



# Grapevine

September, 2007

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch  
American Association of University Women



**Listen to the very creative  
and talented**

***Marian Gault***

**Artist and Calligrapher**

**September 29, 10:00 am**

**at the Terraces**

**Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos**

*Marian presently lives in Monte Sereno and is a nature, animal, and bird lover; and her artwork centers around these themes. She works in watercolor, pen and inks, and calligraphy and creates greeting cards as well. She teaches and conducts workshops and accepts commission projects.*

**Interest Sections Will be Highlighted and the Membership Directory Distributed**  
**Bring interested friends to meet Sue Boyd, Membership Chairperson, who will be available to answer questions.**

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## **Membership Information**

Thanks to all your help this past year in recommending prospective members who have now joined our Branch. As a result, our Branch gained 26 new members for the year, and we were honored at our District Meeting in the Spring.

With our "Keys to the Future," we can do it again or do even

better. One of the keys is: "A Member-Gets-a-Member" campaign, involving all of us. The best way to do that is to bring friends, neighbors, family members, and colleagues who have 2-year, 4-year, or higher degrees to our upcoming meeting on Saturday, September 29. That is when all our

interest sections and projects will be on display. Increasing our membership is what enables us to fund our projects and accomplish our mission, which now is: "AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

Sue Boyd, Membership VP

## Message From the President

Many of my AAUW friends and family have asked me why I accepted the nomination of President of our branch this year. In thinking about it and comparing it with other worthy organizations, I feel that the goals and objectives of AAUW have been influential in my life. The many AAUW friends during the past 45 years have added a richness that I have not found elsewhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. Please feel free to call or

email your suggestions, ideas, and comments for making our branch a vital part of our communities.

At our September meeting a Showcase of our Interest Sections will be presented, and the Membership Directory for '07 will be distributed.

Our Membership Vice President, Sue Boyd, will be available to answer questions. All of our board members look forward to seeing you on September 29, 10:00 am at the Terraces.

Gladys Armstrong  
President

## Being on Your Own

The kickoff meeting of *Being on Your Own* will be Wednesday, October 17 from 1 to 3 pm. We will meet at the home of Joan Kjemtrup, 15950 Rochin Terrace, Los Gatos.

Some of our proposed topics are:

- Maintaining one's home and basic household repairs and automobile maintenance.
- Organizing and maintaining one's finances.
- Cooking for one.
- Connecting socially and networking.

This group will focus on the needs of women who, at some point in their lives, need to manage by themselves. All members are welcome.

Our first meeting will be a planning meeting so please bring your ideas and concerns to share with the group.

We will have a table at the September meeting for signups. For more information, please contact one of our co-chairs: Joan Kjemtrup (366-6016), Barbara Hawkes ((395-4397), or Sarah Model ((354-7819). Sarah Model

## Thank You Donors to the Homeless Committee

The Committee on Homeless Women and Children is very appreciative of the donations from the following members:

Betty Maminski, Susan Boyd, Evelyn Johnston, Karen Pock, Doris Traber, Roberta London, Judy Zaccane, Marjory Bunyard, Joyce Rastatter, Gladys Armstrong, Margaret Corr, Sumi Tanabe, Licia Thomson, Donette Dake, Susan Folmer, Alice Jean Power, Ellen

Prandi, Mary Jeanne Fenn and Joan Hecker.

These donations were received through June 29, 2007. Through your support we will be able to help women and children at the Georgia Travis Center as well as fulfill other organizations' needs.

Thank you very much.

Sumi Tanabe, Chair, Committee on Homeless Women and Children

## Homeless Committee with InnVision

Christine Burroughs, CEO of InnVision, is shown happily receiving a check from Sumi Tanabe, Chair, and Melva Vollersen, Treasurer of the Committee on Homeless Women and Children in the picture below.

The Committee on Homeless Women and Children supports not only the Georgia Travis Center, but also supports the Commercial Street Inn (a shelter for women), the Villa Transitional Housing Project, the San Jose Family shelter, and Catholic Charities. The Homeless Committee is able to address the various needs through the support and donations from AAUW members and friends.

Sumi Tanabe



## BRANCH COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### Tech Trek

The Tech Trek Committee thanks those members who have supported sending middle-school girls to science camp with donations when paying their dues and the Games Party.

