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**Join the LOS GATOS-SARATOGA AAUW TRAVEL SECTION'S
2017-2018 Travel Series with Exciting Trips Around the World!
Meets at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road at 7:30 pm.**

October 6, 2017 - Journey to Korea and Japan – Presented by Seiji Kawamura - “In April of this year I visited S. Korea for the first time. April is a splendid time to visit there due to the spectacular cherry blossoms that are in bloom then. For city excitement there are Seoul and Busan which are bustling, modern metropolitan areas with endless culinary delights. There are many wonderful hiking trails in the mountains and colorful palaces, forts and temples. The most intriguing place to visit was the DMZ and the chance to peek and step into N Korea. After S. Korea, I visited Japan and did a 4-day Shinto shrine pilgrimage trek to Kumano Kodo, south of Kyoto. The hike involved climbing over 3,000' and 10 miles each day but we were rewarded each night with a stay at Japanese Inns with hot springs to relax our tired bodies.

November 3, 2017 - Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro - Presented by Ken Bloomfield. Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest point in Africa, rises 19,341 feet above the continent. Climbing Mt. Kili, while not a technical climb, requires stamina and determination, plus warm clothes and lots of medication for the five day hike to the summit. Altitude sickness can strike even the most young and fit climbers, but the reward at the top is worth it.

January 5, 2018 - My Trip to Tibet – Presented by Yao Pi Hsu. Tibet is a unique land of people and beauty who live in a high mountain country of stark beauty. We will visit many old Buddhist temples, and walk around Lhasa and see the Potala lit up at night. We will drive through the surrounding countryside seeing how people live and lastly, we will make a quick visit to Everest base camp! (See second sheet for an expanded account of Yao Pi's trip.)

February 2, 2018 - Road trip: Saratoga, CA to Saratoga, WY – Presented by Rachel Hunter. We'll visit six western states: California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska with scenery, wildlife, hikes and trails, mountains, canyons, weather, and sites of the road. We will see famous parks, such as Yellowstone, Zion, and Mt. Rushmore, as well as equally interesting, but lesser known locations such as the Crazy Horse Monument, Toadstool National Geological Monument, Snow Canyon, and the best rest-stop in the West.

March 2, 2018 - A Visit to Singapore, Nepal and India - Presented by George and Tamar Mednick - The perfectly structured city-state of Singapore, with the melding cultures of Indonesia, China and India serves as the bookends of an Asian adventure. Next we venture to the high altitudes of Nepal exploring the exotic sights of Kathmandu, and then trek the Annapurna Sanctuary Trail to Annapurna Base Camp. Afterward, we tour of some of the teeming and mysterious secrets of incredible India. The people, world heritage sites and natural wonders will be presented through the insightful photography of Tamar Mednick.

April 6, 2018 - A 70th Visit to the Serengeti – Presented by Doug Cheeseman. “The Serengeti and surrounding ecosystem are my favorite for all wildlife areas in the world for wildlife and photography. The predator population such as cheetah, leopard, hyaena, wild dogs, lions, etc. are amazing. It is the glory of the Pleistocene. Love IT and can hardly wait to go back for our 70+ trip this February when Gail and I will be spending about 32 days there this February and March”.

May 4, 2018 “A Photographic Journey to the Galapagos – Presented by Jim Katzman - “I will be taking you on a photographic journey mainly of the animal life on the Galapagos Islands. My wife, Sylvia, and I went on a National Geographic/Lindblad expedition of the Galapagos with my sister and brother-in-law for 8 days. We lived aboard the Lindblad *Islander* and had adventures in the water and on the islands where 50% of the animals are endemic to the Galapagos. You will hear about the animals being culturally naive and the 16 rules for visiting this national park of Ecuador. This is the first half of our trip that ended in Machu Picchu which I presented to you last year. Thanks for asking me back!.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND GUEST WELCOME!

**Join us on the 1st Friday of each month
Cookies always welcome!**

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