



What you can do this month:

**Welcome in the new board on June 7.

**Renew your membership. Try the online system from AAUW National.

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PROGRAM

Our final event of the year! Marilyn Duman has again graciously opened her backyard patio for an informal get-together to celebrate the end of the branch year. Join the outgoing and incoming boards, new members and long-time friends on Friday, June 7, 4 -6 PM. Marilyn's' beautiful backyard is at 7567 Olive Drive in Pleasanton. Please bring a beverage and an appetizer to share. There will be a brief installation at 5 PM. Please RSVP to the Evite sent out on May 2. Any questions? Call 925-784-4418 or email [Marilyn](#).

Looking ahead, our annual fall kickoff is scheduled for Saturday, September 21.

YOUR INCOMING BOARD FOR 2024/25

The following slate of officers and directors have been voted in by our branch. Please attend the June 7 event (see above) and congratulate:

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| President/Administrator - Anita Massey | Program Co-Chairs- Gwen Locke, Nancy Hudson |
| Finance - Myla Grasso | AAUW Fund - PJ Wells |
| Secretary- Sandra Bauer | Membership - Tina Amber |
| | Publicity and Public Policy - Roz Wright |
| | STEM Director - Sheryl Morgan |

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal Time

Yes--if you order from Amazon you, have the skills to renew your AAUW membership online this year!

This is the future for all organizations, so it's time for our very educated and tech savvy members to try online renewal. It will take less than 10 minutes.

Last month you received an email from AAUW National, and you will receive another one about the same time as you read this newsletter. Click on the link and follow the prompts. Don't forget to join our branch (AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin) as well as the state (CA) branch.

You also have the ability to update personal information such as address, email and phone number. This year, dues paid to AAUW are 100% tax deductible.

Thank you for your continued membership in AAUW and supporting our programs and mission.

Tina Amber
Membership Chair

Dear AAUW Member:

It's time to renew your AAUW membership! To renew now, click [HERE](#) to enter and confirm a new password and access your **Personal Snapshot**. In your **Personal Snapshot**, click the **RENEW** button at the bottom of the screen to update your profile and renew your NATIONAL, BRANCH and STATE memberships!

	Total Price
National Membership Dues	\$72.00
CA0048-Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch Dues	\$25.00
CA-California State Dues	\$20.00

- CA0041-Humboldt Inc. Branch Dues
- CA0046-La Mesa-El Cajon Branch Dues
- CA0048-Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch Dues
- CA0049-Lodi Inc. Branch Dues
- CA0050-Long Beach Inc. Branch Dues

Online Membership Management

*Would you like to add Branch or State memberships?

Yes

No

Online Membership Management

The state(s) associated with the branch membership you selected displays below. If **no** branch was selected, the following states (CA, CO, IA, IL, MI, MT, NC, NJ, NM, NY, OR, SC, WA, WI) offer membership accommodations when there is **not** a branch in your area. Should you wish to include a state membership in the absence of a local branch, please make your selection, then click next.

Select State Memberships

- AK-Alaska State Dues
- AL-Alabama State Dues
- AR-Arkansas Inc. State Dues
- AZ-Arizona State Dues
- CA-California State Dues

GIRLS' PROGRAMS

STEM Day

Sandia Labs published an article about the success of the recent STEM Day, a partnership between AAUW LPD, Sandia and Las Positas College. Please take a moment to enjoy the story:

[Excited students attend STEM Day for Girls](#) .

Tech Trek

Once again, it is Tech Trek season and time for the annual orientation of 7th grade girls heading off to STEM summer camp. After a significant evaluation process including teacher's recommendation, application, and essay followed by interview, we selected our newest round of campers and treated them to a pizza party orientation. The onsite camp this year is at Santa Clara University, and seven girls will be there. An additional two will enjoy the virtual camp experience.

Held in the spacious backyard of Karen Cowen's home, the girls were introduced to some of last year's campers; given takeaway camper goody bags; and enjoyed a light supper shared by all. While their parents had an orientation from our branch president, Anita Massey, the girls got to know one another one-on-one, sitting around the supper table and chatting away. It did not take long to make a friend and exchange contact information with their phones. Selfies were posed and taken while parents waited (mostly) patiently for new friends to say goodbye — until they meet again at camp. The star of the show was blond, fluffy and expressive--Divot, Karen's family dog. What an icebreaker — irresistible to all he met and a Tech Trek mascot for the afternoon.

Our Tech Trek campers are supported by branch fundraising and your generous donations. Thank you!

PJ Wells
AAUW Fund



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

47th Annual Student Scholarship Ceremony at Las Positas College

Branch members Roz Wright and Susan Wacek represented AAUW-LPD at the recent scholarship ceremony at Las Positas College. Our branch annually funds a \$500 Tribe to Excellence Award. This year's recipient is Danielle Islas. It was a lovely ceremony,, and it was wonderful to see all of the hard- working students receive scholarships. Susan and Roz were able to meet the recipient of our award.



