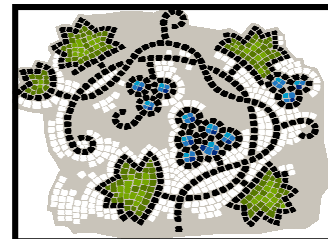




THE GRAPEVINE



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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 at Mary Ann and Corrie Karlsen's home, 2994 Rodeo Lane, Livermore. Bring (wear) what you have from your college days. Bring wine and/or cheese (if possible from your college state) to share. Some nibbles would be nice, too. Spouses, guests and prospective members are welcome!

RSVP to Sal Tompkins by Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.



TRI-VALLEY
WOMEN'S
MARCH
PLEASANTON
SATURDAY
JANUARY 2019
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On Jan 19, several branch members were seen at the Tri-Valley Women's March in Pleasanton, including Roz Wright, Sally Stock, Elva Cooper and her husband Phil, Gloria Green (staffing the Women's March table) and Sandy Hansen. LPD AAUW did not have a table this year, but it's hoped we can do one next year. We heard a variety of good speakers and filled the bleachers at Amador Valley High School Then we marched through the downtown area and returned with time to browse the many display tables for like-minded groups. Here are photos of Sandy Hansen and Phil & Elva Cooper. More on Page 10.

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Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
February 6th @ 1 pm
Charlene Grandfield

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Our branch is having a busy and social January! Bravo for your involvement in branch activities that connect you with each other and that support equal economic and educational access for women--both through special interest groups *and* through informational and impact events.

January 19 was an inspirational date for our branch members!

Many of us were involved in Make-A-Difference Day at Pleasanton Public Library, which highlights so many Tri-Valley volunteer opportunities available to us.

Thank you to Marilyn Duman for organizing our information table and to Marilyn and her fellow volunteers Roz Wright, Sally Stock, Tina Amber, and Chris Alesso. I had fun joining these women and checking out so many ways to give back to our community. We greeted other branch members there who shared their community volunteering spirit with an active public looking for ways to help their neighbors in need.

Our *Grapevine* front page highlights branch members Roz Wright, Sally Stock, Elva Cooper and her husband Phil, Gloria Green (staffing the Women's March table) and Sandy Hansen joining in Pleasanton's annual Women's March on January 19. Our branch members have reported being inspired and energized to work for greater access for women after joining 2017 and 2018 marches in Oakland and Pleasanton.

Thank you Chris Alesso for leading our Mission Discussion group to choose a major topic to research and share with branch members during 2019! Look for future *Grapevine* information about this year's discussion topic and join us in thought-provoking conversation at this monthly meet-up. Next Mission Discussion group meets on Thursday, February 14 @ 10:00 AM (Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Avenue, Pleasanton).

GO TEAM! Do you remember your high school or college song or cheer? We'll have a great time showing our school spirit at

our branch College School Party on January 26. We'll wear our school colors and bring along spouses to share our wine-tasting, socializing, and snacking.

Many thanks to Mary Ann and Corrie Karlsen for welcoming us to their wonderful home--and to Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy and their committee for organizing this happy event.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman membership@aauw-lpd.org

As we move into 2019, I hope all members are enjoying our various interest groups and programs. There are several opportunities coming up for you to share our branch activities with your friends and co-workers so please read this newsletter carefully. Also, please refer them to our branch website: <http://lpd-ca.aauw.net>.

Please help me welcome new member Peggy Lemanski. Peggy was a member many years ago in Sonora and is eager to become active in AAUW once again. Here is her contact information:

Lemanski, Peggy MA English/Communication
Univ. of Southern Florida

As you file your income taxes remember that \$56 of the \$59 National dues portion is tax-deductible since AAUW National is a 501(C)(3) Charitable Organization. If you joined with a reduced membership fee, a portion of the national dues is still deductible. Contact me if you have any questions.

