



What you can do this month:
** Attend the Annual Holiday Dinner on December 7
**Bring a gift card for the Tri-Valley Haven or donate a basket for the raffle to support Tech Trek

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PROGRAM

Annual Holiday Dinner
Thursday, December 7, 5:30 PM
Terra Mia Restaurant, 4040 East Avenue, Livermore



Let's celebrate together at our Annual Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 7! Enjoy the holiday ambiance at the beautiful Terra Mia Restaurant in Livermore. Social time is from 5:30-6:00 PM. Enjoy a cocktail or glass of wine at the no host bar. The buffet will be served at 6:00 PM and will include a selection of main courses, coffee or tea, and tiramisu for dessert. Singing will follow dinner. Cost for the evening is \$58, payable by check made out to AAUW-LPD and mailed to 2704 Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Please note that all checks must be received by November 30 to give the restaurant an accurate headcount. See the Evite for all event details. For questions, please call Tina at 925 640-8694.

Two opportunities for you at the dinner:

- Help extend the cheer by contributing to the community via "gift cards on a tree". This year, Tri-Valley Haven is the chosen non-profit. We suggest that you bring gift cards in \$20 amounts from either Safeway or Walmart.
- Beautiful gift baskets, donated by our members, will also be available for raffle to support the Tech Trek Program.

MEMBERSHIP

Sad News

Long-time branch member Walt Morgan passed away on October 28. Walt's daughter, Julie Morgan Rusch, let us know that Walt's memorial service is scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 2 PM. at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton.

MaDDay

Make A Difference Day is scheduled for January 13, 2024. This is a great opportunity to promote our branch and talk with folks about becoming members. Volunteers are needed for shifts between 10 AM and 2 PM. Contact Tina Amber or Anita Massey if you would like to help.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Livermore Lab Foundation STEM Fellowships

The Livermore Lab Foundation (LLF or the Foundation), a nonprofit philanthropic partner to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), that is now actively recruiting undergraduate STEM fellows for Summer 2024. If you have family or friends who might be interested in these fellowships, please share this information with them

The Foundation is dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge and inspiring the next generation of science and technology leaders at LLNL through research and through student STEM fellowship opportunities. These paid fellowships connect students to LLNL's premier innovation, technology and research capabilities, with a focus on those historically underrepresented in the field (women, minorities, low-income/financial need, and first-generation college students).

The LLF fellowship application window is now open, with details on the Foundation's website: <https://livermorelabfoundation.org/stem/>. Applicants must submit a statement of interest, resume, and faculty letter of recommendation no later than January 10, 2024. Any questions can be directed to fellowships@livermorelabfoundation.org.

Flyers for the various fellowships are available at:

<https://livermorelabfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2023-24-Version-4.pdf>

<https://livermorelabfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-4.pdf>

FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, or NCCWSL, is an annual AAUW conference that brings together more than 800 young women from across the country for two and a half days of leadership training, networking, and inspiration. The California Online and Oregon Online branches recently held a seven-person panel of recent attendees. Click [HERE](#) and listen to their passion as they describe the transformative experiences that AAUW afforded them. Please consider sharing this video with your branch and possibly offering a scholarship to next year's conference.

ADVOCACY

At some point, most workers will need time away from work to deal with a serious personal or family illness, or to care for a new child. Yet many workers can't afford to take leave without pay, forcing them to choose between their family or their job.

Paid leave is an equity issue. Women are often the primary caretakers for children and aging parents, yet the workers in the United States who lack access to paid leave are disproportionately women, people of color, and low-wage workers.

The FAMILY Act will provide workers with up to 12 weeks of paid leave when they take time for a serious health condition impacting themselves or their family. It would enable parents to take paid leave so they can take newborns to the doctor for important check-ups and immunization. It would enable grandparents to take paid time off to care for their grandchild. It would offer survivors of gender-based violence reprieve from having to make the impossible choice between their safety and their paycheck.

See more about AAUW's support position [here](#).

OF GENERAL INTEREST

From member Carol Guarnaccia:

An English professor asked students to punctuate the following phrase correctly and got two versions:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.

A woman: without her, man is nothing.



AAUW FUND

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 multiple our gifts. And it is truly a gift for our branch to afford the donations that improve lives around the world: individuals uplifting another through generous (and often unrecognized) acts of kindness. This month we turn the spotlight on an INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP through the Joan Kavanagh Zehnder Fund #1776. Please meet Julieta Cabezon below:

International Fellowships

Name: Julieta Cabezon

Award Year: 2022-23

Award: International Fellowship

Institution: Harvard University

Citizenship: Argentina

Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Discipline: Political science

Degree and Specialization: M.A.,

International Development



As a master in public administration in international development student at Harvard Kennedy School, she aims to strengthen her leadership and data-minded skills to scale up effective solutions to development problems primarily on the micro-determinants of productivity and gender equality. She has led federal policies to improve managerial capabilities and coauthor papers about Argentina's gender gap in the national government of her country.



GIRLS' PROGRAMS

Local Scholarship Foundation News

I'm happy to announce that this year's three winners are assisting Las Positas College. The Financial Aid Office will be using information from their applications (with their permission) at a seminar. This seminar is to teach other students about the scholarship application process. Well done, Sangavi Kumar, Alejandra Sermeno and Julian Santiago!

Susan Wacek
Coordinator of our Local Scholarship Foundation

Tech Trek

Calling all creative members! We are looking for baskets to raffle to support our Tech Trek Program. If you have a great idea and would like to donate a basket, please contact a board member ASAP!

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.

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

BRANCH ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Board Meeting

Branch Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome at board meetings, so please contact [Anita Massey](#) if you plan to attend.

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

International Lunch Group	Various dates	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
Morning Book Group	9:30 AM, 3 rd Thursday in December	
Afternoon Book Group	1:30 PM, 2 nd Wednesday	
Mission Discussion Group	10 AM, 2 nd Thursday	
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday	

*Hope to see you at the December 7 Annual
Holiday Dinner!*

