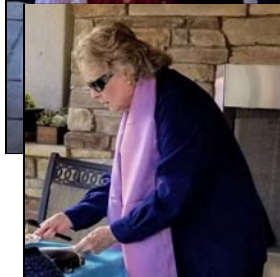


The Grapevine

October 2021



**Together
Again
Lunch!**

**September
18, 2021**



President Message October 2021



Our Welcome Back luncheon was well attended and a lovely event! I want to especially thank Program co-chairs [Anita Massey](#) and [Sheryl Morgan](#) for their careful and detailed planning. I would also like to thank the attendees for providing a delicious and varied food selection to further enhance the event. Even the weather cooperated, making it a very enjoyable afternoon!

Please consider increasing your participation in our branch activities. We are hopeful that more of you will join us on committees, at interest groups and at other events as we move forward. All the opportunities are summarized in this newsletter as well as in the Friday updates. I look forward to seeing you!



[Marilyn Duman](#)
AAUW LPD President
2021-2022

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BOARD BRIEFS from 9/01/21 meeting

- Board will try alternating between Zoom and in-person board meetings month by month.
- Discussed proposed 2021-22 branch budget. Talked about ways to increase both savings and income. Proposed creation of a branch fundraising committee.
- Girl Program Planning: made further plans for 10/2021 *Planning for College* and *Career Speaker Series* nights. Karen Cowan and Nitu Shinde volunteered to train with Tech Trek chair Anita Massey this year and co-lead Tech Trek committee next year. Anita then plans to continue to co-lead Program Planning.
- AAUW Funds: Our branch financially assisted 7 people who received grants or fellowships. PJ Wells thinks that individuals who benefited from AAUW Funds might be *Career Speaker Series* candidates.
- State Committee Meeting Report (Anita Massey): Marketing and Membership. Working to raise visibility of California AAUW across the state and to use media to best advantage. Found young women have 3 key interest areas: advancing careers, networking, enhancing leadership. Found young women do not relate to/like the term 'Political Advocacy', but do like topics that are covered by it.

Alameda CO AAUW Inter-Branch Council (IBC) BRIEFS from 9/21 meeting

- Representatives from 6 IBC branches attend meetings (Fremont, Alameda, Hayward/Castro Valley, Berkeley, Oakland/Piedmont, Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin). Members agreed that one vote/branch is appropriate on any issue, since some branches have more than one representative at each meeting.
- AAUW name can only be used for branch bank accounts (not IBC's bank account) because IBC is not a recognized AAUW organization. IBC money has to reside in a branch account if IBC keeps an account (per AAUW national bylaws). Motion discussed/passed: Close Alameda CO IBC bank account, refund money to each branch as appropriate for their contributions, and then close the account.
- Members agreed to inform their branch members about a 9/29 AAUW Zoom training class on redistricting and Community of Interest (COI) mapping. Alameda County and other organizations must evaluate redistricting as a result of the 2020 Census. Motion passed: IBC members will present a sample redistricting resolution to their branch board for proposed adoption.
- Discussion topics and branch reports: ways each branch will involve new or prospective members this Fall, ideas for co-hosting branch events with IBC branches or other community organizations, how is each branch disseminating newsletters

Planning for College....do you know a high school girl who's getting ready?



Our AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch is hosting its 4rd annual **Planning For College** presentations for high school girls and their parents on Zoom.

Diane Keller, a retired independent college consultant and branch member, will present essentials for young women considering applying to college and their parents. Diane will be ably assisted by committee members Anita Massey, Tina Amber, and Pam Leong.

October 12, 2021 – Planning for College 9th and 10th grade girls

Focus: what colleges evaluate, A-G coursework, how to calculate your GPA, types of colleges, and paying for college

October 19, 2021 – Planning for College 11th grade girls

Focus: covers above in more depth, plus how to develop a college list.



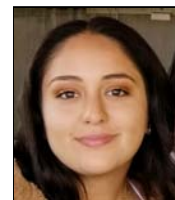
* Both presentations will provide up-to-date information on how COVID has impacted college admissions.

* Contact [Anita Massey](#) for more information.

