



# The Grapevine

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### TO our generous and giving members of AAUW-LPD WE THANK YOU

While our annual holiday giving tree went virtual, along with our holiday party, your generosity was overwhelming and concrete. Your generosity raised \$500 for Open Heart Kitchen and \$830 for Tri-Valley Haven for a combined \$1330. Thank you on behalf of both agencies and the community members who will benefit from these donations.

### FROM all the LPD members who enjoyed the wonderful holiday program on December 16.

Thank you Tina Amber, Charlene Grandfield, Devon LaHar, Pam Leong, Anita Massey and Roz Wright for all your work in putting this innovative celebration together. It was fantastic and set the perfect stage for the upcoming holidays. It was very much appreciated by all.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!**



### NEXT LPD BOARD MEETING

**Wed. January 6 @ 1 pm**

The Friday Updates from Marilyn gives the Zoom Address of all LPD meetings.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon LaHar**  
**president@aauw-lpd.org**

*"Nature has given us all the pieces required to achieve exceptional wellness and health, but has left it to us to put these pieces together."—Diane McLaren*

"Achieving exceptional wellness and health" is our global goal for 2021. Incredible researchers and essential workers are poised to put the pieces together by vaccinating the world's citizens during the next few months. Read [Women Take the Lead in Vaccine Development](#) and celebrate their victories!

Our **AAUW-LPD 2020 Winter Wonderland Holiday Party** was a first-ever virtual celebration for us...and actually great fun! Partygoers broke out their goodie boxes during the afternoon Zoom party--hand-delivered pre-party by branch baker elves. We heard a bit of cookie recipe history and learned about the dreidel game shared at Hanukkah (thanks to Anita Massey for information and keepsake dreidels). We shared holiday and AAUW trivia and get-to-know-you chats during our small-group time and we ended our celebration with a raffle of three themed baskets (tea-time, wine, and spa-time).

Many thanks to our branch holiday party committee **Charlene Grandfield, Anita Massey, Roz Wright, Pam Leong, Tina Amber, and Devon LaHar** for making this special event happen. Their planning logistics included online invitations and publicity, physical baking/packing/tagging/delivering goodie boxes, physically collecting and delivering branch member donations, and Zoom technical support.

Branch Communications Chair Marilyn Duman deserves praise for her emailed Friday Updates with timely reminders of virtual branch activities and AAUW webinars! Thanks also to Sheryl Morgan for her expertise in expanding and updating our [AAUW-LPD webpage](#).

In this time of extreme economic uncertainty, our gratitude goes to each of you who supported these local nonprofits chosen for our branch 2020 holiday donations: Tri Valley Haven (creates homes safe from abuse) and Open Heart Kitchen (serves free nutritious meals to Tri-Valley neighbors in need).

Check our **AAUW events calendar** (online and on this *Grapevine* issue's final page) and watch for your weekly **AAUW-LPD Friday Update** email for information and activity Zoom links!

Cards and letters to Anne Les should be mailed to: Anne Les, c/o Audrey Horning, 1718 Almond Ave., Livermore 94550



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

### Girl Programs - CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.....STEM & MORE

We want to share information about our upcoming 3 part series of career discussions. While these sessions are aimed at high school age girls, any of you who are interested may attend any one or all three of the sessions. We also hope you will share this information with the young women you know who are of the appropriate age.

Additionally we'd like to thank those of you who recommended family and friends to be speakers for this event.

A panel of professional women will share their path to success.

Listen to their very own "Ted Talks.

Learn about their journey with an opportunity for Q&A

Three sessions, Thursday nights at 7:00 PM

Attend any one or all three.

#### Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

Sr. Director - Legal

Sr, Director – Product Marketing

Sales – Business Applications

Sr. Director Controller

To reserve a seat at this event register here.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdOGtqjluGNSZ9aCdBLsZr7Jd00FOH6sc>

#### Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

Epidemiologist

Archaeologist

School Psychologist

Genetic Counselor

Sr. Consulting Biologist

To reserve a seat at this event register here. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCqrzMvG9MCuiJqWj1Whnj9CqUoqyy>

#### Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

Internet Security

UX Product Designer

Public Relations, Multi Media

Graphic/Multi-Media Design

To reserve a seat at this event register here. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUodeCsrDkiG9FREohSaUo44tYED9D0zdwL>



## 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 Update has the information needed.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

CHAIR: Nancy Rensink

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CHAIR: Marti Silva

[monbridsg@aaaw-lpd.org](mailto:monbridsg@aaaw-lpd.org)**LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER**

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

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

Keep reading those murder/  
mysteries!

**MAH JONGG, AMERICAN  
STYLE**

Chair: JoAnn Houk

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CHAIR: Sandie Brown

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Nothing until further notice.

**MORNING BOOKS**

CHAIR: Bev Howell

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Thursday, January 28 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *The Splendid and the Vile*

AUTHOR: Eric Larson

HOSTESS &amp;

REVIEWER: Norma Foss

Members will receive an email with the  
Zoom address before the meeting.

**EVENING BOOKS**

CHAIR: Joan Leighty

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

Wednesday, January 13 @ 7:30 PM

BOOK: *The Girl with Seven Names*

Author: Hyeonseo Lee

Reviewer: Devon La Har

Members will receive an email with the  
Zoom address each month.

**AFTERNOON BOOKS**

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen

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The Friday Updates will give the  
addresses for the following:

**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION**

Zoom in

5:30 PM, Tuesday

**Jan. 5, 2021**

(1st Tue. Ea. month)

**COFFEE AND**

Zoom in at 10 AM on Thursday

**Jan. 7, 2021**

(1st Thur. ea. month)

**MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP**

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

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

Zoom in at 10 AM, Thursday

**Jan. 14, 2021**

(2nd Thur. ea. month)

Around the week of January  
3, 2021, remember to watch  
for Survey Monkey and the  
ballot for voting on the chang-  
es to our Standing Rules.



**L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

ZOOM	ZOOM	ZOOM	ZOOM
Jan. 4	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge, Trickster?	Mondays
Jan. 5	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation	1st Tuesdays
Jan 6	1:00 PM	Branch Board Meeting	1st Wednesdays
Jan. 7	10:00 AM	Coffee AND	1st Thursdays
Jan. 10		Deadline to vote on Standing Rules via Survey Monkey	
Jan. 11	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge, Trickster?	Mondays
Jan. 13	7:30 PM	Evening Books	2nd Wednesdays
Jan. 14	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	2nd Thursdays
Jan. 14	7:00 PM	Girl Programs, Stem & More	Career Discussions, #1
Jan. 18	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge, Trickster?	Mondays
Jan. 25	7:00 PM	Virtual Bridge, Trickster?	Mondays
Jan. 28	7:00 PM	Girl Programs, Stem & More	Career Discussions #2
Jan. 28	9:30 AM	Morning Books	4th Thursdays
Feb. 11	7:00 PM	Girl Programs, Stem and More	Career Discussions #3

**2021 !**



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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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