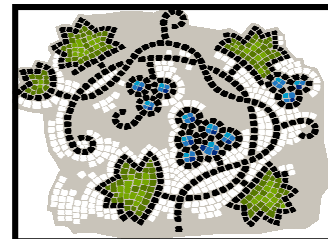




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Please join us for a timely talk given by Sarah Palmer, one of our very own LPD Branch members. She will speak on

### **California Water: Planning for the Future of Drought and Abundance – a brief overview**

Sarah Palmer, Ph.D. in biochemistry, is a Livermore resident and retired science teacher. She has served on the Zone 7 Water Agency board since 2006. Sarah also serves as Vice-president of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Board; is on the ACWA state board; and also on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority (that's the tunnels project). With Zone 7 she serves on the Water Quality Committee, Water Management Committee and Agriculture Committee. She is an avid hiker, painter, and paddleboard aficionado!

**Our program will be**

**Wednesday, March 13th @ 2 P.M**

**Rooms A & B, Livermore Civic Center Library**



After her presentation, Sarah will answer questions about the water situation in the Tri-Valley. For those interested in further discussions or just wish to socialize with fellow members, may we suggest going to The Daily Grind Espresso Bar & Café just down the hall from our meeting room and a very friendly place where you can spend more time and pick up coffee, tea or light snacks.

Sal



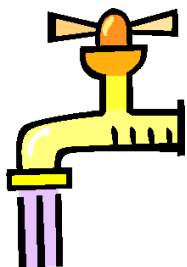
**Next Board Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**March 6th @ 1 pm**

**Tina Amber**

**Members are welcome  
to come.**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Devon La Har



Rain in abundance! Yes, we've had times of deluge in recent weeks, but we gain overdue snowpack restoration and a vital lifeline for our central valley crops. Is California still in water crisis? And how can we manage this recent abundance?

We're excited to have you join us for **California Water: Planning for the Future of Drought and Abundance** (Wednesday, March 13 at 2:00 PM, Livermore Civic Center Library, Rooms A & B, 925-292-9552 for more information.). LPD Branch member Sarah Palmer will speak on this timely topic, answer your questions and moderate discussion.

Sarah's background information is on the front page. We thank program chairs Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy for arranging this informative program!

Each year, AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin and Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branches partner in the **Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons** (TVEYH) conference sponsored by Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories. Local 6th-9th grade girls annually participate in hands-on STEM workshops, a career fair, and special engineering activity (for the girls) and, (for parents), resources on STEM educational tracks and college admissions.

I echo heartfelt thanks (offered elsewhere in this *Grapevine* issue) to branch members who supported the TVEYH conference: Dot Bishop (LPD volunteer coordinator and workshop aide); Anita Massey (Tech Trek coordinator); Ann Willoughby (EYH national board member, TVEYH planning committee and adult program co-chair); and workshop aides Sal Tompkins, PJ Wells, Sheryl Morgan, Norma Foss, Mekena Metcalf and Devon LaHar.

March Women's History Month is our chance to celebrate the women who pave our way and help to shape our present and future. Please check our separate *Grapevine* article (Page 8) on ways to celebrate AAUW's mission in your community during March Women's History Month.

**Quick look back:** I still hear comments about our late January School Colors/ Wine-Cheese party, so program chairs Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy may have begun a branch tradition. Thanks again to them for planning and to Mary Ann and Corrie Karlsen for welcoming us to their wonderful home.

What happens next with AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin? Check our calendar at the end of this *Grapevine* issue and online .

Devon



**MEMBERSHIP CORNER** Marilyn Duman [membership@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:membership@aauw-lpd.org)

You will be able to renew your membership for the 2019-2020 year after March 15, 2019. The total renewal amount will be \$95. This will include \$20 state dues and \$16 branch dues. \$56 of the renewal amount is tax deductible.

Please encourage your friends and family to attend a program or interest group meeting so that you can introduce them to AAUW. The March 13<sup>th</sup> program at the Livermore Library regarding the Tri-Valley Water Supply would be a perfect opportunity! If someone joins at one of our programs, National and Local dues will be discounted by 50% (\$29.50 and \$8)

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting at the Zephyr in Livermore on April 13<sup>th</sup>. As always please contact me if you have any questions

Marilyn



With sadness we hear that Sally and Phil Stock will be moving in mid-March. We'll miss her many year's of super-efficiency as Hospitality Chair (thanks to Phil, too, for all his help). That description fits her role of leading the Morning Books Group, too. Rounding out all that with serving on the Nominating Committee - many thanks, Sally. We wish you well and a smooth move.

