



# The Grapevine

May 2022



## President's Message

As we begin to meet in person, we hope you will join us!

What would YOU like to do? How can we support your interests? Please reach out to me or to other board members to let us know what interests you. I know we've gotten out of the habit of in-person activities. Perhaps you can "get your feet wet" and join us for olive oil tasting at Olivina on **May 21**. The venue is open air and shaded. Our **June 17** afternoon officer installation will be in my yard. Please try to get back in the habit of thinking about and supporting AAUW. We miss you!

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President



## Upcoming Branch Programs

More opportunities to gather this year!

**Saturday, May 21, 2:30-4:00 PM**

Tour and Tasting  
Olivina Estate located at  
4555 Arroyo Road in Livermore

Please join us for a free, private tour and tasting at the Olivina Estate in Livermore. Olivina makes true California extra virgin olive oil from olives grown, harvested, milled and bottled on the historic estate. Estate owner Charles Crohare will host our tour, followed by a tasting of select products. We will of course have the opportunity to purchase items for our home enjoyment. Attendance is limited to 20 so **check your April 11 Evite to sign up today!** Contact [Sheryl](#) for more information.

**Friday, June 17, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Branch Officer Installation and Social

This event will again be held in the lovely yard of our President Marilyn Duman. Please **watch for an Evite** to come your way.

**Saturday, September 24, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

For those who really like to plan ahead, save this date for our 2022-23 kickoff, where we will again be able to hear from both of our scholarship winners and our Tech Trekkers— as well as celebrating our Branch's 70th birthday!

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

Branch Program Chairs

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## AAUW LPD Board 2021-22

### Directors

<b>President</b>	Marilyn Duman
<b>Program</b>	Anita Massey
<b>Program</b>	Sheryl Morgan
<b>Finance</b>	Pam Leong
<b>Membership</b>	Tina Amber

### Officers at Large

#### Communications

Marilyn Duman

#### Secretary

Charlene Grandfield

#### IBC Liaison

Charlene Grandfield

#### STEM Director

Anita Massey

#### Publicity

Roz Wright

#### Public Policy

Roz Wright

#### AAUW Fund

PJ Wells

## AAUW Mission

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

[AAUW-LPD website](#)



**A breath of fresh air at our  
AAUW-LPD  
2022 Board Election Luncheon  
Zephyr Restaurant, Livermore**



**Thanks to:**

- Branch Program Committee (luncheon planning)
- 2021-22 Branch Nomination Committee Chair **Pam Leong** and committee (board election)
- Branch member speaker **Sarah Palmer** (Vice-President, Zone 7 Water Agency) for her informative talk on the Delta Conveyance.



**Congratulations** to our branch 2022-2023 slate of officers and directors (and our **Nomination Committee 2022-23** Roz Wright & Pam Leong)!

**Officers**

**President**  
Marilyn Duman  
**Program Chair(s)**  
Anita Massey  
Sheryl Morgan  
**Membership**  
Tina Amber  
**Finance**  
Pam Leong

**Directors**

**AAUW Fund**  
PJ Wells  
**Interbranch Council**  
Charlene Grandfield  
**Publicity**  
Roz Wright  
**Historian/Archives**  
Sandy Hansen

**Directors**

**Director at Large**  
Chris Alesso  
**Secretary**  
Pam Leong  
**Stem/Girl Program Director**  
Anita Massey  
**Membership Recruitment**  
Tina Amber

Join us to thank our current board members for their service and to greet these incoming branch leaders at our **June 17** afternoon Branch Officer Installation.



## International Lunch Group

From **Tina Amber**: The lunch group will take a break until June. Our local branch has scheduled a variety of in-person activities which I hope you will be able to attend!

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## Membership

Membership renewals are coming....soon!

AAUW has a new membership system and it is in its final stages of development. Very shortly, you should receive an email from AAUW that will allow you to renew your national, state and branch membership online.

I encourage you to renew your membership online when you receive the email - it is so easy. For those of you who choose not to renew your membership online, I will be sending out written due notices.

In the next month or so, I will be posting instructions on how to use the new online AAUW membership system to update your address and any many other preferences.

If you have membership questions, send me a note at [tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com).

**Tina Amber**

Branch Membership Chair

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## AAUW CA Sponsors California Legislation

Information from AAUW CA Public Policy Committee.

[Click here](#) for AAUW CA legislation updates.



The AAUW California Public Policy Committee has selected the bills that we will be supporting as they move through the 2022 Session of the California Legislature. Here are the **six highest priority bills**:

- **AB 92**—creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services. Co-sponsor
- **AB 1666**—enables persons to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. Co-sponsor
- **AB 1968**—mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.
- **AB 2881**—Student parents get priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers, enabling them to remain in California colleges.
- **SB 523**—Expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.
- **SB 1375**—updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

Within our Public Policy Priorities: six bills are related to *Economic Security for All Women*, seven are related to *Equal Access to Public Education*, and 18 are related to *Social and Racial Justice for all Members of Society*.

