



Grapevine Newsletter May – June, 2024

Authors' Lunch Benefits Local Scholarships



Friday, May 3, 2024

11:30 am ~ 2:30 pm

The Terraces of Los Gatos
800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Cost: \$60 per person

Reservations are required; see form on page 5

Membership Potluck Lunch – NEW DATE!



Saturday, June 8, 2024

11:30 am ~ 2:00 pm

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

It's time to get together with other AAUW members and celebrate the conclusion of a very successful year. Our members are some of the best cooks around! We ask you to bring your favorite salad, an interesting cold dish, or a tasty dessert to share; the branch will furnish beverages. No need to RSVP – we always have plenty of great food.

We will be voting on the officers for 2024-2025 (the list is included on page 5) and will recognize our Named Gift Honoree for 2024. Feel free to invite prospective members who might want to learn more about AAUW.

Do You Need a Ride to a Meeting?

Several members have offered to provide a ride to members who need one. If you need a ride, contact Virginia Turner, Membership VP, at vturner@sbcglobal.net or 408-866-4234. She will try to connect you with someone who is also planning to attend.



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

Our 2023-2024 Elected Officers

Co-President	Arleen Pickett (408) 724-7905	arleenpickett@gmail.com
Co-President	Laurie Lindsey (303) 941-1956	lauriellindsey@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

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

Membership Renewal for 2024-2025

We mailed renewal packets to everyone on our membership roster. National AAUW dues are \$72 (which 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 *Grapevine* newsletter is available on our website; you will also get an electronic copy by email. If you want to receive a printed copy in the mail, add \$15.

Please return completed forms and payment by **June 30** to insure that you are listed in the branch directory.

Virginia Turner, Membership Vice President

Message from Our Co-Presidents

Vote on Proposed National Bylaws Change by May 15

By now you should have received your ballot to vote on amendments to the national bylaws recommended by the AAUW Board of Directors and AAUW Governance Committee to open membership. This means that membership would be open to any person who is passionate about equity for women, whether they have a degree or not.

There is quite a bit of information on the AAUW California website: [Why AAUW California Supports Removing the Degree Requirement for Membership - AAUW California \(aauw-ca.org\)](https://www.aauw-ca.org). The full text of the amendment and the reasons behind it can be found on the national AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2024-aauw-proposed-bylaws-changes/>.

All votes must be submitted by May 15. Your vote is important to the future of AAUW. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either one of us.

Member Donations Support American Fellowship Program

We are pleased to report that the Board voted to send \$2,000 in member donations to national AAUW for the American Fellowship Program. This program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. It is AAUW's largest fellowship program and the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States.

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated based on scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research. The AAUW website has several brief bios of past recipients which we encourage you to read.

When you renew your membership, you can make optional donations to national AAUW programs, as well as to our Los Gatos-Saratoga projects which are Tech Trek and Local Scholarships. Your generosity helps make a difference for all the recipients.

Looking Ahead

Over the summer we will be working on the programs for next year and would love to hear any ideas you may have. What kind of topics would be of interest to you? Do you know any interesting speakers who could come talk to our members? Let us know and we'll see what we can arrange.

We hope to see you at the potluck lunch!

Arleen Pickett and Laurie Lindsey, Co-Presidents



In Memoriam

Kay Eshelman was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was Co-Valedictorian at Twin Falls High School. She studied economics, political science, and French at Stanford University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She worked as an executive secretary and as a legal secretary, then she enjoyed volunteering at the elementary school, helping the Ming Quong organization, supporting the San Jose Symphony Auxiliary, and forming the West Valley Republican Women.

She joined AAUW in 1964 and served as the branch president 1984-85. For many years she was the Treasurer of the Interbranch Special Projects Foundation where her special interest was the Committee on Homeless Women and Children. Kay died March 5, 2024, age 97. She is survived by her daughter Anne Eshleman Rasor, son-in-law Mark Rasor, and two grandsons, Christopher and Kevin. Donations in her memory may be made to Symphony San Jose.

Carol Greenleaf earned her BS in bioclimatology in 1960 from the University of Illinois. She worked at Carle Clinic pathology lab and as a research associate in immunogenetics at University of Illinois. At one point she worked alongside her late husband John in his long career at NASA, earning credit on 5 of his published papers. In 1973 she joined the Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW branch and served as branch president 1990-1992.

JoAn Lambert earned her BA in English from San Jose State University, and joined AAUW in 1977. An experienced world traveler, she started the AAUW Armchair Adventures travel program which was her inspiration and her passion. JoAn was one of the three founding members of our Committee on Homeless Women and Children and an untiring organizer of many English Teas which funded the work of the Committee. She was also very active at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and she enjoyed her gardening club and photography club. She is survived by her six children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran church on June 1.

Photo from March 23 Meeting with San Jose Museum of Art

*Left to right:
Laurie Lindsey, Karen Rapp, Deputy Director of
San Jose Museum of Art, and Arleen Pickett*



Photo by Louise Quenon

Nominations for 2024-2025 Elected Officers

We will be voting for our elected officers at the branch Potluck Lunch on June 8. Many thanks to those who have offered their services to the branch.

