



Grapevine Newsletter

January-February, 2021

Afternoon Tea and Talks with Authors

Proceeds benefit Local Scholarships to women majoring in STEM fields

Join us virtually for a series of THREE afternoon talks with local authors telling us about their latest books. Sit down with a cup of tea and your favorite snack for a one-hour Zoom meeting with each author. Books can be ordered from the websites listed.



Lisa Prince Newman

Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 4 to 5 pm

For the Love of Apricots

Short essays sprinkled through this beautiful cookbook evoke the region's orchard era and the transformation of the Valley of Heart's Delight into Silicon Valley.

Website: fortheloveofapricots.com



Richard Haiduck

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 4 to 5 pm

Shifting Gears

How are people shifting gears as they retire? Sometimes they shift smoothly, sometimes they grind the gears, and often they take some time to find their groove.

Website: richardhaiduck.com



Mark Greenside

Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 4 to 5 pm

I'll Never Be French (no matter what I do)

On a trip to France with his wife, everything in the "Old World" seemed new to Mark, including himself. Enjoy his explorations in his fun books.

Website: markgreenside.com

Cost: \$50 per person (tax deductible) for any or all of the talks

You must register at least **24 hours** in advance. Make your \$50 check payable to **ISPF-AAUW** and include your email address. Mail your check and email address to:

Arleen Pickett, 204 Danville Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032

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

Our 2020-2021 Elected Officers

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

Welcome Our New Members

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West Valley College AA/AS – Biology, Chemistry,
Liberal Arts

UC Santa Cruz – in progress (Human Biology)

We are sorry to report that former member **Shirley Newsom** passed away on October 18, 2020.

Message from Your Co-President

Now that 2020 is in the past, we should take a moment to reflect on what happened. We have a world pandemic which created sufferings, hardships and deaths for millions of people in the world. Here in the US, people lost their lives and jobs by the thousands, and long-time businesses experienced bankruptcy. We saw demonstrations and marches in support of Black Lives Matter. We had to shelter in place for over 9 months, forcing us to be safe for ourselves and for others. We saw a presidential election that continues to divide us.

I am personally happy to see 2020 gone for it was a year in which my family had a member with cancer, I was hospitalized for one week with low sodium and had to relearn how to walk, my daughter had brain surgery and our precious little dog had cancer all over his body and is not expected to live much longer.

From an article in the *San Jose Mercury News* on November 12, 2020, we learned that Santa Clara County women are most likely in California to work in a low-wage job. Women in our county made only 71 cents for every dollar a man made. Although Santa Clara County has the highest median income in the state at just under \$116,200, it has made little headway toward narrowing the gender gap. We still have work to do in this area.

In November, 2020, there was a breakthrough move when a woman named Kim Ng became the general manager of the Miami Marlins. This was the most noteworthy day for baseball since Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947.

Out of despair rises hope for a better tomorrow with the vaccine for Covid 19. We heard stories of heroism of first responders, medical doctors and nurses, senior residence workers, grocery store workers, farmers, post office employees, teachers, etc. On the other hand, we also saw thousands of people refusing to wear masks or maintain social distancing.

We foresee a more compassionate administration in the White House come January 20, 2021. President-elect Joe Biden selected the first woman Secretary of Treasury and an all-women communications staff. He has been true to his word of getting diversity in his administration. Kamala Harris, senator from California, was elected as the first woman Vice President.

The new year seems brighter, and we are grateful for all the little things we may have taken for granted. Marlene Lamb and I wish all of you a Happy New Year and an end to the pandemic.

Please continue to stay safe. Happy New Year!

Sumi Tanabe, Co-President



Report from the Committee on Homeless Women

As Chair of the Committee on Homeless Women and Children I want to bring you up to date on our activities. "Activities" is a laughable word in these days of Covid-19. We have had no in-person meetings, we haven't even had a Zoom meeting. As you all know we did not have our Dazzle and Dahlias fund raiser, so my neighbors benefited with bouquets of flowers!



I want to thank you in AAUW who have donated a total of \$5,403 to the Committee. Using those donations and our existing funds, we have decided to help by writing checks. Because we still may not be able to have the fund raiser next year, we decided to save part of our bank account for 2021.

The CHWC made donations totaling \$15,150 to the following groups:

- To Family Supportive Housing: 3 laptops and 7 Chrome Books for the children to do homework on and to participate in FSH's enrichment programs and some as-needed items.
- To LifeMoves, The Villa and Georgia Travis House: Funds for Back-to-School backpacks for all children in the groups and for other-needed items.
- To St. Luke's Pantry in Los Gatos: Funds for homeless women and children in Los Gatos
- To Bill Wilson Center's Maternity Program for Homeless Pregnant Women 18 – 24 years old: Funds for care and programs and a set-aside of \$750 for \$50 Christmas Gift certificates for these women.
- To Casa de Clara, San Jose: Funds for their mobile shower program for the homeless and for needs of their homeless program for women and children.
- To Lifted Spirits, now a part of Front Door Agency: Funds for Lunches.
- To Second Harvest of Silicon Valley: Funds for Food.
- To Martha's Kitchen, Willow Glen: Funds for their meals for the homeless

As you see, it is a diverse giving, and one more reason to be a proud member of AAUW.

