

Ready to VOTE? 3/03/2020 California Primary Information

Educate yourself now so that you can vote. Make your vote count for increased opportunities for women. Encourage friends and family to vote in our California primary.

[California 2020 Official Primary Election Voter Guide](#)

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[Easy Voter Guide](#)

[Get Ready for 2020! \(AAUW CA\)](#)

Do you need to register to vote for the first time? Do you know your registration status? Do you want to change your voter registration status? Check [California Online Voter Registration](#) for information.

From a 10/2019 CNN article: California voters registered with "*no party preference*" can choose among the Democratic, Libertarian, and American Independent parties to vote for a 2020 primary candidate, its secretary of state announced on Monday.

The Republican, Green, and Peace and Freedom, however, have opted to keep their primaries solely for voters registered with their respective parties.

What is on your 3/03/2020 primary ballot? Check [ACVote](#) for information.

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Swirl & Sip Wine/Cheese Afternoon

4-6 PM ON FEBRUARY 8TH

Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen



Bring a bottle of wine and/or some really good cheese and we'll all enjoy it. Husbands, friends, partners are welcome. Wear your college colors/hats/t-shirts. Let's be colorful!

"SUFFRAGE WARRIORS"

March 8 @ 2 pm at Livermore Public Library

Speaker: Dr. Wendy Rouse, Associate History Professor at San Jose State

Topic: History of the Suffragettes. Quilt Display

Sponsor: Livermore Public Library

LPD Branch AAUW will have a table with literature available

NEXT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, February 5

Chris Alesso



MEMBERSHIP CORNER - Marilyn Duman

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As we move into 2020, I hope all members are enjoying our various interest groups and programs. I encourage all of you to bring a friend to one or more of these activities. It is a great way to share AAUW with the community. Also, please refer them to our branch website: <http://aauw-lpd.org/>. This newsletter, other information about our branch, as well as links to the California and National AAUW sites are available there.

As you file your income taxes remember that \$56 of the \$59 National dues portion is tax-deductible since AAUW National is a 501(C)(3) Charitable organization. If you joined with a reduced membership fee, a portion of the national dues is still deductible. Contact me if you have any questions.

From our Nominating Committee: Dot Bishop, Carolyn Kotch, Gwen Locke and President Devon LaHar

The Nominating Committee has started its search for officers for the upcoming year, 2020-21. Several board members have agreed to continue to serve but there are some board officer openings, as well as openings for appointed chair positions and members on committees: Communication, Program, Hospitality, Public Policy, Tech Trek.

Not just Uncle Sam but L-P-D Branch NEEDS YOU! Please consider working on a committee, serving as a chair, or being an officer on the board.

Also, let's not forget our very special thanks to all the many members who have served throughout the year and many previous years.

LPD SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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L-P-D Scholarship Non-Event Fundraiser

Watch your mailbox! You will soon be able to participate in the easiest fundraiser ever. No ticket to purchase, dress decision or menu choice!

Open the envelope, open your checkbook, and ensure that several young women will have monetary help to complete their college education. Smile and pat yourself on the back that you participated.

The goal is to have 100% participation of our branch members. Help make that goal a reality. Thank you.



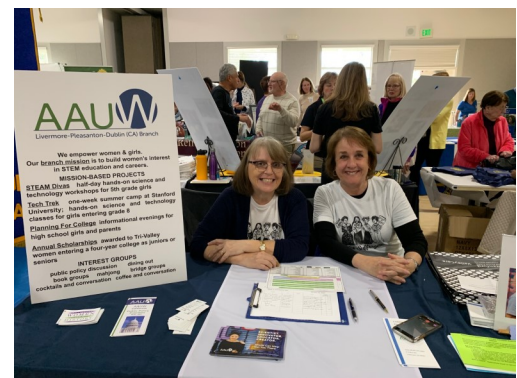
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

January 18 @ Senior Center

Chris Alesso & Tina Amber

Make A Difference Day photo on

Page 3: Roz Wright & Marilyn Duman





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-DEVON LAHAR

“Deeds, not words.” ([Alice Paul](#), American Suffragist)

[Suffragette](#) is a movie now streaming on Netflix. I put myself in the place of early 20th century British suffragettes who turned away from peaceful protest to embrace militant tactics in their fight for equality. Could I risk job loss, family unity, physical safety, and public shunning to use “deeds, not words” in a fight for rights? Learn more about the [real-life women who inspired this movie](#).

