

# The Grapevine

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**Let's celebrate together at our annual holiday dinner on**

**Tuesday, December 17 at 3:30 pm**



A bit early but maybe have cocktail or glass of wine at the no host bar

Frankie, Johnnie and Luigi Too

11891 Dublin Blvd. in Dublin

Choose Spaghetti Bolognese, Fettuccine Portofino, Chicken Parmigiana, Penne Calabrese, or Eggplant Parmigiana. The cost is \$30 and includes bread, salad and coffee or tea, and dessert.



Let's extend the cheer by contributing to the community with gift cards that we put on the Christmas tree at the restaurant.. This year, Tri Valley Haven is our chosen non profit.

We suggest that you bring \$25 gift card(s) from Safeway, Target or Wal Mart.

Some special raffle items will also be available at the dinner.

**Don't forget to R.S.V.P.** by sending a check with the dinner selection to Gwen Locke, 982 Sycamore Creek Way, Pleasanton CA 94566 by **Dec. 8th.** Or you may give it to Gwen or Maria Kennedy at events prior to the 8th.

Call Gwen if you have questions.



**Happy Holidays to all!**



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Coming Up: 01/20/20 Make a difference Festival Pleasanton Senior Center  
01/20/20 Women's Day March Pleasanton  
January LPD Wine & Cheese Event  
February Expanding Your Horizons LPD Participation  
March Women's History Month  
05/02/20 LPD Annual Meeting at Zephyr Restaurant  
May Women in Business Seminar  
(REMEMBER, THESE MIGHT CHANGE, JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A HEADSUP)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
Carol Guarnaccia



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-DEVON LAHAR

We are a group of women who seek both intellectual and social stimulation and our nation's current political landscape brings us plenty to consider! What are you reading, discussing and doing that applies to our current political season? Share with your AAUW LPD friends.

**RSVP** to your Evite to attend our **AAUW Livermore-Dublin-Pleasanton Holiday Dinner** on **Tuesday 12/17/19 3:30 PM** at Frankie, Jonny, and Luigi Too (Pleasanton). Details on page 1 of this *Grapevine* issue.

Many thanks to branch member Dot Bishop and her committee for our November **Tech Trek fundraiser at Campo di Bocce!** We had fun playing bocce and sharing lunch--and we raised *vital funds to send girls to Stanford's Camp Curie in summer 2020.*

Camp Curie is a Tech Trek week-long hands-on science & math summer camp for girls entering the 8th grade. All funds to send AAUW LPD girls to Camp Curie are raised locally. It costs \$1,000 to send a girl to camp, and every contribution makes a difference! Call Anita Massey for more information.

- \$25/\$50 pays for a field trip for one camper
- \$200 provides for one full day at camp
- \$500 covers half of a sponsorship
- \$1000 awards a full sponsorship
- \$3000 funds three sponsorships

Thanks to Tina Amber for hosting our **new member get-together** at her home this month. Please introduce yourself and get to know these active women at your book groups or coffee and conversation times!

**Book Review Insights?** You've had that a-ha moment or sudden insight that you'd love to share with your fellow book group members. How about letting the rest of us know about this?! Share your short reflection on a book your group read (1-paragraph or less). Send it to Carol Guarnaccia for our next AAUW-LPD Grapevine issue!

**Upcoming calendar of AAUW LPD events is on the final page of this *Grapevine* issue.**

When did you last take action to further AAUW issues? **[Become a Two-Minute Activist!](#)**

- Fill out a [brief](#) online form and get connected.
- As a Two-Minute Activist, you get urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most.
- AAUW sends you tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more.

**MEMBERSHIP CORNER - Marilyn Duman**

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Several of you were able to attend the new member reception on November 14 at Tina Amber's home. I hope you found the event informative and enjoyable. We hope to have more events like it in the future. We also welcome your input to help plan events like this one and any others that are of interest to you

I look forward to seeing you at our holiday party on December 17 at Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too! You will find details in this newsletter.

There is also a directory correction: Sheryl Morgan's phone number is incorrect, call me for the correct one.

See you at the dinner!

