

October Magic to Do Concert to the Benefit Local Scholarships



The International award-winning Mission Valley Chorus is dedicated to performing vocal music in the classic American four-part harmony style known as Barbershop. Proceeds from this event benefit a West Valley College woman majoring in science or math.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue,
Los Gatos, CA 95032

Mission Valley Chorus Performs **Magic to Do**

\$20 per person – Open to the Public
Invite Your Friends

Reservations Are Required

Deadline Friday, September 28, 2012

Send checks payable to **ISPF – AAUW of SCCO**

Send to: Virginia Turner, 14415 Evans Lane,
Saratoga, CA 95070.

Your check is your receipt. Tickets will be held at the door.

If you haven't ordered your tickets yet, see the PDF flyer on page 9 of both this issue and in the September 2012 Grapevine on our webpage at www.aauw-lgs.org/newsletter.html. If you receive a printed and mailed Grapevine, contact Virginia Turner for more information, 408-866-4234 or see the flyer inserted in last month's (September 2012) Grapevine.

Coming Next Month . . .

November 2012 General Meeting

Restoring the Luster to the Once Golden State

Speaker: Larry Gerston, Prof. Political Science SJSU

When: Saturday, November 17, 2012; 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Where: at the Saratoga Library, Community Room

Larry Gerston is the author of numerous defining books on the subject of California, professor and political analyst, and he is widely recognized as a leading thinker on local public policy. In his latest book, *Not So Golden After All: The Rise and Fall of California*, Gerston takes us step by step through the economic, cultural, and political factors contributing to California's upsurge and historic fall from grace. *Is the Golden State a lost utopian dream? Can California's former glory be restored?*



Message from the October 2012 Chairwomen of the Month

Our AAUW year got off to a good start at the Saturday, September 15, 2012 General Meeting with presentations by all the interest groups and committees, followed by a humorous and spirited look at AAUW *“Over the Decades.”* Many thanks to Nancy Anderson for writing and organizing the skit and to our very fine cast members, including Margaret Bard, Charlene Bunger, Marlene Duffin, Linda Hagelin, Pat Khan, Marlene Lamb, JoAn Lambert, Mary Ellen Madden, Ann Roberts, Virginia Turner and Patty Weber. Thanks also to everyone at the Let’s Do Lunch (Interest Group) who brought refreshments and helped in the kitchen.

This is an election year and we hope you have a chance to attend either the September 29, 2012 or November 6, 2012 **PROS AND CONS FORUMS** — Pros And Cons on the propositions appearing on the November 6, 2012 ballot. (*See column to the right for details.*) These programs are sponsored by the AAUW and the League of Women Voters. If you are interested in learning about AAUW California’s position on the state initiatives, please check their website (www.aauw-ca.org) for more information.

The latest issue of *Outlook*, the AAUW magazine, highlights the AAUW Action Fund campaign, *“It’s My Vote: I Will be Heard,”* to inspire women to get to the polls. Remind your daughters, nieces and neighbors that their vote makes a difference!

Our next branch program is a performance by the Mission Valley Chorus on Tuesday evening, October 2, at Nordahl Hall in Los Gatos (*see the front page for details*). This internationally recognized group will be previewing their *“Magic to Do”* performance leading up to the Sweet Adelines International Competition and will definitely provide an entertaining evening. Proceeds benefit our Local Scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College to a four-year college or university. Thanks to Linda King for making the arrangements with Mission Valley Chorus and to the Local Scholarship Committee – Gladys Armstrong, Margaret Bard, Donette Dake, Lavonne Marafino, Sumi Tanabe, Geri Williams, and Faun Maddux from West Valley College — for their help with the event.

It’s going to be another busy year for the branch, and we hope you’ll join us for the general meetings, special events, and various interest sections.

–Virginia Turner
Local Scholarship Committee Chair

Chairwomen of the Month – Providing Leadership & Coordination

NEXT MONTH:

November’s Chairwomen Committee –

Marge Bunyard	gmbun@pacbell.net	408-255-3594
Marlene Duffin	marlduffin@comcast.net	408-997-7528

Prepare to VOTE! Explore the Ballot Issues for November

Become a more informed voter. Attend one of these “Ballot Issues – Pros and Cons”, sponsored by the League of Women’s Voters (LWV) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Take this opportunity to hear a non-partisan review of the November Ballot issues. Come and bring other interested voters. These events are *“Free”* and *“Open to the Public”*. Select the day and time that works best for you.

