



The Grapevine

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Celebrate
Spring
with your
AAUW Friends!

Join AAUW members for food and fun in
a wonderful outdoor setting...

Friday, June 18 5:00-7:00 PM

Marilyn Duman's home

Contact Marilyn: communications@aauw-lpd.org

Please RSVP

to your Evite

(emailed on May 19)

OR

Tina Amber: membership@aauw-lpd.org

We follow **state and local public health directives** with regard to in-person events.

We are (almost) all vaccinated, so we can meet without masking--
but please wear a mask to join us if this makes you more comfortable!

Our 6/18 Spring Get-Together will be held outdoors,
and branch interest groups with fully-vaccinated members
can now meet in person per current guidelines.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER TINA AMBER

MEMBERSHIP@AAUW-LPD.ORG.

A big thank you to all who have renewed your membership for 2021-2022.

We are extremely pleased to be able to offer a full range of programming this coming year and look forward to seeing everyone in person.

If you have not yet renewed there still is time - paper renewal reminders were mailed this past week.

This is also the time to make a donation to AAUW Funds, Tech Trek or our local branch - refer to the mailed brochure for details.

Questions? Contact Tina Amber

Possible NEXT LPD BOARD MEETINGS

June 2, July 7 August 4

Watch your Friday Updates

Locations T.B.A.

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2021 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER

Ginny Reineking - scholarship@aauw-lpd.org

Co-Chair: Vicki-Dawn Rader

Thanks to many of our branch members, we are only \$500 short of our \$6,000 goal for scholarships. Please consider donating so we can succeed!

Carol Kinnard and Vicki-Dawn Rader are our most recent donors.

We have been screening applicants and hope to share our selections soon.

ONLY \$500 TO GO TO REACH OUR GOAL!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon LaHar

I appreciate all of you, including: **All of our branch leaders** (elected, appointed, committee and special interest group chairs for all that you have done to help radically rethink our programs during this lockdown year!

Carol Guarnaccia for her steadfast organization and publication of our *Grapevine* newsletter for over a decade! Carol has been a positive and patient branch newsletter editor -- working through changing online tools and our (sometimes) late or incomplete information submissions.

Sandy Hansen for being our resident "branch brain". Sandy shifted our branch history, newsletters, and program information to online archives for incoming branch leaders and other members to access. She has also promoted AAUW Fund, kept us updated on how other branches handle procedures, and been our frequent guide during bylaws review.

Anita Massey for promoting our mission-based programming and early program direction and planning for 2021-22 year! Anita has added to her considerable responsibility leading our Tech Trek committee. Her willingness to facilitate combined "girl" program and mission-based program committees is already resulting in renewed enthusiasm for our program direction to come.

Tina Amber for managing our event Evites and for encouraging new and potential members to join us virtually (a challenge when some of them have never physically met us!). Tina has been instrumental in moving our board to plan future direction and programming earlier this year. Her life experience has also prompted us to look more closely at the operation of our AAUW state and national boards.

Sheryl Morgan for taking on so much as a "newer" branch member! Sheryl became active on our Tech Trek committee, led planning for our About Face program, and handled our webmaster role with ease and prompt response when we needed timely webpage updates.

Chris Alesso for continuing to bring thought-provoking topics to our monthly Mission Discussion Group. Chris locates a range of information sources for us to consider, and she helps us to think about how these topics impact our branch mission

Marilyn Duman for coordinating our branch communication and introducing us to Friday Updates--our easy go-to e-messages for news and our lifeline for Zoom links!

Pam Leong for taking on our branch financial responsibilities and our nominating committee chair (on short notice!). Pam excels at examining our current and historical procedures and suggesting alternate ways to improve them!

Charlene Grandfield for providing a detailed diary of our monthly board meetings. Charlene's great listening skills and clarifying questions are vital to making our board minutes useful.


Roz Wright for giving us civic news and providing area contacts for our events, as well as historical information about both the branch and our communities. Our branch has benefitted from the deep Tri-Valley roots and local news contacts that Roz has developed over so many years!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Devon LaHar, continued from Page 3

Susan Wacek for her continued enthusiasm facilitating our Local Scholarship selection process! Susan is eager to continue connecting with Las Positas staff who can get out the word about our scholarships--and maybe partner with them to provide other programs for female students.

PJ Wells for her ability to organize and deliver cheerful and *detailed* data analysis when we survey branch members or get feedback from program participants.

Please check our [AAUW-LPD branch calendar](#) (at the end of this issue and online) and Friday updates to stay involved this Spring.



