

# The Grapevine

November, 2022



## President Message

We've started the "New Year" with some very successful activities. I wish to send a big thank you to those who helped plan and participated in our 70<sup>th</sup> Branch Birthday luncheon and our candidate forum. Both events were very well attended. I look forward to the field trip to the Oakland

Museum on **November 18<sup>th</sup>** and our holiday party on **December 7<sup>th</sup>**.

There are other opportunities to get involved including coffee, cocktails, book clubs, solo dining, and international lunch. Please consider increasing your participation in our branch activities. We are hopeful that more of you will join us on committees, at interest groups and at other events as we move forward.

I look forward to seeing you! If you are traveling for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I wish you safe travels as you spend time with family and friends.

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President



Save the date....  
**OAKLAND MUSEUM VISIT**  
**"HELLA FEMINIST" EXHIBIT**  
AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin  
Friday November 18, 2022  
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

[Oakland Museum 1000 Oak Street Oakland](#)

RSVP to your 10/23 Evite email! Details on page 2...



Save the date...

**AAUW-LPD Holiday Dinner**  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

[Terra Mia, 2020 E. Ave. Livermore, 94550](#)

Please watch for your Evite in early November !

RSVP and advance payment required! Details on page 2...

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## AAUW Mission:

To advance gender equity for women & girls through research, education, & advocacy.



## "Hella Feminist" Exhibit

Friday November 18, 2022

11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

[Oakland Museum 1000 Oak Street Oakland](#)

Meet at 11am at Oakland Museum entrance.

Cost is \$16 or \$11 for seniors.

**Museum parking garage** (1000 Oak St.--entrances on Oak and 12th Streets) \$5 per hour.

You may **arrange carpools** or take **BART from Dublin/Pleasanton station to Lake Merritt** (Dublin/Pleasanton departures are 10:13, 10:28 and 10:43; about a 40-minute ride on BART and a 2-block walk to the Museum).

We can enjoy lunch at the Museum cafeteria overlooking the Koi pond before we return home!

Please **RSVP** to your 10/23 Evite email.

Questions? Please contact **Gwen Locke** [gwenlocke41@gmail.com](mailto:gwenlocke41@gmail.com)

**"Hella Feminist is a journey...Each work of art and its story represents a step towards a better day. The exhibit challenges visitors to interrogate the history and our concepts of feminism."**

KQED



## AAUW-LPD Holiday Dinner

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

[Terra Mia, 2020 E. Ave. Livermore, 94550](#)

There will be time for good conversation, an adult beverage if you choose, yummy food & elegant gift baskets to be raffled!

We will again continue our tradition of filling a gift card tree for Tri-Valley Haven.

Please bring a gift card(s) in \$20 increments for either Safeway or Target.

**Please watch for your Evite in early November !**

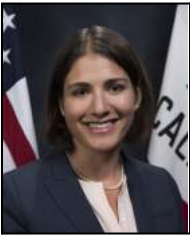
**RSVP and advance payment required!**



**Kudos** go to our AAUW-LPD branch **program committee members** who plan and promote our activities on social media and via local news! Thanks also to **Sheryl Morgan** and **Marilyn Duman** for regular updates via Friday emails and our branch calendar!

## Meet The Candidates Forum Update: Thank you!

What a great evening together! Our 10/13/2022 Meet The Candidates Forum sponsored by AAUW-LPD was a terrific opportunity to meet the two candidates for Assembly District 16 in the upcoming November 8 mid-term election. We featured incumbent **Rebecca Bauer-Kahan** and **Joseph Rubay**. After a short introduction, candidates answered questions from the audience — and the audience was open to all.



(from **PJ Wells**) What a great evening together! Questions for the candidates effectively brought out their views and qualifications, so kudos to all who contributed to constructive queries. We would like to thank everyone who worked to put this forum together, and also thank our members who made the effort to come out in support of our branch. Your turnout was noticed and mentioned by the candidates, and the committee appreciates your support. **Chris Alesso** was fantastic as the forum interviewer, **Anita Massey** was an effective moderator, and **Tina Amber** kept the forum on time—we ended exactly on time! Comments as folks departed were very positive, and attendees were grateful to see the candidates in a personal, friendly environment. The forum appeared to be wildly successful for this 40+ standing-room-only crowd!



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Free **local candidate forums** to inform you for the November 8 election!  
Click on these blue links to view each online Youtube video:

[Pleasanton City Council](#), [Livermore Mayor and City Council](#), [Dublin City Council](#),  
[Dublin Unified School District](#), [Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District](#)

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The Alameda County Council of the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a panel discussion **“Roe v. Wade 2022 and Beyond”** on **Thursday, November 3rd at 7pm**.