AAUW LPD Scholarship Foundation News

What a wonderful day we all had at our Fall Luncheon. We were fortunate to have 2 of our scholarship winners as guest speakers. We certainly enjoyed their speeches!

Marisol Franco is attending UC Berkeley and is majoring in Political Science. She is the first in her family to go to college. Her parents immigrated from Mexico and have instilled in her the value of an education. Marisol's sister joined us for lunch and is considering nursing training for her educational next-step.



Nilufar Kayhani is a senior at UC Berkeley and is majoring in Public Health. Her parents immigrated from Afghanistan and she is a first generation college student. Her mother joined us for lunch also.



Jordan Higby was already back in school at California Baptist University. She is majoring in Communication Studies. She wished she could have attended our luncheon but provided us with [this YouTube](#) video of her message to us.



It was just heartwarming to hear our scholarship recipients' speeches, and they uplifted us all!!



[**Susan Wacek**](#)

Scholarship Coordinator



Fall is here, and it brings a special treat: **the annual AAUW CA Fund luncheon**. **Three unique events** will once again be virtual this year -- and that suits me fine, as I can daydream about my own special lunches at home on these days!

Join us for one or all three events. Hear different speakers during each event!

October 23, 2021 10:00 AM to noon

October 30, 2021 10:00 AM to noon

November 7, 2021 1:00-3:00 PM

Click [HERE](#) to register -- please DO register as there is no charge to you.

Black Holes? Rural women's health? Social classification? What incredible topics are our 37 AAUW-funded **California Fellowship and Grant recipients** studying? Be impressed by their stories and fascinating studies--made possible by your donations! When more details are available about the speakers for each day, I will share in the weekly Friday updates.

Meanwhile, start thinking about YOUR lunch -- I love all things pumpkin from Trader Joe's and may go with the following ...add a crunchy roll with some cranberry goat cheese, a splash of French Roast and chocolate biscotti -- that's the trick!

Bon appetit, my friends. Join me for lunch!

[PJ Wells](#)
AAUW Fund



(**Although these events are free**...please consider making a [donation](#) to the [AAUW Fund](#) to support this fantastic program OR contribute to the [Greatest Need Fund](#), which enables your donation to be prioritized to meet AAUW obligations.)



International Food!

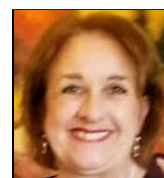
Do you enjoy eating out? Join your fellow AAUW members once a month as we try the various international cuisines available in the Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin area.

The lunch day of the week will vary each time we eat out to accommodate various schedules. We will also vary the type and cost of the restaurant.

There may be cases where attendance is limited due to the size of the restaurant or public health recommendations. All lunches will be published via Evite. If you are interested, sign up early!

Dates for this fall are:
Wednesday, October 28
Tuesday, November 16

Questions or recommendations for restaurants?
Contact [Tina Amber](#)
Membership



AAUW's mission:

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

[AAUW.org](#)

Information to Act on....

Click on the following links to get educated and act to support gender equity and opportunity.



Enter your address to ask your Senators to show their support for pay equity by passing the [Paycheck Fairness Act!](#)

Update: On April 15, 2021, the House of Representatives voted 217-210 to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act with bipartisan support. However, on June 8, 2021 it failed on a party-line procedural vote in the Senate, 49-50.

The fight is not over. Your Senator still needs to hear from you. Call on your elected officials to listen to voters (who overwhelmingly support pay equity) and work to pass this important bill.



Help Fight for Paid Leave

Over half of mothers who left their jobs during the pandemic reportedly did so because their child's school or daycare closed. Many women cannot return to

the workforce without access to child care and paid leave. This is unacceptable!

Congress is working toward their final budget resolution. [Tell them](#) it's time to catch up with developed countries that provide meaningful paid leave and childcare to workers. [Take action now](#) (10 minutes).

Applications Open for 2022-23 AAUW Fellows and Grantees

Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars and trailblazers. [Apply for educational funding](#) through AAUW. Deadlines run from November to December 2021. [Help spread the word!](#)



Get Educated! Alameda County Redistricting is happening now

How are your tax dollars spent? Who represents us (Congress to school boards)? The way our communities are represented and district lines are drawn influences the above.

