

November 2011 General Meeting

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, leaders make it happen."

-Anonymous



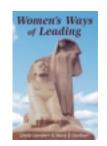
Mary Gardner

Women's Ways of Leading

by Linda Lambert and Mary Gardner

Speaker: Mary Gardner will speak about her book and the topic of Leadership and Women

When: Saturday, November 12, 2011; 10:00 am – 12 noon Where: The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos



Take this exciting opportunity to hear about the way that women lead and the history of women's leadership. Bring your daughters, nieces, granddaughters or other young women in your life to share this important topic.

Mary Gardner is the former superintendent of the Saratoga Union School District (Saratoga, California), a visiting practitioner at Harvard University, and a professor of educational leadership. She consults with non-profit organizations and has served on five boards of directors.

For two decades, Mary Gardner has worked with Linda Lambert as colleagues, friends and co-authors on multiple books about leadership. They served in toplevel leadership positions, engaged in research on women and leadership, consulted internationally, and mentored the next generation of women leaders.

Coming Next Month.

December 2011 Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 11, 2011; 2:00 – 4:00 pm Where: Nancy Anderson's Home, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga, CA (*CHANGE – new location*)

Come to our annual fun and festive Holiday Party! Bring your spouse or guest and have fun with your fellow AAUW friends. *New members are cordially invited*.

Bring a plate with your favorite holiday goodie – savory finger-foods, dessert treats or a bottle of wine to share (*a nonalcoholic punch will be provided*).

See invitation flyer on page 9 (in the pdf *Grapevine*) or as an insert (in the print *Grapevine*).

Trail Clean Up

Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Park & Ride behind Starbucks and Petco. (See the December calendar next month for details).

Homeless Women & Children Committee

Needs help with the holiday party at the Georgia Travis Center and prior to the party with wrapping the gifts.

Any person interested in joining our Committee or for information contact: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383 or Dander2567@aol.com

Message from the November 2011 Chairwomen of the Month

Women in Leadership

Our Past – Global Women's Leadership (GWL) Our March 2011 program featured the topic: Women's Strategic Role in Addressing Global Issues. Tanya Bunger, our speaker, and some of her students spoke about the Global Women's Leadership (check out www.gwln.org) which is sponsored by Leavey School of Business at the University of Santa Clara. Their program goals: "Women leaders ARE the future, and women's leadership capacity building is a high level strategy to accelerate global change."

Success is visible as women address critical issues to meet basic needs. Women are working diligently in Malawi, India, Mexico, and worldwide. Women leaders are supported in five areas: (1) economic participation, (2) economic opportunity, (3) political empowerment, (4) educational attainment and (5) health & well-being. Women join from multiple sectors to attain these goals.

Our Present – Chairwomen of the Month

Our branch, as an organization that supports women in leadership roles is setting a precedent in a new form of branch leadership. Using a cooperative leadership model, members were recruited to serve on a Chairwomen Committee for one month during the year. The Chairwomen of the Month will take on leadership roles that will include organizing the monthly event, (*planning, contacting people, creating publicity, and hosting the event*) and handling the board meeting (*planning, agenda writing, conducting and follow through*).

Our September 2011 General Meeting included a brief business meeting, a presentation to explain each of our interest groups for members and guests, an excellent speaker and delicious breakfast treats. This was a complete success!

Our Future – Women's Ways of Leading

On November 12, Mary Gardner, coauthor of the book *Women's Ways of Leading* will present an interactive program on leadership styles. This is an opportunity to learn and experience the book's message. The importance of leading and mentoring in our lives will be the focus.

Mary is well-known for her educational leadership and as an author. After her time as a visiting practitioner at Harvard, she became superintendent of the Saratoga School District.



Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

December's Chairwomen Committee -

Gail Pedersen, Arleen Pickett, Terri Raynaud, gail_pedersen@yahoo.com; arleenpickett@gmail.com; t_raynaud@hotmail.com;

408-377-6895 408-356-3233 408-356-0075 Come, bring your daughters, nieces, granddaughters, friends, or other women in your life to share this exciting program. (See the front page for details.)

-Terri Raynaud, Chairwomen of the Month for November 2011



Help the Holiday Teen Project

The Gifts for Teens project (that gives full festive gift bags to local homeless and low-income teenagers) needs your help on two fronts!

