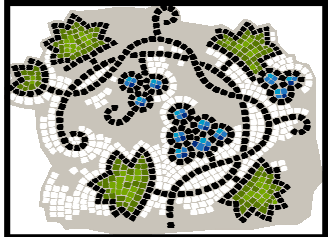




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Here we go again with one of our favorite annual gatherings/fundraisers/luncheons.



Are you warming up those arm muscles, practicing carefully throwing little things like ping pong balls down the hall?

Just joking, of course. Our version of bocce is easy, fun, non-threatening, and educational learning how to play and score correctly. There is great camaraderie amongst our members and guests with all of us - players, observers, those just there for lunch, having fun.

In addition to all of the above, this is a Tech Trek Fundraiser. Put your monetary receipts in the big bowl up front. Campo di Bocce donates a percentage of that to Tech Trek for a week. Anyone can also plan to have meetings there that week, buy gift certificates, play bocce again, have lunch—all of these things count toward the donations to Tech Trek. Just put your receipts in the bowl.

- WHAT: **BOCCE PLAY DAY AND LUNCH
TECH TREK FUND RAISER**
- WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- WHERE: CAMPO DI BOCCE
175 E. Vineyard, Livermore
- TIME: 10 AM TO PLAY, 11:30 FOR LUNCH
- RSVP: DOT BISHOP, 200-6412 OR
bishop.dorothy@comcast.net



**Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 1
@ 1 pm @ Anita Massey**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anita Massey

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This month we combined our outreach priority with a community service event as we joined with the Eden area League of Women's Voters and the Tri Valley Women's March group in a Voter Registration Day event at the Livermore Public Library. I want to give special thanks to Corrine Hansen for bringing us the idea and Sandy Hansen and Chris Alesso for working with Corrine to make it happen. In addition, we had numerous branch members come by to help. While it was a low-key event it provided both visibility and preparation for next year when there will be some local and mid-term elections.

Additionally, the branch held a pilot program for 5th grade girls in Livermore. More about this STEAM DIVA event can be found further down in the Grapevine. I want to take this opportunity to thank the STEAM Diva committee for piloting this great event.

As we bring a difficult October, due to the fires, to a close, it reminds me to be grateful for home, family and friends. I know many of you have friends and family in the impacted area so please let us know if we can help.

Have a wonderful November. If you are traveling for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I wish you safe journeys and for all a day of enjoyment with family and friends as we count our many blessings.

Anita



Don't forget our annual holiday dinner at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community on Wednesday, December 6 @ 5:30 pm





Your AAUW-LPD Board is working diligently to increase our visibility in the community, We would appreciate your help in this endeavor. Please consider friends and co-workers who might enjoy working with us. Invite them to an interest group or a program. Share AAUW's mission: "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research".

As members you are our best advocates so talk about AAUW! As always, please let me know if I can help.

All of our 2017-18 Yearbook and Directories have now been distributed (the last ones were mailed 10/7/17. Please let me know if you have not received yours.

Marilyn

**Results of the September vote
to change the legal status of the AAUW
CA Division**

The motion put before the membership to change AAUW CA from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit Corporation did not pass due to a small number of no votes. The voting closed at midnight on September 30th.

As a result of this vote, AAUW is now working with legal counsel to determine the next course of action. Updates will be posted on the AAUW CA website and in future Board to Board communications.



**COFFEE "AND"
Thursday, November 2**

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, November 2 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, November 7 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main Street , Pleasanton

Thank You

On September 26th, along with the League of Women Voters and the Livermore Library, AAUW co-sponsored a Voter Registration Event at the library. I would like to thank our members who came out in support of the event: Barbara Hempill, Anita Massey, Gloria Green, Carolyn Kotch, Roz Wright and our new member, Corrine Hansen, who chaired the event on behalf of the League.

Chris Alesso



Our Tech Trekkers have been busy! On Tues., Sept. 26, our three 2017 Pleasanton Trekkers were recognized at the Pleasanton (PUSD) School Board Meeting. Wendy gave a brief overview of the Tech Trek program; the girls were given certificates and shook hands with the Board Members & new PUSD Superintendent. School Board President (& LPD Branch Member) Joan Laursen then gave a nice little plug for AAUW & the local branch.

More on Trekkers in the STEAM Divas report on Pg.9.



News flash: Control of the Tech Trek program has now officially reverted back to the individual states after a 2-year pilot with National overseeing the program. As a result, all Tech Trek girl funds will once again be maintained at the State level. There are still two ways to donate:

By check, made out to: **AAUW-CA SPF**, with “LPD Camp Curie” in the memo line.
Mail to: AAUW-LPD, P. O. Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551.