We now have almost enough to send 4 girls to camp next year.

This year we sent 5 girls to Stanford Tech Trek Science Camp. Some of the Tech Trek Chairmen from the various Northern California Branches were invited to spend a morning at Stanford. What a great experience! We observed the core classes in session. We sat in on the staff meeting while they planned the evening meeting of the girls with the 7 or 8 professional women and also showed the material for the girls' thank-you notes.

We will have a short DVD at our September meeting that one of the councilors made at camp this year. It will show our Branch campers and as well as a junior leader. It will show LaDoris Cordell, the inspiring keynote speaker. The camp picture in front of Encina Hall, a tradition, a trip around campus, core classes which cover cellular biology, molecular biology separating out the DNA of sickle cell anemia, robotics class, eye dissection, veterinary medicine, CSI-forensics, Astronomy, and Math/Geometry/Design learning about designing a house and its cost, and a Marine biology class where they face squid dissection. The Wet Sponge Battle was repeated this year even though it was not nearly as hot as last year. A person from Pixar comes each year to demonstrate how a latest Pixar movie was put together. Professional Women's Night had an inorganic chemist, paleoclimatologist, architect, grad student in immunology, environmental engineer and Coast Guard Lt. Com-

mander, gemologist, and a cellular biologist. Note that on the video is a physicist from the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, and three dorm moms, a psychologist, therapist, and medical editor.

Activities which are not in the Video are the Marine Science Institute boat trip, The Bat Lady, and the trip to tour the Cantor Art Museum on campus, a highlight with the special exhibit of the Tuareg art and crafts. They were able to swim in the Stanford swimming complex and to see the sport museum. From Stanford's Financial Aid office, an AAUW member talked of How Anybody Can Finance a College Education.

A Tech Trek camper will be at the September meeting to talk about her experiences and the thank-you notes will be available for members to read.

Nancy Hobbs, Co-Chair

### Comprehensive Sex Education

The U.S. House passed legislation that makes important changes to the federal abstinence-only program. Democratic leaders included the provision in legislation to extend and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that was passed by the House by a vote of 224-204. The provision will dramatically increase the ability of states to use federal funds to offer more comprehensive sex education programs.

Under the new provision, states will have the flexibility to define abstinence education more broadly than has been allowed in the past. At the same time, it will require that programs be medically and scientifically accurate and that they be based on a model that has been proven effective at reducing unintended pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

Finally, it will end the automatic funding status of the Title V program. For the past decade, \$50 million was provided annually without having to go through the usual appropriations process that allows for regular scrutiny. It amounted to an entitlement for states — although many states currently refuse to accept the funds because of the requirements that the money be used for programs that meet a strict ideologically driven definition.

There is a long way to go, and the President has threatened to veto the expansion of SCHIP, but the House action is an important step in improving a program that has, for far too long, failed to give young people the information they need to make healthy decisions. Under the new provision — if it becomes law — states will be able to direct funds to programs that can actually help young people. No longer will taxpayer dollars be used to fund programs that provide young people with misinformation. That is an enormous victory for American youth and everyone concerned about the impact that teen pregnancy has on individuals, on families and on our communities.

Gladys Bernyk, Choices Chair



Pen and Ink Drawing  
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## Attention: Spanish Speakers

Following the suggestions of some of our new members last winter, our branch started a Spanish Conversation Group, chaired by Helen Lemmon, which meets twice a month.

Having taken a few Spanish conversation classes, I decided to join the group. Much to my chagrin, I had forgotten most of what I had learned so I signed up for a class given through the Los Gatos Parks and Recreation Department, "Spanish During the Day".

Senora Mirta Luque, a native of Argentina, is teaching the class. In Argentina she was a Spanish/English translator and an interpreter for the United Nations. I have taken many language classes over the years but this class is by far the best I have ever attended. Senora Luque has structured the class to get us involved in speaking the language practically from the first day. In addition to the language, she is teaching us the culture of Spain and Latin America.

There will be three classes of "Spanish During the Day" given in the fall, a beginning, an advanced beginning, and a low intermediate. Details of the classes can be found in the Los Gatos Recreation Fall, 2007 recreation brochure. A description of each class, the time, and the price will be given.

