



## Tech Trek is holding its annual Bocce Ball Fundraiser, have you replied?

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**TECH TREK FUNDRAISER - BOCCE BALL AND LUNCH**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Campo de Bocce  
 175 E. Vineyard Avenue  
 Livermore, CA 94550

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Join us for a fun morning of Bocce Ball, lunch with friends and an opportunity to raise \$1000. This will send one 7th grade young woman to Tech Trek's Camp Curie at Stanford University.

A basket near the reception desk will be available for donations. We encourage you to donate at this event. As many of you know, Livermore Pleasanton Dublin AAUW sends 8 or 9 girls per year to this full scholarship camp. If you cannot attend but wish to donate **checks should be made out to AAUW CA SPF, with Camp Curie-LPD on the memo line** and mailed to AAUW-LPD, PO BOX 661, Livermore 94550.

We will meet at 10 am and play bocce on two courts. For those playing bocce and having lunch the cost will be \$30 and will include lunch, tax, tip and a non-alcoholic drink. For those just having lunch the cost is \$25. Please bring cash to facilitate payment. RSVP by Friday, November 8th.

No previous playing experience is necessary. The rules are simple and help is immediately available if needed. Some members and guests come just to play bocce, some come just for lunch, and some come to participate in both. All are welcome and we all have fun.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 and will include salads and pizzas. Alcoholic drinks are available for an additional charge.

**From November 10-17, Campo de Bocce will also donate 15% of all food receipts to Tech Trek.** If you eat at Campo de Bocce during this time place your receipt in the bowl located near the reception area. Look for our Tech Trek poster. This is a great opportunity for a book group or another interest group to hold a meeting at Campo di Bocce.

Especially our newer members or just as a refresher for our longer term members: please read more interesting information about our Tech Trek program and how it works on Page 8.



**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
 WEDNESDAY, November 6  
 Gwen Locke

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-DEVON LAHAR



"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."

Read about our October branch activities in this *Grapevine issue*:

We are always inspired by multi-talented, ambitious recipients of AAUW fellowships and grants who speak at Northern California's annual **AAUW Fund Fall Luncheon**.

Our second successful Fall **Planning for College** nights offered valuable information in two sessions this month: one for 9th-10th grade girls and a second for 11th-12th grade girls and their families. We are so fortunate to have branch member Diane Keller bring her years of experience as a private practice college advisor to participants in these evenings. Many thanks to Tina Amber, Anita Massey, Angela Johns, and committee for successfully organizing and implementing these two programs!

**STEAM Divas** brought AAUW LPD branch members and Tri-Valley 5th-grade girls together for its third exploratory event at Junction Avenue K-8 School, Livermore. Sixty five girls participated in this fall's workshops. Thanks to many people are in this issue's article, with special thanks to Roz Wright and Anita Massey for recruiting volunteers and PJ Wells and Susan Wacek for being branch ambassadors with families of our STEAM Divas participants!

Our branch **mission-discussion group** is grateful for Chris Alesso, who continues to provide us with thought-provoking sources for discussion. Our focus has included immigration and gender issues during the past few months.

Check our November and December calendar of AAUW LPD events on the last page of this *Grapevine issue*.

## LPD -AAUW Budget 2019-2020

## INCOME

BRANCH DUES	\$1400.00
DONATIONS— Branch	1,000.00
INTEREST	180.00
FUNDRAISING—Partners Bridge	200.00
INCOME SPEC. PROJECTS	<u>1500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4280.00</b>

## EXPENSES

IBC Dues	30.00
CONVENTION	600.00
ADMINISTRATION	400.00
INSURANCE	550.00
MEMBERSHIP	200.00
BRANCH PROMOS/EVENTS	400.00
Make a Diff. Day-\$50	
Equal Pay Day -\$200	
IBC Program-Rizzo-\$150	
PUBLIC POLICY	0.00
HOSPITALITY	375.00
PROGRAM	500.00
COMMUNICATION	625.00
Website-\$125	
Grapevine- \$200	
Directory \$300	
TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE	500.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	<u>1,500.00</u>
Planning for College \$500	
STEAM Divas \$500	
What do I say now \$500	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,680.00</b>
<b>PROJECTED INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$1,400.00)</b>
Funds from Branch Reserves	(\$1,400.00)

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER - MARILYN DUMAN

membership@aauw-lpd.org,

Directories were mailed October 10<sup>th</sup> so please let me know if you did not receive yours. Since publication we have welcomed seven new members all of whom joined at our Fall luncheon.

