

Grapevine Newsletter November-December, 2020

Mark 100 Years of Women's Suffrage - Vote November 3



We enjoyed hearing Dr. Bonnie Morris discuss the history of women's suffrage in the United States; her website, www.bonniejmorris.com has additional information and details on the books that Dr. Morris has written on this and related topics.

The 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote, but it took a long time to secure that right. The movement to gain voting rights began after the American Revolution and centered on the main argument that women should have the same natural rights as men. The traditional role for women was to "be a good mother of sons" who might themselves become president. Women argued that they needed education so they could read

scripture to their children, and that women's votes would help improve society. But there were many arguments against granting women the vote: Women belong in the home, are too weak to vote, are too ignorant to vote, and might cause strife at home if they voted differently from their husbands. Women could do more good with philanthropic endeavors than by voting.

The first women's rights convention in the US was held in July 1848, in Seneca Falls, New York. One of the organizers, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, spent more than 50 years working for the cause of women's rights; Lucretia Mott helped write the Declaration of Sentiments that came from the Convention. Susan B. Anthony helped revive the women's rights movement after the Civil War.

The debate escalated in the 20th Century as younger women got involved and took political action, including going to prison. During World War I it became obvious that women were able to perform

many jobs that men had held, and there were challenges to labor laws and demands for equal pay for the same work as men. The 19th Amendment finally passed the House and Senate in 1919 and was ratified in 1920, becoming effective August 18, 1920.

Make sure that YOU exercise YOUR right to vote on November 3!

Marlene Lamb and Sumi Tanabe, Co-Presidents, 2020-2021



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

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

"When Women Won the Vote" Video Is Ready

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Branch of AAUW has written and performed a Reader's Theater video called "When Women Won the Vote." National leaders and local women are brought to life to tell the story of the effort to win voting rights. Their live performance in March was cancelled due to the order to shelter-in-place; the video, about 30 minutes long, is now available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bZuqgKY6w0. Enjoy the show!



Volunteers from National Charity League and Pioneer High School worked outside to assemble hygiene bags and school kits for **Gifts for Teens**, sponsored by **San Jose AAUW**. The totes and duffels are given to homeless and at-risk young people during the holidays. Contact Elaine Benoit at 408-268-9654 or ebenoit99@yahoo.com for more information.

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Women Win Nobel Prizes



Among the 2020 awards made by Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences, four of the winners are women. They include Louise Gluck in literature; Dr. Andrea M. Ghez in physics for her work on black holes; and Dr. Jennifer Doudna and Dr. Emmanuelle Charpentier in chemistry for their work on CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing. This is the first time a Nobel science prize has been given to an all-female group. Dr. Charpentier commented, "I hope this provides a positive message to young girls. Women in science can also be awarded prizes. But more importantly, women in science an also have an impact."

Local Scholarships to Honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg

This year the Local Scholarship Committee has decided to honor Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the late champion of gender equality whom we all admired so much. All scholarships awarded in 2021 will be dedicated to her memory. Applicants are women students at West Valley College who are majoring in a STEM field and are transferring to a four-year university or college to complete their degrees.

Due to the wonderful generosity of our members, both when they renewed their membership and in response to our recent appeal letter, these scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$3,000 each. Previously the award has been \$1,500. We hope to award at least two or three, depending on how many qualified applicants we can attract in these difficult times. Your support is more important now than ever and our recipients are deeply grateful.

Marilyn Fuller, Local Scholarship Committee Chair

Directory Correction

Elaine Benoit – spouse - Robert Benoit Education: Holy Names Univ, BS Zoology and Higher Ed UC Berkeley, special certificate in Education/Zoology

Please send any changes or corrections to Louise Quenon, our database manager, at 408-867-0698 or lquenon@comcast.net.



Afternoon Tea and Talks with Authors - Save the Dates!

Please join us virtually for a series of THREE afternoon talks to hear three local authors tell us about their latest books! Since we cannot meet to share lunch this year, we invite you to sit down with a cup of tea and your favorite snack for these one-hour Zoom meetings with the authors. Books can be ordered from the websites (listed below) in time for holiday giving.



Lisa Prince Newman

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 4 to 5 pm

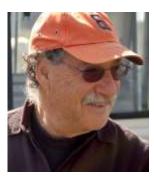
For the Love of Apricots
Website: fortheloveofapricots.com



Richard Haiduck

Thursday, February 18, 2021 -- 4 to 5 pm

Shifting Gears
Website: richardhaiduck.com



Mark Greenside

Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 4 to 5 pm.

I'll Never Be French (no matter what I do) and (not quite) Mastering the Art of French Living Website: markgreenside.com

Proceeds from these stimulating talks help support our Local Scholarships, given to women students at West Valley College who are majoring in a STEM field and transferring to a four-year university or college to complete their degree. This year the Local Scholarship Committee will honor Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the late champion of gender equality whom we all admired so much, by dedicating all scholarships awarded in 2021 to her memory.

Cost: \$50 per person (fully tax deductible) for the three talks. Single tickets will not be available. For more information, contact committee chair Arleen Pickett at 408-356-3233 or arleenpickett@gmail.com.