VOLUNTEER to fill duffel bags and totes with teen gifts from December 7 – 16. The assembly site is off Almaden Expressway, in Via Valiente Plaza, just a short drive south of Hwy. 85. Sign up for a morning or afternoon shift. Contact scheduler Cheryl, cherylmarkman@hotmail.com; or 408-578-8315.

SMALL GIFTS needed to stuff the bags are still in short supply. There are not yet enough girls' items to fill the 825 tote bags. **What Do We Need:** We can use colorful cosmetics, women's socks, scarves, toiletries, male socks, baseball hats, gift cards, etc. Leave all donations on the back porch at AAUW-San Jose Headquarters, 1165 Minnesota Avenue, Willow Glen. Mark the donations with *Gifts for Teens* and include your name and address. Or contact Elaine, 268-9654 to donate.

-Elaine Benoit, ebenoit@pacbell.net

AAUW Public Policy Principles Under Attack in California and in Washington, DC

Partisanship in Congress Stops Progress on Issues

Rather than deal with the pressing issues facing the country such as continuing high unemployment, Congress has been focusing on the debt ceiling. Many members are demanding major cuts in all aspects of the federal budget, including entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security, as a condition for approving an increase in the debt ceiling. Little to no study has been made on the longer-term implications of the cuts being proposed.

Of particular concern to AAUW are potential changes to Social Security, such as reduction or elimination of benefits and potential privatization. Protecting and strengthening Social Security, one of our nation's best antipoverty programs, is particularly important to women. All AAUW members should be concerned about the partisanship that is so divisive both in California and in Congress. Demand reasonable dialogue and compromises to move California and the nation forward!

California Budget Cuts Education and the Safety Net

AAUW CA (in its Position Paper on the California Budget 2011-2012: Revenue, Reductions, Reforms) called for the extension of temporary taxes due to end June 30, 2011, cost-saving reforms and expense reductions. However, due to uncompromising partisanship in the Senate and Assembly, the tax extensions did not pass due to the required 2/3 vote. Instead, the state's 2011-2012 budget reflects assumptions that the economy will improve, thus generating additional tax revenues.

AAUW CA continues to believe that

this approach to achieve a balanced budget is an unreasonable solution, and harmful to all state residents. Sheila Kuehl, former California Senator and a budget expert, who spoke at the AAUW CA Convention in April, states the choices succinctly on her website: Under virtually any scenario, the most vulnerable in the state seem slated to continue to suffer a lack of support for even their most basic needs . . . Each of these budget "buckets"—[K-12] education, higher education, CalWORKS, healthcare, transportation, environmental protection, protection of our most vulnerable, public safety, emergency services—all of them are intertwined. none stands alone. Time will tell if the people of California see it this way, or if they will continue the fragmentation and dissolution signified by their votes (many of them against their own best interests) on the continuing plethora of initiatives."

Help to Bring in New Members – It's Everyone's Business!

Don't Let Our Branch Fade Away

Our branch is in need of new members. The membership team of Charlene Bunger, Shirley Cancellieri and Gail Pedersen met to complete our plan to recruit new members, and to retain existing members. Our focus is giving the answer to the question – *Why Join Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW?* We are creating a membership packet that highlights what our Branch has to offer.

You can make a difference! Read about the two ways of helping us to grow the branch.

Do Your Part in Bringing in New Members

One way is to bring or invite people you know (*friends*, *neighbors*, *members of other groups to which you belong*) to the General Meetings or to an interest group that they would enjoy.

Request a PDF *Grapevine* newsletter and a membership packet be emailed to a prospective member. Or we can mail a printed *Grapevine* and a membership packet to their home address.

Help Get the Word Out About Our Branch

Another way to help us is to post a flyer. We need people to know what our branch is doing! If only ten to fifteen of you would post a flyer just once a month at just two places or take to groups that you attend it would increase our reach into the community. This November's General Meeting is a great opportunity to reach new prospective members.

Joan Kjemptrup is doing a great job of getting our information into publications. Please consider helping by simply posting flyers at places that you go to. Please let me know by phone or email if you can help. Give me your name and what organization or place you will reach out to and cover.

Our thanks to all of you in helping keep our AAUW Branch alive and well!!

