



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Dianne's Desk....

Our 2014-15 AAUW year began with our very successful **Membership Mixer on Saturday, August 23rd** at the Providence Landing Clubhouse in Vandenberg Village! Prospective members and continuing members gathered for conversation and great food. A special thanks to Barbara Bolton, Membership VP, for planning a very informative gathering and to everyone who attended.

- **On Sunday, September 7, Joyce and the Scholarship Committee have planned their annual wine tasting event at Babcock Winery.** I hope you will be joining us.
- **Join us on Monday, September 15 to learn about the new Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) in Lompoc for preschool to adults.** Short business meeting at 6:30 pm, program at 7 pm.
- **On Tuesday, September 23rd, we will be hosting a Mayoral candidate forum and on Wednesday, October 1st, we will host a forum for city council candidates.** Both will be at the Lompoc Library Grossman Gallery at 7 pm. Save the dates!
- **In November (date unknown at this time)** near-by branches will join us to hear Opal Singleton from "Million Girls" and Riverside, CA tell us about Human Trafficking. Did you know this is a big problem in Santa Barbara County?

"Action for Equity" is our theme for our 2014-2015 AAUW year. We will be registering voters, holding candidate forums and making sure that everyone votes. Our future depends on it!

Dianne Owens, President

News & Events**AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Annual Budget**

The proposed budget is included below. This budget does need to be approved by all the members. We will ask for the members to vote approval at the September 15 meeting.

BUDGET - GENERAL ACCOUNT
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Income	Budget
Dues (100*\$17)	1,700.00
ADS for Directory	250.00
Programs	200.00
Donations	225.00
Total Income	2,375.00
Expenses	
Programs	750.00
Memberships	150.00
Directory	250.00
Postage	75.00
Post Office Box	80.00
Insurance	350.00
CA Assessment	60.00
Pro-choice Ad & Write In	60.00
Conferences /Conventions	450.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
STARS	100.00
Total Expenses	2,375.00

BUDGET - AAUW Funds
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Income	Budget
BBQ	3,600.00
Total Income	3,600.00
Expenses	
Techtrek (4)	3,600.00
Foundation Named Gift	2,250.00
Wine Glasses	500.00
BBQ	1,800.00
Total Expenses	8,150.00
Net Profit (Loss)	(4,550.00)

News & Events (Continued)

Scholarship Fundraiser

Our annual Wine Tasting & Picnic Fundraiser will 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 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. 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

2014-15 AAUW Directory

Our 2014-15 AAUW Directory will be ready by Monday, September 15, so that you can pick yours up at our Meeting/ Program that evening! In order for you to be included in the directory, your dues check must be in Barbara's hands by Friday, September 5.

The Board decided to include advertising in this year's edition to pay for the printing. Can we raise \$250, which would include color on the cover? **Yes, we can with your help!** This would free up more money for informative and exciting programs. The prices are reasonable: 1/3 page -- \$15; ½ page -- \$25; full page -- \$50. A business card can be either 1/3 page or ½ page upon paying either \$15 or \$25. Camera ready copy should be sent to me with a check made out to the branch by Friday, September 5.

Santa Maria Branch has paid for their Directory with ads for the last several years. Many of their members have paid themselves to insert business card size ads in the directory for their favorite hair stylist, nail specialist, seamstress, dentist, or non-profit agency. I know the time is short, but we can do this!!

Valerie Plame Wilson is coming to Santa Barbara September 30, 2014

The Santa Barbara/Goleta Valley Branch, AAUW is sponsoring "The Empowered Woman Luncheon" featuring Valerie Plame Wilson, former career covert CIA operations officer. The event will be held Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Canary Hotel, 31 West Carrillo in downtown Santa Barbara near Paseo Nuevo Shopping Center.

News & Events (Continued)

This event is a fundraiser for the branch scholarship fund and tickets are \$75 for AAUW members, \$100 for others. Reservations must be received by Friday, September 19. I sent all branch members with email a copy of the flyer a couple of weeks ago. If you are interested in attending, please let me know, so we can arrange car pools!

Telephone Tree Committee

The Telephone Tree Committee is looking for volunteers to help remind our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch members of upcoming AAUW events this year. If you would like to help, please contact Dianne Owens at dianneowens9@gmail.com.

Membership

Membership Mixer

Our Membership Mixer on Saturday, August 26, had a great turn-out and gave everyone the 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 I want to thank everyone for their help and support in making this event informative and fun. We had several new members join and they will be highlighted in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you, Barbara Bolton, Membership VP

Programs

Hear the Plan for Increasing Literacy in North Santa Barbara County by 2020

Our program will feature the new Workforce And Literacy Initiative, WALI, Monday, September 15 in the Grossman Gallery of the Lompoc Library.

- 6:30 pm short Branch business meeting
- 7:00 pm WALI 2020 Compact panel discussion

Eddie Taylor, CEO of United Way, will outline how he sees this new reading program, "Reading Plus," work from preschool to adult learners. We will hear from a representative of the Lompoc School District office and Linda Hogan, a Lompoc elementary teacher, who has piloted this program last year who will share her results and thoughts about how this is different from all the other programs used in the past. Laura A Davidson from Central Coast Literacy Council will talk about its use with adult learners and Mattie Gadsby from Head Start will discuss how it will be used in preschools.

Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch STEM Night at the Grossman Gallery

Join us Wed. Oct. 29th for an exciting talk by Missile Defense Safety Engineer at Vandenberg, Katie Brenna. Katie will speak about her job, experiences as a female engineer and the exciting things going on so close to home. This is also a chance for you to hear our three Tech Trek Scholarship winners share their camp experience from their week-long August adventures at UCSB.

