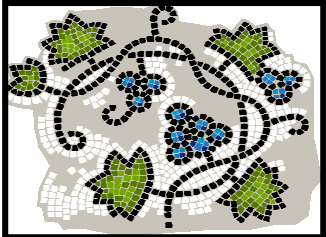




THE GRAPEVINE



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WHAT: BOCCE PLAY DAY & LUNCH
WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
WHERE: CAMPO DI BOCCE
175 E. Vineyard, Livermore

WHAT TIME: 10:00 TO PLAY, LUNCH 11:30

WHY?: HAVE FUN AND/OR EAT WELL
ROOT FOR YOUR FRIENDS
WATCH THEM HAVING FUN
WISH YOU COULD JOIN THEM



It's easy, not much physical stamina necessary.
Look down that lane! Swing your arm! Throw
that red or green ball toward that little silver
ball! See what happens!

RSVP: Dot Bishop

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TECH TREK FUND RAISER

Support our eight girls going to Camp Curry at Stanford University by putting your receipts in the "fish bowl" that will be near the Tech Trek poster at Campo di Bocce February 6-12. We play and/or have lunch on Thursday, February 9 @ 10 am. That whole week 15% of each receipt in that fish bowl will be donated to Tech Trek by Campo di Bocce. ANYONE can put a receipt in that fish bowl, gift card receipts included.

Board Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 8
1:30 pm @
Chris Alesso

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Chris Alesso



Happy February,

For the past two years, the AAUW Board of Directors has been conducting an organizational review and analysis regarding the long-term sustainability of AAUW programs and their alignment with our mission. To this end the board enacted budget priorities for the next fiscal year that realign budget priorities with mission priorities. These mission priorities are:

- Pay equity (through programs, research, and advocacy)
- Campus leadership programs (NCCWSL, student organizations, our college/university members, and our National Student Advisory Council)
- Research (informing AAUW's public policy platform and programs)
- Increasing the number of women and girls in STEM through our research and advocacy.

You will each receive more information about this from National shortly.

This month brings us one of our most fun social events. Turnout is always great but I hope it is even bigger than last time. Join us for Bocce and lunch and a really good time this month. Our thanks in advance to Dot Bishop for setting up this program. Chris



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, Feb. 7, 2017 @ 6 pm.

WHERE: 828 Main Street, Pleasanton



MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman (membership@aauw-lpd.org)



I encourage all of you to bring a friend to one of our activities or programs. It's a great way to share AAUW with the community. You can also share this newsletter with your friends and co-workers to show what a variety of activities and interest groups we have. If you know someone who would like to join AAUW, national dues for the 2016-2017 year are discounted through March 15, 2017.

I am always happy to follow up with any of your contacts, so let me know.

Please help me welcome our newest member, Peggy Messerschmidt. Peggy is a retired college English instructor who taught at Mission College in Santa Clara for 23 years and still teaches there, part time. She is now a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a start-up private practice in Livermore. Peggy is an avid reader and published poet. She is interested in mindfulness and belongs to a small sangha of five women.



**OUR COMPUTER
PIONEER**

For those of you who missed this excellent program last November and, at the request of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Mary Ann Karlsen will repeat of her program about her early years at LLNL working with Berni Alder and establishing the computer code for the supercomputers.

WHEN: Sun. Mar. 19 @ 2 pm

WHERE: Livermore C.C. Library
(More information coming next month)

Congratulations to our new Web Master. We heard through the grapevine (not this one) that Myla Grasso is doing a great job of keeping our website updated. Check it out : www.aauw-lpd.org.



COFFEE “AND” Thursday, February 2, 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. We like having friends & prospective members, too.

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

WHEN: Thursday, February 2nd at 10 AM

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





tech
trek

LPD again plans to send eight girls to Camp Curie at Stanford in July, 2017. Nomination packets are going out to middle schools this week. The Tech Trek committee has been working hard to develop improved selection tools for this year- with especially hard work coming from new members Anita Massey and Rachel Kinnard.

Your generosity allows us to help these impressive and impressionable young girls unlock their potential.

Want an easy way to support Tech Trek?

Come to Campo di Bocce during our Tech Trek fundraising week, February 6-12 and put your receipt in the "fishbowl" near the Tech Trek display. Tech Trek will receive 15% of all receipts in the bowl!

And don't miss the Bocce Play Day on February 9 at Campo di Bocce. (See Page 1 for more information for this very enjoyable morning out.)

Love Campo di Bocce but can't make it that week? You can even buy a gift card any time that week and put that receipt in the bowl. Makes a great gift, too!

Here are a few samples of what our 2016 campers had to say about Tech Trek.

To hear more from the 2016 Tech Trekkers at Camp Curie (yes, there are some LPD girls in there!) have a look at this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jNcvYcOvwE>.

"Being at Tech Trek definitely assured me of my (future) success. Spending time here showed me the hundreds of career choices, encouraged me to follow my dreams, and accomplish anything I put my mind to. I cannot thank you enough for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I will forever be grateful."

"I think my favorite part of the week was when we had a Star Party! I got to operate and control the telescope at night to look at the planets and stars...Tech Trek was an eye opener to me, to all the different jobs that I never knew about! Thank you for this amazing opportunity!"



TRI-VALLEY EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH)

LPD Branch AAUW has played a significant role in the EYH program and was instrumental in getting it started at Mills College nearly forty years ago. This year's conference will take place at **Diablo Valley College, San Ramon Campus on Saturday, February 25**. 1690 Watermill Rd.: take Dougherty Rd. to Bollinger, it is on the left, west of Windemere, near Dougherty Station Community Center and Library)

This is an all day program for 6th-9th grade girls focused on STEM projects. We are hoping to have eight of our members volunteer to assist during this conference.

