



Grapevine Newsletter

January - February, 2022

Author Event – Watch for Details!

Our branch members love to read books, and we love to meet people who write books so it's no surprise that our annual program with local authors has been very popular. For many years we were able to enjoy lunch with those local authors, ask them questions, and have them sign their books.



Unfortunately, last year the pandemic meant that we had to skip the lunch and instead meet our three authors via a series of Zoom calls. While this was a different format, we found that the authors were all quite interesting and we enjoyed hearing about their books, their writing styles, and their various paths to authorship.

The continuing restrictions on indoor events have led to the decision that we will again have our Author Event via Zoom. Our committee is working on the details – who, when, and how -- which will be in the March-April *Grapevine*.

Arleen Pickett, Authors Lunch Committee

Title IX: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Save the date: Saturday, March 19, 2022 via Zoom

Sponsored by Interbranch Council, open to all. Event details in the March-April Grapevine.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that was passed as part (Title IX) of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or other education program that receives funding from the federal government. While Title IX is best known for its impact on high school and collegiate athletics, the original statute made no explicit mention of sports. The Supreme Court issued decisions in the 1980s and 1990s making clear that sexual harassment and sexual assault are forms of sex discrimination.

Each institution that receives federal funding must designate at least one employee as Title IX coordinator whose duty is to oversee that Title IX is not being violated and to answer questions pertaining to Title IX. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare publishes regulations relating to Title IX and monitors compliance.

Because of court decisions, executive orders and various data collected over the past 40 years, Title IX may not be what you think it is. Here is your chance to learn more about Title IX and how it applies today.

Margaret Bard, IBC Chair

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

Our 2021-2022 Elected Officers

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

Member News and Updates

- **Congratulations** to long-time member **Betty Peck** who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 18, 2021. Betty was a pioneer in holistic early childhood education and taught kindergarten in Saratoga for more than 50 years. Happy Birthday, Betty!
- Please note a **correction** in the address for **Doris Traber** in the branch directory. Her street address should be 207 Vista del Mar, Los Gatos, CA 95030.
- We welcome a **returning** member:
Janice Baxter Phone: 408-267-9641
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San Jose, CA 95118

Message from Your Co-President

AAUW CELEBRATES 140TH ANNIVERSARY

AAUW presented a video highlighting women throughout AAUW's long history. CEO Gloria Blackwell talked about the many challenges AAUW continues to face even though much progress has been made through research, advocacy, and education.

She announced the 2021 Alumnae Recognition Award – **Ngozi Okanjo-Iweala**, a Nigerian-American economist, who was named head of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in March of 2021. She is the first woman and the first African to lead the WTO. Gloria had interviewed her earlier and summarized many of her thoughts.



Years ago Dr. Okanjo-Iweala received an AAUW International Fellowship which supported her doctoral studies. She said receiving the fellowship was the happiest day of her life! The fellowship allowed her to continue her education. She had a 25-year career at the World Bank, rising to become managing Director for Operations from 2007 to 2011. She served two terms as Finance Minister of Nigeria, and also served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

She has authored a book entitled “Women in Leadership.” Dr. Okanjo-Iweala stated that women have the same qualities as men but have the lack of ego, have maturity, often overlooked, and are risk takers. When she was asked about the younger generation of women, she responded that she feels they are more likely to push ahead and are more open, and are still willing to help others.

In her book, she talks about how women need a voice, and men have a role. It is a life shift for men to share leadership with women. She talked about global community and the issues and struggles. We need to come together. She feels that women are more collaborative than men, reaching out to build trust. Her advice to young women: really climb the ladder, live the work and wake up in the morning caring about the world.

It's amazing to see how much impact an AAUW fellowship can have on the world! You can hear more of the interview with Dr. Okanjo-Iweala on the AAUW website:

[The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#)

The video session ended with tributes to all the branches that are celebrating 50, 75 and 100 anniversaries. In California, there are two branches 100 years old; our Los Gatos-Saratoga branch celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2016.

AAUW is proud of its 140 years empowering women. Who knows what the next 140 years will bring for women and girls!

Sumi Tanabe, Co-President

Wildflower Run Supports Morgan Hill AAUW

Our branch Hiking and Walking group plans to participate, as we have done for many years. The run will be held March 27, 2022.

Contact Jane Bishop at (408) 356-7796 or jtrailcats@aol.com for details. To get the discounted group rate of \$35, make your check payable to Jane Bishop, mail it to Jane at 134 Lu-Ray Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032. She will send one registration packet for the group.



Reserve early to be sure to get the right T-shirt size. We plan to go out for breakfast or lunch after the event.

It will be great fun for a great cause!

Step Up for Pro-Choice with Los Altos-Mountain View!

Saturday, January 22, 2022 -- 2:45 to 4:15PM



A Virtual Event Marking the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Join Los Altos-Mountain View AAUW and the Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community. Speakers include Leslie J. Reagan who will discuss AAUW's mission to sharpen awareness of the latest checks to reproductive health rights; Christina Krynski who will discuss what California can do to upgrade its clinics in poor and rural areas; and State Senator Josh Beck

about a California option for distressed women to find reproductive help. You can also watch a YouTube scene from the play "ROE."

