



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Dianne's Desk....

Thanks to everyone who attended our Wednesday, October 29 STEM meeting & program. It was a fun and informative meeting that made us proud of our involvement with Tech Trek. Our three 2014 Tech Trek campers enjoyed talking about their experiences while we watched the DVD of their week at camp. We could tell they really enjoyed their experience at UCSB and were excited to share what they had learned! Katie Brenna, Systems Safety Engineer at VAFB, told us about her educational and employment path that led to her current position. She gave good advice to our young girls on how to move forward to reach their educational goals.

Our November 20th meeting will be extremely exciting and informative, as we discuss **Human Trafficking** with Opal Singleton, President and CEO of Million Kids. Megan Rheinschild, Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director, SBC District Attorney's Office will talk about what is happening locally. Please RSVP to Cathy Trevino by Monday, November 17 so that carpools can be arranged as we want everyone to attend this important event at the Santa Maria AHC campus. No one will be left behind, but we need to hear from you! (See Cathy's article in this newsletter).

Our Holiday Social will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 2-4 pm at Stone Pine Hall, adjacent to the Lompoc Museum, 200 South H Street. Please bring your husband, significant other, prospective members and guests to this fun event. Please also bring a "goodie" to share and/or wine or soft drinks. Please RSVP by Friday, December 5 to Dianne at dianneowens9@gmail.com or call 805-570-9192, so we can prepare for the party! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Dianne Owens, President

News & Events

Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Standing Rules (Approved by Board October 7,2014)

Standing rules are those that directly affect members of the branch. A committee of board members appointed by the president and chaired by the parliamentarian or bylaws chair should review them annually. Standing rules can be amended, including adding new rules, by a majority vote at a branch meeting if previous notice has been given or by a two-thirds vote if no notice has been given. **Standing rules will be published annually in the branch directory or newsletter.**

Programs/Events/Meetings

1. No meetings shall be scheduled on Maundy Thursday through Easter, Rosh Hashanah (two days), Yom Kippur, the evening preceding the first day of Passover, Christmas, or any major holiday of significant religious or ethnic groups. (All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before.) This is in accordance with AAUW Diversity Policy.
2. All general meetings are open to interested members of the public.
3. When a branch activity requires prior reservations and payment, the payment amount will not be refunded to any person who fails to cancel a reservation in time for the branch to recover its cost.
4. There shall be no smoking at any branch program or event.
5. Members shall neither sell tickets to non-AAUW events nor advertise them during branch programs or events.

Membership

6. Prospective members who are eligible to join may attend 3 programs, events or interest group meetings before being asked to join.
7. Members must pay dues before September 1 to be included in the yearly branch directory.

Branch Directory/Newsletter/Website

8. The branch directory, newsletter, and website shall be used exclusively for communication on AAUW matters among the branch members.

Board Meetings

9. All board meetings are open to branch members.

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10. If a branch member attending a board meeting wishes to speak, s/he will have the courtesy to notify the president seven days before the agenda is published, in order to be put on the agenda.

Interest Groups

11. With the approval of the board of directors, any member may form a new interest group provided that it is open to all members and that its meetings will not conflict with other scheduled branch or interest group meetings, or state or national AAUW conventions.

Fundraising

12. The branch will neither raise funds for nor donate funds to any organization outside of AAUW. This is in accordance with AAUW Policy, and in keeping with the branch's top priority to support AAUW's mission to promote equity for women and girls.

Election Activities of Individual Branch Members

13. An individual member may endorse, as a private citizen, candidates for appointive or elective office, partisan or non-partisan, but such endorsement shall not use the name of AAUW. The individual member endorsement shall not include any mention of her/his AAUW membership.

14. As a candidate for any office, a member may declare membership in AAUW as long as she or he is not opposing any AAUW program or policy. Declaring one's AAUW membership opposing an AAUW position violates the AAUW Use of Name policy.