Online: Have your membership number handy to insure your donation goes to the LPD girl fund, and, **IMPORTANT!** - be sure to select “Tech Trek California – Stanford (Curie)”. If you make an online donation & want to be certain it is correctly credited to the LPD girl account, email Anita Massey (TT Treasurer) to let her know to watch for a donation from you. She can alert the Camp Treasurer, if it does not come through.

Thank you for your past generosity! Last year, member donations sent 6 of our 9 girls to camp. (The funds for the other 3 came from community grants.) This year we will continue to depend on our members to help keep this wonderful program going strong!

Don't forget about the November Campo di Bocce fundraiser for Tech Trek! In addition to coming for a fun outing of bocce and lunch, remember that you can also buy gift cards for that special someone on your gift list, or to use at a later time. Put those receipts in the jar by our display, and Tech Trek benefits!

TITLE IX update

WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches issued the following statement responding to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' announcement concerning the future of Title IX enforcement.

“Secretary Betsy DeVos’ decision to open up Title IX for changes represents a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is at direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.

Make no mistake: Title IX remains the law of the land and this announcement does not alter in any way schools’ responsibilities. DeVos’ speech noted many situations in which schools have failed to adhere to the law. The response to this challenge is to enforce Title IX not to undermine it. The Department is currently collecting comments on all of its regulations, and thousands of people have vocalized their support for Title IX, its regulations, and current guidance. Secretary DeVos can anticipate a continued call from survivors, students, and advocates for full enforcement of Title IX.

Now is also the time for schools to step up and demonstrate that they will do the right thing for their students even in the midst of potential rollbacks from the Department of Education. Considering that 89 percent of college campuses disclosed zero reported rapes last year — despite the fact that we know incidents are far more frequent — we should move forward and build on past progress not walk back current protections.

The American Association of University Women stands with survivors and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement. We must ensure our nation’s dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. After all, students’ access to an education is on the line. Schools, and the Department of Education, owe it to them to uphold their civil rights, a promise today’s announcement fails to reaffirm.

The California Legislature passed a law explicitly protecting the Obama-era guidelines, in full defiance of the Trump Administration and Betsy DeVos.

Governor Brown disagreed with the legislation, **opting to veto it**. “Thoughtful legal minds have increasingly questioned whether federal and state actions to prevent and redress sexual harassment and assault—well-intentioned as they are—have also unintentionally resulted in some colleges’ failure to uphold due process for accused students,” wrote Brown in a letter.

Brown argued that accused students were owed “the presumption of innocence until the facts speak otherwise,” contrary to the culture of “listen and believe” pushed by advocates of Title IX. He warned that “depriving any student of higher education opportunities should not be done lightly, or out of fear of losing state or federal funding.”

“We have no insight into how many formal investigations result in expulsion, what circumstances lead to expulsion, or whether there is disproportionate impact on race or ethnicity,” the governor said, taking aim at the identity politics revolving around Title IX advocacy.

Read more at: <http://dailycaller.com/2017/10/17/ca-governor-jerry-brown-vetoes-obamas-title-ix-legislation-that-violates-due-process/>

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &
Fern Corley

dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

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

DATE: Tuesday, November 28 @ 7 pm
WHERE: Nancy Rensink



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 9:30 am
BOOK: *The Nix*
AUTHOR: Nathan Hill
**HOSTESS &
REVIEWER:** Sally Stock



MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva

monbridge@aauw-lpd.org

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

DATE Monday, Nov. 13 @ 7 pm
Harriet Lawrie

DATE: Monday, Nov. 27 @ 7 pm
Vicki-Dawn Rader,



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Monday November 13 @ 1 pm
BOOK: *No Ordinary Time, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt*
AUTHOR: Doris Kearns Goodwin
HOSTESS: Joyce Ridley



EVENING BOOK

Group Chair: Connie Squires

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, November 8, **6:30** pm
BOOK: *A Gentleman in Moscow*
AUTHOR: Amor Towles
REVIEWER: Joan Leighty
**HOSTESS &
CO-HOSTESS:** Maria Kennedy



On Oct. 30



Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org

Contact JoAnn if interested.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



DINING AROUND

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader
diningaround@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, November 30
WHERE: Brass Door, San Ramon
 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd.
TIME: 6 pm
RSVP: Joann Houk

Around holidays, reservations at the Brass Door fill up early, so contact Joann early in the month if you plan on attending.