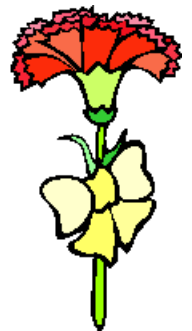
Marilyn



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT:: We are grateful to Dot Bishop for the many ways she has promoted the AAUW mission through our L-P-D branch!

Dot is a 50-year Honorary Life Member of AAUW and was twice Named Gift Honoree (2008 and 2015) for our branch. **Among many other things her outreach includes:**

- Working with Expanding Your Horizons and Tech Trek programs
- Planning our annual Bocce Play Day for fun and fund-raising for Tech Trek
- Connecting our Stoneridge Creek members with each other
- Organizing our annual holiday dinner at Stoneridge Creek



President's Message, continued from Page 2

Look ahead at our branch calendar (final page of this *Grapevine* issue and online at AAUW LPD Calendar) for ways to join your fellow AAUW friends during February and March. For instance, February 23 brings you a chance to volunteer at Tri-Valley [Expanding Your Horizons](#) (TVEYH) conference. This amazing day for middle-school girls features multiple hands-on STEM workshops, a career fair, special engineering activity for the girls, parent program advising on STEM educational tracks and college admissions. Please contact Dot Bishop via email (bishop.dorothy@comcast.net) for more information.

TRI-VALLEY EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (TREYH) Dot Bishop

Volunteers Needed

Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons

STEM Conference for 6th-9th Grade Girls

Saturday, February 23, 2019

AAUW is a partner in the annual Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (TVEYH) conference sponsored by Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories. Both the LPD and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branches have been long-time supporters of the TVEYH conference, which serves some 300 local 6th-9th grade girls annually. The 2019 TVEYH conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Diablo Valley College San Ramon Campus.

The TVEYH conference consists of multiple hands-on STEM workshops, a career fair, special engineering activity for the girls and an adult program to provide guidance for parents on STEM educational tracks & college admissions. Girls participating in the conference meet a wide variety of female role models in different STEM fields and learn that STEM education and career options are interesting and accessible to them. Girls are encouraged to take classes that prepare them for rewarding and well-paying STEM jobs.



AAUW volunteers serve as workshop monitors, checking girls in at the start of the workshop and assisting workshop leaders to distribute materials and keep an eye on the girls. No STEM experience is required. There are two volunteer sessions available: 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM. Light refreshments are provided for volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering as a TVEYH workshop monitor, please contact Dorothy Bishop. For further information about TVEYH see: <https://www.tveyh.org/>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT-
ING LPD'S PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE AND
AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GIRLS IN STEM!

Anita and Dot

PROGRAM CHAIRS: SAL TOMPKINS AND MARIA KENNEDY

In trying to put our best foot forward for 2019, we thought we would give you a Heads-Up on what is coming up in our Branch for the next few months.

January 26th 4 -6 PM MaryAnn and Corrie Karlsen home, 2994 Rodeo Lane, Livermore for an early evening of wine, appetizers and your own college or university-identifiers. Whatever you have that gives an idea of your own *alma mater*. Bring cheese, a bottle of wine from your home State (if possible) and an appetizer to share with your Branch Buddies. By the way, this is an invitation to bring a spouse, significant other or a prospective new member.

February 2nd 11:30 AM AAUW Fund Luncheon, Spin-a-Yarn Steakhouse, Fremont

February 6th 1 PM LPD Branch Board Meeting @ Charlene Grandfield's home

February 23rd 9-3 PM Tri Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference, DVC, S.R.Campus

March 6th 1 pm LPD Branch Board Meeting @ Tina Amber's home

March 13th, we will host a "What's Happening with our Tri-Valley Water Supply?" Our own member, Dr. Sarah Palmer, a current member of Zone 7 Board, will give us her perspective and answer our questions. This finite resource requires our attention and stewardship. [We thought we had the location settled, but now must ask you to stay tuned. More information will be in the next GRAPEVINE.](#)

March 23rd STEAM DIVAS event at Junction Avenue School

April 2nd Equal Pay Day AM Event

April 3rd 1 PM LPD Board Meeting @ Anita Massey's home

April 13th, 11:30 AM Branch Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Zephyr Restaurant, Livermore. We will be nominating officers for 2020 so, if you are interested in serving, this is a great function to attend. AAUW Fund speaker.

