

November 2013 General Meeting

Understanding the Civil War ~ 150 Years Later



50th Reunion of Gettysburg veterans – 1913

Open to the Public!

Saturday, November 9, 2013

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Community Room, Saratoga Library

(13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070)

On November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, site of a pivotal battle of the American Civil War.

Dr. Robert Senkewicz will discuss the way our understanding of that war has changed during the subsequent 150 years. Dr. Senkewicz is a professor in the History Department of Santa Clara University and also served as the faculty director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at SCU.

Bring your friend and family who are history buffs for this opportunity to hear about this exciting topic.

*Cosponsored by the Saratoga Library and
Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW*

Coming Next Month . . .

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Annual Holiday Party 2013!

When: Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga –

LOCATION (cross street Saratoga and Scotland Ave)

Bring savory finger-foods, dessert treats and white or sparkling wine (a nonalcoholic punch will be provided). The most important thing is that you come and have fun with your fellow AAUW friends. **SAVE**

THE DATE and plan to come to our annual Holiday Party!

(See the flyer on PDF page 9 or inserted in printed Grapevine issue.)



Letter from the President

In November we have a wonderful tradition of giving thanks for the many good things in our lives. Celebrations may remind us of that First Thanksgiving Day in 1621, recalling fondly grammar school pageants and stories of the Pilgrims, or maybe you enjoy watching the television special featuring Charlie Brown and his friends.

You may not know that Thanksgiving Day has been an annual event recognized by the federal government since 1863 when, in the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, 1863. This is exactly one week after that same President Lincoln gave a magnificent speech on the battlefield at Gettysburg where a national cemetery was being dedicated. I hope you can come to our meeting November 9 (*details on the front page*) and learn more about the Civil War and how our understanding of that war has changed in the century and a half since. **You will even get your own copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.**

While we look to our future, it's also important that we remember our past. I would particularly like to acknowledge the many Past Presidents of our branch who have stepped forward and taken on Board positions to help us carry out AAUW's mission of education and equity for women and girls.

- **Marjory Bunyard** keeps our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures up to date
- **Nancy Hobbs** represents the branch at the Interbranch Council and is active with Tech Trek
- **Pat Khan** is our Vice President of Finance (*also known as Treasurer*)

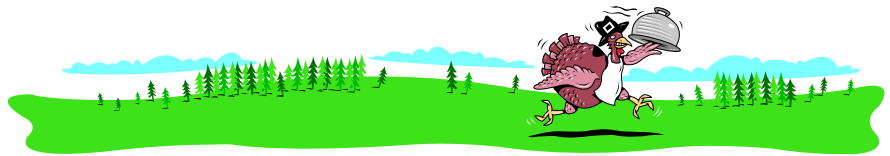
- **Jean Wenberg** is our Historian
- **Sharon Kelkenberg** is our Parliamentarian and liaison with the webmaster
- **Lavonne Marafino** is our Communications Vice President
- **Margaret Bard** takes wonderful photos at our events

Other Past Presidents remain active in various committees and interest

groups and have stayed connected with AAUW. We appreciate the experience and enthusiasm they bring to the branch.

Your membership in AAUW makes us all stronger and I thank you for that. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for making this the best AAUW year ever.

–Virginia Turner, President
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Local Scholarship Update

The three Local Scholarship recipients for 2013, Shannon Ferreira, Diem Phuong and Nhi Nguyen have enrolled in their colleges, and Virginia Turner has sent them their checks. Below is a letter from one of the recipients, Nhi Nguyen. It is a heartfelt letter addressed to all of you who have supported the students.

Thanks to your support, these students are now experiencing a new college life with exciting challenges.

–Sumi Tanabe, Chair
Local Scholarship Committee

Ms. Turner and all other sweet ladies in AAUW,

School is coming soon for me in the end of September. I will be living in a rented place close to Davis campus. There is a bus stop nearby but I also have my bike ready. This coming fall I am enrolled in only 12 units because lots of advisors recommend me not to take so much (as I usually did) because this is my first term in a big school with quarter system.

