



The Grapevine

May 2023



President's Message

I was very happy to see so many of you at our annual meeting and luncheon at Zephyr Grill. **Thank you** to Anita Massey and the program committee for arranging a wonderful event! I hope you were inspired to increase your participation in other branch activities. If everyone does a little bit, we will continue to have a dynamic and active branch.

I look forward to seeing some of you at **Ruby Hill Winery on May 5** and at our **officer installation and happy hour on June 9**.

Marilyn Duman

AAUW LPD President

Food, Fun, and more at our AAUW-LPD Annual Luncheon!

Our 4/22 **Branch Annual Meeting Luncheon** at Zephyr Grill, Livermore was a tasty way to catch up with friends, greet new members, learn something new, and more!

- We elected our nominated slate of branch board directors and officers, who will begin their terms in July, 2023.
- We were entertained and informed by our guest speaker [Dr. Kelly Bowers](#), CEO of the [Three Valleys Community Foundation](#),
- We honored our **Honorary Lifetime Members** for their AAUW membership of 50 or more years.



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Thank you AAUW LPD Board!

2022-23 Directors

<i>President</i>	Marilyn Duman
<i>Program</i>	Anita Massey
<i>Program</i>	Sheryl Morgan
<i>Finance</i>	Pam Leong
<i>Membership</i>	Tina Amber

Officers at Large

<i>Communications</i>	Marilyn Duman
<i>Secretary</i>	Charlene Grandfield
<i>IBC Liaison</i>	Charlene Grandfield
<i>STEM Director</i>	Anita Massey
<i>Publicity</i>	Roz Wright
<i>Public Policy</i>	Roz Wright
<i>AAUW Fund</i>	PJ Wells

AAUW Website

AAUW has made major changes to the membership section of the website. Several short video tutorials are now available to help you make the transition. Check them out at:

<https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/>



**Food, Fun, and more
at our AAUW-LPD
Annual Luncheon!**





Please Join us for the Mello Cielo Vineyard Experience at Ruby Hill Winery on Friday May 5 at 2 PM!

The Mello Cielo Vineyard Experience is a comprehensive excursion through the vineyards and production facility at Ruby Hill Winery. This unique 90-minute wine tasting experience begins at the tasting room where you board the Mello Cielo, Ruby Hill's customized wine bus. Along the way you learn the history of Ruby Hill Winery and get an inside look at how their grapes go from the vine to the bottle.

Throughout the experience you will sample wines from the current vintages as well as some still aging in the barrel. A sit-down wine tasting accompanied with food offerings is included at the historic water tower.

There is an absolute maximum capacity of 14 people on the bus and as of now, there are 7 seats available. The cost is \$40 per person payable to Marilyn Duman. If you would like to attend, please contact Marilyn at marilynduman@gmail.com or 925-980-8046. Your seat will NOT be confirmed until payment is received.



Congratulations to our newly-elected **AAUW-LPD Officers and Directors** for 2023-2024!

Officers 2023-2024

- President/Administrator - Anita Massey
- Program Chair - Gwen Locke
- Finance - Pam Leong
- Membership - Tina Amber

Directors 2023-2024

- AAUW Fund - PJ Wells
- Interbranch Council Liaison - Charlene Grandfield
- Communications Coordinator - Marilyn Duman
- Publicity - Roz Wright
- Secretary - Pam Leong
- STEM Director - Anita Massey

Nomination Committee - Roz Wright, Marilyn Duman & Sheryl Morgan
Pam Leong, Nominating Committee Chairperson



Congratulations to our AAUW Honorary Lifetime Members (Individuals who have been members for 50 years can apply for honorary life membership and become exempt from further national and state dues).

Dorothy (Dot) Bishop, Arlene Chin, Fern Corley, Barbaray Dewey, Mary Dietrich, Carol Guarnaccia, Roberta Hadley, Pat Kohonen, Carol Lathrop, Ginny Reineking, Charlotte Severin, Ayn Wieskamp

Congratulations to our **AAUW Lifetime Members** (Individuals who pay a one-time fee can become exempt from further national dues).

Pam Copeland, Mercedes Daggett, Anne Dini, Sharon Edwards, Sandy Hansen, Joan Laursen, Patty Rabada, Vicki-Dawn Rader, Joy Robinson, Marti Silva, Karen Sweet, Susan Wacek



Faces of AAUW Women you know about...or you'll want to learn about! Our members, fellows, and award winners pioneer advances for gender equity. Explore how many of us have made our mark — from the past to the present and into the future!





Membership Update

Membership Renewal starts now! Thank you for being a valuable member. This vital organization, which advances equity for women and girls, is strongest when we all join together.

By the end of April you will receive an email from AAUW.org. This email will contain detailed login instructions about how to renew your membership online. The goal is to have 90% of our branch members renew online. (Hint: if you order on Amazon you can do this!). The dues for the 2023-2024 year total \$108.00. This includes \$72 for national, \$20 for state, and \$16 for the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch (CA0048). Be sure to join our branch!!!! \$67 of your dues is tax deductible.

For those who cannot renew online, we will accept checks. They should be made out to AAUW-LPD and mailed to AAUW-LPD, P.O. Box 661, Livermore, CA 94551.

Honorary Lifetime members (those who have been members for 50+ years) do not pay dues. Lifetime members pay \$36.

