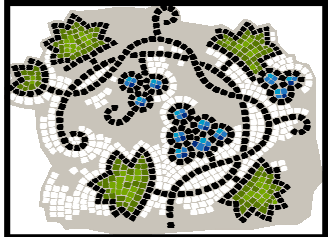




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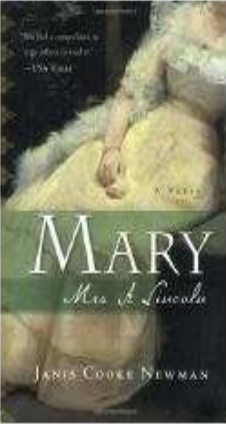
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COFFEE WITH JANICE COOKE NEWMAN, San Francisco author

Date – March 21 Time: 10:30 AM – Noon

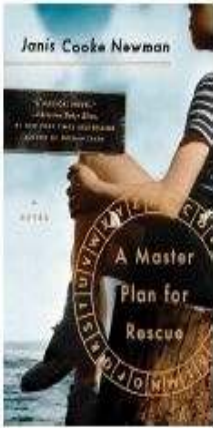
Where: Towne Center Books, 555 Main Street, Pleasanton

Featuring Janice Cooke Newman author of *Mary: Mrs. A. Lincoln* (2007 by Mariner Books) and *A Master Plan for Rescue* (2015 by Riverhead Books). Besides writing historical Novels, Newman is an acclaimed travel writer and also very active in writers' collaboratives that encourage youthful writers in San Francisco.



Mary is a historical novel about Mary Todd Lincoln. *Mary* was a Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist, Bay Area Best Seller, and USA Today's Best Historical Fiction of the Year in 2006. This fictional telling of Mary's life is written using her voice in the form of memoirs written during her stay in the self-termed lunatic asylum to which her son has had her committed.... from Library Thing review

A Master Plan for Rescue is an enchanting pair of intertwined love stories set in 1942 New York and Berlin. The first main character is a 12-year-old boy living among the diverse immigrant population of New York City who struggles to come to terms with the loss of his father. The second is a survivor of Nazi Germany. Together they plan to rescue 23 refugee children. How this project rescues both is the charm of the story.



Coffee and brunch goodies will be served. Contact the bookstore at orders@townecenterbooks.com or (925) 846-8826 to make your reservation. Seating is limited. Books will be available for purchase. Thanks to Judy Wheeler of Towne Center Books for arranging and hosting this event.

Program sponsored by AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin and Towne Center Books

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Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 7
1:00 pm
T.B.A.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anita Massey



As you know, our branch is currently in transition. With Devon La Har, now Acting President, out of the country I wanted to bring a couple of items forward.

AAUW Dues Increasing Effective March 16

The first dues change in almost a decade will be in effect next month, increasing national dues from \$49 to \$59. This will be reflected when you renew your membership that contains a national, a state and a local component.

April 10th – Equal Pay Day – Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year. It's also a powerful occasion to raise awareness about and organize action around the gender pay gap in our community.

Despite the Equal Pay Act, the wage gap persists; women are typically paid just 80 cents on average for every dollar paid to men - and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws has helped to narrow the wage gap, significant disparities still must be addressed.

To improve the scope of the Equal Pay Act, AAUW advocates passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This would give employers stronger incentives to follow the law, enhance federal enforcement efforts, and prohibit retaliation against workers asking about wage practices.

On April 10th, our Branch will be distributing PayDay candy bars at the BART station to catch people on their way to work/ classes, reminding them about these wage discrepancies. There is more information in the LPD Classifieds (Help Wanted) on Page 8 of this Grapevine. It explains how to help for an hour.

With Wendy Ping's departure this month Tech Trek is regrouping; we have been moving roles around. I am taking on the role of Branch Coordinator. Charlene Grandfield steps into the Secretary position and Jo Ann Houk is taking on the Treasurer role.

This is a busy time for Tech Trek as we are preparing to interview 28 applicants for our eight available Tech Trek camps. The interviews will take place Saturday, March 3rd in Livermore at the Main Library and Saturday, March 10 in Pleasanton at Ridgeview Commons. A BIG thank you to Carolyn Kotch for again arranging for us to use this latter location.

Thanks so much to the committee and all of you in the Branch who donate time and money to help us provide this opportunity for these young women.

Anita

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

You will be able to renew your membership for the 2018-2019 year after March 15, 2018. The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. National dues will increase from \$49 to \$59 so the total renewal amount will be \$95. This will include \$20 state dues and \$16 branch dues. \$56 of the renewal amount is tax deductible.

Information on the AAUW website states that "annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more."

Please encourage your friends and family to attend a program or interest group meeting so that you can introduce them to AAUW. If someone joins at one of our programs, national and local dues will be discounted by 50% (\$29.50 and \$8). Our renewal year begins March 16, 2018 so if someone joins at an event after that date, dues would be \$57.50 through June 30, 2019.

