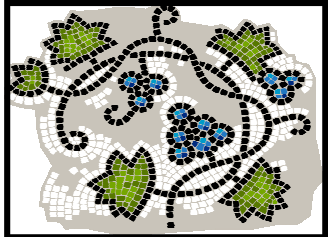




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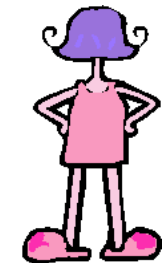
Come on and team up with us for our
COLLEGE SCHOOL PARTY
Join the fun on
Saturday, January 26 from 4-6 pm
Mary Ann and Corrie Karlsen's home



Wear your college t-shirt, sweatshirt
Show your school colors!
Do you remember them, did you wear them? Do you still have them?
Bring them. This could be a very colorful party!



Have you been to any of your reunions?



Bring your own wine or cheese from your home state (if you can) to share.
Or just bring Wine or Cheese.
Spouses and guests are welcome!



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RSVP to Sal Tompkins by Wednesday
January 23rd.

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
January 9, 1 pm
Tina Amber



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A new year brings both reflection and resolution. I hope that each of you plans to explore an AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin program or activity that is new to you during 2019! If you are new to our branch, please connect with one of our special-interest groups or volunteer to work on one of our programs described in this *Grapevine* issue.

Many thanks to our branch board members and their committees who chaired December events/activities, including holiday dinner, communications, publicity and social media.....and a host of special interest activities. Our gratitude also to AAUW-LPD Communications Chair Sandy Hanson for her timely reminders via her online weekly branch update email!

A chance to enjoy great company, connect with new branch members, and warm to festive holiday decorations and tasty food: that's what our annual AAUW LPD Holiday Dinner means to all of us who attend!

Many thanks to our branch board program chairs Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy and their committees who make this special evening happen. Thanks, also, goes to Ginny Reineking for collecting our gift cards for victims of the Paradise fire--you are all unfailingly generous to both our own Tri-Valley community and to those in need! Kudos to Barbara Hemphill and Pat Kohnen for coordinating our space at Stoneridge Creek and our branch resident greeters who guided the way to our dinner. Stoneridge certainly goes all out decorating their living space during this season, don't they? It was lovely.

Check this *Grapevine's* Calendar of Coming Events and other pages for January events and action, including:

— Women's March 1/19/2019. Activists rally across our country to send the message that women's rights are human rights. Are you willing to go to Oakland to be part of a larger AAUW delegation from Alameda's AAUW branches? Are you interested in joining AAUW members at the Pleasanton Women's March at Amador High School?

—Pleasanton's Make a Difference Day on 1/19/2019 (Pleasanton Public Library) is our annual chance for us to meet others actively involved in community life. Come by to visit our outreach table! We'll hand out information and familiarize the public about our mission statement, what it means to be a concerned member, AAUW's overall goals, our branch-specific programs and special interest groups.

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—AAUW LPD tailgating event (wine? cheese? sausage? school colors?) on **1/26/2019** 4:00-6:00 PM at Mary Ann Karlsen's home (more information on Page 1).

—Are you, your daughter, or granddaughter negotiating for more pay or other work issues? Here is some information to pass on....AAUW Work Smart has 2-hour online and in-person workshops that help you negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. In every 2-hour workshop, you'll gain confidence in your negotiation style through facilitated discussion and role-play.

—The next 2-hour AAUW Work Smart negotiating workshop in our area is **1/29/2019** 6:00–8:00 PM at Sports Basement Community Space (610 Mason Street, San Francisco). Read more about this Work Smart Workshop in the Outlook, AAUW's online magazine, just out from our national AAUW office.

—Fremont and Hayward-Castro Valley AAUW Branches' Fellows Luncheon featuring Ph.D. candidate Louise Ly on Tuesday **2/02/2019** (11:30AM-2:00PM). More information and lunch reservations through Liz Bathgate at lbathgate@att.net or 510-581-4461. (see Page 10)



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

We have a member author in our branch.

Diane Keller, leader of our Planning for College program, has written and published an amazing journal on her family's struggles with fronto-temporal dementia. Like other forms of dementia, this lesser known form which strikes early, is terminal. Diane's husband was in his early sixties when the disease began to show itself.



