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AAUW—EMPOWERING ALL WOMEN & GIRLS TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the American Association of University Women will be hosting its Fall Kick-Off and New Member Drive

Saturday, September 29, 2018 12:30-3:00 PM Lynnewood United Methodist Church 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton

The program will highlight the young girls who competed for and won the nine scholarships to attend Camp Curie Tech Trek summer camp on the Stanford University campus. The girls will be sharing some of their experiences and what it meant to them.

Also at this event will be our three 2018 Scholarship winners. Each year the LPD Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to undergraduate women. Each will be giving a short presentation.

Please come and meet these incredible young women and their parents.

Prospective members will be able to learn about our numerous interest groups and the other educational opportunities available.

Light refreshments will be served.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon La Har



I hope that you have had time for physical relaxation, mental introspection, and renewed relationships this summer!

I've been fortunate to spend time with our branch members during July and August, and I continue to be amazed at their individual and collective depth of wisdom and life experience! They inspire the rest of us to engage in mission-based activities that increase access to economic and educational opportunities for women of every age. Thank you for sharing yourselves!

I encourage you to continue challenging yourselves this fall:

- look for *Grapevine* mini-bio's of our AAUW-LPD branch members beginning in the October issue
- get involved in a mission-based activity or special-interest group (contact information in the *Grapevine* or at our 9/29 Fall Kick-Off event)
- educate yourselves to act through such online resources as AAUW California 's advocacy information at http://www.aauw-ca.org/advocacy/

SEPTEMBER EVENTS you want to attend!

Equal Work/ Equal Pay speaker Aileen Rizo 4-6 PM 9/22/2018 Richard Trudeau Conference Center 11500 Skyline Blvd, Oakland 94619

Free admission. Register for seating online at http://bit.ly/AdvancingPayEquity9222018 or call (510) 303-6225.

What would you do if you discovered that your male coworker earned much more salary than you? Does prior salary perpetuate the gender pay gap? Speaker **Aileen Rizo** discovered that she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority. Aileen filed suit against the Fresno County Office of Education under equal pay and gender discrimination laws. Her lawsuit (supported by AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund) led to California having some of the strongest equal pay laws in our country!

Don't miss this <u>rare</u> opportunity to hear from a woman who acted to further equal pay for women! Carpool with a friend and share what you learn.

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President's Message continued

AAUW-LPD Fall Kick-Off

12:30-3:00 PM 9/29/2018 Lynnewood United Methodist Church 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton 94566

Join us for food and inspiration! Share light refreshments while you learn more about our branch educational activities and special-interest groups.

Our program will highlight young women who will share their educational experiences made possible through our branch programs: our three 2018 AAUW-LPD Local Scholarship recipients and eight of our 2018 AAUW-LPD Tech Trek Scholarship recipients who attended Camp Curie at Stanford last month







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

The current Non-Event Fundraiser has been extremely successful. To date, our members have donated \$6,000!!! This is the highest amount ever. We will be able to grant generous scholarships next spring. There is still time to donate. Please send your tax deductible check made out to LPD AAUW Scholarship Foundation to Ginny Reineking.

Many thanks to our donors.

Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking, co -chairs



MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman membership@aauw-lpd.org

Welcome back for another great year! The program committee is planning an interesting and enjoyable roster of activities. I'm sure each of you will find something to enjoy so read this newsletter carefully. We open the year with our Kick-Off social event on September 29th. I look forward to meeting each of you and giving you your new directory. When you join us, bring a friend or two! Look for more information about this great event in this issue of the Grapevine.

Help me welcome two new members! <u>Pushpa P. Dalal, MD</u> is a retired physician and talented artist. Pushpa graduated from Vikram University in India and did post graduate fellowships at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, and Women and Infant's Hospital, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. She is a photographer and digital artist as well as an aspiring watercolor artist. Pushpa is also learning American mahjongg and contract bridge.

<u>PJ Wells</u> attended and graduated from San Francisco State University in 1983 with a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing & Communications. Her current hobbies include exercise and fitness, wine tasting, reading and interpreting what "retirement" means to her.

Current members are in a great position to share AAUW's mission. Get to know our new members, involve them, make them feel welcome and keep in touch with them. <u>Our mission is what ties us all together.</u> Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your membership in AAUW. I look forward to seeing you at the social.

