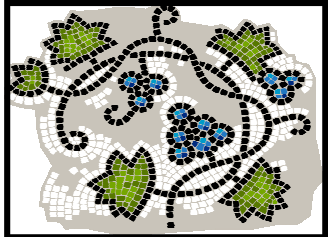




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 (These are not necessarily AAUW sponsored events, just things our members might be interested in.)

LPD members & guests
LET'S MEET
 AT MUSEUM ON MAIN
 IN THE FIELDS OF THE NORTH
 To view the photos/exhibits following migrant farm workers following harvests from Mexico to Washington
 Thursday, October 11 @11 am
 Lunch together afterwards.

TOWN HALL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 pm
 Shannon Community Ctr.
 11600 Shannon Ave.
 Dublin

OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute)
 : "CAPTIVATING CARMEN"
 Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton
 October 13 @ 10:30 am
 Speaker: Diane Mauch
 Director of Education
 Univ. of Michigan & Florida Grand Opera
 Call Dot Bishop about parking



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For AAUW Members:
 Jackie Shurtleff's daughter, Alison
 will discuss her legal work with immigrants
 Maria Kennedy
 Tuesday, Oct. 16 @ 7 pm

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
October 3, 1 pm
Chris Alesso

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It's fall and our AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch members are on the move!

Our September **AAUW-LPD Fall Kick-Off** event is always a lively welcome-back time to catch up with our fellow friends/branch members, greet guests, eat yummy food and marvel at the incredible work that we do throughout this year. We always love hearing from young women who benefit from the programs that AAUW-LPD supports!

Thanks to Anita Massey, (AAUW-LPD STEM Outreach Director), this year's eight Tech Trek campers will inspire us with stories about their summer week at Stanford Camp Curie. What an amazing opportunity these middle-schoolers have to work in pairs and teams on projects that include engineering design, marine biology, forensic science, cyber security, astronomy, chemistry and computer programming. We are also gratified that our Tech Trekkers heard Bay Area professionals in STEM careers talk about their jobs. Our branch member's financial support makes this experience possible and so many of us wish that we could attend Tech Trek camp, too!

Thanks to Susan Wacek (AAUW Foundation Local Scholarship chairwoman), we'll meet this year's three scholarship recipients in person and by video. These women have already accomplished so much in their lives and they have education and life goals that we help to further through our financial support of the AAUW Foundation Local Scholarship fund. This year's scholarship recipients absolutely embody AAUW's mission— to empower women educationally and economically since 1881.

Many thanks go to Program Chairwomen Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy and their hard-working committee members for orchestrating 2018's successful Fall Kick-Off.

Thanks also go to so many of you who make this back-to-action event and all of our other activities worthwhile, including:

Sally Stock and crew (tasty food and beautiful tables to enjoy takes lots of organization!)

Sandy Hanson (arranging our location at Lynnewood United Methodist Church and orchestrating our technical connections so that we can see/hear an AAUW video and other information on-screen)

Gwen Locke, Roz Wright and other members (providing information/exhibits of our branch special-interest and civic action programs—including AAUW public policy position, local scholarship and STEM programs like Tech Trek, Planning for College and STEAM Divas)

Marilyn Duman (encouraging new branch memberships, keeping us informed about our newest members and compiling our annual eye-catching Member Directories that take follow-up and lots of attention to details!)

Tina Amber (encouraging our Evite use and educating us to technologically participate via social media)

Charlene Grandfield and Chris Alesso (ensuring that our board minutes, finances, by-laws and policies are maintained)

October Activities: Please check our AAUW-LPD October and November Calendar of Coming Events (at the end of each *Grapevine*) so that you don't miss any of our Fall events.

Are you attending this year's Northern California AAUW Fall Funds Luncheon (Saturday, October 7, Crow Canyon Country Club)? You will hear dramatic, inspiring stories of fellow-graduate recipients at the annual event. Please email Sandy Hansen (we can sit together and may carpool as needed).