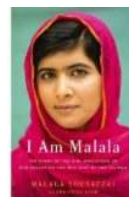
SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown
solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, November 17, **lunch @ 1 pm**
WHERE: Andy and Yu's
 348 St. Mary's Street, Pleasanton
 (good article online about how Andy started out.)
RSVP: Contact Sandie by the 15th

Have you ever faced gender bias? Do you know how to respond when you encounter such a situation?

AAUW CA ONLINE Book Club Launch: I Am Malala began **October 15th!**



AAUW CA is excited to launch the AAUW California Book Club selection, I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai. Malala reminds us by her actions why we are all passionate about AAUW. She so strongly believes in education for girls that she almost died for her beliefs.

This may be your first online book club, so we've provided additional information on how it will be structured for reading I Am Malala.

1. Remember to register through [goodreads](https://www.goodreads.com). You can do this via your email address or through social media sources such as Facebook. Join the community called AAUW CA.
2. The book club will begin on October 15th and there will be a discussion topic waiting for you. Please feel free to chime into the discussion through the discussion feed and comment on member posts that spark your interests!

Discussion postings will be made weekly on Fridays, so we encourage you to sign on at least

Note from Chris Alesso: This book is listed as the Fall Selection and the discussion will go on for several weeks. Someone will post a topic each week and members of the group can comment or just read the other comments. Log in and take a look. They haven't indicated a Spring Selection but all books will be mission-related.

Member records have been reviewed and matched to those in the National Membership Services Database (MSD) to ensure that all branch members are receiving our monthly newsletter.

Please note - as a branch member, you are also a member of [AAUW of California](#) and should receive **California Perspective**, published 3 times a year. It is posted on their website as a regular .pdf file as well as distributed via e-mail and postal mail. For ALL members - The California publication is available via e-mail on a highly-encouraged opt-in basis by sending a message to save-postage@aauw-ca.org with YES in the subject line. It's that easy! (Just click on the link.) (It also saves paper and gets to you more quickly)

As a branch member, you are also a member of [AAUW](#) (National), which publishes **AAUW Outlook** four times a year, also posted on their website and distributed via email notification. The National publication is **available in print ONLY** to members without e-mail or who directly notify National you wish to receive the print edition - otherwise you will automatically receive it via an e-mail message. *AAUW Outlook* is in an interesting format and uses the Adobe Flash plug-in for your browser. You can zoom in and **read in larger type** maintaining your control of the zoom factor. Slideshows or videos may be included in articles. You can print articles or share them on social media. Links are embedded in the articles, taking you to more information. This is the new direction of magazine publishing. We are encouraged to embrace it.

Because of both technology and budgetary issues, BOTH AAUW of California and AAUW (National) hope that members will adopt the digital versions of the publications.

Finally, the Membership Services Database is used for both National and California AAUW elections. Voting is quite easy - and there are always links in the voting materials to more online information about the candidates and issues. If you DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL, you should receive information on voting via regular postal mail - but if you have e-mail, information and instructions about voting will be sent to your e-mail.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to inform National about any changes in your contact information; however LPD Membership VP Marilyn Duman can update the information for you. Contact National connect@aauw.org or by phone at 1-800-326-AAUW. Contact Marilyn.. Sandy

ANOTHER OF AAUW'S MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Would you like to see what nearby branches are doing - perhaps support a local fundraiser?

Check out the Alameda County Interbranch Council website at <http://ac-ibc-ca.aauw.net/>. You'll find links to newsletters and websites and, when space is available, event fliers will be posted. Consider attending an event hosted by a nearby branch.

HotelStorm - AAUW is excited to introduce our members-only hotel booking website — powered by our new travel partner, HotelStorm — to bring you the lowest prices on hotels all over the world. In our private portal you'll find thousands of hotels at your fingertips, 24/7 customer service support, and discounts of 10–55 percent on hotel rooms. Contact connect@aauw.org for the login password and then visit the portal to start saving.

Other partners include Target (online purchases only) and Office Depot/Office Max. Several of our members have discovered this benefit—it is used each month to save on printing this Grapevine. It's free - it's for all members and can be used for many products. (discounts vary)!

STEAM Divas
AAUW-LPD/Expanding Your Horizons Collaboration Committee
Co-Chairs: Wendy Ping and Mekena Metcalf

We are delighted to report that the STEAM Divas event, which took place on Saturday, September 30th at Junction Avenue School in Livermore, was a resounding success! Twenty-seven 5th grade girls spent their morning having fun with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This event was organized and run by LPD, with substantial collaboration and contributions from the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network, and support from the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Our three workshop leaders, all LPD members, delivered programs that had the girls fully engaged and excited. The girls rotated in small groups through the three workshops: Carol Kinnard taught "Get Creative with Code", Mekena Metcalf taught "Prisms: Colors and Angles", and Sarah Palmer taught "Fun with Energy". Each workshop had an interwoven art element (hence, "STEAM").

