



Grapevine

Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch

Chart Your AAUW Course for 2008

**September 27
Saturday, 9:30 to 12
at The Terraces
in Los Gatos
(Blossom Hill Road)**

- **Learn about the Interest Groups for 2008**
- **Hear *Susan McGough*
San José State University
OSHER Program
for Extended Learning**
- **Hear *Marlene Lamb*
Discuss her Tech Trek
Experience**
- **Bring a prospective member**
- **Meet friends and have fun**
- **Light refreshments**



Message From the President

When I was growing up in Tulsa Oklahoma, my mother was very active in AAUW. I'm sure she must have been president more than once. When I find out that not everyone recognizes those four letters, I have to remind myself that they haven't been hearing about AAUW activities all of their lives.

I didn't realize then what a multi-faceted organization it is. As advocates for women's rights the American Association of University Women has a long history of powerful influence. Even today, the fight for equal pay is still raging, and AAUW is right in the midst of the struggle. Many of us received an email call to write our Congressman about the Paycheck Fairness act before it passed. When it did pass, the Association issued this press release, in part:

"AAUW applauds the House of Representatives for passing (247-178) the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 1338). If signed into law, the measure would strengthen and update the Equal Pay Act^o— passed 45 years ago^o— and would provide critical tools in the fight to close the sizable wage gap between men and women.

Nearly a century after AAUW called for a repeal of salary

restrictions in the Women's Bureau, women working full time earn, on average, about 77 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn. Women of color face an even larger wage gap."

This issue is an especially important one to us as we try to revitalize our organization with younger women. Among their top issues, younger women have especially identified equal pay for equal work as a main concern.

We also advocate by helping women who are treated unfairly. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund persistently helps women with legal difficulties to obtain their rights. Recently one of our Fund recipients won, as stated in his press release:

"WASHINGTON – An AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff has settled her lawsuit against Columbia University for an undisclosed sum.

"Despite being internationally recognized for her research and publications, Professor Chichilnisky was still confronted by pay discrimination," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Her case illustrates the inequities women continue to face. AAUW is committed to breaking through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

We're not an all work and no play organization. Besides advocacy, AAUW provides an opportunity for us to form networks of friends with similar interests in our various interest groups. Each of us has enjoyed the friendships we have developed in bridge groups, or book discussion groups, or travel, or any of our many interest groups. Some are for fun and some are for good health and some are for more serious interests. All provide an opportunity to interact with other educated women and make new friends, as well as enjoy our old friends.

Some of the interest groups formed in the past have been so popular that the group has grown too large to fit comfortably in any member's home and the group has been closed to new members. If you know of any group you would have liked to join, let's start another group! Or if you have an idea for an interest group you would like to try out, let me know and we'll see if we can develop a group with like interests. After all, we have a lot of wonderfully bright, educated women. Let's make friends with each other!

I'm looking forward to the coming year. I hope you are, too!

Margaret Bard



Being On Your Own/ Independent Women

On June 18, our group met for lunch at the Florentine to plan our activities for the following year.

We decided to change the name of our group to Independent Women to make it more inclusive. This group is open to all women, single, married, or in partnership. Our purpose is to provide tools to make our lives easier.

We are planning to meet the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The meeting places are yet to be determined so keep an eye on your Grapevine calendar for details.

Our program for 2008-2009 is as follows:

October 15 – Personal Security presented by the Los Gatos Police Department

November 19 – Beautiful Skin

January 21 – Money

February 18 – Maintaining Vitality

March 19 – Video, “Dare to Repair”

April 15 – Another Topic on Money

May 20 – Just Dinners

June 17 – Restaurant Get Together.

If you would like more information, please contact Joan Kjemtrup, Barbara Hawkes, or Sarah Model.

Sarah Model

Become Informed about the Saratoga City Council Candidates

September 24, Wednesday 7:30PM
..”Candidates Forum for Saratoga City Council” Foothill Club, 20399 Park Place, Saratoga. This forum is AAUW co-sponsored with Foothill Club. There will be other forums during the year. Look for the announcements in the *Grapevine*.

