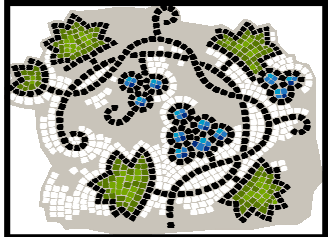




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**OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER AND PARTY**  
**December 12, 2018 from 6-8 pm**  
**Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community**

**Cost: \$30 Please RSVP to Maria Kennedy by December 8th.**  
**Checks should made out to Dot Bishop but sent to Maria Kennedy.**

Due to the Northern California fires, this year there will be no gift exchange. Let's bring gift cards to donate to the fire victims. Suggested cards from Target, Walmart, Trader Joe's, Kohl's, Safeway, etc. would be appreciated. We'll have a tree where you can hang your gift cards.

Ginny Reineking will collect them and make sure they get to the proper distribution center. Our Bridge, Dining, & Reading Groups can also collect these and get them to Ginny.

However, we will have another White Elephant Gift Exchange for those of you who would like to participate. Whoa, Nelly, you'd be surprised at what is considered a white elephant!!

Parking can be a problem at Stoneridge, so carpool if possible. Dot Bishop will need the car drivers' names **before the 12th**. Contact Dot if you need more information, contact Maria Kennedy.

**Next Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**December 5, 1 pm**  
**Roz Wright**



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Devon La Har



November brought both election information/action and social connection to our AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch! Read about both public policy and education activities in this *Grapevine* issue.

Many thanks to our branch board members and their committees who chaired November events/activities, including: midterm election/referendum forum, bocce/lunch/Tech Trek fundraiser, Planning for College events, communications, publicity and social media.....and a host of special interest activities.

**AAUW Livermore-Dublin-Pleasanton Holiday Dinner** is a welcome festive celebration for both new and long-standing members to share the season's warmth and to reflect on 2018 activities together. Join us for this dinner on **Wednesday Dec. 12** at Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton. Look for more details for this in this *Grapevine* issue.

Check out AAUW's **Analysis: What the 2018 Midterm Results Mean for Women** for timely information to share with your families and friends. The article begins with the following:

The midterm elections ushered in changes at all levels of government: Democrats took control of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Republicans will likely increase their ranks in the U.S. Senate. At the state level, Democrats flipped seven state legislative chambers and picked up at least seven of 26 previously Republican controlled gubernatorial seats.

But the dominant story of this election is the power of women. So far, polling suggests over 52 percent of voters in this election were female, matching their previous turnout record in the 2010 midterms. And not only did a record number of women run for office, a record number of those women will now serve, even as we await more election results. Beating the former high of 112 women set by the current Congress, at least 102 women will be sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives and at least 23 women will serve in the U.S. Senate. Additionally, at least nine women will lead their states as governors.





I look forward to seeing you at our holiday party on December 12 at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community. You will find details in this newsletter.

Please help me welcome a new member:

**Beamish, Betsey S.**

In addition, there is some incorrect information for Wendy Ping in the latest directory. Call a board member for the changes.

To date we have between 106 and 109 members.

See you in 2019, Marilyn



## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE** continued from Page 2

**AAUW's Two-Minute Activist!** You can educate yourself and effect change in a simple but powerful way each month. Check out this month's Two Minute Activist link: [Take Action for Title IX](#) .

**Book Review Insights?** You've had that *aha* moment or sudden insight that you love to share with your fellow book group members. How about letting the rest of us know about this?! Share your short (1-paragraph) reflection on a book your group read. Send it to Carol Guarnaccia for our next AAUW-LPD Grapevine issue!

**December calendar of AAUW LPD events are on Page 11 of this Grapevine issue.**

Did you miss the AAUW Fund luncheon where we heard current fellows and grant recipients tell of their studies and projects? They were videotaped and can now be viewed through the AAUW-CA website at: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/2018-fund-luncheons/>.

Andrea Morgan, recipient of the Dawn Gordner Career Development Grant, is pursuing concurrent master's degrees in public policy and environmental engineering at UC Berkeley - with a focus on air pollution. We have requested her for our annual luncheon in April. You can get a preview by watching the Funds Luncheon video. (Coincidentally, luncheon attendees were experiencing the first effects of the monster fire in Solano County that had begun earlier in the day - so air pollution was REALLY on our minds!) She is the first speaker. View her at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=5&v=ulZdRNW-ucQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=ulZdRNW-ucQ)

Just a reminder as the year end nears - you can still donate to the AAUW Fund. The online donation page has changed - it no longer lists programs by name - but by function.