As the start of school is approaching, I am experiencing a mix of feelings in my mind these days that drive me sleepless for many nights. It's partially anxiety, with a bit of excitement, but mostly nostalgia and the fear of loneliness. This will be the first time in my life that I have to live in distance with my family, all by myself in a new environment. On the other hand, I will consider this as an opportunity to grow up and be able to take care of myself. I will miss my family, my old teachers, and especially all supporters who left a profound mark in my life like you sweet ladies. Thank you!

–Nhi Nguyen

Support Local Women and Girls!

Can You Help Our Three Local Projects?

By now you should have received the October Appeal letter from the Committee to Support Local Women and Girls. Perhaps a little explanation is in order.

The Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch has 3 projects which support local women and girls: **Tech Trek** summer science camp for 8th grade girls, **Local Scholarships** for women transferring from West Valley College to a 4 year institution in one of the STEM fields (*science, technology, engineering, math*), and assistance to **Homeless Women and Children**.

The appeal letter gives you an opportunity to provide financial assistance to these worthy projects. As you will have noticed, there is a donor card on which you may indicate how you would like your donation allocated. If you choose not to designate proportions, your donation will be divided evenly among the three projects.

In the past, we have had individual fundraisers for each of these projects but we have now joined forces to present just one event to support all three. The English Tea and Silent Auction is that event. This year we are

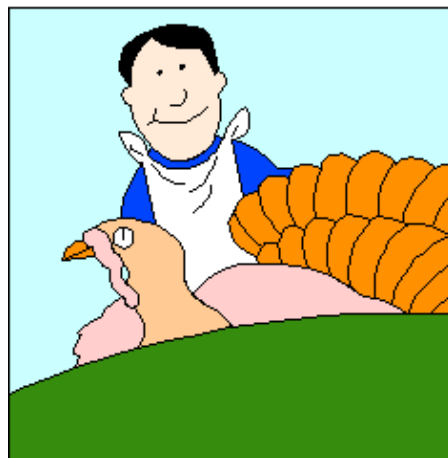
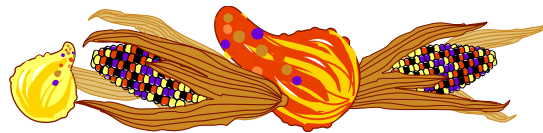
calling it the Silver English Tea in recognition of the 25th year! It will be held March 29, 2014 at West Valley College. It's always a popular event and we hope to see you there.

Another worthy cause, which we encourage you to support is AAUW Funds. This is a project of national AAUW and by means of contributions from AAUW members across the nation it is one of the largest sources of financial assistance for women pursuing graduate studies. To make it as easy as possible, you may include a separate check for

AAUW Funds in the envelope along with your check made out to ISPF-AAUW for the Local projects. A separate check is necessary because contributions to AAUW Funds must be sent to the national AAUW office.

Proceeds from the very popular Authors' Luncheon will also benefit AAUW Funds. It will be held January 23, 2014 at La Rinconada Country Club. A flyer with details will be in the December issue of the *Grapevine*.

–Louise Quenon
Committee to Support Local Women and Girls



Why Women Join Organizations!

What you and your branch members can do to recruit and retain members?

Here are the answers with which every branch should be familiar:

Member Survey Results

The top five key points in recruiting and retaining members:

1. Recruitment is everyone's responsibility
2. Focus more on the collective benefits of membership, less on the personal
3. I want to connect with women of similar interests
4. Open programs and meetings to the public
5. Show hospitality – be very aware of someone new at a meeting



Another survey question will be shared in December. Previous survey questions were shared in September and October *Grapevine* issues.

Letters from July 2013 Tech Trek Campers – Part 2

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

I am so thankful that I was chosen to go to Tech Trek.

The people here are so nice and so fun. The experiences are amazing. Everyone here is so open and welcoming that I am also so thankful to your wonderful group that gave me the chance to participate in such a mind blowing experience.

