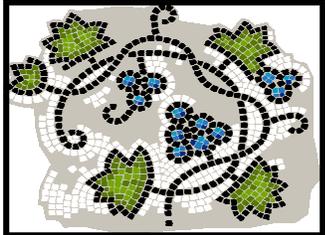




# THE GRAPEVINE



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Wow! It has been 65 years that our LPD Branch has been around. Help celebrate our birthday at the Meet and Greet Lunch and Program.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 16 noon to three

**WHERE:** Lynnewood United Methodist Church  
4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton

**RSVP:** Sally Stock.  
We'll need a headcount for ample sandwiches, fruit and birthday cake.

**PROGRAM:** 2017-2018 Directories will be available.  
Business Meeting, Interest Group displays & sign ups  
(Chairs of these groups will be there to advise you.)  
This summer's LPD- sponsored Tech Trek girls

**FEATURED SPEAKER:** Britney Cooper, one of our three LPD Scholarship recipients



**SAVE THE DATE**  
Northern California Fund Luncheon, Sunday October 29  
Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville (more info in October)

**Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 6  
1 pm @ Anita Massey

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Anita Massey



Welcome back, I hope you all had a great summer.

I want to thank the board who have been hard at work through much of it. Unfortunately, Patti Joki had to step down from her role as Branch Treasurer. I want to thank Patti for her work on behalf of the Branch. We were most fortunate to have Wendy Ping agree to step into the Treasurers role. Many of you know Wendy and Charlene Grandfield had been sharing the Secretary's position. With Wendy's move, our two directors, Tina Amber and Devon LaHar, have agreed to back up Charlene as needed. By now I am sure you are all wondering what, besides musical chairs, has your board been doing?

The board had a goal-setting session where we defined our branch priority for 2017-18. We decided to focus on **increased community visibility/name recognition**. Success in achieving this priority should result in progress in other areas of importance to the Branch, including:

Increase current member participation

Increase Branch membership

Help us to become the go-to organization in the community on women's issues

Using this priority as a focus, our program committee has a great year planned, but I'll let Gwen Locke tell you all about that.

Additionally, we held two outreach sessions at the Dublin Farmer's Market. They were a great opportunity to introduce AAUW-LPD to some new faces. We have considered collaborating with the Tri-Valley Women's March group on select activities and are looking at an event on Voter Registration Day, September 26. Last, we sent out a survey to see what you think about our work on your behalf. I'll be sharing some of your feedback at our Birthday Celebration on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

I hope all of you will come and join the celebration of our branch's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Gwen and her committee have been hard at work to make this a wonderful celebration.

I'll wrap this up for now and I look forward to hearing how all of you spent your summer.

Anita

MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman ([membership@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:membership@aauw-lpd.org))

Welcome back for another great year! The program committee is planning an interesting and enjoyable roster of activities. I'm sure each of you will find something to enjoy so read this newsletter carefully. We open the year with our Welcome Back Luncheon on September 16th. I look forward to meeting each of you and giving you your new directory. When you join us, bring a friend or two! Look for more information about this great event in this issue of the Grapevine.

If there are any recent college graduates among your family or friends, AAUW has a program called **Give a Grad a Gift**. This is a great way to introduce any recent college graduate, male or female, to AAUW. Members may give as many free gifts as they like. If you would like the recipient to also receive a free State membership, you should forward the confirmation from National to [office@aauw-ca.org](mailto:office@aauw-ca.org). This is a good method to introduce members of traditional college age to AAUW. I will be happy to help you so please let me know.

Current members are in a great position to share AAUW's mission. Get to know our new members, involve them, make them feel welcome and keep in touch with them. Our mission is what ties us all together. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your membership in AAUW. I look forward to seeing you at the social.

Marilyn

**COFFEE "AND"****Thursday, September 7**

We meet at Sweet and Savory (corner of Stoneridge & Gibraltar Drives) in Pleasanton on the first Thursday of the month. All members are welcome. Bring your friends & prospective members, too.

