



Grapevine Newsletter

July – August, 2024

Save the Date for Our Kick-Off Meeting

Saturday, September 7, 2024

1:30 pm ~ 3:00 pm

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



Meet our Tech Trek students Enjoy dessert
Hear about our programs for the year ahead
Reconnect with your AAUW friends
Invite prospective members to learn about AAUW

Congratulations to Our Local Scholarship Recipient



Jackeline Arellano is the first person in her family to attend college. She managed to maintain a 3.84 GPA at West Valley College while working to support herself and carrying a full load of courses, including physics, differential equations, and several computer science classes. In her personal statement she wrote “I hope to one day become a leader in engineering and contribute to projects with lasting societal impact. My upbringing taught me that adaptability and embracing diversity are not just personal values but professional assets, especially in engineering. They have prepared me to approach problems with a broader perspective, innovate for a diverse global audience, and show that individuals from all walks of life enrich the engineering field.”

Jackeline will attend San Jose State University to pursue a degree in engineering, a field where both her gender and her ethnicity are under-represented. Thanks to the generosity of our AAUW members, our branch was able to award her a scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. We wish her continued success in this next phase of her education!

Earlier this year we had joined the West Valley-Mission Foundation which simplified the recruitment process for donors and students alike. If you would like to join the Local Scholarship Committee, please contact Laurie Lindsey.

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

Our 2024-2025 Elected Officers

Co-President	Laurie Lindsey (303) 941-1956	lauriellindsey@gmail.com
Co-President	Arleen Pickett (408) 724-7905	arleenpickett@gmail.com
Secretary	Mara Otlans (253) 202-3307	marafelz@comcast.net
Treasurer	Lynn Sprague (408) 867-9375	lynnspr@gmail.com
Membership VP	Virginia Turner (408) 866-4234	vturner@sbcglobal.net
Membership Treasurer	Louise Quenon (408) 867-0698	lquenon@comcast.net
AAUW Fund VP	Arleen Pickett (408) 356-3233	arleenpickett@gmail.com

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

Installation of Officers, June 8, 2024



Left to right: Installing officer Past President Marlene Lamb, Co-presidents Laurie Lindsey and Arleen Pickett, Membership Treasurer Louise Quenon, Membership VP Virginia Turner, Secretary Mara Otlans. Not pictured: Treasurer Lynn Sprague.

Photo by Cynthia Miller

Message from Our Co-Presidents

Looking Ahead

Many thanks to all of you for making this past year successful. We hope you enjoyed the programs which included speakers on cyber security, combatting homelessness, artificial intelligence, and the San Jose Art Museum. We're in the process of finalizing the programs for 2024-2025 and we will have that ready for our meeting in September. Sometime before that meeting, you will get an email with a link to our proposed branch budget and a Survey Monkey link to approve the budget for the 2024-2025 year. So be on the lookout for that.

Please mark your calendars for September 7, at 1:30 pm for our Fall Kick-Off meeting which will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We will have dessert, a short meeting and (hopefully) we'll get to see some of our Tech Trek girls, which is always a lot of fun!

We especially want to thank the 2023-2024 board members for serving with us. We could not have done this without them, both appointed and elected officers. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep your branch running.

Speaking of board membership, if you have any interest in serving on the board, please let Laurie Lindsey or Arleen Pickett know. There are a couple of key positions that we will need to fill, including the AAUW Fund VP position. Even if you are new, please contact one of us. Serving on the board is one way to become more involved and to get to know the other board members.

Result of Vote on Proposed National Bylaws Change

The AAUW election is complete, and the initiative to open AAUW's membership did not pass. There are many ways to engage with AAUW and support our mission beyond membership. We encourage members and non-members alike to attend our webinars and events, apply for a fellowship or grant, and share information and resources which support women's economic empowerment. To access the full election results, please visit the AAUW Election page.

We encourage you to invite prospective AAUW members to our programs this year. That is an easy way to show what we are doing and to invite their participation in our mission.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! We hope to see you at the September kick-off meeting!

