

# The Grapevine

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## President's Message    January 2023

Happy New Year everyone!

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Holiday dinner at Terra Mia last month. It was a lot of fun and due to your generosity, we were able to make a generous donation of gift cards to the Tri Valley Haven, as well as raise significant money for Tech Trek. I want to thank Anita Massey and Sheryl Morgan along with the program committee for arranging a lovely, festive event!

Please consider a New Year resolution to increase your involvement with our branch by attending a new interest group, dropping in for Cocktails & Conversation or Coffee "AND", or joining one of our committees. Come visit us at **Make A Difference Day** at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Saturday **January 14** and/or learn **first aid techniques** from Tina Amber on Tuesday **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Details are in this newsletter.

We hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing more of you in 2023.

All the best,

[Marilyn Duman](#)

AAUW LPD President



### Happy Holidays...| and happy to be together!



Fabulous food, great conversation,  
and laughter all around at our  
December 7 AAUW LPD branch  
**Annual Holiday Party** at Terra Mia (Livermore).



Many thanks to you for attending, *special* thanks to our branch party planners, and gratitude for your contributions to Tech Trek and your gift cards to Tri Valley Haven!



## First Aid Refresher Tuesday January 17 at 2:00pm

Do you know the warning signs of a stroke, how to do CPR, what to do in a cardiac emergency, how to use an AED, or what information you should be prepared to give 911? If you have not taken a First Aid/CPR class recently, this overview is for you.

**Tina Amber**, a member of AAUW LD branch, has been a Red Cross trainer for over 20 years. She will summarize the most recent first aid practices for members and guests.

This overview will be held on **Tuesday January 17 from 2:00-3:30pm** at the Livermore Public Library. Your **December 21 Evite** has details and an RSVP link.

We would appreciate an RSVP so that we have an idea of how many will be attending. **Thanks for your RSVP** via your 12/21 email Evite.

Note: This is NOT a regular Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED class and no certificate will be given to attendees.

## Bright Futures for Women ...Career Series

Once more we are planning a speaker's series to inform young women of professions and careers they may find fascinating. This year we again are developing a 3-night Zoom presentation featuring 3 speakers per session for a total of 9 speakers over 3 weeks. Each speaker presents only once for 15-20 minutes.



Our presentation dates are **Tuesday 01/31/23, Wednesday 02/08/23, and Thursday 2/16/23**. All programs start at 7:00 PM/PT and registration is required. Look for a flier distribution in early January. Please share this information with any family or family friends who may be interested.

From series organizer **PJ Wells**: "This winter's **AAUW LPD speaker series "Bright Futures for Women"** will feature two young professionals who have benefited from such AAUW funding. We will hear from two AAUW Fund grant recipients!



**Estelle Reyes** (Vice-President of Los Angeles' CleanTech Incubator)

**Kyndra Cleveland** (Developmental Psychologist & Lawyer)



Please watch for program details and join us to hear the panel share their personal journey as well as professional challenges of working in their chosen field."

Speakers Series information is appropriate for young women in High School, the first years of college, or even early career women who may be considering a change or return to school for advanced degrees. The zoom format opens this series to participation from anywhere in the country.

**Anita Massey** and **Sheryl Morgan**, Programs

Click on **AAUW member Discounts and Perks** for savings on a range of products and services. AAUW gets a royalty for every purchase, for support of equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, and the college student leadership conference.

Click on **ShopAAUW** for AAUW's online store for accessories and apparel to show off your AAUW pride!



## International Lunch Fun!

On **Friday January 13th**, the International Lunch Group will feast on Burmese Cuisine at **Burma! Burma!** ([7294 San Ramon Blvd., San Ramon, 94568](https://www.burma-burma.com/)). Look for the coming Evite to **RSVP**. Limit to 12 attendees.

With over 20 years of experience in Burmese Cuisine, Burma! Burma! offers some of the finest dishes prepared fresh daily. From the Traditional Tea Leaf Salad to the Burmese Shrimp and Minted Jalapeno Chicken, the restaurant will amaze your taste buds with their traditional preparation and cooking.

Questions? Contact **Tina Amber** at [tmamber6@gmail.com](mailto:tmamber6@gmail.com)

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## AAUW Fund: End-of-Year Deadline for Donations!