**WHAT:** A social time for all AAUW LPD members & guests.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 7 at 10 AM

**WHERE:** Sweet and Savory , 5685 Gibraltar Dr. Pleasanton

**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS**

We meet for conversation, visiting, good food, general camaraderie and some brainstorming on the first Tuesday of each month at 828 Main in Pleasanton

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 5 @ 6 pm

**WHERE:** 828 Main Street , Pleasanton

**2017-2018 LPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

L-R: Charlene Grandfield, Nancy Rensink, Wendy Ping, Anita Massey, Chris Alesso, Gwen Locke, Sandy Hansen, Tina Amber, Marilyn Duman. Missing: Devon Le Har

June 10, 2017



### Tech Trek

Our nine Tech Trekkers are back from an exciting week exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at Camp Curie on the Stanford campus. It was an action-packed week, full of lots of hands-on science, career inspiration, and just plain fun!

LPD was well-represented in the volunteer ranks this year. Charlene Grandfield and Karen Cowan worked registration on Sunday afternoon. Wendy Ping had a great time spending the entire week at camp, serving as a “Dorm Mom”. Anita Massey and Carol Kinnard spent a day at Tech Trek, helping with “Mad City Money”. This was a new program in which the girls were “launched into their future”, given a career, “family situation”, and perhaps a student loan or credit card debt. They then had to purchase all the things necessary to live, while trying to stay within their budget. The girls (& adults!) had a lot of fun, and learned SO much!

Want to meet our 2017 Trekkers, and hear more about their week at Tech Trek? Don’t miss the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, when they’ll come share their stories!

The Tech Trek Committee wishes to thank our members for their extreme generosity, which permitted us to send nine girls to camp this year. Tech Trek is an all-scholarship camp, and all funds to send LPD girls to camp are raised locally by our Branch. It’s a new year – and we’re hoping to raise enough money to continue offering this life-changing opportunity to Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin girls.

Two easy ways to donate:

1. By check: make checks payable to “AAUW”; in the memo line please write “LPD Tech Trek”  
Mail to: LPD Tech Trek, P. O. Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551
2. Online: [www.aauw-org/donations](http://www.aauw-org/donations), go to Donate to AAUW, scroll down to the bright blue “Give to a local site of AAUW National Tech Trek”. This will take you to the donation form.
3. IMPORTANT: in order for your donation to go to the LPD campership fund, you MUST click on the drop-down menu under “Fund Name”. Select “**Tech Trek California – Stanford (Curie)**”

Questions? Contact Wendy Ping

Wendy



Build It Night!



LPD 2017 Tech Trekkers

### LPD Financial Report

It's that time of year – we've closed out the books from our fiscal year 2016-17 after a very successful year. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we've accumulated a nice reserve. We plan to spend a portion of this surplus to strengthen and grow our Branch as we look to become the "go-to" organization on women's issues in the community.

The Board of Directors has approved the budget shown below for 2017-18.

In keeping with our established goals for the upcoming year (see Anita's President's Message, page 2), we've allocated some extra funds this year to various outreach programs, including activities to increase our visibility & name recognition in the community, as well as some one-time mission-based programs. It promises to be another full and exciting program year!

Wendy

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### AAIW-LPD 2017-18 BUDGET

	BUDGET AMOUNT
<b>INCOME</b>	
BRANCH DUES	\$1,400.00
DONATIONS-Branch	1,000.00
DONATIONS-Grapevine	250.00
INTEREST	0.00
FUNDRAISING	300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,950.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
IBC DUES	30.00
CONVENTION	600.00
ADMINISTRATION	200.00
INSURANCE	550.00
MEMBERSHIP	600.00
-Branch Promotion	300.00
-Directory	300.00
PUBLIC POLICY	100.00
HOSPITALITY	375.00
PROGRAM	700.00
COMMUNICATION	325.00
-Website (Domain hosting/ privacy)	125.00
-Grapevine (printing/ mailing)	200.00
TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE	375.00
-Cash award	350.00
-Plaque engraving	25.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	625.00
-STEAM Divas	625.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,480.00</b>
<b>PROJECTED NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>1,530.00</b>
Funds from Branch Reserves	\$1,530.00

### CRITICAL UPCOMING EVERY MEMBER VOTE

AAUW California has a critical governance issue that must be addressed through an every member vote.