The panelists are Stacey Cross, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, and Nakia Woods, Project Director California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom.

Register for this Zoom webinar: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xZ0VJRT\\_QmqRIYRVFoJ2Vg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xZ0VJRT_QmqRIYRVFoJ2Vg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Did you know that **in 1972** Californians voted to add "privacy" to the list of **inalienable rights** in the state constitution?

**WHY YOU NEED TO ACT**

Prop 1 will amend the state constitution to add "reproductive freedom" to that list.

Learn More And Take Action

**GOTV**  
Get Out The Vote

**Proposition 1** amends California Constitution to include individual right to reproductive freedom, which includes the right to choose to have an abortion and the right to choose or refuse contraceptives.

Educate yourself by clicking [HERE](#).

Sign the pledge to vote YES on Proposition 1 by clicking [HERE](#).



## Use AAUW resources to ensure you're informed on Election Day!

Election Day, November 8: With so much at stake, it's more important than ever to identify the candidates who represent our values and those who would roll back our rights. The **AAUW Action Fund** produces nonpartisan voter-education materials each election cycle to give voters all the information they need to cast their ballots.

To ensure you're fully informed, click on AAUW Action Fund resources:

- [2022 Voter Issue Guide](#).
- [Head-to-Head Voter Guide](#)
- [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voter Record](#)
  - Did your legislators act on your behalf the past two years? Each Congress member is scored based on their record on AAUW's Public Policy Priorities

Our democracy works when everyone can fully participate. [Motivate voters](#) in your community today!

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## Branch CA Ballot Proposition Discussion: Take-Aways....

AAUW-LPD members like to hear what fellow members are talking about—whether at a book group, coffee, or other get-together. AAUW members talk about what affects us locally and nationally—and of course the November 8 election is foremost for us this Fall!

The 10/20 Coffee and... **Special Ballot Proposition Discussion** focused on upcoming ballot propositions. Feedback from **Chris Alesso** and **Roz Gamble** follow. Click [HERE](#) to access the October *Grapevine* (page 7) for several sources to consider.

**(Chris)** We talked the most about Proposition I, the school bond issue in Pleasanton. Roz had been to another meeting and gave us a lot of background. We learned that the last bond issue for a new school was dedicated to building a new school. Pleasanton's population does not now support a new school, but the money cannot be used for things like repairs to current schools. Hence the need for a new initiative.

We also discussed the likelihood that sports betting will keep appearing on our ballot until it passes in some way, so maybe we should consider Proposition 26 in this light.

Those of us at this discussion like funding for arts programs but dislike the funding mechanism.

As always, we left to go home and make up our own minds.

**(Roz)** I attended a meeting about this November 8th's Pleasanton school bond. If passed, this bond will increase property tax by \$49 per \$100,00 of assessed value. Bond monies can only be used for facilities. Pleasanton has one of the lowest bond tax rates in the East Bay. Here are my meeting take-aways:

Monies from the 2016 bond election to build a new elementary school were set aside due to changes in the school population. This year's bond will support continued repairs to deteriorating plumbing, roofs, outdated electrical wiring, HVAC and ADH access in our schools. Many school buildings are 70-90 years old. There will be new centers at Village High School. Also supported will be the new visual and performing arts centers at Foothill and Amador Valley High School. New gyms and locker rooms are needed at Amador Valley High School. The Amador facility cannot currently be used by the students due to safety issues.



## AAUW FUND News from PJ Wells, AAUW Fund Director [pj@aauw-lpd.org](mailto:pj@aauw-lpd.org)

**Fund Fact:** AAUW has funded women's graduate education for generations—and that investment keeps growing. We provided **\$6 million in 2022-23, our highest-ever award amount**, to 320 promising scholars and community projects. Learn more about the 2023-24 AAUW Fellowships and Grants Program [HERE](#). The application period opens in November.

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### One more chance...AAUW Fund virtual event!

If you did not have a chance to attend the October AAUW Fund Events, you have [one more chance](#) to hear from passionate and talented fellows and grantees that YOUR Fund donations support.

If these short talks only whetted your appetite to hear more, consider asking your branch president to request one of these amazing women to speak at your branch or IBC (Interbranch Council) meeting.

[Register here](#) for the free **11/12/22 10:00am to noon** online webinar.

[Click here](#) for information on the **10/23/2022 AAUW Fund event speakers**.

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**AAUW Fund endowments** are established by donors or donor groups to honor someone by naming the endowment in her name. For context, below meet **Antonia Romero**, a Career Development Grant award recipient from the year 2021-2022. AAUW-LPD member **Pat Mann** fund contributed to Antonia Romero's award monies.