May/June will be our Installation of Officers & Potluck Brunch/Luncheon at JoAnn Houk's in Pleasanton. The actual date will be announced at a later date.

We encourage you to calendar these dates and hope to see all of you at these worthwhile events.

Sal & Maria

TAKE ACTION FOR TITLE IX

Take 2 minutes out of your day for this easy online way to support Title IX. The Department of Education's plan to change regulations would make schools less safe for students, could infringe on their civil rights and could roll back critical protections for victims of sexual harassment and assault in schools. **We don't want to weaken Title IX!**

Go to www.aauw-ca.org, then Categories, then Title IX, then Take Action for Title IX.



INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Chair: Nancy Rensink

dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

This month, we had Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday, January 23 at Nancy Rensink's home with eight players.

DATE **February 27 @ 7 PM**
Sally Stock



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 28 @ 9:30 am
BOOK: *Before We Were Yours*
AUTHOR: Lisa Wingate
REVIEWER: Harriet Lawrie
HOSTESS : Harriet Lawrie



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, February 11 @ 7 pm
Maria Kennedy

DATE: Monday, February 25 @ 7 pm
Sal Tompkins

(Note change from the printed schedule)



AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

pmbooks1@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Monday, February 11 @ 1 pm
BOOK: TBA
AUTHOR: TBA
WHERE TBA
HOSTESS: TBA



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, February 13 @ 7:30
BOOK: *Lust for Justice*
AUTHOR: Paulette Frankl
REVIEWER: Walt Morgan
HOSTESS: Anne Dini

CO-HOSTESS: Anne Dini

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, February 15 @ 11:30 am

WHERE: Side Track (formerly Panda)
30 West Angela, Pleasanton

Contact Gloria Greene by the 16th about attending



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 14 @ 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.



COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, February 7 @ 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, February 7 @ 10 AM

WHERE: Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.
Pleasanton



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, February 5 @ 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 Main in Pleasanton

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 5 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: 828 Bites & Brews
828 Main, Pleasanton



The IBC (Alameda County Interbranch Council) delegates met for their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 15. There was considerable discussion of communications issues the branches are facing, specifically related to getting members to read their newsletters. Most branches distribute their newsletters using Mailchimp (what we use) or a similar service. Most have about a 50% "open" rate - which is good for a non-profit newsletter - though disturbing in terms of reaching our members. (More on that in the Communications article on Page 9)

A couple of IBC members have been in contact with National staff regarding the Work Smart salary negotiation initiative that is supported by the AAUW Fund. In partnership with Morgan Stanley, workshop sessions have begun to be held in San Francisco. There is an effort to bring these workshops to the East Bay. Why is negotiation so important? AAUW's research on the gender pay gap shows that, one year out of college, women are already paid significantly less than men. Women who work full time take home 80 cents for every dollar a full-time male worker is paid. And over a lifetime, those lost potential earnings add up.

We were advised that Work Smart is a HIGH PRIORITY initiative with AAUW and a FREE online salary negotiation skill-builder is available at: <http://www.salary.aauw.org>. AAUW has received a matching grant from Coca Cola to support this program. Each of us can be part of the Work Smart initiative by accessing the skill-builder, see how it works, then sharing information about it with our family and friends so that 10 million women can be trained by 2020! Please check it out and share it!

In addition, there was discussion of the January 19 Women's marches and of activities that the various branches will be doing for Equal ay Day in April.