AAUW California is experiencing greater visibility among elected legislators by sponsoring/co-sponsoring bills. The state Public Policy Committee members spent many hours in March researching bills and in discussions (over two days) before selecting bills to support.

AAUW members are working to improve the lives of women and children in California!



## Local Scholarship Update: Non-Event Fundraiser

Because many of our members have generously donated this spring, we are close to our local scholarship goal. IF you haven't sent a check yet, it IS NOT too late!

Please send your **donation check** (made out to AAUW-LPD Local Scholarship Foundation) to **Ginny Reineking** in the provided return envelope (4123 Silver St. Pleasanton, CA 94566). We hope to award 2-3 scholarships to young women in their last

two years of college.

Our thanks for recently-received scholarship donations from *Marti Silva, Laurene Green, Dot Bishop* and *Myla Grasso*.

If you know of a qualified student, please have them [download our scholarship application here](#) or contact **Susan Wacek** at [scholarships@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:scholarships@aauw-lpd.org) for information or a hardcopy application.

**Vicki-Dawn Rader** and **Ginny Reineking**  
Local Scholarship Co-Chairs

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## Local Scholarship Foundation News

We are off to a great start in our scholarship application process. We already have several applications from promising young women. Our Local Scholarship selection committee will soon be working diligently to evaluate these worthy candidate qualifications and choose this year's scholarship winners.

If you are interested in being on our scholarship selection committee for this year or the next, please let me know. Our selection committee is always inspired by the background and accomplishments of each young woman who submits a scholarship application. It truly is a privilege to read about and consider what these applicants have already done in life—and what they plan to do next!

### [Susan Wacek](#)

Coordinator, Local Scholarship Foundation

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## 4th Annual AAUW Alameda Plant Sale

**Sat. April 30, 2022 9:00 AM–1:00 PM**

information and tickets [click here](#)

Think Mother's Day (May 8) or graduation gifts...and support girl scholarships awarded by our fellow AAUW branch! Over 600 indoor/outdoor plants grown by AAUW Alameda Branch members to choose from at two locations:

[Taylor & Webster Street](#) OR [Lincoln Avenue near Court](#)





## AAUW Elections

**AAUW National election:** To vote, find your **April 6 email** (search for **Vote Now to Shape AAUW's Future**) and follow instructions. **Voting closes** at 5 pm EDT on **May 16**. For more information click [HERE](#).

**Paper ballots** mailed to members without email addresses on file must be postmarked by **Friday April 29**. Contact 1-916-389-0220 if you need a paper ballot.

**AAUW CA election:** To vote, find your **April 23 email** (search for **2022 AAUW California Election**) and follow instructions. **Voting closes** on **May 14**.

[2022 AAUW California Nomination & Election Process](#)      [2022 Candidates](#)

If you can't find the email with your link to vote, check your Spam folder or [send an email](#) for help.

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### Tech Corner      Are you new to Zoom?

Zoom is actually easier to use than you might think! We are now meeting in person more often....but you can *still* use Zoom to hear speakers and participate in webinars, meetings, or get-togethers.

Ask an AAUW friend or family member for help. People you know are happy to sit with you and start you out!

Some short YouTube videos show you the basics of Zoom. They show the Zoom icons you can use to ask questions, turn your microphone on and off, and more.

- Watch a couple of these videos for step-by-step help.
  - You might watch a video first, then review it while you follow its step-by-step instructions using your computer or phone.
- You can learn to
  - download Zoom onto your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
  - click on a link in an email sent to you to join a Zoom get-together

### How to Join a Zoom meeting For the First Time

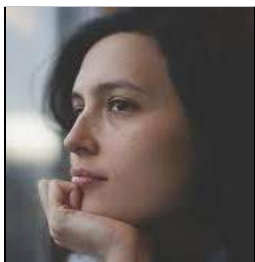
[Click here](#) to watch this 8-minute video. This video shows you step-by-step how to download the Zoom app (application) and join a meeting.

### Joining a Zoom Meeting for the First Time: A Cozy Step-by-Step Guide

[Click here](#) to watch this 6-minute video.

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May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. Since its beginning, AAUW has addressed a variety of factors that affect women's mental health. AAUW information follows:



[Destigmatizing Mental Health through Film in the 1950s](#)

[Girls and Mental Health](#)

[Early Gender Bias](#)

[The Cumulative Impact of Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers](#)

[Radical Self-Acceptance: Impostor Syndrome Through an Intersectional Lens](#)

(50-minute video)

## BRANCH CALENDAR (page 6-7)

Click on [AAUW LPD calendar](#) for branch activities. Check your **AAUW LPD Friday updates** emails. **Purple links** are email addresses; **blue links** are maps or websites. All links are tested and safe to click on.