You may choose to support: Economic Security for Women

Leadership Initiatives for Women

Education & Training for Women

Governance and Sustainability.

Check it out and make your donation at: <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>. Enter your membership ID number (in the optional box just above the "Donate Now" button) for the donation to be automatically credited to our branch. The membership ID number appears on mailings you receive from National. Several of our branch officers know how to find it - myself included. Contact us if you need help.

Also - To donate to any of the AAUW supported funds or California Unfinished Endowments for 2018, the donation must be postmarked or submitted online by December 31, 2018. Click here (<http://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2018/05/unfinished-endowments.pdf/>) for a list of Unfinished California Endowments and AAUW Supported Funds. Please consider 'The AAUW Fund' for your contribution as it will allow AAUW to use the funds where they are most needed.

Thanks! Sandy

Beginning with the next *Grapevine*, it will be distributed to you using the Mailchimp tool which has been used for the "Weekly Updates" (which have become a bit irregular). They will arrive in your inbox sent from "AAUW LPD Communications [aauwlpdbranch@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlpdbranch@gmail.com)" instead of from Carol Guarnaccia's personal email account. The Grapevine will be attached as usual. Please open and read the newsletter.

At our Alameda County Interbranch Council meeting this week, the group of branch leaders shared that we're all wondering whether our members are reading our newsletters. How can we ensure that our members are informed about branch events, engage in branch activities, support fundraisers if newsletters aren't being read? We acknowledge that all of us are receiving a ton of AAUW communications these days, but communications are what link us together. Short of implanting chips in our skulls that deliver information directly to us - and the development of a system to do so, we rely on the fact that all of us can read - whether in printed hard copies or on or internet-connected devices. The IBC will be further exploring communications at our January meeting.

Sandy

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AAUW-LPD STEAM DIVAS SATURDAY, March 23, 2019, 8 AM - 12 NOON

STEAM DIVAS provides 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls the opportunity to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with an interwoven art component (STEAM = STEM + Art) to engender their excitement in STEM since girl's interest in science and technical fields can begin to fade as early as elementary school. Girls participate in a half-day, fun-filled program rotating through three hands-on STEAM workshops taught by LPD members and local female professionals. The girls work in small groups that are facilitated by former LPD Tech Trekkers who serve as workshop aides. The 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Tech Trekkers, along with the workshop leaders, serve as positive, enthusiastic female role models who enjoy and study or work in STEM.

**STEAM DIVAS will be held on Saturday morning March 23, 2019  
from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at a Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore.**

These three workshops were offered at the first ever STEAM DIVAS event in 2017: Fun with Energy; Prisms, Colors & Angles; and Get Creative with Code. Plans are to add two more workshops in 2019 to serve 100 local 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls.



**Fun with Energy:** Workshop leader and biochemist Sarah Palmer demonstrates kinetic vs potential energy with an arm-wrestling challenge.

**Get Creative with Code:** Led by computer engineer Carol Kinnard, girls created their "Virtual Pets," then brought them to life with more coding.

**Prisms, Colors, & Angles:** Theoretical physicist Mekena Metcalf showed girls how to use prisms to bend light and split it into its rainbow components while learning about wavelengths and color.

The event is great fun and very rewarding! Volunteers are needed to assist with the registration check-in and parental pick-up of children as well as hallway monitoring at the event on March 23, 2019 at Junction Avenue School. Two shifts are available: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. **LPD members interested in assisting with STEAM DIVAS can contact Roz Wright.**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LPD'S PROGRAMS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND ENCOURAGE GIRLS IN STEAM!**

## INTEREST GROUPS



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Chair: Nancy Rensink

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#### DATE NO BRIDGE IN DECEMBER

We'll get going again in the new year.



### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair: Marti Silva

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The Monday Night Bridge Group meets  
the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month @ 7 pm

**DATE:** Monday, December 10 @ 7 pm  
Carol Guarnaccia

NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT THE  
SCHEDULE INDICATES.



