



## *Grapevine* Newsletter September - October, 2022

### ***AAUW Santa Cruz County Tech Trek Fundraiser***

Saturday, October 22, 2022 – Lunch at 12 Noon  
Back Nine Grill and Bar (at the Inn at Pasatiempo)  
555 Highway 17, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Keynote speaker **Dr. Erika Woolsey** is a marine biologist, filmmaker, National Geographic Explorer and CEO and co-founder of The Hydrous, a non-profit devoted to translating marine science into public understanding. An ocean-themed raffle drawing supports Tech Trek, and you'll hear from some Tech Trek alumnae.



Lunch cost: \$32. Deadline: October 5; more information and ticket order form available at <https://pub.lucidpress.com/ca16dada-c7ef-41ce-81fb-98485ab07366/?src=em>

### ***Save the Date – Friday, January 27, 2023 ~ 11 am***

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



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.

### ***Join an Interest Group or Committee – Bring a Friend***

Many of our interest groups and committees are staying active and finding new ways to connect with one another. In past years we would have highlighted these groups at our opening meeting in September, but this year we are using the *Grapevine* to give you more information. See pages 4 and 5 for **details about the groups** and how to contact them. This would be a great way to introduce **prospective members to AAUW!** Please contact the section leader to make sure that guests are welcome.

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

## ***Our 2022-2023 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	Arleen Pickett (408) 356-3233	arleenpickett@gmail.com
Membership VP	Virginia Turner (408) 866-4234	vturner@sbcglobal.net
Membership Treasurer	Louise Quenon (408) 867-0698	lquenon@comcast.net

***Please vote for officers and approve the budget via Survey Monkey no later than September 9.***  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWH985N>

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

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

### ***Directory Distribution and Corrections***

Those who receive the *Grapevine* by mail will also receive the 2022-2023 directory by mail; those who receive the *Grapevine* by email will receive it by email. It can be printed on regular 8.5 x 11-inch paper, or just keep it in your computer or other device for reference. It will also be available in the Members Only section of our website. Many thanks to editor Virginia Turner and proofreader Susan Lange.



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

## ***In Memoriam: Betty Peck***

Longtime member Betty Peck, a kindergarten teacher known for her distinct teaching style that emphasized the importance of nature and play in school, died on June 18 at age 100. She founded the nature-centered pre-school Los Gatos-Saratoga Observation Nursery School and the Saratoga Community Garden. “She was so vibrantly curious and just in awe of new ideas,” according to daughter Anna Rainville. “She loved life; there was always something to learn.”

## ***Proposed Branch Budget for 2022-2023***

*Please vote for officers and approve the budget via Survey Monkey no later than September 9.*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZWH985N>

	<b>Proposed Income</b>	<b><u>2022-2023</u></b>
1	Branch Dues (80 paid members)	1,600.00
2	Directory Ads (not solicited in current format)	-
3	Miscellaneous Income (donations)	700.00
4	Newsletter print and mail (20)	200.00
5	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$2,500.00</u></b>
	<b>Proposed Expenses</b>	
6	Bank Fees	25.00
7	Board Meeting Room Fee (3 mo. X \$20)	60.00
8	Branch Supplies (includes \$149 for Zoom account)	200.00
9	CA Secretary of State Filing Fee **	0.00
10	Convention – State	100.00
11	Directory Mailing - First Class	75.00
12	Directory Printing	100.00
13	General Meeting Refreshments/Beverages/Potluck	100.00
14	Insurance CA AAUW	450.00
15	Installation of New Board	20.00
16	Interbranch Council Dues (not charged this year)	0.00
17	Leadership Training	50.00
18	Meeting Facility Rental/Donation	150.00
19	Membership Recruitment/Renewal	125.00
20	Newsletter Postage (Grapevine)	125.00
21	Newsletter Production (Grapevine)	100.00
22	President Expenses	50.00
23	Sunshine Committee Expenses	40.00
24	Treasurer Expenses	50.00
25	Speaker Honorarium	100.00
26	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$1,920.00</u></b>

\*\* Biennial expense not due this year

*Lynn Sprague, branch treasurer, 408-867-9375*

## *Interest Groups and Committees*

### *Authors' Lunch Committee*

We will plan a lunch and invite three authors to come and speak to us, likely in February or March, 2023. Authors may bring copies of their books to sell after the lunch. They always have wonderful stories about why they wrote their books, how they got them published, back stories of the characters or situations in the books. Profits this year went to our Local Scholarship fund.  
**Arleen Pickett, 408-356-3233 or email [arleenpicket@gmail.com](mailto:arleenpicket@gmail.com).**



### *Bridge*



We currently are organizing 3 bridge groups and are always looking for more players to join our groups as regular members or subs. Two of the groups meet one afternoon per month for “party” bridge with Chicago scoring; the third group plays duplicate bridge one afternoon each month provided we have enough players for 2 tables.

**Louise Quenon. 408-867-0698 or email [lquenon@comcast.net](mailto:lquenon@comcast.net).**

### *Book Review*

We discuss any books we’ve been reading. Each member tells us about the book, whether they loved it or hated it. We learn about a variety of books we may want to read in the future, whether on kindle, from the library, in print or electronic, even audio! We meet on the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. We have been meeting via Zoom, but have held occasional meetings in each other’s homes.