Nancy Anderson, Chair

JoAn Lambert, Treasurer

AAUW National Dues Set to Increase

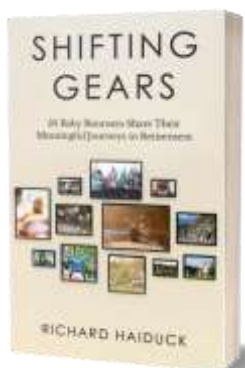
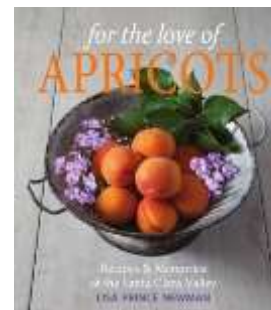
The national AAUW Board of Directors voted to increase individual Member dues for the next three years. The dues will rise by \$3 for 2021-22, by \$5 for 2022-23, and by \$5 for 2023-24, making the total national dues for those years \$62, \$67 and \$72 respectively. All but \$3 of your annual dues remains tax deductible. This increase will be reflected on your renewal notice.

The decision wasn't made lightly. The Board is grateful for our members and proud of the work we've done this year. Nonetheless, in order to preserve the viability of this organization we all love, this action was necessary for AAUW to continue our mission to achieve gender equity.

Books for Tea and Talks with Authors

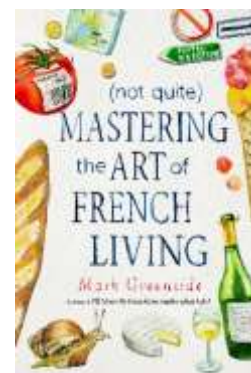
Proceeds from these stimulating talks will support our Local Scholarships, given to women students at West Valley College who are majoring in a STEM field and transferring to a four-year university or college to complete their degree. This year the Local Scholarship Committee will honor the late Supreme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

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

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2. Make your **\$50 check** payable to **ISPF-AAUW** and include your **email address**.
3. Mail your check and email address to:
Arleen Pickett, 204 Danville Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032
4. Payment may also be made **through PayPal** by clicking on the Donate button on our AAUW branch website at <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/>

Questions? Call **Arleen Pickett** at 408-356-3233 or email arleenpickett@gmail.com.

January, 2021



- 4 **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!**
- 5 **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.
- 8 **Friday** **Armchair Adventure Travels. My Indochina Trip,** presented by Ed Chang. Meets at **7:30 pm via Zoom.** Indochina includes Peninsular Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. The religion is basically Theravada Buddhism, but each country has its own culture, and they are quite different from each other. Please contact JoAn Lambert 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
- 12 **Tuesday** **Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Sheltering in place until further notice. Please contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805, for information.
- 14 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Los Alamitos Creek Trail –** An easy and interesting hike along the levees from Graystone Bridge to Almaden Lake. The drive is about 20 minutes. Instructions to parking provided at L.G. **Meet promptly, 9:00 AM, Los Gatos.** *Free limited parking – Northside Lot,* 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.**
- 15 **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.**
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- 20 **Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** Due to Covid-19, meetings will be discontinued until further notice. Please contact Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950, for more information.
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- 26 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs. Come join us on Zoom.** Movie theaters aren't open, so we review films from Netflix, Amazon or other streaming services, and members also recommend new TV series. For more information, contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-356-8441.
- 28 **Thursday** **Back by Noon Hike. Meet promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center, on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd, way out in front of CVS pharmacy. Questions? Contact Jane Bishop, 408-656-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.

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- 5 Friday Armchair Adventure Travels. Exploring Northern Ethiopia,** presented by Ken Bloomfield. Ethiopia is a mixture of ancient and modern, home to Africa's only castles and the world's only rock-hewn churches. We will travel to extremes from 10,000 feet in the Simien Mountains to 420 feet below sea level in the Danakil Depression. Please contact JoAn Lambert 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
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- 11 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – Garrod Ranch Wine Tasting and Picnic.** Bring your lover or best friend and your own lunch for a pre-Valentine's party. We will walk to Garrod Winery from parking. **Meet promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd way out front of CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
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Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, interim editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader. Deadline for March-April issue is **February 15, 2021**. Email materials to vturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://logatos-saratoga-ca-aauw.net>

AAUW Public Policy Committee – Human Trafficking

January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and AAUW California supports efforts to combat Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is the third largest organized criminal activity in the world. It is a modern-day form of slavery, with an estimated number of victims in the millions. Whether for labor or sex, men, women, and children are manipulated through force, fraud and coercion. Research shows that people of color, especially the Black community, are more likely to experience some form of sex trafficking.

AAUW continues to provide community awareness events to educate the public. Please join Santa Cruz County Branch on January 11, 2021 at 1 pm for a Zoom webinar to learn more. Access the branch website <https://santacruz-ca.aauw.net/> for more information and an invitation to this event.