DIRECTOR STEM OUTREACH Anita Massey stem@aauw-lpd.org

STEM UPDATES

STEAM DIVAS

After a successful launch last Sept., a plan for LPD's 2nd annual STEAM Divas program for 5th grade girls in the Livermore school district has begun in a committee co-chaired by Mekena Metcalf and Ann Willoughby. Girls will participate in a half-day, fun-filled program attending 3 hands-on workshops taught by LPD members and other local female professionals that encourage girls' interest in STEAM. As part of our continued engagement with and involvement in leadership training for LPD Tech Trek graduates, these young women assist at STEAM Divas serving as workshop aides. The date for the program will be determined with the school district and is planned for a Saturday morning this coming Oct. or Nov. LPD members interested in assisting can contact Ann Willoughby at steamdivas@aauw-lpd.org. The time commitment is minimal. Volunteers are particularly needed to assist with developing and presenting a 60 -90 minute parent program about encouraging daughters to consider STEAM choices; handling printed materials, giveaways and goodie bags; helping with school district liaison understudying the current LPD lead; and assisting the day of the event. A description of last year's event can be found in our Nov. 2017 newsletter: https://lpd-ca.aauw.net/files/2012/05/November-2017.pdf. With another successful event this fall, our intent is to expand STEAM Divas to the Pleasanton and Dublin school districts next year.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Another new program we are offering after a successful pilot last spring is Planning for College. The committee chair is Diane Keller, a retired college advisor. We are fortunate to have her as a LPD member. Diane has a wealth of knowledge and this program addresses a critical need in the Tri-Valley. We will be offering two sessions: the first a 9/10th grade event will be held on Wednesday, October 17th from 7-8:30. The 11th grade event will be held Thursday, October 2th from 7-8:30. Both will be at the Robert Livermore Community Center and open to young women from the five Tri-Valley high schools. More information will be available at the September 29th kickoff luncheon. However we have one critical need that can't wait until then and we need your help. If you, through your own or your children, have any contacts with the PTA's at any of the 5 valley high schools please contact Anita Massey at STEM@aauw-lpd.org or Diane Keller.

TECH TREK

After a very busy spring and summer Tech Trek is quietly beginning to gear up for the 2018-19 school year. It will be a busy one as I understand we have a new middle school in Dublin to add to our 10 existing campuses. I had the privilege of attending Camp Curie this summer as a dorm mom and after seeing the program up close and the impact on so many young women I want to thank each and every one of you for everything the branch does in support of this program. As in the past our trekkers have been invited to the September 29th luncheon and hopefully will convey their thanks in person. They each wrote thank you notes which I will share over the coming months.

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STEM UPDATES CONTINUED

TVEYH (TRI-VALLEY EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS)

AAUW-LPD has been a long-standing partner with Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories and the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW branch in the annual Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (TVEYH) Conference. The Conference attracts some 300 6th- 9th grade girls annually from local school districts for a fun-filled day of hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workshops that spark girls' interest in and encourage their pursuit of STEM-related education and career choices. LPD members serve as volunteers at the annual TVEYH Conference, primarily as workshop aides. LPD Tech Trek graduates also assist at the Conference. The next TVEYH Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23th at Diablo Valley College San Ramon Campus.

Anita

TECHNOLOGY FROM TINA Tina Amber socialmedia@aauw-lpd.org

As your social media board member, I will be using this column to update members on technology issues each month. This month we will review "Evite".

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Evite is a social media system that was developed to manage invitations and allow hosts and attendees to easily communicate with each other. Although there are other systems, this is the easiest and most commonly used system.

You may have noticed that AAUW-LPD has began to use Evite to manage attendance at our monthly functions. Evite has a couple of great features - it allows the host to have an up to date count on attendees. It also allows the host to send messages without having to deal with a myriad of emails, if for instance, additional information needs to be sent out for an event.

You can access Evite two ways.

- 1. <u>www.evite.com</u>. Set up a personal account to access evites from AAUW and any other organization that use Evite. You can RSVP here to events.
- 2. Download the app on your smartphone (preferred and easier method.) With one click you will be able to access all pending Evites and also RSVP via your phone. If you have not downloaded an app, I can help you with the process. No sign in is needed.

At this point we have not set up each of the AAUW subgroups in Evite (example, Book Clubs). If you are the organizer of a group and would like to set up and use Evite, contact me at socialmedia@aauw-lpd.org and I will assist you with the process.

The Evite system is free.

