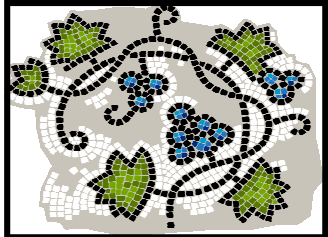




THE GRAPEVINE



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ANNUAL BRANCH MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Zephyr Grill and Bar

1736 First Street, Livermore

April 29 @ 11:30 Social Time, 12:00 Lunch

\$25 includes non-alcoholic beverage

Menu Choices: Cobb Salad, Steak Salad, Seafood Risotto

Please send your checks made out to AAUW LPD

by April 26 (including your menu choice) to:

Ginny Reineking

4123 Silver St.

Pleasanton

925-846-4527

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We will be visiting, feasting on good food and voting.

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

- Co-President Anita Massey
- Chris Alesso
- Program Chair.....Gwen Locke
- Membership Chair..... Marilyn Duman
- Finance Officer..... Patti Joki
- Directors-At-Large
- Co-Secretaries..... Wendy Ping
- Charlene Grandfield
- Communication..... Sandy Hansen
- Tina Amber
- Nancy Rensink
- Devon La Har

Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12
1:30 pm @
Chris Alesso

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Chris Alesso



Happy Spring!

Well, Women's History Month was a busy month for us. We started the month by attending the Las Positas Veterans program honoring women veterans. We heard several describe their experiences in the military. What an impressive group of young women!

Then on the 19th, we returned to the Livermore library as Mary Ann Karlsen reprised her story as one of the first computer programmers at LLNL. A nice crowd came out (as they did the first time) to hear her program that was jointly sponsored by our affiliate and the Livermore Library.

For those of you who may be interested, I'd like to bring your attention to the article on Page 8 of this Grapevine about the Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group. They met in March and have another meeting scheduled on April 18.

It was with sorrow that I heard about the passing of Mary McClain. I played bridge with Mary for 35 years and she was a lovely and gracious lady. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

I hope to see you all at our annual meeting – with luncheon – at the Zephyr. It's a good chance to spring out our warm weather finery and visit with each other.

Chris



April 16

Many thanks to our hard working Nominating Committee: Roz Wright, Maria Kennedy and Vicki-Dawn Rader. Their report is on Page 1.



COFFEE "AND" Thursday, April 6, 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, April 6 at 10 AM

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



Membership renewal time is coming up. Look for renewal information via email from AAUW as well as our traditional renewal brochure that I will mail after the April meeting.

Membership renewal as well as donations to the AAUW Fund can be made online using a credit card.

If you would like make a non-deductible donation to our branch to cover mailing costs and/or to our general fund, please send checks to Post Office Box 661, Livermore CA 945551-0661. All this information can be found on the renewal brochure that is also posted on our branch website.

I hope many of you will be able to attend our annual meeting / luncheon on April 29th at Zephyr in Livermore. We'll elect our officers and directors for the coming year, probably have a short business meeting and have a nice lunch. More lunch information will be coming from Ginny Reineking. It's always a very enjoyable afternoon.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Marilyn

2017 LPD Local Scholarship
Non-Event Fundraiser

SPRING GARDEN NON TOURS

Thanks to all of our members who have sent donations for our Non-Event Scholarship. There is still time to contribute so keep those checks coming! We would like to be able to help several young women with their expenses as they continue their studies.

Many thanks to the latest donors: Tina Amber, Patricia Wilen, Marti Silva, Carol Guarnaccia, Evie Eckert, Chris Alesso, Mercedes Daggett, Jean Felton, Silvia Pereira, Karen Richardson, Dawn Gordner, Anne Dini and Dot Bishop.

Patti Joki and Ginny Reineking



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, April 4, 2017 AT 6 PM

WHERE: 828 MAIN STREET,
PLEASANTON

Just think, all that snow to our East will melt. Let's hope for a very slow warming of the season and room for it's storage.



tech
trek

The Tech Trek Committee has completed the selection process for this year's Trekkers and, once again, it was VERY difficult to choose among the 31 impressive 7th grade STEM enthusiasts who were nominated by their science and math teachers. But we have chosen our 8 campers for 2017 along with 3 alternates. By the time you read this, all nominees will have received their notifications

We are happy to report that this year, we have a comprehensive list of STEM resources for parents and students (especially middle school girls) that includes other Bay Area STEM summer camps. This will be going out to all of our nominees who were not chosen. (The list will go to our Trekkers as well, but after camp.)

