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A Successful English Tea

The English Tea was held on April 21 at the Joan Pisani Community and Senior Center in Saratoga. The proceeds from the tea are used to help homeless women and children and to provide scholarships for women transferring from West Valley College into STEM programs at 4-year colleges and universities.

Judy Borlase and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children, along with the Local Scholarship Committee worked very hard on every aspect of the tea. Following are just a few highlights.

This year's tea featured both silent and live auctions, with our very own Cynthia Miller as auctioneer. The live auction included vacation getaways and a dinner for 8 at the Saratoga Fire Station. Cynthia's skill as an auctioneer stimulated some lively bidding, so the auction was very successful!

Entertainment for the tea was provided by the "Fourmatas" (Sweet Adelines), pictured below. They crooned "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy", "Ain't He Sweet", and "When I fall in Love".



The silent auctions and our traditional jewelry sale provided a fun shopping experience. One of the highlights of the silent auction was a look at some beautiful paintings by Kay Duffy and friends.

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Launch of New Website

Our new website for Los-Gatos Saratoga AAUW has been launched for a couple of months now. The new URL is: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net>

This new website is hosted by the national AAUW organization. There is no fee for the hosting and there is no webmaster required, so we will save some money that may be put to better use.

This new website is much easier to update and it will be changing frequently. There is also a "Google Calendar". Pictures make the site much more interesting, so keep your smartphones clicking!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Laurie Lindsey (lauriellindsey@gmail.com, 303-941-1956).

If anyone is interested in learning how to update this website, I will be happy to show you. It's a good idea if more than one person can do it. I promise it's not rocket science! -- Laurie Lindsey



We were fortunate to have one of our local scholarship winners, Mehar Jaiswal, speak with us about what it meant to her to be the recipient of the award.

Mehar is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Aerospace Engineering at San Jose State University.



For more photos and highlights of the tea, check out our new website, under "News", "Activities". "Highlights from the English Tea".

Local Scholarship Winners

The Local Scholarship Committee met last month to review and select the recipients of the AAUW Transfer Scholarship for 2017-2018. We are extremely pleased to introduce the three winners, each of whom has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship upon transfer this fall.

MEHAR JAISWAL – Her goal is to earn a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Aerospace Engineering at San Jose State University, where she will begin studying this fall. She graduated from Silver Creek HS and has excelled in her physics and mathematics courses at West Valley College.. As an international student, she faces higher university fees, and limited options regarding where she can work, so this scholarship will relieve some of the financial burden of her studies.

SARA VALENCIA – With an eye to go into Nursing, her goal is to study Biology. She would eventually like to become a Family Care Practitioner or Physician. Her main focus in life has always been to help others. This scholarship will ease some of the financial burden of her family, which includes other college bound siblings.

SAMIRA SEBT – Her goal is a degree in Bioengineering with an eye toward a career in advancing medical devices such as prosthetics, improved hearing aids, or creating new drug delivery systems. As an independent woman, she can make good use of the financial assistance this scholarship offers.

New Board Member

Lynn Sprague has been elected to serve as Treasurer for the 2018-2019 year. We are happy to welcome her to the board. Louise Quenon, who has been serving as our Treasurer for the past four years is especially grateful!

Selecting Tech Trek Girls

A small selection committee from our Los Gatos - Saratoga branch works each year between January and April to select the girls who will attend Tech Trek. Our girls all attend "Camp Hopper" for one week in July on the campus of Stanford University and all of them receive a full scholarship thanks to the wonderful generosity of our branch members. Girls are first nominated by their middle school math or science teachers and then they fill out an application and write a short essay.

The prompt for the essay this year was "Tell us, in some detail, about an area of science, technology, engineering, or math that you are most interested in and why. What have you done to further your knowledge in this area and what are you most curious to learn?"

