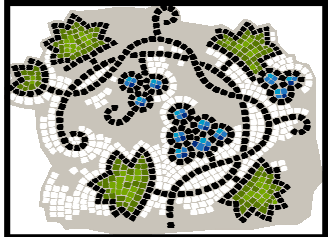




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AAUW The vote to change AAUW California back to a Public Benefit Corporation failed due to 4 “no” votes. Today, you have received an email from CA AAUW about this and the ramifications of the “no” votes. Just a reminder: If anyone would like to change their “no” vote to a “yes” vote, before February 10th, contact [governance @aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org)

Meetings and Programs and other things coming up in 2018

Not in any particular order: program on Women’s Issues, our Annual Business Meeting/Lunch/Election of Officers at the Zephyr in April, handing out PayDay candy bars honoring Equal Pay Day, hearing a legislative advocate/AAUW lobbyist in Danville presented by Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek and Concord AAUW branches, joining our LPD members for an Old Board/New Board potluck with installation of 2018-2019 officers, the Hayward/Castro Valley/Fremont Fellowship Luncheon in Hayward, You have received and/or will receive information about all of these.

ADVANCING EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY AND RESEARCH

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.

DON'T THESE MEETINGS SUPPORT OUR GOALS AND MISSION STATEMENT 100%?

**Board Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 7 @ 1:00
at
Anita Massey’s home.**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anita Massey



As in any organization, ours is a living breathing group and subject to change. As some of you may know our fantastic TechTrek Coordinator and Board Treasurer Wendy Ping is moving to Denver. I am sure she will share more. However, that began a domino effect with the board scrambling to fill some very big shoes. I am leaving the role of President and moving into the role of STEM Coordinator as well as Tech Trek Coordinator for our branch. As such this is my last President's Message to you all.

This still left both the President and Treasurer positions to fill. Devon LaHar has graciously stepped up and will be our Acting President until the formal election in April. Chris Alesso is going to assume the role of Treasurer. I know all of you will support them as they take on these new positions. If I have learned nothing else in the past 10 months, I have come to know and appreciate how we all come together when there is a need.

On Saturday, January 13th, we had a table at Pleasanton's Make A Difference Day. Our focus, as with any outreach opportunity, was to encourage new members. We also offered a volunteer opportunity for non-members to participate in our Equal Pay Day activity. I would say it was our most successful outreach this year. We generated many good conversations and had a number of seemingly interested women take our membership information. Thank you Chris Alesso for assisting with handout material and set up and Marilyn Duman for material preparation as well as (wo)manning the booth with me.

The next couple of months will be very busy. On January 31, we will be gathering for Bocce and lunch to benefit Tech Trek. For anyone who may be interested, there will be a donation box that whole week. In March there is a great program planned which I will let Gwen Locke share. Tech Trek is beginning the process selecting this year's campers and, with the help of a new member Diane Keller, we are getting ready to pilot a new program for 2017 and 2018 Tech Trek applicants on what subjects to take in high school to be prepared for a college with an emphasis on STEM. April brings Equal Pay Day as well as the Annual Meeting & Lunch.

None of this happens without all of you. So please, if you have a bit of time and are not currently involved, speak- up. There are many places an extra set of hands can help without committing to an ongoing position.

Thanks to all of you for allowing me to serve as your President.

Anita



We are making an effort to increase our visibility in the Tri-Valley and you can help! Please bring a friend or two to one of our activities or programs. It's a great way to share AAUW with the community. You can also share this newsletter and our website with your friends 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 2017-2018 year are discounted through March 15, 2018. I am always happy to follow up with any of your contacts, so let me know.

Marilyn

COMNG SOON!!!!!!

The 2018 Local Scholarship Non-Event Fundraiser Letter

Watch for your exciting adventure coming to your mailbox

What is this you ask? This is your opportunity to help local women college students with school expenses. Unlike other fundraisers, the Non-Event gives you the ability to donate to this good cause without purchasing a ticket, buying a new outfit or leaving your home. The themed letter offers suggested donation amounts based upon activities you might bid on at an actual auction.

The beauty of this is that it saves our branch members the time and effort associated with an actual event thus limiting costs while providing more funds to deserving recipients. The money raised helps women in their junior or senior year of college. Attendance at a four year college is required and the applicants should have academic success, be a leader, be in need and graduate from Tri -Valley schools.

We have been giving scholarships over 25 years now and look forward to continuing this worthy effort. So.....open your checkbook and give generously as all is tax deductible. Any amount is appreciated

Help a prospective AAUW member achieve her goal of a college degree.

COFFEE "AND"



Thursday, February 1, 2018

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.

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

WHEN: Thursday, February 1 at 10 AM

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

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, February 6 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main Street , Pleasanton

The State of AAUW

Dear AAUW Members,

In November AAUW turned 136 years old. My, how it has grown from the [original 17](#) brave and visionary women who started us on this path. AAUW has developed and transformed since then, adapting to new technology and expanding the range of activities, initiatives, and programs that have become our hallmark. I think, however, that Marion Talbot would still recognize the organization today. Why? Because our foundational theme and mission remain the advancement of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

As we grow so too must our efforts to ensure that we are relevant, effective, and efficient in [our impact](#). That means paying attention not only to issues that affect women and girls, but also strategically planning how we will best deploy our resources to accomplish our mission and making sure that we are inclusive as we chart our way forward. Toward that end the AAUW Board of Directors recently approved a recommendation to develop [a new strategic plan](#); in the first quarter of 2018 you will be hearing more about that undertaking. This effort will involve staff, board, and member and stakeholder input. Since this is an organization-wide effort, states and branches are encouraged to embrace the goals and strategies that will emerge from the plan, establish their own plans, and determine how they can contribute to our shared organizational success within the parameters of their own resources and communities.

Many of you attended the [AAUW National Convention](#) in June and had an opportunity to meet and greet our dynamic new chief executive officer, Kimberly Churches. More of you have had the opportunity to get to know her a bit better as she has been traveling across the country on her listening tour. This has allowed her to hear your passionate commitment to our organization as well as your concerns and ideas about the future direction of AAUW. A great deal of what she has heard as chief executive officer and what I've heard from you as board chair is being weighed and considered by the national staff and board.

Looking back at just a few of [our accomplishments during 2017](#), we sent more than 270,000 messages to lawmakers. Through [AAUW Start Smart and Work Smart](#) workshops 17,000 people learned to negotiate their salaries; but we're not resting on those laurels. We plan to train 20,000 women by 2020 — and that's just in [San Francisco](#) with a new partnership launched in December 2017! Stay tuned for news about additional partnerships we're launching across the country.

We awarded \$3.7 million to women and community projects, and we held science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs in 35 states! We celebrated 100 years of awarding International Fellowships to more than 3,600 women representing more than 140 countries, and we travelled to Morocco, Tunisia, and Dubai to share our research and programs with women leaders and activists.

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The State of AAUW

With respect to our organization's [fiscal health](#), AAUW's finances and investments are solid and on track. We are appropriately scrutinizing budget development and implementation, being mindful of our fiduciary responsibilities, and employing best practices to maximize our human and material resources. Management and the board are examining existing and potential initiatives and programs designed to make the organization more visible and distinct from other equity organizations, increase engagement with stakeholders, and grow our organizational productivity.

Whether we're talking about [public policy](#), [legal case support](#), [member leadership training](#), [global connections](#), or [educational funding](#), the state of AAUW is sound. We're planning for our move forward to the next level. Thanks to each of you for your support and hard work in helping to make sure that we remain the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Onward and upward in 2018!

Sincerely,

Julia T. Brown, Esq.

Board Chair

LPD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Susan Wacek

Important LPD Scholarship Foundation News

2017 Scholarship recipients' written comments:

"I am humbled beyond words."

"Thank you for investing in my education."

"It makes me happy knowing that other girls have had and will have this blessing too."

Our Local Scholarship Foundation is making a difference and is such a worthy cause! Because of your generous donations last year, we were able to give 3 deserving women scholarships!!

In February, all of you will be receiving a Non-Event Fundraiser flyer in the mail. Instead of having an actual event, we are accepting donations from our members (as well as family and friends) for our 2018 Local Scholarship Foundation. Thank you in advance!!



Britney Cooper, 2017 recipient, with Susan Wacek

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &

Fern Corley

dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

Remember, Duplicate Bridge is now on the 1st Thursday of the month..

DATE Thursday, February 1 @ 7 pm

Carol Kinnard

NEXT: Thursday, March 1 @ 7 p.m.

New Players: if you are interested, come join us. Give Nancy a call and we'll all welcome you. Maybe this new date will help!



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, Feb. 12 @ 7 pm

Ginny Reineking

DATE: Monday, Feb. 26 @ 7 pm

Carol Guarnaccia



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, February 22 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *Ordinary Grace*

AUTHOR: William Kent Krueger

HOSTESS &

REVIEWER: Gwen Locke



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Monday, February 12 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *A Gentleman in Moscow*

AUTHOR: Amor Towles

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen



EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, February 14 @ 7:30 pm

BOOK *The Glass Universe*

AUTHOR: Sava Sobel

REVIEWER: Walter Morgan

HOSTESS & Susan Wacek

CO-HOSTESS:



Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Contact JoAnn if interested.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



DINING AROUND

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

DATE: February 22?