Electronic Privacy

15. Personal contact information of any member (mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email) shall not be posted on the branch website, unless on a password protected page for members only, without the permission of that member. It is the responsibility of those who submit updates to the website, including newsletter articles when the newsletter is subsequently posted on the website, to obtain permission for personal contact information to be included from any member so identified.

Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch] AAUW Standing Rules Last Amended: October 7, 2014

2014 Branch Directory

The Branch directories have either been mailed or delivered to your home. Please let Dianne know if you haven't received yours and we will deliver one to you.

Membership

“The years have proven that a member sharing their passion about AAUW with someone else has helped to keep our numbers strong. The stronger we are, the more we can accomplish on behalf of women and girls.” from National AAUW.

Our November 20th program on Human Trafficking offers a great opportunity for you to bring a friend and introduce them to AAUW. Please call someone you know and tell them about AAUW, the mission, the research, the advocacy, the philanthropy, and why you are a member. New members joining at an AAUW sponsored community event can join for 50% of the current Association dues. Another great reason to bring a friend to our November program. If you have a friend who might be interested in AAUW, you can always send me the information and I'll be happy to contact her/him.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page, Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW, and “like” us.

New members will be featured in our December newsletter! We now have 107 members! Thanks to everyone for sharing your enthusiasm for AAUW and equity for women and girls!

Thank you, Barbara Bolton, Membership VP

Programs

Human Trafficking?????***\$\$\$\$\$\$**

Something you've heard about on the news; but did you know it's going on right in our very own backyard??? This is the nation's fastest growing crime and 72% of the girls trafficked in 2013 were US Citizens

Be aware Get informed Get connected Be part of the solution

Join the Central Coast Branches of AAUW and the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women when we present “Human Trafficking: internationally, nationally, locally” and present Opal Singleton, CEO of Million Kids to talk about the problem. How to identify it and what we can do about it. Megan Rheinschild, Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director, Santa Barbara County District Attorney's office will talk about what is happening locally.

Thursday, November 20, 2014, Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Program begins at 5:30p.m.
Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, The Forum
Free Admission and Free Parking in lots 1 and 2, white spaces

Let's show up and prove Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch is committed to making a difference in the lives of women and girls. We will carpool from various areas around Lompoc so be sure to reserve your spot. Contact Cathy for a reservation.

Cathy, Program VP



Opal Singleton serves as the President and CEO of Million Kids and the Director of Development for Rapha House International. As a retired business executive in International Marketing, Opal understands that to win the battle to rescue and support victims of trafficking requires the creative resources of an entire community.



Megan Riker-Rheinschild has been employed in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program since 1994 and been the Director of the Countywide Program since 1997. She is responsible for oversight of a program whose staff annually serves over 3000 victims of violent crime and their family members countywide.



The Central Coast
American Association of University Women
and
The Santa Barbara County Commission for Women
proudly present

Opal Singleton
President and CEO of Million Kids
and Director of Development for Rapha House International

and
Megan Rheinschild
Victim-Witness Assistance Program Director
Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office

speaking on

Human Trafficking
Local, National and International

Followed by
a Question and Answer Period with the
San Luis Obispo County Task Force on Human Trafficking

Please Join Us for this Free Event at

The Forum at Allan Hancock College
800 S College Drive
Santa Maria, CA 93454

November 20, 2014
5:30pm - 8pm

Free Parking in Lots 1 & 2 White Stalls Only
Go to www.hancockcollege.edu/public_affairs/location-sm.php
for links to a campus map and directions






Public Policy

Get Out the Vote

Today is Election Day which is crucial to the women of our community and the country. I know you have voted already or are planning to vote later today. Please read the candidates' voting records before casting a vote. AAUW cannot endorse candidates, but it does list voting records of current elected officials in our Congressional and State Assembly races.

AAUW supports pay equity. In Lompoc, our branch will once again ask for a resolution from the Mayor and City Council to acknowledge the upcoming Equal Pay Day 2015. If you live within the city limits, I hope you have asked yourself which candidates would support giving this resolution. Our branch's written request for such a resolution has been rejected, with no council discussion, for the past two years.