PROS AND CONS FORUM — Pros And Cons on Propositions Appearing on the November 6, 2012 Ballot

September 29, 2012 at 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Camden Community Center, 3369 Union Ave, San Jose, CA 95124 (near Camden Ave)

Co-Sponsored by the AAUW Interbranch Council, which includes all seven branches in Santa Clara County

FOR INFORMATION, contact Gloria Leonard – 995-5128.

PROS AND CONS – Presentation of November Ballot Issues (Appearing on November 6, 2012 Ballot)

Sponsored by Southwest Santa Clara Valley– League of Women Voters AND Co-Sponsored with AAUW

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm
Campbell Community Center; Orchard City Banquet Hall (Located on Winchester Blvd. near Campbell Ave)

League of Women Voters – Southwest Santa Clara Valley 408-867-VOTE (8683) | www.lwv-sw-santaclara-valley.org

Go Global with Great Decisions 2013!

Sign Up for Great Decisions 2013 and Brush Up Your Foreign Policy Knowledge

We frequently hear the phrase “*In a Global World*” . . . in the media, political speeches, and business presentations. Access to a global community through the internet has brought the world to our doorsteps.

“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 complexity and multiplicity of the foreign policy questions facing us make it difficult to investigate and learn on our own. Join us in learning and discussing some of the vital foreign policy questions facing the U.S. today.

Great Decisions 2013

Great Decisions is a Foreign Policy Program created by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) and 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).

Topics for Great Decisions 2013

- Future of the Euro
- Egypt
- NATO
- Myanmar and Southeast Asia
- Humanitarian Intervention
- Iran
- China in Africa
- Threat Assessment

Study Sessions

As in prior years, two separate groups will be formed. Both groups will hold their first study session on February 7, 2013. Groups One and Two will meet as follows:

- **Group One:** Will meet in the SASCC Oak and Magnolia modular classrooms from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month.

For Group One participants only, there will be an organizing meeting on January 31, 2013, at 1:00 pm in the SASCC classroom to distribute course materials and identify volunteers to serve as individual topic leaders. Those interested in leading a particular topic (*See listing below for dates and*



Great Decisions is your passport to understanding issues that affect the U.S. role in the world . . .

topics) are urged to contact Anne or Al Stewart at (408) 358-3177 quickly. Two leaders will be required for each topic to facilitate breaking into sub-groups to enable greater individual participation in group discussions. Anne and Al Stewart are group leaders for Group One (they also serve as Program Leaders).

Schedule of Group One Study Sessions & Topics: February 7–Future of the Euro; February 21–Egypt; March 7–NATO; March 21–Myanmar and Southeast Asia; April 4–Humanitarian Intervention; April 18–Iran; May 2–China in Africa; and, May 16–Threat Assessment.

- **Group Two:** Will meet weekly on eight consecutive Thursdays beginning on February 7, 2013 at the SRC from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Rosalie Price is the group leader for Group Two (she also serves as the Program Coordinator).

Sign Up to Reserve Your Space

Early signups are encouraged. Even though the first of the eight sessions will not begin until February 7, 2013, the **sign up deadline is November 30, 2012**. That deadline is necessary to get the new program workbooks and DVDs from the FPA. The registration fee is \$27.50 per individual and \$37.50 for couples who share a workbook. Checks should be made payable to Rosalie Price and mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Ave, #6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. Please indicate on your check in which group (Group One or Two) you wish to participate

Fashion Show Luncheon (to Benefit Tech Trek)

The History Club of Los Gatos chose Tech Trek as the recipient for their annual fund-raiser. It will be a **Fashion Show Luncheon** and will feature clothes from Chico's of Los Gatos – which are sporty and very wearable.

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2012; starting at 11:30 am

Location: The History Club, 123 Los Gatos Blvd, Los Gatos

Ticket Price: \$45.00

Plan to ask a friend to go with you to the **Fashion Show Luncheon**.

To attend send checks payable to the History Club of Los Gatos. Mail the check to Therese Wiese, History Club, PO 901, Los Gatos, 95031. (Questions? Call Therese at 408-226-6365.) *Your check is your receipt.*

Call Nancy Hobbs for information, 408-395-4045.

– Nancy Hobbs, Tech Trek Co-Chair



Read with the PM – Book Group!

The Book List for 2012-2013

Meets at the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community (*in Sept, Oct, Nov and Jan*) and The Terraces of Los Gatos (*in Feb, Mar, April and May*).

