



Los Gatos-Saratoga Inc. (CA) Branch

Grapevine Newsletter November-December, 2019

Authors' Lunch Is Coming Soon – January 30, 2020



Saul Lechuk



Yangsze Choo

Thursday, January 30, 2020

11:00 am to 2:30 pm

The Terraces of Los Gatos

800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos

- Meet our local authors
- Buy their books and get them autographed
- Read about the authors and their latest books on page 3 of this *Grapevine*
- Proceeds benefit our Local Scholarships and Tech Trek
- Look for more details next month

*Reservations are required by **January 23.***

Cost: \$55 per person

(\$23.00 tax deductible)

Make checks payable to **ISPF-AAUW**; send to:

Eleanor Yick

105 Stacia Street, Los Gatos, CA 95030

Phone: 408-354-7473



Pending confirmation

Don't miss this very popular event!

Our Branch website is <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw/net>

Our 2019-2020 Leadership Team:

Secretary	Mara Otlans (253) 202-3307	marafelz@comcast.net
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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Meet Our Treasurer – Lynn Sprague



Lynn was born and raised in New York state and attended college at the University of Rochester. She married and moved to Massachusetts where she got a MEd degree from Tufts University and first joined AAUW at the invitation of a neighbor. She did substitute teaching in Chelmsford and Concord, Mass.

After moving to California, she continued subbing in the Cupertino School District and, being an active member of AAUW, especially enjoying the evening book group and various bridge groups.

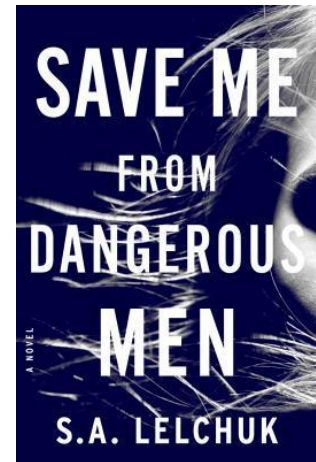
Fortunate to be able to stay at home to raise her 3 children, she volunteered in their schools in the classroom, the library, and through the PTA. After the children graduated from high school she joined the local chapter of Assistance League, became an educational docent at the Saratoga History Museum, and increased her involvement in AAUW.

In addition to her volunteer activities, she enjoys gardening, reading, bridge, and travel. She and her husband, Bob, have visited almost all of the states and close to 50 different countries. They are also proud grandparents to their 2 year old grandson and 2 month old granddaughter and are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

More about the Authors and Their Books

Saul Lelchuk grew up in the Upper Valley, Vermont. He holds a B.A. in English from Amherst College and an M.A. from Dartmouth MALS; he teaches graduate creative writing at Dartmouth. He has taught and edited both fiction and nonfiction writing and served as a mentor for the PEN American Center Prison Writing Program.

A Quick Review: Thirty-three-year-old Nikki adores motorcycles—and books. In fact, she owns a quaint little bookstore in Berkley called The Brimstone Magpie. She’s also a private eye who takes on the usual cases, such as infidelity, and a former first responder who would meet victims of domestic violence at the scene of the crime, no matter where. Now she has an interesting side hobby: Word of mouth has established her as the person to see if you’re a woman being abused.



Yangsze Choo is a fourth-generation Malaysian of Chinese descent. Choo grew up in Malaysia but, accompanying her diplomat father, spent her childhood in various countries. As a result, she says that she can eavesdrop (badly) in several languages. After graduating from Harvard University, Choo worked as a management consultant and at a startup before writing her first novel. *The Ghost Bride* (August 2013), set in colonial Malaya and the elaborate Chinese world of the afterlife, it was a NY Times bestseller and is a soon-to-be-aired Netflix original series!

A Quick Review of *Night Tiger*: A young houseboy and a dressmaker’s apprentice get drawn into a mystery in 1930s Malaya. Choo continues her exploration of Malayan folklore here with questions that point to the borders where the magical and the real overlap: Is someone murdering citizens of the Kinta Valley, or is it a tiger, a beast who wears human skin? Can spirits communicate with the living? Should superstitions—lucky numbers, rituals—govern a life? A sumptuous garden maze of a novel that immerses readers in a complex, vanished world.

We would love to tell you about **our third author** as soon as we get confirmation about coming. Check the next *Grapevine* and our website for all the details!



Sign Up for Great Decisions 2020

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching a DVD and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. **Volunteer discussion leaders are needed for each session.**

The LWV Great Decisions Groups for 2020 will start in February, 2020. The topics are:

1. Climate Change and the Global Order
2. India and Pakistan
3. Red Sea Security
4. Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
5. U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
6. China's Road into Latin America
7. The Philippines and the U.S
8. Artificial Intelligence and Data



The **LWV Afternoon Group A** will meet on the first and third Thursdays in February, March, April and May from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. This group will meet at the Saratoga Senior Center, 19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, in the Magnolia Room. **Book Pick Up** for this group will be on Thursday, January 30, 2020, from 3:30 to 5:30 at the Saratoga Senior Center.

The **LWV Evening Group B** will meet on the first and third Wednesdays in February, March, April and May from 7 PM to 9 PM. This group will meet at the Los Gatos

Methodist Church, 111 Church Street, Los Gatos. A minimum of 12 registrations is required for this group to be held. **Book Pick Up** for this group will be on Sunday, February 2, 2020, **after** the 9:00 am service.

The **Registration Fee** for LWV Great Decisions 2020 is **\$25 for an individual and \$30 for a couple** sharing a workbook. Make checks payable to LWV SWSCV and mail to Terry Zaccone, 13046 Anza Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070. Please put your group session letter (A or B) **and** your email address and phone number on your check.

