

The Grapevine

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Happy Holidays...|
and happy to be together!

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President Message January 2022

Happy New Year everyone!

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Holiday dinner at Terra Mia last month. I want to thank Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan along with the program committee for arranging a lovely, festive event.

Please consider a New Year resolution to increase your involvement with our branch by attending a new interest group, dropping in for Cocktails & Conversation or Coffee "AND", or joining one of our committees. I realize that Covid restrictions have limited the ways we meet, but there are opportunities to gather safely in person or on Zoom. Our calendar of coming events and the Friday updates are a good resource.

We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing more of you in 2022.

All the best,

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President



We held our annual **Holiday Celebration** at Terra Mia on December 15 with fabulous food, great conversation and laughter all around. Here's what two of our members said after the event:

"I am pleased that our local AAUW branch supports women by such things as donating gift cards to the Tri-Valley Haven." - Pat Kohen

"Why did I enjoy our Christmas dinner? It is the loving camaraderie among the members who always welcome me as an old friend, even after a long absence. This AAUW branch offers a way to be involved with intelligent, accomplished women who care about the world and society, while basing their opinions on reason, as well as compassion. I thoroughly enjoyed the party and look forward to the next one." - Peggy Lemanski

Thanks to your generosity, our gift basket raffle raised **\$375** for the branch, and gift card donations raised **\$780** for Tri-Valley Haven! Thank you to all who participated. Thank you also to the planning committee who made the event happen: Chris Alesso, Tina Amber, Marilyn Duman, Charlene Grandfield, Pam Leong and Roz Wright.

Be sure to put our **Wine Social** for members and spouses/partners/friends on your calendar: Saturday, February 19, 4:00 pm at Anita Massey's house. Watch for your Evite in late January.

The next **program committee meeting** will be 9:00 am, Thursday January 20, at Paris Baguette in Pleasanton. We welcome anyone who'd like to join us on the program committee to plan the rest of our 2022 events.

[Anita Massey](#) and [Sheryl Morgan](#), Programs



Once again, under the leadership of PJ Wells, we are hosting our very successful **Speaker Series for High School Girls** and hope to expand the audience to include women at Las Positas.

From PJ Wells:

“A panel of professional women will share details of their daily work life including their varied paths to success. This year we have benefited from a phenomenal introduction to key partners, thanks to our very own Dot Bishop. She was the catalyst to encourage me to approach Las Positas College and contact Nan Ho, Dean of STEM Academic Services. Nan nominated a molecular development biologist, Yuriko Kishi, to speak — and she accepted! Dot also introduced me to Monya Lane at Quest — who nominated several outstanding candidates to speak. Yes, they also accepted the invitation.

Our line-up this year is varied and exciting. We'll cover healthcare specialties, robotics, equality and democracy, plus deep lab research by PhD's. The AAUW team on this one has been fantastic!”

There will be 3 zoom sessions on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Each session is approximately an hour and the sessions are free of charge. The zoom format removes the need for attendees to be local, so please share the information with the young women you know.

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

- Melissa Middeldorp, PhD-Health & Medical Science, Cardiology
- Erin Carroll, MS, PA-C, Reconstructive Surgery
- Ashlie Martini, PhD-Professor Mechanical Engineering (NASA project)

To reserve a seat at this event register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdu2rrD0sG9ClkK2aedQo2ipxMfzh9Y2h>

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

- Kimberly Grano, JD-Immigration Attorney-At-Law
- Rose Monroe, BS-BA IT, Principal Security Consultant-Risk Security & Privacy
- Jessica Trounstine, PhD-Professor/Chair-Political Science

To reserve a seat at this event register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpduyqrzoqGtEvGYRd2oN3-lIj7ceOEjp2>

Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM - the evenings speakers:

- Alison Yorita, PhD-Chemical/Bioengineering-Neural Interfaces
- Sarah Sandholtz, PhD-Chemistry, Epigenetic Chromosomal DNA
- Yuriko Kishi, PhD-Molecular Development Biology

To reserve a seat at this event register here.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYud-1pqzMsHNHtbSPzxiUNM6EpWcKrtZx>



Questions can be sent to: girlprograms@aauw-lpd.org (Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan)



Memorial Service for Robin Morgan

(November 11, 1932 – September 25, 2021)

Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

[Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton 94566](#)

Our condolences to branch member Walt Morgan and his family on wife Robin Morgan's passing. A wonderful remembrance from Walt:

“Robin first joined AAUW in Pullman, Washington, immediately after her graduation from Washington State College. Later she successively moved her membership to Seattle, WA, Las Vegas, NV and Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin as her husband made career changes and their family moved.

Robin's more notable positions within AAUW were President of the Las Vegas Branch, President of the Nevada State Division, and President of the Tri-Valley Branch. One of her near-perennial roles within each Branch where she was a member was serving as By-Laws Chair.

Outside of AAUW, Robin had a variety of jobs. She was an elementary school teacher, director of a preschool, and owner-operator of an income tax preparation business. An outspoken advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment, her activity included some months as a lobbyist at the Nevada State Assembly. Even more significant to her, she was for 67 years the wife of Walter Morgan (a 35-year L-P-D member) and the proud mother of five and grandmother of five. She is very much missed.”

AAUW Group Power

(from Carol Holzgrafe and every AAUW Paradise branch member)

As the November 8, 2018 Paradise Camp Fire anniversary drew near, those of us who received so much help from AAUW members in California and elsewhere want to give an update and renew our thanks.

