

The Grapevine

October 2025



Let's move forward together!

What you can do:

Attend the October 8th Tech Trek fundraiser (see below)

If you can't attend, please consider a donation to Tech Trek

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PROGRAM

TECH TREK FUNDRAISER ON OCTOBER 8

We are only days away from our 2025 Tech Trek Fundraiser! This year we are hosting a unique, after-hours experience at Darcie Kent Estate Winery while raising funds for a week-long, hands-on STEM Camp for rising 8th grade girls.

WHEN: October 8, 5 to 8 PM

WHERE: Darcie Kent Estate Winery, 7000 Tesla Road, Livermore
Free to attend. Open to all! "No host" food and wine available.

[Click here to RSVP](#) and let us know you'll be coming! This will allow us to properly plan the amount of food needed. Spread the word, and invite your friends and neighbors!

The doors will open at 5 PM. There will be a welcome and the opening of the silent auction at 5:30 PM. Auction tables close at 6:45 and 7:30 PM. Many exciting items are available, including a two-night stay in San Francisco, theater tickets, wine, gift cards to local restaurants, and much more. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping while supporting [Tech Trek](#), a week-long, hands-on STEM Camp for rising 8th grade girls. Our goal is to send 10 girls to camp in Summer 2026

Can't attend? Please consider a donation. It's easy to [donate here by credit card](#) or by check made out to "LPD-AAUW Tech Trek Scholarship". Mail checks to: AAUW-LPD, Tech Trek, P.O. Box 661, Livermore CA 94551.

\$50 pays for a field trip for 1 girl
\$100 makes a lasting difference
\$240 provides for a full camp day
\$500 pays for virtual camp
\$600 covers half of a scholarship
\$1200 awards a full scholarship

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As the first hint of fall hits the air, I am celebrating the cooler weather and the start of our AAUW fall program season.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fall Kick Off Luncheon in September, showcasing our Tech Trek young women and our fantastic scholarship winners. This branch is so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who make sure we continue to support these important programs. Thank you to Cori Karlsen and Maria Kennedy for planning this event.

On that note, I hope everyone has the Tech Trek Fundraiser on their calendars for October 8th. The team has spent many hours developing a fun evening at Darcie Kent Estate Winery that will hopefully become our signature event for funding our very successful Tech Trek Program. We have some wonderful silent auction items, so bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy a beautiful evening in the vineyards.

The board has adopted plans that will support the policy objectives set forth by AAUW. Our goal is to become a “5 Star Branch” recognized for dynamic programs and supporting policy issues that affect women.

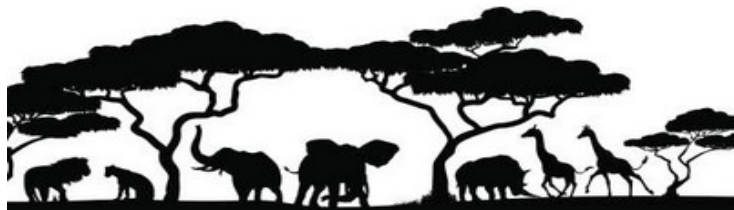
If you know is someone who shares our interest in promoting education for women and girls, bring them to an upcoming event. I’m always open for a phone call or coffee. I’d love to hear your ideas for making our AAUW branch a place that offers current and thought-provoking programs and is welcoming to everyone. See you on October 8th!

Tina Amber
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COMING IN NOVEMBER

Blackhawk Museum Event

Please join us on Thursday, November 13, 7 PM, to hear Bob Poole present “In the Footsteps of Giants”, a journey to the heart of Africa through his video lens. This program is part of the museum's Changemaker Series talks. Poole, a National Geographic filmmaker and wildlife cinematographer, will present a captivating look at conservation, adventure, and beauty of the natural world. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. We are planning carpool opportunities and dinner at a restaurant prior to the program.



GIRL PROGRAMS

Please join our LPD branch for a Quest-sponsored workshop on Saturday, October 4, at “Science@Stockmen’s Park” in downtown Livermore. This is a free outdoor event for children, teens, and adults with a focus on the principles of DESIGN-BUILD-TEST. It includes fun science activities, music, and more — plus it’s a short event starting at 10:00 AM, ending at 1:00 PM.