Having read the book myself and having had experience with other forms of dementia I can honestly say this book has lessons for many of us. It is well written and had me both laughing and crying at various times. Diane is a great writer, and I encourage all of you to read this short but powerful journal available at https://www.amazon.com/Wifes-Caregiver-Saga-Frontotemporal-Dementia-ebook/dp/B07KMSWSZF/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1542741684&sr=8-1&keywords=Diane+ries+keller. If you do not have a kindle you can download the free Kindle Reader from the Apple App store. Then you can read it on your iPad or iPhone.

Because Diane felt she learned so much from others' blogs and books on fronto-temporal dementia (FTD), she wants to pay it forward. All royalties she receives will be donated to the UCSF Center for Memory and Aging.



STEAM UPDATES:

STEAM Divas will be held March 23 at Junction Avenue School in Livermore. Three workshops have been secured so far and if you know someone who might like to present another please have them contact Mekena Metcalf. We are planning for 20 girls per workshop. Workshops will be taught by adults with assistance from two or more 8th-12th grade girls for each workshop who participated in AAUW's Tech Trek STEM summer camp. This is the same, very successful model we used for our 2017 SD event.



Tech Trek has had a challenging month. Due to some unfortunate incidents in other states, national became very involved in the local process this year. I am happy to say that with a little persistence and some great advice from our Camp Curie director we have resolved the biggest issues.

During December we contacted the 3 district school superintendent's and the 11 public middle schools to secure their agreement to again participate in Tech Trek. In early January all materials will be distributed to the contact teachers at the participating schools. Candidate interviews will be held the first two Saturdays in March.



WOMEN'S MARCH
Contra Costa County
Alameda County
other counties in Cal.
Washington D.C.

What are YOU doing Jan 19th for the Women's March?

AAUW members from throughout our county are encouraged to participate in the 3rd annual Women's March in Oakland on January 19. The Oakland-Piedmont branch has organized an AAUW presence.

The Dec. 7 "Weekly Update" called for members of our branch to notify Sandy Hansen if they plan to be part of this effort. Also, the local Women's March group is organizing an event at Amador High School the same day. Organizers need to know who will be at either event.

Both events will include tables promoting AAUW that can be staffed. If you cannot "march". but want to participate, please let Sandy know by Jan. 1 She will provide you the details.

Contact Sandy Hansen

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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

Jan 4 or 29th at Chris Alesso's home?

When are we having Duplicate this month?
 Should we continue to try to get eight players?
 Should we disband? Let Nancy know.



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, January 14 @ 7 pm
 Chris Alesso

DATE: Monday, January 28 @ 7 pm
 Sally Stock
 (Note change from the printed schedule)



MORNING BOOKS

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

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 24 @ 9:30 am
BOOK: *Atlas of Unknowns*
AUTHOR: Tania James
REVIEWER: Dot Bishop
HOSTESS : Dot Bishop



AFTERNOON BOOKS

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

DATE: Monday, January 14 @ 1 pm
BOOK: *The Simple Truth*
AUTHOR: David Baldacci
WHERE Heritage Estates
HOSTESS: Helen Dourov



Mah Jongg, American Style)

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk
mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org

Our Mah Jongg group is actively seeking new members, no prior experience required - we are happy to teach. American Mah Jongg is a fast-(depending on the conversation) moving game that is a mix of strategy and luck, making it fun even for a beginner. The group generally meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at a member's home. We have game sets so all you need is a desire to learn. **If you are interested please contact JoAnn Houk** (mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org) or Anita Massey (akm1@comcast.net).



EVENING BOOKS

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 9 @ 7:30
BOOK: *The Italian Party*
AUTHOR: Christina Lynch
REVIEWER: Devon La Har
HOSTESS: Sal Tompkins

CO-HOSTESS: Devon La Har

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, January 18 @ 11:30 am

WHERE: Club House @ Pleasanton Hotel
855 Main St., Pleasanton

Contact Gloria Greene by the 16th about
Attending.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 10 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory
5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

Everyone is welcome at this Mission Discussion Group. Lots of good thoughts and conversation here. Call Chris if you plan on attending.



LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

Group Chair: Maria Kennedy

DATE: Monday, February 4 @ 11:30 am

WHERE: Sunshine Saloon

1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

AUTHORS OF BOOKS TO READ: Louise Penny, Lindsay Davis, Elizabeth Peters and/or Troy Hillerman.

