



# The Grapevine

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Get the facts before you vote.

Voter's Edge is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, online guide launched by League of Women Voters and Map Light. Voter's Edge does not sell your personal information.

Enter your address to get a **personalized ballot** with key information on candidates, measures, and endorsements. Keep track of your choices and use them to vote.

Find out where, when, and how to vote.

**Register** by October 19 to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election.

Every registered California voter will receive a **ballot in the mail** this year. [Check your registration status](#)

## Voters who don't want to mail their completed ballots can drop them off at:

Livermore City Hall	Pleasanton City Hall	Dublin City Offices
1052 S. Liv. Ave.	123 Main St.	100 Civic Plaza
Livermore CA	Pleasanton CA	Dublin, CA



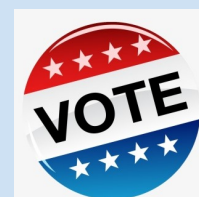
Visit [votersedge.org](https://votersedge.org) before the election

## Studying your ballot? Get help: [votersedge.org](https://votersedge.org)



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon LaHar

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As a branch we continue to meet virtually (some interest groups, other programming) and we appreciate seeing familiar faces of our branch friends online. However, we want to help you get involved if you haven't yet connected.

Click on our [branch website calendar](#) (also the last page of this *Grapevine* issue) to join in activities.

Watch your email for **Friday branch updates**.

Get help using Zoom if you haven't been able to connect yet! Call one of our board members for a quick one-to-one session--we do want to help you get in touch and stay in touch with each other!

### In this Grapevine issue:

- Each Fall, we look forward to hearing about some amazing research and actions of our dynamic AAUW Fund recipients. Register for AAUW CA 2020 [AAUW Fund Luncheons](#) (presented virtually this year) and learn about the fantastic work that your AAUW Fund donations support. More info on Page 3.

October 10, 2020 1 pm Session: Click [HERE](#) to register.

October 24, 2020 1 pm Session: Click [HERE](#) to register.

- Looking for ways to help Tri-Valley girls and young women develop their skills? Read about opportunities to volunteer in one of our new branch Girl Programs! Many thanks to STEM Director Anita Massey and committee chairwomen Diane Keller, PJ Wells, and Sheryl Morgan for leading the development of these virtual programs. More on Page 6.

- We have voting information for our **11/03/2020 national election**. Twelve **ballot measures** were certified to appear on this ballot.

Read about ballot propositions through [ballotpedia](#) and [League of Women Voters California](#).

Read the [AAUW California Positions on Ballot Measures](#) and [Propositions Update](#) to understand AAUW California's process for making ballot proposition recommendations.

Join our Oct. 8, 10:00 AM **branch virtual ballot proposition discussion**. [Zoom](#) link. (if you are unable to click on the link: meeting ID 811 4573 1086, passcode eq8ty2020). More on Page 5.



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### NEXT L-P-D BOARD MEETING

on Zoom

October 7, 2020

1 P.M.

**MEMBERSHIP CORNER****[membership@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:membership@aauw-lpd.org)****Tina Amber**

Thank you to everyone who renewed their 2020-2021 membership on time. To the very few who did not, please contact Tina Amber, [membership@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:membership@aauw-lpd.org) to renew your membership.

If you know anyone who might want to join one of our fabulous activities please send me a note and I will follow up.

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

AAUW Fund Luncheons are always a highlight of activities for our members. We get to hear short presentations from some of the fellowship and grant recipients in California. There will be two virtual "luncheons" this year. Each will feature different recipients. You are welcome to "attend" both.

**When:**

October 10, 2020 1 pm Session

October 24, 2020 1 pm Session

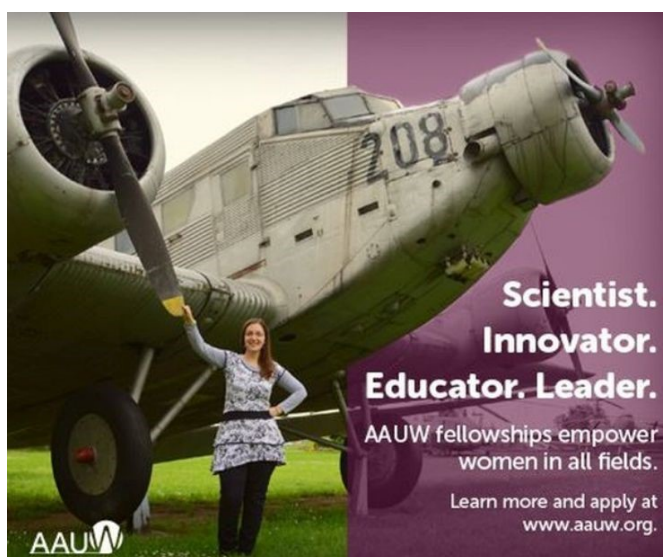
Lunch is not included this year and there is no charge to join the webinar. If it is possible in your budget, we ask you to consider a donation to AAUW Fund and note that it is "In honor of AAUW California Fund Luncheon." Click [HERE](#) to make a donation.

Join either or both luncheons as the presenters will be different at each one. Lists of presenters should be appearing on the [AAUW-CA website](#).

