



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

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

Our Wednesday, November 4 meeting/program featuring the documentary, *THE HUNTING GROUND*, will take us straight to the heart of a shocking epidemic of violence and institutional cover-ups sweeping college campuses across the country. I hope you will bring a friend or a student to join us at the Lompoc Library at 6:30 pm for a short meeting and at 7:00 pm for the viewing of the film. We want to fill the room for this important documentary!

Our Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Alicia Hetman, National AAUW Vice Chair and Title IX expert and Arthur Diaz, Title IX coordinator for the Lompoc Unified School District. We learned a lot about Title IX and protecting the civil rights of both women and men. You will learn more about Title IX and how advocates for safe campuses are using it when you watch ***THE HUNTING GROUND***. Please see pages 2 & 3 for more details about the meeting!

The Issues that AAUW is working on this year include Advocacy, Campus, Career and Workplace, Community, Education, Leadership and Economic Justice. Our Program VP, Cathy and the Board are working hard to bring Mission-Based programs to you each month. For more information, please visit our [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) website and [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) website to keep in touch with our national AAUW and our California AAUW!

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us! I saw stores last week with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations on display in different parts of the store! Why wait for one holiday to be over before you promote the next two?

I look forward to seeing you at the Lompoc Library on Wednesday, November 4. Please let me know if you have any questions!

***Dianne Owens, President***

## Programs

### **THE HUNTING GROUND Viewing, Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm/Business meeting, 6:30pm**

A newly released documentary about Sexual Assault on College Campuses. The sad facts are:

- \*1 in 5 college women will be sexually assaulted
- \*1 in 33 college men will be sexually assaulted
- \*Only 5% of campus assaults are reported
- \*Experts agree 90-98% of reported sexual assaults are true
- \*Serial predators will commit an average of 6 sexual assaults during their college years

See the Flyer on the next page

Don't miss the first Lompoc screening of this new film at the Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Avenue. There is no charge to attend, but AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch would welcome donations. Contact Cathy for questions or if you need a ride:

### **Join Us For Some Holiday Fun**

We have been invited to celebrate the upcoming holidays at the home of Fran, Sunday, Dec. 6th from 2-4 p.m. Please bring a festive food item to share. Drinks will be provided. We will have an **optional** tree ornament exchange--not to exceed \$10. If you RSVP to Cathy, you will make our planning a whole lot easier. Much appreciated!

Hope to see you there!!!

***Cathy, Program VP***

## News & Events

### **Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch 2015-16 Directory**

In order to keep our new Directory up-to-date throughout the year, I am planning to add new members as they join and post it on our AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch website under our password protected page. This is where our "Scattered Seeds" newsletter is posted each month.

Before I post the Directory, I want to give you the opportunity of opting out of having your name, address, university/college information, phone number, e-mail address, etc. in the on-line version. You can opt out of having anything in the on-line version or just part of it. It is your choice! The deadline to let me know is November 14. Please email me or call, if you have questions.

***Dianne***



**“SHOCKING DOCUMENTARY —SEXUAL ASSAULT  
ON CAMPUSES”**

***Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7 pm***

***Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Ave.***

***Presented by AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch***

***Discussion will follow the viewing of film***

***Donations welcomed***

***805-757-3677***

## **News & Events (Continued)**

### **AAUW Funds**

Since 1881, AAUW has made it our mission to remove the obstacles that stand in women's way. Over the decades we have seen some encouraging changes. Today a majority of all college graduates are women. More than 3 million girls play varsity high school sports, compared with fewer than 300,000 in 1971. Further, more than 9 million U. S. businesses are owned by women. We can feel proud of our progress. But our work is far from over or finished. We must stand up and demand equality. We must make our voices heard to our leaders at every level.

*Betty, AAUW Funds VP*

### **Membership**

**Welcome New Member Monique**

**Welcome New Member Cecilia**

*Thank you, Kari, Membership VP*

### **Public Policy**

A few months ago, the Thousand Oaks Planned Parenthood (PP) clinic was set on fire. Authorities believe that this was a deliberate act of arson by an anti-choice extremist. Our local area Planned Parenthood office has sent notices to supporters to raise funds to help reopen this office. With the publication of the much-edited videos purporting that PP is profiting from selling fetal tissue, opponents of Planned Parenthood have been reinvigorated in their attempts to shut down PP clinics and take access to reproductive health care away from thousands of men and women.

According to the AAUW Public Policy website, "AAUW trusts that every woman has the ability to make her own informed choices regarding her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs. Further, AAUW believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without government interference. AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights a policy principle since 1977. Family planning fosters self-sufficiency, promotes preventive health care, and educates people on ways to protect themselves and their families from the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

The U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade legalized abortion for all women and found abortion to be a constitutionally protected fundamental right. However, in order for this to be more than just an abstract right, women must have real access to a full range of reproductive health and family planning options. Unfortunately, many vulnerable American women are being



denied fundamental control of their reproductive lives due to increasing restrictions successfully advanced by anti-choice lawmakers at both the state and federal levels.

