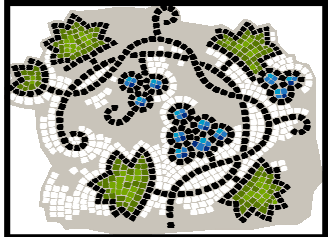




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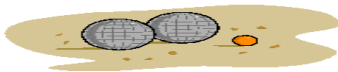
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November is a BIG Fund-Raising month for Tech Trek at Campo Di Bocce.

During the week of **November 5th to 11th** - the fish bowl will be available at Campo Di Bocce as a fundraiser for Tech Trek. The bowl will be located near the reception desk with the Tech Trek tri-fold. All fish bowl receipts placed in the bowl that week are added together and Tech Trek will receive 15% of the total. Please plan to visit Campo Di Bocce during that week for a lunch or dinner and place your receipts in the fish bowl. Maybe a book group or other interest group can visit that week for lunch?



Our annual Bocce Play Day will be Wednesday, November 14. We will meet at 10 AM and, don't forget, no previous experience is necessary for playing. The rules are simple and help will be available if needed. We always have a good time even though our aim might not be as good as it could be.



Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM. Two different salads and two different pizzas will be served family style, a non-alcoholic drink is included. Alcoholic drinks are available for an additional charge. Total cost for the event, which includes lunch, bocce ball and a \$5 donation to Tech Trek is \$25. Please bring a \$25 check or cash to the event.

Our thanks to Dot Bishop for coordinating this fun annual fundraiser. It would help to get a head count, so contact Dot. More info at:

[Website information about our Bocce Play Day Fundraiser](#)

A basket will be available for anyone wishing to make an additional contribution to our Tech Trek program. If you plan to do so, a separate check needs to be made out to **AAUW-CA SPF** with a note on the memo line of **LPD-Camp Curie**.

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
November 7, 1 pm
Marilyn Duman

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October is one beautiful month in the Bay area--and one *active* month for our AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch!

I'm always amazed by the multi-talented, ambitious recipients of AAUW fellowships and grants who speak at the annual Northern California **AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon!** These inspiring young women have vision and are passionately focused on using advanced education to directly improve our communities. Andrea Morgan, for example, spoke enthusiastically about using her UC Berkeley graduate study to improve our air and water. She is grateful for the help of a AAUW Career Development Grant funded in part through the Dawn Gordner Grant and our branch. I would also love to hear Emily Pilloton speak! She founded the Girls Garage Young Women's Design and Building Institute to offer creative/technical skills and career pathways through real-world projects for teenage girls who lack access in their communities. Emily's AAUW Community Action Grant is partially funded by the Pat Mann Grant and by our branch.

Midterm elections brought lively conversation--and some debate--to our branch **referenda discussion**. Attendees are serious about preparing to vote! Many of them use provided information sources to generate questions and concerns about some this year's 12 referenda that are complex! Thanks Chris Alesso for facilitating this vital discussion!

Our branch **two-part event** this month was both instructive and sobering!

Part 1: our visit to Pleasanton's Museum on Main to view David Bacon's haunting black/white photos **In the Fields of the North**. This powerful exhibit documents migrant farm workers who follow the harvests from the Mexican border to Washington state and it tells their first-person stories in both English and Spanish. We were keenly aware of the effort that these workers make to provide the fruits and vegetables we ate during our lunch out. Thank you program chairs Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy for this event.

Part 2: We learned so much about the complexities of our immigration system through our **speaker Alison Shurtleff Hitz** (senior attorney at Clark Hill specializing in employment-based immigration law--and daughter of branch member Jackie Shurtleff). Alison answered our many questions about legislative and executive actions that continue to shape immigration in our state and country. Thanks to Maria Kennedy for hosting this evening in her home.

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Directories were mailed October 6th so please let me know if you did not receive yours. Since publication we have welcomed 3 new members:

Dianne Abram graduated from Stanford in 1956 with a degree in Psychology. She was a stay-at-home mom until her 2 daughters were in high school and then went to work for the State of California as an Overpayment and Appeals specialist. She belongs to several clubs and enjoys bridge, books, golf, traveling, and hiking.

Sheryl Morgan moved to the Bay Area from Wisconsin in 1984 to start her career at HP in Palo Alto. She has worked in various engineering and management roles with the company and is currently the Director of Operations at HP Labs. Sheryl and her husband Ken moved to Pleasanton in 1993. Here they raised two daughters: Kelly, a Genetic Counselor in New York City and Laura, a Social Media Specialist in San Francisco. In her spare time, Sheryl is a volunteer at Open Heart Kitchen and the Firehouse Arts Center. When she's not working or volunteering, Sheryl is eager to travel, hike, read and attend local dance and music performances.

