.

Tell Congress: the Working Families Flexibility Act is an empty promise that would cause considerably more harm than good. Take action now to oppose this harmful legislation.

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The Reads for PM Book Group!

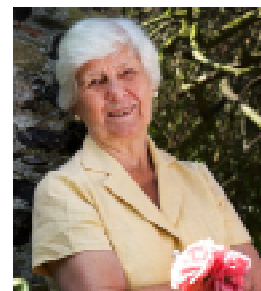
7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community

May’s Book

Book: “*Old Filth*”

Author: Jane Gardam

Reviewer: Pauline Berkowitz



Jane Gardam

“There are two ways of spreading light – to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

–Edith Wharton

“Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns.”

–Unknown



Member’s On the Move

Two AAUW Members Honored by Saratoga Historical Foundation

Nancy Anderson and Linda Hagelin, our AAUW members, will be honored by the Saratoga Historical Foundation for their service to the community, interest in history and contributions.

Sunday, May 21, 2017 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Catered hors d’oeuvres and buffet dinner with wine and live music
at **Saratoga Foothill Club** (20399 Park Place, Saratoga)

Saratoga Historical Foundation

Tickets Cost \$55 – Questions about tickets, call Bob Himel, (408) 867-9727. Reservations are required no later than May 15, 2017. Seating is limited.

–Virginia Turner, Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

May 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.) **All Members are Welcome!**
- 2 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!**
- 5 Friday **Travel "Armchair" Adventures.** Meets at 7:30 at The Terraces of Los Gatos (800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos). Program: *Diving Indonesia and the South Pacific*. Presented by Photographer Ken Bloomfield. Few places on earth offer the incredible diversity of sea life and healthy thriving reef systems as the South Pacific and Indonesia. Living on dedicated "Live Aboard" dive boats, I was able to photograph everything from huge sharks to tiny creatures. Between dives our group would go ashore and interact with the local people, purchase handicrafts and even attend an island wedding. **Open to the Public!**
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at 3:30 pm at JoAn Lambert's home (114030 Elvira St, Saratoga). RSVP: (acting Chair) JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237.
- 11 Thursday **Scenic Hikes & Walks. Point Lobos – Carmel.** We will hike the Cypress Grove Trail, rated as a top California trail. Views of ocean, rocks, deers and spectacular wildflowers 5-6 miles. Meet promptly! 9:00 am. Los Gatos in "Free Parking-Northside Lot" back behind Starbucks. Questions? Jane Bishop, 356-7796; Kay Duffy, 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm in the Saratoga Retirement Community (14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6150, Saratoga). Book: *Old Filth*, by Jane Gardam. Reviewer: Pauline Berkowitz. RSVP Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **Book Lover's are Welcome.**
- 17 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:30 pm at the *Aldo's Ristorante*, (14109 Winchester Blvd, Los Gatos. In the Vasona Station shopping center). RSVP to Chair: Joanna Yates, (408) 348-9211. **Friendly Group – Join Us for Good Food and Conversation!**
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 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 or margaretbard@gmail.com.
- 20 Saturday **Annual Spring Potluck and Program.** 11:15 am – 1:300 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga. Across from the Saratoga Public Library). **Program: "The Meaning of Higher Education in Current Contexts."** "How has college changed since YOU attended?" Come and hear Dr. Carla Walter discuss higher education. *See front page for details.*
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- 25 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!**
- 30 Tuesday **Film Buffs.** Meet at 1:30 pm at Cathy Foscolo's home (18327 Lexington Dr, Monte Sereno). RSVP to Cathy (408) 354-7159. **Chair:** Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**

June 2017

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Calendar in the Next Grapevine issue lists the Interest Groups that meet in June, July & August 2017! Stay in touch with your Los Gatos-Saratoga friends during the summer by attending.



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Pass Along a Little Bit of Sunshine!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Did a member receive recognition?

Please send her information to Lavonne Marafino, our Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-1964; lnmarafino@att.net



“The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”
–Nelson Henderson

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
–Winston Churchill

“It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.”
–Tom Brokaw