

What is coming up in 2020?



Wine & Cheese Afternoon @ Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen's home.

4-6 pm on February 8th

It was such a hit last year for dressing in your former university/college clothes & colors and some bringing food/wine/cheese from that area; let's do it again! Maybe you found your old university t-shirt after the event last year-wear it this year.. Bring a bottle of wine and/or some really good cheese and we will all enjoy it.

Husbands, friends, partners will be welcomed, too.

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ALSO: Come say "hi" at our LPD AAUW outreach table at Make a Difference in Pleasanton Day at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Saturday, January 18 from 10am-2pm

OR: On February 22 volunteer to help at the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference at the DVC San Ramon Campus.. Contact Dot Bishop if you are interested.

OR: More information will be coming about a meeting on March 8 at the Livermore Library about the passage of the 19th amendment in conjunction with Women's History Month.

OR: Feel like making a statement for women on January 18? Join us in the Tri-Valley Women's March at noon with stepping off for the march at 2:15pm. Amador Valley High School

All these, plus much more, are listed within this newsletter and also on the last two calendar/dates pages.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 8
 Tina Amber



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-DEVON LAHAR

2020-a new year for both reflection and resolution. If you are new to our branch, we want to get to know you! You can connect with one of our mission-based activities or special-interest groups through opportunities described in this *Grapevine* issue.

Our annual AAUW LPD Holiday Dinner is always offers a chance to enjoy great company, connect with new branch members, and warm to festive holiday decorations and tasty food.

- Many thanks to our branch board program chairs Gwen Locke & Maria Kennedy and helpful board members who made this special afternoon happen.

- Thanks go to Anita Massey for collecting our gift cards for Tri-Valley Haven, Tina Amber and Maria Kennedy for raffle ticket sales, and branch members' unfailing generosity to tri-valley community needs! Tri-Valley Haven, now in its fourth decade, has provided a safe place for people who need protection in order to progress in life.

- Gratitude to our branch members who organized creative gift baskets for our silent auction. So many fun gifts for us to bid on, and lucky attendees who won these theme-based gift baskets were smiling on their way home!

Our gratitude goes to AAUW-LPD Communications Chair Sandy Hansen for her timely reminders via her online branch update emails and Carol Guarnaccia for compiling, editing and publishing our monthly *Grapevine*. You can also check branch calendar and information by clicking on [AAUW LPD webpage](#). Check this *Grapevine* issue (calendars on final page) for upcoming events and activities, including:

[Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival](#) 1/18/2019 Pleasanton Senior Center 10:00AM-2:00PM

This is our annual opportunity to meet others actively involved in community life. Come visit our outreach table! We'll hand out information to familiarize the public with our AAUW mission and our branch-specific programs and interest groups.

[Tri-Valley Women's March](#) 1/18/2019 Amador Valley High School

Would you like to meet up with branch members to march? We can meet at 1:30 PM to hear speakers and begin marching at 2:15 PM. Contact Devon (devonlahar@gmail.com 925-548-4333) by Wednesday, January 15, 2020 if you are interested. Volunteers need to be there at 10 am.

12:00-1:30 pm	Women's EXPO: Meet local activists and non-profits
1:00-1:30 pm	Music starts
1:30-2:15 pm	Rally and speakers
2:15 pm	March begins

Tri-Valley Women's March is independent from the National Women's March, with the following goals:

- Celebrate centennial of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote
- Honor 55 years of Voting Rights Act, which prohibits discriminatory voting practices
- Empower women to vote, volunteer, and run for elected offices
- Ensure a complete Census 2020 count to safeguard equity, fair representation, and community funding

MEMBERSHIP CORNER - Marilyn Duman 925-426-1055

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We had a great turnout for our holiday party at Frankie, Johnnie and Luigi Too. The food was excellent and the basket raffle was a lot of fun. In addition to raising money for Tech Trek with the baskets, we also collected gift cards for women at Tri-Valley Haven.

