

The Grapevine

June 2022



President's Message

I want to take this opportunity to thank the current branch board members Tina Amber, Charlene Grandfield, Pam Leong, Anita Massey, Sheryl Morgan, PJ Wells and Roz Wright. It has been a pleasure to work with them and I look forward to another productive year. The current Officers and

Directors are continuing for another year and will be joined by Chris Alesso and Sandy Hansen. I hope you will join us on Friday June 17 for a casual "happy hour" social and installation of the new board. You will find details in this newsletter as well as in your recent Evite.

The recent news concerning the potential elimination of fundamental reproductive rights has been shocking to those of us on the board and I'm sure to you as well. The AAUW website states that "The protection of reproductive rights—including access to contraceptive care, abortion, sexual health education and family planning services—has been an unwavering AAUW policy principle since 1977". If you would like more information and suggestions for how you can become more involved, click [HERE](#).

Meanwhile, have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you at our fall kick-off event on September 24th.

[Marilyn Duman](#)
AAUW LPD President

Thank you to our AAUW LPD Board 2021-22 Directors and Officers for your dedicated service to our branch!

Congratulations to our elected AAUW LPD Board 2022-23 Directors and Officers. We look forward to your June 17 installation at Marilyn Duman's home.

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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

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

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Publicity Roz Wright
Public Policy Roz Wright
AAUW Fund PJ Wells

Grapevine 6/2022: Olivina Tasting and Tour



Twenty of us had a beautiful afternoon on May 21 at the Olivina Estate in Livermore. Fourth generation Estate owner, Charles Crohare shared the history of the site, along with how he and his father transitioned from cattle ranching to the olive oil business. Today the Estate has nearly 11,000 trees, including some that have been on the property since it was established in 1881.



We tasted six oils and two vinegars during our visit. Charles walked us through his state-of-the-art Italian olive mill which processes over 300 tons of olives every year! We all have a new appreciation for true California Extra Virgin Olive Oil. If you missed the tour and would like to taste or buy the products, you can visit the Olivina booth at the Pleasanton Farmers Market on Saturdays, or visit the Estate on the 3rd Sunday of every month from noon to 4:30.



[Sheryl Morgan](#)

Branch Program Co-Chair

Tech Trek is Back

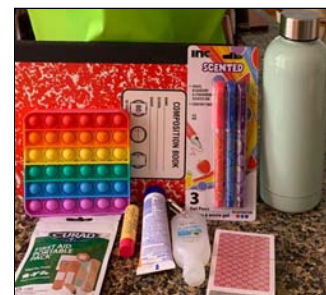
First, thank you to all of our branch members whose contributions make this camp possible. After 2 years of pandemic challenges we are back and sending **12 girls** to camp.

Our home camp, Stanford, was not able to host us this year, so we were uncertain of what space we would have. Happily, the other Northern California branches and camps stepped up and we have 2 girls going to Fresno, 6 girls going to Davis and 4 girls attending a virtual Tech Trek. This worked out well as some parents still are not comfortable having their daughters attend a residential camp.

As you know, 100% of your donations go directly to the cost of having girls attend camp (currently \$1000 for residential and \$400 for virtual). Additionally, we ask the families, if they are able, to contribute \$50. We use their donations to run our program, including a gift bag for each girl attending camp and camp orientation when possible.



This year, PJ Wells and Anita Massey went shopping, and with great bargain hunting and a fantastic donation of pop-its from Nitu Shinde built the gift bags pictured here. These were delivered to each girl in mid-May so she would have them before camp. As we put camp year 2022 to rest, we are ready to begin fundraising for 2023 as well as transitioning the committee leadership. While Anita



will continue on the committee, leadership will transition to Nitu Shinde and Karen Cowen. I know you will continue to support them and this great program moving forward.

[Anita Massey](#)

STEM/Girl Program Director



Membership Update

Thank you for your patience this year as we work through membership renewals for the 2022-2023 year.

AAUW is developing a new membership system that will provide many benefits, but it is new and there are quite a few changes. You should have all received a May 9 email from me with directions on how to access [The Community Hub](#).

This year you will pay dues directly on the Community Hub site with a credit card. I hope that you will try to pay dues online, as this is AAUW's system of the future.

Paying dues online now involves the following steps:

- Login to [AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org). Click on “Log In” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.
 - If this is the first time you are logging into the new Community Hub Membership System, you will need to reset your passcode. Click on the “forgot passcode” link to set your new passcode. Once you have your new passcode, log in.
- Review your contact information.
- Click on the big blue button at the bottom to renew your membership.
- You will be asked to verify your college degree and year.
- You will have the choice to renew as a lifetime member or a regular national member
- Click on CA0048 to renew your membership to the Livermore Pleasanton Dublin Branch.
- Click on CA to renew your state dues.
- You will have the option to donate to the Greatest Needs Fund.
- Pay with your credit card.