Alameda County must evaluate redistricting of its 5 districts (drawing boundaries for electoral and political districts) to reflect population changes shown in the 2020 Census.

You know your community. You can provide information online to help make this redistricting equitable, inclusive, and transparent! [Learn more at alcoredistracting.org](#).



AAUW is pleased to launch our new

[Money Smart program](#), a series of three 1-hour [free virtual workshops](#) to support women in navigating their personal finances.

Pass this information on! We particularly encourage women of color to join us for information and resources to help address the disproportionate fiscal challenges faced by Black and Brown women.

[End the Student Debt Crisis](#)



Women hold 64 percent (\$929 billion) of the country's \$1.46 trillion student debt ([5/19/21 analysis](#)). This isn't just a student problem – it's a gender inequity problem, and it impacts us all.

Pass this information on to college-bound students and their parents! Click on the above links to learn more.

[Pass the Women's Health Protection Act!](#)

Update: On September 24, 2021, the House of Representatives [passed](#) the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021. The legislation now moves to the U.S. Senate.

[Take action/ click the title link](#) to urge your Senators to support vital protections for reproductive health for all!

AAUW Book Groups

“In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.” – Mortimer J. Adler

Read some books that inspire you, provoke you, or surprise you. Visit one of our book groups to listen to great discussion....and maybe share in reading the next month's book!

Morning Book Group **9:30am – 11:00am** fourth Thursday of each month

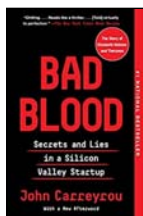
Contact [Bev](#) for the next meeting date and book title. [See upcoming titles.](#)

Afternoon Book Group **1:30pm – 3:00pm** second Wednesday each month

Contact [Devon](#) about the next meeting date and book title. [See upcoming titles.](#)



What readers say about....



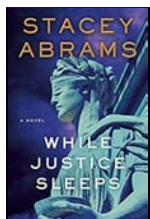
[Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup](#)

One of the advantages of being part of a discussion about a book like *Bad Blood* is the valuable input you receive from group members who have special knowledge about particular issues or aspects of the book. It really helps shape your understanding, & often “fills in the blanks”. The timing of this discussion was perfect. With the Theranos trials & scandal much in the news, it was great to learn the backstory & get to know the key players. Guilty or not guilty—we all have a better informed opinion now!

--Karen Richardson

What a compelling book and how apropos!! John Carreyrou (*Wall St. Journal* investigative reporter and author) did extensive research and certainly set the stage depicting Elizabeth Holmes as a guilty figure. We'll see what the jury thinks.

--Susan Wacek



Since I have to review [While Justice Sleeps](#) for another book club, I probably followed the characters more closely than I would for other books. The main character, Avery Keene seemed a little too smart to be real. She was a likeable character and full of knowledge about many things. Wish I knew a little more about chess!

--Bev Howell



[8 Memoirs of Women Hiking in the Wilderness](#)

Link to books for those of you who walk and hike for fun! Annabel Abbs, author of *Windswept*, recommends books by women walking in nature.

“Like men, women hiked for pleasure, solitude, creativity, and catharsis. During the 19th-century, numerous women hiked solo over mountains and across plains, beside rivers and through forests. Many of them published accounts of their walks—gripping memoirs that have languished in archives or been entirely forgotten.”



Mission Discussion Group: Join us for coffee and conversation! Topics vary as issues change and items of current interest arise. [Chris Alesso](#), discussion facilitator, says that the interest group name may *sound* serious and the topics *are* serious—but the discussions are lively and interesting. Chris shares topical information to read and consider, and we share information links with each other before we meet. See you at 10:00 AM the second Thursday of each month, [Paris Baguette, Pleasanton.](#)

AAUW Trailblazers Our members, fellows and award winners pioneer advances for gender equity. Explore the ways many of us have made our mark --from the past to the present and into the future!



