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We are especially grateful for the love of our friends and family this Valentine's Day...and we miss activities that bring us together physically! We can still sample good food and wine, however--even share it virtually. Watch upcoming Friday updates for more information on a *Sip and Swirl* virtual wine-tasting you can share with family and friends.

Thank you to **PJ Wells** and her committee for the first Career Opportunities ... STEM & More! The panel of professional women who shared their paths to career success were informative and inspiring. You can read more about them and the two upcoming panels (1/28 science emphasis, 2/11 technology emphasis) on P. 3.

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!



What motivates AAUW to host its **annual art contest**? To give women artists the attention they deserve!

Only a third of artists represented by commercial galleries are women. Women working in the arts are paid on average 74 cents to every dollar paid to men.

Create a work of art that speaks to AAUW's mission using any medium. (Well, except finger painting and Etch-A-Sketch.) The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of notecards mailed to AAUW members in the spring. Our branch member Charlotte Severin won the 2018 AAUW Art Contest ("Hollyhocks in My Garden"). This year she has entered two entries (#130 Yosemite Falls, and #129 Black Lives Matter). Check them out on the annual AAUW art contest website: www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest.

COMING SOON!!!!!!**The 2021 Local Scholarship Non-Event Fundraiser Letter**

Watch for your exciting adventure coming to your mailbox.....

What is this you ask? This is your opportunity to help local women college students with school expenses. Unlike other fundraisers, the Non-Event gives you the ability to donate to this good cause without purchasing a ticket, buying a new outfit or leaving your home. The themed letter offers suggested donation amounts based upon activities you might bid on at an actual auction.

The beauty of this is that it saves our branch members the time and effort associated with an actual event thus limiting costs while providing more funds to deserving recipients. The money raised helps women in their junior or senior years of college. Attendance at a four year college is required and the applicants should have academic success, be a leader, be in need and graduate from Tri-Valley schools.

We have been giving scholarships over 25 years and now look forward to continuing this worthy effort. So.....open your checkbooks and give generously as all is tax deductible. Our goal is 6,000.00. Any amount is appreciated.

Help a prospective AAUW member achieve her goal of a college degree.

The Scholarship Foundation is looking for someone to be treasurer.

Job description available.

Contact Ginny Reineking [.scholarship@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:scholarship@aauw-lpd.org) .

AAUW FUND**Sandy Hansen****aaufund@aauw-lpd.org**

One of my duties as your branch AAUW Fund VP is to recommend to the board any Named Gift Honorees. **I am requesting suggestions from you for this honor, which I will then present to the board for a vote next month, February 3.**

Being designated as a Branch Named Gift Honoree is a very special honor in AAUW. The award is reserved for members and community members who have made extraordinary gifts of time supporting the branch and mission of AAUW. The award signifies that branch members have contributed a total of at least \$750 to AAUW Funds, in the name of each honoree.

Those so honored in the past 5 years include: Kelly Bowers, Myla Grasso, Sarah Palmer, Susan Wacek, Joy Robinson, Ginny Reineking, Anita Massey, Gwen Locke, Joan Leighty, Diane Keller, Barbara Hempill, Sandy Hansen, Gloria Green, Dot Bishop, Chris Alesso and Charlene Grandfield.

Thanks for sending me your written suggestion(s) by February 1. (aaufund@aauw-lpd.org).

Nomination details are [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP CORNER Tina Amber membership@aauw-lpd.org

The LPD Branch lost two long time members this past December. Virginia McFann passed on December 26th and Lorene Stack passed on December 28th.

Notes and remembrances to the family may be left on the Callaghan Mortuary website. www.callaghanmortuary.com. At this time services are pending.

We will miss them and the tremendous contributions they made to our community.

Career Opportunities ... STEM & More



On Thursday January 14 we kicked off our new high school girl's program "**Career Opportunities ... STEM & More.**" This was the first of three sessions dedicated to providing our high school audience with access to contemporary, professional women who share their varied paths to success. The first session emphasized business roles including:

Business Application Sales, Rachel Miller

Attorney at Law, Erin Keller

Product Marketing, Ali Biggs

Financial Controller, Sasha Wang

Using a storytelling format, each woman was candid and courageous about the ups and downs, twists and turns their life choices brought.