-Charlene Bunger, Membership VP 408-440-0063; mozart2006@thebungers.net

First Glimpse of the April 2012 Fund-raiser

Benefits the Homeless Women and Children's Committee

Save the Date

This year's fund-raiser will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the Summer Winds Nursery on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road. We will have hors d'oeuvres, wine, a small silent auction and much, much more. **Plans are in the making, so stay tuned for more later.**

What's Up at the Committee

Our October speaker was Trish Crowder, Executive Director of the Family Supportive Housing shelter (formerly San Jose Family Living Shelter). Their rooms are full – 143 residents, and they have a waiting list. Among the many programs they offer or are required for residency, our favorite was the mandatory afterdinner supervised homework. Each evening during the school week the children are required to work on their homework, unquestionably a most valuable time spent as education may be the way out for the next generation. The new building is set to open, with fingers crossed, on March 20, 2012. There will be more information about this project as we get closer to that date.

The Thursday before Thanksgiving will find us at the Georgia Travis Center with a yummy brunch - sliced turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, and two pies - pumpkin and pecan. The women and children enjoy this each year as it is a good break from the predictable meals served every day.

Any person interested in joining our Committee or for information contact: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383 or Dander2567@aol.com

History of Title IX

The year Title IX became law was 1972. The bill sponsored by Edith Green and Patsy Mink in the House banned discrimination on the basis of sex in schools that receive federal funds.

At first it applied to women who were trying to get into law and medical schools. By 1974 emphasis began in women's athletics. Since the average Big Ten universities invested thirteen hundred times as much money on the average male athlete as on the average woman athlete, things were going to change. When Pat Shroeder visited a high school in her Denver district, the high school basketball coach told his team "Show Mrs. Shroeder what you think of Title IX." The boys turned around and mooned her.

Two examples of the short shrift girl's athletics were getting around the country that led to Title IX's passage were as follows: In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where girls' sports got 9% of the athletic budget, the boys' tennis team had courts and the girls played on the school driveway, stopping whenever a motorist had to get through. The women at the University of Kansas had to drive overnight to get to some of their track meets, and when they arrived, they had to sleep on wrestling mats in the gym. The male athletes were put up in hotels and transported at the University's expense.

The source of my material is *When Everything Changed* by Gail Collins. I highly recommend this book to all members of AAUW.

-Lavonne Marafino, LAF, VP



Save the Date! for the January 2012 Author's Luncheon

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

Our Three Local authors:

- Betty Auchard, author of *Dancing in My Nightgown: the Rhythms of Widowhood*
- Helen Wang, author of *"The Chinese Dream, about the rising middle class in China"*
- Julie Matsushima, author of For the Love of Aimee

Look for the flyer in both the December and January Grapevine!



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The Changing Face of Local News

The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (LWV) issues a special invitation to the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW to attend this interesting program.

Our expert speakers will discuss:

- the changing face of local news
- how they work with media partners
- the news coverage of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

This is an opportunity to bring your questions about the ways that Local News is now covered for our speakers!

Speakers: ANN GRIMES (Director, Graduate Program in Journalism at Stanford University), R. B. BRENNER (Stanford Visiting Lecturer and former *Washington Post Metro* Editor), and KATHRYN ROETHEL (Managing Editor of *The Peninsula Press*)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:15 pm in the Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Room (corner of Winchester and Campbell Avenues)

Open to the public. Invite your friends and family....form a carpool and join us. Plenty of free parking available.

What Happened? California PERSPECTIVE Mailing Label Error

There was an error with the mailing of the Fall Perspective. A glitch in mail merge at the printer's mailing house caused the label names and addresses to be mismatched. It affected almost the entire mailing.

The important thing is that no permanent records were changed and it is very unlikely to occur again. We apologize for the confusion and ask you to pass this explanation on to your branch members.

If you don't receive the postal delivery, you can download Perspective from the website in the Forms & Documents section. Our Website <u>www.aauw-ca.org</u>

Travel "Armchair" Adventures Spring 2012!

First Friday of Month at 7:30 pm, the Terrace of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd.