It is important that all members of AAUW CA cast a vote in favor of changing the non-profit status from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit non-profit organization.

When new bylaws were prepared in 2008, a mistake was made that needs to be rectified to be in compliance with both the IRS and the California Secretary of State.

On September 10, 2017 the polls will open for AAUW California members to vote on a change to AAUW California's status from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit entity. The vote will be taken online through SurveyMonkey and all members with e-mail will receive an electronic notice of the vote and voting directions. Those members for whom we do not have an e-mail address will receive a postcard prior to the opening of the polls, with instructions on how to vote by phone or online.

Members will have until October 1, 2017 to cast their votes electronically or by phone.

A sample ballot and more detailed information is available on the AAUW CA website.

Chris and Sandy

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Ping  
Finance Officer  
August 2, 2017

## INTEREST GROUPS



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &

Fern Corley

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The Duplicate Bridge Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

**DATE:** Tuesday, August 29 @ 7 pm  
Robin Morgan

**DAT** Tuesday, September 26 @ 7 pm  
Carol Guarnaccia  
Note change from schedule.



### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva

[monbridge@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:monbridge@aauw-lpd.org)

The Monday Night Bridge Group meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month @ 7 pm.

**DATE** Monday, Aug.28 @ Marti Silva  
Note this change.

**DATE:** Monday, September 11 @ 7 pm  
Margie Bodley

**DATE:** Monday, September 25 @ 7 pm  
Wendy Ping



### Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

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Contact JoAnn if interested.



### MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

[ambooks@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:ambooks@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Thursday, Sept. 28 @ 9:30 am

**BOOK:** *Gentleman in Moscow*

**AUTHOR:** Amor Towles

**HOSTESS:** Kathy Porter

**REVIEWER:** Kathy Porter



### AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

[pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Monday September 11 @ 1 pm

**BOOK:** *Leap of Faith, Memoirs of an Unexpected Life*

**AUTHOR:** Queen Noor

**HOSTESS:** Mary Ann Karlsen



### EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires

[pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm

**BOOK:** *The Big Truck That Went By*

**AUTHOR:** Jonathan M. Katz

**HOSTESS &**

**REVIEWER:** Pat Mielke

**Co-Hostess:** Connie Squires

## INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)

### STEAM Divas

**AAUW-LPD/Expanding Your Horizons Collaboration Committee**

**Co-Chairs: Wendy Ping and Mekena Metcalf**

### STEAM Divas

The STEAM Divas Committee is back at work, putting the final touches on this fall event (rescheduled from May). This event, which will offer 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls a fun morning of hands-on STEM activities (each with an Art component – hence “STEAM”), is a pilot collaboration between AAUW-LPD and the Expanding Your Horizons Network. We are also working closely with the Livermore Joint Unified School District who will handle publicity for the event.

We are currently finalizing the date for the event and will be looking for some LPD volunteers to help with registration, workshop rotation, etc.. on the day of the event

Stay tuned, watch your email inbox for updates!

For more info, contact Wendy.



### DINING AROUND

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader

[diningaround@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:diningaround@aauw-lpd.org)

So far, no one has volunteered to host September, October or later in the year.

Any volunteers? Contact Vicki-Dawn



### SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

[solodining@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:solodining@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Friday, September 15 at 6 pm

**WHERE:** Stuart Anderson's Black Angus  
4814 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

**RSVP:** Call Sandie Brown by Tuesday  
September 13

THANK  
YOU

From our esteemed Barbara Hempill:

I am very grateful and honored to be a Named Grant Honoree this year and appreciate to Branch's donation to AAUW Funds in my name. AAUW has been a very important part of my life for the past 41 years and the friends I have made are very dear to me.

