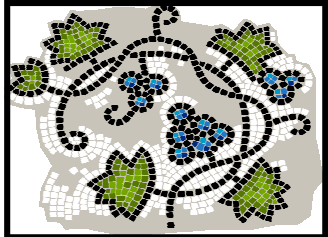




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WORLDWIDE GENDER EQUALITY - WHERE ARE WE?



What happened in March 2018 when more than 4,300 women and men from 170 different countries participated in the United Nation's largest gathering on women's rights issues at sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62)? Kathleen Cha, one of AAUW's representatives to UN events for the past 6 years, will report on World Wide Gender Equality.

The conference focused on achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls, with a secondary theme related to participation in and access of women to the media, information & communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women. Cha moderated a panel on communications.

Wednesday, May 2, 7 PM at the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board Room
7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

About our speaker & her Topic: World Wide Gender Equality



- currently League of Women Voters Bay Area Director
- Vice Chair of A Safe Place providing comprehensive services to families suffering abuse and violence
- board member/ immediate past co-chair of Women's Intercultural Network (Win) who awarded her a Circle of Courage Award for her international leadership.
- Past President of AAUW California

This event is free. Please register through Eventbrite at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3pqtqi>

Registration deadline: April 30.

LOCATION DIRECTIONS ARE ON PAGE 9.

MORE ABOUT KATHLEEN ON PAGE 7



Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 9
1:00 pm
Chris Alesso

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AT LARGE**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Devon La Har



Each of us in AAUW has a “favorite” interest in connecting with and empowering women. You may donate to college scholarships, support after-school arts or literacy programs, or volunteer in a public school program. You may enjoy seeing your daughters, grand-daughters, or girls in your neighborhood make use of so many more life opportunities than you yourself had at a similar age!

At the same time, you see weekly news about continued inequity of opportunity that we females face: striking teachers and nurses, Me Too protests, Equal Pay Day statistics.

AAUW encourages us to self-educate and act. Check out previous **Two-Minute Activist** links below to see what AAUW members have done to help empower women to break through educational barriers.

Vital for you this month: **educate yourself to vote on proposed AAUW national bylaws amendments!**

- Read *Grapevine information (April, May 2018 issues) for proposed amendments summary and ways to vote*
- search your email inboxes for “AAUW bylaws amendments”
Contact a board member with questions.
- Vote by 6/09/2018 deadline.

Please check this *Grapevine issue's calendar and articles for news/information about:*

Equal Pay Day branch activity

April annual branch meeting /luncheon

May 2nd speaker Kathleen Cha: Worldwide Gender Equality

June 16th AAUW-LPD Brunch (Old Board/New Board Officer Installation)

Selected **Two-minute Activist** links for education :

[End the Student Debt Crisis](#)

[Stand Up for Equity in Education](#)

[Petition: We need gender equity in STEM!](#)

[Support the Building Blocks of STEM Act](#)

[Support increasing access to STEM for women and minorities!](#)

New Officers & Directors take over
in June after installation.

Devon

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



Those of you who use email have received your first membership renewal notification from AAUW. Thank you very much to those of you who have renewed by check or online.

Renewal forms will be mailed after the general meeting / luncheon on April 21 and are also available on our website. This form can be used to update information and to volunteer for committees and other activities. Please look at your directory and verify that the information next to your name is correct. If you would like to make a non-deductible donation to our branch, that information is also available. We count on your donations to help defray general Branch expenses.

In addition, please help me welcome new member Cheri Nakisher. Cheri and her husband are long time residents of the Bay Area. She worked in the Human Services arena for many years, primarily in NGOs and some government agencies. Her last position before retiring was as the Director of Case Management for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Contra Costa County. Just prior to retiring Cheri began training to become a Labor and Delivery Doula. She worked with private clients at various Eastbay hospitals, as well as clients at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez. She is a licensed wedding officiate and officiates at non-denominational weddings. She is currently a literacy tutor at a Livermore elementary school and an ESL tutor through the Pleasanton Library. Cheri has two adult sons who live in the area and four grandchildren.

Nakisher, Cheri

BS Human Services
Empire State College (SUNY)

Interests: Reading, traveling, volunteering

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

Marilyn

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



Donations continue to trickle in for our local scholarship fund and the total is fantastic. We thank all who have donated and urge others to consider sending a check.

Our goal this year is 100% member participation and we are now close to 60%. These monies will enable us to help several young women defray their education costs.

Thanks to Rosemary Virk, Sandy Hansen, Maria Kennedy and the Monday Night Bridge Group for recent donations.

Some of you noted that beginning last month I was writing under the STEM heading and not just Tech Trek. While Tech Trek is our longest running STEM activity and I am the branch coordinator for that program, we are adding to it with our STEAM Divas work and a brand-new Planning for College Program. You can expect to hear about the ongoing activities and growth of our newer programs here each month and hopefully a few more of you will want to get involved.