Our branch is participating at the Pleasanton Make a Difference Day again this year. The event will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Saturday January 18th from 10-2. If you attend, please drop by our table and say hello.

Please help me welcome new member Daisy Kops. Daisy is continuing her education as she pursues a master's degree in school counseling at Saint Mary's College.

Her contact information:

Kops, Daisy

I look forward to seeing you in 2020! Please remember to contact me if you have any membership questions.



Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen, Dot Bishop
At Holiday Party



JoAnn Houk, Tina Amber
At Holiday Party



Gwen Locke, Maria Kennedy
At Holiday party

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

AAUW LPD Wine/Cheese Afternoon 2/08/2020

Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen's Livermore home
Bring your friend, partner, or husband--and a bottle of your favorite wine or a great wedge of cheese to share!

Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference 2/22/2020

Diablo Valley College (San Ramon Campus) Seeking volunteers for this event for middle-school girls. Assist hands-on STEM workshop presenters or direct attendees to a career fair or a parent program. Contact Dot Bishop (bishop.dorothy38@gmail.com) for information.

INTEREST GROUPS

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink

dupbridge@aauw-lpd.org

Monday, January 27 @ 7 pm

Vickie-Dawn Rader

Monday, February, Feb. 24 @ 7pm

TBA

MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

CHAIR: Marti Silva

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Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 pm

Margie Bodley

Monday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm

Vickie-Dawn Rader

Note the new dates for Duplicate and Monday Night Bridge.

Duplicate will be on the 4th Monday of each month.

Monday Night Bridge will be on the 2nd Monday of each month.

We hope to have more players in both groups with these dates.

LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

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Monday, January 20 @ 11:30 am

Sunshine Saloon

1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

We will be reading local author Ann Parker of Livermore. Her mysteries take place in the Rockies in Colorado in the late 1870's.

MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howel

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

Thursday, January 23 @ 9:30 am

Hostess: Gwen Locke

BOOK: *Sold On A Monday*

Author: Kristina McMorris

Reviewer: Gwen Locke

AFTERNOON BOOKSCHAIR: Mary Ann Karlson
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Monday January 13 @ 1 pm

Hostess: Helen Dourov

Heritage Estates Library, Livermore

BOOK: *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*

Author: Gail Honeyman

EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Walter Morgan

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Wednesday, January 8 @ 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Susan Wacek

& Co-Hostess

BOOK: *Not Me: A Novel*

Author: Michael Lavigne

Reviewer: Connie Squires

SOLO DINING

CHAIR: Sandie Brown

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Friday, January 17 @ 11:30 am

New Thai Bistro

4301 D Valley Ave., Pleasanton

MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

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Thursday, January 10 @ 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, January 7 @ 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, January 2, 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.

MAH JONGG, AMERICAN STYLE

Chair: JoAnn Houk

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TECH TREK Anita Massey stem@aauw-lpd.org

LPD's Tech Trek Committee sends a BIG THANK YOU to the board and our members for their continued support. The Board created and donated seven baskets which were raffled at the Holiday Party on December 17 with proceeds going to Tech Trek. You, our generous members, purchased \$410 in raffle tickets. This money in addition to the \$1,525 raised during our Bocce fundraiser on November 13 will provide two scholarships for our 2020 Trekkers.

The Tech Trek Committee has begun communicating with our local school districts and will open teacher referrals in January. With nine of our eleven Tri-Valley public middle schools participating, we again anticipate a fantastic candidate pool for the interviews on March 7th and 14th.

While I promise to quit asking for donations for a bit there is one thing I want to share as it impacts us year-round. One of the **online** options under 'special funds' is Tech Trek. If you donate there, the money will not go to scholarships for our local girls. If you wish to support our local campers, send a separate check (made out to CA-AAUW- SPF with LPD Curie on the memo line) directly to PO Box 661, Livermore, CA 94550. It will be deposited in our own account to send LPD girls to Tech Trek Curie at Stanford.