Rep. Shirley Chisolm

First Black woman elected to congress (D-NY, 1969-83). First Black person to run for president and first woman to run for presidential nomination from a major political party.



Rep. Patsy Mink

Member of Congress (D-HI, 1965-77). Co-author of Title IX.



**Justice
Sonia
Sotomayor**



**Justice
Ruth Bader
Ginsburg**



**Justice
Sandra Day
O'Connor**

Each won AAUW Achievement Awards.



Janet Reno

First woman Attorney General of the United States (1993-2000).



Lou Henry Hoover

First Lady of the United States (1929-33). First woman to receive a geology degree from Stanford University. Co-founder and President of the Girl Scouts of America.



Mae Jemison

First Black woman to travel in space. Engineer, physician and NASA astronaut. Received 2007 Achievement Award.



Margaret Mead

First woman president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Curator Emeritus of the American Museum of Natural History. Pioneering anthropologist and activist. Received 1978 AAUW Achievement Award.



Barbara McClintock

First woman to win an unshared Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for her study of genetic transposition or "jumping genes" in maize. Received 1947 AAUW Achievement Award: \$2,500 prize, at a time when 95% of available funding was going to men.



Chien-Shiung Wu

First woman President of the American Physical Society and physics pioneer. First woman to receive an honorary degree from Princeton and first woman to receive the National Academy of Sciences' Comstock Prize. Wu's work was termed the most important development in the field of atomic and nuclear physics to date in 1959; her male co-workers Lee and Yang received the Nobel Prize, but her work was overlooked.

Funding Women's History AAUW has a proud heritage of helping women pursue higher education, tracing back to 1881--when few women had that opportunity. Click the link to read about our first fellows, our support of a 1920's STEM pioneer, our WWII War Relief Fund, the 1963 African Educators' Program, and 1970's-era grants to bring more women into non-traditional fields such as law, business and medicine.

Click on **AAUW LPD calendar** for branch activities. Check your emails for **AAUW Friday updates**.

Check **Good Reads** for book group book descriptions.

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| Monday Night Bridge and Conversation  | Mon. October 4, 7:00pm –9:30pm (weekly Mondays each month) Contact Marti for information. | Bridge meets weekly on Mondays via Zoom . meeting ID 871 0728 2781 passcode 104382 |
| Mah Jongg Fun  | Tues. October 5 & 19, 1pm – 4pm (first and third Tuesdays each month) Contact JoAnn for location and information. | Join us--even if you've never played--and see how much fun this game is! |
| Branch Board Meeting | Wed. October 6, 1pm – 3pm (first Wednesday each month) Contact Marilyn for details. | All members welcome to attend! CLICK HERE to join Zoom meeting meeting ID is 847 6261 1370 passcode is eq8ty2020 |
| Cocktails and Conversation  | Tues. October 5, 5:30pm – 7:00pm (first Tuesday each month) Contact Marilyn for details. Check Friday updates for location change. | Join us at the newly remodeled Pleasanton Lucky store--outside patio if weather cooperates. (Corner of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Blvd.) |
| Afternoon Book Group  | Wed, October 13, 1:30pm – 3:00pm (second Wednesday each month) Contact Devon for location information. | Anne Dini 's home Connie Squires reviews <i>The Girl with the Loudest Voice</i> . |
| Mission Discussion Group | Thu October 14, 10:00am – 11:00am Contact Chris for information and discussion topic!! | Paris Baguette, Pleasanton (corner of Santa Rita and Pimlico) |
| Solo Dining | Fri. October 15, 5:30pm – 7:00pm Contact Sandie for location. Check your Friday email update for more information. | You don't have to be single to join this group, you just need to enjoy eating out with friends! |
| Coffee And...  | Thu October 21, 10:00am–11:00am (second Thursday each month) Join us for coffee or tea, snacks, and conversation! | Paris Baguette, Pleasanton (corner of Santa Rita and Pimlico) Check your Friday update email for any changes. |
| Morning Book Group | Thu October 28, 9:30am – 11:00am (fourth Thursday each month) Current meeting via Zoom. | Contact Bev for details. See upcoming titles . This month's book: <i>The Dictionary of Words</i> |