

***From Pat's Desk.....***

Since the last Newsletter we have had a couple of exciting events—our July planning meeting and August membership event. We got some great ideas and suggestions during the planning meeting and will be implementing those in our programs as the year proceeds. Kari did a great job organizing and making the membership event lots of fun with her “Kentucky Derby” theme. It was exciting to walk into the room and see the decorations and fun things she planned. After a wonderful brunch and some discussion we had the horse race—Charlotte Hayes’ team came in as the winner. We also recognized 5 of our members who have contributed during their many years of membership. Thanks, again, Kari for putting this event together.

We are headed into the election season and as we do it is important to remember to be informed and to vote. AAUW is also heading up “It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard” campaign to encourage women to register and to vote. They are targeting millennial women voters nationwide at a time when, research shows, young women are less likely to vote. You can read more about that campaign on the AAUW.org website. We will be registering voters at the “Bow Wow” days on Allen Hancock Campus and we should all encourage individuals to register and vote. Remember that if you have moved since the last election, you need to re-register to vote.

Please check the web site for AAUW’s [American Fellowships](#) program. It has been in existence since 1888, making it the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States. The application period for these fellowships is August 1 - November 15 for fellowships that will begin in 2017. If you are interested in one of these fellowships or know of someone who could benefit please apply or provide information to potential candidates. Get the word out—it would be wonderful to see someone from our area benefit from these programs.

From Pat's Desk Continued

Hope to see all of you at some of our upcoming events or interest group meetings.

Pat Grijalva, President

News & Events**Successful Audit**

To Whom it may concern;

We the undersigned have completed an examination and audit of the bank account records of the Lompoc–Vandenberg Branch of the American Association of University Women, specifically our Union Bank accounts, and find the bank and the Association accounting records to be in complete agreement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Mary Lou and Thomas

Event Reminder: Scholarship Fundraiser, Sunday, September 11

The Branch Scholarship Committee will host a Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Fiddlehead Cellars, Lompoc Wine Ghetto, 2-4 pm on Sunday, September 11. The cost per ticket is \$25. The final deadline for reservations was August 30. Please call Joyce Barker to get on the waitlist for cancellations!

Joyce, Scholarship Chair

Save the Date: Invite from the Santa Maria Branch

Shannon Smith-Crowley, our CA-AAUW Legislative advocate from Sacramento, is coming to Santa Maria on Saturday Jan 21 to talk about her role as a legislative advocate, the work she does in Sacramento on behalf of the AAUW mission, and what we can do to support her work.

As a morning meeting, the cost for attendees will be very minimal - our branch is picking up the cost for Shannon's mileage and hotel. We will have light refreshments available.

The Santa Maria branch is paying for this speaker and her expenses, but due to the rare nature of this opportunity, they are inviting all AAUW branches in our area to join them for this meeting.

News & Events (Continued)

Tech Trek 2016

Our campers are back, and they had a wonderful time. Here is what they had to say:

Dear SpaceX & Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch

Thank you for allowing me to be able to have an amazing time at Tech Trek!

I love my core class, Marine Biology, because even though it's not what I wanted, I like it. I'm learning a lot of new things I didn't expect to learn. I really like my dorm life because I'm meeting many new friends, and we all get along. It also gives me an idea of actual college. I also really like the food because there is a different variety of foods every day.

I am having a wonderful time, and I am very grateful for this.

Sincerely,
Sarah

Dear SpaceX & Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch

Thank you for sending me to Tech Trek to learn new and amazing things. I am meeting so many new people and making new friends.

You guys gave me the opportunity to go on a boat ride and see all these different sea animals: dolphins, fish, seagulls, and even a whale. I also learned about different types of plankton and platform Holly.

I was able to do an amazing race on the UCSB campus that gave me a view of where buildings would be and how to use a UCSB map. My core class was engineering, and I had so much fun. I made a solar powered car and a windmill.

I had a project group about food sustainability and how to store it. I learned so much, but one of the most important things I learned from Tech Trek is to speak for myself. I learned so many new things these past few days, and I feel thankful to you for giving me this experience.