Please spread the word to granddaughters and other high school girls you may know. Registration required!

January 28 @ 7:00 PM when we explore SCIENCE (Epidemiologist, Archaeologist, School Psychologist, Genetic Counselor, Sr. Consulting Biologist)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtduCqrzMvG9MCuiJqWj1Whnj9CqUoqyyd>

February 11 @ 7:00 PM when we feature TECHNOLOGY (Internet Security, UX Product Designer, Public Relations/Multi-Media, Graphics/Multi-Media Design)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUodeCsrDkiG9FREohSaUo44tYED9D0zdwL>



About Face

During this same timeframe our branch is partnering with [About-Face.org](https://www.about-face.org) to offer a free virtual workshop for **8th grade girls** on March 20, 10-11:30 AM. The workshop will raise awareness about representation of women and girls in the media and arm the girls with digital wellness tips. We will offer the workshop to 35 girls and require an [application to be submitted](#) for the program by January 29. **More information is available on [our website](#) or email: aboutface@aauw-lpd.org.**

Did you know that your AAUW membership provides a special benefit if you are considering long-term care insurance? As an AAUW member, you may be eligible for a premium discount through LTC Global (<https://www.altcp.org/aauw/members>). **Your extended family members (including spouses, brothers, sisters, parents, children age 18+, grandparents, aunts, uncles and in-laws) are also eligible for coverage.** Call 888-305-4582 to learn more.



INTEREST GROUPS

Please note: Due to COVID some branch activities have been cancelled. Others 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

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CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

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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.

AFTERNOON BOOKS

CHAIR: Mary Ann Karlsen

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No meetings until further notice.

MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howell

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Thursday, February 25 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *Everything We Keep*

AUTHOR: Kerry Lonsdale

HOSTESS &

REVIEWER: Harriet Lawrie

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

EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Joan Leighty

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

Wednesday, February 10 @ 7:30 PM

BOOK: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

Author: Kim Michele Richardson

Reviewer: Patty Rabada

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



The Friday Updates will give the
addresses for the following:

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Zoom in at 5:30 PM, Tuesday

Feb. 2, 2021

(1st Tue. Ea. month)

COFFEE AND

Zoom in at 10 AM on Thursday

Feb. 18, 2021

(3rd Thur. this month)

MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

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Zoom in at 10 AM, Thursday

Feb. 11, 2021

(2nd Thur. ea. month)



Let it be said that AAUW
women are stylish!

Wear an **AAUW mask** for
safety and style--and a
sneaky way to market the
organization.

Get one [here](#) for only \$9

**NEXT LPD BOARD MEETING**

Wed. February 3 @ 1 pm

L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

ZOOM	ZOOM	ZOOM	ZOOM
Jan. 28	7:00 PM	Career Ops: Science	career discussion panel, high school girls
Feb. 1		deadline for Branch named grant honorees see Page 2	
Feb. 1	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge, Zoom	Monday evenings
Feb. 2	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation, Zoom	1st Tuesday mornings
Feb. 2	1:00 PM	Branch Board Meeting, Zoom	1st Wednesday afternoons
Feb. 8	7:00 PM	Zoom –Trickster Bridge, Zoom	Monday Evenings
Feb. 10	7:30 PM	Evening Books, Zoom	2nd Wednesday evenings
Feb. 11	10 :00 AM	Mission Discussion Group, Zoom	watch your emails for info
Feb. 11	7:00 PM	Career Ops: Technology	career discussion panel, high school girls
Feb. 15	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge, Zoom	Monday evenings
Feb. 18	10:00 am	Coffee AND	3rd Thursday this month
Feb. 22	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge, Zoom	Monday evenings
Feb. 25	9:30 AM	Morning Books, Zoom	4th Thursday mornings
Mar. 20	10:00 am	About Face workshop	8th grade girls

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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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