**LPD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION** Ginny Reineking [scholarship@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:scholarship@aauw-lpd.org)



The NON-EVENT fundraiser letter, CRUISING AMERICAN STYLE, was delivered to your mailbox recently. Please consider donating to our scholarship fund that will help several local, young women with their college expenses. Our goal this year is to surpass our total last year and have 100% of our membership participate.

We have received donations from Joan Leighty, Pam Copeland, Suzanne Emberton and Ann Willoughby. I know my mailbox will be full of donations when I return next week and we will acknowledge our donors in the next *Grapevines*. Thank You!

Ginny Reineking and Vicki-Dawn Rader



**TRI-VALLEY EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (TVEYH) Ann Willoughby**  
**National EYH Board Member and LPD Member**  
**Dot Bishop, TVEYH Volunteer Coordinator, LPD Member**  
**MOTIVATING YOUNG WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND MATH**



The LPD Branch of A.A.U.W. continues its dedicated and enthusiastic support of the Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (TVEYH) conference sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories.

The most recent conference was held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Diablo Valley College (DVC) San Ramon Campus. This annual conference, first started in 1979, engaged more than 330 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls from local schools in a fun-filled educational day of hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workshops and activities that sparked the girls' interest in and encouraged their pursuit of STEM-related education and career choices. This TVEYH conference also included a career fair for the girls and an adult program that educated parents on admissions to California's public colleges. The TVEYH adult program included a student panel of young women, two high school and two DVC students pursuing a STEM education. Student panelists spoke to parents about what motivated them to pursue STEM and how parents could support their daughters.

LPD members, along with members of the AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch, served as volunteers at the annual TVEYH conference.

LPD thanks the following members who supported the TVEYH conference: Dot Bishop (LPD volunteer coordinator and workshop aide), Anita Massey (Tech Trek coordinator), Ann Willoughby (EYH national board member, TVEYH planning committee and adult program co-chair), and workshop aides Norma Foss, Devon LaHar, Mekena Metcalf, Sheryl Morgan, Sal Tomkins and PJ Wells.

For more info about the TVEYH conference see their website at: <https://www.tveyh.org/>. The Tri-Valley conference is one of nearly 100 EYH conferences nationwide that serve more than 25,000 girls annually. Since this conference model was first launched in the early 1970s, more than 1 million girls have participated in an EYH conference.



These photos are not from the conference on Sat., Feb. 23, 2019.

More Information from Susan Wacek, Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee



**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
**LPD LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**



By now you should have received our Non-Event Fundraiser Letter. Last year, because of you, our caring donors, we were able to give three scholarships!! We were able to hear from all of them at our September 2018 Luncheon.

Here are a few words of gratitude from our recipients:



Roujheen Sabetan: "Attending the luncheon and having the chance to give my thanks in person was such a joy for me. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to meet and interact with a wonderful group of women."



Amber Barnstead: "I CANNOT thank you enough for this opportunity. It means the world to me."



Samantha Valdez: "This is an honor. Thank you very much! I have always admired the AAUW and I am so grateful !"

Thank you, again LPD Members, and I hope we can increase the amount of donations that were given last year. If you know of anyone who qualifies for our scholarships, please have them go to our website for more information.

Susan

**LPD hosts STEAM Divas for 5th Grade Girls on Saturday, March 23**

LPD is hosting its second STEAM Divas program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Junction Avenue School in Livermore in coordination with the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Expanding Your Horizons Network.

Some 60 girls will participate in a half-day, fun-filled program attending 3 hands-on workshops that encourage their interest in STEAM (STEAM = science, technology, engineering, art and math). Workshops are being taught by LPD members with LPD Tech Trek graduates assisting as workshop aides.

A 90-minute parent program will show parents how to guide their daughters in middle and high school on a STEAM-based college track. The STEAM Divas webpage is:

<http://www.expandingyourhorizons.org/conferences/AAUWSTEAM/>



## INTEREST GROUPS



### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Group Chair: Nancy Rensink

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

**DATE**      **March 27 @ 7 PM**

Carol Guarnaccia

O.K. March is taken care of. Who would like to volunteer for April, May,.....?



### MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

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

**DATE:**            Thursday, March 28 @ 9:30 am  
**BOOK:**            *Educated*

**AUTHOR:**        Tara Westover

**REVIEWER:**     Margaret Gruen

**HOSTESS :**        Margaret Gruen



### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

Group Chair:

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

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

**DATE:**            Monday, March 11 @ 7 pm  
Ginny Reineking

**DATE:**            Monday, March 25 @ 7 pm  
Carol Guarnaccia



### AFTERNOON BOOKS

Group Chair: Mary Ann Karlsen

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

**DATE:**            Monday, March 11 @ 1 pm

**BOOK:**            *The Last Juror*

**AUTHOR:**        John Grisham

**WHERE**            Heritage Estates in Livermore

**HOSTESS:**        Helen Dourov



### Mah Jongg, American Style)

Group Chair: JoAnn Houk

[mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org](mailto: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](mailto:mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org)) or Anita Massey



### EVENING BOOKS

Group Chair: Walter Morgan

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

**DATE:**            Wednesday, March 13 @ 7:30

**BOOK:**            *Hillbilly Elegy*

**AUTHOR:**        J.D. Vance

**REVIEWER:**     Joan Leighty

**HOSTESS:**        Sharon Edwards

**CO-HOSTESS:**   Sharon Edwards

## INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



### SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown

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

**DATE:** Friday, March 15 @ 5:30 pm

**WHERE:** Coco Cabana  
500 Tassajara Rd., Dublin

Contact Sandie Brown by the 13th about  
attending (925-999-8400)



### MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso

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

**DATE:** Thursday, March 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, March 18 @ 11:30 am

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

Join us as we continue to reading more of Louise Penny's wonderful adventures with Chief Homicide Inspector, Armand Gamache.

### Mission In Action (2/21/19)

#### WHY THE PROPOSED TITLE IX CHANGES HURT STUDENTS

On January 30 the comment period ended for weighing in on the sweeping Title IX changes suggested by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). More than 100,000 comments were submitted. AAUW strongly opposed the ED's proposed rule because it protects institutions over students by reducing schools' obligations to respond to sexual harassment.

Proposals will be finalized in the coming months.



### COFFEE "AND"

**Thursday, March 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, March 7 @ 10 AM

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



### COCKTAILS &

### CONVERSATIONS

**Tuesday, March 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, March 5 @ 5:30 pm

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



At a recent branch board meeting, the question arose: What is supported by the AAUW Fund? A long article could be written. A recent video from AAUW ([click on link](#)) is full of information on how AAUW is changing to meet the needs of today - and finding ways to impact women beyond the \$100 million that are already in endowments for fellowships and research. Be sure to watch it and hear two of our staff in Washington DC explain how AAUW is making an impact through the AAUW Fund. See the chart on Page 10 that shows programs supported by the Fund.

FYI - \$56 of your annual dues supports these programs that are impacting many young women today. (Remember, this part of your dues can be a charitable deduction as AAUW is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit).

Let me know if you have questions about how our branch can become more involved with these current stellar programs. We need your energies to go beyond what we are currently doing with school-aged youth.

**AAUW is a top-rated charity by Charity Navigator** ([click on link](#)) AAUW's annual report is available for your reading ([click on link](#)). Contact me if you'd like to make a donation at this time. The video closes with info on completing a branch donation form - which we don't currently use, since most of our members make direct donations (THANK YOU!) to the fund by responding to solicitations from AAUW or making online donations - but I'm happy to handle your donations directly also. Call me  
Sandy

## Small but powerful ways to celebrate women's progress during Women's History Month

### *Read about amazing women*

The National Women's History Theme for 2019 is *Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence*. These women have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.

### *Write a thank-you note to a woman who inspires you*

What is more meaningful (for both sender and receiver) than telling someone how they've made an impact in your life? This month, write a short note to 2 or 3 women who have changed your life by giving you opportunity to become a more educated woman of character.

### *Be on the lookout for the winner*

Voting has closed for the art of LPD branch member Charlotte Severin ("A Woman's Work is Never Done" and "Women: A Bridge Over Troubled Water") in this year's AAUW Art Contest. Winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in Spring 2019.

### *Atta-girl notes*

Bring a pack of post-it notes with you to public places that you frequent. You can ask permission to stick a couple of [attagirl notes](#) on mirrors of women's restrooms in restaurants, stores, offices, or other public work-places. Notes like: You are kind and generous! You're a smart capable woman! You light up a room! Your confidence inspires others! Your smile lights up a room!

*Share an inspiring coloring page with your daughter or granddaughter*, through [education.com](http://education.com) :

Rosie the Riveter Jane Goodall Florence Nightingale Sally Ride Marie Curie



It's that time again - as we prepare for our April Annual meeting, our branch board has identified an item in our branch bylaws that needs to be changed. We'll take a voice vote on this at the Annual Meeting at the Zephyr Bar & Grill in Livermore on April 13.