- 6:30 pm short Branch business meeting
- 7:00 pm for STEM Program

Human Trafficking: What is it?

There are two types of human trafficking. The first is called labor trafficking and involves obtaining a person for labor or services using fraud, force or coercion. The force can involve kidnappings, beatings, food deprivation, forced drug use, or confinement to induce submission and exert control. Fraud can involve fake marriage proposals, promises of jobs or modeling opportunities, an education, etc. Coercion involves real or perceived threats such as physical restraint or restriction on an individual, their family or child. The person trafficked is then the subject of involuntary servitude (work against one's will with little or no payment), peonage (held against will until debt paid), debt bondage (labor for debt but doesn't liquidate debt), or slavery.

The second type is Sex Trafficking. It involves the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced BY FORCE, FRAUD, OR COERCION or the individual induced is under 18 years of age. As you can see, not all adult prostitution is trafficking. But all pimping of minors is human trafficking. As long as anyone makes a profit or transports a minor for sex, they are trafficking.

Next month I will cover how to identify someone who is being trafficked.

Donella, co-president, San Luis Obispo Branch

Public Policy

Great American Write-In

Our branch participated in the recent Pro-Choice Coalition event "The Great American Write-In" last Tuesday evening in Santa Barbara. Approximately 30 groups participated, to include our branch and AAUW Santa Barbara-Goleta. Many of those in attendance commented that they were impressed that the North County had a presence at the event and several picked up info about membership. It

was a great evening for networking with other groups, such as the League of Women Voters and the Coalition against Gun Violence, of which we are a member.

Upcoming Candidate Forums

We have two forums planned for the public to come and hear the candidates express their views on various concerns facing the city of Lompoc.

Lompoc Mayor candidate forum will be Tues. September 23 at the Grossman Gallery of the Lompoc Library at 7 pm.

Lompoc City Council candidate forum will be Wed. October 1 at the Grossman Gallery of the Lompoc Library starting at 7 pm.

Candidates will respond to our prepared questions as well take questions from the audience. Even if you can't vote for these candidates, come hear what they have to say so you can help others decide who will best represent them to help Lompoc prosper in the future.

Marell, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

Armchair Travelers

Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. Donna and her sister, Dorothy will present their trip to Cuba. We will meet at Donna's home. RSVP to Sally before September 21st or Donna.

Thursday, October 23rd we hope to have Billye, Leslie and Pat share their "Barge trip to France."

Sally

Dine out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (2nd Thursday of the month)

Dine Out Group Travels to Buellton: Thursday, September 11th is the next scheduled Dine-Out for the AAUW foodies. We will be going to A.J. Spurs in Buellton located on Hwy. 246 just past Jim Vreeland Ford at 5:30 p.m. (The sundowner special menu is now available all evening so we won't have to get there as early as previously planned.)

It is important to get our reservations correct with AJ Spurs so please RSVP to Leslie or Billye via

email or phone no later than Monday, September 8. An email will be sent to all members as a reminder the week before we go. If anyone needs a ride, drivers will be at St. Mary's church around 5:00 p.m. We are asking those who hitch a ride to donate a couple of dollars to the drivers for their gas. Hope to see you there!

Please call Leslie or Billye to RSVP.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Healthy Gourmet

Many members have expressed interest in starting a "Healthy Gourmet" club. Members of this club will meet monthly to share healthy recipes and meals. I recommend we meet in groups of six to limit the amount of food each person has to prepare. For each meeting, each person will bring a healthy dish and recipe to share. During our next General Meeting, we will organize groups. I am volunteering to coordinate a gluten-free group. Once we get this up and going, I suggest we compile all recipes in an AAUW Healthy Gourmet Cookbook. We might be able to make a bit of money on cookbook sales.

Kristen

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. If you are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

Roaming Readers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
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

September 17, "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai.

Location: Dianne's home, Wine: Gail Meehan, Treats: ??

October 15, "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn

We usually meet the 3rd Wed. of each month. Members who do not wish to invite us into their homes to meet are welcome to volunteer to bring treats or beverage. The hostess will provide water and tea. Please e-mail me your volunteer treats or beverage and possible book choices.

We are always looking for additional "explorers" so please feel free to contact Gail for further information. Contact Leslie at The Bookstore for discounted prices. It is available in paperback and for electronic books.

Gail, Chair

Calendar of Events

September 5	Deadline for Directory Input
September 7	Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Babcock Winery
September 8	Roaming Readers: Tale of Hawthorn House by Susan Wittig
September 9	Board Meeting, 6:45 at Dianne's House
September 11	Dine out Group: AJ Spurs
September 15	Program with WALI and branch meeting
September 17	PM Book Explorers, I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
September 23	Candidate Forum for Lompoc Mayor
September 25	Armchair Travelers: Donna's trip to Cuba
September 30	Valerie Plame Wilson Luncheon, SB
October 1	Candidate Forum for Lompoc City Council
October 15	PM Book Explorers, Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
October 23	Armchair Travelers Group
October 29	Program on STEM and branch meeting
November 3	Roaming Readers: Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel
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<u>Looking Ahead:</u>	
February 7	Joint Branch Fellows Luncheon in Santa Maria

March 7 Women’s Literary Festival in Santa Barbara
April 25 Legal Advocacy Fund Litigant Speaker, SM
June 18-21 AAUW National Convention in San Diego

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.

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