



# The Grapevine

October, 2022



## AAUW-LPD Fall Kickoff & 70th Birthday Celebration!





## Thanks AAUW-LPD!

Thanks to all of you who joined us on **September 24, 2022** and helped make our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration special.

We took a look back at our community involvement, such as advocating for equal rights, founding a community orchestra, 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. Both programs have continued every year since.

We also looked forward to the future of AAUW, focusing on our scholarship winners and our 12 amazing Tech Trekkers from 2022.

The day would not have been possible without many hands sharing the work, so we want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to: **Tina Amber, Karen Cowen, Gwen Locke, Chris Alesso, Nitu Shinde, Pam Leong, PJ Wells, Marilyn Duman, Roz Wright and Charlene Grandfield.**

Please **save the date** for these future program activities:

- October 12, 5:00-6:30** 6th District Assembly Candidate forum
- November 18** Oakland Museum visit
- December 7** AAUW-LPD Annual Holiday Party at Terra Mia

**Sheryl Morgan & Anita Massey**

Programs

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Have you heard?

For a sample of suffrage songs:

[Songs of the Suffragettes](#)

by Elizabeth Knight,  
recorded in 1958  
(YouTube audio)



## President's Message

It was great to see everyone at our branch 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party last week! I hope you enjoyed reconnecting with friends. I want to especially thank the Program co-chairs **Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan** and the entire program committee for their commitment and hard work.

It was wonderful to meet and hear from the Local Scholarship Foundation scholarship winners as well as the young women who attended Tech Trek camp this summer. They are a very accomplished group!

Please consider increasing your participation in our branch activities. We really need members to step up and help if we are to continue for another 70 years and beyond. If you signed up for a committee at the luncheon, thank you! We are hopeful that more of you will join us on committees, at interest groups, and at other events as we move forward. All the opportunities are summarized in this newsletter as well as in the Friday updates.

I look forward to seeing you!

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President



## International Lunch Group

Thursday, October 13 at noon

Please note the [date change!](#)

We have our first lunch of the fall scheduled at [Oasis Grill](#), 780 Main Street, Pleasanton on **Thursday October 13th at noon**, outside on their gorgeous patio.

**Look for your 9/14 Evite** with details and RSVP. Maximum of 12 participants. Questions? Contact Tina at [tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com)

The restaurant describes itself as "Mediterranean cuisine with a modern flair". Warm colors, inviting ambience...tempt your palate with juicy kabobs, exotic cocktails, vegetarian dishes and more. Always one of my favorites, I hope you will be able to join us.

**Tina Amber**

[tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com)



## Save the date: Oakland Museum Visit Friday, November 18

Watch for details in Friday update emails!

We have a Special Event in November, a field trip to the Oakland Museum (OMCA) on Friday, November 18, to view a unique [Feminist exhibit](#) of art, articles, and artifacts (posters, pins, photos) that explore women's history. This exhibition aims to challenge, provoke, and inspire visitors to expand their understanding of feminism's complicated history.

**Gwen Locke**

Special Events

## Honoring Hispanic Heritage

(9/15-10/15/22)

Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to generations of Hispanic Americans who have enriched our society. We're proud of all of our Hispanic and Latina AAWW members, supporters and funding recipients. Visit AAWW's [homepage](#) and social media sites through mid-October to see highlights of their accomplishments.



Rebecca Bauer-Kahan

# AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin presents 2022 Election

## MEET THE CANDIDATES 16th State Assembly District

### Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 12

5:00-6:30 pm

Dublin Civic Center Regional Meeting Room

100 Civic Plaza, Dublin

(across from the Dublin library)



Joseph Rubay



AAUW-LPD's in-person community Candidate Forum presents the two candidates running for the 16th State Assembly District in November. **Rebecca Bauer-Kahan** and **Joseph Rubay** will join us on **Wednesday, October 12 at 5:00 pm**. Following short introductory statements, the candidates will answer questions from the audience.

This event is **open to all**. Please plan to attend and bring your neighbors and friends! The forum will take place in the Regional Meeting Room at the [Dublin Civic Center](#), 100 Civic Plaza Dublin (across from the Dublin library).

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### [Get ready for Tri-Valley election season](#) *(Pleasanton Weekly)*

More voting information in this issue.

### **Pleasanton City Council Candidates Forum 2022**

Held in September. [Click here](#) to hear the candidates (2-minute YouTube).

### **Dublin City Council Candidates** (Three candidates for two at-large seats)

**6-6:50 p.m., Oct. 3** via Zoom and live streamed on [Dublin Chamber of Commerce's Facebook](#) page.

Register and submit questions [here](#).