Many thanks to branch member (and Expanding your Horizons National Board member), Ann Willoughby, whose EYH Adult Program materials provided a starting point for this new resource list. If any of our LPD Branch members would like a copy of this list for their children or grandchildren please email Wendy Ping at lpdtechtrek@aauw-lpd.org.

It was recently announced that after the 2017 camps all Tech Trek camp management will be returned to the states involved. The current decision was the result of a National Board review of the core mission of AAUW in order to decide where to best focus their efforts. National believes that the states can better manage the camps while National can still recruit corporate donors for the nationwide program.

The move to National control in 2015 was intended as a two year pilot to see if it was feasible for National to handle the management of the 21 camps nationwide.

The impact on our local branch returning to AAUW-CA management will be almost zero. The only expected change may be how we write our donation checks and/or how online donations are handled after September 2017. Stay tuned for details in the fall!



BREAKING NEWS!

Just before the *Grapevine* went to press, we found out that we have been given a 9th slot at Camp Curie in July! Several branches had requested additional slots; however, LPD was granted the slot in recognition of the volunteer support our Tech Trek Committee members are providing at the 2017 camp (4 of us will be attending all or part of the camp, in various capacities).

Thanks to the generosity of our Branch members and significant grants from Livermore Rotary and the LLNS Community Gift program, we have sufficient funds this year for a 9th Trekker. We are delighted and so grateful to be able to offer one more of our impressive nominees this exciting opportunity!



PROGRAM CHAIR GWEN LOCKE 846-9136 program@aauw-lpd.org

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 gwenlocke41@gmail.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.

AAUW-LPD - EYH Collaboration Committee

Co-Chairs: Mekena Metcalf and Karen Cowan

Plans for our pilot initiative, in partnership with Expanding Your Horizons, are coming together nicely! We expect to hold an interactive STEAM event in May for a small group of 5th Grade girls in the Livermore Valley Unified School District. The event will run for approximately three hours and will be comprised of three workshops. Participants will rotate through the workshops in small groups.

Workshop topics will be: Fun with Energy, Computer Coding and Light & Prisms. We had a run-through of the workshops at our last meeting and we all agreed they were going to be fun and engaging!

Our committee members will lead these workshops and we hope to have former Tech Trekkers and/or high school girls serve as aides. If the pilot is successful the plan would be to expand the program next year to multiple events, drawing upon the EYH database of women in STEM careers for workshop leaders.

We have the enthusiastic support of local school districts! If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please contact Mekena Metcalf (mekena.metcalf@gmail.com) or Karen Cowan (cowankl@comcast.net) for more information.

AAUW FUND JACKIE SHURTLEFF aaufunds@aauw-lpd.org 484-0565

AAUW LDP branch members donated \$3760 to AAUW Funds in 2016. Thank you for your support of AAUW mission-based programs in such areas as education, career and workplace, equity, and leadership.

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink, 846-5023
Fern Corley , 847-0102
dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

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

DATE: Tuesday, April 25 @ 7 pm
Evie Eckard, 447-2340
2406 Pyramid St., Livermore



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen
pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org ,454-1648

DATE: Monday April 10 @ 1 pm
BOOK: *Empty Mansions*
AUTHOR: Bill Dedman
HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen, 454-1648
WHERE: 2994 Rodeo Lane, Livermore



MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva, 462-1159
monbridge@aauw-lpd.org

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

DATE: Monday, April 10 @ 7 pm
Carol Kinnard, 426-9762
905 Montevino Dr., Pleasanton

DATE: Monday, April 24 @ 7 pm
Vicki-Dawn Rader, 484-3321
1781 Beachwood Way, Pleasanton



EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires, 846-4407
pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, @ 7:30 pm
BOOK: *Me Before You*
AUTHOR: JoJo Moyes
Reviewer Pam Copeland
Hostess: Sharon Edwards, 443-2914
873 Laguna St., Livermore
Co-Hostess: Sharon Edwards



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock, 484-3727
ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, April 27 @ 9:30 am
BOOK: *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*
AUTHOR: Thomas Hardy
REVIEWER: Gwen Locke
HOSTESS: Gwen Locke, 846-9136
982 Sycamore Creek Way
Pleasanton



Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk, 223-8284
mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Tuesday, April 4 and 18
At this time, no new players are needed.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



DINING AROUND

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader, 484-3321

diningaround@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, April 27 @ 6:00 pm

WHERE: Cattlemens Steakhouse
2882 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore

HOSTESS: Carolyn Watson

510-919-4720

brittysgrandma@aol.com

RSVP: Contact Carolyn by April 25



LET'S GO

Group Chair: Sandy Hansen

216-4945

letsgo@aauw-lpd.org

The Let's Go activity for April is a trip to Filoli on April 5. There is no group tour planned. There is a group luncheon reservation.

