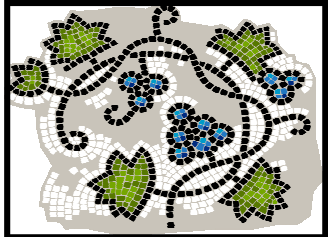




# THE GRAPEVINE



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Our event in May will be a night out to see “Evita”, a musical about Eva Perón at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 1444 Railroad Avenue, Friday, May 12 at 8 pm. She was the First Lady of Argentina from 1946 until her death in 1952.

There will be a no-host wine and snacks bar starting at 7 pm so we can socialize before the production.

Six tickets remain, Row F Orchestra in the center.

The ticket cost is \$31.45.

Call Gwen Locke at 925-846-9136.

At our April 29th Annual Meeting/Luncheon at the Zephyr Restaurant in Livermore we will be voting on the slate of officers (see below). There will be a short business meeting, also. Make sure you contact Ginny Reineking at 846-4527 or [bgrieneking@outlook.com](mailto:bgrieneking@outlook.com) to RSVP.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following officers and directors for the 2017-2018 LPD AAUW Board of Directors:

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 ..... Chris Alesso

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Membership Chair..... Marilyn Duman

Finance Officer..... Patti Joki

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 ..... Nancy Rensink  
 ..... Devon La Har

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**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 10**  
**1:30 pm @**  
**Chris Alesso**

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**PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

**Chris Alesso**



Hi All,

It's AAUW voting season:

AAUW California has an uncontested slate of officers so they will all take office on July 1st. But we will be voting on the Public Policy priorities for the next two years. You should have received instructions by e-mail on April 22. Voting closes on May 12th.

Voting is now open for our incoming slate of national officers. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> and meet the impressive women who want to lead us for the coming cycle. Then check out the seven (7) proposed changes to our by-laws.

We are again being asked to vote on removing the degree requirement from our membership eligibility. There are also six (6) proposed changes to the Public Policy Program and two (2) resolutions to consider. Last day for online voting is June 15th, but don't wait. You will need your individual member number and voting link which you received in a special e-mail from Mark Hopkins on April 10th.

Make your voice heard.

Chris

P.S. from your editor: I received mine on April 17 in the a.m. from Mark Hopkins, AAUW Interim C.E.O. Each member must individually use their notification from him to vote (it contains your Member Number and your own specific PIN number). It displays as "AAUW National Election 2017" with green bars in background. It's not SPAM.

**COCKTAILS &  
CONVERSATIONS**



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

828 Main

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 AT 6 PM

**WHERE:** 828 MAIN STREET,  
PLEASANTON





Those of you who use email have received your first membership renewal notification from AAUW. Thank you very much to those of you who have renewed by check or online.

Renewal forms will be mailed shortly after the general meeting / luncheon on April 29. and are also available on our website:

<http://lpd-ca.aauw.net/files/2012/03/LPD-AAUW-Membership-Renewal-Form-2017.pdf>

This LPD form can be used to update information and to volunteer for committees and other activities. Please look at your directory and verify that the information next to your name is correct.

If you receive your Grapevine via USPS or you would like to make a non-deductible donation to our branch, that information is also available. We count on your donations to help defray general branch expenses.

The renewal deadline is June 15, 2017 but I am hoping to receive everyone's renewal before then!

As always, please contact me if you have any questions

Marilyn

### 2017 LPD Local Scholarship Non-Event Fundraiser

#### SPRING GARDEN NON TOURS

You still have time to donate! We have collected a nice sum to enable our recipients to continue their college education ; however, with the costs of education escalating each year, more is always needed.

Thanks to all who have sent checks so far including Monica Potter, Carolyn Kotch and Fern Corley.

If you know of a young woman who will be a junior or senior next fall and is a high school graduate from our valley, please encourage her to apply for a scholarship. Contact Joan Leighty or Susan Wacek for more information.

Ginny Reineking and Patti Joki

Send to Ginny Reineking, 4123 Silver St.,  
Pleasanton CA 94566-6223



### COFFEE "AND"

#### Thursday, May 4, 2017

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, May 4 at 10 AM

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



The Tech Trek Committee has completed their selection process and we have our 9 Trekkers (and 3 alternates) for the 2017 session of Camp Curie at Stanford (July 9-15). We have a great group of girls!

The 2017 Trekkers will attend an Orientation & Pizza Party in mid-May, where they will learn all they need to know about camp from the Camp Curie Directors, the LPD Committee, and some of last year's LPD Trekkers.

We've paid our camper fees for 2017 already (those fees are due in March), so we're already starting our fundraising for 2018. While we hope to again obtain some funding through community grants (like our generous donors LLNL and Livermore Rotary from last year), we do rely heavily on the generosity of our Branch members. It's easy to donate when you renew your membership!

- To donate online when you renew your membership, **it is very important that you select the correct fund from the drop down menu: "Tech Trek California - Stanford Curie"**. This will insure your donation goes to LPD girls.