THIS 'N THAT

- Women's March Jan. 19: you can walk or help out at many places in the Bay Area: Oakland/Pleasanton and others.
- Make a Difference Day on January 19 at the Pleasanton Civic Library. Drop by our booth.
- Read your latest Outlook: A Year of Progress and Possibilities. You should have received it from our



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, January 3 @ 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, January 3 @ 10 AM

WHERE: Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.
Pleasanton

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, January 1 @ 5:30 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, Jan. 1 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: 828 Bites & Brews
828 Main, Pleasanton

PHOTOS, THANKS TO VICKI-DAWN RADER, FROM OUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT STONERIDGE CREEK





OUR GIFT CARD TREE AT OUR HOLIDAY PARTY AT STONERIDGE CREEK on DECEMBER 12th
We collected various gift cards worth over **\$1800**. They were sent to the North Valley Community Foundation to be distributed to the Camp Fire survivors. Many thanks to all who contributed!





Hope your holidays have been wonderful and you are ready to take on 2019. Technology will continue to be part of our lives. If you haven't taken the first step to try using technology make it a goal to try it in 2019. If you're already plugged in, take a minute to help someone who needs a bit of encouragement.

Best Hint - Just try it! Nothing will break. Nothing will be destroyed. Most of us learned by trial and error, too.

More Hints:

Do remember that when replying to an email to "reply" and do not "reply all". This prevents our in-boxes from being filled up with useless information.

Drop down menus offer selections. If you do not see what you're looking for, click to the right of the item and a menu of selections will often appear. You can choose the date, time, or whatever selection best works for you.

Cut and paste is such a useful tool. Highlight what you want to cut with the left part of your mouse. While it is still highlighted, click on the right part of your mouse and select "copy". Move your cursor to where you want to paste and right click again. Select "paste". This takes a bit of practice but you can use it to move individual words, sentences or even pages. I use this tool daily.

If you are working in Excel (spreadsheets) do remember that pages exist. Check the bottom of the spreadsheet to see how many "sheets" are being used. Click on the sheet number to "turn the page".



AAUW FUND Sandy Hansen aauwfund@aauw-lpd.org

Now's the time to make your reservations to attend the AAUW Fund Luncheon **Feb. 2** organized by the Fremont and Hayward-Castro Valley branches. Louise Ly, Ph.D. candidate at UC Berkeley, will be speaking on **Attraction in Asian & White Interracial Marriages**.

Luncheon choices are Lamb Shank, Petrale Sole, or Eggplant Parmesan. A full flyer on the event was distributed to branch members through the "Weekly Update" and in the December *Grapevine*.

The luncheon will be at Spin-a-Yarn Steakhouse, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Liz Bathgate needs your \$35 reservation by Jan. 25. Mail your check, payable to AAUW, to Liz. If you're going, contact Sandy Hansen for her address and/or we'll carpool.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Jan. 1	New Year's Day			
Jan. 1	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 3	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 4	Duplicate Bridge?			
Jan. 9	LPD Board Meeting	Tina Amber	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 9	Evening Books	Sal Tompkins	7:30 pm	Livermore
Jan. 10	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 14	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates	1:00 pm	Livermore
Jan. 14	Monday Night Bridge	Chris Alesso	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 18	Solo Dining	Club House @ Pleasanton Hotel	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 19	Women's March	Oakland, Pleasanton Washington D.C. & others		
Jan. 19	Make A Difference Day	Pleasanton Civic Library	10-2 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day			
Jan. 24	Morning Books/Dot Bishop Stoneridge Creek		9:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 26	LPD College School Party	Mary Ann Karlsen	4-6 pm	Livermore
Jan. 28	Monday Night Bridge	Sally Stock	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 29	AAUW Work Smart Workshop (see your <i>Outlook</i>)		6-8 pm	San Francisco
Jan. 29	Duplicate Bridge?			
Feb. 2	Fellow's Luncheon	Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant	11:30 am	Fremont
Feb. 4	Ladies Lunch 'n Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 23	LPD AAUW STEAM Divas Workshop	Junction Ave. School	8-noon	Livermore
Apr. 13	Annual LPD Meeting	Zephyr Grill & Bar	11:30 am	Livermore



HAPPY NEW YEAR !





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