**[Registration is required.](#)**

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## INTEREST GROUPS

Please note: some of these listed branch activities are cancelled. Other groups may be connecting on Zoom or by phone! Check with the group's contact for more information. Communication Chair Marilyn Duman's Friday weekly information will keep us up-to-date.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink

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No games until further notice.

**MONDAY NIGHT BRIDGE**

CHAIR: Marti Silva

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

No games until further notice.

**LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER**

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

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

Keep reading those murder/mysteries!

**SOLO DINING**

CHAIR: Sandie Brown

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Nothing until further notice.

**MAH JONGG, AMERICAN STYLE**

Chair: JoAnn Houk

[mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:mahjongg@aauw-lpd.org)**MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP**

CHAIR : Chris Alesso

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

Meets October 8 via Zoom.

See Page 5.

**MORNING BOOKS**

CHAIR: Bev Howell

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

Thursday, Oct. 22 @ 9:30 am

Via Zoom

BOOK: *The Giver of Stars*

AUTHOR: JoJo Moyes

**AND/OR**Book: *Women of Troublesome Creek*

AUTHOR: Kim Richardson

Reviewer: Anita Massey

**AFTERNOON BOOKS**

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen

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

No meetings until further notice.

**EVENING BOOKS**

CHAIR: Joan Leighty

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Wednesday, October 14 @ 7:30 PM

BOOK: *Lady Clementine: a Novel*

Author: Marie Benedict

Reviewer: Roz Wright

Zoom calls for the Evening Book Group have been booked for the 2020-21 season. Members will receive an email with the address each month.

**Scholarship****Foundation News**

Kiersten Brooke, one of our 2019 winners recently sent me some news.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude from SFSU with her degree in Apparel Merchandising. She was chosen as her Department's Honoree!!

Wow! She also let us know that because of Covid and the lack of jobs in her field, she is putting this on hold. She is now involved in YWAM (Youth with a Mission) which is part of a Discipleship Training Program.

If you would like to hear more about this, please contact me.

Susan Wacek

Scholarship Selection Chair





Join us on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 10 AM via Zoom for our biennial discussion of the

## November Ballot Initiatives.

This year there are twelve. LPD members will be presenting the pros and cons of each initiative along with recommendations from trusted sources like the League of Women Voters. Open discussion will follow each presentation. We will try to hold each initiative to about five minutes.

Access Codes and a reference sheet will be provided in the weekly Friday updates just prior to Oct. 8th.

**We're taking a stand! Your California AAUW Public Policy Committee has adopted a YES position on:**

- Prop 14 – Stem Cell Research (access to quality health care)
- Prop 15 – Property Taxes (funding for education)
- Prop 16 – Affirmative Action (educational opportunity; social justice)
- Prop 17 – Voting for Parolees (expansion of voting rights)
- Prop 18 – Voting at 17 (encourages voting)
- Prop 21 – Rent Control (affordable housing)
- Prop 25 – Cash Bail (social & economic justice)

For details on each of these propositions, click [HERE](#).

**AAUW has taken NO POSITION on the following propositions:**

- P19 Property Taxes** Allows transfer of property tax amounts for older homeowners
- P20 Criminal Justice** Restricts early parole for certain violent crimes
- P22 Gig Workers** Makes rideshare and delivery drivers independent contractors
- P23 Dialysis Clinics** Mandates new requirements for dialysis clinics
- P24 Consumer Privacy** Expands consumer data privacy laws



STEM DIRECTOR Anita Massey [stem@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:stem@aauw-lpd.org)

**There are new opportunities to get involved with our Zoom based Girl Programs 2020-21.** We have 3 subcommittees, each of which have opportunities for you to be involved. If you are interested please contact the program chair and copy Anita Massey [akm1@comcast.net](mailto:akm1@comcast.net), for inclusion on notes and invites for the larger committee. There are opportunities to help with enrollment, PR, tech support among other things. The time commitment is about 2 hours per month.



**Planning for College:** led by Diane Keller, an AAUW-LPD member and former college adviser. The session for 9th and 10th graders to be held **October 13**, focuses more on what to take in high school to prepare for college, how to understand the A-G requirements, pros and cons of honors or AP classes and how to calculate a GPA among other things. The 11th grade program to be held **October 20**, includes information on SAT or ACT, planning your essay, cost and funding options and this year will include Covid considerations. **To get involved contact Diane at [dianekeller99@gmail.com](mailto:dianekeller99@gmail.com).**



**Informational Career Series** (Final Name TBD, suggestions are welcome): This program led by PJ Wells, will be a 3 part Zoom series to be held January 14, 28 and February 11. We will featuring 6-9 early in their career speakers each night and be aimed for high school age girls. Each speaker will have a template to follow so that similar information is presented. They will speak for approximately 15 minutes and there will be time for Q&A. **To get involved contact [pj.wells.ca@gmail.com](mailto:pj.wells.ca@gmail.com).**

**About Face:** This program will be co-sponsored with the About Face organization and coordinated through Sheryl Morgan. The date has not yet been finalized but we are looking at late February or early March. The Zoom program is highly interactive and focused on building self-esteem through understanding how social media and other media affect them... and what they can do about it. As such, it will be limited to 35 middle school girls. This creates the additional task of deciding how to screen and select participants. **To get involved contact [sh.morgan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sh.morgan@sbcglobal.net).**

## Tech Savvy Tip (from Tina)

### Pre-registration for Zoom Events

You may have noticed that some of our events require pre-registration. Why? Occasionally we put on an event that is open to the public. By requiring pre-registration we capture emails, possible future interest in joining AAUW-LPD and can also track how our various forms of publicity are working.