Thank you and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED TINA AMBER tina@aauw-lpd.org

The Presidential Primary election will be held on March 3, 2020. In order to provide fair and well run elections, precinct poll workers are needed to staff the 800 election sites in Alameda County.

I hope you will consider volunteering for one of the positions - Inspector, Judge or Clerk. All positions have required training, which is excellent and all poll workers are compensated.

I will be working as an Inspector, most probably at Walnut Grove or Harvest Park School in Pleasanton and would greatly enjoy having an AAUW member join me.

Apply at <https://www.acvote.org/community/pw-apply>

If you have any questions, please call or email. I truly enjoy this volunteer opportunity and work every election.

Of interest to our members**HISTORIC HOMES OF LIVERMORE'S SOUTH SIDE.**

This is presented by the Livermore Heritage Guild and L.P.L. : Richard Finn, Livermore City Historian.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @ 7:00 pm , Livermore Public Library Community Rooms

If you would like to carpool contact Maria Kennedy

We send our condolences to Pat Mielke's family. She passed away on December 2, was an LPD member and enjoyed the Evening Book Club. Her memorial service will be Saturday, January 18 at 3:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 No. Vasco Rd., Livermore.

LIVERMORE PLEASANTON DUBLIN AAUW ENDOWMENTS



This month we'll share the last of the four profiles of women who are currently supported in their educational pursuits by an endowment that honors an AAUW LPD branch member. **Faith Nyakundi** is a citizen of Kenya, working on a master's degree in International Studies at the University of Washington. She is an AAUW International Fellow, supported by the Joan Kavanaugh Zehnder endowment and one other.

Her studies are focusing on two areas: foreign direct investment between China and Africa and transnational feminist activism with the aim of going into policy and peace negotiations and to continue advocating for women's rights.

Her life began in the Mukuru Kwa Njenga slums of Nairobi, Kenya with her family of nine. With lots of determination, she overcame limited educational opportunities and tested at the top of her class in national primary school exams, giving her the chance to attend one of the best boarding high schools in Kenya, Precious Blood Riruta. Her next challenge was to raise tuition to stay in school, and she received aid to cover tuition and school needs for four years. She is an alum of Whitman College in Walla Walla, where she worked on advocacy issues with the YWCA.

Thanks, LPD members, for your support so many years ago in establishing this endowment. Sandy



Marilyn Duman
Roz Wright



Dawn Gordner
Pat Kohnen

HOLIDAY PARTY
PHOTOS
December 17, 2019

Peggy Lemanski
Jan Van de Werfhorst

Carol Guarnaccia
Suzanne Emberton



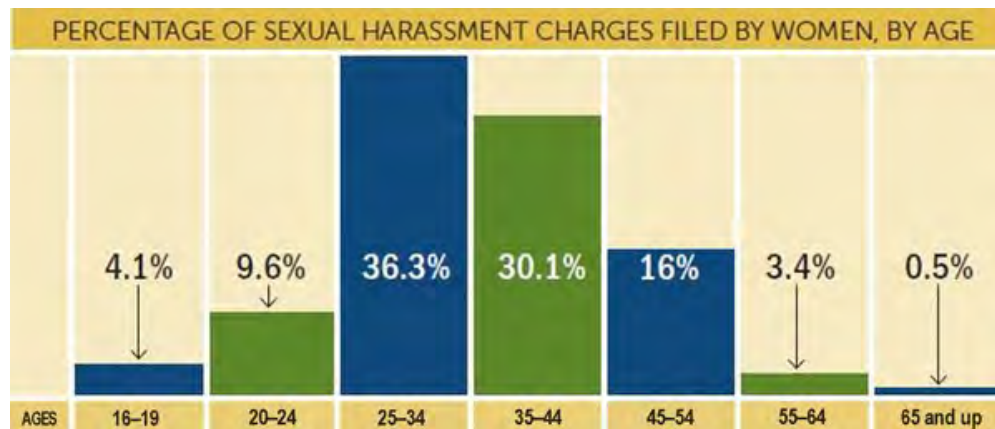


ECONOMIC SECURITY

How the Pay Gap Affects Women in Retirement

Women are shortchanged on pay compared to men from the moment they enter the workforce. Sadly, the gap only grows over time, leaving women vulnerable long after they retire. AAUW's most recent update of [The Simple Truth research report](#) found that:

- Women collect only about 80% of what men do in Social Security benefits.
- Women's pension income is 76% of men's.
- Women's overall retirement income is 70% of men's.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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It is with regret that we have accepted the resignation of Myla Grasso as our branch website manager. Myla is a branch past-President and took on this responsibility a few years ago to "keep in touch" with the branch. She is Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation for the Pleasanton Unified School District and has worked on our site as time allows. Thanks, Myla.

We are now seeking a volunteer to step in and work on the website. As our branch site is one of many hosted by AAUW Site Resources, the design and much of "how the site works" is managed by AAUW staff. However, we can add/remove pages, update content, add/remove images and documents, etc. to keep our branch site up-to-date and fresh. Site Resources has provided several tutorials that can guide the branch website manager. Devon and I will be reviewing the site and making a few changes soon.

If you'd like to know more about the responsibilities, please contact me - Sandy Hansen (communications@aauw-lpd.org).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Jan. 2	Coffee "AND"	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 7	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Jan 8	LPD Board Meeting	Tina Amber	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 10	Mission Discussion Group	Sweet & Savory	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 13	Afternoon Books	Heritage Estates	1:00 pm	Livermore
Jan. 13	Monday Night Bridge	Margie Bodley	7:00 pm	Dublin
Jan. 15	L's Southside Homes Lecture	Livermore C.C. Library	7:00 pm	Livermore
Jan. 17	Solo Dining	New Thai Bistro	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 18	Make A Diff. for Pleasanton	Pleasanton Senior Ctr.	10-2 pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 18	Tri-Valley Women's March	Amador Valley H.S.	Noon/2:15pm	Pleasanton
Jan. 20	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 23	Morning Books	Gwen Locke	9:30 am	Pleasanton
Jan. 27	Duplicate Bridge	Vicki-Dawn Rader	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 8	AAUW Fund Luncheon	TBA		
Feb. 8	A Wine & Cheese Event	Mary Ann Karlsen	4-6 pm	Livermore
Feb. 10	Monday Night Bridge	Vicki-Dawn Rader	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 24	Duplicate Bridge	TBA		

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Harriet Lawrie
Sandy Hansen
Holiday Party



Our Tri-Valley Haven
Gift Cards
Holiday Party

DATES—2020

1/08/20	Branch Board Meeting	Tina Amber's home
1/18/20 10AM-2PM	Make a Difference Day for Pleasanton	Pleasanton Senior Center
1/18/20 1:30PM	Tri-Valley Women's March	Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton contact Devon LaHar if interested
2/05/20	Branch Board Meeting	location TBD
2/08/20 4-6PM	A Wine & Cheese Event (friends, partners, husbands welcome)	Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen's home
2/22/20	Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons	DVC San Ramon campus contact Dot Bishop for information
3/08/20	Women's Suffragette Presentation	Livermore Public Library
3/04/20	Branch Board Meeting	location TBD
4/01/20	Branch Board Meeting	location TBD
4/17-4/19	AAUW CA 2020 State Convention	Westin San Francisco Airport, Millbrae
5/02/20 noon	Branch Annual Lunch (Meeting, Speaker)	Zephyr Restaurant 1736 First St, Livermore, 94550
5/06/20	Branch Board Meeting	location TBD
5/22/20 1PM	Wine-Tasting & Talk	Charles R Vineyard 8195 Crane Ridge Rd, Livermore, 94550
6/03/20	Branch Board Meeting	location TBD
6/06/20	Branch Board Installation/Potluck Lunch	location TBD



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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.

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