Hostess: Time and place T.B.A.



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, February 16 @ 1 pm

WHERE: Posada
 988 Murrieta Blvd., Livermore

RSVP: Contact Sandie by the 14th

Cheer of the Week

The Merriam-Webster dictionary announced this week that its 2017 Word of the Year is 'feminism.'

The announcement noted that online searches for the word increased dramatically this year, driven by current events, entertainment media, and politics.

Jeer of the Week

A recent Pew Research Center study on how society views gender differences confirmed that Americans place a high value on attractiveness for women, while valuing leadership and ambition for men. Only 9 percent of respondents valued ambition and leadership in women; in fact, 28 percent of respondents volunteered that ambition, leadership and assertiveness are traits that women *should not* have.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday February 8 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory

5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

We will be beginning a discussion on sexual harassment. This is a timely topic and will likely last more than one meeting. Everyone is welcome; please join us. If you would like to familiarize yourself with the topic, consider one or all of the following articles:

<https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/publications/fs-sex.cfm>

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/know-your-rights-at-work/workplace-sexual-harassment/>

<http://www.employees-lawyer.com/sexual-harassment-law-california/>

If you are interested in this group, but the time isn't good for you, please send an email to advocacy@aauw-lpd.org. The meeting may be flexible.



EQUAL PAY DAY

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages and symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. This year Equal Pay Day will be April 10, 2018.

Currently the ratio of women's to men's pay is

80% Nationally

88% California

77% within California's 15th Congressional District

Read more about it at <https://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

In participation of Equal Pay Day, on April 10, 2018 our branch will be distributing PayDay candy bars in various sizes to visualize the gender gap. We will be at BART and Las Positas College in the morning of April 10th.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

- * **If you currently work outside the home**, please volunteer to take some candy bars to your place of work and distribute them.
 - * **If you are available on the morning of April 10**, please join a group to distribute candy bars.
- Knowing some of you are willing to help us do this, please send an email to equalpay@aauw-lpd.org. We will contact you at the beginning of April about providing the candy bars

Chris

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

January 27: AAUW CA Legislative Advocate, 10 A.M.– Noon, Danville Town Meeting Hall

Jan.29-Feb.4: Tech Trek Fund Raiser, Campo di Bocce

January 31: Bocce Play Day & Luncheon, 10 and 11:30 A.M. Campo Di Bocce

February 3: AAUW Fellowship Fund Luncheon, 11:30 A.M. Aqua e Farina, Hayward

February 27: Good Bye Wendy Ping, 3-6 P.M., Tina Amber's Home, 2704 Turnstone Dr., Plea.

Come by, have some tea and goodies and say goodbye to our long term AAUW member, Wendy Ping, who is relocating to Denver, Colorado. Wendy has served on the board and has been instrumental in building the Tech Trek Program. Give her warm wishes, share stories and say goodbye. AAUW will miss you, Wendy!

April 10: Equal Pay Day, volunteer at BART & Las Positas College (see article above)

April 27-29: CA AAUW Convention @ Irvine Marriott



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
By 2/10	“no” vote to “yes” vote?	Contact governance@aauw-ca.org		
Jan. 27	AAUW Lobbyist/Advocate	Danville Town Meeting Hall	10-noon	Danville
Jan.29-Feb.4	Tech Trek Fund Raiser	Campo di Bocce	receipts in fishbowl	all day
Jan. 31	Bocce and/or Lunch	Campo di Bocce	10/11:30 am	Livermore
Feb. 1	Coffee “AND”	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 1	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Kinnard	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 3	AAUW Fellowship Lunch	Aqua e Farina	11:30 am	Hayward
Feb. 6	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 7	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Feb. 8	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 12	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Feb. 12	Monday Night Bridge	Ginny Reineking	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 14	Evening Books	Susan Wacek	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day		all day	
Feb. 16	Solo Dining Lunch	Posada	1:00 pm	Livermore
Feb. 22	Morning Books	Gwen Locke	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 22	Dining Around	T.B.A.		
Feb. 26	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 27	Good Bye Wendy	Tina Amber	3-6 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 1	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Cowan	7:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 10	Equal Pay Day	BART & Las Positas College	am	Pleasanton & Livermore
Apr. 27-29	CA AAUW Convention	Irvine Marriott		Irvine, CA



Another Thank You from one of our Tech Trek girls:

“[in addition to] my core class, I was able to experience so many different STEM activities, it really made me think about what I want to do when I get older. One of my favorite things about camp was meeting new people. In my dorm group, I met nine other girls and it was interesting to be able to relate to them through science and math. I was also able to get a glimpse of college dorm life and experience what it was like to have a roommate. It was an eye opener to see people who I didn’t know before camp and relate to them so much”.





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