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Membership VP	Virginia Turner
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Directory Update



New phone number for Anne Stewart: 408-807-3833

Please send any directory corrections or changes to Louise Quenon, our database manager, at 408-867-0698 or lquenon@comcast.net.

Reservation Form for Authors' Lunch, May 3

All lunches include Strawberry Fields salad, beverage, cheese cake with berry sauce

Choice of entrée: (1) chicken marsala (2) pesto crusted salmon (3) vegetable tart

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Make check payable to **ISPF – AAUW**. Cost is **\$60 per person**.

Please indicate entrée choice(s) and include this form with your check.

Name(s)	Entrée Choice	Email *	Phone
1			
2			
3			
4			

* Include your email to receive confirmation that your check has been received

Mail to: Eleanor Yick
105 Stacia Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Email: egyick@icloud.com

Any questions? Call Arleen Pickett, 408-356-3233.

May, 2024



- 3 Friday** **AUTHORS' LUNCHEON. 11:00 am -- 2:30 pm.** Meet the authors! Invite your friends to a delightful afternoon of good food and interesting book talks! At The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos. Cost is \$60 per person, reservations are required. See front cover for more details.
- 3 Friday** **Armchair Adventure Travels. A MONTH IN THE ANTARCTIC: From Argentina to New Zealand via the Southern Ocean,** presented by photographers Bunny Laden and Glen Gould. Meets at **7:30 pm via Zoom.** Travel in the most advanced passenger ship, National Geographic Endurance. You will learn about penguins, sea mammals, ice bergs, the Doomsday glacier, and what it is like to pass through pancake ice to rescue an injured fisherman.
Contact Laurie Lindsey for Zoom link at lauriellindsey@gmail.com or 303-941-1656.
- 6 Monday** **Board Meeting.** Meets at **10 am via Zoom.** For more information, please contact Sumi Tanabe at atanabe@hotmail.com or Laurie Lindsey at lauriellindsey@gmail.com.
- 7 Tuesday** **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets **3:00 pm—4:30 pm via Zoom.** Please contact Laurie Lindsey, 303-941-1656 if interested in joining, and for Zoom details.
- 9 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – RUSSIAN RIDGE – SKYLINE.** Expect spectacular wildflowers and some beautiful views. Bring lunch. **Meet Promptly, 9 am, Saratoga.** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, opposite CVS. Questions? Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 17 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. **Find Your Next Great Read!**
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- 23 Thursday** **Scenic Hikes and Walks – BACK BY NOON HIKE + Coffee or lunch?** **Meet promptly, 9 am, Saratoga.** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, opposite CVS. Questions? Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 28 Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** For details contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.

June, 2024



- 3 Monday Board Meeting.** Meets at **10 am via Zoom**. Please contact Sumi Tanabe at atanabe@hotmail.com or Laurie Lindsey at lauriellindsey@gmail.com for information. All members are welcome!
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- 8 Saturday MEMBERSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH, 11:30—2:00 PM** at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 14103 Saratoga. See details on front page of *Grapevine*.
- 13 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – WUNDERLICH.** A lovely walk in this San Mateo hillside park of redwoods and meadows. Bring a picnic lunch. **Meet Promptly, 9 am, Saratoga.** Argonaut Shopping Center, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, opposite CVS. Questions? Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
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A Reminder from the Treasurer



Did you incur any expenses for AAUW this year that have not yet been reimbursed? Please send your receipts and request for reimbursement to Lynn Sprague, Treasurer, before June 30 so that she can wrap up the books for 2023-2024.



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Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch
American Association of University Women
14415 Evans Lane
Saratoga, CA 95070

AAUW California Public Policy Legislative Agenda

The Public Policy Committee reviewed 67 bills and selected the top bills to advance as our 2024 Legislative Agenda. You can check the AAUW California website for updates as bills move through the legislative process. Our top priority bills are the following:

- AB 2843 “Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors” eliminates cost-sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical care following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the cost of medical care with no copay.
- AB 2326 “Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act” requires the Chancellors of the Community Colleges and State Universities and the President of the University of California to provide an annual report of their compliance with Title IX. In 2023 the State Auditor’s report concluded that the CSU system’s handling of Title IX-related complaints has not adequately addressed allegations of inequity, harassment, and sexual harassment.
- AB 2099 “Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics” make it possible for the D.A. to file a felony charge for sharing personal information or images of individuals with the intent of causing harm or violence against them, if the posting and subsequent action results in bodily injury.

Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-chairs AAUW California Public Policy Committee

Grapevine Committee: Virginia Turner, editor; Julie Stevens, calendar; Ann Griffin, proofreader; Laurie Lindsey, web liaison. Deadline for July-August, 2024 issue is **June 16, 2024**. Email materials to vturner@sbcglobal.net. Branch website: <https://losgatos-saratoga-ca.aauw.net/>.