Tina

The Scholarship Foundation is looking for new members. Meetings each year are minimal. Serving on the committee includes fundraising and reviewing scholarship applications. That's when you marvel about these young women of today! Then you have to make hard decisions.

Please contact Ginny Reineking at 925-846-4527.



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INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Chair: Nancy Rensink

dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, September 6 @ 7 pm

Norma Foss

We need more players: if you are interested, come join us. Give Nancy a call and we'll all welcome you. Maybe this new Thursday

date will help!



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 27 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: Mrs. Sherlock Holmes

AUTHOR: Brad Ricca
REVIEWER: Chris Alesso
HOSTESS: Chris Alesso



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, August 27 @ 7 pm

Sally Stock

DATE: Monday, September 10 @ 7 pm

Sal Tompkins

AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Monday, September 10 @ 1 pm

BOOK: Born In Crime
AUTHOR: Trevor Noah

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen

DATE: Monday, September 24 @ 7 pm

Carol Kinnard

EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Walter Morgan

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 12 @ 7:30 pm

BOOK: The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

AUTHOR: Lisa See

REVIEWER & HOSTESS & Co-Hostess:

Pam Copeland

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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.

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INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, September 21 @ 6 pm

WHERE: China Lounge

4220-A Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton

Contact Sandie by the 19th about attending.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 13 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory

5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

DISCUSSION: continuing discussion

about Human Trafficking



A new book group is forming and will be meeting n the third Monday of each month:

LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

The first meeting is at the Sunshine Saloon, 1807 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton @ 11:30 am on October 15th. The book is "Still Life" by Louise Penny.

Come join us, one and all, if you like murder mysteries!

More info available from Maria Kennedy.



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, September 6 @ 10 am

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 LP members

& guests.

WHEN: Thursday, September 6 @ 10 AM WHERE: Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.

Pleasanton



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS



Join us to discuss current events and/or whatever else comes up. All opinions are welcome. Lots of lively conversations.

The first Tuesday of each month at **828** in Pleasanton

WHEN: Tuesday, Sept. 4 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Main, Pleasanton



LPD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Susan Wacek scholarship@aauw-lpd.org

Our 2018 Scholarship Winners !!

All 3 will give a short presentation at the Fall Luncheon on September 29, 2018. Come and meet them!

It is because of your generous donations this year that we were able to offer scholarships to these deserving young ladies

Here are their photos as well as a short description about each of them.

Susan



Samantha Valdez attended Granada High School in Livermore and is now attending U.C. Berkeley. She is majoring in Women's Studies with a minor in History. When Samantha was eighteen, she set up an Outreach Program to build a water well in Ghana. She has been an intern for Congressman Eric Swalwell in his Castro Valley office and was hired as his district scheduler. She has received several honors including Psi Beta National Honor Society and a Golden Key Honor Society. Her goal is to obtain her teaching credential and teach Women's History.



Roujheen Sabetan comes from Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2016 as an AP Scholar with Distinction. She recently completed two years at Las Positas College and received an award for an outstanding student in Cell and Molecular Biology as well as our AAUW Tribute to Excellence Award. She will be transferring to U.C. Berkeley this fall as a a public health major with an emphasis on nutrition. Roujheen has worked as a nanny and private tutor and also has volunteered at Axis Community Health Clinic in Pleasanton and Livermore. She has spent time serving as a peer mentor flor

middle schoolers in the Tri-Valley area. After graduation, Roujheen hopes to obtain a masters degree in public health, focusing on community-based settings and underserved health.



I'm **Amber Barnstead**, from Pleasanton. I graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2015, then went on to study as Las Positas College in Livermore. It was not until I took a Political Science class at Las Positas that I discovered my passion for the subject. Since graduating from Las Positas College with highest honors, I enrolled at Sonoma State University. I have just completed my first semester there, majoring in Political Science and minoring in History. With this degree, I hope to get a job in local government, as I think that local government has the greatest impact on a person's day-to-day life.

AAUW-LPD Annual Board Goal-Setting

Our AAUW challenge: Kimberly Churches (AAUW National CEO) asked AAUW members "...what are we doing to ensure that we are demonstrating a *measurable* impact?" on advancing educational and economic access for women. Measuring impact is difficult for most organizations, but our board will continue to work toward Ms. Churches' call to action.

