



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Dianne's Desk....

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are ready for the new year! Let's make 2015 an active year for the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch. Our goal of 110 members is getting closer with 107 at the end of December.

Our Friday, January 23 International program will be our first general meeting/program for the new year! Details for this TGIF event are on page 2.

We will have two programs in February. Our first will be our Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council (SBC IBC) Fellow's luncheon on Saturday, February 7 at 11:30 am at the Santa Maria Country Club! A flyer with all details is attached. San Luis Obispo County IBC branches will join us to hear from two of our Fellows and two other speakers.

Our second meeting/program will be a Healthy Gourmet luncheon on Saturday, February 28 at 11:30 am at Providence Landing Clubhouse. Details are on page 6.

Coming events include "Equal Pay Day" on Tuesday, April 14, 2015! Do you have some ideas for publicizing this important day? How can we let the community know the facts about the "pay gap" which continues to persist year after year?

Are you thinking about attending the AAUW Convention in San Diego June 18-21? Make your plans now and register by January 15, 2015 to get the best price! It will be a great opportunity to become energized about what AAUW is doing to make this a better world for everyone! Don't forget to buy your AAUW wine glasses to support the AAUW Fund. They are \$10 each and two for \$20! Get yours today!

Dianne Owens, President

Membership

New MEMBER SOCIAL

Attention new members: If you have been a member for three years or less, we are having a social especially for YOU!

On Friday, February 6, we will have "Wine and Conversation" at Marell's home, from 5:30 to 7:00. We have many new members and we want to provide an opportunity for everyone to learn more about our branch, our mission and goals, and ways to become active in our branch activities. We encourage all new members to attend and meet other new members, long term members, and the board members. All members are invited for fun, food, and friendship with like-minded women! By becoming involved, everyone can help keep our branch vibrant and strong. Please RSVP to Barbara Bolton at bbolton826@gmail.com by Monday, February 2. If you have a friend whom you think might be interested in joining AAUW, please bring her/him or contact Barbara. Members joining in January only pay dues for half year.

Thank you, Barbara Bolton, Membership VP

Programs

International Pot Luck

Join us For a Fun Canal Cruise in France

It's time for our International Potluck Dinner, Friday, January 23, 2015, 6 p.m. We will be at the Valley of the Flowers Church at 3346 Constellation Road in south Vandenberg Village. Branch Members, Billye, Pat, and Leslie will share their recent trip with photos and hilarious anecdotes to bring the trip alive for us all.

There will be entrees to share and you should bring either: salad, veggies, bread, or dessert to share.

Please RSVP by Wed. January 21 to Cathy , so can set up the room to accommodate the group.

AAUW Central Coast Fellows Luncheon

See the flyer on the next page for details on the Fellows Luncheon.

Cathy, Program VP

AAUW Central Coast Fellows Luncheon



Saturday, February 7, 2015

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Santa Maria Country Club, 505 West Waller Lane, Santa Maria

\$30 per person



American Fellowship recipient **Jennifer Randles**

Jennifer Randles received her PhD in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley and is an assistant professor at California State University, Fresno. Her research explores how social and economic inequities affect American families and how policies address intimate inequalities and family-formation trends. Columbia University Press will publish her first book, *Legislating Love: Marriage Politics, Education, and Inequality in America*.

Selected Professions Fellowship recipient **Bianca Calhoun**

Bianca Calhoun is pursuing a master's degree in business and administration from Pepperdine University with an emphasis on dispute resolution. She is active in the Santa Barbara community as a volunteer for Girls Incorporated, which empowers girls to become smart, strong women. Her goal is to master negotiation and mediation in order to teach at business schools or workshops where female professors are underrepresented.



AAUW National Student Advisory Council Member **Shannon Cholakian**

Shannon Cholakian is a third year Human Development student attending CSU Long Beach. She attended Tech Trek in Whittier in 2007, and then returned to be a peer counselor and a senior peer counselor in 2010 and 2013 respectively. Since then, she has attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWLS) last summer and is working on starting CSU Long Beach's student AAUW branch. In October, Shannon received the honor of being able to serve as one of ten women on the AAUW National Student Advisory Council, and will be returning to NCCWLS again this summer.

AAUW CA UCSB Tech Trek Camp Director **Susan Pease**

Susan Pease has been the camp director for the UCSB Tech Trek campus for 10 years, during which time the camp has experienced tremendous growth. She believes that Tech Trek offers young women a unique opportunity to experience STEM in a higher education setting. She appreciates the continued support of the local branches which has always been essential to the success of Tech Trek.

Reservation deadline is January 23!

