



Grapevine Newsletter

March - April, 2022

Register Now to hear Shugri Said Salh

“The Last Nomad: Coming of Age in the Somali Desert”

**Saturday, February 26, 2022
2:00 p.m. ~ via Zoom**

From life as a nomad in the desert to a refugee camp and finally to America, her life story is inspiring, honest and tender.

NO COST to participate. Access the Zoom registration at:
<https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/2022/02/01/authors-talk/>



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



**Saturday, March 19, 2022
Noon to 1 p.m. ~ Free Virtual Event**

Celebrate 50 years of Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act of 1972 which gives each gender equal rights in educational programs, activities and financial assistance where federal aid is accepted.

Learn how Title IX has evolved over the last 50 years, including LGBTQ students, and why it is still a “work in progress.” The event includes discussions of sexual harassment, violence, and coercion as well as equality in athletics.

Act using resources and strategies to recognize sex-based discrimination in educational centers, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, and what resources to consult for help.

See page 3 for registration details and speaker information.

No cost to participate; register through QR code or on Eventbrite.com website

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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.*

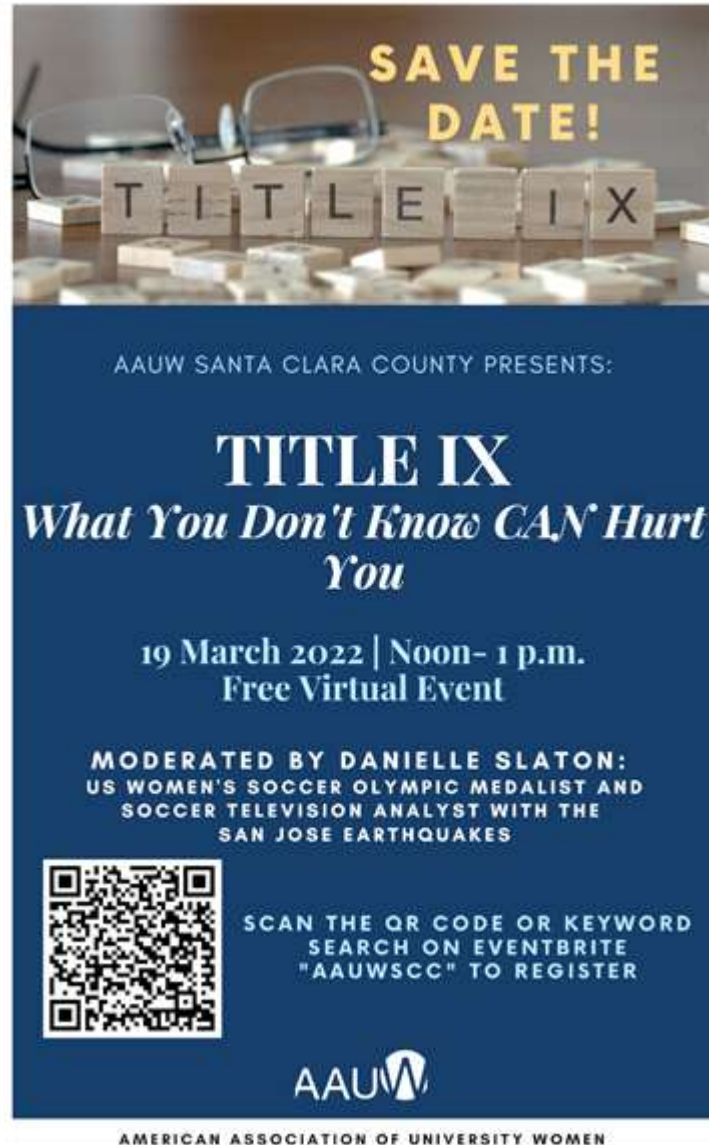
In Memoriam



Long-time member **Ann Fenolio** died January 31, 2022, at the age of 97. She graduated from San Jose State University with a BA in Home Economics and spent most of her career as a dietician working at O'Connor and Campbell Community hospitals, retiring in 1986. She and her late husband Lawrence Fenolio traveled extensively and are survived by three of their 5 children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ann enjoyed volunteering, museums and the arts, preparing and dining on good food with family and friends. She will be remembered for her vivaciousness, and her positive, caring and nurturing qualities.