Committee on Homeless Women and Children

As our 23rd year begins, we have a busy schedule ahead. One of our activities will be the English Tea on March 14, 2009. We will be providing Thanksgiving and Christmas brunches for the ladies at the Georgia Travis Center (GTC) as well as an interesting lunch for them once a month.

At our meeting in May, we received the final profit amount from our previous English Tea. Thanks to your support, we have done very well so we went on a “spending spree”! We added extra monies to our regular donations to our list of agencies. They were surprised and most appreciative. Following is one of the responses:

Sister Rosemary Statt,(Sister Rosie) is a member of AAUW and our Committee and works for Catholic charities. She was the director of the Georgia Travis Center when it first opened. The funds we send her are used at her discretion to fulfill the needs of her clients. This is a partial quote from her thank-you letter to us.

Dear AAUW Friends,

Two weeks ago a client phoned desperate for some rental assistance. How disappointed she was to hear that I had no funds to help her and her infant son.

Two weeks later JoAn Lambert phoned to tell me a check would be in the mail.

A week later the check arrived and this letter is to express my gratitude for your generosity. It is a wonderful feeling to continue to be supported by the Los Gatos/Saratoga AAUW Branch. I feel a genuine partnership with you as together we hold the homeless in our hearts and with our energies.

Rosemary Statt.

We invite any AAUW member to attend our meetings and to join our committee. We would like it to be known that a great deal of business is conducted at these meetings and this can be very threatening for a visitor. However, each of the present members decides for herself how she will serve on the committee. Some are very active, i.e. working at the Georgia Travis Center on a weekly basis, others help at a one-time function, and others step in to help at the Tea. There is a place for everyone. We welcome you.

For more information contact Nancy Anderson, 867-4383, or Dander2567@aol.com.

September Speaker Introduction, Susan McGough*

Susan McGough is the director of San José State University’s Osher** Lifelong Learning Institute. The 120 Osher Institutes, from Maine to Hawaii, are funded in part by grants from San Francisco’s Bernard Osher Foundation. Prior to coming to San José State, Susan directed the Osher Institute at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. She has 30 years of experience in continuing education, and has worked with several other lifelong learning institutes, an Elderhostel, and a senior community leadership program. She also has directed programs in alumni and professional continuing education, alumni relations and admissions. Susan holds a Master’s degree in American Studies from the University of Hawaii, and is a lifelong learner herself with special interests in Irish studies, and aviation and American history.

*Last name is pronounced like cough, but with a g: “Muh-goff”

**Pronounced “O-shure” - long O

Meet Audry Lynch

Audry Lynch is our Program Vice President for the 2008-2009 year.

Audry has had a long-time career as a teacher, counselor and author. She grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was a highly-motivated student but her parents also encouraged her achievements although they wanted her to get married and have a family as well. Audry did both. In addition to her academic achievements, she has three children, two grandchildren, and one great-grand child.

She received her B.A. from Harvard University, her M.Ed from Boston University, and her Ed.D. from the University of San Francisco. Audry was a guidance counselor for 32 years at Bernal Intermediate School in South San Jose.

She has also been teaching grammar and composition to working adults at the Mission Community College for the past twenty-four years. In addition, she has taught short courses at DeAnza, West Valley College, Ohlone College, and San Jose State University.

For the past five years she has been teaching a variety of courses at the University of Phoenix.

She has also taught courses on Steinbeck and "Steinbeck Country" for the Osher Lifelong Learning Program at San Jose State University and UCSC.

Audry has written five non-fiction books and published four. Three of these books are about the author, John Steinbeck. When Audry studied at Harvard, John Steinbeck was not taught in her English classes. On a trip to Cape Cod for a vacation, she picked up a copy of *Cannery Row*. Fascinated by the book, upon her return to Harvard she read all 20 of Steinbeck's then-published books at the Harvard library. *Cannery Row* seemed like a magical place to her and she was attracted by John Steinbeck's social altruism and compassion for the underdog.