Check out California Women Lead Appointments Training on Page 8 of this *Grapevine*
Devon



MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman membership@aauw-lpd.org

Hello everyone! You will likely receive this newsletter before our Fall Kick-off event on September 29th and I'm writing this before it occurs. The scholarship recipients and Teck Trek girls will speak briefly and will absolutely add to the enjoyment of the event. Please take time to visit the interest group tables and sign up for a committee. I hope you can find a new interest or activity to pursue this coming year. A tentative list of some of our planned programs and events can be found in the new directory which will be available for pickup. Reminders and more details will always be listed in our newsletter. If you are unable to attend the social, we will distribute directories at interest groups and will mail in the rest in shortly thereafter. If for any reason you would like to pick up your new directory at my house let me know and I will leave it for you on my porch. I live in Pleasanton near Foothill High School.

If you enjoy your membership in AAUW and believe that AAUW is a valuable organization, please share AAUW with your friends. You may invite friends to any of our events and to interest groups as a guest. Refer your friends to our Branch website: aauw-lpd.org. They will find information about our programs and events as well as links to the state and national websites. Remember that we want our AAUW Branch to be of service to you and your interests. Please let us know how we can help.

Finally, please renew your membership if you have not done so yet. A few members have let me know that they do not plan to renew which I appreciate. There are a few others, however, who I'm sure plan to renew but have not done so yet. Please do so this week! Thank you!

Marilyn

STEM NOTES

On September 13th, PJ Wells, Mekena Metcalf and Anita Massey attended Catherine Baker's Family Science Night. We had a table and were able to share information about our STEM opportunities. Thank you PJ for arranging this opportunity.



STEAM DIVAS

Planning for the 2nd annual STEAM Divas program for 5th grade girls continues under a committee co-chaired by Mekena Metcalf and Ann Willoughby. Girls will participate in a half-day, fun-filled program attending three hands-on workshops taught by L-P-D members and other local female professionals that encourage girls' interest in STEAM. The date and location for the program is still being determined but is expected to be a Saturday morning this coming November.

L-P-D members interested in assisting can contact Roz Wright @ roz@aauw-lpd.org. The time commitment is minimal. Volunteers are particularly needed to copy printed materials, gather giveaways and goodie bags and assist the day of the event. A table with information about STEAM Divas program will be set up at our September 29 luncheon and committee members will be on hand to answer questions and sign up volunteers.



PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Planning for our expanded Planning for College programs is almost complete. We will be offering two sessions: the first a 9/10th grade event will be held on Wednesday, October 17th from 7-8:30 pm. The 11th grade event will be held Thursday, October 25th from 7-8:30 pm. Both will be at the Robert Livermore Community Center and open to young women from the five Tri-Valley public high schools as well as Valley Christian. More information will be available at the September 29th meeting. Publicity has begun in earnest this week and reservations are coming in.

Received the following this afternoon from Tina Amber about Planning for College:

TALK ABOUT SUCCESS!!

After just one week of publicizing the two October "Planning for College" events we already registered 250 girls and their parents. (AND just received another from Tina tonight that registrations are up over 300!) and the success has far exceeded their expectations showing that there definitely is a need in our community for this type of information.



On Wednesday, September 19th, we said good-bye to our dear friend, Marge Johnson.

Marge joined our branch while she and her husband, Rudy, were still living in Castro Valley. Marge was selling real estate in Pleasanton and wanted to establish her own identity and meet women who would know her as someone other than a pastor's wife.

She embraced us immediately by joining the bridge groups and our Evening Book Group, just one of several book groups in which she participated. Soon she was active on our board, as well, and served in several positions including president in 2002. Her years as Program Chair brought us many inspiring, thoughtful and fun events. Her personal favorite, at least the one she always remembered, was the Totally Tasteless Tea at the Century House. We wore tacky clothing and ate unusual food, like Spam and soft white bread, and had a great time.

We will remember her warmth and her friendship and will miss her.

Anon.



TECH TREK

Each year the girls who attend camp write thank you notes back to the branch that sponsored them. During Tech Trek quiet months like this one, I will share the content of some of these with you so you understand how much your support means to these girls.