We have recently learned that **Mary Henderson** passed away. She joined AAUW in 1989 and served as branch president in 1994-95 and as one of four co-presidents in 2001-2002.



Moderated by **Danielle Slaton**, US Women’s Soccer Olympic Medalist and current television analyst for the San Jose Earthquakes. Speakers and panelists include:

- **Marlene Bjornsrud**, Executive Director of the Alliance of Women Coaches and co-founder of the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative.
- **Lucy Jane Bledsoe**, award-winning novelist; her latest novel is “No Stopping Us Now.”
- **Jess Eagle**, a passionate social justice advocate and community organizer.
- **Dr. Akilah Carter-Francique**, Executive Director for San Jose State University Institute for the Study of Sport, Society, and Social Change.
- **Rebecca Sheff**, Program Coordinator at Equal Rights Advocates.

No cost to participate – register by QR code (above) or on the [Evenbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) website.

Message from Your Co-Presidents

Report on “Step-up for Pro Choice” event held January 22



Several branch members participated in the Zoom event presented by the Los Altos-Mountain View branch. There was a wealth of information presented by several speakers; this is only a summary. You can use the following link on our website to access the full event and other resources:

[AAUW Public Policy | Los Gatos-Saratoga \(CA\) Branch](#)

Leslie J. Reagan, professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, reminded us of the history of women and abortion, including horror stories about “back alley” abortions and the particular problems which poor women faced. Following the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, mortality dropped 40% for women, and specialized abortion wards were no longer needed.

NARAL Counsel and Associate Director of Policy **Christina Krysiniski** spoke about several court cases which have been brought since 1973. She also addressed steps that California can take to upgrade clinics in poor and rural areas and to provide support to the distressed women from other states.

State Senator **Josh Becker** has sponsored bills in California to address the impact of women coming from other states where they have limited abortion rights. He would like to see more training and more assistance with facilities.

Roe v. Wade affirmed a woman's constitutionally protected right to safe, legal abortion. But there is serious concern that the Supreme Court is going to roll back women's reproductive rights. Many states, notably Texas, and Mississippi, have enacted laws in their attempts to overturn this critical court decision and the 49 years of gains for women that have come with it. California is one of only 7 states that have women's reproductive rights written into their state constitution. If *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, California would be inundated with women coming from other states seeking help.

TAKE ACTION! It's time to step up and stop the roll back of reproductive rights! As Coretta Scott King said, "Freedom is never really won. You earn it and win it in every generation."

We hope you can join us virtually at our branch presentation by Shugri Said Salh on February 26 and at the Interbranch Council panel discussion “Title IX: What You Don’t Know CAN Hurt You” on March 19. It’s easy to register and both events are open to anyone -- invite your friends and family to learn more about what AAUW is doing.



Sumi Tanabe and Marlene Lamb, Co-Presidents

Member News and Updates

Please welcome our **new** member:

Sophie Giles

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Our Website Has Video Presentations and Book Lists

Many of the Armchair Travel presentations are archived on our website. Join the presenters for travel to Egypt, Scotland, Indochina, or the Northwest Passage, to name just a few. On our branch website, scroll down to the Armchair Travel Program. Click the link for the video recordings and enjoy the trip whenever you like – without leaving your home!



Our website also features a list of books reviewed by our members going back several years. Look in the Interest Group heading for Book Groups. You will undoubtedly find something that will pique your interest. Just one example is a recommendation from Carol Fitting: *Miseducation: How Climate Change Is Taught in America* by Katie Worth who built a 50-state database about what is being taught about climate change.

We welcome photos of AAUW events and activities; several are posted on the Hikes and Walks section. If you have any pictures, feel free to send them to me.