Our board reviewed action steps taken toward the <u>2017-18</u> priority branch goal:

INCREASE COMMUNITY VISIBILITY/NAME RECOGNITION

We then set branch priority goals for 2018-19:

- Increase access to education for women in Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin through our ongoing programs (Tech Trek, STEAM Divas, Planning for College, local scholarship). Collect baseline data to determine participation, which will allow for measuring both those reached and increased use in future years.
- Develop and implement a process for gathering metrics for branch events/activities so that we can determine results (what we have achieved). Use this process to collect baseline data during 2018-19.
- Investigate online systems for sharing and archiving branch information so that it can be accessed by current and future AAUW-LPD board members. Choose a system to implement for a 3-month trial period to determine its effectiveness, as measured by survey of board members' use.

 Devon

THIS 'N THAT FROM MARIA (LPD PROGRAM CO-CHAIR)

Here are some up-coming events in our L-P-D area (not just our LPD programs).

OLLI: Continuing on the 2nd Saturday of each month (you received a good description from Sandy Hansen about what OLLI is on 8/17) at Stoneridge Creek

Our LPD Fall Kick-off Meeting on September 29, 12:30 at the Methodist Church in Pleasanton Museum on Main: Oct. 11 @ 11 am. Lecture "In the Fields"

Legal work with immigrants talk by Jackie Shurtleff's daughter, Oct. 16 @ 7 pm at Maria's home

New book group: Ladies Lunch 'N Murder, 3rd Monday 11:30 am ea. month @ Sunshine Saloon

LPD Annual Bocce & Lunch Fundraiser November 14 @ Campo di Bocce

LPD Annual Holiday Party, Dec. 12, 5:30 pm Stoneridge Creek

And this is only for this year, 2018! Be aware, sometimes dates/programs have to be changed. What will 2019 bring to us? Read all about them in the *Grapevine*.

Scholarship Winner graduates from U.C. Berkeley

This is an update on one of last year's Scholarship recipients. **Britney Cooper**, our Scholarship Winner who spoke at our Fall Luncheon last year, graduated this past May. She earned a degree in Rhetoric and has spent part of the summer in Portugal participating in a business/entrepreneurial course.



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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2017-2018

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Aug. 27	Monday Night Bridge	Sally Stock	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sept. 4	Cocktails & Conversation	828 Main	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sept. 6	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Sept. 6	Duplicate Bridge	Norma Foss	7:00 pm	Livermore
Sept. 8	OLLI: "Order in the Court"	Stoneridge Creek	10:30 am	Pleasanton
Sept. 10	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Sept. 10	Monday Night Bridge	Sal Tompkins	7:00 pm	Livermore
Sept. 12	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Sept. 12	Evening Books	Pam Copeland	7:30 pm	Livermore
Sept. 13	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Sept. 21	Solo Dining	China Lounge	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sept. 22	Aileen Rizo Equal Work/Ed	qual Pay,Conf. Ctr see p.2	4:00 pm	Oakland
Sept. 24	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Kinnard	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Sept. 27	Morning Books	Chris Alesso	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Sept. 29	Fall Kick-Off	Lynnewood Meth. Church	12:30 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 7	Fellows Luncheon	Crow Cyn. C.C.	12:00 pm	Danville
Oct. 11	"In the Fields" talk	Museum on Main	11:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 11	Cal Women Lead Appts.Tr	raining, Shannon Center	evening	Dublin
Oct. 13	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 16	Legal/Immigrant Talk	Maria Kennedy's home	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 14	Bocce & Lunch	Campo di Bocce	10/11:30 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 12	LPD Holiday Party	Stoneridge Creek	5:30 pm	Pleasanton

AAUW FUND—Sandy Hansen continued from previous page

As we plan to attend the luncheon – a reminder - that all fellows have gone through the application process to receive their AAUW Funds. The application period opened August 1 and deadlines vary from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1. There are SEVEN different Fellowship/Grant Programs. Full details are on the AAUW website at: https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/. Briefly the awards are:

American Fellowships \$6K - \$30K, deadline Nov. 1

Career Development Grants \$2K - \$12K, deadline Nov. 15

Community Action Grants 1- year, \$2K - \$7K; 2-year, \$5K - \$10K, deadline Dec. 1

International Fellowships \$18K - \$30K, deadline Nov. 15

International Project Grants \$5K - \$7K, deadline Nov. 1

Research Publication Grants (Engineering, Medicine, Science) \$10 K - \$35K, deadline Dec. 1



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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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by September 18 or sooner