“My experience at Tech Trek was unforgettable and I thank you for this life changing opportunity. Activities I enjoyed the most were Professional Women’s Night, Mad City Money and especially Chemistry along with the STEM Challenge. I learned so many new things and I am definitely glad to have met girls that share my interests and my way of thinking. My being able to attend this camp was a dream come true which is why my gratitude for your sponsorship comes from the bottom of my heart. Tech Trek has opened my eyes to careers I never even knew existed and my scheduling for high school is going to be based on the career I saw and loved developing drugs to save lives.”

From Chris Alesso, our member with many titles:

DISCUSSING THE NOVEMBER REFERENDA ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

We will again be getting together to discuss the twelve referenda on our November ballot.

Join us at **Sweet and Savory at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 4.**

Please do a little prep on a few issues to enhance the discussion. Basic information can be found at:

State of California

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures/>

League of Women Voters

<https://lwc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>



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

As we move from print to social media for our events, it becomes important that our members help publicize our events.

How do you as a member help out?

- * Like our events, when posted on Facebook or other social media
- * Share our events to your Facebook page

By sharing events, we access your list of friends and acquaintances. For instance, our College Event for 9th Grade Girls and their Parents was posted on our AAUW Facebook page last month. Unless shared, only our 100 or so members will see it. If shared, it could reach 100 x 200 (assuming each of you had 200 friends) and 20,000 would now "see" the event. Amazing!

Sharing and liking events is free and easy. Of course, if you are not comfortable sharing events, do not do so. However, in the long run, sharing events will make our organization more visible to the public and our events better attended. A win/win for all.

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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

DATE: Thursday, October 30 @ 7 pm

WHERE: Nancy Rensink

CHANGING OUR DUPLICATE BRIDGE DATE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH JUST DID NOT WORK OUT. WE WERE TRYING TO ATTRACT AND ACCOMMODATE NEW PLAYERS.

THEREFORE: WE WILL RESUME MEETING ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WE STILL NEED MORE PLAYERS!



MORNING BOOKS

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

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 25 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*

AUTHOR: Kelli Estes

REVIEWER: Sally Stock

HOSTESS : Sally Stock



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, October 8 @ 7 pm
 Ginny Reineking

DATE: Monday, October 22 @ 7 pm

WHERE: Nancy Rensink



AFTERNOON BOOKS

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

DATE: Monday, October 8 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *The Water Will Come*

AUTHOR: Jeff Goddell

HOSTESS: Helen Dourov,

WHERE: Heritage Estates Library
 Livermore



EVENING BOOKS

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

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 10 @ 7:30 pm

BOOK: *The River in My Backyard*

AUTHOR: Mikkel Aaland

REVIEWER & HOSTESS & Co-Hostess:
 Susan Wacek



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, October 19 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: Amici's East Coast Pizzeria
4640 Tassajara Rd., Dublin

Contact Sandie by the 17th about attending.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 11 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory
5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

Everyone is welcome at this Mission Discussion Group. Call Chris if you plan on attending.



This is our new book group and it will be meeting on 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, October 4 @ 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, October 4 @ 10 AM

WHERE: Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.
Pleasanton



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, October 2 @ 6 pm

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, Oct. 2 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Bites & Brews
828 Main, Pleasanton

Devon's Member News

Please keep us in the loop! Do you have news about an AAUW-LPD member that we can encourage or congratulate?

Thanks for calling or emailing Devon LaHar @ president@aauw-lpd.org. or another AAUW-LPD officer/director (*Grapevine* page 2) about our own branch board members who have....

- an accomplishment, milestone, or other occasion to share
- a life challenge during which an encouraging word might help (an illness or other difficult family time)
- a move or change in life status

This HUMAN TRAFFICKING program is a Town Hall with Assembly-woman Catherin B. Baker in partnership with Alameda County District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley, Tri-Valley Haven and other law enforcement professionals.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the United States. Come to learn how to recognize signs of it.

Tuesday, October 9 @ 6:30 pm at the Shannon Community Center

11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin

Please RSVP online at ASMRC.ORG/AF/TRAFFICKING.