### **Pleasanton Unified School District Candidates Forum 2022**

(Two candidates for Area 2; one candidate for Area 5)

**6-8 p.m. Oct. 4** in the Pleasanton Unified School District Boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave.

Live streamed and recorded on [Pleasanton Weekly's YouTube Channel](#).

Send questions to [gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com).

### **Livermore Mayor, City Council Candidates Statements**

(Two candidates for mayor; two candidates for District 1; two candidates for District 2)

Held in September. Recorded on [LivermoreVine.com's YouTube Channel](#). [2-minute YouTube](#).

### **Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Candidate Forum** (Nine candidates for three at-large seats)

Held in September. [Read the article here](#).



## AAUW Fund virtual events!

Please do not forget to register. Listen to the incoming recipients of our AAUW funding. There are easy links to click on below.

See what and who your AAUW Fund dollars support. Register for **one or all of these webinars** to hear fascinating stories of AAUW Fellows/Grant Recipient research. Learn about sustainable environments, global migration, refugee studies, and 36 other topics.

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

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

October 15, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	<a href="#">Click HERE to Register</a>
October 22, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	<a href="#">Click HERE to Register</a>
October 23, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	<a href="#">Click HERE to Register</a>
November 12, 2022	10:00am-12:00 noon	<a href="#">Click HERE to Register</a>



**Brittney Miller**

**AAUW Fund endowments** are established by donors or donor groups to honor someone by naming an endowment in her name. For context, below is the profile of [Brittney Miller](#), a Career Development Grant award recipient from the year 2021-2022. AAUW-LPD member **Dawn Gordner's** fund contributed to Brittney Miller's award monies.

**Award Year:** 2021-22

**Award:** Career Development Grant

**Institution:** Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, Los Angeles, California

**Discipline:** Health and medical sciences

**Degree and Specialization:** M.S., Physician Assistant Program

In her work within higher education, Brittney Miller has spent years developing programming and community-outreach initiatives as well as becoming a leader in health-education advocacy for underrepresented undergraduate and graduate students. Through her abilities in creating opportunities for black and Latinx students within medical education, she will be transitioning into the health-care field as a physician assistant graduate student to continue her passion for serving the underserved.

### PJ Wells

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## Get Out the Vote



Midterm and local elections are incredibly important but often overlooked. Now is the time to get every voter registered and ready!

Check your voter registration status and polling information, then support local efforts to get out the vote. Download the AAUW Action Fund [2022 Voter Issue Guide](#),

## Membership Update

Whew! We made it through the AAUW membership renewal season with AAUW's new Membership Hub! Some of you were successful logging in and setting up an online account, while others of you sent checks to renew your annual branch membership the old-fashioned way.



Just like all other accounts and services, setting up your own online membership account and managing it will be the direction of the future. Privacy concerns are forcing organizations to change the way their business is conducted. Many of the issues that we dealt with earlier this year have been mitigated. AAUW will be encouraging everyone to renew online next year. I'm always available to help anyone who needs a bit of encouragement or advice!

**New Members Needed:** We are looking for energetic and committed women to join the organization. Do you know someone you believe would make a good AAUW member? Please forward names to Tina at [tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com).

**Tina Amber**

Membership

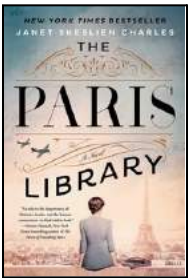
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Congratulations to AAUW-LPD branch member **Charlotte Severin** on her Fall solo exhibition *California Scenes* at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center! Learn more about Charlotte's background and work by clicking on [Pleasanton Art League](#), the [Independent article](#), and the [Pleasanton Weekly](#).

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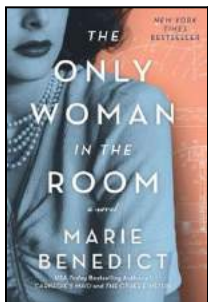


**Banned Books Week** (September 18-24, 2022) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Appropriate for this theme, our AAUW-LPD Afternoon Book group reviewed a WWII historical fiction book (based on actual events) that celebrates not only the freedom to read, but also freedom from war.

From **Carolyn Kotch**: *The Paris Library* (Janet Skeslien Charles) is staffed by courageous women who try to protect the books during the Nazi occupation. They deliver books, magazines, and newspapers to hospitals and camps. They deliver to their subscribers who are housebound. They deliver these books at a great personal risk while trying to avoid the

German blockades set up around Paris.