To donate by check, make checks payable to "AAUW", with "Tech Trek" in the memo line, and mail to: AAUW-LPD Tech Trek, P. O. Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551



We are grateful to our many Branch members who donated so generously in the past year. We would love to again be able to send 9 girls to Camp in 2018!

Wendy

[Here are more comments by our Trekkers:](#)

"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to attend Tech Trek 2016. I have learned so much each day at Stanford. I was placed in Engineering Design [core class], and this camp has really helped me decide what I would like to do in the future. During my experience in Engineering Design, I have learned so much about innovation, engineering, and physics. My favorite activity was making mouse trap cars. I learned about how and why it worked."



"Professional Women's night . . . was a night when women in the Math, Science, Engineering, and Technological fields came to Tech Trek to tell us about their jobs. This really inspired me and also helped me become more aware of un-stereotypical science and math jobs. . . . Sending me to Tech Trek has changed my life more than you could imagine."

"Thank you so much for giving me the chance to attend Tech Trek, and greatly enhance my knowledge of becoming a professional scientist. At Tech Trek, I learned more about my college options. This knowledge makes me feel sure that I can succeed in any profession that I choose. The moments that will really stick with me are moments of true joy that I felt because of you. These could be making new friends, unlocking secret passions in myself, or finally solving that intense assignment."

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

Again, Gwen has a few tickets left for members who wish to see *Evita*, the musical, at 8 pm on Friday, May 12 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Contact her at [gwenlocke41gmail.com](mailto:gwenlocke41gmail.com) or 846-9136 and send a check for \$31.45 to her.

Keep in mind the date Saturday, June 10 at 10 a.m. for our potluck brunch/installation of officers at JoAnn Houk's home, 2169 Cameron Circle, Pleasanton. The old board/new board will meet at 9 a.m. there. The food to bring has been divided up alphabetically. Reservations can be made with Vicki-Dawn Rader so that there will be plenty of seating. More info to come next month. You will receive more information next month about what to bring.



**Expanding Your Horizons Collaboration and STEAM Divas Conference  
MOTIVATING YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND MATH**

Committee Chairs: Mekena Metcalf ([mekena.metcalf@gmail.com](mailto:mekena.metcalf@gmail.com)) and  
Karen Cowan ([cowankl@comcast.net](mailto:cowankl@comcast.net))

Full STEAM ahead! LPD's inaugural STEAM Divas conference will be held May 20, 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. for a small group of 5th grade girls at Junction Elementary School in Livermore.

This interactive event will be comprised of three workshops: Fun with Energy, Coding Camp, and Prisms: Color and Angles. Participants will rotate through the workshops in small groups. Our Committee members will lead these workshops, and former Tech Trekkers and/or high school girls are being recruited to serve as aides.

Upon the pilot's success, the program can be expanded next year to multiple events, drawing upon the EYH database of women in STEM careers for workshop leaders. The Committee would like to express our utmost gratitude to the Monday Night Bridge Group, the Duplicate Bridge Group, and the LPD Board for their financial support of the STEAM Divas initiative.

Interested in volunteering for the day of the event? Please contact committee chairs, Mekena Metcalf ([mekena.metcalf@gmail.com](mailto:mekena.metcalf@gmail.com)) or Karen Cowan ([cowankl@comcast.net](mailto:cowankl@comcast.net)).

There is another article about the needed volunteers on Page 8.

# INTEREST GROUPS



## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink, 846-5023  
Fern Corley , 847-0102  
[duplicate@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:duplicate@aaup-lpd.org)

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 30 @ 7 pm  
Fern Corley, 847-0102  
7720 Creekside Dr., Pleasanton

**NOTE:** THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE SCHEDULE.



## AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen  
[pmbooks1@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks1@aaup-lpd.org) ,454-1648

**DATE:** Monday May 8 @ 1 pm  
**BOOK:** *The Swans on Fifth Avenue*  
**AUTHOR:** Melanie Benjamin  
**HOSTESS:** Helen Dourov  
**WHERE:** Heritage Estates, Main Library  
1st Floor, Livermore



## MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva, 462-1159  
[monbridge@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:monbridge@aaup-lpd.org)

The Monday Night Bridge Group meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 PM.

**DATE:** Monday, May 8 @ 7 pm  
Ginny Reineking, 846-4527  
4123 Silver, St., Pleasanton

**DATE:** Monday, May 22 @ 7 pm  
Norma Foss, 292-1200  
2019 Mercury Rd., Livermore



## EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires, 846-4407  
[pmbooks2@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks2@aaup-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 pm  
**WHAT:** Planning Meeting and Potluck  
If you didn't sign up at the April meeting, bring a salad or a dessert.  
Each member please bring two books as suggestions for the new year of reading.  
**Hostess:** Bev Howell, 485-7812  
2436 Foothill Rd., Pleasanton  
**RSVP:** Bev Howell



## MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock, 484-3727  
[ambooks@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:ambooks@aaup-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Thursday, May 25 @ 9:30 am  
Annual Book Selection and Potluck

**MEMBERS:** Watch for your email.

**HOSTESS:** Marilyn Foreman, 846-2068  
1167 Kottinger Dr., Pleasanton



## Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk, 223-8284  
[mahjongg@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:mahjongg@aaup-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 2 and 16  
At this time, no new players are needed.



## INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



### DINING AROUND

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader, 484-3321

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

- DATE:** Thursday, May 25 @ 6:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Chinese Szechuan Restaurant  
 3059 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton  
 (northeast corner Valley & Hopyard)  
**HOSTESS:** Barbara Hempill, 201-7324  
[barbehem@comcast.net](mailto:barbehem@comcast.net)  
**RSVP:** Contact Barbara by May 23.



### LET'S GO!

Due to a lack of timely responses to planned excursions Let's Go will no longer be an interest group for our branch.



### SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown, 999-8400

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

- DATE:** Friday, May 19 @ 6 pm  
**WHERE:** China Village  
 7200 Regional, Dublin  
**RSVP:** Sandie Brown by May 17 if you plan to attend.

From Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Board Chair in Washington D.C.

Dear AAUW Members,

The CEO Search Committee is thrilled to announce that AAUW will have a new chief executive officer starting on June 1, 2017. Following an exhaustive search and interviews with many brilliant candidates, we're so pleased to have Kimberly Churches taking the helm of AAUW at a time of such potential for our mission.

Kimberly is coming to AAUW from the Brookings Institution, where she guided the strategic vision for one of the world's most influential research and policy institutes. She also has an impressive background in higher education and fundraising.

You will have the chance to hear more from Kimberly and meet her at the 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., June 14–17. In the meantime you can read more about her and look forward to her leadership in AAUW's next chapter.

## How Many Recent College Grads Do You Know? Give Them All the Gift of Free AAUW Membership!

Last year, colleges and universities in the United States awarded roughly 1 million associate degrees, 2 million bachelor's degrees, 800,000 master's degrees, and 200,000 doctoral degrees. Can you imagine if every one of these graduating students became an AAUW member? We can, and you can help us get there.

**As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like.** We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Give a minute; gain a new community of AAUW leaders. Here's how it works:

### Identify the recent college or university graduates in your networks.

These recent graduates can be family, friends, neighbors, former students, friends of friends, you name it! You could even gift AAUW memberships to the entire graduating class of your local college or university. Anyone who has graduated within the past two years is eligible to receive one free membership from an AAUW member.

### Collect their information.

You'll need to know the mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and *alma mater* for each of these future AAUW members. **Go to the AAUW National Website at:**

<http://www.aauworg/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>



## AAUW Volunteers needed

May 20, 2017

AAUW/STEAM Divas

Junction Avenue K-8 Elementary School

Livermore

After reading Mekena Metcalf's article about our Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Collaboration and STEAM Divas Conference on Page 5 of this newsletter you are aware that we have this new committee working to provide workshops for middle school girls. It includes a new LPD member, Ann Willoughby, who is also on the National Committee for EYH along with the other enthusiastic members.

These three workshops at Junction Elementary School in Livermore on May 20 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm will be led by Sara Palmer, Carol Kinnard and Mekena. However, we need some extra volunteers for the event. Are you interested? If so, please contact Mekena Metcalf ([mekena.metcalf@gmail.com](mailto:mekena.metcalf@gmail.com)) or Karen Cowan ([cowankl@comcast.net](mailto:cowankl@comcast.net)).



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Apr.29	Annual Meeting/Potluck	Zephyr	11:30 am	Livermore
May 2	Cocktails & Conversation	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 4	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
May 8	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates	1:00 pm	Livermore
	Non-Event Donations	still welcome		
May 8	Monday Night Bridge	Ginny Reineking	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 10	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:30 pm	Pleasanton
May 10	Eve.Books/Potluck/Selec.	Bev Howell	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 12	<i>Evita</i> , the musical	Firehouse	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 14	Mothers Day			
May 19	Solo Dining	China Village	6:00 pm	Dublin
May 20	EYH / STEAM Divas	Junction Elem Sch.	8:30-noon	Livermore
May 22	Monday Night Bridge	Norma Foss	7:00 pm	Livermore
May 25	AM Books/Selec/Potluck	Marilyn Foreman	9:30 am	Pleasanton
May 25	Dining Around	Chinese Szechuan	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 29	Memorial Day			
May 30	Duplicate Bridge	Fern Corley	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
June 10	New Board/Old Board	JoAnn Houk	9:00 am	Pleasanton
June 10	Potluck Brunch/Installation	JoAnn Houk	10:00 am	Pleasanton

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REACH THEIR HIGHEST  
POTENTIAL.**

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[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)  
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June/July/August Grapevine by  
May 18, 2017**