Gratefully, –Meshi Shachaf

“Shoot for the moon, even if you miss ...you’ll land in the stars!”

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you so much for sending me to Tech Trek! I’m having the best time ever. I’m so happy to be able to have this experience.

I’ve been learning a lot of new and interesting information about math and science. My core class is really cool. I especially like the Alka-Seltzer film canister rockets. It was fun figuring out what made the largest explosion. I also loved robotics. The trial and error of programming was challenging, but it was worth it when the robot did what I wanted.

It’s so awesome to meet other girls who love science and math as much as I do. I’ve made so many new friends that I’m sure to keep in touch with for a long time.

This is the most unique and amazing experience that will not only give me an idea of college life, but will create special memories. Thank you for choosing me for Tech Trek.

–Kate Zepecki

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Stanford University
July 17, 2013

Dear Saratoga/Los Gatos AAUW,

Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek. I had a great time and learned so much here. I have also experienced a lot that I couldn’t at home. I met many new people and I think this will help me decide my major in the future. This camp has really changed my view on math and science.

One of my favorite memories was building a lego robot. We learned how to program it by putting the actions into the computer, then transferring them to the robot. We taught the robot to move forward, backward, sideways, golf wave, play a sound, respond to a noise, a touch, or a light and detect walls, turn on one wheel, show a picture and make a figure eight. I learned a lot about computing and programming. Before, I never knew I could accomplish what I did.

This experience of going to Tech Trek has changed my opinion and me on a lot of things. I would like to thank you for giving me this memory and experience. I appreciate your funds for this camp and the campers. Thank you for this once in a lifetime experience.

–Hannah Logar

Ask Someone You Know to Join Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW!

New members say that they didn’t join AAUW sooner because no one asked them. Think about your friends, co-workers, neighbors or family. *Who can you ask?*

Membership is open to anyone with at least an associate or equivalent degree. There is no limit on the number of FREE memberships a member can give to recent college graduates.

Membership forms are posted on our branch website at www.aauw-lgs.org on the membership page or you can ask Gail Pedersen, (408) 377-6895, to mail the latest *Grapevine* newsletter and a new member packet to any prospective members.

Update Author’s Luncheon 2014

Plans for the annual Authors’ Luncheon are moving along! **Thursday, January 23, 2014 - again at Rinconada Country Club.**

We need your assistance with: publicity & centerpieces. If you can help, please let me know! Thank you!



–Geri Williams (408) 642-5042 | gerisjs@aol.com

Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

Update from the Committee on Homeless Women and Children

Our AAUW Branch Committee for Homeless Women and Children has been meeting for more than 25 years to raise money and plan activities and programs to assist homeless women and their children. We haven't solved the problem yet, so we invite you to join us. We are a warm, inviting, and dedicated group of women who meet on the second Tuesday of each month to continue making a difference.

Join us for one of these upcoming actions and activities:

1. We are collecting new gifts for women in the \$10.00 to \$20.00 range for our annual holiday party with the homeless women. Some suggestions are hats, scarves, gloves, make-up, sweaters, jackets. We especially need some large and extra-large sizes. You can bring your donation to the Branch or the Board meeting in November or the Board meeting or Holiday Party in December. Check the calendar for the dates of these meetings. If you can't make any of these meetings, you can drop your gifts off at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga
2. We will have a pot luck lunch at Nancy Anderson's home on December 12 to gift wrap all your lovely donations. This is a fun way to help, to see all the interesting and creative gifts our members have donated, and to meet your Homeless Committee. Call Nancy at (408) 867-4383 for details.
3. We will be having special Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for homeless women. We prepare and serve all the food for these events. Again, another great way to help and

to become involved with the Homeless Committee. And a chance for you to make your special holiday sweet potato or green bean casserole or your famous cranberry cake for a most appreciative crowd. And you can help serve and hear all

the oohs and aahs. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the homeless woman who are often happy to share their stories. Call Pat Khan for where and when and what to bring.