When you see that pre-registration is required, complete it ASAP. You will immediately be sent an email with the zoom link or other information for the meeting. Do not wait to register until the day of the event - in some cases we are limited to how many are able to join a specific event.

### Evite

We will continue to send out Evites, but only for major events. For all other meetings and ongoing events, look for the Zoom links in the weekly Friday updates. Just a reminder, each meeting has a specific zoom link with the embedded passcode.

**MORE TO THINK ABOUT** from Devon, our branch president

Women still earn just 82 cents for every dollar paid to white non-Hispanic men.

Black women earn only 63 cents for every dollar.

Latinas make 55 cents compared to what white men make.

Asian women make 87 cents on the dollar.

Thanks to our branch [mission discussion group](#) for recent discussion and recommending these topical links:

[How The Pandemic Is Making The Gender Pay Gap Worse](#)

[How Coronavirus Could Widen the Gender Wage Gap](#)

Are We Facing a [Generational Wipeout of Working Mothers](#)? (15-minute video)

COVID-19 lockdowns forced working parents to find a way to reconcile their jobs with the burdens of homeschooling, eldercare, and household management. And who is doing the lion's share? Working moms, says Joan C. Williams (founding director of the Center for WorkLife Law at the University of California). She talks with Michel Martin about the increasingly impossible dilemma of the working mom.

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## A Wealth of Webinars

AAUW National has built up an impressive library of content for members to explore at any time. You can peruse the archive of [Equity Network webinars](#), which are focused on professional development and how to build equitable and inclusive workplaces. Or take a look at their [2020 member webinars](#), which range from interviews with notable Fellows to updates on your membership to tips on how to enhance your activism.

Town Halls

Getting out the Vote During a Pandemic

COVID-19 and the Labor Economy: What's Next?

Mrs. America: Women's Rights, Family Values and Politics

Social Media Advocacy 101

A Conversation on Education and Equity

Using Tech for Good: Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Black Women Leading through an Equity Lens

Archaeology of the Self

## SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CHAIR

Susan Wacek

**Good News!**

You still will be able to hear from our 3 scholarship winners this year! They have each made a beautiful, short YouTube video for us. This is, of course, in lieu of them speaking at our Annual September Membership Luncheon.

These videos will also be available on our website. **The videos will be taken down Oct. 31st** for privacy reasons so please view them soon to see and hear these amazing women.

You will hear from Amelia Aarestad, Kelsey Bentley and Laura Rambo. Their videos are listed below.



Amelia Aarestad, Livermore

<https://youtu.be/zUI9Udi6qLc>

Amelia is currently attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Landscape Architecture. Her goal is to design functional, beautiful, sustainable, regionally adapted landscapes with a special focus on California climate zones that are welcoming to people of all abilities.



Kelsey Bentley, Sunol

<https://youtu.be/F4YZxVTmF6A>

Kelsey is a re-entry, first-generation college student pursuing her passion for mathematics and majoring in Industrial Engineering while finishing her undergrad studies at the University of California, Berkeley.



Laura Rambo, Livermore

<https://youtu.be/pS6chF9ZSt4>

Laura will begin her junior year as an Economics major at University of California, Berkeley. There she looks forward to contributing to research that will help create lasting solutions for wealth disparities.



## L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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Oct. 5	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge	Mondays @ 7:00 PM	
Oct. 6	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation	1st Tuesday	889 9790 0902
Oct. 7	1:00 PM	Branch Board Meeting	1st Wednesdays	847 6261 1370
Oct. 8	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	November Ballot Initiatives 2nd Thursdays	811 4573 1086
Oct. 12	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge		
Oct. 13	7:00 PM	Planning for College (Gr.9,10)	to register	853 5890 7371
Oct. 14	7:30 PM	Evening Books	2nd Wednesdays	
Oct. 15	10:00 AM	Coffee & Conversation	1st & 3rd Thursdays	817 4531 4804
Oct. 19	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge		
Oct. 20	7:00 PM	Planning for College (Gr. 11)	to register	839 3824 2519
Oct. 22	10:00 AM	Morning Books	4th Thurs., except Nov. & Dec.	
Oct. 28	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge		

Some of these are subject to change but are all Zoom meetings. You will be notified about the addresses and passcodes before each meeting. **Please use the up-to-date information you will be given before each meeting.** Dates, addresses and passcodes may change during the month.

Carol G.

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AT LARGE .- P.J. Wells



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**AAUW Mission:**

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

**AAUW Values:**

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

**AAUW's Value**

**Promise:**

Equity for All

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.