



Grapevine Newsletter

July - August, 2021

DAZZLE and DAHLIAS: Jewelry Sale and Tea

Proceeds benefit Homeless Women and Children

Saturday, September 11, 2021

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – doors open at 1:30 pm

Fellowship Hall at Immanuel Lutheran Church
14103 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

- ❖ Fill your jewelry box with new-to-you items from pre-priced tables (\$1 to \$10) as well as special pieces
- ❖ Enjoy beautiful dahlias from Nancy Anderson's garden
- ❖ Light refreshments at your seat, self-serve cold drinks



Price: \$25

Make checks payable to ISPF – AAUW
Include your phone number and those of your guests

Reservations are required by August 28

Call or email Sumi Tanabe:
6498 Bibel Avenue, San Jose, CA 95129
(408) 253-6191 atanabe@hotmail.com

For additional information call or email Nancy Anderson:
(408) 982-5731 dander2567@aol.com



Sponsored by the Committee on Homeless Women and Children.
All proceeds are donated to various agencies within the Santa Clara Valley.

This event is dependent on the state of the Covid-19 virus. If cases have surged and health officials have issued warnings, the tea will be cancelled. You will be notified by phone.

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

Our 2021-2022 Elected Officers

Co-President	Sumi Tanabe (408) 253-6191	atanabe@hotmail.com
Co-President	Marlene Lamb (408) 497-1555	marlenela37@gmail.com
Treasurer	Lynn Sprague (408) 867-9375	lynnspr@gmail.com
Secretary	Mara Otlans (253) 202-3307	marafelz@comcast.net
AAUW Fund VP	Judy Borlase (408) 669-6828	judith@borlase.com
Membership VP	Virginia Turner (408) 866-4234	vturner@sbcglobal.net
Membership Treasurer	Louise Quenon (408) 867-0698	lquenon@comcast.net

Results of AAUW Vote

Many thanks to everyone who voted in AAUW's 2021 National Election. It took a mere three days to reach the required quorum—a testament to our members' passion and engagement.

AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters. The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change. However, the board is heartened that a remarkable 63% of you voted in favor of making this change, indicating a momentum shift toward a more inclusive membership. This was a significantly higher number than we saw in previous votes, which hovered just below 50%, to make the change.

While we have many voices, I know we all share the same commitment to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, and our vision of achieving equity for all. More than ever, we must embrace our values and continue to strive towards diversity, equity and inclusion; it's a journey that will never end.



No matter how you voted in this election, you are a valued part of our community. In fact, you—our members—are our core community, and the final decisions about board leaders and bylaws will always be yours to make. Now it's time to move forward together. Thanks again for making your voice heard.

With appreciation, Julia T. Brown, Esq., Board Chair

Message from Your Co-President

When hundreds of Trump supporters broke into the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, many of us were stunned. It was hard to believe what was going on. Although many of the people who participated in the violent insurrection were not members of a hate group, they harbored the hateful ideology used by these hate groups. Prior to that unforgettable day, we saw images of people demonstrating for months on the death of George Floyd at the knee of a White police officer, and there were other similar stories.



Television news began showing pictures of Asian Americans being bullied and attacked and called names as the Coronavirus pandemic continued. And the latest tragedy close to home: the VTA Yard shootings by a disgruntled employee who hated some of his co-workers and employer.

Hate crime killings in America along with antisemitic violence spiked 14% in 2019. There are 838 active hate groups in the United States. Just think about that number.

As an Asian American, I have had a number of hate incidents in my life, including being a prisoner of war in my own country. Racism is not new to Asian Americans. Our California history is filled with racist legislation. Asian immigrants could not become naturalized nor own land. For a very long time, Asian Americans did not speak up against injustices. Today it is different with many standing up and speaking out. Congress passed an anti-hate Asian law recently.

What can we do if anything to help stop hate? We can teach our young people lessons of acceptance and understanding that all of us are equal and should be respected. We can show them through our lifelong experiences of kindness and compassion. Talking is good but actions are better.

Throughout this long pandemic, we saw many acts of kindness and compassion from the health care doctors and nurses, teachers, senior care facilities workers, farmers, grocery store workers, neighbors helping each other, people standing in front of their homes singing and dancing, people helping seniors work through the complexities of computer and the Internet to get their vaccines, and so much more.

You can make a difference by sharing a few words of encouragement to those who need them, by giving a smile or sharing a laughter, by standing up for those who need the courage to go on, by going out of your comfort zone to help those in need. Thank you.

Sumi Tanabe, Co-Presidentt

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

In Memoriam

Doris Agee March 23, 1941 - April 13, 2021



Doris, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, philanthropist and public servant, peacefully succumbed to her battle with Metastatic Breast Cancer at home, surrounded by loved ones. She grew up in Montgomery, OH and graduated from University of Evansville, Indiana. She began her nursing career in Monterey, CA, continued at Stanford, and was with Santa Clara County as a Public Health Nurse, RN, for 32 years. Upon retirement, she continued to work as an advice nurse at local community colleges. She also served with the Los Gatos Assistance League; volunteering at the Senior Center and local schools.

Doris spent her spare time gardening, baking, homemaking and traveling the world. Above all, she selflessly and continuously devoted herself to others.

