

The Grapevine

October 2024



Be the change you wish to see

What you can do this month:

Attend the ballot measure discussion on October 10
Add the November 14 Tech Trek fundraiser to your calendar

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PROGRAM

IN OCTOBER

Before you vote next month, join us for a lively, non-partisan discussion of the ten state-wide initiatives on the November ballot, as well as local Pleasanton and Dublin issues. Each issue will be discussed by one of our members who has spent extra time researching the pros and cons.

We will meet at Denica's in Pleasanton on Thursday, October 10, at 10 AM. Buy your own beverage and snack and join us at our table. We are planning for a one hour meeting, but we will continue on if there is a lot of discussion. Denica's is located at 4503 Rosewood Drive in Pleasanton.

COMING IN NOVEMBER

First Annual Twilight Tasting - Tech Trek Fundraiser

On Thursday, November 14, from 4:30 to 8:00 PM, we will be partnering with Page Mill Winery for an evening of fun and socializing as we raise funds to support Tech Trek. Page Mill will donate \$10 for every tasting or short flight purchased and \$15 for every long flight. We will also receive 10% of wine and food sales, so please plan on joining us for a light dinner and include a bottle to take home. You may also have the opportunity for some early Christmas shopping from members and friends who will donate part of the proceeds to the Tech Trek Program. Please note that Page Mill will accept credit cards, but donations and purchases must be made with cash or check. The winery is located at 1960 South Livermore Avenue in Livermore.

PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

This event will allow you to make a difference in a young girl's life through your donation to Tech Trek. Please see the Evite coming in early October for additional details.

As many of you know, our branch has been part of Tech Trek since the very beginning--26 years ago. A lot has changed over that time! Each year, our branch sends nine or ten girls for an unforgettable adventure. Twenty-six 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

This fundraiser is critical to the success of LPD's participation in this amazing program. The committee's fundraising goal for this event is \$6,000. In addition to enjoying a glass of wine, we encourage you to bring your checkbooks. Every contribution or purchase makes a difference, so we hope to see you there! The event is open to the public, so bring your wine-enjoying friends and neighbors. The more the merrier!

If you are unable to attend and still wish to support Tech Trek, please mail your check made out to **Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW Foundation for Education** to PO Box 661, Livermore, CA 94550.

IN REMEMBRANCE

AAUW LPD was saddened to hear of the passing of Mary Ann (Mansigh) Karlsen. A member of the branch since 1978, Mary Ann was a true pioneer for women in non-traditional fields. She attended the University of Minnesota on a scholarship from 1950 to 1954, where she studied physics, chemistry and mathematics. She accepted employment at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in 1955, working as a software engineer. During her nearly 40 years there, she worked on 13 generations of supercomputers.

Mary Ann is regarded as a pioneer in programming and computing and was one of the very few notable female computer programmers active in the 1950s and 1960s. Often not included as an author of academic papers, she received increased attention in recent years due to her pioneering molecular dynamics computing code. In 2019, a lecture series at the Centre Européen de Calcul Atomique et Moléculaire was named in her honor. Shortly before her passing, ETH Zurich, a public research university in Switzerland, announced that they were awarding her an honorary doctorate.

Mary Ann was active in branch book clubs and a supporter of Tech Trek. She is survived by branch member Cori Karlsen. A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, October 11, 11 AM, at the Callaghan Mortuary, 3833 East Avenue, in Livermore.

MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that our branch currently has 75 members? Fifteen of these are Honorary Lifetime Members—a distinction earned by 50+ years of membership in AAUW! Our goal this year is to increase our branch membership to 80. If you know someone who would enjoy our programs or interest groups, please invite them to join you!

Our 75 members will be listed in the branch directory we are printing this year. Copies will be available shortly. Watch for them at upcoming events!

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

All four of our AAUW LPD's Local Scholarship winners spoke at the Fall Kickoff Luncheon held on Saturday, September 21. What a treat to listen to their stories and heartfelt gratitude for the scholarships that we awarded them! If you were unable to attend and missed these wonderful speakers, you can access their YouTube videos. Their links can be found in our recent Friday Updates.

The winners in the photo from left to right are Evelyn Arroyo, Aatmi Mehta, Aruna Nannapaneni, and Lara Wiedemeier

Susan Wacek
Local Scholarship Foundation Coordinator



FROM AAUW NATIONAL

If you attended the branch kick-off in September, you had the opportunity to hear from our Tech Trek participants and local scholarship winners. Hearing these young women talk about their experiences, particularly those that are STEM-related, was truly inspiring.

Another positive story, shared by AAUW National, is about how Caltech in Pasadena is reducing the substantial gap of women in science, technology, engineering and math. Read the [story here](#).



CELEBRATIONS

September Kick-off



We would love to share photos of your interest groups!

Email them to

newsletter@lpd-aauw.org

CELEBRATIONS (continued)

KICK OFF



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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 updated or additional information.

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		November 14, Page Mill Winery
International Lunch Group		October 25--see Evite
Monday Night Bridge	7 PM, 2 nd and 4 th Mondays	October 14 and 28; various locations
Morning Book Group	9:30 AM, 4 th Monday	October 28
Afternoon Book Group	1:30 PM, 2 nd Wednesday	October 9
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday	October 3

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Helping Women Now!
October is
National Breast Cancer
Awareness Month