For those interested in the Spanish language, I highly recommend one of these classes.

Sarah Model

## Ledbetter Fair Pay Act

Thanks to the hard work of AAUW members and other coalition partners, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 2831) was passed (225-199) in the House on Tuesday, July 31. Introduced in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in the *Ledbetter v.*

*Goodyear* case, this bill clarifies that each discriminatory paycheck is in fact another act of discrimination. In doing so, H.R. 2831 restores the law to the way it was previously applied, and ensures that victims of pay discrimination can have their day in court. On Friday, July 27, the White House threatened to veto the bill.

While the passage of this bill is a positive step for those who experience wage discrimination, it will merely ensure that the Title VII statute of limitations is enforced the way it had been in the past. It does not move us forward on the path to pay equity, which means our work is far from done. AAUW strongly supports the **Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1338/S. 766)**, which would expand upon the original scope of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 by closing loop holes and improving the law's effectiveness. While this bill is cosponsored by a majority of the representatives in the House (224) and has been the subject of two House committee hearings, it is currently stalled in the House Education and Labor Committee and is not yet scheduled for a mark up. This is a critical step in moving the bill forward to a vote on the floor.

Gladys Bernyk

## Profile of A New Member

Please welcome the following new member to our Branch of AAUW:

**Suzahna Palmer** received her B.S. from SJSU in Therapeutic Recreation/Gerontology. She is now doing CPRs and is a member of St. Joseph's Cathedral. Her personal interests are: education, women's issues, legislation/public policy, legal advocacy, leadership training, and women's health. The Interest Sections that she might participate in are: Book Review-PM, Great Decisions, Film Buffs,

Gourmet, Hikes & Walks, Travel, and especially the Committee on Homeless Women & Children. She could help our Branch by doing computer work and fundraising. Her phone number is 627-0536.

## WATER ... What Are the Issues?

Greg Slotnik, staff member of the Santa Clara County Water District and past Board member for 10 years, will be the speaker at the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara County, on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Avenue. He will speak on the issues of the water shortage and how the Delta works. Silicon Valley gets one-half of its water from the Delta. In addition, the Delta supplies two-thirds of California's drinking water.

Mr. Slotnik is an Environmental Attorney, a member of the Los Altos/Mt. View League, and an advisor to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Delta Vision Task Force. Please come hear him on Thursday, **September 4, at 7:30 pm.**

Shirley Hill, League of Women Voters Program Chairperson

## Save the Date

Interbranch Council, Santa Clara County Presents LISA MAATZ  
AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations  
Saturday Afternoon, **October 6, 2007**  
Doors open at 1:15, Speaker at 2 pm  
NASA Ames Research Center  
943 NASA Parkway  
Moffett Field, CA 94035

Lisa Maatz, top policy advisor to AAUW, will be appearing at a variety of places throughout the Bay Area, October 5-7, speaking on issues ranging from Making Your Voice Heard, Legislation, Promoting Economic Security, Advocacy, and Putting It All Together.

## AAUW Phoenix Convention

Dear Branch Members:

Thank you for letting me represent you at the Association convention which was held on June 29-July 2, 2007. As I learn more about AAUW's programs in research, public policy, legal advocacy, and grants and scholarships, my pride in AAUW membership continues to grow.

A great number and variety of excellent speakers and workshops were offered on the themes of:

1. action for equity
2. economic empowerment for women
3. global perspectives, and
4. uniquely AAUW – issues of concern in our program planning.

Summaries of convention presentations can be found on the Association website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

I attended presentations and workshops in each of the above areas. Following are a few facts that impressed me. One of the keynote speakers, Greg Montenson, founded a non-profit organization to fund education, especially for girls in remote, mountainous areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan where the literacy rate is only 5% and even less for girls. He believes peace is built upon hope and the education of girls and he has built more than 60 schools with modest amounts of money. He found that it costs less than \$1.00 per child per month to operate schools in this area.

He said the Taliban stepped in and set up camps and radical Islamist schools when US aid stopped following Pakistan's destructive earthquake. He believes that educating women will be a force against violence in these countries, stronger than bombs, roads, and electricity and that the

US should invest more in education there.