Congratulations Danielle!!

Local Scholarship Foundation Update

We have a wonderful list of candidates for consideration for this year's AAUW LPD Local Scholarship awards. We are truly lucky to have your support to assist wonderful women each year. Our Selection Committee is reviewing the applications (using a rubric) and will select the recipients no later than June 1. Information about the recipients will appear in the September Grapevine.

Susan Wacek
Local Scholarship Foundation Coordinator

Scholarship Foundation Board Positions

The Local Scholarship Foundation is seeking new members. We have one fundraiser per year, and meet three times a year. If you are interested in helping out with the foundation, please contact Ginny Reineking or Susan Wacek.

Ginny Reineking Bgreineking@gmail.com
Susan Wacek Rwacek@comcast.net



BOARD UPDATE

Are you a “detail person”? Interested in branch operations? Then volunteer to help update the branch Policies and Procedures to support the newly approved by-laws. Contact President [Anita Massey](#) for more information.

The incoming 2024/25 board is starting planning for next year. If you have any suggestions, please contact one of the new board members.

FROM AAUW NATIONAL

The 2024 AAUW election is now complete, and we are grateful for all those who took the time to vote. Congratulations to Melissa LaDuke, Dianne Owens, Sona Pancholy, and Christine Schmitz on their election to the AAUW Board!

On behalf of the AAUW Board of Directors, we are disappointed that the initiative to open AAUW’s membership did not pass.

We understand that this outcome may feel exclusionary to some. But AAUW’s history is one of continual change and growth, even in the face of challenges. That same resilient spirit must guide us now as we seek to fulfill AAUW’s purpose to advance equity for women and girls.

There are many ways to engage with AAUW and support our mission beyond membership. Please encourage members and non-members alike to engage with us — to become [Two-Minute Activists](#), to attend our webinars and events, to apply for a [fellowship or grant](#), and to share the information and resources from our [website](#), which support women’s economic empowerment.

The AAUW Board of Directors is committed to AAUW’s future and to strengthening the connection with all our members and our community of branch and state organizations. We can all do more to support AAUW’s efforts — and we will won’t stop working for an equitable future for women and girls.

Julia T. Brown, Esq.
Board Chair, 2017-2024

Cheryl Sorokin
Board Chair, 2024-2025



FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Community Organizations Combat Moms for Liberty

On Saturday, April 13, seventeen community groups from Bay Area school districts came together to strategize against the extreme right-wing group known as Moms for Liberty, (M4L). The Lift Up Public Schools Summit was held at Rossmoor Walnut Creek, hosted by the American Association of University Women and Democrats of Rossmoor. Representatives of LC4PE attended the 3-hour session.

Keynote speaker Liz Mikitarian, founder of the national organization STOP Moms for Liberty, explained the origin and tactics of M4L. Established in Florida by two extremely conservative women with MAGA Republican Party ties, M4L has achieved a meteoric rise to national status with chapters across the country, including in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. M4L's tactics favor disrupting local school board meetings with demands for book banning and various anti-LGBTQ+ board policies. STOP M4L was organized to expose and combat the M4L agenda and to defeat board candidates sponsored by M4L. The true agenda of M4L, as stated by Mikitarian, is "not about book banning, not about parents' rights, ... but it's really about destroying confidence in public schools." Their ultimate goal is to privatize our public education system.

The summit was a fruitful opportunity for local organizations to network, exchange ideas, and unify and strengthen the opposition to M4L. For more information email info@LiftUpPublicSchools.com or visit the website at www.LiftUpPublicSchools.com.

FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA

Approximately 41 percent of banned works feature LGBTQ themes, main characters, or significant supporting characters. Characters of color make up 40 percent of the main or significant secondary characters, while 21 percent of the titles deal with racial and racist topics.

"AAUW believes that high-quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality... We support academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, [and] bias-free education..."
(from Introduction to AAUW Public Policy Priorities)

"The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that ... are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society ... [including] access to diverse staff and curriculum that represents historically accurate information."
(from AAUW California Public Policy Priorities 2023-25)

Visit www.aauw-ca.org for more information on this and other public policy priorities.

YOUR 2023-2024 LPD BOARD

A big thanks to the 2023-2024 Board! Branch Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. There are no meetings during the summer. The next meeting will be on September 4. 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

Watch the Friday updates for summer activities.

Interest groups are open to active AAUW LPD branch members only.

Guests may attend a maximum of three times without becoming a member.

Wine Enthusiasts		Next event in September
International Lunch Group		Next event in October
Monday Night Bridge	7 PM, 2 nd and 4 th Mondays	Various locations
Morning Book Group	9:30 AM, 4 th Monday	June 27, July 25 (no meeting in August)
Afternoon Book Group	1:30 PM, 2 nd Wednesday	June 12, July 10, August 14
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday	June 6. Meetings continue during the summer

Newsletter edited by Myla Grasso. Articles or photos for consideration may be submitted to newsletter@aauw-lpd.org.