With many thanks, Barbara

For the first time ever, those who work with our branch communications met recently to discuss how our branch communicates internally and externally. We identified a variety of areas for work if our branch is going to improve our visibility in the community, our branch priority for 2017-18:

Communications = Visibility = Recognition = Membership Growth =  
Developing New Leaders = Sustainability

We agreed that an important part of marketing our branch to the community at large is visibility – being at a variety of events during the coming year, wearing name tags or clothing sporting the current AAUW logo, thus sending a message of recognition to the community. Besides having our own branch events, we need to be visible as AAUW members – and be ready to share business cards, do networking, and use our best “elevator speeches” to talk up the joys and benefits of being an AAUW member. A document with some ideas on elevator speeches will be available.

We agreed to focus on the theme of “Give Girls A Chance!”. The projects that engage our local branch members include Tech Trek, Expanding Your Horizons, STEAM Divas and local scholarships – all things that provide more opportunities for girls and young women to become leaders, innovators, and find productive careers – and give girls a chance.

Beyond our branch, AAUW at the National level provides funds for several forms of continuing education, research, and leadership. AAUW advocates on behalf of girls and women, ensuring equity in education and in the workplace.

Another opportunity to do such outreach will be at the **Dublin Farmers Market on Aug. 31**. Please contact Anita Massey as soon as possible - so you can receive your model for "elevator speeches" in advance and prepare something that comes from your heart - and your commitment to AAUW.

Following this, our new member, Corrine Hansen, is organizing an event at the Livermore Library on Tuesday, Sept. 26, celebrating National Voter Registration Day. We'll be working with members of League of Women Voters, Eden Area. AAUW volunteers are needed. Contact Chris Alesso.

Let's look for lots of opportunities to make AAUW visible in our communities this year.

Sandy

PROGRAM CHAIR GWEN LOCKE 846-9136 [program@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:program@aauw-lpd.org)

Looking forward to possible programs in the works for our general meetings: Oct. 29 Northern California Fall Fund Luncheon, Bocce and Lunch., our annual holiday party, Community Outreach Make a Difference Day, looking into student debt, Women's History Month speaker. Of course, these are subject to change. Information will be in the future *Grapevines*. Gwen

### **L-P-D Branch Scholarships Given 2017-2018**

Because of your generous donations during our Non-Event, scholarships were given to 3 deserving women.

#### **Cassandra Stanley**

She is going to Portland State University. She is a Tech Trek graduate and while at the camp she realized that she wanted to pursue engineering. Cassandra is working with Engineers Without Borders to build a solar powered energy system to be used in Ethiopia. Regarding this award, she stated, "thank you for investing in my education."

#### **Lauren Caldwell**

She is in the Department of Education with a Biology Concentration at Colorado State University. She believes in actively helping others as she has volunteered as a teacher at a horseback riding center and with other animal therapies for the special needs community. Lauren wants to become a Biology teacher and open up curious minds. She is 'humbled beyond words' to receive this award.

#### **Britney Cooper**

She is enrolled at U.C. Berkeley majoring in Rhetoric with a long-term goal of becoming a university professor. She has volunteered and worked for Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. She's been a Recreation Leader and Marketing Coordinator for the city of Pleasanton. UC-B has granted her a year-long research project through the Honors Program.

One of Britney's instructors stated that she was a 'credit to the Rhetoric Department and to the city of Pleasanton.' Britney stated, 'she is honored to receive our scholarship.'



Cassandra



Lauren



Britney



Roz Wright and the  
new Board  
June 10, 2017



## Some Thoughts on Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education agencies, libraries, and museums. Music classes or choirs, sex education classes, and sports involving bodily contact are exempt from Title IX, as are religious institutions if the law would violate their religious tenets. Admissions policies at private undergraduate institutions are also exempt.