The women in *Suffragette* faced tremendous odds to gain voting rights for any British woman. They paved the way for our American centennial. The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting (some) women's constitutional right to vote. The end of the movie *Suffragette* is sobering: scrolling text lists countries that preceded Britain in giving (some) women the vote, and others that did so later....much later. Recent entries (2005 Kuwait, 2006 United Arab Emirates, 2011 Saudi Arabia) make you consider the rights that each of us has in this country--and why we continue to work for them through AAUW.

Pleasanton's January 18 *Make-A-Difference Festival* (this year at Pleasanton Senior Center) highlighted so many Tri-Valley volunteer opportunities through non-profit organizations like ours. Thanks to Marilyn Duman for organizing our information table--and to Marilyn and her fellow volunteers Roz Wright, Devon LaHar, Tina Amber, and Chris Alesso for spreading the AAUW-LPD mission of equal economic and educational access for women. I had fun joining these women to check out so many ways to give back to our community through non-profit organizations like ours. We also greeted branch members who share their community volunteering spirit in several other worthy groups represented at this event.



Susan Wacek and I were energized by inspiring local speakers at the January 18 *Tri-Valley Women's March*! We heard [Assembly member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan](#) (granddaughter of refugees who came to the United States to escape the Holocaust), [Hayward City Councilmember Aisha Wahab](#) (first Afghan-American woman to be elected to public office in the U.S.), and other speakers talk about working together, standing up, and taking political action to promote women's economic and educational equal access.

Check our branch calendar (final pages of this *Grapevine* issue and online at [AAUW LPD Calendar](#)) for ways to join your fellow AAUW friends during February and March.

[Swirl & Sip Wine/Cheese Afternoon](#) **2/08/2020** 4:00-6:00 PM Mary Ann & Corrie Karlson's home .GO TEAM! Wear your school colors and invite a friend/partner/spouse to share in socializing. Thanks for bringing wine/beverage and wedge of cheese or appetizer from your *alma mater* area of the world. Many thanks in advance to Mary Ann and Corrie Karlson for welcoming us to their wonderful home! Check your email Evite.

[Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Conference](#) **2/22/2020** [Dublin High School](#)

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. Please contact [Dot Bishop](#) for information.

INTEREST GROUPS

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink

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Carol Guarnaccia

MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

CHAIR: Marti Silva

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Vicki-Dawn Rader

Monday, March 9 @ 7:00 pm

Harriet Lawrie

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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Sunshine Saloon

1807 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

Let's talk about *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell.

MAH JONGG, AMERICAN STYLE

Chair: JoAnn Houk

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CHAIR: Bev Howell

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Thursday, February 27 @ 9:30 am

Hostess: Harriet Lawrie

BOOK: *The Kennedy Debutante*

Author: Kerry Maher

Reviewer: Harriet Lawrie

AFTERNOON BOOKS

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen

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Monday February 10 @ 1 pm

Hostess: Helen Dourov

Heritage Estates Library, Livermore

BOOK: *Becoming Dr. Q*

AUTHOR: Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa

EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Walter Morgan

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Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Sal Tompkins
& Co-hostess

BOOK: *Becoming*

Author: Michelle Obama

Reviewer: Susan Wacek

SOLO DINING

CHAIR: Sandie Brown

solodining@pd.org

DeLaTorre's Trattoria

6025 West Las Positas,
Pleasanton

Friday, February 21 @ 5:30 pm

Call Sandy to RSVP.

MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

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Thursday, February 14 @ 10 am

Inklings

530 Main Street, 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, February 4 @ 5:30 pm

828 Main Bites & Brews

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. Everyone is welcome.

COFFEE "AND"

Thursday, February 6 @ 10:00 am @
Inklings

530 Main Street, Pleasanton

A social time for all AAUW LPD members & guests.

We will meet at Inklings in Pleasanton on the first Thursday of the month. All members are welcome. Bring your friends and prospective members.

Sweet & Savory is now closed. For now, meetings will be in the back room at Inklings, 530 Main St.

AAUW FUND 2019 RECAP AND 2020 CHALLENGE

Goodbye 2019 – Hello 2020. See the article from AAUW: <https://www.aauw.org/article/top-10-ways-aauw-made-the-world-better-for-women-in-2019/>

The books have closed on 2019 donations. A **big thank you** to the 27 members of our branch who donated a total of \$3505.19 to the AAUW Fund last year.. Special thanks to the following members who generously donated a total of \$2900. Each donated over \$100: Chris Alesso, Dawn Gordner, Sandy Hansen, Barbara Hempill, Pat Kohnen, Pat Mann, Karen Richardson, P J Wells, and Joyce Wies. This is in addition to the support the Fund received through dues paid by members.