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Hedy Lamarr was best known as an actress, but few of us know about her life as an inventor who pioneered the technology that would one day form the basis for today's WiFi, GPS, and Bluetooth communication systems. Read [The Only Woman in the Room](#) (New York Times bestseller by Marie Benedict) to learn more.

Have you read a book or article during 2022 that stayed with you? Were you impressed by a female author's work? **Share what you read** that affected you during 2022 in a few sentences, a short paragraph, or an e-link in the *Grapevine*. Please [click here](#) to share your brief comments with your fellow AAUW branch members!



**Get ready to vote** in the November 8 California General Election.

Non-partisan [League of Women Voters](#) helpful links:

[Check your voter status](#) [Sign up to track your ballot](#) [Vote](#)

[CalMatters 2022 Voter's Guide](#) (non-partisan, non-profit) can help you to 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.

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.

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[When Women Vote, We Change the Conversation!](#) Click on the blue links for 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 districts
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Thanks to branch member **Chris Alesso** for sending California Governor Newsom a letter on behalf of our chapter to support **Assembly Bill 92**, which creates an equitable sliding scale for family childcare fees.

The AAUW CA Public Policy Committee selection of **six key bills to support during the 2022 California legislature session**:

- AB 92 creates an equitable sliding scale for family childcare fees
  - AB 1666 enables persons from outside CA to obtain abortions
  - AB 1968 mandates websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors
  - AB 2881 gives priority to student parents in CA colleges
  - SB 523 expands health plans' contraceptive coverage
  - SB 1375 allows nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care
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[Click here](#) to learn more about **California Proposition 1**, Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment (2022).

- Educate yourself on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#). Recommended by AAUW CA Public Policy Committee:
  - Sign the pledge to vote YES on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).
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[AAUW Voting Rights FAQ](#) (January 2022) includes:

- What the Voting Rights Act of 1965 says
- 2013 US Supreme Court Decision (Shelby County v. Holder): a challenge to voting rights?
- Why We Need New Legislation

## The Complicated Truth about the Pay Gap

As the name of AAUW's seminal report implies, the existence of the gender pay gap is a simple truth. But when it comes to capturing complete data from a rapidly changing labor market...let's just say it's complicated. Fortunately, our annual update to [The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap](#) will provide context and analysis to help you make sense of the latest information from the U.S. Census Bureau. [Look for it on our website within the next few weeks.](#)



**From AAUW national CEO Gloria Blackwell:** "...During the pandemic, millions of women were forced out of the workforce due to layoffs and caregiving demands. We knew AAUW's typical method of calculating the gender pay gap—by assessing only full-time, year-round workers—wouldn't tell the whole story.

This year, we compared all wage earners, *including* part-time and seasonal workers. When we used this analysis on the [data released in mid-September by the U.S. Census Bureau](#), women were paid barely three-quarters—just 77%—of what men earned in 2021.

And the pay gaps for Black women (64%) and Latinas (54%) were beyond egregious when compared to white, non-Hispanic men. Even the traditional calculation showed the overall pay gap had, at best, stagnated. [Learn more and take action.](#) There can be no gender equity without racial equity."

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AAUW is calling on the 117th Congress to ensure that a **permanent paid leave program, childcare funding and the Child Tax Credit** are included in the budget reconciliation process.

Federal lawmakers are expected to vote on a 12-week budget extension by the end of the week in order to avoid a partial government shutdown that would begin on Oct. 1. The full year funding plan for fiscal 2023 is still unfinished, and serious negotiations on that plan likely won't take place until after the election. To find out more or to contact your senators, click [HERE](#).

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## We have come a long way! Did you know that....

The **Association of Collegiate Alumnae** or ACA, (AAUW's predecessor organization) was officially founded in 1882 to organize women college graduates who could help women to find greater opportunities to use their education, as well as promoting and assisting other women's college attendance. The ACA hoped to improve standards of education for women so that men and women's higher education was more equal in scope and difficulty.<sup>[5]</sup>

In 1885, the organization took on one of its first major projects: they essentially had to justify their right to exist. A common belief held at the time that a college education would harm a woman's health and result in infertility. This myth was supported by Harvard-educated Boston physician Dr. Edward H. Clarke.<sup>[5]</sup>

An ACA committee led by **Annie Howes** created a series of questions that were sent to 1,290 ACA members; 705 replies were received. After the results were tabulated, the data demonstrated that higher education did not harm women's health. The report, "Health Statistics of Female College Graduates", was published in 1885 in conjunction with the **Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor**. This first research report is one of many conducted by AAUW during its history.<sup>[6]</sup>





## 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

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