



What you can do this month:
**Learn more about AI at our
October 19 Program
**Explore an interest group new to you
**Invite a friend to an AAUW event

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PROGRAM

AI—What is it? Where is it?

Artificial Intelligence is in the news, on TV, everywhere! Several members have been doing research on the subject and will present a panel discussion about what AI is, how it impacts our healthcare, affects our education programs, and how to look for the “deep fakes”. Have a cup of coffee and join us on Thursday, October 19, 10 AM, at Vic’s All Star Kitchen, 201 Main Street, in downtown Pleasanton.

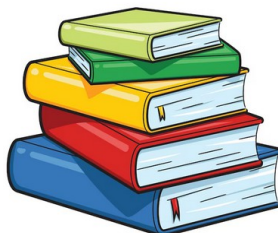


Let's Bloom Together!

Still in September

Women’s right to choose is the subject of author, Kerri Maher new book, “All You Have to Do Is Call”. Join Towne Book’s Coffee and Conversation at the Last Word Patio in Livermore on Friday, September 29, 11 AM. There is a \$5 fee.

Gwen Locke and the Program Committee
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MEMBERSHIP

Renewals

A huge thank you for completing your membership renewals!

If you have any changes to your phone or email address, please send updates to Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com.

The updated membership list will be available next month.

Tina Amber
Membership Chair
tmamber6@gmail.com

BOARD NEWS

Board Votes to Join TVNPA

The AAUW LPD Board of Directors recently voted to join the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance (TVNPA). The alliance is a collaborative hub that strengthens the nonprofits serving the Tri-Valley area. Their vision is to create a network that will support, uplift, and foster collaboration between various nonprofit organizations, thereby creating a more vibrant community.

TVNPA holds monthly networking and education programs, covering topics such as fundraising, volunteer management, and social impact trends. Grant opportunities are available through the alliance. They also offer a collaborative space with cubicles and a small conference room and kitchen for meetings and inter-organization collaboration.

More information about TVNPA is available at <https://tvnpa.org> . If you have questions or are interested in being more involved, please contact branch president [Anita Massey](#).

IMPORTANT LINKS

As an AAUW member, you have access to a wide array of online resources, including:

AAUW-LPD [website](#) and [calendar](#)

[AAUW California website](#)

[AAUW national website](#)

You also should be receiving our local Friday Update via email, along with messages from AAUW California and National. If you are not receiving these please be sure your membership is current, then contact [Tina Amber](#) for membership assistance.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Thank you to our local scholarship winners--Alejandra Quezada, Sangavi Suresh Kumar and Juliana Santiago—who shared their truly inspiring stories at our kick off event on September 23.

Susan Wacek
Coordinator, LPD Local Scholarship Foundation
rwacek@comcast.net



GIRLS' PROGRAMS

Tech Trek

LPD-Tech Trek now has a local non-profit account! No more writing a check to the CA-SPF and waiting months for it to clear. You can now write your checks directly to: LPD-AAUW Tech Trek Scholarship, a 501(c)3. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

Director/Co-Directors Needed for the 2024 Tech Trek at UC Davis

As many of you know our current Tech Trek girls split their residential camp experiences between Sonoma and Davis. This year, the Davis camp co-directors are retiring. If a new director or co-directors are not identified by year end, there will be NO UC DAVIS Tech Trek. There is a willing and able group of individuals to assist in planning and hosting the camp in various roles as needed.

If you, someone in our branch, a former Trekker who is currently in a career that may encourage her involvement, or someone else you know might be interested in finding out more about being a director/co-director candidate, we would love to hear from you. If you have connections with groups, like the Society of Women Engineers, that might have members who would be interested in being involved, please share.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact nitu_c@yahoo.com or akm1@comcast.net, and they will put you in touch with the UC Davis Team.

ADVOCACY

Advancing Gender Equity is Advancing Environmental Sustainability (and vice versa)

By Missy Maceyko, Co-Chair, CA State Public Policy Committee

After a year of wild weather in California, many of us may be thinking more about climate, environment, and sustainability. How does our concern with the weather relate to AAUW California's [Public Policy Priorities](#)? Advancing gender equity is directly related to environmental sustainability. The inverse is also true.

[The United Nations sustainable development goals](#), adopted in 2015, seek to push all countries to act to protect the planet, ensure widespread prosperity, and promote peace. Achieving gender equality, goal number five, is a crucial element in this overall strategy.

We know that [having greater gender diversity in leadership](#) improves organizations. One of AAUW California's public policy focus areas is increasing women in leadership positions. However, advancing this goal can also have positive climate impacts. [The UN has found that having greater gender diversity in climate discussions leads to improved outcomes](#) on climate-focused policies and projects. This is just one case in which we can see how sustainable development goal 5, promoting greater gender equality, alongside advancing AAUW California's public policy priorities, can be important for achieving sustainable development goal 13, creating more impactful climate action.