Please call or email Dianne at dianneowens9@gmail.com. (805.733.1734) by January 23 for a reservation. Checks for \$30 (each meal) should be made out to SBC IBC and mailed to Dianne Owens, 70 Aldebaran Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please indicate your meal choice in the memo area of your check when making a reservation: *Roast Pork Loin, Raspberry Chicken Salad, or Roasted Vegetable Salad.*

Co-sponsored by the AAUW Interbranch Councils of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Public Policy

Dear Members: As we start the New Year, it's a good time to remind ourselves of AAUW Priority Issues and to recommit to helping advance our positions. According to the Public Policy website, AAUW members can feel proud that the White House's "year of action" advanced several AAUW priorities, including two equal pay executive orders for which AAUW members and supporters had been pushing for years. President Obama also issued executive actions to raise the minimum wage for employees of federal contractors; expand the government's income-based repayment plan to more student borrowers; protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employees of federal contractors from discrimination; address safer workplaces for employees of federal contractors; and encourage federal agencies to review and expand flexible workplace policies. New policies to protect women on campuses also reflects the hard work of AAUW lobbyists.

Improvement in our immigration policies and in California, the new driver's license program, will help thousands of women and their families. Our AAUW branch has created a year of programs related to our priority issues, such as the recent program on human trafficking, as we know our area is not immune to these problems. We especially need to bring the voices of women and families to public meetings, especially now when there are no women seated on the Lompoc City Council and funding for County social services is repeatedly threatened

Marell, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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.

Armchair Travelers

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary and Bob's home. Mary and Bob will talk about their trip to the Galapagos Islands.

Please RSVP to Sally. If you have an idea for a program please call Sally with your ideas.

Sally

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

The Dine-Out Group will be going to Thai Cuisine here in Lompoc on Thursday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. The address is 920 North I (behind Walgreens and the Lompoc Restaurant).

This time, please let Leslie know whether or not you are going. (Billye will be out of town).

Leslie & Billye , Chairs

Healthy Gourmet

We will be having a Healthy Gourmet luncheon on 28 February, 11:30 am at Providence Landing in South Vandenberg Village. Melinda will speak on "Nutrition after 50," then join us for lunch and questions. Melinda is a registered Dietician who works at the Vandenberg Air Force Base Hospital and Health and Wellness Center. Board members will prepare healthy dishes with copies of recipes to share. We are also asking for volunteers to bring healthy dishes, drinks, plates, bowls, napkins, cups, and utensils. Healthy recipes will be provided upon request. Please RSVP by 21 February and let us know if you will be bringing any of the above items or if you need a recipe. Email or call RSVPs to Cathy or Kristen . Come and enjoy Chicken Tortilla Soup, Carne Asada and Black Bean Chili, Pineapple Pork, and lots of vegetable and fruit sides.

Kristen

Roaming Readers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
January 5	<i>The Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson (Julie Davies)
February 2	<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeanette Walls (Eileen James)
March 2	<i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown (Judy Rarick)
April 6	<i>This House of Sky</i> by IvanHoig (Cathy Rudolph)

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

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Interest Groups (Continued)**P.M. Book Explorers**

January 21, "Eating on the Wild Side" by Jo Robinson, Gail-- discussion leader

Location: Kristen, Treats: Kristen, Beverage: ??

February 18, "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan, Kristen, discussion

leader

Location: Cathy; Beverage: Gail; Treats: Barbara Bolton

March 18, "Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt

We usually meet the 3rd Wed. of each month at 7 pm. Members whose homes are not convenient for meetings can 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.

Gail, Chair

Calendar of Events

January 5	Roaming Readers: <i>The Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson
January 6	Board meeting, 6:45 pm, Dianne's home
January 8	Dine Out Group at Thai Cuisine
January 21	PM Book Explorers, <i>Eating on the Wild Side</i> by Jo Robinson
January 22	Armchair Travelers – Bob & Mary Travels
January 23	International Night
February 7	Joint Branch Fellows Luncheon in Santa Maria
February 18	PM Book Explorers, <i>The Valley of Amazement</i> by Amy Tan
February 28	Healthy Gourmet Luncheon
March 2	Roaming Readers: <i>The Boys in the Boat</i> by Daniel James Brown
March 7	Women's Literary Festival in Santa Barbara
March 18	PM Book Explorers, <i>Goldfinch</i> by Donna Tartt
April 6	Roaming Readers: <i>This House of Sky</i> by Ivan Hoig
April 14	Equal Pay Day
April 18	AAUW CA Annual Meeting, Manhattan Beach
April 19	AAUW Southern California Leadership Day, Manhattan Beach
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

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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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