In 1970 Audry moved to California with her husband when he took a position at Memorex. She was excited to be in "Steinbeck Country." Over the years she spent weekends there and met all his wives and his relatives. Through these conversations, Steinbeck became alive as a person. Audry attended the Steinbeck Festival every year and began doing further research about the author.

Her first book was *With Steinbeck in the Sea of Cortez*. Her second book was *Steinbeck Remembered* and her third was *Two Rebels With a Cause: John Steinbeck and James Dean*.

Audry and her husband lived in Ireland for five years where she made the acquaintance of a priest who was devoted to helping people in his parish in one of the very poor

neighborhoods where 90% of the men were unemployed. The priest was instrumental in improving many individual lives. Audry was very interested in his work and she wrote a book about his experiences called *A Priest in his Parish*.

On a trip down the Amazon River Audry heard many animal stories about the river. She wrote a book, *Ruben's Tales from the Amazon*, but this book has not been published.

Audry has put together a very interesting program of general meetings for the coming year. Please check your Grapevine each month for news about each upcoming program and plan to attend.

Sarah Model

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW Budget Report.

Following is the proposed budget for 2008-2009, which according to our by-laws is printed in the September Grapevine & approved by the membership at our first general meeting.

We will again be dipping into our reserves, but hopefully not as much as in previous years. Thanks to the many "angels" who donated a total of \$1,135 to the branch.

Our members have also been very generous, not requesting reimbursement for their out-of-pocket expenses. This has also helped our finances.

Joan Kjemtrup
VP Finance



2008 Board members (from left to right) Barbara Oggerino, Co-Membership; Mary Pastrone, Assistant to Program VP; Audry Lynch, Program VP; Sumi Tanabe, Co-Chair, Committee on Homeless Women and Children; Judy Rossman, Secretary; Virginia Turner, Local Scholarships; Sarah Model, Grapevine Assistant, Interest Group Coordinator; and Co-Chair Independent Women; Lydia Noric, Co-Membership Chair; Gladys Armstrong, Immediate Past President; Louise Quenon, Ed Foundation Vice President; Jean Wenberg, Historian.

AAUW-Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-2009

June 27, 2008

<i>Income</i>	<u>Approved 2007-2008</u>	<u>Actual 2007-2008</u>	<u>difference</u>	<u>Proposed 2008-2009</u>
Branch Dues	4,000.00	3,600.00	(400.00)	3,800.00
Directory Advertising	1,000.00	910.00	(90.00)	1,000.00
Dividends - American Century (Reserves)	400.00	235.00	(165.00)	230.00
Transfer from Reserves	3,865.00	2,109.19	(1,755.81)	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Income (angels)	200.00	1,135.00	935.00	1,000.00
Total Income	<u>9,465.00</u>	<u>7,989.19</u>	<u>(1,475.81)</u>	<u>8,030.00</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>			
Appreciation Fund	100.00	85.21	(14.79)	100.00
Branch Supplies***	100.00	409.82	309.82	100.00
Convention-Association (reserves)**	750.00	(750.00)	1,500.00	
Convention - Northern California	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Directory Mailing Presorted Standard	100.00	42.86	(57.14)	45.00
Directory Postal Permit Presorted Standard	170.00	175.00	5.00	175.00
Directory Printing/expense ***	825.00	866.00	41.00	900.00
Facility Rental or Donation	200.00	100.00	(100.00)	220.00
General Meeting Program	400.00	(400.00)	100.00	
General Meeting Refreshments	150.00	46.60	(103.40)	50.00
Historian	50.00	(50.00)	25.00	
Holiday Party	100.00	55.24	(44.76)	100.00
Insurance (California AAUW)***	800.00	700.00	(100.00)	800.00
Interbranch Council Dues	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
Leadership Training	100.00	(100.00)	50.00	
Memorial To Education Foundation	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Memorial to Legal Advocacy Fundl	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Math/Science Network Membership & Hospitality	70.00	(70.00)	70.00	
Membership Recruitment/Renewal	400.00	165.51	(234.49)	175.00
Miscellaneous/Bank Fees	25.00	1.00	(24.00)	25.00
Newsletter Postage	400.00	350.00	(50.00)	400.00
Newsletter Production	1,600.00	1,561.99	(38.01)	1,600.00
President's Expenses	85.00	(85.00)	85.00	
Pro Choice Coalition Membership	25.00	(25.00)	25.00	
Public Policy	25.00	(25.00)	25.00	
Publicity/L.G. & SaratogaChambers of Commerce	315.00	465.00	150.00	315.00
Recording Secretary	30.00	(30.00)	30.00	
Sec of State Calif. Filing fee	20.00	(20.00)	20.00	
Sunshine Committee	20.00	(20.00)	20.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	30.00	13.82	(16.18)	15.00
Web Master	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Website	255.00	227.54	(27.46)	100.00
Total Expenses	<u>8,715.00</u>	<u>6,835.59</u>	<u>(1,879.41)</u>	<u>8,640.00</u>