Tuesday, September 18

Book: *Sisters – The Lives of America's Suffragists*

by Jean H. Baker

Reviewer: Pat Khan

Tuesday, October 16

Book: *The Disappearing Spoon*, by Sam Kean

Reviewer: Blenda Mariani

Tuesday, November 20

Book: *The White Lioness*, by Henning Mankell

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb

Wednesday, December 18 –

No book reviewed this month.

Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, January 15

Book: *The Persian Pickel Club*, by Sandra Dallas

Reviewer: JoAn Lambert

Tuesday, February 19

Book: *Destiny of the Republic*, by Candice Millard

Reviewer: Ann Roberts

Tuesday, March 19

Book: *Language of Flowers*, by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Reviewer: Geri Williams

Tuesday, April 16

Book: *The Weird Sisters*, by Eleanor Brown

Reviewer: Margaret Bard

Tuesday, May 21

Book: *The Leopard*, by Jo Nesbo

Reviewer: Roberta London and Marilyn Lenormand

Tuesday, June 18 – End-of-the-year potluck; Choose books for next year.

InnVision Has Merged with Shelter Network to Help End Homelessness

InnVision, the umbrella over Georgia Travis Center, Commercial Street, Inn, and the Villa, made an important announcement on July 1, 2012.

InnVision, the Way Home, and Shelter Network have united as a single nonprofit dedicated to ending homelessness. InnVision Shelter is now one of the leading shelter/housing and supportive service providers in Northern California, supporting thousands of homeless men, women and children annually.

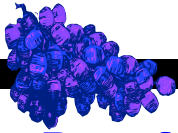
The unified organization represents 64 years of combined service to serving individuals across Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula. The integration of the two

organizations brings significant benefits to the entire community and to their clients, including:

1. improved client outcome
2. increased capacity
3. financial strength
4. consolidated operations.

Mark your calendar: *The English Tea and Silent Auction* will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013 at West Valley College. The ISPF fundraiser will benefit our local branch projects: the Committee on Homeless Women and Children, Tech Trek and Local Scholarships. Remember to save jewelry to donate to the jewelry table.

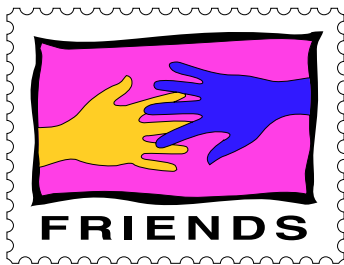




Send a Ray of Sunshine to a Member in Need!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Please send her information to Gerry Furman, Sunshine Chair.

Contact Gerry at 867-2634, or gurfurman2@sbcglobal.net



States Urge Supreme Court to Uphold Affirmative Action

Fourteen states are urging the Supreme Court to uphold affirmative action in higher education admissions. The states are led by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. The Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case, *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, on October 10. The lawsuit is against the University of Texas, on behalf of a white student who was not admitted to the school in 2008. The University of Texas says that race is one of many factors for deciding admittance, and they do not use a quota system. In addition to the

states' support, the Justice Department and other government agencies have signed a brief noting the importance of diversity in making college admissions decisions.

AAUW supports affirmative action programs that establish equal opportunity for women and minorities and improve gender, racial, and ethnic diversity in educational institutions and in workplaces. AAUW has also filed an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the University of Texas' affirmative action program.

—Linda Hagelin, Public Policy Chair



Host a Presidential Debate Watch Party AAUW Has All the Tools You'll Need!

Now that the political conventions are over, it's time to gear up for the presidential debates! Debate watch parties are a great way to engage family, friends, and your community to discuss the issues and the candidates' stances on policies that are important to women and their families.

AAUW is once again an official voter education partner of the Commission on Presidential Debates and its *DebateWatch* program, which urges citizens like you to watch the televised presidential and vice presidential debates and talk about what they've learned. *The DebateWatch* site includes a complete guide to hosting a *DebateWatch* party with details on what to do before, during, and after the debate as well as general

discussion questions to use. AAUW has also created fact sheets on key issues for you to distribute at your *DebateWatch* party and use as a discussion piece.

The dates of the three presidential debates are:

1. Wednesday, October 3, moderated by Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor of the *PBS NewsHour*
2. Tuesday, October 16, moderated by Candy Crowley, Chief Political Correspondent, *CNN*, and Anchor, *CNN's State of the Union*
3. Monday, October 22 Bob Schieffer, Chief Washington Correspondent, *CBS News*, and Moderator, *Face the Nation*

The vice presidential debate is Thursday, October 11, and it will be moderated by Martha Raddatz, Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent, *ABC News* (*NOTE: This is the only vice presidential debate*).

