

Grapevine

American Association of University Women
Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch

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Author's Luncheon is January 31st Make Your Reservations Today!

This Grapevine contains information about our Authors' Luncheon at the Terraces on Thursday, January 31, 2019 and about our three guest authors. We are excited about the local authors this year.



C. W. Gortner



Linda Lambert



Ellison Cooper

Thursday, January 31, 2019

11:00 am to 2:30 pm

The Terraces of Los Gatos
(800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos)

- Come and meet our three local authors
- An opportunity to buy their books and to get them autographed
- Read a short biography of our authors on page 4
- Read a short review of our author's latest book on page 5
- Next month's *Grapevine* – January / February 2019 issue will have additional information about our three authors and their books

Make your reservations!
See below and on page 6 for details.



Announcement – See page 6 for the Author's Luncheon Flyer with all the details.

Cost is \$55.00 per person, (\$23.00 is tax deductible). Make Check Payable to ISPF and include your menu choice with your check. [Send the Names of your Guests and their Entrée Choices as well]

Mail to Eleanor Yick, 105 Stacia St, Los Gatos, 95030 | Tel. 408-354-7473.

Reservations with payment must be received by *January 24, 2019* to guarantee your attendance!



Leadership Team Message



Keep Our Branch Strong

At our September 15 opening meeting we met several of this summer's Tech Trek campers who shared their experiences at the week-long science and technology camp at Stanford University. Their enthusiasm and excitement confirms the importance of programs like Tech Trek which encourage girls to consider taking courses in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields which they may not otherwise have considered. They are our future doctors, computer scientists and researchers!

One way you can help **support the Tech Trek program** – as well as our local programs to help homeless women and girls and to provide college scholarships — is to answer the appeal letter you should have received early in

October. It is still not too late to donate. All the money raised stays right here in our local community, and we know that every donation makes a difference in these women's lives. Please help keep these programs strong!

Our recent mid-term elections had all kinds of candidates: Statewide officers, state and national representatives, city council members, school board members and judges, all asking that you vote for them to **become a leader** in that particular jurisdiction. They have valuable ideas and experiences which help build and strengthen our communities.

So, too, with our AAUW branch. We need people who are interested in helping make the branch better, more responsive, more accountable and more relevant to our members, both existing and

potential. Are you one of those people? Do you have some ideas which you would like to see enacted? **Are you willing to take on a leadership role** as a member of the Board? Are you willing to serve on a committee?

Volunteer to be a branch leader! Our branch needs YOU!

Our Nominating Committee will be forming in January and would welcome your help. Please call or email any of the Leadership Team if you would like to help with this committee or would like to know more about a particular position on the board. Take the initiative: **Don't wait for someone to ask you.**

This is one of the opportunities our branch has to offer you!

Branch Leadership Team – *Judy Borlase, Kay Duffy, Louise Quenon, Lynn Sprague, and Virginia Turner*

AAUW California 2018 Legislative Year Update

If you've been tracking AAUW California legislation in the last few years, you'll note the number of bills related to closing the gender pay gap. We've made tremendous headway since 2015 working with the Stronger California coalition.

The Fair Pay Act has been improved (SB 358 in 2015, SB 1063 in 2016) and California now limits the use of one's prior salary to establish a new salary. Just this year, an additional refinement was made (AB 2282 – Eggman) so there is no doubt, an employer cannot inquire or use one's prior salary.

There are still other areas to be addressed, including pay data transparency so that employers and the public can better understand a company's pay practices. Unfortunately our cosponsored bill on this issue (SB 1284 – Jackson) was stalled in the legislative process this year.

Momentum on the equal pay bills was assisted by the #MeToo movement and awareness that sexual harassment is fueled by disproportionate power dynamics, as is the gender pay gap. Many bills made it to the Governor's desk, with mixed results. Most importantly, Governor Brown signed SB 1300 (Jackson), a bill addressing discrimination and harassment in the workplace – also known as the “*no free grope*” bill.

Our work is not done. To quote a former Governor, “*we'll be back*,” to work with our new Governor Gavin Newsom to accomplish all that needs to be done to make California a bastion of equity and fairness for women.

For a full list of the bills in 2018 that AAUW Advocates for, go to our AAUW California website.

