



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

### From Dianne's Desk....

"Action for Equity" is the theme I have chosen for our 2014-2015 new AAUW year. Each year women's rights are slipping further behind. Let's move forward for equity for women and girls! 2014 is an important election year. We will be registering voters, holding candidate forums and making sure that everyone votes. Our future depends on it!

- **On August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will travel to UCSB to visit Tech Trek.** Our three campers are attending that week.
- **Our Membership Mixer will be held on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10 am at the Providence Landing Clubhouse in Vandenberg Village! This is a date change from September 20<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendars correctly!
- **On Sunday, September 7, Joyce Barker and the Scholarship Committee have planned their annual wine tasting event at Babcock Winery.**
- **On Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be hosting a candidate forum and on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, we will host a second candidate forum.** Both will be at the Lompoc Library. It will be determined what offices we will be hosting after all candidates have declared. Save the dates!

Our two Book groups, Dine Out and Armchair Travelers will meet in August! Read this newsletter for dates and details. Get plenty of rest as we will be moving quickly this AAUW year!!

*Dianne Owens, President*

## **News & Events**

### **Come hang out with the Science Chicks**

Branch members are invited to visit UCSB and see 70 Tech Trek scholarship campers in their classes on Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 followed by lunch for \$12.00. Rumor is that the salad bar can't be beaten anywhere in town or out.

Our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch will be sending three campers who you can see while they are immersed in such exciting classes as chemistry, physics, alternative energy, engineering, robotics, oceanography and much more taught by specialists in each of these areas.

**We will carpool from Lompoc and Dianne Owens is taking reservations. Call or email Dianne to reserve your spot.**

Don't miss this opportunity to check out this beautiful, ocean front, college campus and see what it looks like with a Tech Trek invasion. You are part of a very big deal that happens there for 2 weeks each summer. Come check it out!!!

***Cathy***

### **Save the Date! Scholarship Fundraiser**

Plans have been completed for our annual Wine Tasting & Picnic Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Babcock Winery, Highway 246, Lompoc. The event will commence at 1:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting followed by the auction of six bottles of the tasting wines donated by Babcock Winery. A picnic lunch will then be served. The cost is \$25, all inclusive. This annual event, in addition to the contributions from our members to our ongoing Scholarship Fund, will serve to provide a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior girl in each of our two high schools. This year the scholarships will be made in memory of our long time member Edith Hicks. This will be the eighteenth year of the successful program which we hope to continue. On behalf of the scholarship committee thank you for your generous contributions to this year's memorial fund.

***Joyce, Scholarship Fund Chair***

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## **Membership**

### **Membership Mixer**

“Grow With AAUW” at our annual Membership Mixer, Saturday, August 23 (NOTE THE NEW DATE!), from 10:00-12:30 at the Club House, Providence Landing, Vandenberg Village. The mixer is a fun event and provides an opportunity to renew AAUW friendships and to meet new and prospective members. An active, vibrant membership is important in keeping our AAUW branch successful and we can all do our part by inviting a guest to the Membership Mixer. By joining AAUW, one belongs to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair choice.

National AAUW is continuing its “The Shape the Future” membership campaign to help branches recruit new members by offering reduced membership rates for new or lapsed members (two years or more) who join on the spot during AAUW sponsored activities. People joining at our Membership Mixer will have a 50% discount off the current National Association dues. What a deal!

Thank you for all your continued support for equity for women and for encouraging other women to do the same. Please plan to attend and bring finger food to share. Please RSVP to Barbara Bolton by Monday, August 18.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We are pleased to announce Donna Wood, Myra Wapner, and Tonya Schultz have been awarded the status Honorary Life member in recognition of their fifty year commitment to AAUW. All three women are charter members of the Lompoc-Vandenberg branch, and it gives us great pleasure to recognize their devotion and dedication to equity for women and girls. Congratulations and to many more years with AAUW.

*Thank you, Barbara Bolton, Membership VP*

## **Public Policy**

The annual "Great American Write In", sponsored by the SB Pro-Choice Coalition, will be held at the Santa Barbara Central Library's Faulkner Gallery on Tuesday, August 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our branch sponsors a table at this event every year. This year's theme is "Join the Dissent Because Women Are Not Yet Equal". Local columnist and writer, Starshine Roshell, will read from her recent work and discuss women's activism and advocacy for reproductive rights. The letters that will be available for signing will focus on reproductive health and access, violence against women, and pay equity and earning capacity.

**Public Policy (Continued)**

I will staff our table but I encourage other members to make the trip down to SB as this is an excellent opportunity to network with other organizations who advocate for women. Set up starts at 5 p.m. I will organize carpools as needed. It might be fun to go down earlier for a late lunch or shopping outing. For more information, call me at 733-3462.

*Marell , Public Policy Chair*

**Dine out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

Our dine-out group will be going to D'Vine Wine Bar and Bistro on Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. D'Vine is located at 107 West Ocean here in Lompoc. The owners will set up a quiet area in the back of the restaurant for us and will also provide a special menu.

Please call Leslie or Billye to make reservations no later than Tuesday, August 12th.

*Leslie & Billye , Chairs*

**Armchair Travelers**

August 28th Rob and Ann will talk about their trip to Africa. Call Sally or e-mail for details.

*Sally*

**Mission Walkers Group**

Join the AAUW women who walk the La Purisima Mission every Monday through Friday at 8:30 am. Just show up to enjoy the walk and company. If you need more information, contact Marell.

**Roaming Readers**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
August 4	Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom
September 8	Tale of Hawthorn House by Susan Wittig
November 3	Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel
December 1	Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Roaming Readers meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month (the second Monday if the first is a major holiday) at the Lompoc Restaurant. Membership in the group is open to all AAUW members and all are invited to attend any meeting. Books are selected by the group based on suggestions from members. For more information contact Carol Ann or Cathy, co-chairs.

***Co-chairs: Carol Ann and Cathy***

**P.M. Book Explorers**

August 20 Fighting Chance by Elizabeth Warren

Location: Billye, Wine: Gail, Treats: Billye

We usually meet the 3rd Wed. or each month. Members who do not wish to invite us into their homes to meet are welcome to volunteer to bring treats or beverage. Hostess will provide water and tea. Please email your volunteer requests.

We are always looking for additional “explorers” so please feel free to contact Gail for further information.

**Gail, Chair**

**Calendar of Events**

August 4	Roaming Readers: Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom
August 7	Tech Trek Visitor's Day
August 12	Board Meeting, Dianne's house, 6:45 pm
August 14	Dine out Group @ D'Vine Wine Bar and Bistro
August 20	PM Book Group: Fighting Chance by Elizabeth Warren
August 23	Membership Mixer
August 26	Great American Write-In
August 28	Armchair Travelers Meeting
September 7	Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Babcock Winery
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**Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There is no barrier to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

*Scattered Seeds Editor: Julie*