**Every two years. 2009 is next Nat'l convention

***From Reserves

Branch Assets	<u>30-Jun-07</u>	<u>30-Jun-08</u>	
Checking Account - Downey Savings	1,653.16	5,298.17	
Educational Foundation Account - Downey Savings	5,510.54	5,375.92	
Reserves - American Century	<u>7,954.61</u>	<u>6,070.99</u>	
TOTAL	15,118.31	16,745.08	
Less Accounts payable to ISPF:			<u>(2,587.00)</u>
			14,158.08

July Games Party A Success

On a delightful summer afternoon, 48 AAUW members and friends gathered at The Terraces in Los Gatos for an afternoon of bridge games, wonderful refreshments, and friendship, all in the spirit of supporting fundraising for Tech Trek. The Terraces came through with an assortment of warm, just-out-of-the-oven cookies, ripe strawberries and tiramisu, and our very own Terri Raynaud came through with reservations for **five** tables of bridge. Out of those 20 women, Terri was the only Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch member so we had many guests from outside which was wonderful.

As you all know, this is our major fundraiser for Tech Trek and I had the opportunity to visit the camp at Stanford one morning while “our girls” were there. It was VERY impressive! The girls are involved in some sort of math or science activity all day long (9 am – 9 pm) for the 5 days of the camp – and they love it. Girls in the biotech-

nology core class were busy with a recombinant DNA project in which they inserted a gene from bioluminescent jellyfish into bacteria and produced bacteria that gave off light; the teacher (a dynamic young woman PhD at Stanford) asked the students to explain their project to the visitors and I was impressed with their understanding and the proper use of the language of the science (‘decant the supernatant’, ‘splice the DNA of the plasmid’, etc.) In the food chemistry class they were studying the effects of various solutions (Vitamin C, citric acid, vinegar, water) on the browning of cut apple slices and on the wall were the results of a study of the fat content of various snack foods. I loved seeing the girls so excited about their learning experiences and wanted to stay for more.

Thanks to all of you for supporting Tech Trek—I am convinced that our money and efforts are well placed.

Louise Quenon, Bridge Coordinator
and Games Party Chair

AAUW Members enjoying the Games Party (left to right). Cathy Foscatto, Nancy Hobbs, Barbara Wyatt, and Kay Eshleman.



Our Financial Picture

In the February issue of the Grapevine, the Board wrote that our reserves were \$6,956.20 and that we are using them up at a rate of \$2,500 per year.

We asked for non-deductible contributions from “angels” and these contributions brought in \$1,135.00. This was a major help but it still leaves us with a gap of \$1,365.00 from reserves.

Since our finances are not improving in any measurable way, we are going to need to consider how we will bring in more revenue. The amount brought in for each member in dues is \$16 as the remainder of the money goes to the state and national organizations. Therefore, we will need to consider raising our dues or possibly charging a small fee for each interest group.

Please think about our financial situation and if you have any suggestions, please give them to Margaret Bard or Joan Kjemtrup so our finance committee can take them under consideration.

In the meantime, if you so desire, please send a non-deductible contribution to Joan Kjemtrup.