All of the debates will begin at 9 pm ET and end at 10:30 pm ET.)

Who says the fun has to start and stop with the debate? A debate watch party is a great way to recruit volunteers for *AAUW's It's My Vote: I Will be Heard campaign!*

The November elections will be here before we know it, so it's time to reach out to millennial women in your community and encourage them to VOTE!

Teleconference – Between AAUW and the White House

Public Policy Watch – Highlights of Issues Affecting Women and Girls

AAUW Public Policy chairs all over the nation had the chance to connect with White House spokespersons regarding these issues in a conference call recently. Here are the highlights:

- **GET OUT THE VOTE** – We are all urged to remind family and friends to be sure to VOTE this November. Don't just assume everyone will vote, *Remind Them!*
- **STEM EDUCATION** – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers are still not fully populated by women. The White House has a copy of "Why So Few?", the AAUW research on women in these fields. Women have half the jobs in the economy, but only 25% of the STEM positions. We all need to encourage students to "hang in there" even though it may not be easy. There are more job openings in these fields than there are qualified Americans to fill them.
- **MASTER TEACHER CORPS** – The administration's initiative to identify and elevate the best STEM teachers to help other teachers. Those selected will be given a salary raise of \$20,000. Question: *How to identify the best teachers?*
- **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT** – Passed by Senate, now a stalemate in House. This bill (S. 1925, H.R. 4970) focuses on girls ages 16-24. The greatest number of abused women are in this age range. We are encouraged to write to our representatives in support of this bill.
- **HEALTHCARE ACT** – Lots of information at www.Healthcare.gov

Keep watch for more *Public Policy Watch* updates in future *Grapevine* newsletters.

–Linda Hagelin, Public Policy VP



Branch Directory Mailed to You

Please check your entry and send any additions, changes, and corrections to: Patty Weber, Database Manager, (408) 264-2601 or xaviercugat@comcast.net

Help the branch keep in contact with you by keeping your information current and up-to-date. If you move or change your email or telephone, let us know.

Recruiting New Members Helps the Branch

This year we need again to *Focus of Membership* and we can all work with our Membership VP to recruit new members. If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW, send her name and contact information to our Membership VP: Charlene Bunger (408) 440-0063, mozart2006@thebungers.net

They will receive a New Member Packet which includes a letter highlighting the benefits of membership, an overview of the interest groups, an application and a new member survey. *Together we can make a difference in our branch.*



Help Gifts for Teens Program

The Gifts for Teens project asks your help to fill 1350 Holiday gift bags for needy San Jose teens. Colorful girls' tote bags need your donations of gift items to fill them up. Collect new fun feminine things like cosmetic samples, socks, hair décor, makeup bags, scarves, and other small gifts. Guys would love to have games, Frisbees, knit hats, electronic games, movie passes, etc. to add to their duffel bags. Contact Elaine, 408 268-9654, for gift drop-off directions.

Volunteers enjoy assembling the bags, starting December 5-12. To reserve your volunteer date and time, contact Cheryl@gifts4teens.org for groups of 5 or more, and Kathy@gifts4teens.org for individuals.

Consider a generous Holiday donation to Gifts for Teens. We will buy warm cozy sweatshirts for low-income San Jose teenagers. Write your check to ISPF-Gifts for Teens and mail to 1165 Minnesota Ave, CA 95125. Thank you!