Congratulations to our elected AAUW LPD 2021-22 officers!

Please salute them and thank our outgoing board members at our June 18th get-together!

Officers

President/Administrator	Marilyn Duman
Program Co-Chairs	Anita Massey & Sheryl Morgan
Finance Chair	Pam Leong
Membership	Tina Amber

Directors At-Large

Communications Coordinator	Marilyn Duman
Secretary/IBC Liaison	Charlene Grandfield
STEM Director	Anita Massey
Publicity & Public Policy	Roz Wright
At Large (AAUW Fund)	PJ Wells

Nomination Committee 2022-2023 Devon LaHar & Pam Leong



Results of the [AAUW 2021 National Election](#) were sent to you by a 5/19 email message from Julia Brown, AAUW National Board Chair. Click on this hyperlink to see the interactive message showing the results (roll your mouse or finger over it) of the re-election of board/chairs. Also, AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters.

The ballot initiative to eliminate the membership requirement received 63% of the vote (just below the 66.6% majority needed to enact a bylaw change). This was a significantly higher number than in previous votes (just below 50%) to make the change.

From Julia Brown:

"While we have many voices, I know we all share the same commitment to AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy, and our vision of achieving equity for all."

AAUW FUND

Sandy Hansen

aauwfund@aauw-lpd.org

As we bring our 2020-2021 program year to end and I finish my term as AAUW Fund Chair, thanks go to the latest group of members who have supported the AAUW Fund in 2021. The latest group includes Karen Richardson, Wendy Ping, P.J. Wells, Barbara Edwards, Pat Kohonen, Chris Alesso, Pushpa Dalal, and Charlene Grandfield. Donations now total \$1,177, with all except \$300 going to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. The Governance & Sustainability, Education & Training, Economic Security, and Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle Special Projects Fund were also supported. It has been a privilege to serve as your AAUW Fund Chair for the past two years.

It is Thursday, May 20 and I just completed a Zoom session with other supporters of the Mooneen Lecce Fund. Mooneen and her husband Joe were generous supporters of AAUW-related philanthropy. She served as AAUW CA parliamentarian at the time of her death. I was also on the state Board of Directors at that time. A Giving Circle can focus its donations to specific projects. We were presented with three choices recommended by AAUW – projects that AAUW are beginning. We decided to support the Latina Policy Initiative, which was developed to explore the state of Latinas in the U.S., with a specific focus on the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The research will show the extent to which the pandemic has compounded existing economic disadvantages that affect Latinas; the findings will be used to advocate for policies to address those inequities. Funding from the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle for the Latina Policy Initiative will propel AAUW's robust research and advocacy work, raising awareness of the barriers that Latinas face while amplifying their voices and real-life stories revealed by our research. The support from the group will conclude in December, though may be increased to continue through June 2022.

You can join me in supporting this initiative with your donation through AAUW's website: 1) go to AAUW's website, www.aauw.org, 2) click on DONATE in the upper right corner, 3) scroll to the bottom of the page, click on MOONEEN LECCE GIVING CIRCLE. You'll see that you can make either a one-time donation or a recurring commitment. Please join me in supporting this project.

Program Planning - Hold the Date! – Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan Co-Chairs 2021-2022

As you all know from the ballot, Girl Programs has become a sub-committee under the Program Committee umbrella. As Program Co-Chairs we are not official until 7/1 and many of our plans are still works in progress. However, all signs are indicating we will be able to resume in person activities for 2021-22. With that in mind here are some dates that are firm. Please add them to your calendar before it gets over booked.

Date	Activity	Location
June 18, 5:00-7:00	June social and installation	Marilyn Duman's home
September 18, 11:00-1:00	2021-22 Branch Kick-off	JoAnn Houk's home
December 15, 5:30-8:00	Holiday Party	Terra Mia
February 12, 4:00-6:00	Wine and Cheese Social (open to spouses and guests)	Anita Massey's home.

More details will follow and Evlte will be used for all member programs. We look forward to working and playing with all of you during the 2021-22 year.

INTEREST GROUPS

Please note: Due to COVID some branch activities have been cancelled. Others may be just opening up or still connecting on Zoom . Check with the group's contact . Communication Chair Marilyn Duman's Friday Update will have the information needed.

MORNING BOOKS

CHAIR: Bev Howell

ambooks@aauw-lpd.org

Thursday, June 24 @ 9:30 am

BOOK: *The Girl With Seven Names*

AUTHOR: Lee Hyeon-Seo

HOSTESS: Mary Ann Karlsen

Morning Books is meeting for their 2021-2022 planning meeting on May 27; therefore the July and August books/authors/reviewers/hostesses will be announced in the Friday Updates.