Your AAUW-LPD Board continues to work to increase our visibility in the community and would appreciate your help! Please consider friends and co-workers who might enjoy our organization. Invite them to an interest group or a program. Share AAUW's mission: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy."

As members you are our best advocates so talk about AAUW! As always, please let me know if I can help.

## NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY

**Colvin, Mary Frances**

BS Nursing  
Villa Maria College, PA  
Interests: Travel, hiking, reading  
knitting, gardens

**Dewey, Barbara**

BA Education / Sociology  
Stanford University  
Interests: Book groups, current  
events

**Lovitt, Diane**

AA Nursing  
St. Louis Comm. College

**Rittmuller, Annette**

BA Psychology  
UC Berkeley  
MS Psychology  
Duke University  
JD Law

**Roberts, Carol**

BA Elementary Education  
Stanford University  
Interests: Reading, knitting,  
Mah Jongg

**Shinde, Nitu**

(BS Engineering  
Pune University (India)  
MBA Computer Management  
Pune University, India  
MS Computer Science CSU  
East Bay  
Interests: Cooking, gardening,  
sketching.

**Williams, Betty**

BA Psychology  
CSU East Bay  
MPA Public Administration  
Interests: Human relations, music,  
theatre, reading

**Member Recruitment**

New and potential members are invited to learn more about our AAUW branch on Thursday, November 14, 7:30 PM, at the home of Tina Amber. We have stimulating & informational programs, fun interest groups, and provide STEM & STEAM opportunities and scholarships for young women in our communities.

If you are interested in attending or know of someone who might be interested, contact Tina at [tina@aauw-lpd.com](mailto:tina@aauw-lpd.com).

Tina

## INTEREST GROUPS

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink  
[duplicate@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:duplicate@aaup-lpd.org)

There will be no Duplicate Bridge  
 in November or December.  
 unless someone volunteers.

### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

CHAIR: Marti Silva  
[monbridge@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:monbridge@aaup-lpd.org)

Monday, November 11 @ 7:00 pm  
 Chris Alesso  
 Monday, November 25 @ 7:00 pm  
 Norma Foss

### LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

[mkennedy@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:mkennedy@aaup-lpd.org)

Monday, November 25 @ 11:30 am  
 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE  
 Sunshine Saloon  
 1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

### SOLO DINING

CHAIR: Sandie Brown  
[solodining@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:solodining@aaup-lpd.org)  
 Friday, November 15 @ 11:30 PM  
 Patio, 310A Main St., Pleasanton  
 Next to Heritage Bank.  
 Call Sandie with your rsvp.

### MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howell  
[ambooks@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:ambooks@aaup-lpd.org)  
 Thursday, November 21 @ 9:30 am  
 HOSTESS: Anita Massey  
**BOOK:** *The Alice Network*  
 Author: Kate Quinn  
 REVIEWER: Anita Massey

### AFTERNOON BOOKS

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen  
[pmbooks1@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks1@aaup-lpd.org)  
 Monday, November 11 @ 1 pm  
 Hostess: Mary Ann Karlsen  
**BOOK:** *The Ends of the World*  
 Author: Peter Brannen

### EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Walter Morgan  
[pmbooks2@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:pmbooks2@aaup-lpd.org)  
 Wednesday, November 13 @ 7:30 pm  
 HOSTESS: Maria Kennedy  
 CO-HOSTESS: Maria Kennedy  
**BOOK:** *Tomboy Bride: One Woman's...*  
 Author: Harriet Fish Backus  
 Reviewer: Walt Morgan

### MAH JONGG, AMERICAN STYLE

Chair: JoAnn Houk  
[mahjongg@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:mahjongg@aaup-lpd.org)

### MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso  
[advocacy@aaup-lpd.org](mailto:advocacy@aaup-lpd.org)  
 Thursday, November 14 @ 10 am  
 Sweet & Savory  
 5685 Gibraltar Dr., Pleasanton  
 The Mission Discussion Group  
 meets on the second Thursday of  
 the month. Each month we choose  
 a topic for study and review; each  
 member brings information to share.

### COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, November 5 @ 5:30 pm  
 828 Main St., Pleasanton

### COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, November 7 @ 10:00 am  
 Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.  
 Pleasanton

### SOCIAL MEDIA To our LPD members who take photos

We love posting pictures  
 on our Facebook group.  
 If you take photos, but  
 are unsure how to share  
 them, you can send them  
 to Tina Amber.

Thank you to those who  
 took such great photos at  
 our September luncheon.  
 Tina



### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 17, 3:30 pm  
 Frankie Johnnie Luigi Too  
 11896 Dublin Blvd., Dublin



**AAUW FUND    Sandy Hansen    [aauwfund@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-lpd.org)**


Eight branch members attended the AAUW Fund luncheon on October 6. Forty women in California have received AAUW fellowships and grants this year to continue their studies or fund community projects. We heard from several of these women, pursuing studies/careers in areas such as hydrology, law, public policy, business, music, and more. It was inspiring to hear their stories. AAUW has offered such support since 1881, and gave out \$4 million to 259 recipients this year. The endowments that support the studies are well-funded and will last in perpetuity.

AAUW is today moving forward with several "newer" programs, keyed to reach a younger population, as we work toward our longtime goal of equity for all women and girls. The Work Smart and Start Smart programs are gaining national recognition for AAUW. Branches around the nation are hosting group trainings at community locations that have multiple computers so that people in their community can take the online salary negotiation training. AAUW offers the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCWSSL) annually in the Washington, D.C. areas.

Young women from all over the nation attend, network, have a grad school fair, etc. These and more currently-funded projects will take AAUW into the future. However these programs are greatly underfunded.

We were encouraged today to donate to AAUW's **Greatest Needs Fund**, which will support AAUW into the future. See the above photo for a comparison. The tall stacks on the left represent the existing funds available for endowments - well into the future. The black stacks on the green panel on the right show the funding currently available for current programs represented by the small colorful stacks on the right.

As 2019 comes to a close, please consider supporting AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund. Online donations at: <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>. The first button tracks your support to this fund. Many thanks to those in the branch who have contributed \$315 since July 1, 2019! If you prefer to write a check, after Nov. 1 please send it made out to AAUW Fund with "Greatest Needs Fund" in the notation line to my new address listed on page 6.



At the Fall Fund Luncheon: Sandy Hansen, Chris Alesso, Marilyn Duman, Anita Massey, Tina Amber.



A HUGE shout out to Diane Keller for developing and championing this fantastic program. This was a very successful event for our communities. A big thank you to Tina Amber, Angela Johns and Anita Massey for supporting Diane on this committee. A second thank you to Charlene Grandfield, Carol Kinard and Pam Leong for volunteering to help the night of the events.

Two planning for college nights were held in October. On October 8<sup>th</sup> we had sold out attendance and our own Diane Keller presented to 85 people made up of local 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their families.

The evaluations were fantastic - most attendees rated the program as a 5 (the best) and I'd have given it a 6 if I had a vote. AAUW-LPD should be very proud of providing such a needed event. Another indicator of the quality of Diane's presentation is that five adult attendees' express interest in learning more about AAUW. They will be invited to the upcoming evening for new and potential members in November.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> we presented the 11<sup>th</sup> grade program and unfortunately found out too late to reschedule that date conflicted with events at several local high Schools. Diane presented to a more intimate but very appreciative group of 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their families.

For many of those attending both evenings, English was not their native language. We also had some attendees who had no previous college attendance in their families. Most attendees expressed how informative and helpful the event was for them.

With mixed emotions, happiness for her and sadness for our LPD Branch AAUW, we understand that Sandy Hansen, AAUW member extraordinaire, will be moving on November 1. Her phone and email contacts are not changing.

She has been the go-to person for our branch for everything and anything AAUW. Among many other roles with our branch, she has chaired Communications, Inter-branch Council, served as the AAUW Fund Director at Large. This doesn't even begin to mention her many roles at the state level AAUW California or the California Online Branch.

Many thanks for all you have done and good luck Sandy, from all of us.





**STEAM Divas: 5TH GRADE GIRLS EXPLORE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY****ANITA MASSEY** Director Stem Projects [stem@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:stem@aauw-lpd.org)

**STEAM Divas** (science, technology, engineering, art, math) brought AAUW LPD branch members and Tri-Valley 5th-grade girls together for its third exploratory event at Junction Avenue K-8 School, Livermore.

