



## *Grapevine Newsletter*

November - December, 2022

### ***“Brave Little Nell: The Eleanor Roosevelt Story”***



Friday, January 27, 2023  
11:00 am

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

**Admission is FREE**

Guests are welcome – accessible location

Join us for an imaginative “meet and greet” with one of history’s most famous women. Beloved and despised, belittled and adored, Eleanor Roosevelt faced tragic losses and challenges as a child and as a young woman. Despite hardships, she went on to become a passionate advocate for human rights.

Bay Area actress **Laurie Strawn** brings Eleanor’s story to life, sharing the former First Lady’s personal history along with the remarkable life and times that Mrs. Roosevelt lived in. While a company member at Sierra Repertory Theater in Sonoma, Laurie was asked to create a one-woman show about Eleanor Roosevelt. Thus, “Brave Little Nell: The Eleanor Roosevelt Story” was born. She has performed in theaters throughout the Bay Area for more than 15 years.

For additional information call or email Sumi Tanabe:  
(408) 253-6191 [atanabe@hotmail.com](mailto:atanabe@hotmail.com)

### ***Election Day November 8***

Your vote is important! Statewide offices, California Assembly and Senate seats, national Congressional and Senate members, plus local city and town councils, school boards, County offices, and several propositions are all on the ballot. Study the candidates and the issues and make sure that your vote is heard.

When women vote, we change the conversation.



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

## ***Our 2022-2023 Elected Officers***

|                      |                                   |                         |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Co-President         | Sumi Tanabe<br>(408) 253-6191     | atanabe@hotmail.com     |
| Co-President         | Marlene Lamb<br>(408) 497-1555    | marlenela37@gmail.com   |
| Treasurer            | Lynn Sprague<br>(408) 867-9375    | lynnspr@gmail.com       |
| Secretary            | Mara Otlans<br>(253) 202-3307     | marafelz@comcast.net    |
| AAUW Fund VP         | Arleen Pickett<br>(408) 356-3233  | arleenpickett@gmail.com |
| Membership VP        | Virginia Turner<br>(408) 866-4234 | vturner@sbcglobal.net   |
| Membership Treasurer | Louise Quenon<br>(408) 867-0698   | lquenon@comcast.net     |

### ***AAUW MISSION STATEMENT***

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

## ***Please Welcome Our New Members***

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## ***Directory Corrections***

If you need to correct or change your information in our directory, please contact Louise Quenon, our database manager, at 408-867-0698 or [lquenon@comcast.net](mailto:lquenon@comcast.net).

## ***Great Decisions Program***

It has been several years since we have participated in Great Decisions. Now we have the opportunity to again join this interesting discussion program. We hope to have a maximum of 30 members. Registration (which is required) began in mid-October, and there is still time to join the group. We will be meeting at the Saratoga Senior Center, 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga, twice each month, on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**, starting on February 3 and ending on May 12, 2023.

The Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program has flourished over the past 60 years becoming a multi-dimensional global studies program, adapted to multiple formats, including informal discussion groups, public lectures, and formal secondary and university courses. The Great Decisions briefing book serves as the focal text for discussion groups by providing background information, expert analysis, and suggested discussion questions for each foreign policy issue. The briefing book will cost around \$40.00.



The Great Decisions program highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. For 2023 the subjects are:



- 1- Energy Geopolitics
- 2- War Crimes
- 3- China and the U.S.
- 4- Economic Warfare
- 5- Politics in Latin America
- 6- Global Famine
- 7- Iran and the U.S.
- 8- Climate Migration

For more information and to join the discussion group, please call the program leaders:  
Hana Itani 408-838-6416 or Ginger Good 408-866-1331.

## ***In Memoriam – Dale Hill***

Long-time AAUW member Dale Hill has died, age 97. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UC Berkeley in 1949 and received a certificate in Physical Therapy from UCSF in 1950. She devoted her active years to raising a family and running the household while also pursuing her passion for community service through multiple volunteer and civic organizations. She served on the AAUW board in the 1960s and 70s and was an Honorary Life Member. Other groups that benefited from her membership and leadership include the League of Women Voters, Santa Clara County Grand Jury, Los Gatos Planning Commission, Los Gatos Union School District Facilities Committee, Live Oak Adult Day Services, Library Board of the Town of Los Gatos, and Friends of the Los Gatos Library. She received many honors and awards for her service. She is survived by her sons Barry, Allan, and Lorin as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



## ***How We Got Involved with AAUW***

### ***Arleen Pickett ~ AAUW Fund***

Arleen first joined AAUW as a new mother in the 1970's when she wanted to make new friends. She enjoyed the discussion of water policy and other big issues of the day. Returning to California, she did not rejoin until she approached retirement and again wanted to make new friends. Arleen loves the book group, the hiking group, serving on the Board and helping raise scholarship money for young women.