**December 31, 2022** is the deadline for donating to the **AAUW-Fund**. [Make your online donation now.](#)

**The Education and Training Fund (#4450)** supports fellowships and grants.

**The Economic Security Fund (#4449)** supports AAUW's legal advocacy and pay equity programs

**The Leadership Fund (#4452)** supports AAUW's campus projects in higher education and the National Conference for College Women Students.

**The "Greatest Need" Fund (#9110)** fund helps worthy recipients complete their studies, research, and education in a variety of amazing topics. We can support whatever programs have the greatest current need through our donations to this fund.

**We would love to challenge our branch to increase gifting during this holiday season!** Last year we contributed over \$5,000 to the AAUW Fund, while this year we find ourselves hovering at \$1,500. This branch board has worked hard to connect the benefit of donations by featuring speaking roles for the young women who received the funds. These women are extraordinary — and so are YOU for being such a generous branch member. Please use the [attached form](#) to make any year end donations.

Many thanks for all that you do to make our branch successful. Happy holidays and merry New Year to all (did I get that right?)!

[PJ Wells](#), AAUW Fund

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## Livermore Lab Makes History (and Herstory plays a part!)

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory has reached a major milestone in fusion ignition that can lead to advancements in national defense and the future of clean energy. Learn more by clicking on any link:

[NPR \(transcript\)](#) [Lawrence Livermore National Lab](#) [The Independent](#) [Pleasanton Weekly](#) [Independent](#) [Wall Street Journal](#) [NY Times](#)

(above photo) Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary **Jennifer Granholm** announced Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) achieving fusion ignition at the National Ignition Facility. LLNL Director **Kim Budil** (far left; first woman Director) and DOE Under Secretary for Nuclear Security **Jill Hruby** looked on. (*Fun Fact: President Biden's science adviser, Arati Prabhakar, worked on nuclear fusion at the Lab in 1978!*)



## AAUW 2022 in Review (information from AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell)

“You did it! Because of committed activists like you, the Senate voted 73 to 24 on 12/22 to pass the **Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** (PWFA). With this overwhelming bipartisan support, [PWFA passed as an amendment to the omnibus bill and will soon become law!](#) This momentous win will allow millions of pregnant people to [finally](#) provide for their families without compromising their health or pregnancies.”

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“This fall, we released an analysis of the gender pay gap that included a calculation of all workers (including part-time and seasonal), providing a more accurate picture of the post-pandemic labor market. The 2022 update of [The Simple Truth](#) shows that, using the new calculation, women were paid just 77 cents for every dollar paid to men in 2021.”

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“In February, we partnered with the Eos Foundation to publish [The Women's Power Gap at Elite Universities: Scaling the Ivory Tower](#), which found that only 22% of presidents at elite U.S. research universities are women, and a mere 5% are women of color.”

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“In May, we held our second successful all-virtual [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#). Hundreds of students were inspired by Gloria Blackwell’s keynote conversation with [Nikole Hannah-Jones](#), the Pulitzer-prize-winning creator of the “[1619 Project](#)” and a staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine*.”

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“This summer, the Coca-Cola Foundation renewed its support of our [Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative](#) for another year. This allowed us to expand our partnership with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), and others to reach even more women with our award-winning Work Smart salary-negotiation program and financial literacy training.”

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“In November, we kicked off our year-long celebration of [AAUW's 140th Anniversary](#) by presenting the 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award to [Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Ileawa](#), the first woman and first African to serve as director-general of the World Trade Organization.”

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“...We supported and celebrated the confirmation of [Ketanji Brown Jackson](#), the first Black justice to serve “on the U.S. Supreme Court. This spring, Gloria Blackwell stood with members, employees and other activists on the steps of the Supreme Court in celebration of this historic nomination—a proud moment for all.”

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“Following the Supreme Court’s [devastating decision](#) to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in June, we took to the streets in protest, worked in close coalition with our partners, and provided updated guidance to our members and supporters on how to [rally for reproductive rights](#).”

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“...We were thrilled to award **\$6 million**—our largest-ever amount—to AAUW Fund [Fellows and Grantees](#), women scholars and equity-based community projects in 2022-23.”

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**What you need to know about the November 8th midterm elections:** Overall, results were *very* favorable to women! AAUW Public Policy Director Kathi Harper’s excellent YouTube presentation [How’d We Do in ’22?](#) shares how female candidates fared in federal, state and local elections, where the numbers currently stand, and what it all means for us as AAUW women.



## 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.