Pearl

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Tech Trek 2016 (Continued)

Dear SpaceX & Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch,

I am completely honored to be part of the selected few to go to the Tech Trek summer camp. My experience here has meant a lot to me! Over the past week I have learned about many interesting topics and had loads of fun. I wouldn't have been able to experience Tech Trek without the help of SpaceX and the Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch.

I am very satisfied with my experience at the camp which includes my core class, the college campus, and the dorm life. My core class was coding and without this class I could not have learned how to fix and detect the problem as well as how to program apps. I learned and experienced the life of a UCSB student all week and was able to understand more about college. In the dorms, I was able to collaborate with many people including my roommate.

Tech Trek has also allowed me to explore the UCSB campus and look at wonderful art and architecture. The most fascinating part of the campus was the library. It was a large structure and had beautiful scenery surrounding it. Not to mention there were cafes and restaurants nearby.

Again, I give much appreciation to SpaceX and Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW for selecting me to be one of the few to go the Tech Trek camp. This experience was very important because it taught me to pay more attention to small details and to not fear failure. Thank you for this amazing experience!

Sincerely,
Destiny

Dear Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch,

Hello, I am writing this letter to let you know how much I appreciate the fact that you paid around \$850 for me to go to this camp. Not just for me, but also for a bunch of other girls. I am really thankful that you gave me such a huge opportunity, because I met some really good friends. Not only that, but I got to learn that math isn't just numbers, it's patterns, caesar cipher, and so much more. I am glad I got this scholarship, because if it wasn't for this, I would have never had the opportunity to do all these new experiences.

News & Events (Continued)

Tech Trek 2016 (Continued)

The Tech Trek experience has meant a lot to me. If it wasn't for Tech Trek, I would have never met new friends or even gone on a boat where we saw dolphins and an unexpected whale. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely, Lesley

Dear Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch,

Hi, my name is Ryley and I was one of the campers that attended Tech Trek. Thank you so much for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I really enjoyed my time at UCSB.

We did many activities: we went on a boat to an oil rig named Holly, went on a scavenger hunt called the "Amazing Race", and learned a new motto "Advocate for yourself" which I think is very important..

The math teacher, Grace, made learning really fun. I don't really get math sometimes, but with her, I feel like I get it 100% more. I liked the Junior Counselors, Senior Counselors, and Jill, my dorm mom. They were all very nice.

We also did projects. There were three main projects: ROV's, sustainable food, and oil rig. I worked on ROV's, remotely operated vehicles. Over all, Tech Trek was so much fun!

Thank you again, for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Riley

Wynn, Tech Trek Coordinator

AAUW Fund

At the August 9 meeting, the board decided to informally divide the 2016-2017 program year into two principal fundraising directions. The fall 2016 emphasis will be increasing donations to the AAUW Fund, due December 1, in order to exceed our 2015 branch donation total of \$1,000 (\$750 to the Alicia Hetman Research and Projects Grant and \$250 to the Legal Advocacy Fund). The branch's share of the proceeds from the summer's PCPA outing was designated for the AAUW Fund by the 2015-2016 outgoing board. We expect to have news of that amount later in September.

During the first half of 2017, we will concentrate on raising funds for our Tech Trek camperships. We hope to repeat or surpass the results from the Applebee's benefit pancake breakfast under the capable leadership of Wynn and her committee. The second annual breakfast is tentatively scheduled for March 2017.

Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President

Membership

A big thank you for all those who participated with the Kentucky Derby themed Membership Drive! Everyone had fun with picking out the best hat and after our yummy brunch, we all headed out to race our horses. Kari tossed the dice and the table team named horses started around the track! With a little luck the winner was awarded some Sangria and a red boa! Door prizes of Kentucky Derby center pieces and tea cup flowers were given out. Everyone was a winner! Two perspective members also joined in the fun!

Join / Renew Customer Service: 800.326.2289 or at AAUW.org

Making an Impact for Women and Girls

AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Your membership makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger on critical issues affecting women and girls.