Title IX affects all areas of education, including: recruitment, admissions and housing; career and technical education; pregnant, parenting and/or married students; science, technology, engineering, and math education; sexual harassment and assault; comparable facilities and access to course offerings; financial assistance; student health services and insurance benefits; harassment based on gender identity; and athletics.

## Title IX's Work is Not Done

- Sexual harassment pervades the lives of students. Nearly half of students in grades 7-12 experienced harassment in the 2010–11 school year (56 percent of girls and 40 percent of boys). Of that number, 87 percent said it had a negative effect on them.
- Sex segregation persists in career and technical education, with women making up about 90 percent of the students enrolled in courses leading to traditionally female occupations such as cosmetology, child care, and health services.
- Only 39 percent of all full-time professors at colleges and universities are women.
- Women's teams receive only 33 percent of recruiting dollars and 36 percent of athletic operating dollars.
- Women receive only 17 percent of computer science and 18 percent of engineering-related technology bachelor's degrees.
- Pregnant and parenting students are often steered toward separate and less rigorous schools.

## Enforcement

Title IX regulations are enforced by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Department of Education. The law prohibits retaliation for filing a Title IX complaint or advocating for those making a complaint. AAUW believes OCR must receive adequate funding to strengthen its Title IX enforcement efforts, and advocates thorough investigation of complaints and proactive compliance review.

The new administration has not yet nominated a permanent assistant secretary for the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) who will require confirmation from the Senate. An acting assistant secretary was recently appointed, who, as a nonpermanent employee, won't face Senate scrutiny.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Aug. 29	Duplicate Bridge	Robin Morgan	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Aug. 31	AAUW Outreach Booth @	Dublin Farmers' Market	3-8:00 pm	Dublin
Sep. 5	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main	6 :00 pm	Pleasanton
Sep. 6	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Sep. 7	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Sep.10-10/1	Every Member Please Vote CA AAUW	online or on a postcard you will receive		
Sep. 11	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Sep. 11	Monday Night Bridge	Margie Bodley	7:00 pm	Dublin
Sep. 13	Evening Books	Pat Mielke	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Sep. 15	Solo Dining	Black Angus	6:00 pm	Dublin
Sep. 16	Meet & Greet Luncheon	Lynnewood Meth. Church	12:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sep. 25	Monday Night Bridge	Wendy Ping	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sep. 26	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sep. 26	National Voter Registration Day	Civic Ctr. Library		Livermore
Sep 28	Morning Books	Kathy Porter	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Sep.28	Dining Around????	Any Volunteers?	6:00 pm	????
Oct./Nov.	STEAM Divas, 5th Grade Girls	Watch for upcoming date		Livermore
Oct. 29	No. Cal. Funds Luncheon	Crow Cyn. Country Club	11:30 am	Danville



**AAUW FUND** Nancy Rensink [aauwfunds@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:aauwfunds@aauw-lpd.org)

Thank you to our members who have donated to the AAUW Fund so far this year. You have been very generous. In 2016 California members and branches donated \$1,958,609.27!!! In the 2017-2018 academic year AAUW has provided over \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to 250 young women.

One of the funds is the International Fellowship Program which is celebrating its 100th anniversary for helping foreign women students studying in the U.S. for advanced degrees. One of these fellowships is the Joan Kavanagh Zehnder International Endowment which honors one of our L-P-D members. This fellowship was completed in 1993 and has been helping young women since then.

The Northern California AAUW Fund annual luncheon will be held Sunday, October 29 at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. More information will be available in the October Grapevine or an earlier email to all members.

Nancy



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By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

**AAUW EMPOWERS ALL  
WOMEN AND GIRLS TO  
REACH THEIR HIGHEST  
POTENTIAL.**

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[www.aauw-lpd.org](http://www.aauw-lpd.org)  
[www.facebook.com/aauwlpd](http://www.facebook.com/aauwlpd)  
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October Grapevine by  
September 18 or sooner .**