

TOGETHER AGAIN AAUW LPD Branch Fall Kickoff

Saturday, September 18 from

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

JoAnn Houk's Home

2169 Cameron Circle Pleasanton, CA 94588

Follow the signs to enter through the side gate.

Please reply to your EVITE sent 8/19!

Our branch will start the year with a September *in person* gathering in JoAnn's beautiful backyard. Please join us for a light lunch and meet your fellow branch members and guests!

We are pleased that some of our 2021 AAUW LPD Foundation Scholarship winners will be able to join us. Each year the AAUW LPD Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships that help undergraduate women further their education and career goals.

New and potential members welcome! This luncheon is the perfect opportunity to learn about our upcoming mission activities and varied interest groups.

If your last name begins with:

- A-I please bring some type of a salad
- J-R please bring finger sandwiches
- S-Z please bring a dessert

Beverages and paper goods will be provided. If your item needs a serving utensil, please provide it.

Those who are not vaccinated are asked to wear masks. Masks will also be required to enter the house if needed.



Welcome back everyone! I want to thank the board who have been hard at work for much of this time planning events for the upcoming year. We would love to have your input during this planning process so that your interests are well served. Contact program co-chairs Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan if you would like to help.

We are slowly inching toward in-person activities while carefully following state and county COVID 19 guidelines. With this in mind, we look forward to welcoming you to our kick-off potluck on Saturday September 18th outdoors at JoAnn Houk's home. By now you should have received an Evite. Please respond yes or no so that we may properly plan the event. Our theme this year is *Together Again* so please join us!

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Marilyn Duman
AAUW LPD President 2021-2022

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Greet our 2021-2022 AAUW LPD branch board of directors!



Charlene Roz Anita Marilyn PJ Sheryl Tina

Happy to be together again physically after a year apart....

Directors

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



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Officers At-Large

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

BOARD BRIEFS from 8/11/21 meeting

- Board will review our 2021-22 branch budget at the 9/1 board meeting. Budget to be presented to branch members at 9/18 Together Again-Fall Kickoff (all-branch meeting).
- *Grapevine* newsletter will change in format during the next 3 months. Look for short article summaries with links to more detailed online information.
- Thanks to Sandy Hansen for organizing and adding to online archives of branch documents and photos.
- New interest groups? An "Out to Lunch" group that samples new local restaurants is being considered.

AAUW INFORMATION LINKS....

- [AAUW California website](#)
- [AAUW National website](#)
- [AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin website](#) (activities calendar, interest groups)
- [AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Facebook page](#)
- [Alameda County Inter-Branch Council](#)

Alameda, Berkeley, Fremont, Hayward-Castro Valley,
Livermore-Pleasanton Dublin, Oakland-Piedmont

Announcing our AAUW-LPD 2021-2022 Local Scholarship Winners!

- * Marisol Franco UC Berkeley-Political Science
- * Nilufar Kayhani UC Berkeley-Public Health
- * Jordan Higby California Baptist University-Communication Studies



Marisol Franco attended Granada High School in Livermore and then went on to complete two Associates degrees at Las Positas College. After receiving an AA in Political Science and an AA in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a focus in Social and Behavioral Sciences, Marisol will now be transferring to UC Berkeley to complete her major in Political Science. She hopes to attend law school after completing her bachelor's degree. Her ultimate goal is to become a lawyer where she can aid those who are underrepresented in the justice system. [Click here](#) for Marisol's message to us!



Nilufar Kayhani is studying Public Health at UC Berkeley. Nilufar was raised in Dublin and attended Las Positas College through the TVROP Middle College program. As the daughter of Afghan refugees, she has been her family's health advocate for nearly all her life. Her experiences inform her commitment to health equity, which she hopes to continue to address in graduate school and beyond.



Jordan Higby graduated high school in Livermore in 2016. She took a gap year to work and learn more about herself and her aspirations for the future. In the fall of 2017, she enrolled at Contra Costa Medical Career College (CCMCC), completing didactic and laboratory training, earning her certification and licensure as a Certified Phlebotomy Technician 1 (CPT1). However, Jordan realized this was not her passion. In the fall of 2018, she enrolled at Las Positas College and attended for 2 years. Jordan then transferred to California Baptist University (CBU), where she will graduate in the spring of 2022 with a BA in Communication Studies. [Click here](#) for Jordan's message to us!

