



The Grapevine January 2024

What you can do this month:
** Watch your weekly update for details about the January program
** Save February 3 for our Tech Trek fundraiser. See the Grapevine and weekly updates for details.

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PROGRAM

The program committee is working on a program for Saturday, January 27. Watch your weekly updates in January for details.

MEMBERSHIP

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>

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FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA

Bill Tracker

AAUW of California's Public Policy Committee considers and selects the legislation that the organization will follow as well as those that will be supported with funds and energy.

[AAUW California Bill Tracker](#) tracks the status of these bills so you can stay updated on their progress through the process.

Gov Trek 2024

Do you know a high school girl interested in exploring career opportunities in public service or elected positions? If so, tell them about Gov Trek 2024, a free virtual leadership program for high school girls presented by AAUW California. The end goal—to elevate more women to leadership roles. More information (in English and Spanish) can be found [HERE](#). The registration deadline is January 20, 2024.

ADVOCACY

Lobby Days 2024

AAUW California's Lobby Days will be held on April 2 and 3, 2024. All members are encouraged to participate in this act of advocacy that is essential for achievement of the organization's legislative priorities. In addition to members, college students will be invited to join the event. Their participation will help with reaching more legislative offices, and this introduction to the organization will inspire these advocacy-minded young people to join AAUW.

A hybrid event is planned this year with meetings scheduled virtually over Zoom as well as in person at the Capitol. Members who live in and around Sacramento will have the option to participate in person. Legislative offices are willing to meet virtually or in person, and the virtual option makes it easier for AAUW members around the state to participate.

Training materials on the bills and the event will be posted on the state website in mid-March, and a mandatory training webinar will be held on March 25.

Lobby Days provide a wonderful opportunity to meet with your legislators and advocate for legislation to promote gender equity and improve the lives of women and girls.

An interest survey including a registration form will arrive in your inbox mid-January. Be sure to complete and return the form to be added to the communications list for the event.

OF GENERAL INTEREST

AAUW Membership Discounts & Perks

Your AAUW Membership comes with several benefits including discounts for UPS Shipping, Office Depot, insurance, and travel. To find out more click [HERE](#)



GIRLS' PROGRAMS

Tech Trek

On Saturday, February 3, 4 to 6 PM, we will again be gathering at the Karlsen home for an afternoon of fun and socializing to recognize 25 years of supporting Tech Trek. Please bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share, and don't forget your checkbook. This gathering will allow you to make a difference in a young girl's life through your donation to Tech Trek. Please see the Evite coming the first week of January for additional details.

As many of you know, our branch has been part of Tech Trek since the very beginning--25 years ago. A lot has changed over that time! Each year, our branch sends nine or ten girls for an unforgettable adventure. Twenty-five years ago, the cost was \$500 per girl. Now is it \$1200 for the full camp. This year, estimated costs are as follows:

- \$50 pays for a field trip for one girl
- \$100 provides for a ½ day at camp
- \$200 provides for a full day at camp
- \$600 covers half of a scholarship
- \$1200 awards a full scholarship

Our February 3 fundraiser is very important to the success of LPD's participation in this amazing program. The committee's goal for this event is \$6,000. Every contribution makes a difference, so we hope to see you there!

FROM AAUW NATIONAL

Art Contest

The annual AAUW Art Contest begins January 8, so get ready to grab a camera or painter's brush to create next year's winner! The contest is an excellent way to showcase member talents while also supporting AAUW's mission. Every year, the winning artwork has been featured on note cards that are mailed to members and supporters.

Contest rules will be updated on [AAUW's Art Contest](#) page with guidelines and deadlines. For now, peruse the gallery of last year's winners, and find inspiration for your entry! Deadline for entries is January 31.

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.

CELEBRATIONS

From PJ Wells:

On Thursday December 7, we again celebrated the holidays together at Terra Mia, an Italian restaurant in Livermore. The ease of parking, versatile menu, and attentive wait staff have made this a branch favorite. Plus, they let us commandeer their banquet room, and we can set up a giving tree, display gift baskets to raffle, and have easy access to the bartender — enjoying lots of laughs, singing and toasts to go around.

This is an event that turns out the members who may not be as active in the branch as they once were — yet nobody wants to miss out on the annual fun, and it's a special night. Whoever thought of bringing British "crackers" to the party this year is to be commended. I think the wearing of crowns (even tissue paper crowns) is severely underrated. I was searching for a scepter in the broom closet at home before hubby finally said "enough with the crown, already." Sigh. What happened to the concept of loyal subjects?

The giving tree raised \$1030 for the Tri-Valley Haven, and that is a donation we were thrilled to provide to them. Our wonderful, creative gift baskets raised \$400 specifically for AAUW girl programs. It's the season where we all do a little bit more than usual — and a little bit more GOOD than usual. We unleash our creativity and come up with the wherewithal to be greater than we were last year. From our board to our extended membership, we thank you for being part of this year's effort to empower women and to give others a boost.

While the crown may be tissue paper and the scepter misplaced, we each rule our world with the gifts of persistence, commitment and generosity. May the holidays bring you an unexpected delight: a laugh, a song, and a toast to your dreams for the new year. And what can we say to 2023? Well done!

Moments from the holiday celebration . . .



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.

Wine Enthusiasts	Tentatively in January	Watch for an Evite
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, 4 th Monday	
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	