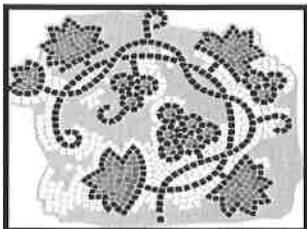




THE GRAPEVINE



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LET'S VISIT THE LARGEST
COLLECTION OF SUCCULENTS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD

*The Ruth Bancroft
Garden & Nursery*
FRIDAY, MAY 17



MEET AT PLEASANTON WAL-MART,
9:30 AM (EASTSIDE OF PARKING
LOT ACROSS FROM ENTRANCE)

*Tour the Gardens with a docent
Followed by lunch in Walnut Creek*
CONTACT MARIA KENNEDY

PROGRAM@AAUW-LPD.ORG
\$10 adults, \$8 Senior Rate

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AAUW LPD Branch

The Ruth Bancroft Garden,
1552 Bancroft Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Drive North on 680.
Exit Treat Blvd. and turn right. Go approximately
one mile, then turn right on Bancroft Road.
Make a U-turn at Stratton Road. The Ruth
Bancroft Garden will be on your right.

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday
June 19 @ 1 pm
Chris Alesso
All members are
welcome



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Devon La Har

AAUW L-P-D

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April showers have brought May flowers (and green hills!) across the Tri-Valley in 2019. Perfect for walking through a garden, so.....

Save the date! Our *Grapevine* front page invites you to join our walk through Walnut Creek's Bancroft Gardens ! There will be do- cent information about beautiful blooms and a featured succulent garden before lunch with friends. Thanks to branch program chairmen Sal Tompkins and Maria Kennedy. Contact Maria at (719) 539-2057 or program@aauw-lpd.org for information or carpooling.

Our well-organized and informative April 13th Branch Annual Meeting & Luncheon at Zephyr Grill in Livermore was a tasty way to catch up with friends, greet new members, learn something new, and more! We elected our nominated slate of officers for 2019-2020 branch Board of Directors and were entertained and in- formed by our guest speaker, Andrea Morgan.

Andrea sat with Lifetime AAUW member Dawn Gordner at lunch, whose branch endowment partially funded Andrea's AAUW Career Development Grant. Andrea shared her experiences working at the Environmental Protection Agency and (of special interest to many of us) her work reducing air pollution and combating climate change while promoting environmental equity. Our program com- mittee planned this event also.

Please check this *Grapevine* issue's Event Calendar on the last page and other news/information within about:

STEAM Divas event (Junction School, Livermore, 4/23/19)-- thanks to many branch volunteers listed in this article

Walk in the Garden (Bancroft Garden, Walnut Creek, Friday 5/17/19--see the front page about where to meet and/or contact Marilyn Duman if you would like to carpool!

Save the Date! Branch Annual Installation Brunch (Saturday 6/08/19 JoAnn Houk's Pleasanton home)

Devon





MEMBERSHIP CORNER Marilyn Duman membership@aauw-lpd.org

Those of you who use email have received your first membership renewal notification from AAUW. Thank you very much to those of you who have renewed by check or online. The email is personalized for you so click on the link and you will be sent to your renewal page. If you need me to re-send let me know.

Renewal forms have been mailed and are also available on our website. This form can be used to update information and to volunteer for committees and other activities. Please look at your directory and verify that the information next to your name is correct.

If you would like to make a non-deductible donation to our branch, that information is also available. We count on your donations to help defray general Branch expenses.

We depend on your referrals to increase our membership. Please don't hesitate to invite a friend or two to an event, an interest group, or a social gathering.

If you would like to attend an event and need a ride please call or email me and I'll arrange a ride for you.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions

Marilyn

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

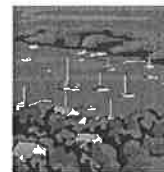


Our annual fundraiser for the local branch Scholarship Foundation, **Cruising American Style**, is almost at our record high from last year! Please consider donating NOW so we can support several young women as they complete their college education.

Recent donors are Mercedes Daggett, Joan Green, Sally Stock, Sandy Hansen, Norma Foss, JoAnn Houck and Anne Dini.

We have found an easy path to fundraising by having an imaginary event where members can participate and support by just sending a donation. Our goal again this year is 100% member participation.

Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking, co-chairs



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

STEAM Divas: 5th grade girls exploring science and technology



Getting Creative with Code

taught by Carol Kinnard



Prisms: Color & Angles

taught by Mekena Metcalf



Fun with Energy

taught by Sarah Palmer

Fifty six Tri-Valley 5th-grade girls spent the morning at **STEAM Divas** (STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art, math) at Junction Avenue K-8 School, Livermore on March 23, 2019. These girls participated in fun hands-on STEAM-based workshops created and conducted by American Association of University Women Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin (AAUW LPD).

STEAM Divas girls rotated in groups through three workshops seen in the above photos. High school workshop aides (Tech Trekkers) helped the younger girls with activities and served as enthusiastic role models for these 5th graders. These aides previously attended AAUW's Tech Trek, a 5-day summer STEM experience for 8th grade girls. Tech Trek is held annually at Stanford University and features dormitory living, meals in a dining hall, and hands-on labs.

STEAM Divas was sponsored by AAUW LPD in collaboration with Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Network. STEAM Divas was piloted in September 2017 in collaboration with LVJUSD and EYH. Attendance doubled at this March 2019 event.

STEAM Divas added a 90-minute parent program to this year's event. The program, presented by Susan Johnston, Livermore High School (LHS) AP Calculus teacher and Mathematics instructional coach, focused on creating a college-bound pathway for girls interested in STEAM.

Are you enthusiastic about educational outreach to women and girls? Get information on attending, volunteering, or being a workshop leader at STEAM Divas 10/19/2019! Please contact AAUW LPD Board members Devon LaHar or Anita Massey.

AAUW LPD thanks branch members for making STEAM Divas a resounding success: Ann Willoughby, Charlene Grandfield, Mekena Metcalf, P.J. Wells, Roz Wright, Carol Kinnard, Sarah Palmer, Chris Alesso, Pushpa Dalal, Gloria



Submitted by Devon LaHar. Photos by Pushpa Dalal

We enjoyed hearing AAUW Fund grant recipient Andrea Morgan at our April annual meeting. She told us about the work she is doing - and will be doing after graduating with a double Masters degree in Environmental Engineering and Public Policy . She's on the downhill slope, with just a few weeks left before graduation. She'll be working in Sacramento on issues related to air pollution.

We learned that the University of California - Berkeley has quite a few programs aimed at ways that pollution in Alameda County can be measured - and how policies can be changed to improve the environment in the worst-affected areas. Thanks to Devon for handling the arrangements for the visit. Dawn Gordner especially enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Andrea, whose AAUW grant was funded partly by the Dawn Gordner/Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch named endowment. The endowment supports women in either Career Development Grants or Community Action Grants.

Have you tried to find information about the AAUW Fund on our branch website? In the near future (before you receive this newsletter), expect to see a revised and new site. We'll have information about the four current fellows being supported by endowments that honor our branch members Dawn Gordner, Pat Mann, Joan Zehnder, and Anne Les, as well as a page with profiles of these honorees, as well as information about the many aspects of the Fund, including the Legal Advocacy Fund, AAUW-funded research, the Work Smart/Start Smart initiatives and more. Check the site at: <https://lpd-ca.aauw.net/>.

Sandy

Imagine an America Without a Pay Gap

It is common knowledge that a woman in the United States makes 80 cents per dollar made by a man of similar qualifications. The pay gap is worse for women of color. In an era when women make up nearly 50% of the workforce, this pay gap burdens individual family finances and the economy. A recent study estimated the impact on society if the pay gap was corrected.

How would closing the pay gap be expected to impact families?

- 60% of working women and 66% single working mothers would see an increase in their pay
- Poverty rates for working women would drop by half from 8% to 3.8%
- Poverty rates for single working mothers would drop from 28.9% to 14.5%

How would the US economy benefit?

- Closing the pay gap would increase gross domestic product an estimated \$500 million, roughly 2.6% of the GDP of our entire nation
- The increase in women's earnings would be roughly 16 times what federal and state governments spent in 2015 for temporary assistance to needy families

The pay gap adversely impacts American families. Closing it would raise many out of poverty and reduce the need for public assistance. The question to ask our elected officials is not whether we as a society can afford to pay men and women the same income for the same work. The question is, how can we afford not to?

Archana Maniar

Source: The Impact of Equal Pay on Poverty and the Economy 2017, Institute of Women's Policy Research

INTEREST GROUPS



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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

DATE **May 22 @ 7 PM (on 4th Wed. now)**
Norma Foss

June 26th anyone?