–Pat Khan, Chair | (408) 741-1616

Attend Great Decisions 2014

Deadline for signing up is November 30.

The registration fee is \$27.50 per individual and \$37.50 for couples who share a workbook. That is unchanged from last year's prices. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. It is important that you note on your check in which of the two groups listed you wish to participate. (*See below.*)

The sign up deadline is November 30, 2013, even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 6, 2014.

The topics for this year's eight sessions are:

- Political Islam in Africa
- China's Foreign Policy
- Turkey
- Israel
- Energy Independence
- Economic Statecraft and Trade
- Defense and the Rise of New Technologies
- Food Security and Climate Change

As in prior years, two separate groups will be formed. The first regular session for each group will begin on February 6, 2014. and will meet as follows:

(Group 1) eight bimonthly sessions held on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in SASCC's Modular Oak and Magnolia classrooms. Group 1 will be led by Al and Anne Stewart who will serve as Program leaders also.

(Group 2) weekly sessions for eight consecutive weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the SRC. Group 2 will be led by Rosalie Price who also serves as program coordinator for that group.



Key Findings of AAUW Research Report

Senior researcher Andresse St. Rose gave us a wealth of information about the research report entitled *“Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success.”* For those who were unable to attend her presentation October 12, here are a few of the key findings in the report:

- College-educated workers earn higher wages and experience lower levels of unemployment than workers with less education. Community colleges are often overlooked in the higher education system.
- Women now make up the majority of students in colleges and universities (57% in 2010), and more attend community colleges than four-year colleges and universities. About a quarter of these students are mothers, many have significant work, family and caregiving responsibility, and many have limited

financial resources and/or are academically underprepared.

- Affordable day care is essential for many women students to succeed in the community college.
- Women tend to pursue traditionally female occupations and are underrepresented in STEM (*science, technology, engineering and math*) fields. They need better information and support to enroll and earn degrees in nontraditional fields.
- Improving the outcomes for women will benefit everyone because when women have the resources they need to be successful, they can better contribute to the well-being of their families, their communities, and society as a whole.

Many, many thanks to West Valley College for co-sponsoring this meeting with us.



(Pictured left to right) Dr. Victoria Hinds of West Valley College, Virginia Turner, Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW president and Dr. Andresse St. Rose, our speaker and AAUW Senior Researcher.

If you would like to read the entire report, it is available for download on the national AAUW website (www.aauw.org/resource/women-in-community-colleges/) or you can get a printed copy – *you only need to pay for shipping* – through ShopAAUW.

–Virginia Turner, President

AAUW Funds Award \$3.7M in Financial Support for This Year!

AAUW National recently announced that \$3.7 million was awarded to 245 scholars for the 2013-14 school year. This money represents the interest earned from endowments. AAUW CA donated \$580,999.97 in 2012. These funds provide educational opportunities and equity for women and girls through research and support of fellowship and grants programs (*including International Fellowships, American Fellowships, Selected Professions Fellowships, and Research and Projects Grants*).

Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax deductible and can be restricted to any specific fund or program by writing on your check or on an accompanying document fund/program name or number. You can also give online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

See below for some of the most commonly designated funds and programs:

- **Legal Advocacy Fund #3999** – includes such programs as: Legal case support, LAF Case Support Travel Grant, & Campus Outreach Grants.
- **Educational Opportunities #4336** – includes such programs as: Fellowships and grant, Fellows Alumnae Initiatives, & Tech Trek.

- **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund #9170** – includes many research reports on gender equity in education, such as: Graduating to a Pay Gap; The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation, Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School, Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, & Behind the Pay Gap.
- **Public Policy Fund #4337** – A partial list of programs includes: Government relations, Civic engagement, & Field organizing.
- **Leadership Programs Fund #4339** – A partial list of programs includes: The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Campus Action Projects, Elect Her - Campus Women Win, & \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshops.
- **AAUW Funds #9110** – Unrestricted donations are used to support programs with the greatest needs.

Thank you for supporting AAUW's work! More details on all programs can be found on the state or national website.