Pulakesh Mukherjee has a PhD in Chemistry from Stanford. He joined AAUW after his daughter Oishi attended Tech Trek this summer.

Dianne Abram

BA Psychology @ Stanford
Interests: bridge, books, golf
traveling, hiking.

Pulakesh Mukherjee

PhD Chemistry @ Stanford

Sheryl Morgan

MS Industrial Engineering
Stanford
Interests: music, travel, dance
Hiking, reading, golf

Your AAUW-LPD Board continues to work to increase our visibility in the community and would appreciate your help! Please consider friends and co-workers who might enjoy our organization. Invite them to an interest group or a program. Share AAUW's mission: "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research".

As always, please let me know if I can help. Marilyn

OCT. 31



VETERAN'S DAY
NOV. 11



NOV. 22



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE continued from Page 2

Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal enterprise in the United States. This dangerous activity is not a faraway problem. It happens in our Tri-Valley neighborhoods, as we learned from a panel of experts at Dublin's **Human Trafficking Town Hall** sponsored by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker. It is sobering but necessary for all of us to recognize signs of human trafficking and to understand what the legislature and local authorities can do to end it in our neighborhoods. This Town Hall prompted follow-up discussion at our monthly **public policy discussion** group.

I attended this month's **Appointments Training** sponsored by **California Women Lead** and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker out of curiosity--and because our branch is a partner to this organization. I knew little about the process that one takes to be appointed to a board/commission/committee at the local and state level. This training's spirited call to action from Rachel Michelin (CEO, California Women Lead, Gubernatorial Appointee) was infectious. "How many of you have wondered about what it takes to be appointed to a local or state board or commission? Have you clicked on the link to open an online appointments application? Have you filled out that application yet--and why not?!" Mona Pasquil (California Appointments Secretary, Office of Gov. Jerry Brown) said that we women either overthink or think we're not qualified for local and state government leadership roles. Ms. Pasquil claimed that California has the highest proportion of women serving as appointees in the United States and she urges us to step up by checking out this appointment process. Look at the eye-opening [State Board/Commission Vacancies](#) list!

Our first Fall **Planning for College** nights offered valuable information in two sessions this month: one for 9th-10th grade girls and a second for 11th-12th grade girls and their families. Branch member Diane Keller presented information from her years of experience as a private practice college advisor to participants who asked a range of questions about college academic and financial requirements and college life in general. Thank you to Diane for sharing your expertise with so many families--and many thanks Tina Amber, Anita Massey, and committee for successfully organizing and implementing these two programs!

Don't miss the November Calendar of AAUW LPD events on Page 11 of this Grapevine issue.

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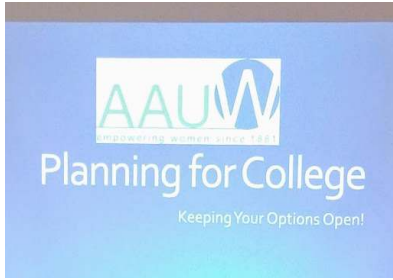
Public Policy Interest Group attends Program on Human Trafficking

Members of the Public Policy interest group attended an event held by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker on October 9th at the Shannon Center in Dublin. Ms Baker shared her knowledge of human trafficking . She has teenage children and told us how she is sponsoring bills that bring attention to this subject.

She is partnering with Nancy O'Malley , our Alameda County District Attorney, to bring attention to the problem of Human Trafficking in California and the Tri-Valley. Ms. O'Malley, also serving on our panel, revealed her efforts to carry out current laws that bring human traffickers to justice. She is working on a national level to bring attention to these crimes.

Other panel members included a case manger from the Tri-Valley Haven, a project manager of a group that provides shelter homes for victims and a police officer from Dublin. Highlights of the panel discussion included case studies that looked at the reasons that young girls and boys became victims of traffickers, how they were kept as prisoners, and how some were rescued. The police officer told of how a local woman had alerted him about a suspected ring of traffickers. He expressed hope that we should be vigilant in reporting suspected activity and that we report it to local police. He also asked that we have an ongoing talk with our children about the dangers of human traffickers.

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



Planning for College

The Planning for College committee led by Diane Keller held its inaugural presentation for 9th and 10th grade girls on Thursday night October 17th at the Robert Livermore Community Center. We had a great turn-out, hosting over 100 students and their parents. At the conclusion of the presentation, which included a variety of topics on preparing for college, we had a lively Q&A. Evaluations from the attendees were overwhelmingly positive! The next presentation, for 11th grade girls, was on October 25th. Thanks to the Board and all of you for sponsoring us in this valuable work and to Chris Alesso, Devon LaHar and Carol Kinnard for helping with the night of activities.