MORNING BOOKS

Group Chair: Sally Stock

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, May 23 @ 9:30 am
BOOK SELECTION & POTLUCK

HOSTESS : Bev Howell



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, May 13 @ 7 pm
Marti Silva

DATE: Monday, May 27 @ 7 pm
Norma Foss



AFTERNOON BOOKS

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

DATE: Monday, May 13 @ 1 pm

BOOK: *The Silver Digs*

AUTHOR: Lindsey Davis

WHERE Mary Ann Karlsen

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen




EVENING BOOKS


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

DATE: Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:00 pm
Potluck Dinner

HOSTESS: Bev Howell



COFFEE "AND"



Thursday, May 2 @ 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 and guests.

WHEN: Thursday, May 2 @ 10 AM

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



Mah Jongg, American Style

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

If you are interested please contact JoAnn Houk (mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org) or Anita Massey.

INTEREST GROUPS (CONTINUED)



SOLO: GROUP FOR SINGLES

Group Chair: Sandie Brown, 999-8400
solodining@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Friday, May 17 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: Mexico Lindo
 6690 Koll Center Parkway
 Pleasanton

Contact Sandie Brown by the 15th about attending.



MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

Group Chair: Chris Alesso
advocacy@aauw-lpd.org

DATE: Thursday, May 9 @ 10:00 am

WHERE: Sweet & Savory
 5685 Gibraltar Ave., Pleasanton

This Mission Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at Sweet & Savory. Each month we choose a topic for study and review with each member bringing information to share.



LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

Group Chair: Maria Kennedy

DATE: Monday, May 20 @ 11:30 am

WHERE: Sunshine Saloon
 1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

Continue reading Louise Penny, C.J. Box or other good mystery writers. Share you thoughts.



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, May 7 @ 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, May 7 @ 5:30 pm

WHERE: 828 Bites & Brews

828 Main, Pleasanton

From your Editor:

Dear Members/Readers: We are still having technical difficulties with the hyperlinks in several articles in this *Grapevine*.

If you want to read more about some the subjects shown as hyperlinks (usually in blue) in the articles in this *Grapevine*, you will have to enter each address on your own, separately. I know, it's a nuisance; we are exploring a new format for our monthly *Grapevine* and then you will be able to just highlight the hyperlink and that will take you to more information about that subject. We are hoping this will happen in the June/July/August *Grapevine*, if not sooner.

We've added an Instagram account to our Social Media package - we are:



<https://www.instagram.com/aauwlpdbranch/>. Right now, we're featuring information about scholarship applications.

The key to Instagram is to follow - and be followed - by others, who will share the information. Initially, I've targeted several accounts related to Las Positas College - and have been receiving quite a few hits - usually several each day. Hopefully this will result in applications to the LPD Foundation for Scholarships. Accounts connected include Las Positas Student Government, Las Positas Student Veterans Organization, LPC Theatre Department, two different LPC College accounts, the LPC Express Newspaper, and more, including those related to the three communities served by our branch.

When Tina and I attended a program on social media last fall, it was emphasized that "our generation" is mostly on Facebook, while the college-aged population uses Instagram a lot. As we try to reach beyond our membership with other AAUW information, it will be important for us to be on this platform also. Instagram is becoming more popular with the "older" generations also as many of us are getting tired of all the advertising on Facebook as well as the various privacy issues.

We also have a Twitter account at https://twitter.com/AAUW_LPD. It needs someone to take charge of the account and to regularly share tweets (advised by AAUW - no more than two tweets per hour!) We could only hope to get two tweets per month! Please let me know if you'd like to handle this account. We can re-tweet material from other AAUW feeds so that the communities we serve can know more about what AAUW does - and what AAUW feels are important issues. AAUW has LOTS of photos/graphics available for us to share via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts.

Finally - on April 17 all members should have received the twice-monthly email from National - the **AAUW Mission & Action** E-bulletin. This is your first stop for updates on everything from research to legislation to discounts for members. It goes to the email address on record with National in the Member Services Database. (see April Grapevine for access info).

It appears that the magazine AAUW Outlook may no longer be published. If you are a member without e-mail, please give me a call and let me know what you are receiving from National as an alternative. (My phone number is in your directory.)

The latest message has information about pay equity, includes your personal member number and ID code for voting in the National AAUW election (11 candidates for 10 seats on the Board of Directors) and information about the VIRTUAL EVENTS that will be organized by AAUW in lieu of a traditional convention in 2020. The plan is to engage members across the country — through livestreams, webinars, social media chats and other communications — to participate in important initiatives and events, such as recognizing Equal Pay Day to advocate for better laws and employer pay practices, rallying around landmark court cases for women, and launching research to continue the push for greater equity. Be sure to read Mission & Action.