–Geri Williams, VP AAUW Funds
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November 2013 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures** meets at 7:30 pm, The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. Program: **The Natural and Man-Made Wonders of Arizona** presented by John Perry. For more information contact Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237; Co-Chair: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616.
- 4 Monday **Board Meeting** meets at 3:30 pm, the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 5 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish** meets at 1:30-3:00 pm, the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Co-Chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, (408) 867-0575. **Seeking Spanish Speakers.**
- 9 Saturday **Monthly General Meeting** meets at 2:00-4:00 pm, the Community Room, Saratoga Library (13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga). Topic: **Understanding the Civil War- 150 Years Late.** Speaker: Dr. Robert Senkewicz, Professor of history at Santa Clara University, will discuss how the way our understanding the civil war has changed over time. Cosponsored with the Saratoga Library. **Bring all of your friends and family who are history buffs! Open to the Public.**
- 12 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children** meets at 7:00 pm, the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. *We make a difference in the lives of homeless women and children and have great fun.* RSVP: Pat Khan, Chair, (408) 741-1616. **New Members are Welcome!**
- 13 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch** meets at 11:30 am at Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave., San Jose 95129, just north of Kiely Blvd. *(We'll be in the room near the front, around the corner from the restrooms.)* RSVP: Linda King, (408) 354-4105. **Everyone Welcome!**
- 14 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks** Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center, Saratoga, way out in front of CVS. **Wuderlick Park.** Explore trails, historic horse barn. Hike under redwoods in this San Mateo County park. **Bring lunch.** Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Walkers are Welcome!**
- 15 Friday **AM Book Review** meets at 9:30 am. Participants may bring a book to discuss. Call Margaret Bard, (408) 377-6625, for location information. **Come and find your next great read.**
- 19 Tuesday **Film Buffs** meets at 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the home of Vicki Feigelson (20075 Seagull Way, Saratoga). RSVP: Vicki, (408) 255-8822. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, (408) 264-4488. *Special meeting time this month only.* **New Members Welcome.**
- 19 Tuesday **PM Book Review** meets at 7:30 pm, the SRC. Book: *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen. Reviewer: Margaret McCartney. *(The Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC), 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga in the Main Building.)* RSVP: Licia Thomson, (408) 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, (408) 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, (408) 356-8441.
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- 29 Friday **Back-by-Noon Hike** meets at 9:00 am. Walk off some of your Thanksgiving dinner. Meet Argonaut Center, Saratoga. Way out in front of CVS. Questions: Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796. **Special Friday After Thanksgiving Short Hike.**

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- 5 Thursday **Trail Clean-Up for Hikes & Walks.** Meet promptly at 9:00 am at the Los Gatos "Free parking – Northside Lot" behind Starbucks. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them. We clip and clean up a section of the Los Gatos Creek trail. Follow by a Short hike, coffee or lunch. Questions: Kay Duffy (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796.



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Saratoga Foothill Club Public Lecture Series

**Saint Michael Trio, "Classic, Contemporary,
Jazz, and Chamber Music"**

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:30 pm
Saratoga Foothill Club (20399 Park Place, Saratoga)
General Admission \$10 | Member Admission \$5

All musical styles – *Classic, Jazz and Chamber Music* – will be included in the repertoire of this exceptional group with Cellist – Michael Flexer, Pianist – Russell Hancock and Violinist – Daniel Cher presenting an exciting and unique concept of music.

Established in 2007, the Saint Michael Trio is Silicon Valley's hottest musical start-up. The musicians (*all of whom are also successful professionals and entrepreneurs*) receive high praise for their unique, accessible, and witty performances.

Information: Nancy Daniher (408) 255-2728 or daniher2001@yahoo.com
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Public Welcome!





Come One! Come All!

The Holiday Gala is Great Fun and a Tasty Treat

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

Annual Holiday Party 2013!

When: Sunday, December 8, 2013 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Where: Nancy Anderson's home, 13561 Lomond Court, Saratoga –

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 white or sparkling 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.