Los Gatos Mother-Daughter Team Selected to Head Tech Trek Camp

Cynthia Miller and her daughter Jennifer have been selected as the new Camp co-Directors for AAUW Tech Trek Camp Hopper at Stanford University! They have both been extensively involved in Tech Trek for some time – Jennifer was selected as a camper from Redwood Middle School representing our branch in 2010 and Cynthia has been the Los Gatos Saratoga Branch coordinator for Tech Trek for the past 3 years.

Additionally, Jennifer was a Junior Counselor, then a Senior Counselor and this past season was a substitute Dorm Mom at Camp Curie, also at Stanford. Cynthia has been a Dorm Mom at Camp Hopper the past 3 years.



Mother-Daughter Duo, Cynthia Miller (on left) with daughter, Jennifer

tech trek camp at
Stanford University

In Memorium

Marjory “Marge” Bunyard

April 11, 1093 – October 22, 2018

Marge Bunyard, passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 88. A resident of Saratoga for 47 years, Marge was born and raised in Texas. She was a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU), receiving a BA in English and a minor in Drama. She and George Bunyard married the day they graduated from OBU, and Marge went on to earn a Master’s in English from Boston Univesity.

They moved from Livermore to Saratoga in 1971, where they continued their active community involvement. To broaden their children’s view of the world, they became part of Saratoga’s Summer Exchange Program and brought in college students to live with them from many countries over many years. As the children got older, Marge went back to work. She taught public speaking skills to employees at major companies and worked for over 10 years in the Legal Department at Tandem Computers until retirement.

Marge was always busing with projects and activities; early on she was a stay-at-home mom, Sunday School teacher, substitute teacher, Saratoga School Board Member, Hakone Gardens Foundation Trustee, Saratoga Citizen of the Year, VITA Board Member, Saratoga Lions Club member teaching children to read, Saratoga Foothill Club member, long-time member and president of Los Gatos-Saratoga American Association of University Women (AAUW), and a big advocate for encouraging people to vote. She belonged to the League of Women Voters Southwest Santa Clara Valley, received the Helga Ruby award, served as President, and remained actively involved for 50 years.

–Information shared by Sharon Bunyard, Marge’s daughter

Preview of the 2019 Author's Luncheon Speakers

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About the Authors . . .



C. W. Gortner

C.W. GORTNER holds an MFA in Writing with an emphasis in Renaissance Studies from the New College of California, as well as an AA from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in San Francisco.

After a decade in fashion, during which he worked as a vintage retail buyer, freelance publicist, and fashion show coordinator, C.W. devoted the next twelve years to the public health sector. In 2012, he became a full-time writer.

In his extensive travels to research his books, he has danced a galliard at Hampton Court, learned about organic gardening at Chenonceaux, and spent a chilly night in a ruined Spanish castle. His books have garnered widespread acclaim and been translated into twenty-one languages to date, with over 400,000 copies sold. C.W. has given keynote addresses at writer conferences in the U.S. and abroad. He is a dedicated advocate for animal rights, in particular companion animal rescue to reduce shelter overcrowding.

Half-Spanish by birth and raised in southern Spain, C.W. now lives in Northern California with his partner and two spoiled rescue cats.



Linda Lambert

LINDA LAMBERT was born in Chicago. She earned her Ed.D. at the University of San Francisco and is Professor Emeritus from California State University, East Bay. She won the Independent Publisher Book Award for Historical fiction.

Dr. Linda Lambert is a best-selling author of books on leadership and educator. Linda lives with her husband, Morgan, a retired school superintendent, in Santa Rosa, California, and now writes historical fiction.

Linda's career has included the following roles: social worker, teacher, principal, district and county directors of professor development, as well as university professor, state department envoy to Egypt, and international consultant. She has consulted in Egypt, Lebanon, England, Thailand, Mexico, Canada, and Malaysia.

Linda wrote dozens of articles and was the lead author of *The Constructivist Leader* (1995, 2002), *Who Will Save Our Schools* (1997), and *Women's Ways of Leading* (2009); and *Leadership Capacity for Lasting School Improvement* (2003).