The lack of comprehensive support for reproductive health has resulted in dire outcomes for American women. With many schools exclusively providing abstinence-only sex education and contraceptive care historically expensive to access, Americans' reproductive health has suffered. For instance, half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended, and the United States continues to have one of the highest rates of STIs in the industrialized world."

I urge AAUW members to get active in this struggle. We hope to have a speaker from the Santa Barbara/San Luis/Ventura Planned Parenthood office speak to our branch in the near future. AAUW believes access to full reproductive health care is a basic right in this country. We should not allow extremists to send women's healthcare in the United States back to the 19th century.

*Marell, Public Policy Chair*

## Interest Groups

### Roaming Readers

November 2	Never Let Me Go (Kazuo Ishiguro)	Carol Ann
December 7	All the Light We Cannot See (Anthony Doerr)	Eileen
January 4	The Wright Brothers (David McCullough)	Teney
February 1	Hissin' Cousins (Marc N. Peyser)	Judy
March 7	The Nightingale (Kristen Hannah)	Dixie
April 4	Dead Wake (Erik Larson)	Julie

Roaming Readers meets the first Monday of each month (unless that falls on a holiday, in which case we meet the second Monday) at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast at the restaurant of the moderator's choice. All AAUW members are invited to attend. Contact info: Carol Ann or Cathy

*Co-chairs: Carol Ann and Cathy*

**P.M. Book Explorers**

November 18, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown; Location – Cathy's, Treats - Kristen; and Beverage??

December 16, "The Rational Optimist" by Matt Ridley; Location - ??; Treats and Beverage??

We usually meet the 3rd Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Members whose homes are not convenient can volunteer to bring treats or beverage. The hostess will provide water and tea. Please e-mail me if you would like to volunteer treats or beverage and possible book choices. The following books have been suggested: "Guns, Germs, and Steel", "Sarah's Key", "The Wright Brothers", "All the Light We Cannot See", "Circling the Sun" and "My Stroke of Insight". Please read any reviews you can find, so we can decide what we would like to read for January and February.

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

***Gail, Chair***

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

The Dine Out Group will go to the Los Olivos Cafe on Thursday, November 12. We will leave from St. Mary's Church at 5:00 p.m. The restaurant is located at 2879 Grand Avenue, Los Olivos. To view information about the cafe and the menu, go to:

<http://www.losolivoscfe.com/losOlivosCafe/cafeMenu.html>.

Reservations can be made as follows: email Leslie or Billye call.

Hope to see you there!

***Leslie & Billye, Chairs***

**Armchair Travelers**

November 19, Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

IRAN : Shereen will talk about her trip to Iran, her ancestral home after being gone for 37 years. You'll learn about her impressions and the real day to day life in Iran (not the media hype on nuclear issues). We will meet at Sally's home. Call to RSVP or e-mail. Sally is also sending out Evites.

December: Armchair Travelers will be dark.

January 28: Armchair Travelers will go to the General Meeting and International Potluck.

February 25: Nancy Straight will give a talk on her trip to Egypt.

Please let Sally know if you would like to present your trip or if you know of anyone that would be willing to present to our group.

*Sally, Chair*

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

### **Want to come over and play games?**

Our new **Game Night** interest group will meet quarterly, with the next meeting in January. If you were unable to attend our initial get together, please contact Cathy Trevino to share your input or for more information. CathyTrevino47@gmail.com or 805-757-3677.

*Cathy*

### **New Interest Group**

Several members have mentioned that they would enjoy a new interest group that involves wine tasting, learning more about wine, etc. If you are interested in joining this group, let me know and we will set up a planning meeting at D'Vine or someplace similar. Call Dianne if that works for you! We will build it and they will come!

*Dianne*

### **Calendar of Events**

November 2	Roaming Readers, "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro
November 3	Board meeting, Dianne's home
November 4	Program: Viewing of <i>The Hunting Ground</i> , regarding sexual assault on our campuses
November 12	Dine Out Group: Los Olivos Cafe
November 18	PM Book Explorers, "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown
November 19	Armchair Travelers – Shereen will speak of Iran
December 1	Board meeting, Dianne's home
December 6	Holiday Social, Fran's home
December 7	Roaming Readers, "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
December 16	PM Book Explorers, "The Rational Optimist" by Matt Ridley
February 27	Central Coast Fellows Luncheon, Madonna Inn, SLO
April 15, 16, 17	2016 AAUW CA Convention, San Mateo Marriott
July 23	PCPA "Shrek the Musical," SBC IBC Theater Night

### **Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

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

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