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

What 9th and 10th Grade girls need to know

What 11h Grade girls need to know

The L-P-D member Registration Committee
Left to right: Devon Lahar, Carol Kinnard in red, Sal Tompkins, Chris Alesso



LPD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Ginny Reineking scholarship@aauw-lpd.org

The Scholarship Foundation would like to extend a special thanks to Bev Howell and Carolyn Kotch for their many years of participation. They chaired the Non Event fundraiser for 10 years plus both served on the board as secretary and president. Kudos to your both.

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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

DATE: Tuesday, November 27 @ 7 pm

WHERE: Harriet Lawrie

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, Nov. 15 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *An Improbable Friendship*

AUTHOR: Anthony David

REVIEWER: Anita Massey

HOSTESS : Anita Massey



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, November 12 @ 7 pm
 Karen Cowan

DATE: Monday, November 26 @ 7 pm

WHERE: Evie Eckard



AFTERNOON BOOKS

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

DATE: Monday, November 12 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *Artemis*

AUTHOR: Andy Weir

HOSTESS: T.B.A.

WHERE: T.B.A.



EVENING BOOKS

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

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 14 @ 7:30 pm

BOOK: *Tangerine*

AUTHOR: Christine Magan

REVIEWER: Anne Dini

HOSTESS & Co-Hostess:

Maria Kennedy



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

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DATE: Friday, **November 9 @ 5:30 pm**

WHERE: De La Torre's Trattoria
6025 W. Las Positas Blvd.
Pleasanton

Contact Gloria Greene by the 8th about attending. **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 8 @ 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.



LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

Group Chair; Maria Kennedy

DATE: Monday, November 19 @ 11:30 am

WHERE: Sunshine Saloon
1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

BOOK: *A Fatal Grace*

AUTHOR: Louise Penny

Come join us for lively discussion!

**DON'T FORGET!
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, November 1 @ 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, November 1 @ 10 AM

WHERE: Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.
Pleasanton



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, November 6 @ 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, Nov. 6 @ 6 pm

WHERE: 828 Bites & Brews
828 Main, Pleasanton

The donation year will soon be ending. Members of our branch have already separately donated over \$5,000 to the AAUW Fund. Donors to be thanked include Marilyn Barbao, Charlotte Severin, Nancy Cotton, Tina Amber, Pat Mann, Barbara Hempill, Pat Kohlen, Sally Stock, Helen Dourov, Silvia Pereira, Barbara Edwards, Roxann Spilman, Suzanne Emberton, Jaclynn Shurtleff, Harriet Lawrie, Jan Palajac. Most of the group made their donations with their dues payment, but donations can be made at anytime.

Sometimes we receive solicitations from AAUW to support a campaign that might support one of the funds directly - like the Public Policy Fund or a campaign such as the Get Out the Vote Campaign. All of these support the programs that AAUW delivers in support of it's mission. There's also a process to support AAUW in your estate planning documents. Those who do so become part of AAUW's Legacy Circle - and help AAUW have an idea of the funds that might come it's way at some time in the future.

I've heard inquiries - what about establishing a Named Grant which would lead to an endowed fellowship or grant? Our branch initiated the fundraising which supports the Joan Kavanaugh Zehnder International Fellowship, the Patricia Ann Mann Grant and the Dawn Gordner Grant (both can fund Research & Projects OR Community Action OR Career Development Grants). They were established when the AAUW investment portfolio earned a higher rate than it does today.

Because of the current financial climate, it requires \$5,000 initially to begin a Research and Projects Grant, with \$75,000 to be raised in 10 years. To establish an American or International Fellowship requires \$10,000 initially, with \$200,000 to be raised over 15 years. A branch needs to show an established fundraising pattern that can show it will be able to reach it's goal within the specified time frame. This requires a major commitment on behalf of the branch. AAUW CA can often help get other branches to assist in reaching the goal. (Other branches helped complete "our" named grants).

Currently two American Fellowships, one International Fellowship, and four Research and Projects grants established by California branches are incomplete - total need is over \$300,000 to complete the fellowships and grants to the point that their income can begin to fund a scholar or project.

In some cases, fellowships or grants have been established by individuals. When I served on the AAUW CA board, a board member and her sister established an R & P grant honoring their mother. It has taken many years to reach completion and this year it has funded it's first recipient. The fund may well have been helped by their families, branches and other donors. But this is what it takes.

Do you or your family have an interest in establishing a legacy? If so, be sure to contact [Heather Miller](#), Director, Major & Planned Giving, at 202.785.7766, the National AAUW office. I am ready, willing and able to help find answers to any questions you might initially have about the Funds and can direct you to appropriate staff at National. Just [contact Sandy Hansen](#). I'm in your branch directory.



Do you know what this is? It is the AAUW California Directory. It lists all state committee members and key branch leadership positions.