Ellison Cooper

A dual Irish/American citizen, **ELLISON COOPER** was born just outside of Washington D.C. where she grew up among senators and supreme court justices.

She has a Ph.D. in anthropology from UCLA, with a background in archaeology, cultural neuroscience, ancient religion, colonialism, and human rights. She conducted fieldwork in Central America, has also done research in West Africa, and at the University of London, Institute of Historical Research. Ellison's academic work has been published.

Ellison began writing fiction while conducting research on the island of Yap, Micronesia but it wasn't until she left her job as Assistant Professor to care for her ill son that she actually finished a novel. After multiple rewrites, that novel eventually became *Caged*.

Ellison's short fiction has appeared in numerous anthologies including Crime & Mystery from Flame Tree Press, as well as in various magazines such as *Interzone* and *Daily Science Fiction*. She now lives in the Bay Area with her husband and son.

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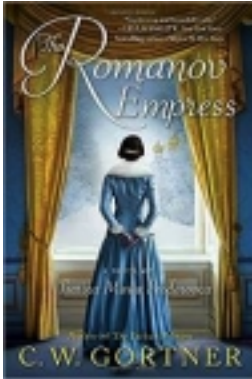
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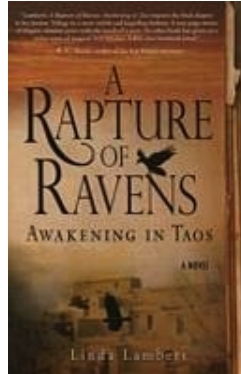


The Romanov Empress: A Novel of Tsarina Maria Feodorovna, by C. W. Gortner
Historical Fiction | July-2018

Beloved Empress Maria, the Danish girl who became the mother of the last Russian tsar. This story brings to life the courageous story of Maria Feodorovna, one of Imperial Russia's most compelling women, who witnessed the splendor and tragic downfall of the Romanovs. **Even from behind the throne, a woman can rule.**

Determined to guide Nicholas to reforms that will bring Russia into the modern age, Maria faces implacable opposition from Nicholas's strong-willed wife, Alexandra, who is led into a disturbing relationship with a mystic named Rasputin.

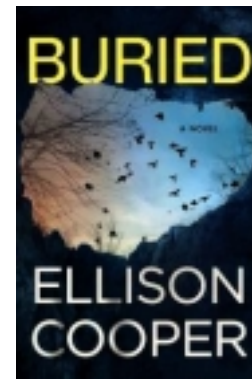
From the opulent palaces of St. Petersburg and the intrigue-laced salons of the aristocracy to World War I battlefields and the bloodied countryside occupied by the Bolsheviks, C. W. Gortner sweeps us into the anarchic fall of an empire and the complex, bold heart of the woman who tried to save it.



A Rapture of Ravens: Awakening in Taos, by Linda Lambert
Thriller | May-2015

A sizzling new novel set in Taos, New Mexico. The third in the *Justine Trilogy*, preceded by the award-winning, *The Cairo Codex* and *The Italian Letters*.

Anthropologist Justine Jenner travels to Taos in search of D. H. Lawrence . . . and her own identity. She stumbles into the conflict and hunt for the migration patterns of the peoples from the west. Here, she finds the Red Willow people, archaeologists, Lawrence aficionados, and artists who draw her into the riveting blend of cultures that is Taos. Lawrence discoveries include the spirituality he found on Lobos Mountain, legal documents that lay unexplored in the Taos courthouse for decades, his lost will, and letters that more fully explain his mysterious journey. After her Egyptian lover, Amir, joins her at Christmas, he returns to Cairo to lead the revolution of January 2011. The stunning finale to the *Trilogy* engages Justine in a life-and-death struggle with nature and with herself.



Buried, by Ellison Cooper
Thriller | July-2019

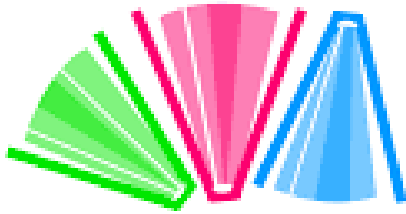
In Ellison Cooper's newest suspense thriller, an FBI neuroscientist is on the trail of a serial killer who's turned up the heat on a cold case...