The Let's Go interest group was polled regarding a visit to the Palace of the Legion of Honor on May 17 to see the Early Monet exhibit, with only one response. If you are interested, please contact Carol Guarnaccia by April 8, so that we can make arrangements, otherwise the excursion will be cancelled.

No future excursions are planned.



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown, 999-8400

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, April 21 6 pm

WHERE: The Brass Door
2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
San Ramon

RSVP: Sandie Brown by
999-8400

Leadership Day (includes lunch)

See Page 4 March Grapevine

WHEN: April 1

WHERE: Cal State E. Bay Concord Campus

TIME: 10 pm to 3 pm



We are sorry to hear that LPD long time member, Mary McClain, passed away on March 8 at CreekView Health Center in Pleasanton. Graham Hitch will be in charge of her service on June 16. Condolences should go to her daughter: Sara McClain, 7118 Cross Creek Circle, Dublin CA 94568. Memorials to Valley Humane. Her other daughter Gretchen Schatzki McClain lives in Belmont, MA and her son, John and his wife, live in Dublin, CA. Her obituary will be in the paper March 24-26.

Many of our LPD members have fond memories of Jeanne Shaw who passed away in 2008. She was LPD president in 2006-2008. Her husband, Charles (Chuck) Shaw, died and his service was on March 19, 2017 in Mill Valley.

Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group

The recently formed Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group held their second "huddle" at Inklings Café on Main Street in Pleasanton on Tuesday evening, March 14. This group states "Our core values are to be positive, inclusive, action-oriented and grounded in the tradition of nonviolent resistance. We'll work toward an equitable, just, safe, and free world."

The March 14th program included a talk by a woman born in Iran, whose family immigrated to the U.S. when she was a small child. She is a U.S. citizen but, of course, her passport shows that she was born in Iran. She spoke about her journey and about the impact of current "Muslim Ban" has had on her and her family. The meeting then broke into sub-groups to discuss areas of interest such as Immigration/Muslim Ban/Human Rights, Environment/Climate Change, Health Care, Russian Investigation/Cabinet choices and Mid-term Elections.

The group's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TriValleyWomjensMarchActionGroup/>) is a wealth of information resources on the above subjects, including many opportunities for "couch activism" (sending emails, making calls to legislators, etc.). Information on local events promoting inclusiveness, education on issues, peaceful activism, etc. are also posted here, along with information on the group's meetings.

The next meeting will be on April 18 at a location in Dublin (specifics to be announced on the Facebook page). For more information contact Wendy Ping at pingfamilyca@gmail.com.



Many, many thanks to Sandy Hansen for revising our branch by-laws incorporating all the mandatory changes prescribed by our National AAUW Association. This revision requires neither Board nor Branch approval because of the mandatory nature of the changes.

This was a painstaking job that is very much appreciated by all of us.

Copies will be available at the Annual Meeting at the Zephyr in Livermore on April 29, 2017.

With the state of our local, state and national politics, particularly the latter, it is more important than ever to let those in charge know how we feel, what we want. Page 1 of our LPD AAUW Directory gives all the needed contact information.

Swalwell's address is different: swalwell.house.gov/contact

The President: www.president@whitehouse.gov

Contact them with your concerns!



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Apr. 1	Leadership Day	Cal.St.EastBay	10-3 pm	Concord Campus
Apr. 4	Cocktails & Conversation	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Apr. 5	Filoli Tour	Let's Go Group		
Apr. 6	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Apr. 10	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
	Non-Event Donations	still welcome		
Apr. 10	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Kinnard	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Apr. 12	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:30 pm	Pleasanton
Apr. 12	Evening Books	Sharon Edwards	7:30 pm	Livermore
Apr. 18	T.V.Women's March Gp.	See Facebook	tba	Dublin
Apr. 21	Solo Dining	The Brass Door	6:00 pm	San Ramon
Apr. 24	Monday Night Bridge	Vicki-Dawn Rader	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Apr. 25	Duplicate Bridge	Evie Eckard	7:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 27	Morning Books	Gwen Locke	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Apr. 27	Dining Around	Cattlemens Steak.	6:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 29	LPD Meeting/Luncheon	Zephyr Bar & Grill	11:30 am	Livermore
May 12	<i>Evita</i>	Firehouse Arts Ctr.	8:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 17	Early Monet Exhibit?	Palace/Legion/Honor		San Francisco
May	EYH workshops	t.b.a		Livermore
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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