(No proposals are being made by AAUW - National or California to change any bylaws this year.)

Here is the current article from our bylaws:

#### **ARTICLE XIV. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The branch shall hold an annual meeting to conduct the business of the branch, including but not limited to, electing officers, establishing dues, amending bylaws and receiving reports. This meeting shall be held between March 1 and April 30.

**Section 2. Membership Meetings.** There shall be at least four general membership meetings each year.

**Section 3. Special Meetings.** A special general membership meeting may be called by the president or shall be called by the president at the written request of a majority of the members of the board of directors or ten members of the branch.

**Section 4. Meetings notice.** Notice of meetings shall be sent to all members of the branch at least 10 days prior to the meetings.

**Section 5. Quorum.** The quorum shall be ten percent of the branch members.



The Board proposes changing **Section 2** to read:

**There will be one or more general meetings each year.**

Reasoning: Having a "meeting" as defined by parliamentary procedure requires minutes - and assumes that business is undertaken. Our branch has been having "events" and confines most business to the annual meeting. Our September meeting includes presentation of the budget which has been approved by the branch board - it is an informational matter, not requiring a branch vote. Should the board decide that business NEEDS to be presented to members at other times, a "general meeting" can be called. There is also a procedure in place to call a "special meeting" should that be necessary.

We hope you'll approve this small change to our branch bylaws.

**F.Y.I.** Expanding Your Horizons and Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons (EYH or TVEYH): 6-9th Grade Girls, math & science

STEAM Divas: (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)  
5th Grade Girls

TECH TREK : summer Camp Curie @ Stanford: 7th Grade Girls

# How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



## AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



### Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

#### STEM Title IX Pathways to Jobs

*Examples of programs include:*  
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives  
Fellowships and Grants  
Public Policy  
Research



### Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

#### Pay Equity Title VII Retirement Security

*Examples of programs include:*  
Start Smart  
Work Smart  
Work Smart Online  
Legal Advocacy Fund



### Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

#### Career Workplace Training

*Examples of programs include:*  
Campus Action Projects  
Empower  
NCCWSL

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the address below or made online at [www.aauw.org/contribute](http://www.aauw.org/contribute).

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	
Mar. 5	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 6	LPD Board Meeting	Tina Amber	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 7	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 11	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates	1:00 pm	Livermore
Mar. 11	Monday Night Bridge	Ginny Reineking	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 13	California Water/ Palmer	Livermore C.C. Library	2:00 pm	Livermore
Mar. 13	Evening Books	Sharon Edwards	7:30 pm	Livermore
Mar. 14	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 15	Solo Dining	Coco Cabana	5:30 pm	Dublin
Anytime	Donate to Non-Event			
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day		All Day	Everywhere
Mar. 18	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Mar. 18	Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>			
Mar. 23	STEAM Divas Program	Junction Ave. School	8:30 am	Livermore
Mar. 25	Monday Night Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 27	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 28	Morning Books	Margaret Gruen	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Apr. 2	Equal Pay Event			
Apr. 3	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1:00 pm	Livermore
Apr. 13	LPD Annual Meeting	Zephyr Grill & Bar	11:30 am	Livermore
Jun. 8	Potluck Brunch/Installation	JoAnn Houk		Pleasanton
Sep. 21	Fall Kickoff Lunch	Lynnewood Methodist Church		Pleasanton

## Strategic Plan

FROM AAUW  
NATIONAL

The AAUW Strategic Plan is created through an inclusive process involving the AAUW Board of Directors and staff. The goals, indicators of success, and strategies reflect an integrated approach to fulfilling our mission, vision, and value promise. As AAUW continues to move forward in a changing world, so have our Strategic Plan and our Vision Statement.

### Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

### Vision

Equity for all.

### Values

Nonpartisan.  
Fact-based.  
Integrity.  
Inclusion and  
Intersectionality.



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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.

**AAUW EMPOWERS ALL  
WOMEN AND GIRLS TO  
REACH THEIR HIGHEST  
POTENTIAL.**

VISIT THE AAUW  
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[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)  
[www.aauw-lpd.org](http://www.aauw-lpd.org)  
[www.facebook.com/aauwlpd](https://www.facebook.com/aauwlpd)  
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#### Next Deadline:

Submit all articles (email or in writing)  
(hopefully formatted) to Carol for the  
April Grapevine  
by March 18th or sooner