It is posted on the AAUW California Website (www.aauw-ca.org) . Click on AAUW CA Business, then Communications to view it. It is password protected (aauwcalifornia).



You may feel as if we live in a world where everything is shared. Social Media is part of our lives. Are you ready to get started and get connected? For some, Facebook is too much sharing. An in-between social media platform that many in our age group embrace is **Instagram**.

Instagram was developed as a simple, fun & creative way to capture, edit & share photos, videos & messages with friends & family.

If you are new to social media - this is a good place to begin. Log onto www.instagram.com to create an account. Look for good friends or family to connect with. Never accept friend requests from those that you do not know.

Since the site is photo based, expect to see a lot of sharing from vacations, pictures of family members and pets.

More and more nonprofit organizations have become active on Instagram. Its a good way to stay in contact with the causes one supports.

More from Tina about California Women Lead and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker's presentation in Dublin: APPOINTMENTS TRAINING

Those who attended learned the process that one should take to be appointed to a board/commission at the local and state level. Most of the state boards and commission are appointed by the Governor, following an application and interview process. No experience is necessary - just a desire to learn and provide the public viewpoint. A list of current openings is available from either Devon or Tina.

Women still represent less than 30% of elected and appointed seats at the county, state and federal level. California Women Lead has a mission: To promote dynamic, ethical, diverse women leaders running for local and state offices with a far-reaching effect on issues that affect all Californians.

THIS 'N THAT

- Remember Bocce Play Day is a little different this year. The Tech Trek Fishbowl will be available on November 5-11 at Campo di Bocce. Put your payment receipts in it during those days.
- The actual Bocce Play Day and Luncheon is on Wednesday, November 14. Bring your check for \$25 for playing and lunch that day.
- On the 14th you may also donate to Tech Trek by writing a separate check to AAUW.CA.SPF with LPD Camp Curie in the memo line.



This is the new Tech Trek logo.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6!

AAUW California 2018 Legislative Year Update

If you've been tracking AAUW California legislation in the last few years, you'll note the number of bills related to closing the gender pay gap. We've made tremendous headway since 2015 working with the Stronger California coalition. The Fair Pay Act has been improved ([SB 358](#)– 2015, [SB 1063](#) - 2016) and California now limits the use of one's prior salary to establish a new salary. Just this year, an additional refinement was made ([AB 2282](#) – Eggman) so there is no doubt, an employer cannot inquire or use one's prior salary. There are still [other areas to be addressed](#), including pay data transparency so that employers and the public can better understand a company's pay practices. Unfortunately our cosponsored bill on this issue ([SB 1284](#)– Jackson) was stalled in the legislative process this year.

Momentum on the equal pay bills was assisted by the #MeToo movement and awareness that sexual harassment is fueled by disproportionate power dynamics, as is the gender pay gap. Many bills made it to the Governor's desk, with [mixed results](#). Most importantly, Governor Brown signed [SB 1300](#) (Jackson), a bill addressing discrimination and harassment in the workplace - also known as the "no free grope" bill.

Our work is not done. To quote a former Governor, "we'll be back," to work with the new Governor to accomplish all that needs to be done to make California a bastion of equity and fairness for women.

For a full list of our bills in 2018, go to www.aauw-ca.org.

Nancy Mahr, Chair, AAUW California Public Policy Committee

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TAKEN
AT
LPD
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AAUW
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BRUNCH
ON
JUNE 16
2018



*Installation
June 2018*



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Nov. 1	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 4	Turn clocks back	End Daylight Savings		
Nov. 5	Tech Trek Fund Raiser	in Fishbowl @ Campo Di Bocce		Livermore
Nov. 6	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 7	LPD Board Meeting	Marilyn Duman	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 8	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 9	Solo Dining (date change)	De La Torre's	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 12	Afternoon Books	T.B.A.	1:00 pm	
Nov. 12	Monday Night Bridge	Karen Cowan	7:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 14	Bocce Play Day/Lunch	Campo Di Bocce	10:00/11:30	Livermore
Nov. 14	Evening Books	Maria Kennedy	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 15	Morning Books	Anita Massey	9:30 am	Livermore
Nov. 18	Grapevine Deadline	Carol Guarnaccia		
Nov. 19	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 24	*OLLI Communication Across Generations, Stoneridge Creek, 10:30 Pleasanton			
Nov. 26	Monday Night Bridge	Evie Eckard	7:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 27	Duplicate Bridge	Harriet Lawrie	7:00 pm	Dublin
Dec. 12	LPD Holiday Party	Stoneridge Creek	5:30 pm	Pleasanton

* OLLI: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute





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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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WOMEN AND GIRLS TO
REACH THEIR HIGHEST
POTENTIAL.**

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