Laurie Lindsey, website manager

Prestigious Recognition for Gifts for Teens

Gifts for Teens is excited to announce that it is one of the six finalists for an Impact Grant from the 100 Women Charitable Foundation for 2021; final awards will be voted on by their members in early March. The grant application involved a six-month long, four-step process against fierce competition. This award underscores the fact that people care about needy local teens, be they impoverished, homeless, in foster care or suffering from addiction. Thanks for supporting this program!



Elaine Benoit and Cheryl Markman, Gifts for Teens

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. We will go out for breakfast or lunch after the event. It's great fun for a great cause!

March, 2022



- 1 **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.
- 4 **Friday** **Armchair Adventure Travels. A Photographic Journey through China just before the pandemic.** Presented by photographer Jim Katzman. Meets at **7:30 pm via Zoom.** See iconic images of Beijing, Xi'an, Lijiang, Hangzhou and Shanghai, including the Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Terracotta Warriors, people in their natural environments, and less visited areas. Call JoAn Lambert, 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
- 7 **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!**
- 8 **Tuesday** **Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** No meeting unless there is a change in Covid/Omicron status. For more information contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-982-5731.
- 10 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks.** *For up-to-date info on our hikes, sign up with Kay Duffy: k@kayduffywatercolors.com or 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop: JTrailcats@aol.com or 408-356-7796.* **VARGAS PLATEAU** - enjoy spectacular views, visit Mission San Jose and gift shop. Bring your lunch or stop in local restaurant. **Meet Promptly, 9 am, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga- Sunnyvale Rd, way out in front of CVS Pharmacy away from shops and bank. **Hope to see you!**
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- 16 **Wednesday** **Let's Do Lunch.** We will **not meet in March**, due to continuing issues with Covid-19. Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 18 **Friday** **AM Book Review.** Meets at **10:00 am via Zoom.** Come to discuss a book, good or bad, with others in the group. Contact Chair, Margaret Bard, 408-377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com for more information. **Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 24 **Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE.** Stay for coffee or 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.
- 27 **Sunday** **WILDFLOWER 5K-10K WALK/RUN** - Morgan Hill AAUW's exciting, energetic Fundraiser for Scholarships. Most of us walk 5K (3.1 miles) or do 10K and then go to breakfast/lunch in San Jose. Contact Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, for details
- 29 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** Meets at **11:30 am at Los Gatos Diner,** 235 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road, Los Gatos. Contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408- 497-1555, for more information.

April 2022



- 1 Friday** **Armchair Adventure Travels – Photographic Kenya and Ecuador.** Presented by Ed Chang. Meets at **7:30 pm via Zoom.** Kenya provides a wealth of wildlife, but photography can be difficult because the birds and animals seek shade in the tall grass, and crowds of tourists often block the best views. By contrast, in November we visited special birding lodges in Ecuador where birds are fed regularly, making them at ease with people, and close enough to photograph. Call JoAn Lambert, 408-867-6237 for Zoom details.
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American Association of University Women
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Equal Pay Day Is March 15

AAUW believes that pay equity and equal employment opportunity are matters of simple fairness. We know that, on average, women earn about 80 cents for every dollar men earn. Each year **Equal Pay Day** symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. For years it was a Tuesday in April, but happily, in 2021, the date was March 24, meaning that things had improved. And this year the news is even better: All women in the aggregate will reach parity with all white men on March 15, 2022. Better, but we're still not there.

Here are some suggestions for things you can do to highlight the wage gap:

- Encourage your representatives in Congress to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.
- Ask your city council or board of supervisors to issue a proclamation supporting pay equity.
- Wear Red to symbolize that women's paychecks are "in the red" when compared to men.
- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper or offer to submit an op-ed.
- Share a timely post on social media to spread awareness.
- Hold an event on your local campus and offer cookies to women that are proportionately smaller than the ones you offer to men. Also invite participants to become student affiliate members of AAUW.

Ginny Hatfield and Shelley Mitchell, AAUW CA 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 vaturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/>