- January 6, 2012 "EXPLORING THE SOUTH PACIFIC BY SAILBOAT" If you have ever just wanted to sail away in the sunset, you will enjoy sailing with Sue Swackhammer and husband Barry who, after renting out their house for four years, sailed from San Francisco to Australia on a 43 foot sailboat. Sue will describe what cruising sailors see and do as they pass through the Equator, French Polynesia, the Cook Islands, Western Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.
- February 3, 2012 "A VIKING RIVER CRUISE TO RUSSIA" Travel with photographer Brad Hinckley as he travels to Red Square and the Kremlin in Moscow, with a visit to the nearby Sergiev Posad Monastery, the spiritual center of Russian Orthodoxy. Then it is on with the river cruise as they pass trees, trees and more trees and 17 locks on the way to his final destination, St. Petersburg, the city and palaces that Peter the Great planned and built an experience in opulence and craftsmanship.
- March 2, 2012 "TRAVELING THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST" Join traveler Pat Khan as she travels to Jordan for a granddaughter's wedding. From there, she takes us to ancient Petra, a city carved from stone. Then we will drive with her from Amman, Jordan to Palestine and Israel where she explores a bit of each of these very different countries.
- April 6, 2012 "CLIMBING MT. KILIMANJARO" Photographer Ken Bloomfield writes: "In 2005 my wife Ellyn and I traveled to Tanzania to conquer the highest point on the African Continent. Overcoming fatigue, altitude sickness, and the elements were just a part of the experience that became one of the hardest things I've ever done!"
- May 4, 2012 "MYSTICAL BURMA AND CAMBODIA" Travel with photographer JoAn Lambert and friend Pat Khan to visit many of the legendary places in Myanmar (Burma), including Yangon (Rangoon) and Mandeley. Then take a boat trip on Lake Inley, famous for its fishermen and their round nets. From there, it is on to Bagan, city of a thousand temples. Travel to Cambodia next and walk through ancient Angor Wat and Angor Thom and then spend a few days seeing the treasures of Bangkok, Thailand.

Brush Up Your Foreign Policy Understanding

Sign Up by the November 20, 2011 Deadline!

The program, created by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters (LWV), the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC), and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC). **The sign up deadline is November 30, 2011.** That deadline is necessary to ensure the receipt of new program workbooks and DVDs from the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) in time to facilitate their distribution to participants.

"The work of the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is vitally important in educating Americans on current policy issues and expanding public participation in the foreign policy process." –Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State.



made this statement at the FPA 2003 Annual Dinner.

The Local Programs/Schedules:

The registration fee is still only \$27 per individual and \$37 for couples who share a workbook. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Cottage # 6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. It is important that you note on your check in which of the two groups listed below you wish to participate.

The two separate groups to be formed this year will meet as follows:

Group 1 – eight bi-weekly sessions held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in SASCC's Modular Classrooms. *The first session begins on February 2, 2012.*

There will be an organizing meeting on January 26, 2011, for Group 1 participants only, in the SASCC classroom to distribute course materials and to identify volunteers serving as individual topic leaders. Group 1 will be led by Al and Anne Stewart who will also serve as program leaders.

Group 2 – weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the SRC. *The first session begins on February 2, 2012.*

Group 2 will be led by Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for that group.

Anne and Al Stewart, program leaders for *Great Decisions* – 2012

Brief Overview of 2012's Eight Topics

- 1. **Middle East Realignment;** by Augustus Richard Norton The popular revolts and upheaval of the Arab Spring have radically changed the face of the Middle East. What lies ahead for the Middle East's transition to democracy?
- 2. **Promoting Democracy**; by Larry Diamond The U.S. has had a history of advancing and supporting democracy around the world. With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid to military force, what are the appropriate yet effective methods that the U.S. should use to promote democracy?
- 3. Mexico; by George Grayson

Mexico's border with Central America, as well as the border it shares with the U.S., is a pathway for people, goods, crime and contraband in both directions. How can Mexico address these challenges? How will Mexico's foreign relations affect its domestic politics?

4. Cybersecurity; by Ronald Deibert

The securitization of cyberspace has caused a sea change for both governments and the private sector, faced with new threats, new battlegrounds and new opportunities. How will the U.S. and its democratic allies approach the cyber frontier?

- 5. Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq; by Michael E. O'Hanlon Ten years after September 11, 2001, the U.S. is winding down its military commitment in Iraq and slowly pulling out of Afghanistan. What exit strategy will help Afghanistan and Iraq build stable democratic nations? What is the role of the U.S. in the Middle East's future?
- 6. **State of the Oceans**; by Sara Tjossem The world's oceans are essential to life on earth, and are very sensitive to global climate change. What are the consequences of climate change on oceanic factors like biodiversity, sea levels and extreme weather systems?
- 7. Indonesia; by James Castle

Having emerged from authoritarianism in the last 15 years, Indonesia has made remarkable strides politically, economically and socially. The new, democratic Indonesia is still a developing country facing considerable challenges. What is Indonesia's role in the global community?