Soon we will learn the recipients of the 2022-2023 fund drive and share that with you. Your donations have enormous reach so thank you for the generosity demonstrated by our branch.

**[Antonia Romero](#) Award Year:** 2021-22 **Award:** Career Development Grant  
**Institution:** University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California  
**Discipline:** Public administration **Degree and Specialization:** M.P.A., Public Policy

Antonia Romero's work focuses on issues of equity and justice. As an analyst with the Department of Child Support Services, she coordinates with community partners to provide additional support to customers, furthering the goal of reducing barriers that contribute to poverty. As a student in the master of public administration program at the University of Southern California's Price School, Antonia will develop leadership skills to effectively organize and manage organizations to benefit the public good.

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Your gift to AAUW Fund lifts up leaders from the public-service sphere like:

**Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, director-general of the World Trade Organization, the first African and first woman to serve in that role. Dr. Okonjo-Iweala is our 2021 alumnae recognition awardee and 1977-78 AAUW International Fellow.

**Rachael Rollins**, the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, the first woman of color to serve in that role. As the 1996–97 AAUW Selected Professions Fellow, Rollins did critical research on Title IX in New England.

**Heather Boushey**, a member of President Biden's Council of Economic Advisers and co-founder of the Washington Center for Equitable Growth. This 1997–98 AAUW American Fellow's groundbreaking research showed that equity fuels healthy economies.



## 2021-22 California Legislative Session Closes with Big Wins for AAUW California

(thanks to branch Public Policy chair Chris Alesso for noting this synopsis from Kathi Harper, Chair, AAUW California Public Policy Committee)

**Midnight 9/30/2022:** Governor Newsom's deadline to sign or veto 2021-22 legislative session bills.

The AAUW California Public Policy committee is pleased to announce a 70% success rate on the bills on our legislative agenda: **25 of our 36 bills are now law, including 7 of our 8 top priority bills.**

### Economic Security for All Women

8 of our bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, and 1 died in the legislature. The most significant bill under this pillar was **AB (Assembly Bill) 92**, which we co-sponsored. AB 92 was introduced in 2020, and became a 2-year bill, which is why it remained on this year's agenda. This bill originally sought a 1-year waiver of supplemental child-care fees for low-income families, with a request for a sliding scale to be applied thereafter. In his 2021 budget, Governor Newsom included \$120 million for 2 years' worth of waivers. The bill was then amended to request an additional year of waivers through October 2024, with a sliding scale to then be implemented. Unfortunately, the amended bill was vetoed; however, we are still proud of the work we did to get those 2 years of waivers in the budget, so we still consider it a win!

### Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

6 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was approved by the legislature (no signature required) and 2 died in the legislature. Of particular note under this pillar are 3 of our top priority bills:

**AB 1968**, which requires campuses to develop and post uniform guidelines for reporting sexual assault

**AB 2881**, which provides additional support for college students with dependent children

**AJR 23** (Assembly Joint Resolution), a Title IX 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation

### Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society

8 of these bills were signed by the Governor, 1 was vetoed, 1 was incorporated by the Governor into an Executive Order, 1 was approved, and 2 died in the legislature. We saw success on all 4 of our top priority bills in this area:

**AB 1666**, which provides protection for those from other states seeking abortions in California, as well as for those providing services here, from the enforcement of a related civil judgment from their home state

**SB (Senate Bill) 523**, which requires insurance coverage for over-the-counter contraceptive products

**SB 1375**, which allows certified nurse-practitioners to perform some early-term abortions

**SCA (Senate Constitutional Amendment) 10**, introduced in the Senate as a measure to place a constitutional amendment on the November ballot to enshrine in the California constitution the right to an abortion and to contraception. When this measure passed in the Senate, it became **Proposition 1**.

Click here for the results of bills on AAUW CA 2021-22 legislative agenda:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/results-of-2021-22-legislative-session.pdf/>

Click here to view AAUW CA 2021-22 Bill Tracker, here:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2022/10/bill-tracking.pdf/>



## 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)

## Do you want to play Mah Jongg?

Mah Jongg is a hot topic! We have had **several** inquiries from prospective members who want to play American Mah Jongg. At this time we do not have an active group. We are happy to restart a group if there is enough interest. If you are interested please email Anita Massey at [akm1@comcast.net](mailto:akm1@comcast.net). If you'd like to play but never have, we are happy to teach you.



Please contact **Tina Amber**, Membership [tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com) if you have not renewed your annual AAUW membership for 2022-23.

**Share...what you read or saw** that affected you during 2022! An article, book, artwork, play, movie? Are you 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! A few sentences, a short paragraph, or an e-link in the *Grapevine* is always welcome.

