

Grapevine Newsletter January-February, 2020

Come to the Authors' Lunch – January 30, 2020



Yangsze Choo



S. A. Lelchuk



Shobha Roa

11 AM - No-host wine bar and socializing 11:30 AM - Lunch will be served – open seating

Authors will speak after lunch and autograph their books

Thursday, January 30, 2020 The Terraces of Los Gatos 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos

Reservations Required by January 20

Cost: **\$55 per person** (*\$19.00 tax deductible*). Proceeds benefit our Local Scholarships and Tech Trek

Invite your friends to this popular event!

Reservation form is on page 3 of this Grapevine. **Make checks payable to ISPF-AAUW. S**end with entree choice (*see form on page 3*) to: Eleanor Yick 105 Stacia Street Los Gatos, CA 95030 Email: egyick@icloud.com

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

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.

In Memoriam



Nancy Clark (Dawson) Christensen died peacefully at home on December 3, 2019, in Los Gatos, where she'd lived for 60 years. She was 92.

She was born on August 1, 1927, in San Francisco and grew up in Napa. She graduated from Napa High School and UC Berkeley. Later, she earned a master's degree in dietetics from Queen Elizabeth College in London, where she watched Queen Elizabeth II's coronation procession. Nancy married Deal "Bud" Christensen in 1955 and raised their two daughters. She also helped run Chrislow's Department Store, the family business. As a volunteer, she taught English as a second language to people from all over the world and worked with the local AAUW committee on homeless

women. She loved learning, traveling, jitterbug, Andrea Bocelli, playing bridge, and spending time with family and friends. She was an ace at ping-pong and Chinese checkers.

Nancy was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Christensen and Leslie Dill, and her grandchildren, Dawson "Danny" Dill, Lucy Dill, and Rose Lavino. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to LifeMoves, 181 Constitution Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025; (650) 685-5880 ext. 115; or lifemoves.org.

Reservation Form for Authors' Lunch January 30, 2020

11:00 AM ~ 2:30 PMThursday, January 30, 2020The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA

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

Our 2020 authors are:

- Yangsze Choo ~ The Night Tiger and The Ghost Bride (first book)
- S. A. Lelchuk ~ Save Me from Dangerous Men (debut novel)
- Shobha Roa ~ Girls Burn Brighter (debut novel) and An Unrestored Woman (short stories)



Cost: \$55 per person

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Proceeds benefit Los Gatos-Saratoga Local Scholarships and Tech Trek

Reservations Required by January 20

All lunches include endive and arugula salad, choice of beverage, ice cream and cookies.
 Choice of entrée: (1) Pan-seared Salmon; (2) Mediterranean Chicken Breast;
 (3) Crispy Potato Gnocchi with forest mushrooms (vegetarian)

Make check payable to **ISPF-AAUW** ~ Cost is **\$55** per person. Please indicate entrée choice(s) and include the form with your check.

Name(s)	Entrée Choice	Email *	Phone
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* Include your email to receive confirmation that your check has been received

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LOS GATOS-SARATOGA AAUW

Looking for Leaders for Our Branch

We are looking for members who can help lead our branch in the coming year, 2018-2019. We need officers (in particular the President and/or President Elect) who take a more prominent leadership role, and we also need people for our various committees and administrative functions like bylaws and Grapevine editor. There is a wide range of tasks to be done; check the directory for a complete list of board positions.

Excellent supporting materials and information are readily available through the AAUW national website and the California website and from current board members.

Are you willing to help? Would you prefer to job-share a position with another member?

The Board meets once a month (September through June), at the time that works best for the Board members. Most work can be done



independently or with a committee to carry out the various activities. The Board has a lot of fun and enjoys meeting a great bunch of people! And you'll help keep AAUW a vital organization in the Los Gatos and Saratoga area.

If you are interested in helping, or if you would like more information about a particular job, please contact Virginia Turner, immediate Past President, at 408-866-4234 or by email at <u>vaturner@sbcglobal.com</u>. Your commitment will help further the mission of AAUW!

2020 Marks the Centennial of Woman Suffrage



The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granted women the right to vote. It took many women more than 100 years of work to achieve this basic civil right, and AAUW (then called the Association of Collegiate Alumni) passed the following resolution at its 1915 convention:

"Recognizing that, under our government, education in both its academic and social aspects is controlled by the electors, be it Resolved that we, as a body of college women dedicated to the promotion of education and desirous of furthering our ability for usefulness, favor suffrage for women."

Exercise your right to vote in this centennial year. California will hold its primary election on <u>March</u> <u>3, 2020</u>. Make sure that you are **registered**, especially if you have recently moved. You can **vote by mail** which is very convenient and easy. Research the candidates and issues. And be **sure to VOTE**.

