



## *Grapevine Newsletter*

July - August, 2023

### ***We're Kicking Off the New Year in Person!***

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

**10:00 AM ~ 12 noon**

Fellowship Hall, Immanuel Lutheran Church

14103 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Mark your calendar for an inspiring and fun morning while you connect with your AAUW friends. Light refreshments will be served. Guests and prospective members are always welcome!



Come meet some of the young women who have benefited from your financial generosity this year:

- Our **Local Scholarship winner, Jessica Velo**, will tell us about her educational journey to pursue her goal of becoming a Data Scientist.
- Our **Tech Trek girls** spent a week in residential camp at Sonoma State University. What did they learn? Have they changed their attitude toward classes and careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)?

Do you like a good “whodunit” story? Our own **Margaret Bard** will share some mysterious tales from her attendance at the Mystery Writers Convention. She is the long-time chair of the Book Review group and an avid reader.



***We look forward to seeing you soon!***

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

## ***Our 2023-2024 Elected Officers***

Co-President	Arleen Pickett (408) 356-3233	<a href="mailto:arleenpickett@gmail.com">arleenpickett@gmail.com</a>
Co-President	Laurie Lindsey (303) 941-1956	<a href="mailto:lauriellindsey@gmail.com">lauriellindsey@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	Lynn Sprague (408) 867-9375	<a href="mailto:lynnspr@gmail.com">lynnspr@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Mara Otlans (253) 202-3307	<a href="mailto:marafelz@comcast.net">marafelz@comcast.net</a>
AAUW Fund VP	Arleen Pickett (408) 356-3233	<a href="mailto:arleenpickett@gmail.com">arleenpickett@gmail.com</a>
Membership VP	Virginia Turner (408) 866-4234	<a href="mailto:vturner@sbcglobal.net">vturner@sbcglobal.net</a>
Membership Treasurer	Louise Quenon (408) 867-0698	<a href="mailto:lquenon@comcast.net">lquenon@comcast.net</a>

The slate of officers was approved via electronic voting held June 5-16. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve. Use this quick reference if you need to contact board members.

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

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

## ***In Memoriam***

**Doris Gilbaugh** died March 22, 2023 at age 99. She graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in English and taught elementary school for many years. She instilled a love of music in the family and was an incomparable hostess. She was a compassionate listener and had a deep faith that sustained her throughout her life. She is survived by 4 of her 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

**Ann Marie Burger** died April 13, 2023, at age 78. She earned both her BA and MBA from Santa Clara University and joined AAUW in 1980. She was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga Rotary, and was a former mayor of Saratoga.

## *Message from Our Co-Presidents*

We are honored to accept the office of co-presidents for our branch for the coming year. Our out-going co-presidents, **Sumi Tanabe** and **Marlene Lamb**, have given us an excellent model of leadership and we are so grateful for their dedicated service. We are so happy to have a roster of experienced officers who will stay on the job. It will be a great team.

We would love to hear about YOUR interests and suggestions for the year ahead. Now that we have the freedom to meet in person more easily, we hope to have a meeting or event every other month (September, November, January, March and May). To that end we emailed on June 15 a brief survey about what topics most interest you. There are several suggestions for current topics, cultural and creative activities. You can select any or all choices that appeal to you. Feel free to include additional ideas. Please fill out the survey by July 1, if possible, or contact us directly by email or phone.

We will endeavor to provide programs that can enlighten us and help us strengthen our goals of furthering the education of women and contributing to our community, while enjoying our friendship with each other.

Please stay in touch with us through our website, the Grapevine, or even a phone call!

We look forward to working with all of you.

*Arleen Pickett and Laurie Lindsey*



## *Many Thanks to Marlene Lamb and Sumi Tanabe*

For the past three years these two remarkable Co-Presidents steered us through the pandemic, reinvented traditional events, and encouraged participation in branch activities via Zoom. Thank you for your creativity, endless patience, and good humor!



## ***Branch Budget 2023-2024***

	<b>Proposed Income</b>	<b><u>2023-2024</u></b>
1	Branch Dues ( <i>80 paid members</i> )	1,600.00
2	Directory Ads ( <i>not solicited in current format</i> )	-
3	Miscellaneous Income ( <i>donations</i> )	650.00
4	Newsletter print and mail (20)	300.00
5	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$2,550.00</u></b>
	<b>Proposed Expenses</b>	
6	Bank Fees	25.00
7	Board Meeting Room Fee ( <i>no longer needed</i> )	0.00
8	Branch Supplies ( <i>includes \$149 for Zoom account</i> )	200.00
9	CA Secretary of State Filing Fee **	25.00
10	Convention – State	100.00
11	Directory Mailing - First Class	75.00
12	Directory Printing	100.00
13	General Meeting Refreshments/Beverages/Potluck	50.00
14	Insurance CA AAUW	550.00
15	Installation of New Board	0.00
16	Interbranch Council Dues	30.00
17	Leadership Training	50.00
18	Meeting Facility Rental/Donation	250.00
19	Membership Recruitment/Renewal	150.00
20	Newsletter Postage ( <i>Grapevine</i> )	125.00
21	Newsletter Production ( <i>Grapevine</i> )	250.00
22	President Expenses	50.00
23	Sunshine Committee Expenses ( <i>cards, stamps</i> )	50.00
24	Treasurer Expenses	50.00
25	Speaker Honorarium	500.00
26	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$2,630.00</u></b>
	<b>Net Income/Deficit</b>	<b><u>-\$80.00</u></b>