For most members, annual dues will be \$103 (\$67 national, \$20 state and \$16 branch).

Of course, a check may be sent to our PO Box or to me directly and I will update the Hub for you.

Questions? Send an email to tmamber6@gmail.com .

[Tina Amber](#)

Branch Membership Chair

Get Discounts and Services

As an AAUW member, click [here](#) for information on great discounts and special services on insurance, hotels and travel, office supplies, email services and more.

Most important, every time you use one of your benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, which is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues. With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference and so much more!

Click [here](#) to *Shop AAUW*. Check out AAUW's online store for all things AAUW! You can purchase supplies for branch events, thank you gifts for speakers, or accessories and apparel to show off your AAUW pride!

Local Scholarship Update



We have exceeded our goal for this year's non-event fundraiser, thanks to the generosity of our members. Our thanks for all scholarship donations, including recent donors *Marti Silva, Laurene Green, Dot Bishop, Myla Grasso, Pat Kohlen and Harriet Lawrie.*

There is no time limit for donating in case you haven't done so! Please send your donation check (made out to *AAUW-LPD Local Scholarship Foundation*) to Ginny Reineking (4123 Silver St. Pleasanton, CA 94566).

Thanks so much for the support!

Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking

Local Scholarship Co-Chairs

Announcing our AAUW-LPD 2021-2022 Local Scholarship Winners

- Sadie Eldredge- CSU Northridge (Bachelor of Science + Radiologic Sciences)
- Aditi Jagannathan- University of Southern California
(Major in Computational Neuroscience, minor in Gender & Social Justice + Applied Analytics)

HURRAY! HURRAH! Congratulations to this year's winners!!

Our Selection Committee was very impressed by these two young women.

Sadie is from Livermore and will be a senior this fall at CSU Northridge. During college she has coached a girl's volleyball team and has been a member of her university's volleyball team. Sadie has a passion for radiological sciences and is pursuing a degree in the medical field.

Aditi is from Dublin and will be a junior at the University of Southern California this fall. Her major is Computational Neuroscience with a minor in Gender & Social Justice + Applied Analytics. Sadie is one of our Tech Trekkers from 2015, and she fondly remembers her excitement about the Tech Trek program and its impact on her self-esteem!

[Susan Wacek](#)

Coordinator, Local Scholarship Foundation



AAUW-LPD Afternoon Book Club members held their annual May potluck, during which members vote on suggested books to read monthly during 2022-23. Thanks to **Bev Howell** for hosting!

Several book group members loved the [Cougar Gold cheese](#) made at Washington State University that **Walt Morgan** brought as an hors d'oeuvre. Walt shared [this link to order the cheese](#) and [this 7-minute video](#) showing how the cheese is made.

Thanks Walt for sharing!

AAUW Fund

AAUW's fellowships and grants are supported by endowed funds – only the interest from the principal in each fund is distributed annually to support scholars, research, and community grants. The endowments are named to honor AAUW members. Four of our branch members have been so honored.



AAUW CA is proud that California members contributed \$494,020 to AAUW Fund to continue working toward our mission. The funds that our branch raised during the fiscal year (in 2021 it was \$5,050.00) are pooled with funds from other chapters and managed at the national level.

A committee at the national level then selects the fund recipients. Recipients fall into one of two categories:

- 1) "Fellows" for those in Ph.D programs
- 2) "Grants" for those pursuing a specific project or an additional professional degree.

Donations for "Scholarships" benefit undergraduate recipients and are not part of the AAUW Fund. They fall into a different donation vehicle.

If, like me, you are curious about the fine women benefiting from the AAUW Fund this year, let me share a profile for each of the four recipients over the next couple of newsletters. This month [Zofia Wlodarczyk](#) could not be more relevant, based upon the war information coming from the Ukraine, Poland and European nations.

Joan Kavanaugh Zehder-International Fellowship

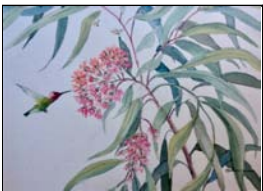


In her research, Zofia Wlodarczyk focuses on issues of migration, gender and human rights, specifically on the experiences of female refugees fleeing domestic violence. Previously her work focused on the agency of rural women in Poland and Polish feminists. Her goal is to advocate for women's and refugees' rights through her work in the public and third sectors.

Click [HERE](#) to see profiles of previous recipients of this endowment.

PJ Wells

AAUW Fund



Hummingbird
(Charlotte Severin)

By now, you've received your **2022 collection of AAUW notecards** featuring the winners of this year's member art contest. Think of them as AAUW's personal thank-you for supporting women and girls.

As you look at your notecards, be sure to read the biographies on the back of each one.

They provide wonderful insight into the winning artists' lives, art and rich histories of AAUW volunteerism at the branch, state and national levels.