Making an impact...



LOCALLY AAUW has more than 10,000 community activities across the U.S.

Membership (Continued)



NATIONALLY AAUW is a leader, supporting precedent setting cases such as *Dukes v. Wal-Mart* and the equitable treatment for all in the workplace.



GLOBALLY AAUW has supported scholars from more than 130 countries, and projects in more than 25 countries.

Kari, Membership V.P.

Programs

Election 2016 AAUW Candidate Forums

Our AAUW branch is hosting two candidate forums this fall. The first, on Monday, September 19 at 7 pm, will feature two candidates for Lompoc Mayor and three candidates for two seats on the Lompoc City Council. On Wednesday, October 5 at 7 pm, we will host four candidates for three seats on the Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD) Board.

Both forums will be held at the Grossman Gallery, Lompoc Library, 501 East North Ave., Lompoc. Please join us and bring your neighbors and friends to hear these candidates answer our prepared questions and as well as questions from the audience. AAUW member, Dianne Owens will moderate both forums. Our branch has hosted and moderated forums in the Lompoc Community for over 50 years.

AAUW General Meeting and Program, September 22

Our September General Meeting and Program will be held on Thursday, September 22 beginning with a 6:30 pm business meeting and 7 pm program at Stone Pine Hall, 200 South H Street, next door to the Lompoc Museum. Two officers from the Lompoc Police Department, Sgt. Deanna Clement and Officer Onyemarche Agbodike will discuss community policing - what it is and how it improves relationships with the general public, as well as local youth in our area. They will also

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discuss current national issues and how the Lompoc Police Department is addressing those locally via community policing. Women's safety in the community and personal tips will be given along with a discussion on current scams affecting our area. A question and answer session will conclude the program.

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, October 25, 7 pm, Lompoc Library: 2016 Tech Trek campers. For more information, contact Dianne at dianneowens9@gmail.com or call 805-733-1734.

Dianne Owens, Program VP

Public Policy

The following charts came from AAUW a few weeks back and I have shared it with many friends as it provides a good outline of important issues. Even though this is for the national election, I think we need to hold all local candidates accountable for their votes and positions on the issues AAUW supports. AAUW is promoting Get Out the Vote activities so if you are willing to 'woman' a registration table at Allan Hancock or elsewhere, let me know. We have permission to do non-partisan voter registration at the campus whenever we are available.

Marell, Public Policy Chair

2016 Presidential Voter Guide



2016 Voter Guide

Candidates for U.S. President

Hillary Clinton (D)	Where the candidates stand on	Donald Trump (R)
Support	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap	Mixed
Support	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs	Mixed
Support	Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools	Unknown
Oppose	Changing or privatizing Social Security to lower recipient benefits or limit participation in the program	Oppose
Support	Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage	Mixed
Support	Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school	Oppose
Support	Passing federal legislation requiring companies to allow employees to earn paid sick days	Mixed
Mixed	Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools	Support
Support	Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women	Unknown
Support	Passing a federal law to address bullying and harassment against all students, including LGBT and gender-nonconforming students	Mixed
Support	Reducing barriers to voting, like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification	Oppose
Support	Confirming federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established legal precedents	Oppose

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Oppose: Candidate voted against legislation or explicitly stated a policy position on the record with no ambiguity.

Unknown: Candidate took no explicit or compelling public position.

Mixed: Candidate made conflicting statements and/or votes on the issue or took a nuanced position.

To learn more about the AAUW Action Fund, please call 202.785.7793 or visit www.aauwaction.org.