She is survived by husband John, her daughters Allyson, Elizabeth and Suzanna, and 6 grandchildren: Devin, Hailey, Jackson, Jasmine, Keira and Lucy.

Peggy Johnson

Peggy earned a degree in Child Development from UC Berkeley and joined AAUW in 1959. She was an Honorary Life member, recognizing her 50 years of membership. Her daughter Ginny Harrison let us know that Peggy died in December, 2020.

Pat Khan

Pat grew up in Indiana and graduated from Capital University with a degree in Mathematics. She later earned her MS from San Jose State University in Administration of Justice and worked as a parole officer for many years. She joined our branch of AAUW in 1988 and quickly became involved in many activities including the gourmet group, book club, bridge, hikes and walks, travel, and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children. She was branch president twice, first in 1995 to 1997, then as one of four co-presidents in 2001-2002, and also served as branch treasurer.



Pat traveled extensively over much of the globe and made several presentations to the Travel group about her adventures. She was a fierce competitor at the bridge table, and enjoyed playing games with her family. She was a wonderful lady, generous, intelligent and caring.

Pat died June 21, 2021, at the age of 83. She is survived by her four children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Proposed Branch Budget for 2021-2022

	Proposed Income	<u>2021-2022</u>
1	Branch Dues (<i>90 paid members</i>)	1,800.00
2	Directory Ads (<i>not solicited in current format</i>)	-
3	Miscellaneous Income (<i>donations</i>)	700.00
4	Newsletter print and mail (<i>20</i>)	200.00
5	Total Income	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
	Proposed Expenses	
6	Bank Fees	25.00
7	Board Meeting Room Fee (<i>9 mo. X \$20</i>)	180.00
8	Branch Supplies *	200.00
9	CA Secretary of State Filing Fee **	25.00
10	Convention - State	100.00
11	Directory Mailing - First Class	100.00
12	Directory Printing	125.00
13	General Meeting Refreshments/Beverages/Potluck	100.00
14	Insurance CA AAUW	400.00
15	Installation of New Board	20.00
16	Interbranch Council Dues (<i>not charged this year</i>)	
17	Leadership Training	50.00
18	Meeting Facility Rental/Donation	75.00
19	Membership Recruitment/Renewal	100.00
20	Newsletter Postage (<i>Grapevine</i>)	100.00
21	Newsletter Production (<i>Grapevine</i>)	100.00
22	President Expenses	50.00
23	Sunshine Committee Expenses	25.00
24	Treasurer Expenses	50.00
25	Speaker Honorarium	100.00
26	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,925.00</u>

* *Includes \$149 for Zoom account*
** *Biennial expense due this year*

Prepared by Lynn Sprague, Treasurer

The branch is required to approve the budget. You can vote until August 3 via Survey Monkey on our website <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/> or phone Lynn Sprague at 408-867-9375

July, 2021



- 5 **Monday** **No Board Meeting this month.**
- 6 **Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets at **3:15 pm via Zoom.** Please contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805 or Marilyn Fuller, 408-679-1167 if interested in joining, and for Zoom details.
- 8 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – BIG BASIN STATE PARK.** If possible, we will check out the destructive fire burn area, or find an alternative hike nearby in Fall Creek or Cowell Park. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga.** Argonaut Shopping Center, way out in front of CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 13 **Tuesday** **Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at **2:30 pm** at Nancy Anderson's home. Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-368-3805
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- 21 **Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** We will not meet during July and August, but will return to the normal schedule in September. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 22 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE. Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos.** Free limited parking Northside lot, way behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 23 **Friday** **AM Book Review.** Meets at **10:00 am.** Come to 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.**
- 27 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** Meets at **1130 am, Mextizo Restaurant, Westgate, 1502 Saratoga Ave, San Jose.** For more information, contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.

August, 2021

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- 10 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at **2:30 pm** at Nancy Anderson's home, 1639 Daphne Dr, San Jose. Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-348-3427.
- 12 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks –HALF MOON BAY COASTAL WALK.** An easy walk along the bay coast with late seafood lunch or early dinner at Barbra's Fish Trap. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga.** Argonaut Shopping Center, way out in front of CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
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JEWELRY NEEDED!

Please donate your "Don't Need Anymore" jewelry to the Committee on Homeless Women and Children to be sold at the upcoming September 11 fundraiser, Dazzle and Dahlias.

For pickup information call JoAn Lambert - 408-867-6237 or Nancy Anderson - 408-982-5731



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Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch
American Association of University Women
14415 Evans Lane
Saratoga, CA 95070

Membership Renewal for 2021-2022

It's not too late to renew your AAUW membership for 2021-2022. You can also make optional contributions to our local projects – Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, and the Committee on Homeless Women and Children – at the same time. For more information, contact Virginia Turner, Membership VP, at vturner@sbcglobal.net or 408-866-4234.



AAUW Public Policy Committee

Member participation in mission-related work is the backbone of our organization. You can get involved and stay involved by applying for the Public Policy Committee next year. Applications will be posted on the AAUW California website in late June.

*Kathleen Harper, Director, and
Sue Miller, Public Policy Committee Co-Chairs*

Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader. Deadline for September-October issue is **August 16, 2021**. Email materials to vturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca->