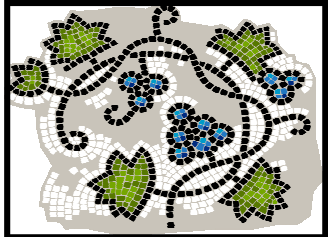




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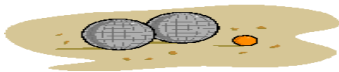
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This is one of our favorite annual gatherings/luncheons/fundraisers.



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, nonthreatening, 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 whole week 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 the 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, JANUARY 31
- WHERE: CAMPO DI BOCCE  
175 E. Vineyard, Livermore
- TIME: 10 AM TO PLAY, 11:30 FOR LUNCH
- RSVP: DOT BISHOP

**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 3 @**  
**1:00 at**  
**Chris Alesso's home.**

On Page 3 of this newsletter, please read about Pleasanton's Make a Difference Day and LPD's involvement that day.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Anita Massey**

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Welcome to 2018!

I want to thank everyone who helped make the holiday dinner such a good evening. Barbara Hemphill who secured the location, Gwen Locke and her committee who worked hard to make it all come together, Sally Stock for making the tables extra festive, Chris Alesso who acted as MC for the white elephant exchange and most of all to those of you who joined us to make the evening a success.

On Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a table at Pleasanton's Make A Difference Day. For those of you not familiar with the event (as I was not) it is a day for people to come and see all the different areas available in the community to volunteer their time and talents. It is also a day for organizations who need volunteers to meet people and share information on their organization's needs and how they can Make A Difference. As such it supports our outreach and visibility efforts. We will look to encourage new members with opportunities to assist with our Equal Pay Day or STEM activities. Thank you to Marilyn Duman for securing our space at this event.

On January 31<sup>st</sup> we will be holding our Bocce play day and lunch at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. This takes place during our week of Tech Trek fundraising at Campo di Bocce. I hope to see you all for play and or a delicious lunch. If you plan to have a lunch or dinner out that week, please consider having it at Campo di Bocce and make sure to put your receipt in the fishbowl.

Last, I know that we are all busy and anything beyond a book group or bridge starts to feel like a big ask. However, are you all familiar with and signed up for the Two Minute Activist? As a Two -Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. AAUW provides all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more. Generally, all you need to do is click on a link and the AAUW message is sent with no additional effort on your part. If you have email (and check it) or want an alert on your mobile phone you can do a lot to support AAUW with little to no effort. You can sign up at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> or <https://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/> for the mobile version.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year

Anita

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



I'm so happy to have seen so many of you at our holiday party at Stoneridge Creek. The food was excellent and the white elephant gift exchange was a lot of fun. Several former members who live at Stoneridge Creek were also able to attend which was great!

Our branch is participating at the Pleasanton Make a Difference Day at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday January 13th from 10-2. I'll be at the table so if you attend, please drop by and say hi.

I look forward to seeing you in 2018. Please remember to contact me if you have any membership questions.  
Marilyn

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY 2017



President Anita Massey and Sal Tompkins



Daughter & Mother  
Marilyn Duman & Harriet Law-

**Make a Difference for**



**Festival 2018**

Saturday, January 13, 2018  
10 am to 2 pm Pleasanton Public Library  
400 Old Bernal Road, Pleasanton

This year AAUW-LPD is participating in Pleasanton's "Make a Difference Day" at the Pleasanton Library, Saturday, January 13. One of our goals is to reach out to our community, so we will have a table with information about AAUW, our mission, branch STEM projects and equal pay.

Also, at our table we will be asking for volunteers to participate in the Equal Pay Day activity on April 10th. Drop by the library and see us 10am-2pm.

There will be more information about this on our website under branch events: [www.aauw-lpd.org](http://www.aauw-lpd.org).



Want to see what goes on at Tech Trek? Check out the Camp Marie Curie website, which includes a video from the 2017 camp: <https://techtrek-stanfordmc.aauw.net/> As you know, Camp Curie is the camp that our LPD girls attend, on the Stanford University campus. You might even catch a glimpse of Wendy in her "Dorm Mom" role!

There's a second video on a related page: <https://techtrek-stanfordmc.aauw.net/about/about-our-camp/> This one features one of our very own 2017 campers, Vangie (from East Ave. Middle School in Livermore). Have a look, you can get a good idea of all the fun our girls have while learning amazing things about STEM and STEM careers.

The Tech Trek Committee will be receiving nominations from the Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin 7th grade science teachers the end of January. We'll then begin the difficult process of selecting our 2018 Trekkers!

Did you see the article in the *Independent* on December 7, 2017 "AAUW Program Promotes STEM Learning"? It has a nice photo of our 2017 Tech Trekkers along with another photo about their study of prisms & light at the Camp Marie Curie at Stanford University last July.

It explains STEM, Tech Trek, STEAM DIVAS, Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) and LPD AAUW involvement with all of these, along with LPD's collaboration with the EYH's network.

For more information go to [www.aauw-lpd.org](http://www.aauw-lpd.org), [www.facebook.com/aauwlpd](https://www.facebook.com/aauwlpd) or <https://www.tveyh.org/>

## EVERY MEMBER VOTE AGAIN!

The **September 2017 member vote** to return to AAUW California to a public benefit corporation **failed because of 26 "No" votes**. Although 99% of votes were "Yes," it was not enough. Our state's corporate regulations require a unanimous "Yes" vote to change the status of a corporation.

AAUW California is calling for a re-vote in hopes of avoiding costly and time-consuming legal options.

**Please vote "Yes." on January 9-11, 2018.**

If you would like more information, please contact Sue Cochran at [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org).

If you do not understand the issue, please do not vote "no" because it has serious and costly consequences. Detailed information about the issue is available at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org).

**The re-vote is scheduled to take place January 9-11, 2018.** Members with e-mail addresses on file will cast their vote electronically. Those members without an e-mail address on file will receive instructions via a postcard to call the AAUW CA office to cast their vote.

**The largest impact of our not voting yes on this issue would be our inability to take part in any National AAUW events, a potential loss of our affiliation with National AAUW!!**



Stoneridge Creek Lobby  
December 2017



Giving out White Elephant gifts.

AAUW HOLIDAY PARTY 2017



Jean Felton, Mary Jane Casper, Pat Kohnen



Virk, Bergh, Skufca, Guarnaccia, Gordner, Hempill, Wright, Mielke



Jan Van de Werfhorst, JoAnn Houk, Almer Wood



Barbara Hempill, Dawn Gordner

## INTEREST GROUPS



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Co-Chairs: Nancy Rensink &  
Fern Corley

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

We are going to try having Duplicate Bridge on the 1st Thursday of the month to avoid back to back dates. We hope this change will work for current players and will attract new players.

**DATE** Thursday, January 4 @ 7 pm

Chris Alesso

**New Players: if you are interested, come join us. Give Nancy a call and we'll all welcome you.**



### 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.

**Note change on 1/8/18.**

**DATE** Monday, January 8 @ 7 pm  
Sal Tompkins

**DATE:** Monday, January 22, @ 7 pm  
Carol Kinnard



### MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

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

**DATE:** Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 9:30 am

**BOOK:** *The Glass Universe*

**AUTHOR:** David Sobel

**HOSTESS &**

**REVIEWER:** Chris Alesso



### AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

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

**DATE:** JANUARY 8 @ 1 pm

**BOOK:** *Headstrong: 52 Women Who Changed Science - and the World*

**AUTHOR:** Rachel Swaby

**HOSTESS:** T.B.A.



### EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Connie Squires

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 10, 7:30 pm

**BOOK** *The Underground Railroad*

**AUTHOR:** Colson Whitehead

**REVIEWER:** Anne Dini

**HOSTESS &**

**CO-HOSTESS:** Pam Copeland



### Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

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

**DATE:** January, 2018

**Hostess:** Noma Foss.

Time and place to be announced.



In case you didn't get any candy canes over the holiday, here are some for you.



### SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown  
[solodining@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:solodining@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Friday, January 19 @ 1 pm

**WHERE:** Andy and Yu's  
 348 St. Mary's St., Pleasanton

**RSVP:** Contact Sandie by the 17th



Happy  
New  
Year!



### MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

**DATE:** Thursday, January 11 @10 am

**DISCUSSING:** The process of appointing federal judges, continued from last month; is it political? or not?

**WHERE:** Sweet & Savory  
 5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

Come and participate or just listen. All are welcome.



### COFFEE "AND"



Thursday, January 4

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, January 4 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, January 2 @ 6 pm

**WHERE:** 828 Main Street , Pleasanton

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

Thank you to our members who donated to the AAUW Fund. May young women were helped because of your generosity.

Thank you!

## AAUW FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 - 11:30 AM**

AQUA E FARINA, 22622 MAIN ST., HAYWARD, CA

Our speaker is **Kim Long** who is studying under four AAUW Fellowships including one sponsored by Elisabeth Bathgate. She is at U.C. Berkeley working toward her Ph.D. in Neuroscience. She is seeking to uncover the biological basis of susceptibility to anxiety after stress, and why women, are twice as likely as men to suffer post-stress anxiety disorders. Her findings show there is a neglected cell type in the brain associated with anxiety. This research could lead to a new understanding of anxiety and new avenues for treatments. She will show a power point presentation to demonstrate her research.

The cost for the luncheon is \$35.00 and includes everything except wine. Entrée options are Filet of Sole, Veal Marsala, or Pollo Piccata, and all come with Insalata Mista, Linguini Marinara and Tiramisu for dessert.

Mail your reservation with Liz Bathgate with a check made out to AAUW Hayward/Castro Valley; or go to [www.hcv-ca.aauw.net](http://www.hcv-ca.aauw.net) and use PayPal to register and pay with a credit card. The deadline for reservations is January 27<sup>th</sup>.

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What is this Two Minute Activist? (see Anita's President's Message on Page 2) Find out more about it at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist> or use the mobile version: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/>

When our advocacy is needed most we would receive urgent email notices about what to do, where and how. Find out about signing up for receiving these.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Jan.1	Happy New Year!			
Jan. 2	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 3	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey's	1:00 pm	Livermore
Jan. 4	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 4	Duplicate Bridge	Nancy Rensink	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 8	Afternoon Books	T.B.A.	1:00 pm	?
Jan. 8	Monday Night Bridge	Sal Tompkins	7:00 pm	Livermore
Jan. 9-11	Every Member Vote Again	See Page 4.		
Jan. 10	Evening Books	Pam Copeland	7:30 pm	Livermore
Jan. 11	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 13	Make a Difference Day	Pleasanton Public Library	10-2 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 18	Grapevine Deadline			
Jan. 19	Solo Dining	Andy and Yu's	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 22	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Kinnard	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 25	Morning Books	Chris Alesso	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 25	Dining Around	Hostess: Norma Foss	6:00 pm?	T.B.A.
Jan. 29– Feb.4	Tech Trek Fundraiser	Campo Di Bocce	fill the basket with receipts	
Jan. 31	Bocce Play/Luncheon	Campo Di Bocce	10/11:30 am	Livermore
Feb. 3	Fellowship Luncheon	Aqua Farina	11:30 am	Hayward
Apr. 27-29	CA AAUW Convention	Irvine Marriott		Irvine, CA



Anita Bergh, Rosemary Virk and her husband



All photos taken by  
Devon LaHar.

Thank you Devon!



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