Fifty three girls participated in hands-on STEAM-based workshops in October, including *Creative Coding* (led by Carol Kinnard), *Prisms: Color & Angles* (led by Mekena Metcalf), *Fun with Energy* (led by Sarah Palmer), and *Life as a Water Molecule* (led by Ann King).

Middle-school and high school workshop aides were enthusiastic role models who helped the girl participants with hands-on activities. Most of 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.

Parents heard from supportive special guests Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, Dr. Kelly Bowers (Livermore Valley USD Superintendent), and Anne White (Livermore Valley USD Board Member).

STEAM Divas is successful because we have incredible volunteers! AAUW LPD thanks young volunteer aides (Yazmin Martinez, Najmah Roshan, Alannah Roberts, Samiksha Krishnamurthy, Jasmine Andrea, Tanvi Dinaharan, Siddhi Shinde, Twisha Kurlagunda) and branch members (Charlene Grandfield, Anita Massey, PJ Wells, Roz Wright, Sal Tompkins, Susan Wacek, Chris Alesso, Gloria Green, Devon LaHar, Carolyn Kotch, and MJ Casper) for preparation and day of event help.

STEAM Divas is sponsored by AAUW LPD in collaboration with Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) and Zone 7 Water. AAUW LPD is especially grateful to LVJUSD staff for making Junction Avenue School a welcoming place for STEAM Divas again this year.



## MORE ABOUT TECH TREK

For those of you new to the Tech Trek program and/or as a refresher for our LPD members, it has a rigorous selection process. The candidates must be recommended by their 7<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers. With eleven middle schools in the Tri-Valley we could have as many as 44 candidates if all of them recommended the maximum allowed of four per school. In early March the Tech Trek committee spends two very full Saturdays interviewing these young ladies and making our selection. Each candidate is put through the exact same process of writing an essay and completing a twenty minute structured interview with three committee members. We work very hard to be sure each girl experiences the same process and has the same opportunities. Additionally, we take into account teacher comments as we hope to sponsor young women who might not otherwise have an opportunity like this.

This year, unlike the past, we are placing particular emphasis on fundraising. We have been most fortunate in the past not having to focus on fundraising thanks to the generosity of many of you. Due to members relocating and/or aging out we can no longer count on some of those large gifts. If you would like to see this program continue, please do try and support Tech Trek. Starting next month we will report monthly on our fundraising efforts toward our \$9000 annual goal.

### PHOTOS FROM FALL KICK-OFF MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

LPD members (Susan Wacek, PJ Wells, Gwen Locke) and Tech Trek girls and LPD's 3 scholarship recipients.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

Nov. 5	Cocktails/Conversation	828 Main	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 6	LPD Board Meeting	Gwen Locke	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 7	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 11	Afternoon Books	Mary Ann Karlsen	1:00 pm	Livermore
Nov. 11	Monday Night Bridge	Chris Alesso	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 13	Bocce/Lunch/Tech Trek Fund Raiser	Campo di Bocce	10:00/11:30 am	Livermore
Nov. 13	Evening Books	Maria Kennedy	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 14	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 14	New/Potential Member Meeting	Tina Amber	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 15	Solo Dining	Patio	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 18	Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>			
Nov. 21	Morning Books	Anita Massey	9:30 am	Livermore
Nov. 25	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Nov. 25	Monday Night Bridge	Norma Foss	7:30 pm	Livermore
Oct. 30	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Nov. 13	Bocce/Lunch/Tech Trek Fund Raiser	Campo di Bocce	10:00 am	Livermore

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EVENTS**

Wine &amp; Cheese Potluck in January

Expanding Your Horizons participation  
in February

Suffrage film in March

Branch Annual Meeting in April

Women in Business speaker in May



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Livermore, CA 94551-0661

### MISSION

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

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

### VISIT THE AAUW WEBSITES

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)  
[www.aauw-lpd.org](http://www.aauw-lpd.org)  
[www.facebook.com/aauwlpd](http://www.facebook.com/aauwlpd)  
Twitter: @AAUW\_LPD

### **THE GRAPEVINE**

A monthly newsletter of the AAUW  
Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch  
Ten issues are published yearly, September to June.

### **Newsletter Editor**

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Next Deadline: November 18

Submit all articles (email or in writing (formatted) to Carol for the December *Grapevine*