The Friday Updates will give the addresses for the following:

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Zoom in at 5:30 PM, Tuesday

June 1, 2021

July 6, 2021

August 3, 2021

(1st Tue. Ea. month)

COFFEE AND

Zoom in @10 AM on Thursday

June 17, 2021

July 15, 2021

August 19, 2021

(3rd Thur. this month)

MISSION DISCUSSION GROUP

CHAIR: Chris Alesso

chris@aauw-lpd.org

Zoom in at 10 AM, Thursday

June 10, 2021

July 8, 2021

August 12, 2021

(2nd Thur. ea. month)

EVENING BOOKS

CHAIR: Joan Leighty

pmbooks2@aauw-lpd.org

Wednesday, June 9 @ 7:30 PM

BOOK: *The Dutch House*

AUTHOR: Ann Patchett

HOSTESS: Sharon Edwards

Wednesday, July 14, @ 1:30 PM

BOOK: *While Justice Sleeps*

AUTHOR: Stacy Abrams

REVIEWER: Corrie Karlsen

LOCATION: Ridgeview Commons

5200 Case Ave.

Pleasanton

Wednesday, August 11 @ 1:30 PM

BOOK: *Four Winds*

AUTHOR: Kristen Hannah

REVIEWER: Pam Copeland

LOCATION: Ridgeview Commons

Pleasanton

NOTE THE CHANGE OF LOCATION TO RIDGEVIEW COMMONS.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

FOUNDATION NEWS

SUSAN WACEK, CHAIR

Our scholarship deadline is in a few weeks. The selection committee will be busy in the month of June with reading and selecting our winners for this year. So far, the applications look fantastic!

We will let you know as soon as we know who the winners are.



If you like event planning, have an interest in mission programs or the many girl activities we are involved in, please reach out to Sheryl Morgan at sh.morgan@sbcglobal.net or Anita Massey at akm1@comcast.net. You can be involved in as little (1hr/month) or as much as you have time for and interest in.

L-P-D CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021

Check Friday Updates for locations and whether on Zoom or in person

June		All month	Renew you're AAUW membership
June 1	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation	1st Tuesday evenings
June 2	1:00 PM	LPD Board Meeting	1st Wednesday afternoons
June 9	7:30 PM	Evening Books	Sharon Edwards
June 10	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	
June 17	10:00 AM	Coffee AND	
June 18	5-7:00 PM	Celebrate Spring General LPD	Meeting @ Marilyn Duman's home
June 24	9:30 AM	Morning Books	Mary Ann Karlsen
July 6	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversation	1st Tuesday evenings
July 7	1:00 PM	LPD Board Meeting	
July 8	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	
July 14	1:30 PM	Evening Books	Ridgeview Commons
July 15	10:00 AM	Coffee AND	
Aug 3	5:30 PM	Cocktails & Conversations	
Aug 4	1:00 PM	LPD Board Meeting	
Aug 11	1:30 PM	Evening Books	Ridgeview Commons
Aug. 12	10:00 AM	Mission Discussion Group	
Aug. 19	10:00 AM	Coffee AND	
Sept 18	11-1:00 PM	Branch Kickoff Meeting	JoAnn Houk's home
Dec. 15	5:30-8:00 PM	Holiday Party	Terra Mia, Livermore

2021-2022 AAUW-LPD BOARD

PRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATOR—Marilyn Duman

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS—Anita Massey & Sheryl Morgan

FINANCE CHAIR— Pam Leong

MEMBERSHIP— Tina Amber

DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR—Marilyn Duman

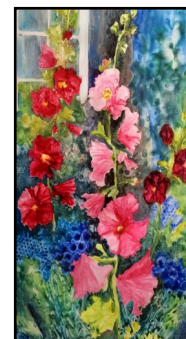
SECRETARY/IBC Liaison —Charlene Grandfield

STEM DIRECTOR —Anita Massey

PUBLICITY & PUBLIC POLICY - Roz Wright

AT LARGE (AAUW Fund) .- P.J. Wells

(addresses T.B.A. in later *Grapevines*)

**Nominating Committee for
2022-2023**

Devon LaHar & 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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WEBSITES
www.aauw.org
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www.aauw-lpd.org
[www.facebook.com/
aauwlpd](http://www.facebook.com/aauwlpd)

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Deadline for September issue is August 18

Submit all articles to Devon.