



The Grapevine

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President Message

Welcome back everyone! I want to thank the board, which has been hard at work this summer planning events for the upcoming year. We'll begin by celebrating our branch's 70th birthday on **Saturday September 24**. Please join us! You will find information in this newsletter and should have also received the August 15th Evite by now. Please respond *yes* or *no* so that we may properly plan the event.

I know many of us are discouraged by the Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision. AAUW California presented a webinar recently which is very interesting and informative. I highly recommend that you watch it. The explanations of former and current rulings helped me put this decision into historical perspective. You can access the presentation by clicking [HERE](#).

I look forward to seeing you soon! We want AAUW-LPD to continue for 70+ more years, and we need everyone's participation for that to happen!

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President

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AAUW works to advance gender equity. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of women and girls.



Meaningful change...through planning, action, and fun!



AAUW's Fall Kickoff & 70th Birthday Celebration!

Hosted by AAUW - LPD

Saturday, September 24 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Robert Livermore Community Center

4444 East Avenue, Livermore

RSVP via August 18 Evite



Happy Birthday AAUW-LPD!

LPD is celebrating 70 years of service to the community; advocating social change, education and public policy consistent with gender equity.

Our **2022-23 Fall Kick-Off** is being held **Saturday, September 24, from 12:00-2:00** at Robert Livermore Community Center – Palo Verde Room, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore. Both our scholarship winners and our Tech Trek girls will speak.

We are looking back at our community involvement, such as advocating for equal rights, founding the Livermore-Amador Symphony (1964), and publishing material on gifted child programs and how to elect women to office. Our first local scholarships were awarded in 1966, and our local girls were part of the first ever Tech Trek in 1988. With your support both of these scholarship activities are still going strong.

We are also looking forward to candidate forums, programs on preparing for college and lesser-known career paths for women, as well as growing our scholarship fund and increasing our focus on STEM being far more than coding. On the lighter side we have bridge groups, book clubs, dining groups and a little wine tasting and several celebrations planned for the year.

We hope to see all of you there. **Please reply** to the August 15th Evite as a light lunch will be served.

Sheryl Morgan and Anita Massey

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See our 1922-23 Scholarship Recipients now...then meet them at our Kick-Off!

Click on each link to watch outstanding greetings to our branch members from Sadie and Aditi.



Sadie Eldredge CSU Northridge
Bachelor of Science + Radiologic Sciences

[Sadie's video greeting](#)



Aditi Jagannathan University of Southern California
Major in Computational Neuroscience,
Minor in Gender & Social Justice + Applied Analytics

[Aditi's video greeting](#)



AAUW FUND News RECORD NUMBER OF CA FELLOWS & GRANTEES!

AAUW awarded \$6 million in Fellowships and Grants this year to 320 recipients. 49 of these are in California! Our **49 California grant recipients** will share nuggets of their fascinating studies at **four fall AAUW Fund virtual events**.

See what and who your AAUW Fund dollars support. **Register for one or all of these webinars** to hear fascinating stories of their research. Learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and 46 other topics.

- Which speakers most impressed you?
- Email one of your branch board members to recommend her as a speaker for our branch!

Registration required for each Zoom meeting (choose 1, 2, or all events):

October 15, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	Click HERE to Register
October 22, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	Click HERE to Register
October 23, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	Click HERE to Register
November 12, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	Click HERE to Register



AAUW Fund **endowments** are established by donors or donor groups to honor someone by naming an endowment to honor her. We feature a **California fellowship awardee** whose fellowship was endowed in honor of AAUW-LPD branch member [Anne Les](#).

Katherine Corn

Award Year: 2021-22 **Award:** American Fellowship

Institution: University of California, Davis

Discipline: Biology **Degree and Specialization:** Ph.D., Evolutionary biology

Project Name: Effect of Coral Reefs on the Evolution of Fish Feeding

Katherine Corn's research integrates macroevolution and biomechanics to understand how transitions in prey capture mechanisms affect the morphological diversity of fishes. Her current work explores how the K/Pg mass extinction may have facilitated the evolution of a new feeding mode on coral reefs. Katherine's work also looks into the functional role of a novel joint common in jaw systems of reef herbivores. She is passionate about engaging women and girls in quantitative biology and lectures on macroevolutionary statistical methods.

Summer Reading (even better for Fall!): Click on [Recent Books by AAUW Fellows and Grantees](#)

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International Lunch Group

After a spring covid hiatus, we are back! We will lunch at the **Oasis Grill**, downtown Pleasanton on **Wednesday, October 12th**, outside on their gorgeous patio.