Through **our branch members' generosity**, AAUW/LPD Local Scholarship Foundation provided scholarships to these young women for **over \$2,000 each!**

You can support female college students, too!

- **Anyone can donate to our local scholarship fund.** Membership is not required.
- Your tax-deductible **donations** can be made throughout the year to [AAUW/LPD Local Scholarship Foundation](#). Contact fundraising event chair **Susan Wacek** scholarships@aauw-lpd.org to donate.

Update from Alea Del Mastro (2019 scholarship winner)

- continues to conduct research on the immunological response to tuberculosis in Non-Human Primates using multiplexed ion beam imaging
- abstract accepted at the Keystone Single Cell Biology Conference (due to the pandemic, conference was cancelled)
- took a leadership role to reduce her dorm's natural gas usage by 15%; her dorm won LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification
- BS in Chemical Engineering; initiated into Tau Beta Pi (national engineering honor society for top 20% of senior engineering students); began MS, plans to apply to PhD programs in Immunology/Infectious Diseases



As the new chair of the [AAUW Fund](#), it has been a privilege working with the outgoing leader, **Sandy Hansen**. I'm looking forward to her continued guidance (as I need training wheels on this bike!). While I am new to this role, I have been a member of AAUW about 4 years now and support the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. Our financial support of the fund is a perfect way to translate that commitment into action.

Through the close of Q2-2021 (June 30, 2021) the LPD branch has contributed a total of \$4,045.00 -- that is \$50.56 per person. Of those monies, \$3,491.00 are tagged for "Greatest Needs" -- and that represents \$43.63 per person. **Let me thank the following**

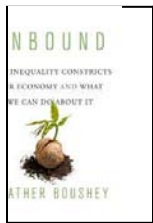
members for their generosity:

Patricia Wilen, Roxann Spillman, Tina Amer, Suzanne Emberton, Barbara Hemphill, Marias Kennedy, Laurene Green-Horner, Nancy Cotton, JoAnn Houk, Sandra Hansen, Helen Dourov, Walter Morgan.

Our branch's generosity allows us to continue the work with purpose and financial clout.

PJ Wells
AAUW Fund Director

[Recent Books by AAUW Fellows and Grantees](#) Your donations help to make these books possible!

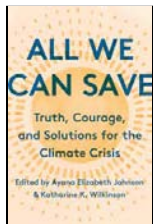
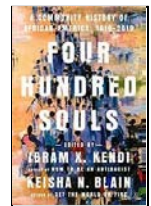


[Unbound: How Inequality Constricts Our Economy and What We Can Do about It](#)

- meticulous evidence that inequality hurts economic growth
- a path forward for our country based on equity

[Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019](#)

Each of 90 brilliant writers takes on a five-year period of African America's history from 1619 to the present.

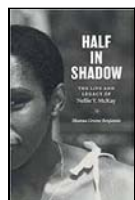
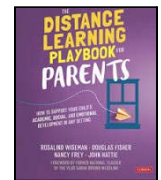


[All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis](#)

Voices of women at the forefront of the climate change movement.
New York Times: "a powerful read that fills one with, dare I say . . . hope?"

[The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents: How to Support Your Child's Academic, Social, and Emotional Development in Any Setting](#)

A wealth of advice that will help children thrive in any learning environment.

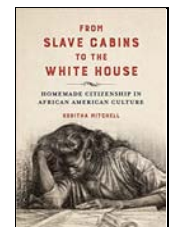


[Half in Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Nellie Y. McKay](#)

McKay's private life and public work expand how we think about Black literary history and the place of Black women in American culture.

[From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture](#)

Highlights Black homemaking in the midst of anti-Blackness and oppression throughout African American history.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!



Diversity, equity, and inclusion? Intersectionality, unconscious bias, or microaggressions?

Do you know what you are talking about when it comes to defining *diversity, equity, and inclusion*?

AAUW helps women of all ages tackle jobs, school, and relationships as their **true selves**.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion mean **greater productivity and innovation** that contribute to **increased revenue**.

Click [here](#) for AAUW's definitions toolkit!



