



The Grapevine

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon LaHar
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My message is simple this month.

PLEASE VOTE! Have you voted yet? This month you can weigh in on three votes:

[AAUW-LPD nominated Slate of Officers for 2021-22](#)

Vote by **May 1**.

Your email ballot is in your **4/23 AAUW-LPD Friday update**.

Your physical ballot will reach you by mail if you don't have an email address.

[AAUW California Election](#)

Vote by **May 7**.

Access your ballot in your **4/16 email**: subject **2021 AAUW California Election Ballot**.

Vote for state Board of Director positions, Public Policy Priorities (2021-2023), and changes to the AAUW California bylaws.

[AAUW National Election](#)

Vote by **May 17**.

Access your ballot in your **4/07 email**: subject **Vote now to shape AAUW's future**.

Vote by bylaws amendments, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's membership degree requirement.

Please check our [AAUW-LPD branch calendar](#) (at the end of this issue and online) and Friday updates for more branch activities.

Watch the state news and highlights of the [AAUW California Annual Meeting, April 17](#)

- You might like the fun illustrated summary of AAUW national board highlights (starts at 9:13 minutes).
- Our March About Face program for girls aligned well with the 2020 Speech Trek topic (*Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for girls and women?*)--you can be inspired by state finalists Lauryn McGuire (starts at 36:34), Lilian Chang (starts at 1:25:55), and Hallee Schaffer (starts at 2:33:15).

MEMBERSHIP CORNER TINA AMBER

MEMBERSHIP@AAUW-LPD.ORG.

It is membership renewal time!

Thank you to the 25 members who already sent in their membership renewals.

The most simple way to pay is to click on the link provided in the email and pay via credit or debit card. You can find all this information in an email from memberinfo@aauw.org.that was sent to you this past month.

If this is not an option for you, send a check to Tina Amber, as noted on the email..

We hope to have all membership renewals complete within the next few weeks.

If you have questions email ' tmamber6@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 925 640-8694.

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NEXT LPD BOARD/PLANNING MEETING
Wed. May 5 @ 1 pm on Hopyard, Pleasanton
At Sports Park on Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton
(see Page 3 for more info)



2021 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER

Ginny Reineking - scholarship@aauw-lpd.org

Co-Chair: Vicki-Dawn Rader

As our donations continue, we are thankful for the generosity of our members. However, we are still short of our \$6000 goal. If you have not contributed, please act now so we can continue assisting women in their college studies.

Since the last *Grapevine* we have received donations from the following members: Marti Silva, Mercedes Daggett, Helen Robinson, Sandy Hansen, Vicki-Dawn Rader, Anne Dini and Norma Foss.

Thanks to all of our donors.

We are now at over 80% of our goal of \$6000 .

Just a reminder - we appreciate your donation to the AAUW Fund, especially the Greatest Needs Fund as you renew your membership. So far this year, the following members have donated a total of \$374: Barbara Hempill, Pam Leong, Rosiland Wright, Jan Palajac, Sheryl Morgan, Helen Robinson, Marilyn Duman, Tina Amber, Sandra Hansen. Thanks for your donations.

AAUW just released the news that \$5 million in funding to more than 260 awardees through AAUW'S Fellowships and Grants for the 2021-2022 academic year have been announced. Names will be released in the fall, once each has accepted their award.

At the AAUW-CA Annual meeting on April 17, AAUW Board Chair mentioned that new AAUW-authored research on equity in the workplace has been released: The report, [Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women in Manufacturing](#), explores the challenges women face in male-dominated industries and the barriers that hinder their success. The report outlines how employers can build a more competitive workforce by addressing these longstanding issues and creating more pathways for women in the manufacturing fields. Read about the report and [at the preceding link](#). The report received funding support from the Arconic Foundation.

This report joins the previously released report on women in leadership in academia: [The Power Gap Among Top Earners at America's Elite Universities](#) is a first-of-its-kind study by the [Women's Power Gap Initiative](#) (WPG) at the [Eos Foundation](#), in partnership with AAUW. The research examines gender, race and ethnicity among the ten most highly compensated employees at each of the nation's 130 major research institutions.

It's wonderful that AAUW is developing research that can make a change for all working women.