The Board

League of Women Voters SW Santa Clara Valley

September 18th Meeting, “What’s happening now... in our SC County Juvenile Justice System?”

Hear Judge Patrick Tondreau, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and Mary Greenwood, Chief Public Defender. Lynne Snyder, an attorney for the Dependency Court and family law will be the moderator.

The meeting will be on Thursday, September 18 at 7:30 pm at the Campbell United Methodist Church, located at 1675 Winchester Boulevard, near Hamilton. For more information, call Shirley Hill,

September 2008 AAUW Calendar

- 2 Tuesday Board Meeting, 3:30 pm**, at the Saratoga Fire Station, corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Road.
- 9 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women and Children, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Anderson, 13561 Lomond Ct., Saratoga. For information call Sumi Tanabe, 253-6191.
- 10 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch, 11:30 am** at Green Papaya, 137 N. Santa Cruz, Los Gatos. Hostess: Jean Power. Chair: Jean Power at 356-5122. Visitors and guests are welcome.
- 11 Thursday Hikes and Walks, meet promptly at 9:00 am** *Argonaut Shopping*, way out front of Longs, Saratoga. China Grade-Big Basin Park. A vigorous hike, great views. Questions? Call Kay Duffy 867-0508 or Jane Bishop 356-7796.
- 13 Saturday Gourmet Supper Club.** Chairs: Doris Agee, 257-9428 and Gladys Bernyk, 440-1080. If interested, call Doris or Gladys.
- 16 Tuesday PM Book Review, 7:30 pm** Saratoga Retirement Center, Licia Thomson, 741-7611. Book: "Loving Frank" by Nancy Hogan. Reviewer: Margaret McCartney. For information call - Co- chairs: Pat Khan 741-1616 and Marlene Lamb 356-8441.
- 19 Friday AM Book Review at 9:30 am**, at the home of Margo Restruck, 15725 Peach Hill Road, Saratoga. RSVP to Margo, 741- 5087 or margrest@gmail.com. Information: Call Margo, or Barbara Oggerino, 354-5394, oggerinobarb@aol.com.
- 23 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 Thursday Back By Noon Hike, meet promptly at 9:00 am** at the Los Gatos *Park and Ride* lot.
- 27 Saturday September Showcase 9:30 am to 12 noon** at the Terraces of Los Gatos. See front page for details.
- 30 Tuesday Film Buffs, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, at the home Marlene Lamb, 105 Arroyo Grande Way, Los Gatos. RSVP to Marlene at 356-8441. Chair: Mary Ellen Madden, 264-4488.

News of the Travel Section

Do you have a taste for adventure? Do you want to travel around the world, but really don't want to get on one more plane or pack one more bag? Have you always yearned to see the many places in the U.S. that others have talked about? Well then, join the AAUW Travel Section and become an Armchair Adventure Traveler where you can enjoy a trip each month presented by someone who has been there and who would like to share his or her adventure with you.

Travel meets on the first Friday of the month at The Terraces in Los Gatos at 7:30 pm. The season includes meetings in October and November

and from January through May and is open to the community.

This past season we journeyed to Africa and saw some amazing animals and scenery in a number of African countries. Next on the list was a visit to the Antarctic and a chance to see the penguins and the icebergs very close-up. We started the new year with a trip to see a bit of Mexico's colonial heartland, followed by a very personal trip to Japan, getting a chance to see both the old and the new Japan. Next was a trip down the Danube exploring five different countries along the way. April's program was a very different one where we were able to get a very close-up look at a number of local

birds and enjoy them in all of their glory. We finished the season with a trip to Patagonia where we followed a group hiking to fiords, cruising a river in a zodiac and seeing glaciers, lakes and waterfalls – and we didn't have to leave home to enjoy all of this wonderful scenery!

This fall, Travel opens on October 3rd with a trip to Bali – and a chance to see the Komodo Dragons! This is not your usual trip and promises to be quite exciting! We will also visit Sweden, Mexico, take a trip down the Grand Canyon, and have many other adventures. So we hope that you can join us in October. For more information, please contact JoAn Lambert at 867-6237.

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