



What you can do this month:
** Attend the February 3 fundraiser for Tech Trek. RSVP to the Evite or make a donation
** Join the branch discussion of Proposition 1 on February 8
** Zoom in to the branch bylaws meeting on February 13 and vote!

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PROGRAM

Tech Trek Fundraiser

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.

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



The committee's goal for this event is \$6,000. Every contribution makes a difference, so we hope to see you there! Please respond to the Evite you received in January. If you cannot attend, checks made out to LPD AAUW Tech Trek Scholarship may be sent to P.O. Box 661, Livermore CA 94550.

PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Bylaws Meeting and Vote

Your AAUW LPD Board of Directors have been reviewing the Branch bylaws and will be making proposed changes for branch members to consider. Some of the changes have been mandated by AAUW National and others are intended to streamline branch operations. A Zoom meeting to vote on the proposed bylaws will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 PM. All branch members are invited to participate, and a 2/3 vote of yes by those in virtual attendance is required to pass the revisions.

The proposed changes are posted on the [branch website](#). In the Members' Only area (password LPD1952), you will find a side by side comparison of existing and proposed bylaws and the motion that will be considered. The link to attend the Zoom meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83115899513?pwd=bFR5MDZrMmdXUzVZcjRqSm9wS3lqZz09>

Discussion of Proposition 1

Join fellow branch members on Thursday, February 8, 10 AM, for a discussion about Proposition 1 (on the March California ballot). Enjoy the coffee and conversation at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main Street, Pleasanton.

January Program Postponed to April 20

The program about California Indian women activists has been postponed to April 20 (at the branch General Meeting). Please look for additional information in the Grapevine and Friday Updates.

MEMBERSHIP

MaDDay

AAUW LPD participated in "Make a Difference Day" at the Pleasanton Senior Center on Saturday, January 13, where over 800 people attended. This has been a wonderful venue for connecting residents who want to volunteer and/or get involved with nonprofits such as AAUW. Anita, Pam, Charlene, Roz and Tina staffed the table and spoke to many interested women about the activities and programs available in our branch. We will be following up with those who left us contact information and holding Meet and Greets this coming month.



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Foundation NON EVENT Fundraiser

Enjoy a relaxing spa day in the comfort of your home and support our scholarships. No need to purchase a ticket, buy a new outfit or buy a raffle ticket!



Your invitation to the annual Local Scholarship Non Event Fundraiser was sent to you in the mail. All monies raised go directly to our awards. We support women from the TriValley entering their junior or senior year of college. Last year we were able to give \$10,000 to three amazing young women.

Donations are tax deductible. Please donate generously and thank you for your continued support.

Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking, co-chairs

FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA

Learn About a Woman Who Changed the Face of AAUW!

Join us via Zoom on Sunday, February 4, 3 PM to hear about Black activist Mary Church Terrell, her work for women's suffrage and racial equality, and her role in the integration of AAUW. A co-founder of the NAACP, Terrell became the first Black member of AAUW after winning an anti-discrimination lawsuit. We will hear from Dr. Alison Parker, author of *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*, as she recounts stories and major successes in the life of this extraordinary woman. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear firsthand about this little known activist and her unusual history with AAUW. Register [HERE](#).

2024 Call for Candidates

AAUW California is looking for enthusiastic, committed, and proven leaders to serve on the AAUW California Board of Directors. How about you, or is there someone you know with leadership talent? We seek candidates for:

- Secretary (two-year term 2024-2026)
- Four Directors (two-year terms 2024-2026)
- One Director (one-year term 2024-2025)

The committee members will be contacting branch presidents and others who have been suggested to the committee. Encourage members in your branch who might like to run for state office, or maybe you yourself would make a great candidate! For more information, including a link to the application, click [HERE](#).

FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA (Continued)

Parents Rights

The AAUW California Public Policy School Board Project Committee has been reviewing materials related to book banning and curriculum censorship. Read more about their work [here](#).

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

Phone Call Scams

Have you heard of someone who has been a victim of a phone call scam? [Here](#) is one resource with tips on how to avoid this happening to you.

GIRLS' PROGRAMS

Tech Trek

Our major fundraiser of the year will be held on February 3. See the [Program](#) section of this newsletter for details.

Planning for College

We are partnering with the Livermore Library and two local independent College Consultants to provide three College Planning workshops in March.

March 5 at 6 PM: WHERE TO BEGIN? This is an informative session on what students need to know as they begin High School to prepare for college admissions. This session is designed for students/parents of students from Grades 7-10.

March 7 at 6 PM: WHAT DO COLLEGES WANT? Unravel the complexities of college applications. Private or Public? In state or out of state? Which tests are needed? This session is designed for students/parents of students from Grade 9-11.

A third session will be scheduled focusing on the Financial Aid process. Stay tuned More information on [our website](#).

All sessions will be held at the Livermore Library. Attendance is free and no registration is required.

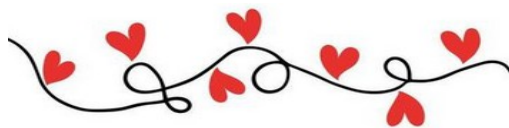
If you have questions or can help us publicize these events, please contact stem@aauw-lpd.org .

FROM AAUW NATIONAL

AAUW Earns Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

We are thrilled to share a momentous achievement with you – AAUW has been awarded a four-star rating by [Charity Navigator](#)! This recognition is a testament to AAUW's commitment to core nonprofit principles such as fiscal responsibility, adherence to ethical practices, and having tangible mission impact.

As we celebrate this accomplishment, we want to express our deepest gratitude to you, our members, as it is your continued dedication and support that makes an accolade like this possible.



AAUW FUND

As we close out the year for the AAUW Fund and await publication of the latest fellowship/scholarship recipients, our members may enjoy reading some research on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and healthcare. This was a discussion group topic several months ago, and one that captured our imaginations (over coffee and breakfast in Pleasanton).

We noted that Harvard education is promoting an “AI for Beginners” tutorial to healthcare professionals, while the esteemed PEW Research Center is providing survey results stating “60% of Americans Would Be Uncomfortable With Provider Relying on AI in Their Own Health Care.” Until a patient’s belief system and AI acceptance more closely align, there is an opportunity for discomfort in the examining room — that exceeds the gap in the gown.

Harvard touts the robust, complex imaging skill of AI which promotes diagnosis; the AI trait for analyzing massive data sets of patient characteristics in providing precision medicine; and utilization of predictive modeling to calculate potential outcomes. This all sounds like very good stuff. Yet 6 in 10 U.S. adults say they would feel uncomfortable if their doctor relied on AI for diagnosis and treatment. How about you?

Please take a view of the research at the link below. It’s truly a fascinating paper and one that may make you reconsider your current position. There is no question that AI is here and growing, and it is important for us to understand the basics, where it is headed, and how we evolve our thinking. This research helped close the gap for me and I hope you enjoy it too.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/science/2023/02/22/60-of-americans-would-be-uncomfortable-with-provider-relying-on-ai-in-their-own-health-care/>

PJ Wells, AAUW Fund Director



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 March	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	

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