Our selection committee pores over the applications and then we conduct small group interviews, usually in a teacher's classroom at the middle schools. This year, as in many years in the past, we quickly concluded that these girls are very, very impressive. We have money this year to send seven girls to camp, so we had to make some tough choices. In the end we made our picks by considering:

- which girls would most benefit from going to Tech Trek
- which girls would likely contribute the most to the camp experience
- a mix of personalities and interests (not all shy and interested in marine biology, for example)

Marlene Lamb and I will be at Tech Trek again this summer as dorm moms and we look forward to reporting back to you on the exciting experiences our seven girls have at camp. – *Cynthia Miller*

Expense Reimbursement

If you have any outstanding expenses and would like to be reimbursed, please turn in an invoice and receipts to Louise Quenon so that she can clear the books by the end of June. – *Louise Quenon*

Summer Potluck

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Time: 11:15 am to 1:30 pm

Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

13601 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga

Don't forget AAUW over the summer! Join our members -- some of the best cooks around -- at our annual potluck lunch. Feel free to invite prospective members who might want to learn more about our branch activities. Celebrate with our Named Gift Honorees and our newest Honorary Life Members.

Please bring your favorite salad, a tasty appetizer or an interesting cold dish to share. The branch will furnish beverages and dessert. No need to RSVP – we always have plenty of great food.

Questions? Contact Virginia Turner:
vturner@sbcglobal.net or phone (408) 866-4234.

About This Grapevine

If you noticed that this Grapevine was not quite as nicely formatted as our typical issues, it's because we thought it was important to get something to you before the summer break and so we focused on that.

Things should get back to normal when our usual Grapevine Editor is able to take up the reins again. In the meantime, thank you for bearing with us!

-- *Laurie Lindsey*

Calendar June, 2018

- 5 **Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home, 1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose. Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 348-3427. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **New Members and Visitors are Welcome.**
- 12 **Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Annual end-of-year potluck. 6:00 pm, at Nancy Anderson's house, 1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose. Please RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 348-3427. **The group will not meet in July and August.**
- 14 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks. Hikes and Walks. Wilder Ranch coastal hike.** An easy hike on the cliffs above the coast north of Santa Cruz. We will see seals, birds, wildflowers, and maybe even a whale! Climax the day with coffee and pastry at Kelly's yummy bakery. **Meet promptly! 9:00 AM, Saratoga.** Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 15 **Friday** **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am for book discussion, followed by the June potluck lunch. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair, Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625, or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read**
- 20 **Weds.** **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:30 pm at **Campo di Bocce**, 565 University Ave, Los Gatos. RSVP Linda King, 408-354-4105. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950. **Join us for friendship and lively conversation.**
- 20 **Weds.** **PM Book Group.** Annual end-of-year potluck, 6:00 pm at Ann Roberts' home, 18833 Harleigh Drive, Saratoga. RSVP Ann Roberts, 408-867-1837. Chair: Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555. **This group will not meet in July and August.**
- 22 **Friday** **BOARD MEETING.** Hosted by **Louise Quenon**, 20297 Thelma Ave, Saratoga. 408-867-0698. **More details to follow**
- 26 **Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home, 1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose. Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. Contact Nancy Anderson, (408) 348-3427, or Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **The group will not meet in July and August.**
- 26 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** Meet at 1:00 pm at Grill 57, 57 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, Los Gatos. RSVP .Marlene Lamb, Chair, 408-497-1555. **This group will not meet in July and August.**
- 28 **Thursday** **Back by Noon Hike. Meet promptly 9 AM. Los Gatos**—free limited parking north side lot. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.

Calendar July, 2018

- 12 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes.** Anno Nuevo Coastal Hike, Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Los Gatos, north side parking lot. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 24 **Tuesday** **Summer Picnic.** (Refer to article on previous page).
- 26 **Thursday** **Back by Noon Hike.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Los Gatos, north side parking lot. Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.

Calendar August, 2018

- 2 Thursday** **Trail Cleanup.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Los Gatos, north side parking lot. Questions? Jane Bishop,(408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 9 Thursday** **Beach Hike and annual cleanup.** Moss Landing, bring gloves and a bag. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Los Gatos, north side parking lot. Questions? Jane Bishop,(408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 23 Thursday** **Back by Noon Hike.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. in Los Gatos, north side parking lot. Questions? Jane Bishop,(408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508

Calendar September, 2018

- 15 Saturday** **General Meeting,** at the Terraces in Los Gatos (Tentative).



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