### Mah Jongg

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

[mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org](mailto: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](mailto:ambooks@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Thursday, Dec. 13 @ 9:30 am  
NOTE DATE CHANGE

COOKIE EXCHANGE

**BOOK:** *The Woman Who Smashed Codes*

**AUTHOR:** Jason Fagone

**REVIEWER:** Mary Ann Karlsen

**HOSTESS :** Mary Ann Karlsen



### AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

[pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Monday, December 10th? @ 1 pm

**BOOK:** T.B.A.

**WHERE** T.B.A.



### EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Walter Morgan

[pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Wednesday, Dec. 6 @ 7:30 pm  
COOKIE EXCHANGE

**BOOK:** *Uncommon Type*

**AUTHOR:** Tom Hanks (short stories)

**REVIEWER:** Mary Anne Karlsen

**HOSTESS & Co-Hostess:** Mary Anne Karlsen

## INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



### SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

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**DATE:** Friday, December 7 @ 5:30 pm

**WHERE:** Esin Restaurant & Bar  
750 Camino Ramon, Danville

Contact Gloria Greene by the 5th about attending.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE!**



### MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

[advocacy@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:advocacy@aauw-lpd.org)

**DATE:** Thursday, Dec. 13 @ 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, December 17 @ 11:30 am

**WHERE:** Sunshine Saloon  
1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

**BOOKS:** Continue Louise Penny's books and also read:

**BOOK:** *The Christmas Train*

**AUTHOR:** David Baldacci

### THIS 'N THAT

- Watch for more information in the next *Grapevine* about a wine & cheese event on Jan. 25. Get out your old alumni t-shirts and show off your colors with your state's wine, cheese or sausage. This will be for significant others, too, not just members.
- Make a Difference Day on January 19 at the Pleasanton Civic Library.



### COFFEE "AND"

**Thursday, December 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 LPD members & guests.

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 6 @ 10 AM

**WHERE:** Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.  
Pleasanton



### COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

**Tuesday, December 4 @ 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, Dec. 4 @ 6 pm

**WHERE:** 828 Bites & Brews  
828 Main, Pleasanton



## STEAM Divas

LPD's 2nd STEAM Divas program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be conducted in partnership with the Livermore School District and is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019, at Junction Avenue K-8 School. (STEAM=Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Girls will participate in a half-day, fun-filled program attending 3 hands-on workshops taught by LPD members and other local female professionals who encourage girls' interest in STEAM. The STEAM Divas planning committee is co-chaired by Mekena Metcalf and Ann Willoughby. **Help is needed** on the committee with printing workshop materials and gathering giveaways and goodie bags. This is a minimal time commitment and work would be done in **February-March**. Volunteers are also needed to assist the day of the event on March 23. If you are interested in supporting STEAM Divas, contact Roz Wright at [dawright@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawright@sbcglobal.net). Read Page 5 of this *Grapevine* for more info about volunteering.



## Planning for College



The Planning for College committee held its second presentation for 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls on Thursday night October 25th at the Robert Livermore Community Center. We again had a great turn-out and the evaluations from the attendees continued to be overwhelmingly positive! We had many people thank us for the opportunity and told us they hoped this would continue in the future. Both the Pleasanton and Livermore school districts were very supportive in helping to publicize this event and have let us know they'd be willing to partner further in the future. Thanks to our committee chair and content provider Diane Keller for helping AAUW-LPD make such a valuable contribution to the community.



On Wednesday, November 14, Tech Trek held its annual bocce play day and fundraiser at Campo di Bocce. The play and visiting were fun and the lunch was excellent – a good time was had by all. While the fishbowl receipts won't be available for several weeks, the playday itself raised just over \$500 dollars. Thanks to all of you who played, wrote checks and helped support Tech Trek. A special thanks to Dot Bishop who organized this event.



During November Tech Trek also received a grant from Lawrence Livermore National Security (LLNS), LLC that will fund 3 local girls to attend Camp Curie this summer. AAUW-LPD, through the efforts of Dot Bishop as grant writer, has been fortunate to be awarded a grant like this several times in recent years. Dot Bishop and Anita Massey attended the reception where LLNS, LLC awarded \$100,000 to 40 organizations as part of their 2018 Community Gift Program. LLNS received applications totaling more than \$440,000 in requests and we are grateful to be one of those funded. See the photo of the recipients on Page 11 of this *Grapevine*.