Contact Claire Noonan at c.noonan@yahoo.com for the link to the event.

Committee on Homeless Helps Local Groups



Left to right: Marlene Lamb, Kerstin Stone, Sumi Tanabe, Judy Borlase, JoAn Lambert, Nancy Anderson

Holiday potluck lunch at Nancy Anderson's home

The Committee is hoping to hold a fundraiser in the spring or over the summer. Existing funds are being used to help several local agencies which work with homeless women and children.:

- Casa de Clara – mobile showers for homeless women
- Family Supportive Housing – temporary housing
- Grateful Garment – emergency resources for victim of sexual violence
- Life Moves – Georgia Travis House, The Villa
- Martha's Kitchen – soup kitchen and groceries
- Second Harvest of Silicon Valley – local food bank
- St. Luke's Pantry – food and clothing for those in need
- Sunday Friends – helping break the intergenerational cycle of poverty

Many thanks to everyone who has helped support the work of the Committee!

Nancy Anderson and JoAn Lambert, Committee for Homeless Women and Children

Book Review Group Enjoys Holiday Potluck

Following their potluck lunch members discussed the books they have been reading, whether they like them or not. You can find a list of their selections on our website page.

Contact Margaret Bard at (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the monthly discussion. Some of the meetings are being held via Zoom.



Holiday potluck at Mary McNabb's home

January, 2022



- 4 Tuesday Conversations in Spanish.** Meets at **3:00 pm via Zoom**. Please contact Marilyn Fuller, 408-679-1167 if interested in joining, and for Zoom details.
- 7 Friday Armchair Adventure Travels. Visit to a Desert Kingdom.** Presented by photographer Ken Bloomfield. **Meets at 7:30 pm via ZOOM.** Morocco amazes even the most experienced traveler, with maze-like medinas, oases in the desert, fabulous architecture, great food and warm people. We will explore modern cities, ancient villages, nomadic tents, and cross the Atlas Mountains to spend time in the Sahara Desert. Contact JoAn Lambert, 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
- 10 Monday Board Meeting.** Meets at **10:00 am via Zoom**. Please contact Lynn Sprague, 408-867-9375 or lynnspr@gmail.com for Zoom information. **All members are welcome!**
- 11 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** No meeting in January. For more information contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-982-5731.
- 13 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – RANCHO CANADA DEL ORO OPEN SPACE PRESERVE.** Explore lovely rolling hills and a meandering trail on the old Mayfair Ranch in this lovely park south of Almaden. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos:** Free limited parking Northside lot, off Santa Cruz Ave, way behind Starbucks and Petco. Leaders: Kay Duffy 408-867-0508 and Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
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- 25 Tuesday Film Buffs.** Meets at **11:30 for lunch** at Hong's Chinese Restaurant, Saratoga. Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.
- 27 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE.** Stay for coffee or lunch afterwards. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM Saratoga:** Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. Look for us way out in front of CVS Pharmacy, away from shops and bank. Leaders: Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508, Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.

February, 2022



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- 4 Friday** **Armchair Adventure Travels. Journey from Rio de Janeiro to Machu Picchu,** Presented by Ed Chang. Meets at **7:30 pm via ZOOM** We start in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, then travel through Argentina to Lima, Machu Picchu, and Cuzco, Peru, a long and interesting trip. Contact JoAn Lambert, 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
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- 10 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes & Walks –LIVERMORE WINE TASTING & PICNIC.** Bring your lover or best friend for a pre-Valentine party! An easy walk along the beautiful creek to Wente Winery. Bring lunch. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga:** Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd., way out in front of CVS Pharmacy, away from shops and bank. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
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Women's Reproductive Rights: Where Are We Now?

By January 20, 2022, the 49th anniversary of its *Roe v Wade* decision, the Supreme Court will have heard arguments on Texas legislation banning pregnancy termination after 6 weeks and on Mississippi legislation to ban abortion after 15 weeks. For Texas a decision will be made on the delegation of enforcement to citizens; in Mississippi the decision will be straightforward. One, the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe v Wade*. Two, the court could limit legal standing to challenges on state law, e.g., doctors wouldn't be able to challenge on behalf of patients. Three, new legal standards for the evaluation of abortion regulations may be created so states aren't required to show that the benefits of an abortion ban outweigh the undue burden to patients. One hundred six (106) state laws have been passed to restrict abortion in 2021. AAUW has submitted an amicus brief as to the constitutionality of the Mississippi law. The ACLU and others have brought lawsuits against other Mississippi abortion-related legislation like regulations for informed consent, a waiting period before the procedure, and ban on telemedicine visits.

The time to act is now. We must pressure the Senate to pass the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021 which has already passed the House, so that it becomes law in this session

Claire Noonan, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader; Laurie Lindsey, web liaison. Deadline for March-April issue is **February 15, 2022**. Email materials to vturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/>