Not all involvement means a large time commitment. In the early stages of development some of these programs would benefit from additional thought partners. If you have a strong interest in helping our young women of today, prepare for tomorrow **PLEASE** consider assisting one of these newer groups to become as embedded in our organization as Tech Trek.



Steam Diva's (one day hands-on science program for 5th grade girls) will be regrouping soon to plan for it's second program in the fall of 2018. If the lessons learned in the pilot program work out, there are plans to expand beyond Livermore in 2019. Currently many of the members of this group are also involved in Tech Trek leaving them stretched a bit thin when the planning or programs have overlap. The good news, this creates an opportunity for some you not currently involved to lend your thinking to Steam Diva's. In talking with Ann Willoughby, one of the program co-chairs, we estimated an hour or two in May and June and again in September. October and November might take 2-3 hours as the event is targeted for November. I include this information, so you understand that a small commitment of your time really can have a very big impact.



The new **Planning for College Program**, (yes, we know we need a better name), had its pilot on March 28th. The pilot was offered to all of the 2017 and 2018 candidates for Tech Trek. Diane Keller did a fantastic job of addressing what the girls needed to plan for in high school if they want to attend college. It was attended by about 30 girls and parents who gave us positive and helpful feedback. I can't thank Diane enough for sharing her professional skills in this way. We'd like to expand this to a 3-part series, part one would be what we just offered but opened to a wider audience. Part 2 might be geared for mid-year 9th grade and focus on the college critical 10th and 11th grade years and then part 3 might be early in the 11th grade year with information on applying to and funding opportunities for college. Currently these are just thoughts, hopes and dreams, to make them real and to keep this opportunity alive we again need thought partners. Just over an hour or two per month of your time will go a long way to support the young women in our communities.



Tech Trek recently received a \$3000 grant from the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. This is a combined foundation supported by both Livermore Rotary Clubs. Our thanks to Karen Cowan for assisting in securing this grant for Tech Trek. On May 10th, Tech Trek will be holding their orientation for the 2018 Trekker's who will attend Camp Currie in July. JoAnn Houk has graciously agreed to open her home for this event.



EQUAL PAY DAY



On April 10th, five of our members (Anita Massey, Devon La Har, Bev Howell, Gwen Locke and Chris Alesso), distributed about 150 PayDay bars and Pay Equity information to travelers on BART. They were well received and next year we hope to take more.

The committee would like to thank these members and also the following members who helped to make the packages: Suzanne Emberton, Tina Amber, Sandy Hansen, Sandy Brown, Gloria Green, Mary Ann Karlsen, and Tina Amber.

THIS "N THAT

At our Annual Meeting and Luncheon last Saturday, the 21st:

Welcome to our newly elected LPD Officers and Directors, with special thanks to our new co-chairs of the LPD Programs

Maria Kennedy and Sal Tompkins.

- President Devon LaHar
- Program Maria Kennedy & Sal Tompkins
- Membership Marilyn Duman
- Treasurer Chris Alesso

Directors at Large

Communications/

- AAUW Fund Sandy Hansen
- Social Media Tina Amber
- Publicity Roz Wright
- Secretary Charlene Grandfield

STEM Outreach Anita Massey

(this is STEM/Tech Trek/Steam Divas now all under one title)

More about Kathleen Cha, our speaker at the meeting on May 2 (see page 1).

Kathleen has served public, private and nonprofit sectors for more than thirty years as a strategic communications professional, specializing in community outreach, media & governmental affairs and crisis communications regarding community issues, public safety, housing/transportation and the environment.

As a member-leader of AAUW, Kathleen is a past national Director-at-Large Executive Committee member and past AAUW California State President.

She is currently a League of Women Voters Bay Area Director—focusing on regional governance, land use, transportation & environment and Communications Manager for the League in Oakland.

Among many other things, she is an NGO delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (the past six years), representing AAUW this past march at the 62nd United Nations Commission on Status of Women.

She was recently appointed to serve on the Bay Area Regional Planning Committee providing policy on land use, housing, and environment for our one hundred and one cities and nine counties.

These are only a very few of things mentioned in her vita!

Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend her program.

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, May 3 @ 7 pm
 Evie Eckard

DATE: Thursday, June 7 @ 7 pm
 Marti Silva

We'd really love some more players!



MORNING BOOKS

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

DATE: Thursday, May 24 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: Book Selection and Potluck

MEMBERS: watch for your email.

HOSTESS : Bev Howell, 485-7812
 2436 Foothill Rd., Pleasanton

RSVP: Bev Howell



AFTERNOON BOOKS

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

DATE: Monday, May 14 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *Bobby Kennedy*

AUTHOR: Chris Matthews

HOSTESS: Helen Dourov

WHERE: Heritage Estates Library
 900 East Stanley, Livermore



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, May 14 @ 7 pm
 Chris Alesso

DATE: Monday, May 28 @ 7 pm
 Marti Silva



EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Walter Morgan
pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, May 9 @ 6:00 pm

WHAT: Planning Meeting and Potluck

If you didn't sign up at the April Meeting, bring a salad or a dessert. Each member please bring books as suggestions for our new year of reading.