Thank you to all our volunteers who have raised their hand to work and play. We appreciate you! Our hands-on game is an example of simple programming: two or three young players organize game cards so that another player can physically navigate a grid (using those same cards as instructions to move left, right, step, etc.). We will have 2 games going at once, each player following the instruction set provided by their teammates.

If you are not a volunteer, we would love to see you anyway. Consider visiting downtown Livermore that morning, stop by to see our booth, and patronize a local business. There are plenty of places to eat and window shop along the way. Our formal address is 29 South Livermore Avenue with parking along side streets as well as a lot behind the location.

More information is available at quest-science.org.

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PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW California has adopted their Public Policy Priorities for 2025-27. They include:

- Economic Security for All Women
- Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students
- Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society
- Increased Representation of Women in Leadership Roles

Additional information on each of these areas is available [here](#).

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FUNDRAISER ON
OCTOBER 8!**



FROM AAUW NATIONAL

A recently released statement from AAUW National states that AAUW is disappointed to see the newly released U.S. Census Bureau data showing that the gender pay gap has widened for the second consecutive year. In 2024, all women working full-time, year-round were paid 81 cents, and all earners (including part-time and seasonal workers) were paid 76 cents for every dollar paid to men. This is a statistically significant setback that underscores a troubling trend: women working full time are falling further behind.

For more on the topic, visit [this website](#).

FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA

AAUW California is sponsoring a statewide book study on *The Four Pivots: Reimagining Justice, Reimagining Ourselves*, by Dr. Shawn Ginwright. The book has been used to guide the state leadership team and was highlighted in the annual event last spring. Dr. Ginwright asserts that we need a fundamental shift in our values—a pivot in how we think, act, work, and connect. Come learn more about the four pivots he describes and how they might be helpful for our AAUW branches. “Pivot One” will be discussed on Wednesday, October 22 at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the discussion. Click [HERE](#) to register for the Zoom meeting. Contact Charmen Goehring if you have any questions (statepresident@aauw-ca.org).

CELEBRATIONS

Fall Kick Off Event





International Lunch Group

INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

Cocktails and Conversation—Date and Location Change

Cocktails and Conversation is changing its meeting time and location. This month we will meet on the first Tuesday of the month, October 7, at 5 PM at Bottle Taps, 3020 Bernal Ave Suite 160 in Pleasanton (corner of Bernal and Stanley near in the shopping center with CVS). Please join us. There is no requirement to RSVP, but if you know you are coming, please email Marilyn marilynduman@gmail.com.

Bunco

LPD is rolling along and will meet again for an evening of conversation and competition on Tuesday, October 14, 7 PM, at the home of Cori Karlsen. Please email Cori at cekarlsen@icloud.com if you would like to attend. New players are always welcome.

MEMBER SHARING

For those of you who attended the Fall Kick Off, you may remember that there were a lot of positive comments about the corn salad provided by Charlene Granfield. She has graciously shared the recipe below:

Pilgrim Corn Salad--Makes 8 (1/2 Cup) servings

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 bags (16 Oz bags) of frozen white corn (I believe the original recipe called for two 11oz cans of drained Green Giant White Shoepeg Corn, but my friend used Trader Joe's frozen Super Sweet Cut White Corn, and that's what I've always used.)
- 3/4 C sweetened dried cranberries or cherries
- 1/4 C chopped pecans
- 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Tablespoons fresh basil (chopped)
- Few fresh basil sprigs/leaves
- 8 pecan halves

Steps:

- 1) In a medium bowl, combine corn, cranberries and chopped pecans; toss to mix.
- 2) In a small bowl, combine vinegar, oil, mustard and Worcestershire sauce with a wire whisk until smooth.
- 3) Add vinegar mixture to corn mixture and add chopped basil. Toss to coat well.
- 4) Let stand 10 minutes.
- 5) To serve, toss gently to mix if needed. Garnish with basil sprigs/leaves and pecan halves.

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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 [Tina Amber](#) 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	October 8 Tech Trek Fundraiser at Darcie Kent	10/08/25
International Lunch Group	Watch for info in Friday Update	
Monday Night Bridge	7 PM every Monday (except 5 th Monday or holidays)	For info and schedule, contact Carol Guarnaccia .
Morning Book Group	9:30 AM, 4 th Monday	October 27
Afternoon Book Group	1:00 PM, 2 nd Wednesday	October 8
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday	October 7
Mission Discussion Group	Various	
Bunco	2 nd Tuesday, 7 PM	October 14

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