Senior Special Agent Sayer Altair studies psychopath's minds. But even she didn't expect to uncover a killer within the FBI. Rooting him out and exposing internal corruption got her a bullet wound and six months of desk duty. Now, she's finally back in the field, called in when a sinkhole filled with human bones is discovered.

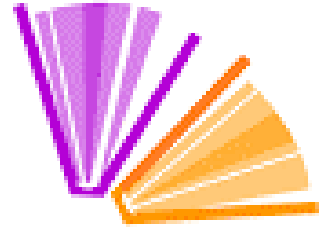
Found in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, Sayer's team finds two fresh corpses among the bones. Sayer has to uncover the connection between the old bones and the new bodies before a recently kidnapped mother and child become the next victims.

But the killer is one step ahead, attacking her team and sabotaging their efforts. Realizing that he's someone powerful in Washington D.C. – and he has his own ominous agenda for Sayer...

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Linda Lambert, author of historical novels *A Rapture of Ravens: Awakening in Taos* and *The Italian Letters*; and many others including books on leadership and education

Ellison Cooper, author of suspense thrillers *Buried*; *Cages*; and many others

Invite your friends to a delightful afternoon of good food and interesting book talk

No/host wine bar will open at 11:00 am; lunch will be served at 11:45 am

Open Seating – tables of six

Cost is \$55.00 per person, (\$23.00 is tax deductible)

Luncheon – Choice of Entrée, an Artisan Sweet Gem Salad, choice of Beverage, and Ice Cream and Cookies for dessert

Choice of Entrées – (1) Forestiere Chicken; (2) Pan-seared Canadian Salmon; (3) Vegetarian Pappardelle Pasta

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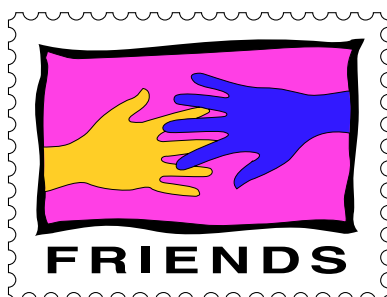
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October 2018 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Monday** **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 p.m. at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (*corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.*)
- 4 Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 p.m. 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.**
- 11 Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women and Children.** Meets 3:30 p.m. at Nancy Anderson's house (*1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose*). RSVP to Chair: Nancy Anderson, (408) 348-3427. **New Members and Helpers are Welcome.**
- 13 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks. HOLIDAY HIKE AND PARTY.** One of our favorite hikes along the banks of beautiful FALL CREEK, near Felton, followed by our annual holiday lunch on the deck of friendly Hallcrest Winery. Bring "goodies" to share for lunch. Kay provides drinks, plates, and utensils. Meet Promptly! 9:00 a.m. Los Gatos. (*If the weather is poor we will walk locally and party at Kay's at 11:30. Call Kay Duffy at (408) 867-0508*). Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796; Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508. **Come Hike with Us!**
- 19 Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at 12:00 p.m. at a Saratoga Retirement Center, (*14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga*). RSVP to host, Roberta London, (408) 741-7645. Chair: Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950. **Join us for friendship and lively conversation.**
- 21 Friday** **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 a.m. for book discussion. 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**
- 27 Thursday** **BACK BY NOON HIKE - NO EXCUSES.** Exercise after all that holiday food by walking and talking with friends. Bring family too! Meet promptly! 9:00 a.m. in Saratoga – way out in front of the Argonaut CVS Pharmacy, away from shops and banks. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796; Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 27 Thursday** **Film Buffs.** Call Marlene Lamb for time and location, 408-497-1555. Chair, Marlene Lamb. **Enjoy an after the Holidays Get together and Talk Movies!**



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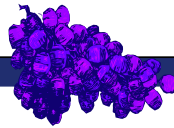


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Help Recruit New Members!

Who Can Join?

Capitalize on your relationships and reach out to friends, co-workers, and members of other local organizations. Bring a prospective member to an interest group, general meeting or one of our fundraisers.

Membership Qualification

Anyone holding an associate, baccalaureate, graduate degree or the equivalent, or nursing school diploma or business school associate degree from an accredited institution is eligible for membership. **AAUW** values and seeks a diverse membership.



Have a Happy Holidays!