Upcoming Programs ~ Mark Your Calendar!

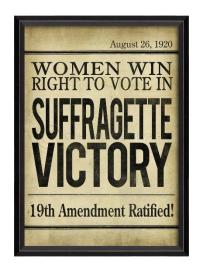
"When Women Won the Right to Vote" Friday, March 13, 2020

This play will be presented in the form of a Readers Theater where the cast will read the script on stage. The first date is Friday, March 13, 2020, with other possibilities down the line. If you would like to be a Reader, contact Sandy Ogden at <u>sandy@ogdencomputing.com</u> for more information.

Presented by Sunnyvale-Cupertino branch of AAUW Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church

"The History of the 19th Amendment"

Saturday, May 2, 2020 ~ 11 AM Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070



Dr. Bonnie Morris has taught women's history for over 25 years at such universities as Georgetown University, George Washington University, Semester at Sea, Santa Clara University, and St. Mary's College; she is currently a lecturer at UC Berkeley. She has been a guest lecturer for the Library of Congress and the State Department. She is also an exam leader for the AP U.S. History exam, a consultant to Disney Animation, and a research associate for the Global Women's Institute.

Everyone is welcome – open to the public. Co-sponsored by Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW and Saratoga Library



Branch Directory Updates:

New Address: **Carol Fitting** 23500 Cristo Rey Drive #324-F Cupertino, CA 95014

Correction: **Peggy Maibaum** 16310 Azalea Way, Los Gatos CA 95032

We are sorry to report that former member **Gladys Bernyk** passed away this fall.

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

January, 2020

- **3** Friday Film Buffs. Lunch meeting, 12:00 Noon, Mimi's Café, El Paseo de Saratoga, Saratoga and Campbell Ave. Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.
- Friday
 Armchair Travel Adventures. The Stans of Central Asia, presented by Ken Bloomfield. 7:30 pm, The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. The fabled Silk Road trade route from China to the west passed through the central Asia area of the Stans – the former Soviet republics of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan -- where Central Asia's oldest cities are located.
- 6 Monday Board Meeting. 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station Community Room (corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.) All members are welcome!
- 7 **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.
- 9 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks Wilder Ranch coastal hike. An easy hike on the cliffs north of Santa Cruz. We will see seals, birds and maybe whales. End with coffee and lunch at Kelly's bakery. Meet promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos, "Free limited parking" at Northside lot off Saratoga Los Gatos Road, behind Starbucks and PetCo. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796. New hikers welcome!
- 14 TuesdayCommittee on Homeless Women and Children. 3:30 pm, Nancy Anderson's home,
1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose. Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805.
- **15 Wednesday** Let's Do Lunch. Meets 12:30 pm at Florentine Restaurant, 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. RSVP host, Shirley Cancellieri, 408-741-5586. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950. Join us for lively conversation.
- 17 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!
- 23 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks Back by Noon Hike. Meet promptly! 9:00 AM, Argonaut Shopping Center, Saratoga, way out in front of the CVS Pharmacy. Contact Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508 or Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796. Seeking new hikers!
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- **30 Thursday** Scenic Hikes and Walks Trail Cleanup. Meet promptly! 9:00 AM, Los Gatos. "Free limited parking" at Northside lot, off Saratoga Los Gatos Road, behind Starbucks and PetCo. Questions? Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508; Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796. Short walk allows time to attend the Authors' Lunch afterwards.

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- Friday
 Armchair Travel Adventures. Winter in Iceland, presented by Bob Feigelson. 7:30 pm, The Terraces, 800 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos. While tourism to Iceland is highest in the summer, the winter provides clear, cool weather, breathtaking mountain vistas, extensive waterfalls, glaciers, geysers and hot springs, and best of all a high probability of observing the northern lights (aurora borealis) by both land and sea.
- **11 Tuesday Committee for Homeless Women & Children.** No meeting in February. For information please contact the Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805.
- 13 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks Livermore ramble. Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Bring your lover or best friend on this easy hike along a lovely creekside trail to picnic (and tasting) at Wente winery. Meet promptly, 9:00 AM, Los Gatos, in the Northside lot (free limited parking) off Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, behind Starbucks and Petco. Contact Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508, or Jane Bishop (408) 356-7796.
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Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, interim editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader. Deadline for March-April issue is February 15, 2020. Email materials to <u>vaturner@sbcglobal.net</u>. Branch website: <u>https://losgatos-saratoga-ca-aauw.net</u>

Plan to attend the 2020 AAUW-California Convention

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