Marilyn

**AAUW in the news...November 2019****Ms. Magazine ( 11/08/2019 Carmen Rios)**

*Keeping score: 2019 Election Milestones and New Research on Women, Power, Politics and Tech*

**MSNBC.com (11/15/19, Kim Churches)**

*Know Your Value: The Good News About Equal Pay Laws.*

Not much is going on in Washington D.C. to move the needle on pay equity, but there's a lot happening on a state and local level. Kim Churches, CEO AAUW breaks it down.

**BUSINESS COMPUTING WORLD UK****(11/18/2019, Natasha Christou)**

*Women in STEM: Empowerment in Employment.*

**AAUW FUND Sandy Hansen**

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AAUW has announced the "end of the year" donation campaign to the **AAUW Fund - the Fight for Her Future matching gift campaign**. All members should have received an email on Nov. 19 announcing the campaign. The National Board will match dollar-for-dollar all donations to the AAUW Fund up to \$68,800.

100% of the National board are participating in setting the match. They understand that the stakes couldn't be higher for women right now. On the cusp of next year's critical election, every day AAUW confronts the question of whether we'll make unprecedented strides forward or slip painfully backwards.

More than ever, you are needed to show up for women and girls. With the match, your tax-deductible contribution to the [year-end Fight for Our Future campaign](#) will have DOUBLE the impact. But to qualify, you **must** donate by Dec. 31.

Thanks to tireless advocacy of AAUW, it's been a year of achievements and firsts for women, including new fair-pay laws in 11 states — nearly double the number that passed last year. We've also seen the most diverse Congress and pool of presidential candidates in history. **DONATE NOW!**

## INTEREST GROUPS

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink

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There will be no Duplicate Bridge in December.

### MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

CHAIR: Marti Silva

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Monday, December 9 @ 7:00 pm  
Carol Kinnard

Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 7:30  
Margie Bodley

### LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

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

Monday, December 16 @ 11:30 am  
Sunshine Saloon  
1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton  
MURDER IS ON FOR LUNCH!

### SOLO DINING

CHAIR: Sandie Brown

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

Friday, December 13 @ 5:30 PM  
DeLaTorre's Trattoria  
6025 W. Las Positas, Pleasanton  
Call Sandie with your rsvp.

### MAH JONGG, AMERICAN STYLE

Chair: JoAnn Houk

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### MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howell

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Thursday, December 12 @ 9:30 am

Hostess: Mary Ann Karlsen

BRING COOKIES

BOOK: *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*

Author: Gail Honeyman

Reviewer: Mary Ann Karlsen

### AFTERNOON BOOKS

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen

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

Monday, December 9 @ 1 pm

Hostess: Mary Ann Karlsen

BOOK: *Two Old Women*

Author: Velma Wallis

### EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Walter Morgan

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

Wednesday, December 11 @ 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen

CO-HOSTESS: COOKIE EXCHANGE

BOOK: *Lab Girl*

Author: Hope Jahren

Reviewer: Mary Ann Karlsen

### MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

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

Thursday, December 12 @ 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, December 3 @ 5:30 pm

828 Main St., Pleasanton

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss current events and whatever else comes up. All opinions are welcome. Lots of lively conversations. Every one is welcome.

### COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, December 5, 10:00 am @  
Sweet & Savory, 5685 Gibraltar Dr.,  
Pleasanton


A social time for all AAUW LPD members & guests.

We meet at Sweet & Savory (corner of Stoneridge & Gibraltar Drives in Pleasanton) on the first Thursday of the month. All members are welcome. Bring your friends and prospective members.

### 6 Tips for Using LinkedIn to Land a Job

Pass this on to those you know who are looking for or changing jobs!

**TECH TREK Anita Massey [stem@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:stem@aauw-lpd.org)**

Tech Trek has had a very good month. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Tech Trek was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) Community Gift Program. We applied for this grant over the summer and it was a pleasure to see Dot Bishop receive the check from William (Bill) H. Goldstein, Director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. 

Dot also organized our annual Bocce Play Day and Fundraiser on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun time to reconnect with old friends and meet some new members. There were 16 active players and 27 for lunch. Dot and Norma Foss did a great job of keeping us amateurs playing.