Anita





Here is a bit of a different focus this month due to the midterm elections. Although some states and counties have decided to go to all mail ballots, it appears that Alameda County is not quite ready. That means that **for the next few elections the integrity of our elections will depend upon having a pool of well trained and educated poll workers to facilitate the elections.**

I would like to encourage all of you to volunteer for the next election. As an Inspector (in charge of the precinct) or as a Judge (2nd in command) you would have the opportunity to insure that election laws and procedures are followed, that all citizens are treated equally and with respect, and that an appropriate number of precincts are available.

The Election Office provides excellent training both in person and on line and they support their volunteer with election day assistance. Election laws ARE complicated! AAUW members are the perfect volunteers for this important duty.

Please consider volunteering next election! Contact me for more information.

Tina

## COMMUNICATIONS Sandy Hansen [communications@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:communications@aauw-lpd.org)

The AAUW branches of Alameda County are joining to march TOGETHER and to have an informational table at the Women's March on Saturday, Jan 19 in downtown Oakland, 10 AM - 3 PM. Please put the date on your calendars now - and watch for more information in the January *Grapevine*. In the past we may have gone to different events, but let's work TOGETHER with our Alameda County sisters to make an AAUW presence. Special buttons are being ordered and will be available for purchase. To help event organizers get an idea of the crowd size, please register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-march-oakland-2019-tickets->



**MORE about TECH TREK**

While we are on the topic of Tech Trek, Anita wants to remind all of us that it will cost our Tech Trek program \$9000, assuming no cost increases from Stanford, to sponsor 9 local girls for Tech Trek this summer. Starting in January we will be in contact with the 11 middle schools to solicit up to 44 deserving young women to interview for these 9 opportunities.

If any of you would like to donate as part of your year end giving, checks need to be made out to **AAUW-CA SPF** with a note on the memo line of **LPD-Camp Curie**. These can be mailed to AAUW, PO Box 661, Livermore CA 94550 and must be received by December 20th to be included as deductible in 2018.



The LAF Express newsletter was distributed Nov. 19. Here are a few highlights:

AAUW signed onto *Kollaritsch v. MSU Board of Trustees* seeking clarification on when a university's liability for deliberate indifference under Title IX is triggered. The defendant university in the case is Michigan State University. The three plaintiffs were attending MSU, assaulted and the university failed to conduct prompt investigations, which meant the students - both victims and assailants - were required to attend classes and activities while investigations stalled. Watch for more info on this case!

AAUW also signed onto an *amicus* brief in *Gordon v. United States* to challenge an erroneous interpretation of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 (EPA) before the *en banc* (full) panel of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The two plaintiffs were physicians in a veteran's hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas. The case involves females being paid less than male colleagues in the same department. The Equal Pay fight continues!

You can now listen to the recording (<https://www.aauw.org/event/2018/10/supreme-court-preview-call/>) of the recent AAUW LAF Supreme Court preview call. The discussion covered several issues including reproductive health, economic security, employment and labor rights, and voting rights, which could come before the Supreme Court this term. Sandy



**HAPPY NEW YEAR—2019!**

**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Dec. 4	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 5	LPD Board Meeting	Roz Wright	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 5	Evening Books cookie exchange	Mary Ann Karlsen	7:30 pm	Livermore
Dec 6	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 7	Solo Dining	Esin Restaurant	5:30 pm	Danville
Dec. 10	Afternoon Books	T.B.A.	1:00 pm	
Dec. 10	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 12	Holiday Dinner & Party	Stoneridge Creek R.C.	6-8:00 pm	Pleasanton
Dec. 13	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 13	Morning Books cookie exchange	Mary Ann Karlsen	9:30 am	Livermore
Dec. 17	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Dec. 18	Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>	January issue		
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!			
Jan. 1	Happy New Year!			
Jan. 19	Women's March	Downtown Oakland	10-3 pm	Oakland
Jan. 19	Make a Difference Day	Pleasanton Library		Pleasanton
Jan. 25	LPD Wine & Cheese Event	more info later		
Mar. 23	LPD AAUW STEAM Divas Workshop, volunteers needed, 8-noon			Livermore

Photo of the LLNS reception when LPD AAUW was awarded \$3000 grant for three Tech Trek girls to attend Camp Curie next summer. Anita Massey and Dot Bishop are there, 'way in the back.





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