Sandy



The Status of Women and Girls in CA ~ 2019 (From AAUW CA Public Policy Committee)

For the past eight years Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. The findings – they may surprise you!

This year's report, **Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity**, celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety. It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in CA.

Bills passed during California's last legislative session addressed :

- baseline representation of females on boards of directors
- increasing pay equity
- protecting youth who marry or establish domestic partnership
- lactation accommodation
- increasing protection and aid to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault
- increasing access no-cost feminine hygiene products in public schools with higher rates of poverty

You can read this impressive report at: www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf



OFFICERS ELECTED for 2019-2020

- President: Devon LaHar
Program co-chairs: Maria Kennedy and Gwen Locke
Membership: Marilyn Duman
Finance: Chris Alesso
Five At-Large Directors
Communications & AAUW Fund: Sandy Hansen
Publicity: Roz Wright
Social Media: Tina Amber
STEM: Anita Massey
Nominating Committee: Carolyn Kotch
Dot Bishop

Submitted by the Nominating Committee
March 2019: Gwen Locke, Fern Corley, and Roz Wright.

June 8, 2019 Annual LPD Installation Potluck Brunch
10 am at JoAnn Houk's home in Pleasanton
There will be no old/new board meeting before the brunch.

Here is what to bring for the potluck:

A-H Breakfast Casserole

I-N Fruit or side dish

O-Z Breakfast bread

RSVP to Vicki-Dawn Rader



I have heard a number of comments that some members do not trust the internet and therefore will not use some of the online sites that AAUW and our local organization use. To be realistic, one can have their handbag stolen or their identity stolen at any time.

Follow these **Top Ten Internet Safety Rules** to insure you remain safe.

(Every single one of these ten rules should be in capital letters, that's how important they are.)

1. Keep personal Information professional and limited - do not post personal information online.
2. Keep Your Privacy Settings as high as possible and check regularly that they are updated.
3. Lookout for the latest scams and be aware that they exist.
5. Be careful what you download - if you do not know the sender, do not download.
6. Choose strong passwords - at least 8 characters and should include numbers or symbols. No using the same password for multiple sites.
7. Make online purchases from secure sites -When shopping or banking online, always make sure that the site's address starts with "https", instead of just "http", and has a padlock icon in the URL field. This "s" indicates that the website is secure.
8. Be careful what you post. Never give out your passwords.
10. Keep Your antivirus program up to date and insure that all updates are downloaded on your device.

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from Susan Wacek, Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee



SCHOLARSHIP Recipient News

I have heard from two of our three 2018 scholarship recipients! Your donations have really made a difference.

Amber Barnstead- "I am on track to graduate Spring of 2020 with my Bachelor's in Political Science from Sonoma State. Thank you, again, so much, the scholarship has been a tremendous help."

Roujheen Sabetan- She applied and was accepted as a Public Health major and has taken wonderful classes about epidemiology and community health and these have reinforced her passion for the field.

"...I got the position in the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health in Berkeley and will be assisting in carrying out classes in environmental health and safety. Thank you again for all of your help."

We chose some fine young ladies last year!! You can see that they have appreciated our financial help.

If you have not done so already, please consider donating to this worthy cause through our Non-Event. Donations can be sent to Ginny Reineking. Thank you so much! Susan Wacek, Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS 2018-2019

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CITY
May. 2	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
May 7	Cocktails & Conversation	838 Main Bites & Brews	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
May 8	Evening Books Potluck	Bev Howell	6:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 9	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
May 13	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
May 13	Monday Night Bridge	Marti Silva	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
May 17	Bancroft Garden Tour	Walnut Creek	meet 9:30 am	Pleasanton
May 17	Solo Dining	Mexico Lindo	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
May 18	<i>Grapevine</i> Deadline			
May 20	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
May 22	Duplicate Bridge	hostess needed	7:00 pm	
May 23	Morning Books Potluck	Bev Howell	9:30 am	Pleasanton
May 27	Monday Night Bridge	Norma Foss	7:00 pm	Livermore
Jun 8	LPD Installation Potluck	JoAnn Houk	10:00 am	Pleasanton
June 19	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:00 am	Pleasanton
Oct 19	STEAM DIVAS Conference			



Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference
Group Photo
February 23, 2019
Sponsored by LLNL and Sandia Nat'l Labs



A treat is in store for you if you read this article written by a Livermore TVEYH alumna.

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<https://www.eyhn.org>



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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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REACH THEIR HIGHEST
POTENTIAL.**

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