A reminder to all as you prepare your tax returns. If you paid full dues last year of \$95, \$56 of those dues are deductible. This is the portion that automatically supports AAUW at the National level and it's programs. AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)(3) charity. Donations are tax deductible. Tax ID#: 52-6037388.

As 2020 begins, we face a challenge from Association – a challenge we can meet. All branches have been challenged to raise \$30 per member for AAUW's GREATEST NEEDS FUND (9110) by June 30. What is the Greatest Needs Fund? Why ANOTHER "Fund"? Think of it as previously known – UNDESIGNATED. This encompasses all of the funds/programs supported by current income, rather than endowments. AAUW has a large endowment that supports our fellowship programs. Income from the endowment funds scholars studying on International, American, and Selected Professions fellowships, as well as AAUW's grants.

However, these well-funded long-traditional programs are NOT the only thing that AAUW is doing as it works to create a world that is equitable for women and girls.

AAUW is currently empowering women to negotiate for the pay they deserve through it's **Work Smart** program which is committed to reaching 10 million women by 2022. The program has a free online component. Tell the women you know who are in the workforce. Negotiation skills are needed throughout one's career.

The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** supports women who have brought pay equity, gender equity, and gender discrimination lawsuits in a variety of ways. In addition,

AAUW continues to conduct research on gender equity issues in education and the workplace. See the separate article in this newsletter, Page 6, on the latest AAUW research.

Through AAUW's **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, AAUW brings students together for a transformative week that inspires them to improve their campuses and their communities. AAUW also presents **Start Smart** salary negotiation workshops on college campuses, providing women with skills as they prepare for their post-college career interviews.

AAUW works to support **STEM** education, doing research, through advocacy for federal support of women in STEM, providing resources, etc.

AAUW collaborates with others for global change affecting women and girls, AAUW has special consultative status with the U.N.



EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS (EYH) Dot Bishop

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is coming up next month and we need some AAUW volunteers to assist LLNL and Sandia scientists who present most of the workshops. AAUW volunteers help out in the classrooms taking roll and adding another pair of hands to assist the presenter. It is not only helpful but educational. Last year I participated in a workshop on climate change that was very interesting.

EYH this year is on Saturday February 22nd at Dublin High School. This is a change of venue due to construction taking place at Diablo Valley College where EYH was located recently. There are two shifts (9:30-11 and 1-2:30) and you can select the one that best meets your schedule. You are also welcome to include lunch as part of your schedule and there is a special refreshment room for the volunteers with coffee, juice and snacks available.

Please let me know if you can help out that day and which time (morning or afternoon) is preferred. I will turn in our names to Judy Lauper (Danville AAUW), who is organizing the volunteers. We will have a chance to meet our AAUW neighbors.

Thanks, Dot

AAUW FUND #2

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NEW RESEARCH FROM AAUW



AAUW released a new research report in November: [Limiting Our Livelihoods: The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers](#). The report finds that workplace sexual harassment can take a toll on women's physical and mental health, limit their job choices, reduce prospects for career development and even force them out of the workforce. The report concludes that these negative effects compound over time, re-

ducing women's lifetime earnings and contributing to both the gender and retirement wage gaps. The report is based on an AAUW analysis of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) data, a review of academic studies on sexual harassment and an exclusive nationwide survey of AAUW members and their networks.

Here's a link to a 2-page summary of the report that you can download: [REPORT SUMMARY](#). The research was conducted by AAUW staff. Copies of the full report are available for free download and printed copies can be purchased through Shop AAUW. (<https://aauw.source4.com>)

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEW & INTERESTED MEMBERS COFFEE

New and potential members are invited to learn more about our AAUW branch on Thursday, March 5, 7:30 PM, at the home of Tina Amber - 2704 Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton. We have thought - provoking programs, fun interest groups, and provide STEM opportunities and scholarships to young women in our communities. If you are interested in attending or know of someone who might be interested, contact Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We love posting pictures on our Facebook group. If you take pictures, but are unsure how to share them, you can send to Tina Amber. Thank you to those who took such great photos at our holiday party, Making a Difference Day, and the Women's March.