Please join **California Women Lead** and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker for **Appointments Training** Thursday, Oct. 11, 6:30 PM Shannon Community Center, Ambrose Hall, 11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin. Learn the process that one should take to be appointed to a board/commission/committee at the local and state level. Free informative event open to all. Invite a friend to attend together!

Contact California Women Lead admin@cawomenlead.org for more information and to register online. Women still represent less than 30% of elected and appointed seats at the county, state and federal level.

California Women Lead has a mission: dynamic, ethical, diverse women leaders running for local and state offices with a far-reaching effect on issues that affect all Californians.

Top RSVP visit <http://www.cawomenlead.org/event/EastBayApptsTraining>

NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT PRIOR RSVP.



Some information from AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund



September 2018

Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services are core tenets of AAUW policy. AAUW signed onto the Amicus Brief in Immigrant Abortion Case because we support the civil and human rights of all immigrants. We also support international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.

This issue is before the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and concerns whether the government can set and enforce policies that veto an individual's right to access abortion care; intimidate and coerce individuals who choose to end their pregnancies; and do so on the basis of the individual's age and immigration status.

AAUW is asking the D.C. Circuit to affirm the class certification and preliminary injunction issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, allowing access to abortion without the interference of this government policy despite immigration status.

There is a lot more information about this—go to laf@aauw.org

COMMUNICATIONS Sandy Hansen communications@aauw-lpd.org

Thanks to the members of our communications team, we're off to a good year. Please thank Carol Guarnaccia (Grapevine Editor), Myla Grasso (Website Administrator), Roz Wright (Newspaper Publicity), and Tina Amber (Social Media) as well as Anita Massey and her team as they promote our various STEAM-oriented projects. I will be assisting them and providing support as needed and will TRY to produce a Weekly Update on a regular basis.

The weekly Update is generally for short announcements (sometimes I do get wordy!) (!!) and reminders about AAUW events and issues, as well as community events relative to AAUW's mission. Please let me know if you have something that should be shared between issues of the Grapevine.

MOVIES

Our movie-going group is quite informal. If you have a film you'd like to see, just let Sandy Hansen know and we'll try to announce it in the Weekly Update. As the schedule for films can be difficult to predict, they really can't be announced in the Grapevine. Four of us went to see *The Wife* recently and found it REALLY spurred us to think – and we wished we'd all scheduled time for coffee and discussion afterwards. As films are suggested, let's look at reviews and make time for an "afterwards" gathering option from time-to-time. Another option would be to suggest a film that might be available through TV streaming services (or regular TV) and to schedule a discussion date. Please let me know YOUR ideas.