As always, we gladly accept donations. They can be designated for general branch programs or for Tech Trek. We appreciate your continued support of our branch and our programs.

Questions? Contact Tina Amber at tmamber6@gmail.com. I will be traveling during the month of May but I will reach out to you if you have questions or need help when I return.

New Members

We are pleased to introduce two new members. Please take a moment to introduce yourself when you meet them at our upcoming events. **Nancy Hudson** and **Philomena Rambo**.

[Tina Amber](#) Branch Membership Chair



[Know Your Rights](#) at work, on campus, in your community! Click on the link to see how **AAUW Legal Advocacy (LAF)** challenges sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

[Find Legal Help](#) You may not be sure whether what happened violated your rights. Even if you feel strongly that someone has violated your rights, you may not know what steps to take. This information can help you decide what to do next and where to find legal help.

[Current Cases](#) AAUW has provided millions of dollars to support hundreds of cases. Learn more about current cases we are supporting.

[Where We Stand: Student Debt](#) AAUW advocates increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women, including alleviating the debt burden that disproportionately impacts borrowers of color and exacerbates the racial wealth gap.

[AAUW Reacts to President Biden’s Announcement on Federal Student Loan Debt Cancellation](#)
(5/022 press release)



AAUW-LPD joined [Quest Science Center](#) for their 4/15 **Innovation Fair** this year for the first time ever: it was awesome! Our chapter had a special invitation to exhibit, and our courageous member **Nitu Shinde** answered the call. She and I went to the Alameda County Fairgrounds early Saturday morning to set up the exhibit.

This booth consisted of a table and array of experiments that Nitu created to demonstrate magnetic polarity. We felt a bit intimidated sandwiched between NASA and the US Patent & Trade Office — we were definitely the low-tech exhibitors. But those kids really had fun with us. Once the doors opened and the budding scientists came through with their parents, we had

standing room only to play with our magnetic cars, metal shavings, battery train and potato circuitry. We had a staffing boost from several Quest volunteers, and we needed their help.

We were enthusiastically welcomed by Quest CEO **Monya Lane** and interviewed by the event videographer. Will we be on Channel 4? Stay tuned! Our AAUW-LPD partnership with Quest is strong and they have referred a number of professional women to our Speaker's Series. The same is true of **Nan Ho**, Dean of STEM | Academic Services at Las Positas College ~ she made the rounds at the fair as well.



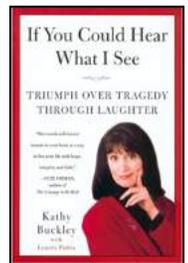
At 2:00 PM **Roz Wright** and **Karen Cowan** showed up to relieve us. Roz picked up on driving the magnetic cars right away — and Karen (drawing on her years of teaching science) staffed the potato circuit. If their experience was anything like ours, the exhibit attracted future science enthusiasts, created name recognition for AAUW, and enhanced our local partnerships. Well played one and all.

PJ Wells AAUW Fund, Speakers Series
pj@aauw-lpd.org



[Kathy Buckley](#) is America's first deaf comedienne, an award-winning actress, and an international motivational speaker. Kathy has performed both at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, won the Ovation award for her one woman show *Don't Buck With Me*, and is the author of the book *If You Could Hear What I See*. Her message: "get over it and get on with... life."

[Click here](#) to read about Kathy's April performance at Las Positas College.



Cocktails and Conversation Interest Group (4/2014)

Roz Wright, Jeanette Rauscher, Vicki-Dawn Rader, Gloria Green, Carolyn Kotch, Carol Guarnaccia, Sandy Hansen



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 emails.

Branch Activities & Interest Groups

International Lunch Group	Meets on various days and times. Watch for an Evite.
Monday Night Bridge	Meets the 2 nd and 4 th Mondays 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)



We will remember AAUW-LPD members who have passed away...

Joan Tebbe Green was an AAUW member and teacher in the Livermore Joint School District. Joan was a Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild member since its formation, and she participated in a number of other civic organizations – including the Livermore-Amador Garden Club, Del Valle Fine Arts, the Livermore Opera, and the SF Art Museums.

Anne Les American Fellowship. Anne was a member of Lompoc-Vandenberg, Atascadero, South Lake Tahoe, and the Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch. Before she moved to our area, she had been honored with an endowment in her name. Anne had a career teaching math, but she was a driving force in AAUW, twice leading California state efforts to support what is now the AAUW Fund.



Our branch established the **AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch/Dawn Gordner Grant** in 1988 to honor Dawn for her years of service to the branch and to the Pleasanton community. She was our branch President in 1974-1975 and served on AAUW of California committees and various Pleasanton boards and commissions. In the 1970s, Dawn was the force behind a publication the branch produced: "How to Elect a Woman to Office," which was used locally and nationally for the next 20 years by people seeking public office. Dawn also produced Community Television30's "In a Word" Book Club during the early 2000's.

"I was branch president during a very exciting time. We were in the midst of the Women's Movement, and it kept our branch very busy. We worked hard to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, and although it failed, it did raise the awareness of the country to the fact that women were not being given equal treatment. We wore pins that said *59 cents*, since that's what women earned in comparison to men doing similar work. Title IX helped women athletes in our schools."