<b>AAUW California Annual Event</b> Adventures in AAUWLand	<b>Sat April 30, 9:00AM-3:00PM</b> (previously the <i>AAUW CA Annual Conference</i> )	<b>Register <a href="#">HERE</a> to attend via Zoom.</b> You can Zoom in for some or all of the day's speakers and discussion. <a href="#">Click here</a> to see the event schedule.
<b>Mah Jongg Fun</b>	<b>Tues May 3, 1:00-4:00PM</b> (first and third Tuesdays/month)	Contact <a href="#">JoAnn</a> for more information and game location.
<b>Cocktails and Conversation</b> 	<b>Tues May 3, 5:30 PM</b> We will meet at the <b>Cellar Door</b> <a href="#">4469 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton</a> (opposite the Firehouse Theater)	Contact <a href="#">Marilyn</a> for more information..
<b>Branch Board Meeting</b>	<b>Wed May 4, 1:00 PM</b> (first Wednesday each month) All members are welcome to attend!	We will meet at <a href="#">Tina Amber's home</a> . Contact <a href="#">Marilyn</a> if you plan to attend in person or by Zoom (link provided).
	<b>Sunday May 8</b> Thank those moms you know (and any women who stand in as moms) for all that they do!	"Being a mother is an attitude, not a biological relation." — Robert A. Heinlein
<b>Monday Night Bridge</b> 	<b>Mon May 9, 7:00pm</b> (second and fourth Mondays monthly) Contact <a href="#">group chair Marti</a> for information.	Bridge meets via <a href="#">Zoom</a> . If you are unable to click on the link, use recurring meeting ID 871 0728 2781 passcode 104382
<b>Afternoon Book Group</b> 	<b>Wed May 11, 1:30-3:00pm</b> (second Wednesday each month) Contact <a href="#">Bev Howell</a> or check Friday update emails for information. Bev hosts. <a href="#">2436 Foothill Pleasanton, CA 94588</a>	Annual Book Choice Potluck! Bring a snack to share. Recommend a couple of your favorite books to the group—then we'll vote on which books we read and discuss the next year.
<b>Mission Discussion Group</b>	<b>Thu May 12, 10:00–11:00am</b> Join us for a friendly discussion of current events and other topics.	Contact <a href="#">Chris</a> for information and discussion topic. Check Friday updates for meeting location or Zoom link.
<b>International Lunch Group</b>	We're taking a break until June. Watch emailed Friday updates and Evite for information about our next lunch date and location!	
<b>Mah Jongg Fun</b>	<b>Tues May 17, 1:00-4:00PM</b> (first and third Tuesdays/month)	Contact <a href="#">JoAnn</a> for more information and game location.
<b>Coffee And...</b> 	<b>Thu May 19, 10:00–11:00am</b> (second Thursday each month) Join us for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation!	We will meet at <b>Paris Baguette</b> <a href="#">6700 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton</a> or by Zoom. Check your Friday update emails for location or Zoom link. <i>calendar continued p. 7</i>

## BRANCH CALENDAR *(continued from p. 6)*

<p><b>Solo Dining</b></p> 	<p><b>Fri May 20, 5:30pm</b>  <b>Brava Garden Eatery</b> rescheduled  <a href="#">724 Main St., Pleasanton</a></p>	<p>Enjoy eating out with friends!          Check your Friday updates or contact <b>Sandie</b> 925-999-8400 for information.</p>
<p><b>Olivina</b> Tour and Tasting</p>	<p><b>Sat May 21, 2:30-pm</b>          Olivina Estate located at          4555 Arroyo Road in Livermore</p>	<p>Check your April 11 Evite to sign up today! Contact <b>Sheryl</b> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Monday Night Bridge</b></p> 	<p><b>Mon May 23, 7:00pm</b> (second and fourth Mondays monthly)          Contact <b>group chair Marti</b> for information.</p>	<p>Bridge meets via <a href="#">Zoom</a>. If you are unable to click on the link, use recurring meeting ID 871 0728 2781 passcode 104382</p>
<p><b>Morning Book Group</b></p> 	<p><b>Thu May 26, 9:30-11:00am</b>          (fourth Thursday each month)          Contact <b>Bev</b> for location or Zoom link.</p>	<p>Check Friday updates for meeting location or Zoom link.  <a href="#">See upcoming titles</a></p>



**Our condolences** to the family of longtime AAUW LDP member **E. Lorene Stack**.

We recently learned that Lorene died in December of 2020 and a Celebration of Life was held on March 26 of this year. Lorene was an active member of the community for many years and an Honorary Life Member of our branch. More information can be found [HERE](#).