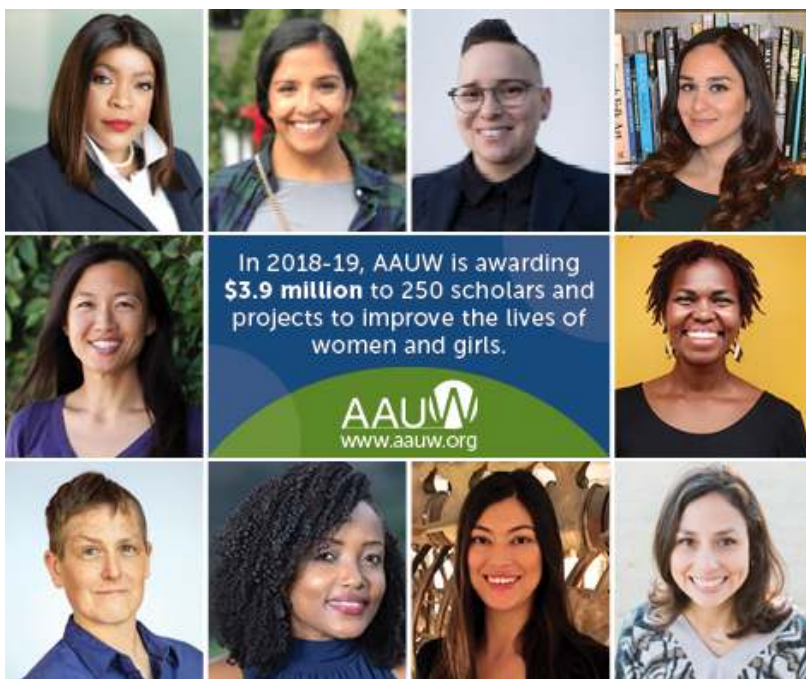
AAUW FUND Sandy Hansen



By the time this article appears, it will be too late to register for the AAUW Fund Luncheon being held in Danville on Oct. 7. If you've made your reservation and are interested in carpooling or to some degree ensuring you can sit with others from the branch, please contact me by phone (925/216-4945) or email. Among the fellows/project grant recipients we may hear at the luncheon will be Emily Piloton of the [Girls Garage: Young Women's Design and Building Institute](#) in Berkeley, who is being funded through several Community Action Grants, including the LPD Branch/Patricia Ann Mann Grant. More detail will be in a future article for the Grapevine.

Besides Fellowships, Grants, and Research, our dues support several other programs using current funding to reach out and promote AAUW's mission in our world. A series of workshops are now under way in San Francisco through AAUW's Work Smart program. This program teaches those already in the workplace skills to negotiate salary as they seek raises or changes of employment. In collaboration with the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women and the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women, the plan is to reach 20,000 women by 2020 improving these skills. The goal is to close the gender pay gap – which in San Francisco is at 81 percent. The first workshop will be held Sept. 27, with later ones on Oct. 17, Nov. 1, and Nov. 8. Be sure to tell those who you know might be interested to check out the information and register at <http://salary.aauw.org/sanfrancisco/>. The cost to host such a workshop is \$750 and branches and community partners are encouraged to apply. The Alameda County Interbranch Council (our branch participates) will be exploring the possibilities and will need volunteers to be trained presenters.

Along the same lines, AAUW recently “went live” with it's online salary negotiation tool: [It's Negotiable: Salary Skill Builder](#), which can be accessed from any device that can connect to the internet. The tool was funded by Luna Bar with additional support from the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle (of which Sandy Hansen is a funding participant).



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Sept. 29	Marge Johnson Service	St. Clare's Episcopal	11:00 am	Pleasanton
Sept. 29	LPD Fall Kick-Off Meeting	Lynnewood Meth. Church	12:30 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 2	Cocktails & Conversation	828 Main Bites & Brews	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 3	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 4	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 4	Referenda Discussion	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 7	Fall Fund Luncheon	Crow Cyn. C.C.	11:30 am	Danville
Oct. 8	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates Library	1:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 8	Monday Night Bridge	GINNY REINEKING	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 9	Human Trafficking Town Hall	Shannon Comm. Center	6:30 pm	Dublin
Oct. 10	Evening Books	Susan Wacek	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 11	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:30 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 11	Meet @ Museum on Main	Lunch Afterwards	11:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 11	Appointments Training	Shannon Comm. Ctr.	6:30 pm	Dublin
Oct. 13	OLLI: "Captivating Carmen"	Stoneridge Creek Pleasanton	10:30 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 15	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 16	Immigration/Legal Work	Maria Kennedy	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 17	Planning for College	R.L.Livermore Com.Ctr.	7:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 18	Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>	Carol Guarnaccia		
Oct. 19	Solo Dining	Amici's	5:30 pm	Dublin
Oct. 22	Monday Night Bridge	Nancy Rensink	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Oct. 25	Morning Books	Sally Stock	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Oct. 25	Planning For College	R.L.Livermore Comm. Ctr.	7:00 pm	Livermore
Oct. 30	Duplicate Bridge	Nancy Rensink	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



View during lunch at the Northern
 California Fall Fund Luncheon
 Crow Canyon Country Club
 October 7, 2018



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www.aauw.org
www.aauw-ca.org
www.aauw-lpd.org
www.facebook.com/aauwlpd
Twitter: @AAUW_LPD

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