**Margaret Bard, 408-377-6625 or email [margaretbard@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbard@gmail.com).**



### *Committee on Homeless Women and Children*



We connect with several local agencies that provide services for homeless women and children. The Committee raises funds which are then given to various organizations that provide programs for homeless women and children. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, either by Zoom or in person, Covid-19 allowing. New members are very welcome.  
**Nancy Anderson, 408 982-5731 or email [dander2567@aol.com](mailto:dander2567@aol.com).**

### *Conversations in Spanish*

We meet currently (and for the near future) via Zoom for about an hour and a half, on the first and third Tuesday afternoons each month, to chat in Spanish about all sorts of topics. You are welcome to join us if you’d like to practice your Spanish language skills.

**Marilyn Fuller, 408-679-1167 or email [mdfuller1@aol.com](mailto:mdfuller1@aol.com).**



### ***Film Buffs***

We meet the LAST Tuesday of the month, and in June and July we actually went out to lunch. We discuss movies we have seen on Netflix and other services, and alert other members to what we enjoyed (or didn't). Plans are in flux: Do we do Zoom meetings or go out to lunch?

**Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555 or email marlenela37@gmail.com**



### ***Great Decisions***



This discussion program gives us opportunities to learn about current world affairs and to give feedback to the Foreign Policy Association. Topics have ranged from Trade with China, Cyber Conflict, Nuclear Negotiations, and Global Migration. Sessions are held during February-May. We are waiting to see if we will be able to have the sessions at a local site.

**Sumi Tanabe at (408) 253-6191 or email atanabe@hotmail.com.**

### ***Let's Do Lunch***

An interesting and fun group, we have lunch at various restaurants in the Los Gatos-Saratoga area on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. We have stimulating conversations about our diverse interests, at restaurants with many choices of delicious food. Come join us – new members are welcome!

**Joanna Yates, 408 395-2950 or email hellojyates@earthlink.net**



### ***Local Scholarship Committee***



We award \$3,000 scholarships to West Valley College women who are transferring to a college or university to continue their education in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) or related fields. We usually meet once a year in March to review the applications and select the recipients. Members have also helped raise funds for the scholarships.

**Marilyn Fuller, 408-679-1167 or email mdfuller1@aol.com.**

### ***Scenic Hikes and Walks***

We have 2 hikes or walks each month, the second Thursday and the fourth Thursday, starting at 9 am promptly. Every other month we clean up a section of the Los Gatos Creek trail that our branch has "adopted." In the spring we participate in the annual Wildflower Run in Morgan Hill.

**Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796 or email Jtrailcats@aol.com**

**Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or email k@kayduffywatercolors.com**



### ***Supper Club***

In the planning stages; watch the Grapevine for details.

### ***Travel "Armchair Adventures"***



Multi-media travel adventure programs, presented by AAUW members and friends, are offered on the first Friday of the month in October, November, and January through May, at 7:30 pm. All members and guests are welcome!

**JoAn Lambert, 408-867-6237 or email jgdblamm@earthlink.net**

## September, 2022



- 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 – BEACH HIKE and ANNUAL CLEANUP –** Moss Landing. Bring gloves and bags. Reward yourselves with lunch at (Captain) Phil’s Fish Market. **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.
- 12 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!**
- 13 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at **1:30 pm** at Nancy Anderson’s house, 1639 Daphne Lane, Saratoga. For more information contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-982-5731.
- 16 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.**
- 20 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.
- 21 Wednesday Let’s Do Lunch.** No meeting in September. For more information, contact Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 22 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE –** stay for 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.
- 27 Tuesday Film Buffs.** Meets at **11:30 am.** For details contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.

### ***“The Last Hurrah” has been cancelled***

We regret that our September 17 jewelry event has been cancelled due to the unfortunate continuation of the Covid pandemic. At this time there are no plans to reschedule. We thank you all for your generous support of the Committee on Homeless Women and Children through the years with our English Tea and various other events.

*Nancy Anderson, Chair, 408-982-5731*



## October, 2022



- 3 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!**
- 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. River Cruising to the Heart of Classical Music,** presented by Arleen Pickett. Meets at **7:30 pm via ZOOM.** Join Arleen as she shares memories and pictures of a small-ship river cruise through the land and waterways that inspired composers Robert and Clara Schumann, Brahms, Wagner, Beethoven and others.  
*Contact JoAn Lambert for Zoom link at [jgdblum@earthlink.net](mailto:jgdblum@earthlink.net) or 408-867-6237.*
- 11 Tuesday Committee on Homeless Women and Children.** Meets at **1:30 pm** at Nancy Anderson's house, 1639 Daphne Lane, Saratoga. For more information, contact Chair, Nancy Anderson, 408-982-5731.
- 13 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks –PURISSIMA CREEK REDWOODS OPEN SPACE PRESERVE** – towering redwoods, rushing creek, ferns, berries, and wildflowers near La Honda. Bring lunch. **Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Saratoga,** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale/Saratoga Road, opposite CVS Pharmacy. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
- 18 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.
- 19 Wednesday Let's Do Lunch.** No meeting in October. For more information, contact Chair, Joanna Yates, 408-395-2950.
- 20 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – TRAIL CLEANUP.** Back by Noon hike + coffee and 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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American Association of University Women  
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## ***AAUW Public Policy***

**When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!**

AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact legislative action can have on our lives. The recent US Supreme Court *Dobbs* decision on abortion has stimulated action in many states across the country. Our legislature passed and Governor Newsom signed AB1666 which will enable a woman coming into California to receive an abortion to be protected from lawsuits originating in her home state. This bill was co-sponsored by AAUW – CA!

Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. Be informed about the candidates running in your district and their positions on issues that matter to us, our daughters, and granddaughters. Register to vote, if you haven't already. If you have recently moved, you need to update your information with the County Registrar of Voters.

*Sue Miller, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee*

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