### ***Cynthia Miller ~ Tech Trek***

Cynthia is dedicated to education and has spent the last 8 years as an elected board member of the Saratoga Union School District. She became interested in AAUW when her daughter Jennifer was selected to attend Tech Trek and served as a Dorm Mom at camp, and then as the Camp Director. In her spare time she enjoys reading and gardening.

### ***Jane Parks-McKay ~ Sunshine***

Jane joined AAUW with the encouragement of fellow author Audry Lynch. She has owned two businesses, written and marketed a popular book, and run a marketing communications company. Concurrently she was a newspaper reporter, and she has continued freelance writing. She is the full-time caregiver for her husband Tim McKay, a former robotics engineer. Jane is on the Local Scholarship Committee and especially enjoys being the Sunshine chair which she can manage from her Santa Cruz home.

### ***Laurie Lindsey ~ Web Liaison***

Laurie joined AAUW when her friend and neighbor Arleen Pickett suggested she would enjoy this group of women and the projects they are passionate about. She has helped host the travel programs online and, since retiring in December, she has participated in the book group, the hikes and walks group, and the Local Scholarship Committee. Laurie's experience in the technology field helps her maintain our branch website which she is always seeking to improve.



***Left to right:** Marilyn Fuller, Cynthia Miller, Marlene Lamb, Virginia Turner, Sumi Tanabe, JoAn Lambert, Lynn Sprague, Mara Otlans, and Margaret Bard. **Photo by** Louise Quenon*

## ***How We Got Involved with AAUW (continued)***

### ***Louise Quenon ~ Membership Treasurer***

After graduate school in Wisconsin, Louise returned to California; her aunt, who was a strong influence in her life, suggested she would find kindred souls in AAUW. She was right! Louise didn't have a lot of free time but joined a bridge group and the Juniors groups for members in their 20s and 30s. After retiring, she got involved with Tech Trek, served as AAUW Fund VP, Finance VP, and Membership Treasurer. Her interests include gardening, cooking, hiking, and traveling.

### ***Lynn Sprague ~ Treasurer***

Lynn joined AAUW shortly after graduating from college when some friends told her that AAUW was a good group to join. She has met many interesting people over the years. She likes the smaller groups like bridge and the book group, and particularly identifies with AAUW's support of education, especially for minority women and those who are the first generation to attend college. Lynn enjoys gardening, reading, bridge, and travel. She is an Honorary Life Member of AAUW.

### ***Mara Otlans ~ Secretary***

Mara's mother had belong to AAUW in Tacoma, but Mara didn't join until she had retired and moved to Campbell in 2017 to be closer to her two children. Several retired friends also pointed her toward AAUW, and she found a group of intelligent and interesting women who enjoyed reading, hiking, and travel. To get to know people, she soon joined the Local Scholarship Committee and the Board as the Sunshine Chair. Mara looks forward to events and activities and continuing friendships in the years ahead!

### ***Marlene Lamb ~ Co-President***

Marlene joined AAUW in 1987 with her friend Betty Pestka. At that time they had to show the membership chair their college diploma! The first committee she joined was the Committee on Homeless Women and Children with Georgia Travis as its chair. This truly was a WORKING committee, and she became the secretary – a job she still holds. She also joined the Evening Book Group and the Film Buffs group. When her granddaughter was selected to attend Tech Trek, Marlene became a Dorm Mom at the camp, a role she filled for the next 11 years.

### ***Sumi Tanabe ~ Co-president***

Sumi joined AAUW in 2003 at the urging of Sharon Kelkenberg who knew of her interest in helping the homeless. Off and on she has served on the board about 7 times including as co-chair of Legal Advocacy. Currently she is a member of the Committee on Homeless Women and Local Scholarship Committee and has participated in Great Decisions for many years. Sumi's hobbies are reading, singing and traveling; most of her time is spent on volunteer work for low income senior housing and church work at the local, district and national levels.