HOSTESS : Bev Howell

RSVP: Bev Howell



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)



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, May 18 @ 6 pm

WHERE: Oasis Restaurant
780 Main St., Pleasanton

RSVP: Contact Sandie by the 16th



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday May 10 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory
5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

At the April meeting we discussed sexual harassment investigation. AAUW CA website provides status of CA pending legislation..

In May, we will look at Title VII and Title IX in relation to the core topic of sexual harassment.

Don't forget, the meetings are open to everyone. Come join us! Gloria



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, May 3, 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, May 3rd @ 10 AM

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



PROGRAM CHAIR GWEN LOCKE

program@aauw-lpd.org

New co-chairs just elected today
Maria Kennedy and Sal Tompkins



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS



Ladies never discuss politics or religion. Educated women discuss everything in a sensible way.

Join us to discuss current events. All opinions are welcome.

The first Tuesday of each month at 828 Main in Pleasanton

WHEN: Tuesday, May 1st @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main Street , Pleasanton

Coming Up Locally

LPD General Meeting with

Kathleen Cha, speaker, May 2, 7 pm at Dublin San Ramon Service District Board Room on 7051 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin.. She'll be telling us about her experiences in the United Nation's gathering in March 2018 and World Wide Gender Equity.

Be sure to register at Eventbrite at

<https://tinyurl.com/yd3pqtqj>

(location directions on Page 9)

Old Board/New Board , Brunch,

Installation of Officers, 9 AM/10 am

June 16 @ Jo Ann Houk's home



AAUW has proposed **3 National AAUW bylaws amendments** for member consideration. Please educate yourselves and vote between April 25 and June 9, 2018.

Why are we voting on National bylaws changes now?

Now is an appropriate time to consider changes. National AAUW election of officers occur in 2019; nomination process for those positions begins in Fall 2018.

When/how do we vote?

Vote between **4/25/18 and 6/09/18** in one of these ways.

If you have an email address: Look for voting information and vote by email.

If you don't have an email address: Look for a voting packet in your mailbox.

Ask for a paper ballot (postmarked for return by 5/21).

What are we voting on?

Proposed changes to **National AAUW bylaws** (basic description follows):

1) Proposal to change Article V, Nominations and Election:

terms of appointed Nominating Committee

how candidates for elections are proposed (12 elected directors + separately elected Chair and Vice Chair annually appointed additional board member)

rotation of board members (1/3 elected annually, while 2/3 will have recent "history" of relevant board action)

2) Proposal to change Article VI, Officers and Directors:

open board membership to non-members

at least 10 board members must be AAUW members; no more than 5 additional board members may be non-AAUW members

3) Proposal to change Article IV. Membership and dues:

remove college degree requirement for AAUW membership to AAUW (promotes equity, meets inclusion language required by many funders)

MORE THIS 'N THAT



L-P-D Members: in late May please expect an Evite invitation for our June Installation Brunch at JoAnn Houk's home. There you will be able to R.S.V.P and say what you will be bringing to the brunch.

Respond early, especially if you will not be attending, then you won't receive all

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Now	Scholarship Non-Event	Donations still welcomed	(getting closer to 100%	
4/25 to 6/9	VOTE National AAUW	Amendments	participation!)	
May 1	Last Day Scholarship	Applications accepted		
May 1	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 2	LPD Meeting Kathleen Cha	Dub./ S/R Serv.Board Rm	7:00 pm	Dublin
May 3	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
May 3	Duplicate Bridge	Evie Eckard	7:00 pm	Livermore
May 9	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 9	Evening Books Potluck	& Planning @ Bev Howell	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 10	Tech Trek Orientation	Jo Ann Houk		Pleasanton
May 10	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
May 14	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates Library	1:00 pm	Livermore
May 14	Monday Night Bridge	Chris Alesso	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 18	Grapevine Deadline			
May 18	Solo Dining	Oasis Restaurant	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 24	Morning Books Potluck	& Planning @ Bev Howell	9:30 am	Pleasanton
May 28	Monday Night Bridge	Marti Silva	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
	Pay your dues	Renew Membership		
Jun 7	Duplicate Bridge	Marti Silva	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jun. 16	LPD Old/New Board/ Brunch/Install Officers	Jo Ann Houk's home	9 & 10 am	Pleasanton

LPD Branch Meeting Wed. May 2 @ 7 pm



Dublin San Ramon Services
District Board Room
7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin



7051 Dublin Blvd is at the point of the arrow – behind the bus stop, beyond Bright Horizons (used to be AAA office), before you get to Wendy's



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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-lpd.org
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Next Deadline:

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