For information, email Elaine at ebenoit@pacbell.net

– Elaine Benoit

October 2012 AAUW Calendar

- 1 Monday **Board Meeting**, 3:30 pm in the Community Room at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road. **Elected Officers and Appointed Board Members should attend.**
- 2 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish**, 1:30-3:00 pm at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. RSVP: Nancy Anderson, 867-4383. Co-Chairs: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656; Helen Lemmon, 867-0575. **Come and practice your Spanish!**
- 2 Tuesday **Magic to Do**: Local Scholarship Fundraiser, 7:00-8:30 pm. Nordahl Hall, 580 West Parr Avenue, Los Gatos. \$20 per ticket. Bring a friend to enjoy an international competition performance of the Mission Valley Chorus. *See front page of this Grapevine issue for details.*
- 4 Thursday **Hikes – Trail Clean-up**, 9:00 am. Meet promptly at 9:00 am in the Los Gatos Park & Ride.
- 5 Friday **Travel – Armchair Adventures**, 7:30 pm at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Program: “*High Fall in Alaska at Denali Park*”; presented by Kay Duffy. Chair: JoAn Lambert, 867-6237. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Corinne Rathjens, 867-2445. **Open to the general public. Come and bring a guest.**
- 9 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children**, 7:00 pm at the home of Pat Khan, 13710 Calle Tacuba, Saratoga. All are welcome to find out the work we do with homeless women and children. RSVP to Chair: Pat Khan, 741-1616. **Seeking New Members.**
- 10 Wednesday **Let’s Do Lunch**, 11:30 am, at The Original Hickr’y Pit, 980 E. Campbell Avenue, Campbell (at Bascom). For reservations call Chair: Roberta London, 741-7645. Chair: Roberta London, 741-7645; Co-Chair: Barbara Hawkes, 395-4397. **Members and guests welcome.**
- 11 Thursday **Scenic – Hikes and Walks**, 9:00 am. Butano Park – travel to the coast for a hike up the creek under redwoods. 5 – 6 miles. Back 4:00 pm. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at *Argonaut Shopping*, Saratoga–way out front of CVS drugs. Questions? Kay Duffy, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. **Walkers and New Members Welcome.**
- 16 Tuesday **PM Book Review**, 7:30 pm. Book: *The Disappearing Spoon* by Sam Kean. Reviewer: Blenda Mariani and Linda Hagelin. Saratoga Retirement Community, 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga. RSVP: Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616; Marlene Lamb, 356-8441. **All Members Welcome.**
- 17 Wednesday **Fashion Show and Luncheon**: Tech Trek fundraiser, 11:30 am, at The History Club of Los Gatos, 123 Los Gatos Boulevard, Los Gatos. *See the page 4 of the Grapevine for details.*
- 19 Friday **AM Book Review**, 9:30 am at the home of Ann Roberts, 18833 Harleigh Drive, Saratoga, 867-1834. RSVP to Chair: Margaret Bard, 377-6625. **All Members Welcome.**
- 23 Thursday **Back-by-Noon – Hike**, 9:00 am. Meet promptly at 9:00 am at Los Gatos Park & Ride, behind Starbuck’s/PETCO; go somewhere nearby and return by noon. Questions? Kay, 867-0508; Jane Bishop, 356-7796. **Walkers and New Members Welcome.**
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- 30 Tuesday **Film Buffs**, 11:30 - 3:30 pm at the home of Mary Ellen Madden, 1616 Inglis Lane, San Jose. RSVP to Mary Ellen, 264-4488. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden. **Open to All Members.**

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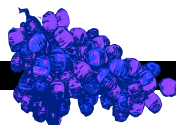
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BERNADINE AMES FAWLEY

October 7 1925 - July 9, 2012

Bernie was born and raised in Minnesota. She attended the University of Minnesota for 3 years, studying Journalism. Bernie left to take a job as a photographer and journalist for the *Minneapolis Star-Journal*. She moved on to become editor for the *Dayton News*, a bimonthly magazine for the employees of Dayton's Department Store. Being independent, she drove across country to California where she finished her degree in Home Economics at San Francisco State University. She soon met and married Ivan Fawley.

After spending time in Japan, where Ivan served in the U.S. Air Force, they returned to the Bay Area and reared their family. Eventually Bernie returned to school and earned a double Masters in Home Economics and in Education/Counseling from San Jose State University. Bernie taught Nutrition part-time at West Valley College. She was an accomplished violinist for the San Jose Orchestra and played tennis into her early 80s.

Bernie was a long-time member of the Saratoga Foothill Club and the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW where she was active on the Homeless Committee. Bernie found the entertainment for The Committee's Annual English Tea for many year. After the Tea, Bernie would say, "*I'm not going to do that again*". She'd do it again the next year. She regularly attended Conversational Spanish and the Bridge interest groups.

Bernie is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ivan Fawley, three children, sons Reece and Brooks, and a daughter, Tracy, along with 8 grandchildren, and her brother Scott Ledy, of Minnesota. Bernie touched many people's lives, and will be greatly missed. Donations in her memory may be made to the Bernie Fawley Memorial Fund, Committee on Homeless Women and Children. Please make checks out to ISFP-AAUW-SCCO and mail to Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga, CA 95070.

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