Marilyn

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NON-EVENT Ginny Reineking (ginny@aauw-lpd.org)

The Non-Event fundraiser, Train Travel Adventures, is off to a great start. So many of our members have given generously. It is our goal for this to be 100% member supported. All donations are totally deductible.



We want to acknowledge the following: **Nancy Cotton, Wendy Ping, Marilyn Foreman, Joan Leighty, Helen Dourov, Gale Naylor, Patty Rabada, Devon LaHar, Helen Robinson, Karen Cowan, Charlotte Severin, Pat Wilen, Marilyn Duman, Joy Robinson, Pat Mann, Ronald Wacek, Susan Wacek, Gwen Locke, Connie Squires, Pam Copeland, Marilyn Barbao, Tina Amber, Ann Willoughby, Karen Richardson, Roz Wright, Pat Mielke, Robin Morgan, Walt Morgan, Barbara Hempill, Joan Zehnder, Sharon Edwards, Sally Stock, Suzanne Emberton, Joann Houk, Mary Ann Karlsen, Silvia Pereira, Harriet Lawrie, Charlene Grandfield, Norma Foss, Jackie Shurtleff, Carolyn Kotch, Dawn Gordner, Anne Dini, and Carol Guarnaccia.**



Every donation is appreciated. Let's enable some young women become future AAUW members.

Thank you, Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking



tech
trek

**LPD Tech Trekkers joined Branch member volunteers in helping out at the
Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference**

For the first time, LPD Tech Trek "Alumni" joined our Branch volunteers in helping at the annual Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference. This all-day, hands-on STEM career conference for girls in the 6-9th grade took place on Saturday, February 24th at the San Ramon Campus of Diablo Valley College (DVC).

Four former Trekkers (from 2013-2015) volunteered to serve in various capacities. Two girls helped with the Adult Session, which was co-chaired by Branch member (and EYH National Board member) Ann Willoughby. The other two girls served as assistants to the event coordinators.

Dot Bishop coordinated two L-P-D Branch members who volunteered as Workshop Monitors for the day.
Wendy Ping

COMMUNICATIONS Sandy Hansen info@aauw-lpd.org

Thanks to all of you who responded to recent invitations distributed via the eVite system either from either Tina Amber or Sandy Hansen's personal email addresses. We are learning as we proceed. The eVite system enables you to respond "yes" or "no", include comments with your responses, and answer "poll" questions which help us with options. It also provides us with information on who has viewed the invitations. This MAY be telling us that some of you do not open messages - or the messages may be filtered by your systems as junk mail.

Of concern is that 41 of our members did not view the invitation to our Bocce fundraiser and 47 did not view the invitation to our going away party for Wendy Ping. Since our newsletter is distributed via email, this leaves us wondering if all who are sent the newsletter are receiving it and reading it. If you can give us any suggestions on what would encourage you to read the newsletter or open our invitations (eVite) we are open to feedback.

We thank you for your patience as we are testing our system.

Sandy

Local Scholarship Foundation-SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

May 1 may seem far-away but it will be here before you know it.

May 1 is the last day that completed scholarship applications will be accepted.

If you know of any women who will have attained junior or senior standing in college at the beginning of the 2018 fall term, please urge them to apply for one of our scholarships. In June of 2018, the our L-P-D Foundation will award scholarships between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

The applicant must be a woman who is a resident of Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol OR is a graduate of one of the high schools serving these communities. She must be planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university and be planning to complete her full course of study. She will attend our Fall Membership Luncheon in-person or via video.

For applications, please go to: lpd.ca.aauw.net.

Any donations are gratefully appreciated. Please send to:

Ginny Reineking



AAUW FUND Nancy Rensink aauwfunds@aauw-lpd.org

Thank you to all the LPD members who supported the AAUW Fund in 2017.

The year-end report showed that our members donated \$3,857.00 to the fund.

THE TRANSITIONING OF THE L-P-D BRANCH OF AAUW

At the last board meeting, on February 7th, Wendy Ping submitted her resignation as LPD Board Treasurer, Tech Trek Committee Chair and STEM Divas Chair since she is moving at the end of this month.

Devon LaHar was nominated and approved as President to replace Anita Massey and Chris Alesso, the current co-chairs. Devon is now Acting President and we'll be making this formal change to President with a vote at the April LPD meeting.

Chris Alesso was nominated and approved as Treasurer to replace Wendy.

Anita Massey was nominated and approved to replace Devon LaHar, member-at-large, in a newly-named Board position of Director STEM Outreach. This new title reflects the need for a coordinator for the increased number of STEM Projects (Tech Trek, STEAM Divas, etc.)

All of these appointments were effective at the end of the board meeting on February 7 with the exception of Devon's approval as President that will be voted on the April meeting. Until then, she is Acting President.

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Chair: Nancy Rensink
dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

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

DATE: Thursday, March 1 @ 7 pm
 Karen Cowan

DATE: Thursday, April 5 @ 7 pm
 Carol Guarnaccia

We'd love some more players!



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, Mar. 12 @ 7 pm
 Karen Cowan

DATE: Monday, Mar. 26 @ 7 pm
 Evie Eckard



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.