School board elections are also important. Make sure that you know the candidate's background and platform. AAUW realizes that no school district can provide the best educational opportunities for young women if we elect candidates who have their own agendas and who will not support Title IX or a strong sex education program in our public schools. Considering the candidates' views on our priority issues is of utmost importance today before voting.

Lastly, AAUW public policy lists support of a clean and healthy environment. I know you have received many campaign flyers the last month for a yes or no vote on Measure P. Be sure to read your voter guide about Measure P before casting your ballot.

Marell , Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

Armchair Travelers (4th Thursday of the month)

Armchair Traveler's next get together will be in January due to the holidays. Look for more information in future newsletters. Contact Sally for more information.

Sally

Mission Walkers Group (Weekdays)

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.

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

On November 13th, we have 6:15 p.m. reservations at Succulent Cafe and Charcuterie in Solvang. Those who need a ride need to be at St. Mary's church to get a lift before 5:30. Please email Leslie or Billye for reservations. Or call either one.

Back by popular demand, the dine-out group Christmas dinner will be at the Far Western in Santa Maria on December 11. Reservations are at 6:30 p.m. Cars will be leaving St. Mary's between 5:45 p.m. and 6:00.

Again - please make your reservations. Please email or call Leslie or Billye to make reservations.

Leslie & Billye , Chairs

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
November 3	<i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel
December 1	<i>Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak
January 5	<i>The Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson
February 2	<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls
March 2	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown
April 6	<i>This House of Sky</i> by IvanHoig

Roaming Readers meets for breakfast and discussion at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month, unless that day is a holiday. In that case, we meet at the same time on the second Monday of the month. Meeting place is selected by each month's host. All AAUW members are invited to attend and welcome to join the group at any time.

Co-chairs: Carol Ann and Cathy

P.M. Book Explorers (3rd Wednesday of each month)



November 19, *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
Location: Gail's home, Wine: Barbara, Treats: Leah

We will meet in the parking lot of the shopping center in the Village at 6:30 p.m. to car pool to Gail's since she lives in Orcutt.

December 17, *100 Year Old Man/Climbed Out the Window* by Jonas Jonasson
Location: ??, Beverage: ??, Treats: ??

We usually meet the 3rd Wed. of each month. Members whose homes are not convenient for meetings can volunteer to bring treats or beverages. The hostess will provide water and tea. Please e-mail me your volunteer treats or beverage and possible book choices. A book suggested for January is "Eating on the Wild Side" by Jo Robinson.

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

Gail, Chair

Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Calendar of Events

November 3	Roaming Readers: <i>Wolf Hall</i> by Hilary Mantel
November 4	Get out the Vote! Board meeting at Dianne's
November 13	Dine out Group: Succulent Cafe
November 17	RSVP due to Program on Human Trafficking
November 19	PM Book Explorers, <i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand
November 20	Program on Human Trafficking, SM AHC at The Forum
December 1	Roaming Readers: <i>Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak
December 5	RSVP due for Holiday Social
December 7	Branch Holiday Social, Stone Pine Hall
December 11	Dine out Group: Far Western Tavern
December 17	PM Book Explorers, <i>100 Year Old Man/Climbed Out the Window</i>
January 5	Roaming Readers: <i>The Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson
February 2	Roaming Readers: <i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls
February 7	Joint Branch Fellows Luncheon in Santa Maria
March 2	Roaming Readers: <i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown
March 7	Women's Literary Festival in Santa Barbara
April 6	Roaming Readers: <i>This House of Sky</i> by Ivan Hoig
April 25	Legal Advocacy Fund Litigant Speaker, SM
June 18-21	AAUW National Convention in San Diego

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

LV Branch Website: <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>

LV Branch Mailing address: P.O. Box 2523. Lompoc, CA 93438

Facebook: Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW

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