The Tech Trek Committee wants to extend thanks to those of you who made this fundraiser a BIG success. The goal was to raise \$1000, the cost of sending one girl to camp. In fact, you, our generous members, donated \$1525. This, in addition to what was donated by LLNS, has us half way to covering the 9 girls we hope to send to camp this summer. For any of you who'd like to donate but were not able to attend please send checks to AAUW-CA-SPF with Curie-LPD on the memo line. The mailing address is AAUW, PO Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551-0661.



Bocce on Nov. 13: Bev Howell, Jan Van de Werfhorst, JoAnn Houck, P.J. P.J. Wells, Karen Cowan, Carolyn Kotch, Karen Harrison and Pam Leong.

Tech Trek was started 22 years ago in California and LPD has been a participant since the beginning. I know some of you may wonder if a program like this is still needed in today. The following from AAUW explains the continued need for programs like Tech Trek far better than I could.

### **Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

Stereotypes can lower girls' aspirations for science and engineering careers.

Women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields face significant implicit bias on the basis of their gender.

The number of women in science and engineering classes and workplaces is growing, yet men continue to outnumber women.



## LIVERMORE PLEASANTON DUBLIN (CA)

## AAUW ENDOWMENTS



Here is our AAUW Fellow profile for the month:

**Edwina McGill**, better known as Kumba, was born in Liberia and emigrated to the U.S. when she was 8 years old. She spent the last five years working as the U.S. coordinator for a Liberian nongovernmental organization called SMK, which focuses on empowering and creating opportunities for young people in Liberia.

McGill is studying for her master's degree in social innovation at the Kroc School at the University of San Diego in order to further her work in Liberia. She is supported by the **Dawn Gordner Career Development Grant** and grants created by five other branches.

Dawn Gordner is a 50 Year Honorary Life Member of LPD Branch AAUW and was Named Gift Honoree of the branch many times. Her endowment was completed in 1988.



November 13 - Bocce: launch it, watch it, measure it, and...success!



P.J. Wells, Bev Howell, Fern Corley, Devon LaHar, Carol Guarnaccia, Marilyn Duman, Joan Green, Maria Kennedy, Corrie & Mary Ann Karlsen, Pam Leong.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020

|         |  |                     |          |            |
|---------|--|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Dec. 3  | Cocktails/Conversation                                 | 828 Main            | 5:30 pm  | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 4  | LPD Board Meeting                                      | Carol Guarnaccia    | 1:00 pm  | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 5  | Coffee "AND"   | Sweet & Savory      | 10:00 am | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 9  | Afternoon Books  | Mary Ann Karlsen    | 1:00 pm  | Livermore  |
| Dec. 9  | Monday Night Bridge                                    | Carol Kinnard       | 7:00 pm  | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 11 | Evening Books, Cookie Exchange                         | Mary Ann Karlsen    | 7:30 pm  | Livermore  |
| Dec. 12 | Morning Books, Cookie Exchange                         | Mary Ann Karlsen    | 9:30 am  | Livermore  |
| Dec. 12 | Mission Discussion Group                               | Sweet & Savory      | 10:00 am | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 13 | Solo Dining  | DeLaTorre's Rest.   | 5:30 pm  | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 16 | Ladies Lunch 'N Murder                                 | Sunshine Saloon     | 11:30 am | Pleasanton |
| Dec. 17 | Annual Holiday Dinner                                  | FrankieJohnnieLuigi | 3:30 pm  | Dublin     |
| Dec. 18 | Deadline for <i>Grapevine</i>                          |                     |          |            |
| Dec. 23 | No Monday Night Bridge                                 |                     |          |            |
| Dec. 25 | Merry Christmas 🎄                                      |                     |          |            |
| Dec. 31 | Deadline for Matching Gift Donation to AAUW Fund       |                     |          |            |
| Jan. 1  | Happy New Year 2020!                                   |                     |          |            |
| May 2   | LPD Annual Meeting , Zephyr Restaurant, 11:30 am, Liv. |                     |          |            |

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Another STEAM Divas on Oct. 29 photo



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### **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

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### **Newsletter Editor**

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**Next Deadline: December 18**

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