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock
ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, March 22 @ 9:30 am
BOOK: *Rainbows Come and Go*
AUTHOR: Anderson Cooper
HOSTESS &
REVIEWER: Margaret Gruen



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen
pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Monday, March 12 @ 1 pm
BOOK: *Time and Again*
AUTHOR: Jack Finney
HOSTESS: Helen Dourov
WHERE: Heritage Estates Library
 900 E. Stanley, Livermore



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:

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



DINING AROUND

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

It looks like our little group has run its course. Since there have been no sign-ups for hosts, I believe we will no longer have our monthly dinners. I think of Pat and Ralph Williams, who started this group, and what wonderful meals we have had at homes and at restaurants. Thanks for all the memories, all the good food, and all the new places to dine.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso
advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday March 8 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory
 5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

We'll continue our discussion about sexual harassment.

Don't forget, the meetings are open to everyone, please join us. Chris



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

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

DATE: Friday, March 16 @ 6 pm

WHERE: Benevino, 4500 Dublin Blvd.
 Dublin

RSVP: Contact Sandie by the 14th

PROGRAM CHAIR GWEN LOCKE

program@aauw-lpd.org

Coming Up Locally

Coffee with Janice Cooke Newman, author, March 21 @ 10:30-Noon, Towne Center Books, Pleasanton. No charge. Be sure to call for reservation.

Annual LPD Branch Meeting

Saturday, April 21 @ 11:30 am
 Zephyr Grill & Bar, Livermore

LPD General Meeting with

Kathleen Cha, speaker, May 2
 International Women's Issues

Old Board/New Board , Brunch, Installation of Officers, 10 AM

June 16 @ Jo Ann Houk's home

(some or all the above is subject to change)

Coming Up Nationally—AAUW

The AAUW National Board of Directors is proposing the following amendments to the bylaws addressing creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership.

While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on www.aauw.org, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

Each AAUW member will be receiving this information and it will contain directions about commenting & voting.



Yes,
yes,
I'll do it!

L-P-D CLASSIFIEDS (HELP WANTED)

PROGRAM VP - The Nominating Committee (Roz Wright, Maria Kennedy and Chris Alesso) is searching for a Program Vice President for the 2018-20 period. This job comes with an experienced committee that is already planning the larger events for next year. Job duties include attending monthly board meetings (about two hours); coordinating program meetings (about four times a year at one hour each); providing info to the Grapevine each month (the editor will do the graphics); and working with the committee to develop additional program ideas. If you would like more information (before committing) please check in with Gwen Locke, our current Program VP.

PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE - We are looking for a few computer savvy people to publicize our branch events on local websites, Facebook, and through our Twitter account to reach out into our community.

APRIL 10TH EQUAL PAY DAY— We will be distributing PayDay candy bars at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station (and Las Positas College if we have enough volunteers). This is an early morning event (7 AM) to catch people on their way to work/classes and should last no more than an hour or until we run out of candy. If you can help us out that day, please contact Anita Massey or Chris Alesso

GOODBYE WENDY PING

HOST: THE AAUW BOARD

WHERE: Tina Amber's Home

*WHEN: Thursday, February 27
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM*



AND

**THANK YOU SO MUCH,
WENDY, FOR ALL YOU
HAVE DONE !!
BEST WISHES FROM ALL**

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME		
Now	Scholarship Non-Event	Donations Welcomed		
Now	Scholarship Applications	Available for Jr/Sr. Women see Pg. 5		
Feb. 27	Good Bye Wendy Ping	Tina Amber's home	3-6 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 1	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 1	Duplicate Bridge	Karen Cowan	7:00 pm	Livermore
Mar. 6	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 7	LPD Board Meeting	T.B.A.	1:00 pm	
Mar. 8	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 12	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates Library	1:00 pm	Livermore
Mar. 12	Monday Night Bridge	Karen Cowan	7:00 pm	Livermore
Mar. 14	Evening Books	Susan Wacek	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 16	Solo Dining	Berevino Italian Cucina	6:00 pm	Dublin
Mar. 18	Deadline for submissions	April Grapevine		
Mar. 21	Coffee with Author	Town Center Books	10:30 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 22	Morning Books	Margaret Gruen	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 26	Monday Night Bridge	Evie Eckard	7:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 5	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Apr. 10	Hand Out PayDays	Dublin/Pleasanton BART	7:00 am	Pleasanton
Apr. 21	LPD Annual Meeting	Zephyr Grill & Bar	11:30 am	Livermore
Apr. 27-29	CA AAUW Convention	Irvine Marriott		Irvine, CA
May 2	LPD General Meeting	T.B.A.		
Jun. 16	LPD Installation Officers	Jo Ann Houk's home	T.B.A.	Pleasanton



COFFEE "AND"



Thursday, March 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, March 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, March 6 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main Street , Pleasanton



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Address Service Requested

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.org
www.aauw-ca.org
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Twitter: @AAUW_LPD

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Submit all articles (email or in writing) (hopefully formatted) to Carol for the April Grapevine
by March 18 or sooner