More about Their Books

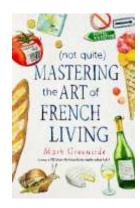
With beautiful pictures and sumptuous recipes *For the Love of Apricots* will take you on a nostalgic journey with **Lisa Prince Newman**, an accomplished home cook and city planner. Short essays sprinkled throughout the cookbook evoke the region's 100-year orchard era and the rapid transformation of the Santa Clara Valley, affectionately known as the *Valley of Heart's Delight*, into Silicon Valley.





Richard Haiduck is a former life sciences executive and mentor, and now has an active retirement. He is becoming the Voice of Boomer Retirement Stories. He is immersed in challenging the boundaries of his own retirement, while observing the experiences and areas of curiosity of his fellow retirees. *Shifting Gears* is based on interviews with retirees, telling how they are shifting gears in their retirement. Sometimes they shift smoothly, sometimes they grind the gears, and often they take some time to find their groove. The stories reveal the rich abundance of retirement ventures.

Mark **Greenside's** life has been filled with a myriad of experiences and journeys, including being a union leader, a community organizer, an activist for civil rights and an anti-Vietnam War marcher. He has taught history and political science at the university level while all along nourishing his desire to write. Then, in recent years he and his wife went to France, the "Old World," where everything was new to him, including himself. The result is these charming, fun books: *I'll Never Be French (no matter what I do)* and *(not quite) Mastering the Art of French Living*.



How to Register for the Series

- 1. Make your \$50 check payable to **ISPF-AAUW**.
- 2. Write your email address on your check (or attach a note) so we can send you the Zoom link for each Tea and Talk.
- 3. Send your check and email address to:

Arleen Pickett 204 Danville Drive Los Gatos, CA 95032

Payment may also be made **through PayPal** by clicking on the Donate button on our website at https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/ Questions? Call Arleen Pickett at 408-356-3233/

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2	Monday	Board Meeting. Meets at 10:00 am via Zoom. Contact Lynn Sprague, 408-867-9375 or lynnspr@gmail.com for Zoom information. All members are welcome!	
3	Tuesday	Conversations in Spanish. Meets at 1:30 pm via Zoom . Please contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805, if interested in joining, and for Zoom details.	
6	Friday	Armchair Adventure Travels. A Grand Tour of Scotland, presented by Eric Thomson. Meets at 7:30 pm via Zoom. This scenic tour is assembled from many trips to Scotland. Drive up the rugged west coast with its many lochs, mountains and islands. Tour the magical island of Skye and the Neolithic areas of the Orkney and Shetland Islands. Travel the Royal Dundee, visit castles and palaces, world famous golf courses and key cities and towns. If you ever wanted to visit Scotland, this program is not to be missed! Please contact JoAn Lambert 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.	
10	Tuesday	Committee on Homeless Women and Children. Sheltering in place until further notice. Please contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805, for information.	
12	Thursday	Scenic Hikes and Walks – Almaden Quicksilver Park – A very interesting hike through historic mining area, a short drive away. Meet promptly, 9:00 AM, Los Gatos . <i>Free limited parking – Northside Lot</i> , off Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Contact Jane Bishop, 408-656-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508. Seeking new hikers	
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18	Wednesday	Let's Do Lunch. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, meetings will be discontinued until further notice. Please contact Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950, for more information.	
20	Friday	AM Book Review. Meets at 10:00 am via Zoom. Discuss a book, good or bad, with others in the group. Contact Chair, Margaret Bard, 408-377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail,com. Come and Find Your Next Great Read!	
24	Tuesday	Film Buffs. Sheltering in place until further notice. Contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-356-8441 for information.	
27	Friday	Friday after Thanksgiving - Back by Noon Hike. Hike longer, and lunch with the Friday hikers. Walk off some of the turkey dinner! Drive 10 miles to start the hike at Saratoga Gap. Meet promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga, Argonaut Shopping Center, on	

Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd, opposite CVS pharmacy, **OR**, **9:10 AM** at 4th Street parking, Saratoga. Questions? Contact Jane Bishop, 408-656-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.

Family welcome!

December, 2020

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1	Tuesday	Conversations in Spanish. Meets at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Please contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805 for Zoom details.	
4	Friday	Armchair Adventure Travels. Photographic Tour of Scenic National Parks in the West, presented by Jim Katzman. Meets at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Jim will take us through Utah's Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce and Zion National Parks and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. We will visit Wyoming's Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks, and it would not be complete without California's own Yosemite National Park. Contact JoAn Lambert at 408-867 6237 for Zoom details.	
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10	Thursday	Scenic Hikes and Walks – Holiday Hike and Party. We will take a short walk on Saratoga back streets to Wildwood Park for a distancing picnic. Bring individually wrapped "goodies" to share for lunch. Kay provides drinks, plates, utensils. If weather is bad, we will still take a short walk. Meet promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga, Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd way out front of CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.	
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This is your time to exercise and relax a little before the Christmas chores. Meet promptly 9 AM, Los Gatos. Free limited parking at Northside lot off Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Call Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or

Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.



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