Arleen Pickett and Laurie Lindsey, Co-Presidents



In Memoriam

Marilyn Fuller was born in Oakland, California, and grew up in Mill Valley. She graduated from Tamalpais High School, then attended UC Riverside where she spent a year studying in Madrid, becoming fluent in Spanish. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Spanish and a BA in psychology. She earned her bilingual teaching credential at UC Santa Barbara and began a 34-year teaching career. She was active in the California Teachers Association on local and state levels. She and her husband Dave Krug traveled extensively to Russia, Europe, New Zealand, South America, Central America and many parts of the United States.

Marilyn joined AAUW in 2014 and served for many years as chair of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Local Scholarship Committee. Donations for a Local Scholarship in her memory may be made to ISPF-AAUW and sent to ISPF Treasurer Virginia Turner, 14415 Evans Lane, Saratoga, CA 95070. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 6, at 2:30 pm at Saratoga Friendship Hall, 19848 Prospect Road, Saratoga.



Directory Updates

Additional phone number for Donna Muzzy: 408-483-0707

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

Welcome Our New Members

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Pictures from Annual Potluck Lunch



Left to right: Myra Sternlieb, Virginia Turner, Linda King, Cynthia Miller, Laurie Lindsey, Anne Stewart



Members enjoyed the return of the annual Potluck Lunch June 8, after a lapse of several years. We hadn't forgotten how much we enjoy the wonderful food and the warm friendships, and everyone got involved in conversing and connecting.

While our scholarship recipient Jackeline Arellano was unable to join us, we were impressed by her achievements at West Valley College and wish her continued academic success as she pursues her education in engineering at San Jose State.

Photos by Louise Quenon



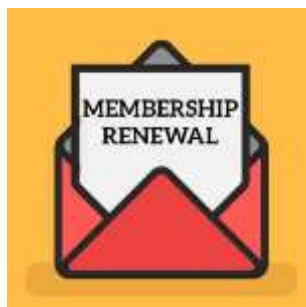
Left to right: Arleen Pickett, Marlene Lamb, Vicki Feigelson, Mara Otlans, Kerstin Stone, Judy Zaccone

July, 2024



- 1 Monday No Board Meeting in July.**
- 2 Tuesday Conversations in Spanish. Meets 3:00 pm—4:30 pm via Zoom.** For more information, contact Laurie Lindsey at lauriellindsey@gmail.com.
- 11 Thursday Scenic Hikes and Walks – WILDER RANCH.** Stroll above the ocean and enjoy a picnic lunch at the old dairy. **Meet Promptly, 9 am, Los Gatos.** Free limited parking Northside lot, behind Starbucks and Petco. Questions? Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 16 Tuesday Conversations in Spanish. Meets 3:00 pm—4:30 pm via Zoom.** For more information, contact Laurie Lindsey at lauriellindsey@gmail.com.
- 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, 408-439-9398 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 25 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? Kay Duffy, 408-867-0508 or Jane Bishop, 408-356-7796.
- 30 Tuesday Film Buffs.** For details contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408-497-1555.

Last Call for Membership Renewal for 2024-2025



It's not too late to renew your membership for 2024-2025. 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.

If you want to receive a printed copy of the *Grapevine* newsletter in the mail, please add \$15.

Virginia Turner, Membership Vice President

August, 2024



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- 26 **Monday** **Board Meeting.** Meets at **10 AM** at the home of Louise Quenon, 20297 Thelma Avenue, Saratoga. Phone 408-867-0698. For more information, please contact Laurie Lindsey at lauriellindsey@gmail.com.
- 27 **Tuesday** **Film Buffs.** Contact Chair, Marlene Lamb, 408- 497-1555 for details.



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.



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American Association of University Women
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Saratoga, CA 95070

Updates to Title IX: An Overview of Changes and Challenges

On April 19, 2024, the Biden administration released long-awaited guidance on the application and administration of Title IX dealing with the handling of campus sexual assault, providing expanded protections for survivors and expanding Title IX protections against sex/gender-based harassment and discrimination to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as pregnant and parenting students.

In sum, the 2024 regulations clarify what sex-based discrimination is and who should be protected from sex-based discrimination under Title IX. The regulations prohibit discrimination not only on the basis of sex, but also on the basis of sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation and gender identity. The 2024 guidance also reforms the process for reporting, hearing, and resolving Title IX complaints.

For a concise overview of major rule changes under the 2024 guidance, check out the coverage in *Ms. Magazine* and watch for upcoming issues of the AAUW California Public Policy news throughout the summer.

Missy Maceyko, Co-chair, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

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