A social media challenge put forward by the [National Museum for Women in the Arts](#) asks people to name #5WomenArtists. It's a campaign to highlight the systematic underrepresentation and undervaluing of women artists in our culture. Our collection includes works by more than 1,000 nationally and internationally renowned artists. Click [here](#) or [here](#) to read more about featured artists like [Sylvia Ardyn Boone](#) (First tenured Black woman Professor at Yale. Art history and African American studies scholar. 1976-77 AAUW American Fellow.)





Gloria L. Blackwell
Chief Executive Officer
AAUW National

“Spring is considered a time of hope, but this May could challenge even the most determined optimist. After a leaked draft opinion indicated the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, AAUW members and staff took to the streets on Saturday to fight for our reproductive rights...

Indeed, we must keep fighting for justice and stand firm in our solidarity against sexism and racism. As sorrow becomes anger, let anger become activism. In the words of the great Dr. Maya Angelou, ‘You should be angry. You must not be bitter.’ Because during dark times, it’s up to us to light the way forward.”

(excerpt from 5/22/21 letter)

Rally for Reproductive Rights

The leak of a draft opinion in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* case suggests that the Supreme Court may overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision. It’s a move that would take away fundamental reproductive rights that have helped women control their lives and economic security for nearly 50 years. As we await the Court’s official ruling, here’s what you can do to [fight for reproductive freedom](#).



AAUW National Election: View the Results

Thanks to all who voted in the AAUW National Election, and congratulations to newly elected board members Peggy Cabaniss, Dale Satake, Cheryl Sorokin and Mary Zupanc! Both bylaws amendments also passed with overwhelming support. View the [National Election page](#) for a detailed breakdown of the election results.

Mark Your Calendar: Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX



On *Thursday, June 23, at 4:30 p.m. ET*, AAUW National will host a special webinar to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title IX,. This webinar will highlight AAUW’s role through the years and recognize our generous supporters and branches. Stay tuned for more information, but [register today](#) to reserve your space!

AAUW Bill Tracker

The 3 top priority bills that AAUW CA members talked about during April’s Lobby Week were:

[AB92 \(childcare\)](#)

[AB1968 \(campus sexual assault\)](#)








AB1666 (abortion protection)

Additional information on [AB 1287 \(Bauer-Kahan D\)](#) (price discrimination: gender)

Details on our top 3 priority bills, as well as all 33 bills we are supporting this year, can be found on our [Bill Tracker](#) on the Public Policy page of the AAUW California website under “Legislative Advocacy.”

BRANCH CALENDAR

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.

Cocktails and Conversation 	Thursdays June 2, July 6, and August 4, 5:30pm	We'll meet at 828 Bites and Brews . 828 Main Street, Pleasanton. We look forward to seeing you! Contact Marilyn for more information.
Branch Board Meeting	Wed August 3, 1:00 PM (first Wednesday each month) All members are welcome to attend!	We will meet at Marilyn Duman's home. Contact Marilyn if you plan to attend in person or by Zoom (link provided).
Monday Night Bridge 	Mon June 6, 13, 20, 27 7:00pm (second and fourth Mondays monthly) Contact group chair Marti for information.	Bridge meets via Zoom . If you are unable to click on the link, use recurring meeting ID 871 0728 2781 passcode 104382
Afternoon Book Group 	Wed June 8, 1:30-3:00pm (second Wednesday each month) Contact Bev Howell or check Friday update emails for information.	We'll meet at Anne Dini's home; Anne will hostess and review The Velveteen Daughter (Laurel Davis Huber).
Mission Discussion Group	Check Friday updates for meeting location or Zoom link.	Join us for future friendly discussions of current events and other topics. Contact Chris for information.
International Lunch Group	We're taking a break until July. Watch emailed Friday updates and Evite for information about our next lunch date and location!	
Coffee And... 	Thu June 16, 10:00–11:00am (second Thursday each month) Join us for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation!	We will meet at Paris Baguette 6700 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton or by Zoom. Check your Friday update emails for location or Zoom link.
Happy Hour Social & New Branch Board Installation	Fri June 17 4:00-6:00pm Join us for a casual "happy hour" social and installation of the incoming 2022-23 branch board.	You will find details in this newsletter as well as in your 5/02 emailed Evite.
Solo Dining 	We won't meet in June, but watch Friday updates for further meeting dates/locations.	Contact Sandie 925-999-8400 for information.
	Sun June 19 Celebrate the fathers in your lives....for all of the ways that they partner with you to raise strong, compassionate children and grandchildren!	
Morning Book Group 	Thu June 23, 9:30-11:00am (fourth Thursday each month) If you have general questions about the group, please contact Bev Howell . (Watch Friday update for July 28 meeting book to read; no meeting in August.)	Harriet Lawrie will review <i>The Midnight Library</i> by Matt Haig. Please let Harriet know if you plan to attend: 925-230-8750 or dhlawrie@aol.com . See upcoming titles