One small plea posted on the AAUW California website and a few emails asking for help brought tens of thousands of dollars in gift cards, offers of housing, furniture, and, in the case of a member who couldn't get her garage door open and had no replacement insurance—a car.

The Paradise branch board members, most of whom also lost their homes, worked hours to distribute the contributions to 35 of its 40 members, as well as Tech Trek families who were particularly hard-hit. Let's be reminded that good work starts at home.

From all of us, thank you!

[Gender Pay Gap 2021](#) 6-page AAUW report

Pay inequity is a structural problem that demands structural solutions. The origins of the gender pay gap are complicated.

This updated report uses plain language plus bullet points, charts, and graphs! It's worth a look...skim, then return for a closer read.

- How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted women and the workplace?
- How has the pandemic exacerbated the gender pay gap?
- How is the gender pay gap calculated?
- How does the gender pay gap impact women of color?
- What's behind the gender pay gap?
- [How does your state stack up?](#)

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'Fakin It'

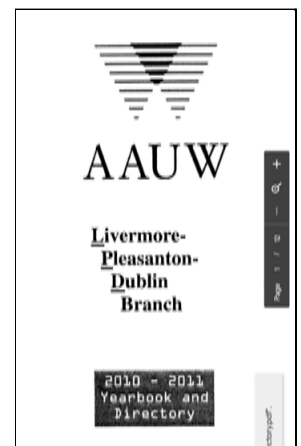
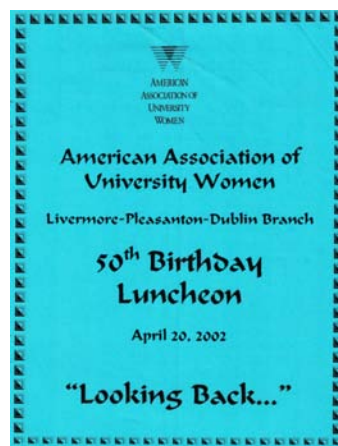
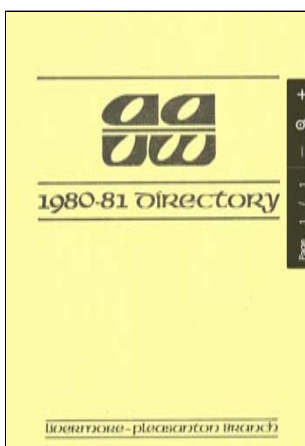
The American Association of University Women, Livermore-Pleasanton branch, will repeat the popular 'Fakin It' with "Fakin It II," complete with rock music and light show. The show will take place in the Livermore Recreation Center, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20. Tickets are \$3.75 per couple or \$2 for singles. Trying the water bed from Cloud 9 in The Mall are from left Mrs. Lee Davies, Mrs. Stanley Bishop, Mrs. Ted Wieskamp, Mrs. Donald Frazee and Mrs. Steven Patenaude.

Just for fun...this news clip is from our 1971 branch archives. Members sit on a waterbed and toast their upcoming musical revue. See current AAUW LPD members Dot Bishop and Ayn Wieskamp (second and third from left)?

HISTORY— 69 years and counting! Our AAUW branch celebrated 69 years of advocacy in Spring 2021.

AAUW's mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Branch focus: Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership.



Many thanks to long-time AAUW LPD member **Sandy Hansen** for creating and uploading branch history to our online branch archives! Covers from previous directories and booklets above.

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

Mah Jongg Fun	(first and third Tuesdays/month)	Contact JoAnn for information.
Cocktails and Conversation 	Tues January 4 5:30pm – 7:00pm (first Tuesday each month)	Contact Marilyn for details. Check Friday updates for location.
Branch Board Meeting	Wed January 5, 1:00pm – 3:00pm (first Wednesday each month) Charlene Grandfield's house Contact Marilyn for details.	All members are welcome to attend! CLICK HERE to join Zoom meeting meeting ID is 847 6261 1370 passcode is eq8ty2020
Monday Night Bridge 	Mon January 10 and 24, 7:00pm (second and fourth Mondays monthly) Contact Marti for information.	Bridge meets via Zoom . If you are unable to click on the link: recurring meeting ID 871 0728 2781 passcode 104382
Afternoon Book Group 	Wed January 12, 1:30pm – 3:00pm (second Wednesday each month) Contact Devon for information.	Discuss <i>Finding Chica</i> reviewed by Susan Wacek. Lunch at Stoneridge Creek! See upcoming titles
Mission Discussion Group	Thu January 13, 10:00am–11:00am	Contact Chris for information and discussion topic! Check Friday updates for location.
International Lunch Group 	We'll meet in January 2022!	Watch for date and location via Evite and Friday updates.
Program Committee Meeting	Thu January 20, 9:00am Join the fun–help to plan our 2020 branch events!	Paris Baguette, Pleasanton (corner of Santa Rita and Pimlico)
Coffee And... 	Thu January 20, 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.
Solo Dining 	Fri January 21, 1:00pm lunch Contact Sandie 925-999-8400 for information.	Enjoy eating out with friends! Watch Friday updates for location.
Morning Book Group	Thu January 27, 9:30am – 11:00am (fourth Thursday each month) Contact Bev for location and details.	Discuss <i>Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight</i> See upcoming titles
Speakers Series for High School Girls	Thu January 27, 7:00-8:00pm Free via Zoom. Watch Friday updates for information to share.	Register here to reserve a seat at this event: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdu2rrD0sG9CikK2aedQo2ipxMfzh9Y2h