Data also shows us that (un)sustainable production and consumption patterns, which harm the environment, [tend to be gendered](#), with "green" choices being widely feminized. While this is a global trend, we see this in popular portrayals of more planet-friendly consumption choices in the United States, as well, such as veganism, [which tends to be marked as more "feminine"](#) and less "masculine." This example shows us that sustainable development goal 5, promoting greater gender equality, alongside AAUW California's overall public policy mission of advancing equity for women and girls, is also important for achieving sustainable development goal 12, which focuses on creating more planet-friendly and responsible production and consumption patterns.

Advancing gender equity is directly related to environmental sustainability, and vice versa. In advancing AAUW California's public policy goals, and expanding the rights of all women and girls, we can help create the conditions for greater justice and inclusion, economic parity, and environmental viability, all at the same time.



AAUW FUND

Please take advantage of year-end charitable donations to the Greatest Need fund — there is still time. The AAUW Fund allows women to pursue advanced research and degrees in a variety of areas. Our branch donations (your generous gifts) are blended with the donations from other branches to multiply our gifts. This month we highlight an AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP through the Anne Les Fund #4168. Please meet Jessica Moss.

Jessica Spence Moss is pursuing her Ph.D. in cultural studies focusing on the motivations, experiences and contributions of women and nonbinary individuals in local interfaith communities. Utilizing oral history methods and building on her personal engagement with community-based interfaith work, she hopes to provide a nuanced understanding of institutional as well as organic interfaith relationships. By doing so, she hopes to become a leading researcher in the field of interfaith studies.

Award Year: 2022-23

Award: American Fellowship

Institution: Claremont Graduate University

Location: Claremont, California

Discipline: Religion

Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Religion

Project Name: Interfaith Communities: Relationships in Thirdspace



YOUR 2023-2024 LPD BOARD

Branch Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact [Anita Massey](#) if you would like to attend. Meetings are either in person or via Zoom (or both).

Officers:

President/Administrator - Anita Massey

Program Chair - Gwen Locke

Finance - Pam Leong

Membership - Tina Amber

Directors:

AAUW Fund - PJ Wells

Interbranch Council Liaison - Charlene Grandfield

Communications Coordinator - Marilyn Duman

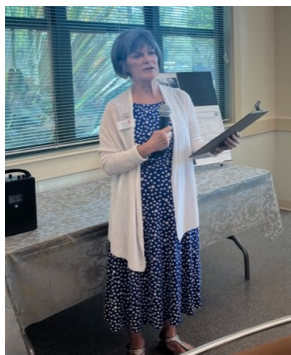
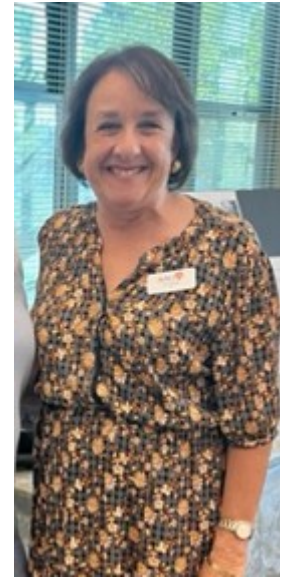
Publicity - Roz Wright

Secretary - Pam Leong

STEM Director - Anita Massey

CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the September 23 kick off event a success. The presentations by the young women from our scholarship and Tech Trek programs were the highlights of the afternoon. And a special thanks to those who provided food and decorations for the event.



BRANCH ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Wine Enthusiasts

You are invited to the first event of our new wine enthusiasts interest group. We will meet approximately every other month beginning Friday, October 27, at one of the area's local wineries. With over 50 to choose from in the area, we can all venture beyond our favorites.

Watch for an Evite coming soon with all of the details. Please pay particular note to the reservation date. Space is limited and payment is required in advance. No reservation will be complete until Anita Massey receives your check.

International Lunch Group

This group will resume lunches in November. If you would like to recommend a restaurant, please send your recommendations to Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com.
Look for an Evite soon.

Interest groups are open to active LPD-AAUW branch members only.
Guests may attend a maximum of three times without becoming a member.

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| International Lunch Group | First get-together in October | Watch for an Evite. Contact tmamber6@gmail.com with suggestions for locations. |
| Monday Night Bridge | 7 PM, 2 nd and 4 th Mondays | Various locations |
| Monday Book Group | 9:30 AM, 4 th Monday | |
| Afternoon Book Group | 1:30 PM, 2 nd Wednesday | |
| Mission Discussion Group | 10 AM, 2 nd Thursday | |
| Solo Dining Group | Various times, 2 nd Friday | |
| Coffee and . . . | | Taking a break for a few months! |
| Cocktails & Conversation | 5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday | October 5 828 Bites & Brews 828 Main Street, Pleasanton |

