



The Grapevine

December, 2022



President's Message

As I look back on 2022, I am proud of the progress we have made toward returning to "normal" and I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our AAUW-LPD board and committees. Thank you to all of you! We would love to have more of you join us as we plan mission-based programs and continue to have fun.

I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party on December 7th as well as at events in 2023. Please read this newsletter carefully as we have several events planned in the upcoming year.

Meanwhile I wish you a joyful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Marilyn Duman
AAUW LPD President



AAUW's mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. AAUW.org

AAUW California's mission: AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education and resources. www.aauw-ca.org

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Join us for the season's cheer....

AAUW LPD Holiday Party
Wednesday December 7, 2022 5:30pm
Terra Mia in Livermore

Ambiance, great food and drink, and a time to celebrate being together during this holiday!

More information on page 2.



AAUW LPD Holiday Party

December 7, 2022 5:30pm

Terra Mia Restaurant

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

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for our holiday party. We will once again have a great turnout.

Let's celebrate being together again and enjoy the ambiance and a cocktail or glass of wine (no host bar) before a buffet dinner at the beautiful Terra Mia Restaurant in Livermore.



Let's extend the cheer by contributing to the community via **gift cards** on a tree. This year we are again collecting gift cards for **Tri-Valley Haven**. We suggest that you bring \$20 gift card(s) from either **Safeway** or **Target**. If you can't attend the dinner but would like to contribute to the gift tree, please get your gift cards to Anita by **December 6**.

Six beautiful **gift baskets** will be available for raffle to support the LPD Tech Trek Program. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Social time is from 5:30-6:00 PM. The **buffet** will be served at 6:00 PM and will include a selection of main courses, coffee or tea, and tiramisu for dessert.

Questions? Please look for your Evite or email akm1@comcast.net or call 925-784-4418.

We look forward to seeing you all on December 7th 5:30PM at Terra Mia! Happy Holidays!

AAUW-LPD Girl Programs



Speaker Series – We are fortunate to again have **PJ Wells** heading up this 3-night series with 9 fabulous women. As you recall, this Zoom series is open to High School and Community College women. We need speaker recommendations, help with PR, Zoom support for the nights of the program, and many other things. If you are interested, please contact PJ at pj.wells.ca@gmail.com.

Tech Trek season will quickly be upon us. Nitu Shinde and Karen Cowen will be heading this massive effort and can certainly use both your monetary support and your time and help with interviews and many other tasks. Please contact Nitu at nitu_c@yahoo.com if you want to help. We will be raffling **gift baskets** at the holiday party to support Tech Trek. **Checks** made out to AAUW-SPF with LPD Curie in the memo line can be sent to AAUW-LPD at PO Box 661, Livermore 94550.

Planning for College – Sheryl Morgan has identified a possible replacement to lead this valuable program. Sheryl and Anita Massey will meet with her in early December. We'll keep you posted.

Sheryl Morgan & Anita Massey, Programs
programs@aauw-lpd.org



SAVE THE DATE: January 17, 2023

Our own branch board member **Tina Amber** will provide a first-aid overview for members and guests. This overview will be held from **2:00-3:30pm at the Livermore Public Library.**

Please watch for an Evite with details in the near future.

What's your AAUW elevator speech?

Can you share why you are an AAUW member in a succinct and energetic way? An elevator speech is a 2-3 sentence way to sell yourself or your activity during a 30-second elevator ride. You can use an elevator speech as a starting point that can lead to a further discussion (either in the moment or at a later time).



Why have an AAUW elevator speech? Because you meet inspired and informed women anywhere...in a grocery aisle, a store line, even where you exercise (water aerobics, yoga class, or the gym). You can invite them to one of our great activities if you are ready to talk. Do you have a short and easy way to describe what AAUW does and why you like being a member? The key is enthusiastically sharing how AAUW gives your life purpose and meaning. Do you have your elevator speech down? **Share what you say with us!**



AAUW California Terminates Twitter Account (reported 11/13/2022)

On November 9, 2022, the AAUW California Board of Directors voted to terminate its account with Twitter effective immediately. This proposal was brought forth by the Public Policy Committee and approved following thoughtful and careful discussion.

[Click here to read more](#)....

YouTube sent AAUW CA congratulations on...reaching a milestone!

From *CA Connection*:

“AAUW California got an email with balloons floating all over it! Colorful animated balloons that burst gloriously from the footer to the header.