*\*\* Biennial expense due this year*

The budget was approved by electronic voting June 5 – 16. If you have any questions about the budget, please call me at (408) 867-9375 or email [lynnspr@gmail.com](mailto:lynnspr@gmail.com).

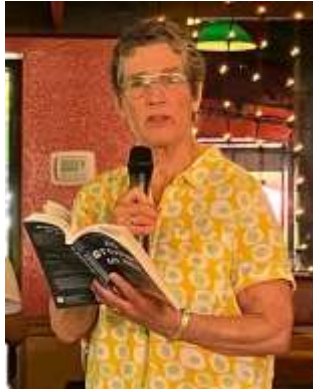
*Lynn Sprague, Branch Treasurer.*



## ***Authors' Luncheon Raises Money for Scholarships***

Our members and guests enjoyed the in-person Authors' Luncheon May 13 after several years of virtual presentations. All three authors were excellent, answered multiple questions, autographed their books, and regaled us with stories of how they got involved with writing their books.

**Lucy Jane Bledsoe**



**Traci Bliss**



**Shirley Tallman**



Thanks to Laurie Lindsey and Louise Quenon who baked the delicious cookies, and to our planning committee members Marilyn Fuller and Eleanor Yick. If you would like to help plan our next Authors' Luncheon, you can indicate that on your member survey form, or contact Arleen Pickett at (408) 356-3233 or [arleenpickett@gmail.com](mailto:arleenpickett@gmail.com).

Proceeds from the luncheon will be used for our Local Scholarships, given to West Valley College women who are moving to a four-year college or university to complete their education in one of the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields.

Take a look at our branch website for more photos from the event.



*Arleen Pickett,  
Authors' Luncheon Chair*

*Photos by Louise Quenon*

## July, 2023



- 3 Monday**      **No Board Meeting in July.**
- 4 Tuesday**      **Conversations in Spanish: No meeting – celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Marilyn Fuller, 408-679-1167 if interested in joining.
- 13 Thursday**      **Scenic Hikes and Walks – CALERO RESERVOIR COUNTY PARK.** From the San Vincente parking area an easy hike with lovely views in and out of the coves skirting the shore. Bring lunch. **Meet promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos,** free limited parking Northside lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Contact 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 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 Tuesday**      **Film Buffs.** Meets at **11:30 am.** Contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555 for details.
- 27 Thursday**      **Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE + coffee or lunch.** **Meet promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos,** free limited parking Northside lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Contact Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.

## *Membership Renewal for 2023-2024*



It's not too late to renew your membership for 2023-2024. National AAUW dues are \$72 (of which \$69 is tax-deductible), California dues are \$20, and branch dues are \$20 for a total of \$112. Dual members pay only Los Gatos-Saratoga dues because their national and California dues are paid through their primary branch. The cost to receive a mailed Grapevine is \$15.

*Virginia Turner, Membership VP*

## August, 2023



- 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.
- 10 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – BIG BASIN STATE PARK.** Explore the rejuvenation of the redwoods and facilities and new trails after the devastating fire in 2020. **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.
- 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.
- 15 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – TRAIL CLEANUP = Back by Noon hike + coffee or lunch. Meet Promptly, 9 AM, Los Gatos.** Free limited parking Northside lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Bring gloves and clippers, if you have them; bags and grabbers will be provided. Questions? Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796, or Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508.
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- 28 Monday Board Meeting.** Meets at **10 AM via Zoom**. Please contact Sumi Tanabe [atanabe@hotmail.com](mailto:atanabe@hotmail.com) or Laurie Lindsey at [lauriellindsey@gmail.com](mailto:lauriellindsey@gmail.com) for information. All members are welcome!

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



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### ***Finding Future AAUW Fellows and Grantees***

Would you like to contribute to women's advancement in education and the workplace? One way you can do that is by serving on one of AAUW's review panels which are responsible for helping to choose the next recipients of our Fellowships and Grants programs. Panels review applications for American Fellowships; Career Development Grants; Community Action Grants; International Fellowships; International Project Grants; Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science; and Selected Professions Fellowships.

Educational requirements and experience for panelists are listed on the AAUW website. Panelists serve for two years. AAUW encourages prospective panelists to complete application forms in the fall to be considered for the upcoming cycle's application period.

To find out more about this opportunity, log into the national website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and go to your personal profile page. In the menu on the left side click My Review Panel Application and begin the application process, or email [fellowships@aauw.org](mailto:fellowships@aauw.org).