The **deadline for registering** is November 22, 2019.

For questions, please contact LWV Program Coordinators: Terry Zaccone at tzaccone@pacbell.net or Eleanor Yick at egyick@icloud.com.

Terry Zaccone and Eleanor Yick, Great Decisions Coordinators.

Governor Signs AAUW-Supported Bills into Law

Several bills will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW-CA; the major topics include:

- AB 9 -- Harassment and discrimination claims under California's Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA)
- AB 51 -- Labor code violation as a condition of employment.
- AB 59 -- Increasing youth voter turnout.
- AB 170 -- Liability for sexual harassment claims.
- AB 218 -- Gives sexual assault survivors sufficient time to access civil remedies.
- AB 381 -- Dating violence information
- AB 543 -- Ensures that all 9th through 12th grade students receive a written policy on sexual harassment information during orientation. AAUW's report "*Schools Are Still Underreporting Sexual Harassment and Assault*" was critical in helping support the legislative analyses for AB 543.
- AB 749 -- Future employment and sexual harassment or other claims.
- AB 809 -- Ensures that pregnant and student parents are aware of their Title IX rights.
- AB 922 -- Allows a woman providing human oocytes for research to be compensated for her time, discomfort, and inconvenience in the same manner as other research subjects.
- SB 24 -- Access to reproductive health services at public universities and colleges
- SB 142 -- Requires employers to have a written lactation policy and lactation spaces



Magaly Zagal, Legislative Advocate for AAUW-CA

San Jose AAUW Event

Annual Holiday Boutique
for Local Scholarships



Saturday, November 9, 2019
10 am to 2 pm
AAUW San Jose House
1165 Minnesota Avenue
San Jose 95125

Branch Directory Updates:

Phone: Peggy Maibaum 408-358-2913
Judy Zaccone 408-257-6575

We are sorry to report that member Roberta London passed away this spring.

To correct your address, email or phone number, please contact Louise Quenon at 408-867-0698 or lquenon@comcast.net

November, 2019

- 1 Friday** **Armchair Travel Adventures. Miracle of the Serengeti**, presented by Doug Cheeseman. 7:30 pm, The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. Doug has visited Tanzania over 70 times in the past years and has amassed a large collection of stunning animal images. *(Originally scheduled for October)* **Everyone is welcome.**
- 4 Monday** **Board Meeting.** 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.) **All are welcome!**
- 5 Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home, 1639 Daphne Drive, San Jose. Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. Chair: Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 12 Tuesday** **Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** No meeting in November. For information contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805.
- 14 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – San Francisco.** Hike along the Bay from the Marina to Fort Point at the base of Golden Gate bridge. If you have the energy, hike up to the bridge for wonderful views. Dress warmly. **Meet promptly, 9 AM**, Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga -Sunnyvale Rd, opposite CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 20 Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **Effie's Restaurant**, 331 Hacienda Ave (near Winchester), Campbell. RSVP host Audrey Lynch, 408-725-1898. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950. **Join us for lively conversation and friendship.**
- 22 Friday** **AM Book Review.** 9:30 am. 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!**
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- 26 Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** No meeting in November. For information please contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.
- 29 Friday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Back by Noon Hike.** Walk off some of that huge turkey dinner on the ACHISTASIA trail at Saratoga Gap. Meet promptly! 9:00 AM, Argonaut Shopping Center, Saratoga, way out in front of the CVS Pharmacy. Contact Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **Families welcome!**



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- 5 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks -- TRAIL CLEAN-UP.** Back by noon hike plus coffee or lunch. Meet promptly, 9:00 AM, Los Gatos, in the Northside lot (free limited parking) off Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, behind Starbucks and Petco. Contact Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
- 10 **Tuesday** **Committee for Homeless Women & Children.** Annual December potluck meeting and gift wrapping. Gift wrapping begins at 11:00 am, lunch is at Noon, resume gift wrapping after lunch. At Chair Nancy Anderson's home, 1639 Daphne Drive, San Jose, 408-368-3805. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 12 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes & Walks. HOLIDAY HIKE AND PARTY.** One of our favorite hikes along the banks of beautiful Fall Creek, near Felton, followed by our holiday lunch on the deck of Hallcrest Winery. Bring Goodies to share for lunch; Kay will provide drinks, plates, utensils. **Meet promptly! 9 AM, Los Gatos,** in the Northside lot (free limited parking) behind Starbucks and Petco. **If the weather is bad,** our walk will be local, with the party at Kay's at 11:30. Call Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 18 **Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** Meets 12:30 pm at **The Blue Door,** 1502 Saratoga Ave (Westgate). RSVP host Linda King, 408-354-4105. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950. **Celebrate a holiday lunch at one of our favorite restaurants.**
- 20 **Friday** **AM Book Review.** 9:30 am. Book review and Holiday Potluck Lunch. For meeting location, contact Chair, Margaret Bard, 408-377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and find your next great read.**
- 24 **Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** No meeting. For information contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805
- 26 **Thursday** **Back by Noon Hike. No excuses! Exercise after all that holiday food.** Meet promptly at 9 AM Saratoga Argonaut Shopping Center, Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd, way out in front of CVS Pharmacy, **or, 9:10 AM,** 4th St Parking, Saratoga. Contact Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796 or Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508.
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Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, interim editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader. Deadline for January-February is **December 16, 2019**. Email materials to vturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca-aauw.net>

Plan to attend the 2020 AAUW-California Convention

April 17-19, 2020 at Westin San Francisco Airport, Millbrae – more details to come.