The restaurant describes itself as "Mediterranean cuisine with a modern flair". The warm colors and inviting ambience convey the care and quality that go into every meal served at the Oasis. Tempt your palate with our juicy kabobs, exotic cocktails, vegetarian dishes and more. Always one of my favorites, I hope you will be able to join us.

Look for an Evite next month. Limit of 12.

Tina Amber

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Sarah Palmer

Congratulations to branch member and Zone 7 Water Agency Board member **Sarah Palmer** for being elected the Agency Board's new President! Sarah has served on the Zone 7 Water Agency Board since 2006. [Click here](#) to read more about her position.

You can also [click here](#) to read about **Laurene Green**, also a branch member and Zone 7 Water Agency Board member since 2020.



Laurene Green

Membership

A huge thank you to everyone who has **renewed** their membership for 2022-23. Thank you for working with me as AAUW transitions to a new membership system. If you have not renewed, please do so asap. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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NEW REPORT: The Biden administration's cancellation of some student debt is welcome news. But as the results of a brand new AAUW/[@Ipsos](#) survey shows, much more action is needed to create equal opportunity for women of color who are unfairly burdened.

Check out AAUW's 2021 [The Perfect Storm](#) (AAUW on Twitter)

Share...what you read or saw that affected you during 2022! Article, book, artwork, play, movie? A few sentences, a short paragraph, or an e-link in the *Grapevine*. Impressed by a female author's work? Want us to know about an amazing female director? [Click here](#) to **share** with your fellow AAUW branch members!





This November, all the seats in the House of Representatives and 1/3 of the Senate will be up for **re-election**.

November 2022 is the first election cycle affected by the 2020 census and the recent flood of anti-voter laws.

Since the beginning of 2021, 18 states have passed 34 restrictive voting laws.

The League of Women Voters (LVW) is a nonpartisan organization working to protect and expand voting rights and representation.

Click on LVW's [VOTE411](#) website now. Make your voting plan for November: check your registration, confirm your polling place, see what measures are coming up for a vote in your district, and more.

[When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!](#) Click on the blue links for helpful, non-partisan information:

- AAUW CA website: [AAUW California Public Policy](#) section for more detail on priority issues and questions to ask of candidates.
 - CA Secretary of State website: [Qualified Statewide Ballot Initiatives](#). Voter info on Ballot Initiatives.
 - State and County Voter guides – mailed to all registered voters in October.
 - [We Draw the Lines California](#) – maps of newly redrawn congressional district
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AAUW CA Position on the Dobbs Decision

(Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health which overturns Roe v. Wade)

Click the blue links for a [webinar](#) and [text information](#).

We have a new word in our vocabulary: *Dobbs*—a short word with a long shadow. What does this momentous Supreme Court ruling mean for AAUW? What does it mean for California...and for you?

This **webinar** and **text information** cover: How did we get here? • What the opinion does - and doesn't - say • What it means for women in California • What the post-Dobbs landscape looks like • What can (and can't) be done

Recommended by both branch President **Marilyn Duman** ("The explanations of former and current rulings helped me put this decision into historical perspective.") and branch board member **Sandy Hansen** ("The Dobbs decision... does *not* have us marching in the streets - but working for voter turnout.").



AAUW is giving senators a deadline: [pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#) this September! Click on the above blue link to use the Two-Minute Activist tool to easily, quickly write to your senators.

More than a year ago, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) passed the House of Representatives in a bipartisan 315-101 vote. Despite overwhelming support, this critical piece of legislation continues to stall in the U.S. Senate.

Urge your senators to honor Labor Day by [protecting all pregnant workers now](#).



Looking for our AAUW-LPD branch activities calendar?

Click on our [branch calendar](#) link to see month-by-month activities.
Click on any calendar entry link for more information.

Watch also for our AAUW-LPD Friday update email.

Activities & Interest Groups

International Lunch Group	Meets on various days and times. Watch for an Evite
Monday Night Bridge	Meets the 2 nd Monday of the month at 7 pm
Morning Book Group	Meets the 4 th Thursday of the month at 9:30 am
Afternoon Book Group	Meets the 2 nd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm
Mission Discussion Group	Meets the 2 nd Thursday of the month at 10 am
Solo Dining Group	Meets the 2 nd Friday of the month for lunch or dinner
Coffee and...	Meets the 3 rd Thursday of the month at 10 am at Paris Baguette (6700, Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton)
Cocktails & Conversation	Meets the 1 st Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm at 828 Bites & Brews (828 Main St., Pleasanton)