Workshops were also given on the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, [www.vgif.org](http://www.vgif.org), which also funds education and assistance to women and girls in third-world countries and One Shared World (see information on the AAUW website).

Statistics were presented at a workshop on work force development in the United States that demonstrated that:

1. Only 42% of the US work-force 25 years and older, has completed at least a high school diploma.
2. Women often choose careers in lower paying fields such as childcare, health care and education.
3. When women study or train in male-dominated fields such as engineering, biological sciences, or the construction trades, they earn 60-75% less than their male colleagues.
4. Sixty percent of low-wage earning households are headed by women.
5. Forty seven percent of female-headed households are below the poverty line.
6. There are currently 13.6 million single mothers.

Solutions recommended were:

1. Invest in math and science education for all grade levels, vocational education and post secondary education to prepare for the technical jobs business and industry need.
2. Re-establish federal programs which encourage and fund training for women in higher paying fields.
3. Create career ladder programs in traditionally female-dominated fields, i.e. nursing.
4. Encourage girls to learn the cost of living (WOW website) and study prevailing salaries in

various careers. Check the website [hotjobs.com](http://hotjobs.com).

5. Working women should check how their salaries compare to others in similar jobs. Websites are [vault.com](http://vault.com) and [surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com).

California elected two women to national AAUW offices: Kathleen Cha to Association Director at Large and Alicia Hetmnan, Education Foundation Director at Large.

Restructuring of AAUW: The restructuring and By-Law changes proposed by the Association Board were approved, as well as the public policy program with some changes submitted from the convention delegates. Effective July 1, 2009, AAUW and the Education Foundation will become one organization.

Keynote speaker, Sherry Schiller, worked with the Board using a strategic planning process to develop a clear vision. Changes were developed in the By-Laws for the health and survival of the Association. She said our vision of equity, justice, and respect must shape our actions. We need to model our values in all of our activities through cooperation, inclusiveness, building alliances with other organizations, and by not being tied to "old ways" of doing things.

I have more information on

1. the goals of restructuring
2. Behind the Pay Gap Report
3. the Association's status with the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), and
4. how to join IFUW as an individual member.

I will bring these and other materials to our September branch meeting or you may call me after September 9 at (408) 867-0588.

Sharon Kelkenberg

**AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET 2007-2008**  
*June 17, 2007*

<b>Income</b>	<b>Approved 2006-2007</b>	<b>Actual 2006-2007</b>	<b>Proposed 2007-2008</b>
Branch Dues	3,700.00	3,920.00	4,000.00
Directory Advertising	900.00	1,020.00	1,000.00
Dividends - American Century (Reserves)	380.00	415.66	400.00
Transfer from Reserves	4,530.00	2,612.88	3,865.00
Miscellaneous Income		2.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>9,510.00</b>	<b>7,970.54</b>	<b>9,265.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Appreciation Fund	100.00	70.00	100.00
Branch Supplies	100.00		100.00
Convention-Association (reserves)**	750.00	1,045.00	750.00
Convention - Northern California	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	100.00	70.11	100.00
Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	150.00	160.00	170.00
Directory Printing/expense ***	800.00	811.88	825.00
Facility Rental or Donation	200.00	50.00	200.00
General Meeting Program	400.00	177.00	400.00
General Meeting Refreshments	150.00	53.99	150.00
Historian	50.00		50.00
Holiday Party	100.00		100.00
Insurance ( California AAUW)***	800.00	550.00	800.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00	20.00	20.00
International Virginia Gildersleeve Fund	100.00	100.00	-
Leadership Training	150.00	40.00	100.00
Memorial To Education Foundation	25.00	25.00	25.00
Memorial to Legal Advocacy Fundl	25.00	25.00	25.00
Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality	70.00	68.51	70.00
Math/Science TECH TREK Scholarships	750.00	750.00	750.00
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	500.00	320.55	400.00
Miscellaneous/Bank Fees	50.00	28.90	25.00
Newsletter Postage	300.00	340.00	400.00
Newsletter Production	1,600.00	1,286.39	1,600.00
President's Expenses	75.00	84.96	85.00
Pro Choice Coalition Membership	25.00		25.00
Public Policy	25.00		25.00
Publicity/L.G. & Saratoga Chambers of Commerce	315.00	165.00	315.00
Recording Secretary	30.00		30.00
Sec of State Calif. Filing fee	-	20.00	20.00
Sunshine Committee	20.00	17.05	20.00
Treasurer's Expenses	30.00	21.21	30.00
Web Master	500.00	100.00	300.00
Website	300.00	227.40	255.00
Donation Title IX conference (board approval)	-	25.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,510.00</b>	<b>7,582.95</b>	<b>9,265.00</b>
<b>**Every two years. 2009 is next convention</b>			
<b>***From Reserves</b>			
<b>Branch Assets</b>		<b>30-Jun-06</b>	<b>30-Jun-07</b>
Checking Account - Downey Savings		2,903.14	1,653.16
Educational Foundation Account-Downey Savings		4,158.50	5,510.54
Reserves - American Century		\$10,151.83	7,954.61
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,213.47</b>	<b>15,118.31</b>