Sandy

A vertical rectangular advertisement with a light blue background featuring a pattern of small, white, star-like snowflakes. The text is arranged in a top-to-bottom hierarchy. At the top, it says "Give **YOURSELF** the gift of financial security." with "YOURSELF" in a white box. Below this, in large, bold, dark blue capital letters, is "WORK SMART ONLINE". Underneath that, in smaller, bold, dark blue capital letters, is "FREE SALARY NEGOTIATION COURSE". At the bottom, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the website "salary.aauw.org" in white lowercase letters.

Give **YOURSELF** the gift
of financial security.

**WORK SMART
ONLINE**

FREE SALARY NEGOTIATION COURSE

salary.aauw.org

Thanks to Tina for handling Evites for our January event at the Karlsen's home. About half the members of the branch responded to the Evite. Did you open your message? They're very easy to respond to and give us an idea of how many to expect for our events - whether it is chairs and or tables to be prepared, wine glasses or coffee cups to provide, etc. Please let Tina or me know if you have problems with these invitations.

We're also learning that about half of our members are opening the "Weekly Updates" and opened the email with the January *Grapevine*. Perhaps these are the members who are most interested in branch activities and possibly able to participate. Only five of our members lack email, so we hope that all of you know how to open messages, click on links, etc. We can access our email on so many devices that it's difficult to provide instructions generic for all in a *Grapevine* article.

Three members reported problems with either opening or printing the January *Grapevine*, as distributed with our new Mailchimp system. Be sure that your email carrier is set to receive messages from "aauwlpdbranch@gmail.com" as that is the new "sending" account.

There will be a link in the message you receive which will go to the *Grapevine* which is actually a file that has been uploaded to our website as a .pdf file. Click on the link and the *Grapevine* should open on your device. It may take a while to load to your device (some are slower than others). If you want to print it, you must "download" it to your device, and then you must "send" it to a printer on your network. Please let me know if you continue to have problems.

I'd be happy to visit any interest group and have a brief hands-on session to help you with any difficulties. Communication is two-way - we send - you receive - and you can send to us. All branch leaders are e-mail competent. We expect that you are receiving messages since our system tells us when you don't receive what has been sent. These are "bounces" and no messages are "bouncing". Note - the link to the *Grapevine* that you receive in email is different than the version that is publicly available on the website - but you can always find a version (lacking contact detail) on the branch website at <https://lpd-ca.aauw.net/grapevine-newsletter/>.
Sandy



AAUW LPD book group members and readers, get ready....

The New York Times nonfiction bestseller *Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot and the Battle for the American Dream* is the book to read for the 2019 Livermore Reads Together annual community reading program. Livermore readers helped choose this book for Livermore Public Library by voting online for one of four titles.

About the book; Four impoverished, undocumented Latino teenagers from an underfunded public high school were encouraged by the science teachers to build an underwater robot. Against all odds, this team won U.C.Santa Barbara's prestigious 2004 National Technology Robotics Competition in this inspiring true story.

Livermore Reads Together free February events connected to the book *Spare Parts* Include:

Sat. Feb. 9, 11 AM. Free movie screening of *Spare Parts*. This 2015 film is PG-13 and will be shown at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 First St., Livermore. It stars George Lopez, Jamie Lee Curtis, Carlos PenaVega & Marisa Tomei.

Sun. Feb. 10, 2 PM *Spare Parts* Readers' Theater. The Livermore Shakespeare Festival reader volunteers will perform their adapted excerpt from this book. Livermore Civic Center Library Storytime Room

Wed. Feb. 20, 7 PM Meet Joshua Davis, author of *Spare Parts* for a discussion of his book, followed by a book signing. Livermore Civic Center Library

All Livermore Reads Together events are free and open to the public, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. For additional information visit the library's website at www.livermorelibrary.net.



You may have noticed that most of the communications from our AAUW branch, including the newsletter, are now being delivered to you via Mailchimp. Just want you to know that Mailchimp is a delivery vehicle. Almost all other AAUW branches

have adopted its use as a good practice. All formatting is exactly the same. If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please ask me.