Eleven former LPD Tech Trek girls, ranging from 8th to 12th grade (2013-2017 Trekkers), volunteered their time as workshop & student assistants. They were awesome additions to the event – all workshop leaders commented how much they contributed, and what wonderful role models they were for the younger girls.

Many thanks to our LPD volunteers who assisted with logistics, check in and check out: Gloria Green, Roz Wright, Norma Foss, Anita Massey, Carolyn Kotch, Sal Tompkins, and Marti Silva. Big thanks to our volunteer photographer, Lisa Rigge (a local professional photographer), who snapped over 200 pictures of the fun. Our website will be updated soon with some of the photos, check it out! We also received generous donations of items for the girls from Nob Hill Foods (Stanley Blvd., Livermore), the Clorox Company, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, and the Tri-Valley EYH.

The entire committee worked very hard to make this event a success. Committee members included Mekena Metcalf, Ann Willoughby, Carol Kinnard, Sarah Palmer, Charlene Grandfield, Karen Cowan, Dot Bishop & Wendy Ping. Special thanks to Ann Willoughby, whose experience and connections as an EYH National Board member were central to making this event happen. Especially critical was the use of the EYH online registration system.

We have received emails of thanks and very positive feedback from a number of the parents of girls who attended. The Committee will be meeting soon to celebrate the success, review opportunities, and discuss the future of this collaborative program.

Interested in joining the STEAM Divas effort? Contact Wendy Ping.



Former Tech Trekkers (2013-2017) volunteered their time to serve as STEAM Diva Workshop Aides and student assistants.

More STEAM Diva's workshop photos

Prisms: Colors & Angles: Using a prism to bend light and split it into its rainbow color components



Fun with Energy: Tech Trek aide demonstrates generating electricity with an apple!



Get Creative with Code: Carol Kinnard and Trekker aide help girls create their virtual pets & bring them to life!

Save the Date



CONVENTION 2018

April 27-29, 2018

Irvine Marriott

AAUW MISSION TOPICS

DISCUSSION GROUP

We are starting a discussion group to study the issues around the AAUW mission, like Equal pay and Title IX. An inaugural meeting on October 25th at 10 am at Sweet & Savory in Pleasanton to discuss meeting time and place as well as our first study topic.

If you are interested, please notify Chris Alesso and you will be notified. If you signed up at the luncheon there is no need to notify me again.

Chris

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Nov. 1	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 2	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 7	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 8	Evening Books	Maria Kennedy	6:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 13	Afternoon Books	Joyce Ridley	1:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 13	Monday Night Bridge	Harriet Lawrie	7:00 pm	Dublin
Nov. 15	Bocce/Lunch	Campo di Bocce	10 & 11:30	Livermore
Nov. 16	Morning Books	Sally Stock	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 17	Solo Dining	Andy & Yu's for lunch	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 27	Monday Night Bridge	Vicki-Dawn Rader	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 28	Duplicate Bridge	Nancy Rensink	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 30	Dining Around	Brass Door	6:00 pm	San Ramon
Dec. 6	LPD Holiday Dinner	Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 13	Make a Difference Day (more info coming)	Pleasanton City Library	10:00 am	Pleasanton
T.B.A.	AAUW Mission Topics	Discussion Group		
Apr. 27-29	CA AAUW Convention	Irvine Marriott		Irvine, CA
Continuing	Online Book Club	<i>I Am Malala</i> (See Page 7)		

To date LPD Branch AAUW has 77 Members of Branch and 31 Life Members for a Membership total of 108.

More than ever before, girls are studying and excelling in science and mathematics. Yet the dramatic increase in girl's educational achievements in scientific and mathematical subjects has not been matched by similar increases in the representation of women working as engineers and computing professionals.

LPD Branch is contributing to a huge difference for the future of young women interested in and studying science, technology, engineering, math and the arts with their involvement in Tech Trek and STEAM Divas programs locally. A pat on the back, a hug and a solid handshake goes to our members who are so involved in these programs...



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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-ca.org
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Twitter: @AAUW_LPD

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Next Deadline:
Submit all articles (email or in writing) (hopefully formatted) to Carol for the December Grapevine by November 18 or sooner