## September 2007 AAUW Calendar

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

- 4 Tuesday Board Meeting 4-6 pm** at the Saratoga Fire Station, Corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga Los Gatos Road.
- 8 Saturday Gourmet Supper Club.** For more information call Carolyn Laub, 354-1415.
- 9 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch at 11:30 am** at Yung:LoGarden, 18782 Cox, Saratoga. Hostess: Catherine Reinhardt, 867-0607. Chair: Jean Power, 356-5122. Visitors are encouraged.
- 11 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Anyone who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575.
- 11 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the home Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191.
- 13 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at *Argonaut Shopping*, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. Big Basin Park. Explore cool trails under the redwoods (wade in the creek?). Questions? Call Kay Duffy, 867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 356-7796.
- 18 Tuesday PM Book Review 7:30 pm** at the Saratoga Retirement Community. Book: "Masie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear. Reviewer: Marlene Lamb. RSVP: Licia Thomson 741-7611. Co-Chairs: Pat Khan, 741-1616, Marlene Lamb, 356-8441.
- 21 Friday AM Book Review 9:30 am** at the home of Terry Raynaud, 138 Fairmead Lane, Los Gatos, RSVP Terry Raynaud, 356-0075. For more information call Geri Williams, 296-1939 or *gerisjs@aol.com*.
- 25 Tuesday Conversation in Spanish 1:30-2:30 pm** at the Saratoga Senior Center, Fireside Room. Anyone who speaks a little Spanish is welcome. Contacts: Sharon Kelkenberg, 867-0588 or Helen Lemmon, 867-0575
- 25 Tuesday Film Buffs 6 pm (note time change)** Potluck dinner at the home of Lita Askanas, 13460 Saraview Dr., Saratoga. This is always a fun way to start off the New Year!! Please bring a salad. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP to Lita at 867-2543 or to Chair, Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488. New members are invited.
- 27 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** in the Los Gatos Park and Ride lot.
- 29 Saturday September Showcase 9:30 am to 12 noon** at the Terraces of Los Gatos. See front page for details.

### Grand Canyon Adventure, Rafting & Painting the Colorado River, September 15-16, 2007

Saturday 2-5 pm, Sunday noon-4 pm, Warner-Hutton House next to Saratoga City Hall on Fruitvale Avenue

Kay Duffy, our AAUW hikes and walks co-leader, is having a show, with 2 other artists of paintings done by, and inspired by a raft trip, down the Colorado River. Artist sketch books and a slide presentation of the wild ride down the Canyon will also be on view. You are invited to join Kay and her friends for refreshments and art.

In May 2006 twelve artists spent

eight days rafting down the Colorado River to experience and paint the wondrous Grand Canyon. Paintings on display will be by three of those artists: Patricia A. Allen, water media; Kay Duffy, watercolor and collage; and Patrick Lacey, oils.

Each evening in the canyon, the artists set up tents on the sandbars along the river and painted until dark. Roused at 5:30 am by the

traditional flute music, we painted for 2-3 hours in the beautiful morning light. During the heat of the day we were on the cool river in the hot sun, running the rapids (160 of them) on a large raft piloted by Moki Mac River Tours. The rapids were exhilarating – the landscape incredible – the food great – the people interesting! It was an adventure of a lifetime!

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