LPD Board/Planning Meeting for 2021-22 is Wednesday, May 5 from 1:00-2:30. Discussion of a realistic look at the upcoming year, proposed goals and the implementation of our thoughts. The meeting will be at the Ken Mercer Sports on Park on Hopyard in Pleasanton. If you turn on to Parkside from Hopyard and go down about .4 miles you will see parking near the girls softball fields. There is shade/restrooms in the same area. Please bring a chair, something firm to write on and water or other beverage of your choice.

From AAUW Action Fund, Washington Update

Now that the Paycheck Fairness Act has passed the House of Representatives, it joins several AAUW public policy priorities waiting for action in the Senate. These bipartisan bills need your vocal support now more than ever:

Paycheck Fairness Act (PFA): AAUW has worked for decades to pass this landmark legislation to advance pay equity, and this is the year it will finally triumph. Demand [equal pay for equal work!](#)

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA): The historic amendment, which would once and for all ensure constitutional gender equality, was first proposed nearly 100 years ago. Tell your Senators to [ratify the ERA now!](#)

Equality Act: America's civil rights laws should provide explicit protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Ensure your Senators know [equality means including all people!](#)



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.

MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howell

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

Thursday, May 27 @ 9:30 am
2021-2022 Planning meeting



Members will receive an email as to whether this will be at Bev Howell's home or a Zoom meeting.

EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Joan Leighty

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

Wednesday, May 13 @ 6:00 PM

Book Selection 2021-2022

Members will receive an email as to whether this will be a potluck at Bev Howell's home or Zoom meeting.

LADIES LUNCH 'N MURDER

CHAIR: Maria Kennedy

mkennedy@aauw-lpd.org

Are you keeping up with those murder mysteries that you just can't put down?

The Friday Updates will give the addresses for the following:

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Zoom in at 5:30 PM, Tuesday
May 4, 2021
(1st Tue. Ea. month)

COFFEE AND

Zoom in @10 AM on Thursday
May 20, 2021
(3rd Thur. this month)

MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso
chris@aauw-lpd.org
Zoom in at 10 AM, Thursday
May 13 2021
(2nd Thur. ea. month)

From AAUW Action Fund, Washington Update

April 22, 2021

This month, our hearts are both heavy and hopeful. On April 15, 2021, the House of Representatives voted 217-210 to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act with bipartisan support. Your tireless work is a huge reason we are one giant step closer to the bill becoming law.

But this past month has also marked a continuation of hard and scary times, with racist attacks, tragic shootings and troubling bills across the states. We are proud to work hand in hand with you to ensure that tomorrow looks brighter.



L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

All on ZOOM		Find Zoom Addresses in Friday Updates	
May		All month	Renew you're AAUW membership
May		All month	Non-Event donations accepted
May 1	deadline	to vote LPD Slate of Officers	see Page 1
May 3	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge	Monday evenings
May 4	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation	1st Tuesday evenings
May 5	1-2:30 PM	LPD Board/Planning Meeting	see Page 3
May 7	deadline	vote in CA AAUW election	see Page 1
May 10	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge	Monday evenings
May 13	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	2nd Thursday mornings
May 13	6:00 PM	Evening Books	Zoom?
May 17	deadline	to vote AAUW National Election	see Page 1
May 17	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge	Monday evenings
May 20	10:00 AM	Coffee AND	3rd Thursday mornings
May 24	7:00 PM	Trickster Bridge	Monday evenings
May 27	9:30 AM	Morning Books	Zoom?
May 31		Memorial Day	

Department of Homeland Security just announced that the deadline to apply for REAL ID is now May 3, 2023.

2020-2021 AAUW-LPD BOARD

PRESIDENT—Devon Lahar—president@aauw-lpd.org
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 STEM DIRECTOR —Anita Massey—stem@aauw-lpd.org
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Appointed Chairs

AAUW Fund : Sandy Hansen
 Archivist : Sandy Hansen
 Bylaws
 Chris Alesso
 Marilyn Duman
 Sandy Hansen
 Carolyn Kotch
 College/Univ Relations: TBD
 Directory : Marilyn Duman
 Inter-branch Council : TBD
 Newsletter: Carol Guarnaccia
 Website Admin : Sheryl Morgan

Nominating Committee for 2021-2022

Dot Bishop Devon LaHar
 Carolyn Kotch Gwen Locke
 Gwen Locke Pam Leong





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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.