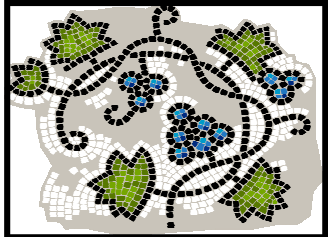




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 AAUW Fall Fund Luncheon  
 Noon—3 pm      \$45  
 Crow Canyon Country Club  
 Danville, California  
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Interested in a ride  
 or carpooling?  
 Contact Nancy.  
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COMING UP  
 SAVE THESE  
 DATES



Let's get into  
 shape!  
 Be ready for our  
 Annual  
 Bocce/Luncheon  
 & Tech Trek Fund  
 Raiser  
 November 15 @  
 10:30  
 or noon for lunch  
 Campo dii Bocce  
 Livermore



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Annual Holiday Dinner  
 Stoneridge Creek  
 Retirement  
 Community  
 Wednesday, Dec. 6  
 5:30 - 8:00 pm



**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 4 @**  
**1 pm @ Anita Massey**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Anita Massey**

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I can't believe it is already October. Before I jump into fall, and looking ahead, I want to thank all of you for helping to celebrate our Branch's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was great to see so many of you at the September Luncheon.

Gwen Locke & Sally Stock and their hard-working committees made sure we had food, décor and, with Sandy Hanson's help, a great facility for the event.

Susan Wacek introduced one of our scholarship winners, Britney Cooper, who spoke to us about majoring in rhetoric, how she got to this point in her education and where she wants to go. Her energy and desire to give back was inspiring.

Wendy Ping brought us many of this past summer's Tech Trek girls. It was energizing to hear their enthusiasm for the program. In November, we will again be holding our annual Bocce & Lunch fundraiser for this great program. I hope to see all of you there.

Marilyn Duman again prepared our branch directory and welcomed both returning and new members to the event. All new members were paired with a current member who made sure they were introduced to others.

To all of you who built displays, helped set-up, worked signup tables or did clean-up, **thank you**. None of this would have been possible without help from everyone.

Please remember to vote to update AAUW California's Articles of Incorporation. This is a critical governance issue and must be addressed through an "every member" vote. It is critical that you cast your vote in favor of changing the nonprofit status from Mutual Benefit to Public Benefit. We were each sent an email on 9/10/17 that included a link to the vote. Additional information is on the AAUW-CA site at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/your-vote-is-needed/>.

My last thought for the month is on Title IX. This issue has again come to the forefront as Secretary Betsy DeVos announced a decision to open up Title IX for changes. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on gender in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance.

Newsweek Magazine asked Marcia D. Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, about why she thinks Title IX is still necessary. Her reply: "First of all, there's still a lot of discrimination against women, plain and simple, in all areas of education including athletics where the discrimination is the most overt and the least subtle. We also need Title IX to make sure we don't slide back and lose progress and the third reason we need it is because it is a statement in our law about what's best for this country and our promise to the next generation that equality of opportunity is something that this country stands for."

The American Association of University Women remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement. Hmm... perhaps there is a program idea here? Anita

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

Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed our 65th birthday party / luncheon social a week or so ago. The scholarship recipient and those Tech Trek girls provided a wonderful program. Our interest groups were well represented and I hope you found a new interest or activity to pursue this coming year.

A tentative list of some of our planned programs and events can be found in the new directory you picked up at the meeting. Reminders and more details will always be listed in our newsletter "The Grapevine". If you were unable to attend the social we will distribute directories at interest groups and will mail in the rest in about 2 weeks. If for any reason you would like to pick up your new directory at my house let me know and I will leave it for you on my porch. I live in Pleasanton near Foothill High School.

Please help me welcome our newest member, Diane Keller. Diane lives in Livermore and was able to attend the September luncheon. Her contact information can be found in the new directory.

If you enjoy your membership in AAUW and believe that AAUW is a valuable organization, please share AAUW with your friends. You may invite friends to any of our events and to interest groups as a guest. I first joined AAUW after attending the morning book group as a guest. Refer your friends to our Branch website: [aauw-lpd.org](http://aauw-lpd.org). They will find Information about our programs and events as well as links to the state and national websites. Remember that we want our AAUW Branch to be of service to you and your interests. Please let us know how we can help.