***More bios in our next issue . . .***

**STAY TUNED**

## November, 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 Journey through Greece,** presented by photographer Gary Marcos. Meets at **7:30 pm via ZOOM.** Come on a tour of Greece, whose contributions are still with us after thousands of years. We will visit many famous and iconic sites such as Athens, Olympia, Meteora, and the islands of Naxos, Corfu and Santorini, all seen during the summer of 2022.  
*Contact JoAn Lambert for Zoom link at [jgdblamm@earthlink.net](mailto:jgdblamm@earthlink.net) or 408-867-6237.*
- 7 Monday Board Meeting.** Meets at **10:00 am via Zoom.** Please contact Lynn Sprague, 408-867-9375 or [lynnnspr@gmail.com](mailto:lynnnspr@gmail.com) for Zoom information. **All members are welcome!**
- 10 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – MONTEREY BAY + AQUARIUM.** Hike along the Monterey Bay and visit the fabulous aquarium. Bring money for entrance fee + your picnic lunch (or restaurant if it is raining). **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos,** free limited parking North Side lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Contact Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508, or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 15 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children – Holiday Potluck.** Meets at **12 Noon** at Nancy Anderson's house, 1639 Daphne Lane, Saratoga. JoAn will bring dessert. RSVP to Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-982-5731 or [dander2567@aol.com](mailto:dander2567@aol.com).
- 15 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.
- 16 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at **12:30 pm at Steamer's Grillhouse,** 31 University Avenue, Los Gatos. RSVP to Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 18 Friday AM Book Review.** Meets at **10:00 am.** Come to discuss a book, good or bad, with others in the group. For details contact Chair, Margaret Bard, 408-377-6625 or [margaretbard@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbard@gmail.com). **Come and Find Your Next Great Read.**
- 25 Friday Scenic Hikes and Walks – FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - BACK BY NOON HIKE.** Walk off some of that huge turkey dinner on the lovely Achistaca Trail just beyond Saratoga Gap. Family members welcome. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale/Saratoga Rd, opposite CVS. Questions? Contact Kay Duffy: 408-867-0508, or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 29 Tuesday Film Buffs.** Contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555 for details.

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- 5 Monday Board Meeting.** Meets at **10:00 am via Zoom.** Please contact Lynn Sprague, 408-867-9375 or [lynnspr@gmail.com](mailto:lynnspr@gmail.com) for Zoom information. **All members are welcome!**
- 6 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.
- 8 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks –VISIT THE ELEPHANT SEALS + HOLIDAY PARTY.** Hike the coast and dunes and observe these interesting animals. Then visit nearby Pie Ranch for our holiday party. Bring goodies to share; Kay will provide drinks, plates, utensils. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos,** free limited North Side lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. *If the weather is very poor, we will party at Kay's house at 11:30 am.* Questions? Call Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 13 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** No meeting in December. For more information, contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, [dander2567@aol.com](mailto:dander2567@aol.com) or 408-982-5731.
- 15 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – TRAIL CLEANUP + Coffee or lunch. Meet promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos,** free limited parking, North Side lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508
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- 21 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch.** Meets at **12:30 pm at Effie's Restaurant,** 331 Hacienda Avenue, Campbell. RSVP to Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 22 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE. View Christmas decorations,** stay for coffee or lunch. **Meet promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale/Saratoga Road, opposite CVS. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 27 Tuesday Film Buffs.** Meets at **11:30 am, Florentine Trattoria,** 14510 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. RSVP Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.



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## ***AAUW Public Policy Committee Scores Big Wins***

AAUW California Public Policy committee achieved a 70% success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda, and 7 of our 8 top priority bills are now law. Here are some highlights:

### Economic Security for All Women

We co-sponsored AB 92 which sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families. Although an amended bill was vetoed, Governor Newsom included \$120 million in his 2021 budget for 2-years' worth of waivers. We consider those 2 years of waivers a win!

### Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

Three of our top priority bills were signed by the Governor. AB 1968 requires campuses to develop and post uniform guidelines for reporting sexual assault; AB 2881 provides additional support for college students with dependent children; and AJR 23 is a Title IX 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation.

### Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society

All four of our top priority bills were approved. AB 1666 provides protection for those from other states seeking abortions in California; SB 523 requires insurance coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive products; SB 1375 allows certified nurse-practitioners to perform some early-term abortions; and SCA 10 places a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to enshrine in the California constitution the right to an abortion and to contraception. This became Proposition 1.

*Kathi Harper, Chair, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee*

**Grapevine Committee:** Virginia Turner, editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader; Laurie Lindsey, web liaison. Deadline for January-February, 2023 is **December 16, 2022**. Email materials to [vturner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vturner@sbcglobal.net). Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/>