**AAUW CEO
Kimberly Churches resigns....**

[Read her letter here](#)
[Kim's Biography](#)



[AAUW National webinars](#) cover issues that women face, both here and globally. Scroll through past webinars to access topics like:

[Equitable Recovery: Transforming Business Beyond COVID-19](#)

[Two Steps Back: The Impact of COVID-19 on Women Entrepreneurs](#)

[AAUW Public Policy Talks: 2021 Priorities and the New Administration](#)

OATS (Older Americans Transportation System) and Humana Foundation launched an initiative to bring 1 million older Americans online by 2022. Per the ***Ageing Connected: Exposing the Hidden Connectivity Crisis for Older Adults*** report: almost 22 million seniors lack home internet (most deprived being Blacks, Latinos and rural Americans).



Do you or someone you know have internet needs? **Ageing Connected** (877-745-1930) can help!

Sandy Hansen, Branch Archivist

AAUW CA PROMOTES LEGISLATION!

Our California legislature reconvened on 8/16/2021 after their summer recess.

What you need to know: AAUW California is co-sponsoring or watching 39 bills. 18 are still active; one dealing with childcare and education has been signed.



What you can do: Click [here](#) to see a detailed list of active bills.

Become a **[Two-Minute Activist!](#)** Get regular alerts about legislation that affects women. Help by sending emails and texts to your legislators.

5-STAR RETURNS....PLUS MORE

This national program rewards states and branches for aligning their work with the AAUW mission: advancing gender equity for women and girls. The program is back for the 2021-22 season (July 2021 through June 2022). Click [here](#) for specific details.

We have opportunities for you! Our branch is known for its Tri-Valley girls' education programs. Contact **Sheryl Morgan** sheryl@aauw-lpd.org or **Anita Massey** anita@aauw-lpd.org for details.

The ***Grapevine*** is the AAUW LPD branch monthly newsletter. Ten issues are published yearly, September to June.



The ***Grapevine*** is a great place to share your thoughts with fellow members about:

- books you discuss in a book group
- shared activities or discussions in your interest group
- notable accomplishments or challenges overcome by women of any age that you admire!

For the October ***Grapevine***: Please submit information or articles to devon@aauw-lpd.org by email, Word document, or shared Google Doc.

Click on [AAUW LPD calendar](#) for branch activities. Check [Good Reads](#) for book group descriptions.



Branch Board Meeting

Wed, September 1, 1pm – 3pm (first Wednesday each month)

All members welcome to attend!

Contact Marilyn Duman marilyn@aauw-lpd.org for location and details.

Monday Night Bridge and Conversation

Mon, September 6, 7:00pm – 9:30pm (first Monday each month).

Bridge meets weekly on Monday via [Zoom](#).

If you are unable to click on the link, the recurring meeting ID is 871 0728 2781 and the passcode is 104382.

Contact Marti Silva marti@aauw-lpd.org for information.



Mah Jongg Fun

Tues, September 7, 1pm – 4pm (first and third Tuesdays each month)

Contact JoAnn Houk joann@aauw-lpd.org for location and information.



Cocktails and Conversations

Tues, September 7, 5:30pm – 7:00pm (first Tuesday each month)

Join us and relax!

Meet at Main St. Brewery (830 Main St, Pleasanton). Walk through Brewery to 828.

"Evening" Books

Wed, September 8, 1:30pm – 3:00pm (second Wednesday each month)

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

Ridgeview Commons library. Contact [Devon LaHar](#) for more information.

(Yes, we changed from evening to afternoon discussion!

[Click here](#) for books we're discussing this year.)



Afternoon Books

second Monday each month; not currently meeting

Contact Mary Ann Karlsen maryann@aauw-lpd.org for information.



Coffee And... Thu, September 16, 10am – 11am (second Thursday each month)

[Paris Baguette, Pleasanton](#) (corner of Santa Rita and Pimlico)

Join us for an hour of coffee or tea, snacks, and conversation!

Check your Friday AAUW-LPD email update for any changes.



Fall Kick-off: Together Again

Sat, September 18, 11am – 1pm

See page 1, Friday update and 8/19 Evite for location and information.

Morning Books

Thu, September 23, 9:30am – 11:00am (fourth Thursday each month)

Current meeting via Zoom.

Contact Bev Howell morningbooks@aauw-lpd.org for details. [See upcoming titles.](#)

Duplicate Bridge

Fourth Monday each month; not currently meeting.

Contact Nancy Rensick nancy@aauw-lpd.org for information.

Solo Dining Try new restaurants with us! Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Sandie Brown: sandie@aauw-lpd.org for information.