Wonder who sent it? YouTube! It was to congratulate us on reaching the milestone of 100 subscribers to our YouTube channel. Okay, okay, we know 100 isn't quite the data pinnacle that Facebook has reached with its 2.9 billion users, but YouTube sure thought it was special. It means that 100 people have looked at our video content and signed up to see more.

Why not make it 101 subscribers? Just click [here](#), then click on 'Subscribe.' What will YouTube send us if we reach 500 subscribers? An email with animated camels? Who knows? Feel free to send us your thoughts at cc@aauw-ca.org”

The Simple Truth: New Calculation, Entrenched Problem

AAUW will soon release the **annual update** to our signature report *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*. It's a particularly interesting analysis because, for the first time, AAUW and our coalition partners analyzed the **earnings of all workers**—including seasonal and part-time employees—to capture a more accurate picture of the **post-pandemic labor market**. The report found women took home only 77 cents for every dollar men did in 2021.



The [National Constitution Center](#) (NCC) is a private non profit organization for constitutional news, education, and debate. Resources include:

The NCC Museum (*We the People*, Philadelphia)

America’s Town Hall (leading conservative and liberal thought leaders debate the Constitution on all media platforms)

Headquarters for Civic Education (educational programs and online resources to engage citizens in learning about the U.S. Constitution)

Blog posts, podcasts, video, online debates, and “On this Day…” information

The National Constitution Center’s annual [Liberty Medal](#) includes biographies of past female recipients like:

- [2021 - Loujain al-Hathloul](#)
- [2020 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#)
- [2014 - Malala Yousafzai](#)
- [2013 - Hillary Rodham Clinton, Former Secretary of State](#)
- [2003 - Sandra Day O’Connor](#)

Click on links below to sample topics central to our AAUW mission (Gender Equity & Economic Security).

- [The Equal Rights Amendment Through History](#) (podcast with transcript)
- [19th Amendment: Women’s Right to Vote](#) (36-minute video)
- [The history of women in politics](#) (blog post)
- [The Constitutional Legacy of Seneca Falls](#) (podcast with transcript)
- [RBG on Life, Love, Liberty, and Law](#) (podcast with transcript)
- [Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization](#) (information on court case)

Save on Taxes and Donate?

The “season of giving” is here. You can save on your taxes by donating to your favorite organization. If you’re 70½ or older and don’t itemize, you may reduce your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Donation from your retirement fund to a qualified 501(c)(3). You can even count it as part of your Required Minimum Distribution.



Two suggestions from AAUW CA: donate to [AAUW Fund](#) or to Tech Trek via [AAUW CA SPF](#). (Just be sure the donation is paid directly from the IRA to the charity...and check with your tax advisor.)



AAUW Partners on National Science Foundation Grant: Let’s Talk Money

Building on AAUW’s strong **pay equity and salary-negotiation** research and programs, AAUW has a five-year partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology and Aspire/The Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). [Let’s Talk Money: Building Community Understanding of the Institutional Compensation System](#) aims

to share best practices for faculty compensation to a broad community in higher education.



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.

AAUW-LPD will use **Evites** to promote major events. All other coffees, meetings, cocktails, etc. will be promoted via the **Grapevine and/or the weekly Friday email updates**, so please add events to your calendar.

Tuesday December 6 at 1:00 PM: Branch Board Meeting (Note a day early due to Holiday Party)

Everyone is welcome to attend board meetings! Please contact [Marilyn Duman](#) if you plan to attend. We will meet at Anita Massey's home and will provide a Zoom link as well if needed. Let Marilyn know if you would like to join via Zoom.

Wednesday December 7 at 1:00 PM: Afternoon Books (Note change of date)

Chris Alesso will lead a discussion of the poem Musee des Beaux Arts. Mary Ann and Corrie Carlsen will host the meeting which will include a cookie exchange. Let Corrie and Mary Ann know if you plan to attend: 925-640-2658 or Corriekarlsen@gmail.com.

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 7:00 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 10:00 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 10:00 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)

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. If you'd like to play but never have, we are happy to teach you.



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* are always welcome.

The branch directory is online for your convenience in a members-only protected area which can be accessed [here](#). You will be prompted for a password which

REMINDER: As a branch we adhere to all COVID-19 guidelines from state and national AAUW. AAUW California recommends that we follow our county guidelines for how large a group can meet in one space--inside or outside. They also note that our AAUW insurance probably won't cover COVID related illness.