As we continue to use Evite to promote our social programs, please let me know if you are experiencing difficulties opening the program. Evite provides our hosts with up to date information about how many are members will be attending. Soon, we will be adding a payment option to Evite which will allow you to prepay events on line (if there is a charge). We will also be rolling out the "what to bring" or "what help is needed" feature on Evite.



Women's March on January 18

COMING UP

Women's History Month in March...100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote! Yeah!

"Suffrage Warriors" On March 8th @ 2 pm Dr. Wendy Rouse, Associate Professor at San Jose State, will talk about the history of the suffragettes. There will also be a quilt on display. Sponsored by the Livermore Public Library and the Livermore Indivisibles. L-P-D will also have an AAUW table with literature. This is a chance to wear our suffragette T-shirts.

"Women in Business" Talk and Wine Tasting, May 22 at Charles R Vineyard.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Susan Wacek, Chair

Important LPD Scholarship Foundation News

2019 Scholarship recipients' heartfelt thanks:

"This scholarship is extremely important to me because it will allow me to pursue my goal of becoming a chemical engineer and working in the fields of pathology and biosecurity."

"I wanted to express my appreciation to the Scholarship Committee ...for awarding me a scholarship."




Our Local Scholarship Foundation is making a difference and is such a worthy cause!

Thank you for your generous donations last year. With those donations we were able to give 3 deserving women scholarships!

This month, all of you will be receiving a Non-Event Fundraiser flyer in the mail. Instead of having an actual event, we are accepting donations from our members (as well as family and friends) for our 2020 Local Scholarship Foundation.

Thank you in advance!!

L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Feb. 4	Cocktails & Conversations	828 Main	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 5	LPD Board Meeting	Chris Alesso	1:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 6	Coffee "AND"	Inklings	10:00 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 8	Swirl & Sip Wine/Cheese	Mary Ann Karlsen	4-6 pm	Livermore
Feb. 10	Afternoon Books	Heritage Est. Library	1 pm	Livermore
Feb. 10	Monday Night Bridge	Vicki-Dawn Rader	7 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 12	Evening Books	Sal Tompkins	7:30 m	Livermore
Feb. 17	Ladies Lunch 'N Murder	Sunshine Saloon	11:30 am	Pleasanton
Feb. 21	Solo Dining	DeLaTorre's Trattoria	5:30 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 22	Tri-Valley EYH	Dublin High School	9:30-2:30 pm	Dublin
Feb. 24	Duplicate Bridge	Carol Guarnaccia	7:00 pm	Pleasanton
Feb. 27	Morning Books	Harriet Lawrie	9:30 am	Dublin
Mar. 3	REMEMBER TO VOTE!		7 am-8pm	
Mar. 4	LPD Board Meeting	Anita Massey	1 pm	Livermore
Mar. 5	Members/Interested Members	Meeting @ Tina Amber	7:30 pm	Pleasanton
Mar. 8	"Suffrage Warriors" Talk	Livermore Pub. Library	2 pm	Livermore

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DATES—2020

20/5/20 1 pm	Branch Board Meeting	Chris Alesso
2/08/20 4-6 pm	Swirl & Sip Wine/Cheese Afternoon (friends, partners, husbands welcome)	Mary Ann & Corrie Karlsen's home
2/22/20 9:30-2:30	Tri-Valley Expanding Your Horizons Volunteer opportunity	Dublin High School Contact Dot Bishop
3/04/20 1 pm	Branch Board Meeting (All Members Welcome)	Anita Massey
3/05/20 7:30 pm	New Members Coffee & Dessert	Tina Amber's home
3/17/20	Tech Trek Interviews	T.B.A.
3/08/20 2 pm	"Suffrage Warriors", Dr. Wendy Rouse Assoc. Prof. History, San Jose State	Livermore Public Library 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore
4/01/20	Branch Board Meeting	Maria Kennedy
4/17-19/20	AAUW CA 2020 State Convention	Westin San Francisco Airport
5/02/20 Noon	LPD Annual Luncheon (branch board, election, speaker)	Zephyr Grill & Bar 1736 First St., Livermore
5/06/20 noon-3 pm	LPD Board Lunch/Planning Meeting (all members welcome)	Anita Massey
5/22/20 1 pm	"Women in Business" Wine-tasting & Talk	Charles R Vineyard 8195 Crane Ridge Rd. Livermore
6/03/20	Branch Board Meeting	Carol Guarnaccia
6/13/20	LPD Board Installation/Potluck Lunch	JoAnn Houk



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

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WOMEN AND GIRLS TO
REACH THEIR HIGHEST
POTENTIAL.

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