

# The Grapevine

## November 2024



Be the change you wish to see

What you can do this month:

Vote!

Shop the branch fundraiser at Five Little Monkeys

Attend the November 14 Tech Trek fundraiser

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## PROGRAM

### Tech Trek Fundraiser

First Annual Twilight Tasting

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.

Read more about this fundraiser on Page 2

### Branch Fundraiser

From **November 1 through 15**, do your holiday shopping early and support our AAUW branch. Use the code AAUWLPD2024 at Five Little Monkeys in store or online, and AAUW-LPD will receive 15% of pre-tax sales. The Pleasanton store is located at 719A Main Street.

Read more about this fundraiser on Page 2.

**Give Back Program**  
Shop for toys and raise money for  
**American Association of University Women - Livermore Pleasanton Dublin**  
Shop in-store or online at [www.5littlemonkeys.com](http://www.5littlemonkeys.com) 11/1-11/15/24 and use promo code  
**AAUWLPD2024**  
For every purchase using this code, Five Little Monkeys will donate 15% of the pre-tax total to us!  
[www.5littlemonkeys.com](http://www.5littlemonkeys.com)

## ***PROGRAM (CONTINUED)***

### ***More about the Tech Trek Fundraiser***

Why should you attend the November 14 fundraiser at Page Mill Winery? This event 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--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.

### ***More about the Branch Fundraiser***

If you like to plan holiday shopping and contribute to a philanthropic cause at the same time, consider a purchase at Five Little Monkeys from November 1 - 15. Located at 719A Main Street in Pleasanton, this store is a community-based, hands-on toy store. They provide unique, high-end, quality toys in a friendly environment. Young children and young minds will be stimulated by their offerings. For example, I have been online shopping at their website and found vintage Valentine's Day cards for all ages; awesome puzzles to occupy a day/week/month of time in the winter ahead; a nice harmonica for \$10.00; classic set of dominoes for \$8.00 .. etc. My point: if you're young at heart you will find something to love at Five Little Monkeys — and at a reasonable price too.

Use the code **AAUWLPD2024** when you shop in-store or online, and AAUW-LPD will receive 15% of pre-tax sales. In a world of me-me-me, that is a sweetheart deal for you-you-you! Whether you are lighting the Christmas yule log or the menorah, spend your money wisely and maximize impact, quality and reach of your purchases. Consider this shop when you give or receive a wish list this year. Shop online at [5littlemonkeys.com](http://5littlemonkeys.com) .



## ***FROM AAUW NATIONAL***

### **Women's Economic Empowerment Webinars**

The AAUW National office is sponsoring a series of webinars this year focused on Economic Empowerment— a topic that will interest members of all ages. A couple of the webinars are co-sponsored by FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority). Topics include saving for retirement and budget and credit management. Other webinars include Work Smart. Click [HERE](#) for the 2024 Webinar Schedule with registration links.

### **Pay Gap**

This season, we face a troubling setback: unfortunately, the gender pay gap has widened. Women working full-time now earn just **83% of what men earn** — a decline from last year's 84%. This amounts to a loss of **\$11,550** annually for each full-time working woman. While there have been gains in real earnings for both men and women, women, especially women of color, continue to be pushed into lower wage jobs.

This pay gap hurts us, our families, and our communities. We must address the systemic barriers that keep women from earning their fair share — like the lack of paid leave, affordable childcare, and strong pay equity laws.

**Remember: Voting is how we make ourselves heard.**

## ***FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA***

### **2024 ELECTIONS: GET READY TO VOTE!**

The highest rate of voter turnout in a national election since 1900 was in 2020. [This rate was 66%](#), or about two-thirds of the voting-eligible population. In every election cycle, it is important to make sure that we all know the mechanics of voting, as well as the issues that are at stake in the election--to exercise our own right to weigh the facts and cast our vote and to ensure that others are able to seamlessly do the same.



## CELEBRATIONS

October discussion of ballot propositions at Denica's



We would love to share photos of your interest groups!

Email them to

[newsletter@lpd-aauw.org](mailto:newsletter@lpd-aauw.org)

## **2024/25 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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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		Watch for info on next lunch
Monday Night Bridge	7 PM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays	November 11 and 25; various locations
Morning Book Group		Check Friday update
Afternoon Book Group	1:30 PM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	November 13
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	November 7

Newsletter edited by Myla Grasso. Articles or photos for consideration may be submitted to [newsletter@lpd-aauw.org](mailto:newsletter@lpd-aauw.org).

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## **Reminders**

**Page Mill Winery Fundraiser--November 14**  
**Shop 5 Little Monkeys--November 1 - 15**