8. Energy Geopolitics; by William Sweet

The energy markets have been shaken by the instability of Middle East oil and the vulnerability of nuclear power. Moreover, developing countries like China are becoming bigger energy consumers, while energy producers like Russia see the opportunity to widen their influence. In this changed landscape, how will the U.S.'s energy needs affect its relations with other nations?

November 2011 AAUW Calendar

1 Conversations in Spanish, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Tuesday Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383; Helen Lemmon, 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 Travel "Armchair" Adventures, 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Friday Los Gatos. Program: Caravanning through Australia, Photographers Gordon and Terri Jalkemo spent nine months traversing the Eastern and Central part of this country from the very northern tip to the most southern part – Tasmania. You will get off the beaten track seeing 100 mile long sandy beaches, snow-clad mountains, tropical rain forests and the desiccated red center of the country where life is finely attuned to survival. Come see and experience a different Australia 7 Board Meeting, 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Monday Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. 8 Committee on Homeless Women and Children, 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, Tuesday 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. 9 Let's Do Lunch, 11:30 am, at C. B. Hannegans, 208 Bachman Avenue, Los Gatos. RSVP to Wednesday Catherine Reinhardt, 408-867-0607. Members and guests welcome. Contact: Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397. 10 Scenic Hikes and Walks, 9:00 am, Forest of Nicene Marks State Park; 5-6 miles in the redwood Thursday forest along Aptos Creek above Soquel. Epicenter of the Loma Prieta earthquake is on our route. Back 4 pm. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. 12 General Meeting, 10:00 am to 12 noon, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Saturday Gatos. Program: Mary Gardner, former Saratoga School District Superintendent, will speak about her book, Women's Ways of Leading. All members and their guests are welcome. (See front page for details.) Chair: Terri Raynaud, 356-0075. 15 Tuesday Conversations in Spanish, 1:30-2:30 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383; Helen Lemon, 867-0575. 15 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm, Book: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Reviewer: Roberta London, Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, 356-8441. AM Book Review, 9:30 am at the home of Gerri Williams, 4630 Corrida Circle, San Jose. RSVP 18 Friday to Margaret Bard, 377-6625, Chair. 25 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike**, 9:00 am (*Day after Thanksgiving*) Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Argonaut Center, Saratoga, way out front of CVS; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. 29 Tuesday Film Buffs, 1:30-3:30 pm at the home of Annette Barnes, 6559 Tam O'Shanter Drive, San Jose. RSVP to Annette, 997-7957. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488. December 2011 1 Trail Clean-Up. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos Park & Ride behind Starbucks and Thursday

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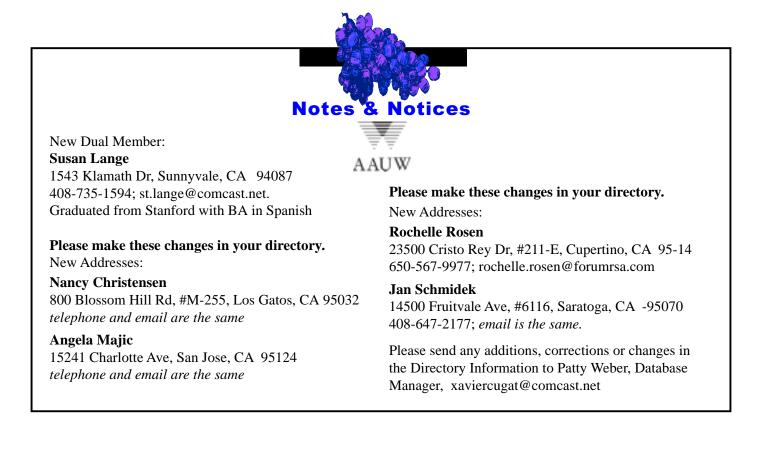
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Come One! Come All! The Holiday Gala is Great Fun and a Tasty Treat

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW Annual Holiday Party!

When: Sunday, December 11, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Where: Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga – NEW LOCATION (cross street Saratoga and Scotland Ave)

Join Us for Good Food! Good Company! and Good Conversation!

All members and their guest are invited to join the celebration at our Holiday Gala! Meet new members and renew friendships at this fun, relaxed and festive party.

The board is bringing savory finger-foods, dessert treats and wine (*a nonalcoholic punch will be provided*).

You are welcome to bring a plate of your favorite holiday goodies or a bottle of wine. The most important thing is that you come and have fun with your fellow AAUW friends.

New Members are especially invited! We look forward to meeting you and "*putting names to faces*" at the Holiday Gala.