We want to continue to strongly encourage our members to use email for branch communications. I know that some of you prefer to have a printed copy of the newsletter, but as good environmental stewards, we should be limiting unnecessary printing.

When you receive your copy of the newsletter, read it and note on your calendars the events that you plan to attend. If you need to refer back to the newsletter you can return to the email.

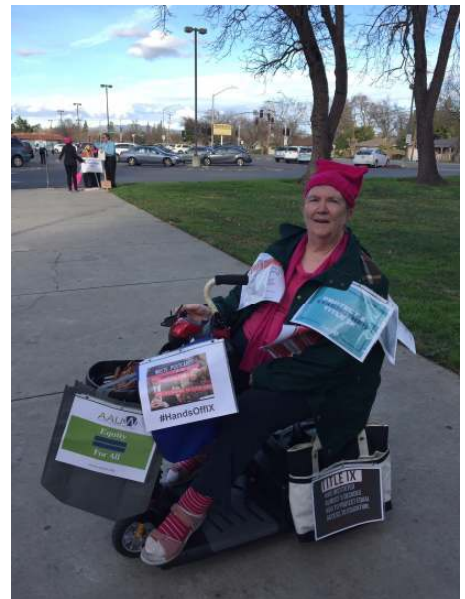
I would encourage you to set up folders within your email account if you have not already done so. It's easy then to file the email in the folder and it will be accessible if you need to re-read the newsletter. Personally, I have about 30 file folders to keep my email organized - and I even have files within the major files. Again, if you need help setting up folders, there are many of us that can assist you.

Tina



Phil and Elva Cooper

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Sandy Hansen

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Jan. 26	College School Party	Corrie & Mary Ann Karlsen	4-6 PM	Livermore
Feb. 2	AAUW Fund Luncheon	Spin-a-Yarn Restaurant	11:30 AM	Fremont
Feb. 4	Ladies Lunch 'n Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 AM	Pleasanton
Feb. 5	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 6	LPD Board Meeting	Charlene Grandfield	1:00 PM	Livermore
Feb. 7	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 AM	Pleasanton
Feb. 9	<i>Spare Parts</i>	Movie, Vine Cinema (free)	11:00 AM	Livermore
Feb. 10	<i>Spare Parts</i>	Readers Theater, LCCL	2:00 PM	Livermore
Feb. 11	Afternoon Books	T.B.A.	1:00 PM	
Feb. 11	Monday Night Bridge	Maria Kennedy	7:00 PM	Pleasanton
Feb. 13	Evening Books	Anne Dini	7:30 PM	Livermore
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day			
Feb. 14	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 AM	Pleasanton
Feb. 15	Solo Dining	Side Track	11:30 AM	Pleasanton
Feb. 18	Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>			
Feb. 20	<i>Spare Parts, Talk/Signing</i> by author	LCC Library	7:00 PM	Livermore
Feb. 23	T.V. E.Y.H. Event	DVC, San Ramon Campus	9-3:00 PM	San Ramon
Feb. 25	Presidents' Day			
Feb. 25	Monday Night Bridge	Sal Tompkins	7:00 PM	Livermore
Feb. 27	Duplicate Bridge	Sally Stock	7:00 PM	Pleasanton
Feb. 28	Morning Books	Harriet Lawrie	9:30 AM	Dublin
Mar. 6	LPD Meeting, Zone 7	speaker, Sarah Palmer	T.B.A.	Our water supply
Mar. 23	LPD AAUW STEAM Divas Workshop	Junction Ave. School	8-noon	Livermore
Apr. 2	Equal Pay Day Event	T.B.A.	AM	
Apr. 3	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 PM	Livermore
Apr. 13	Annual LPD Meeting	Zephyr Grill & Bar	11:30 am	Livermore
May/June	Potluck Brunch/Lunch	Installation, JoAnn Houk	T.B.A.	Pleasanton





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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
March Grapevine
by February 18 or sooner