Check out the EYH website <http://www.tveyh.org> for volunteer times and then contact Dot Bishop.

AAUW-LPD - EYH Collaboration

Co-Chairs: Mekena Metcalf and Karen Cowan

The exploratory committee considering possible collaboration between our Branch and Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) met in a lively brainstorming session on Nov. 14. Topline conclusions of objectives for this year were:

Plan 1-2 small, pilot events (if 2: same event, held in 2 locations)

- Should be easy to replicate, even in rural/low technical resource geographical areas
- Don't duplicate what's already out there
- Target audience, 4th – 5th grade girls
- Must be hands-on
- Look to meld math/science/STEM with art => STEAM, if possible

The committee currently has 12 members, including 2 EYH National Board members. Mekena Metcalf and Karen Cowan are co-chairing the committee. The next planning meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 3-5 pm, at Karen Cowan's house (2273 St. Charles Ct, Livermore).

In the future, any interested LPD members are invited to attend! Call Karen Cowan.

AAUW FUND JACKIE SHURTLEFF aauwfunds@aauw-lpd.org

January AAUW Fund Speaker

Come hear our AAUW Fund speaker, Graciela Tiscareno-Sato, a 1998 AAUW Career Development Grant recipient, former U.S. Air Force officer and navigator, author, and winner of a 2014 White House Champion of Change, Woman Veteran Leader award. Graciela will speak at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton on **January 28 at 2 PM**. Do not miss this opportunity to meet Graciela and hear her inspiring story!

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink

Fern Corley
duplicatebridge@aaup-lpd.org

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 28 @ 7 pm
Wendy Ping



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aaup-lpd.org

DATE: Monday February 13 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *The Sparrow*

AUTHOR: Mary Doria Russell

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen



MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva

monbridge@aaup-lpd.org

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

DATE: Monday, February 13 @ 7 pm
Mercedes Daggett

DATE: Monday, February 27 @ 7 pm
Marti Silva



EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires

pmbooks2@aaup-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7:30 pm

BOOK: *The Piano Teacher*

AUTHOR: Janet Y.K. Lee

Reviewer &

Hostess: Pat Mielke

Co-Hostess: Connie Squires



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aaup-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 23 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *Neuro Tribes: The Legacy of Autism*

AUTHOR: Steve Silberman

REVIEWER: Margaret Gruen

HOSTESS: Margaret Gruen



Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

mahjongg@aaup-lpd.org

DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 7 and 21

At this time, no new players are needed.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



DINING AROUND

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader

diningaround@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, March 1 @ 6 pm

(Note date change)

WHERE: Black Angus Steakhouse

4814 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

HOSTESS: Mercedes Daggett



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, February 17, 6 pm

WHERE: Alberto's Cantina

435 Main St., Pleasanton

RSVP: Sandie Brown by Feb.15th



LET'S GO

Group Chair: Sandy Hansen

letsgo@aauw-lpd.org

Weather cancelled our trip to the San Jose Quilt and Textile Museum.

Let's Go - Let's get together and brainstorm a few excursions over lunch together at 11:30 AM on February 7 at Campo di Bocce. This is the week that we support Tech Trek by dining at Campo di Bocce.

RSVP to Sandy, letsgo@aauw-lpd.org or

This 'n That

Did any of you participate in the Women's March on the 21st in Walnut Creek, Oakland, San Francisco or San Jose? Let us know what it was like. (Grapevine material.)

Still time to think about going to hear Graciela Tiscareño-Sato at Lynnewood United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 28 @ 2 pm.

Try to plan some of your meetings/luncheons/games during the Tech Trek Fund Raising week at Campo di Bocce. Let's fill that fishbowl!



TUESDAY
FEBRUARY
14TH



YES! YES! YES!

Maybe not quite so much?!

Ahhh, wonderful California sunshine!

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council Presents



FOUR HANDS AND A BATON

A Benefit Concert for Arts in the
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Saturday February 4 at 8:00 pm

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For more information, please visit our newly designed website: www.pleasantonarts.org

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Jan. 28	AAUW Fund Speaker	Lynn.Meth.Church	2:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 2	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 4	Duo Piano Concert	Amador Theater	8:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 6-12	Tech Trek Fund Raiser	Campo di Bocce	all day	Livermore
Feb. 7	Cocktails & Conversation	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 8	Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 8	Evening Books	Pat Mielke	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 9	Bocce Play/Luncheon	Campo di Bocce	10:00/11:30	Livermore
Feb. 13	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Feb. 13	Monday Night Bridge	Mercedes Daggett	7:00 pm	San Ramon
Feb. 17	Solo Dining	Alberto's Cantina	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 23	Morning Books	Margaret Gruen	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 25	EYH Conference	Diablo Valley College		San Ramon Campus
Feb. 27	Monday Night Bridge	Marti Silva	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 28	Duplicate Bridge	Wendy Ping	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 1	Dining Around *	Black Angus	6:00 pm	Dublin
Mar. 19	Mary Ann Karlsen Talk	Liv. C.C.Library	2:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 29	Annual Meeting/Luncheon	Zephyr Restaurant	11:30 am	Livermore

* note date change



COMING SOON!!!!

The 2017 Local Scholarship Non-Event Fundraiser Letter

Be ready for your 2017 Non-Event adventure. This is your opportunity to vicariously experience a wonderful time in the comfort of your easy chair.

The money we collect is used to provide scholarships to young women from our valley to complete the last years of their college education. The hope is this stipend will help defray some of the huge costs.

Our membership has been very generous over the years so seize this chance to do your part! We promise to make it painless for you to participate.

Co-Chairs: Patti Joki and Ginny Reineking



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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.

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WOMEN AND GIRLS TO
REACH THEIR HIGHEST
POTENTIAL.**

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