### COFFEE "AND" Thursday, October 5

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, October 5 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, October 3 @ 6 pm

**WHERE:** 828 Main Street , Pleasanton



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### Tech Trek

Eight of our nine 2017 Trekkers and their parents joined us at the September Luncheon and regaled us with stories of their Tech Trek experience at Camp Curie on the Stanford campus in July. A couple common themes were that Tech Trek opened their eyes to so many STEM careers that they didn't know existed and how much they enjoyed meeting and making friends with other girls who love math and science. And all were excited to hear that one of our LPD Scholarship recipients this year (Cassandra Stanley) was a former LPD Trekker!

The Tech Trek Committee has begun their new fiscal year of fundraising. We will especially be relying on members' generosity this year, as one of our grants from previous years will not be forthcoming this year. It costs \$1,000 to send a girl to camp; while we have some carryover funds from last year, we have a long way to go – so please think about supporting this wonderful program if you are able!

It's easy to donate: checks should be made out to "AAUW", with "LPD Tech Trek" in the memo line. Mail checks to:

**Tech Trek, AAUW-LPD, P.O. Box 661, Livermore CA 94551**

100% of all donations go to sending girls from Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin to camp and are 100% tax-deductible.

Are you interested in joining the Tech Trek Committee? We are looking for one or two new members. The only requirement is that you be computer-savvy: check email often and can use Word, Excel, and Google Docs (or are willing to learn how to use Google Docs!). Virtually everything we do as a committee is done electronically, so being comfortable using these applications is important. If you are interested, contact Wendy Ping.

Our 2017  
Tech Trek  
girls at the  
meeting on  
Sept. 16



### **Public Policy Matters!**

Kathi Harper, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Public Policy Chair

Can you remember the day you first learned about AAUW? It may not be as imbedded a memory as “I remember what I was doing when Kennedy was shot”, but if you think back you might remember what that special thing was that made you think –“Yes – I want to be a part of that!” Was it the desire to join the fight to help all women achieve economic self-sufficiency? Or maybe it was the idea of finding ways to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for the underserved in your community that got your juices flowing. How about playing a role in ensuring legislation that protects women’s reproductive rights? Any of this sound familiar?

Now, here you are, 2 or 5 or 10 years and 120 bridge games, or lunches, or book discussions later ... and public policy is just that report you listen to each month from your branch PP Chair. Now we public policy nerds enjoy our interest groups and social activities as much as anyone, don’t get us wrong. But what if you could fit in just one extra hour, or maybe two, each month, to rekindle your passion for doing something that would really make a difference in the lives of girls and women?

In talking with branch Public Policy Chairs around the state, the common and recurring lament is that “nobody wants to do public policy work!” In so many branches, all the work is left to a single person – the PP Chair. Worse than being merely overly burdensome for one person is the fact that there is so much that is left undone – one person can only do so much. And there is so much that still needs to be done. We are still fighting for equal pay for equal work; still being denied promotions and access to power; still facing workplace policies that make it harder on women than men to balance life/work responsibilities; still watching our female athletes being denied equal access on the playing fields and in coaching positions; still watching state-after-state pass laws restricting our access to safe, effective family planning methods of our choice; still afraid of sexual violence on campus, and domestic violence in the home, and physical violence in the military.

Any of these making you mad? Are you ready to join the chorus and declare “we’re not going to just keep taking it?” Your State Public Policy Committee wants to remind you that Public Policy *still matters* and encourages you to contact your branch PP Chair today to ask – “what can I do to make a difference?” Sometimes all that’s needed is just an extra pair of hands. You don’t need to be an attorney or a political science major to do public policy work – just passion and your gift of time.

Kathi Harper is a member of the AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

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Many thanks to the LPD Branch for selecting me as a 2017 Named Honoree and making a contribution to the AAUW Fund in my name. I am humbled to be among this group of inspiring women who have made such great contributions to our Branch and community over the years. I look forward to continuing to work with all our Branch members to enhance recognition of AAUW in our local communities and continue our work in support of our mission.

Gratefully, Wendy Ping

## INTEREST GROUPS



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &  
Fern Corley

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The Duplicate Bridge Group usually meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. **Note the October date change.**

**DATE:** Tuesday, **October 31** @ 7 pm  
Norma Foss



### 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, Oct. 9 @ 7 pm  
Norma Foss

**DATE:** Monday, Oct. 23 @ 7 pm  
Mercedes Daggett  
2716 Bollinger Cyn Rd., San Ramon  
Be sure to call her, she has no email.



### MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

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

**DATE:** Thursday, Oct. 26 @ 9:30 am  
**BOOK:** *The Other Einstein*  
**AUTHOR:** Heather Terrell  
**HOSTESS &**  
**REVIEWER:** Anita Massey



### AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

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

**DATE:** Monday October 9 @ 1 pm  
**BOOK:** *Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean*  
**AUTHOR:** Edward Kritzer  
**HOSTESS:** Mary Ann Karlsen



### EVENING BOOK

Group Chair: Connie Squires

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 pm  
**BOOK:** *The Man Called Ove*  
**AUTHOR:** Fredrik Backman  
**HOSTESS &**  
**REVIEWER &**  
**CO-HOSTESS:** Roz Wright



### Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

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Contact JoAnn if interested.

**INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)****DINING AROUND**

Group Chair :Vicki-Dawn Rader

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

DATE: Thursday, October 26TH

WHERE: To Be Announced

WHEN: 6 pm?

RSVP: Jan Van de Werfhorst,

**SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES**

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

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

DATE: Friday, October 20 at 6 pm

WHERE: Lazy Dog

4805 Hacienda Drive, Dublin

Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center

RSVP: Call Sandie by the Tuesday, 17th

**New! Are you interested?****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. There will be an inaugural meeting sometime in October to discuss meeting time and place as well as our first study topic. Our first meeting will probably be someplace for coffee, unless people who wish to join are unavailable during the day, in which case it will be in the evening.

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

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

This hands-on STEAM Divas event for 5th grade girls will take place on Saturday morning, September 30th at Junction Avenue School in Livermore. This is a pilot event, exploring collaboration between the Expanding Your Horizons (EHY) Network and AAUW-LPD. Girls will rotate through workshops on Computer Coding, Energy and Light & Prisms. Former Tech Trekkers will serve as workshop aides and LPD Branch members will also be assisting the S-D Committee members at the event.

Stay tuned for a report and pictures next month!.

Wendy

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



AAUW Fund  
Fall Luncheon

The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to meet and celebrate our 2017-2018 California Fellowship and Grant recipients!

Northern California  
Crow Canyon Country Club  
Sunday, October 29  
RSVP by October 16  
Noon to 3:00 pm, \$45  
Registration begins 11:30 am  
711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville 94526

**SUNBURST SALAD**

Seasonal greens with mixed berries, tomatoes, blue cheese, spiced pecans, grilled chicken, mandarin oranges, balsamic dressing.

Please indicate # of each:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunburst Chicken Salad

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Total Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form with check payable to AAUW California by Oct. 16 to 1331 Garden Hwy #100, Sacramento CA 95833

Or make your reservation by October 16 online at:

Danville: <https://eastbayfundluncheon.eventbrite.com>

For further assistance contact the AAUW California office at 916-448-7795 or [office@aauw-ca.org](mailto:office@aauw-ca.org)

Do you need a ride? Would you like to car-pool? If so, please contact Nancy Rensink.



Britney Cooper, one of our scholarship recipients & speaker at the 9/16 meeting with Susan Wacek, chair, Scholarship Selection Committee



Two of our 2017 Tech Trekkers at 9/16 meeting



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2016-2017

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Sep. 30	STEAM Pilot Event	Junction Ave. School	a.m.	Livermore
Oct. 3	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main	6 :00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 4	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 5	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 9	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 9	Monday Night Bridge	Norma Foss	7:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 11	Evening Books	Roz Wright	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 20	Solo Dining	Lazy Dog	6:00 pm	Dublin
Oct. 23	Monday Night Bridge	Mercedes Daggett	7:00 pm	San Ramon
Oct. 26	Morning Books	Anita Massey	9:30 am	Livermore
Oct. 26?	Dining Around	T.B.A.	6:00 pm?	???
Oct. 29	Fall Fund Luncheon	Crow Canyon C.C.	11:30 am	Danville
Oct. 31	Duplicate Bridge	Norma Foss	7:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 15	Bocce and/or Lunch	Campo di Bocce	10:30/noon	Livermore
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



Meet & Greet Luncheon, Saturday, September 16 @ Lynnewood United Methodist Church



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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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Submit all articles (email or in writing) (hopefully formatted) to Carol for the November Grapevine by October 18 or sooner .