2016 Vice Presidential Voter Guide



2016 Voter Guide

Candidates for U.S. Vice President

Tim Kaine (D)	Where the candidates stand on	Mike Pence (R)
Support	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap	Oppose
Support	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs	Oppose
Support	Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools	Unknown
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Support	Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage	Oppose
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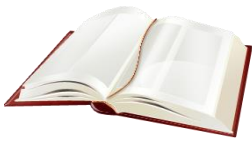
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Interest Groups**Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
Sept. 12	Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Leigh)
Oct. 3:	Where Did You Go, Bernadette: a Novel (Dixie)
Nov. 7:	The Crossing (Diane)
Dec. 5:	The Rosie Project (Myra)
Jan. 2:	Reader's Choice (Carol Ann)

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 and Cathy

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

September 21, "My Reading Life" by Pat Conroy; Location - Barbara; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

October 19, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay; Location - ??; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

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; "My Stroke of Insight", "In Dubious Battle", "The Rocket Girls". If you suggest a book, please check to see if it is in paperback. Some of our members do not use e-books and find hardbacks would not be their first choice to purchase if the book is not available through the library. The three books listed are all available in paperback. We are always looking for additional "explorers" so please feel free to contact Gail for further information.

Gail, Chair

Interest Groups (Continued)

Armchair Travelers (4th Thursday of the month)

Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate the **100th Anniversary of the National Park Service**. Please review your memory and picture files so that you can share your favorite National Park. Sally will show her pictures of her trip to Utah in May when she camped at Bryce Canyon and Torrey Utah. She will show Pictures of Zion and Capitol Reef N.P. Let's have s'mores (I have a cookie recipe) and Peg reminded me that there is even S'more Ice Cream. So please bring a snack to share.

Please RSVP Sally Prentiss.

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. We need a presentation for October 27. Enjoy your summer,

Sally, Chair

Game and Social Night

To all AAUW members:

Come to the first Game and Social Night on Oct. 6 from 6:30-9. We will play Mexican Train, Uno, dice games and others. Bring your favorite drink (alcohol is ok) and a snack to share (oven and microwave available.) We will meet at the Heritage Villas Clubhouse 300 Burton Mesa Blvd, VV—right behind the shopping center. It is the building outside the gate. There is parking outside the gate and on the street. If you don't want to play games, just come and socialize.

Contact: Mary Ann if you want to set up your own game or just help out.

Mary Ann Weyandt

Learning About Wine In 2016

This new interest group has the goal of learning more about wine, which is a major industry in our County. I will let those that are interested know by email where and when we will meet for the first time. Please call 805-733-1734/805-570-9192 or email dianneowens9@gmail.com if you are interested and haven't told me yet.

Dianne Owens

Interest Groups (Continued)

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

The Dine Out group will be going to Los Olivos, Thursday, September 8th to have dinner at Petros - the restaurant in the Fess Parker Inn. We will meet at St. Mary's church at 5:15 p.m. to carpool. Reservations are at 6:00 p.m.

Originally from Loannina, a home for many aristocratic families since the Ottoman Empire, owner Petros Benekos lived in Venice, Italy until he was four years old when his family moved to Athens. When he turned 16, he went to work at resort hotels and private yachts in the Greek Isles every summer, gaining knowledge about the hospitality business. At 19, he began studying French literature in the south of France, also working in popular clubs of Monaco and Cannes. He even worked at the exclusive Elounda Mare in Crete.

And now here he is in Los Olivos, aka Mayberry, RFD! (the remake).

Petros Los Olivos combines the modern Greek fare offered in fine specialty restaurants in Athens and on the popular islands of Greece with a sophisticated, authentic touch rarely seen in the States, providing an experience unlike any other. Petros makes sure that the dishes reflect his "mother's way," which is evident throughout the menu.

Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP

Leslie

Billye

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

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 great company. If you need more information, contact Marell. If you are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

Calendar of Events

September 7	Lompoc-Vandenberg Village Branch Board Meeting
September 8	Dine Out Group: Petros
September 11	Scholarship Committee will host a Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Fiddlehead Cellars
September 12	Roaming Readers, "Notorious RBG: The Life and Ties of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" by Leigh
September 14	AAUW Table at Hancock College Lompoc Center Bow-Wow Days
September 15	Armchair Travelers: Celebrate the 100 th Anniversary of the National Park Service.
September 19	Program: Mayor & City Council Candidate Forum
September 21	PM Book Explorers, "My Reading Life" by Pat Conroy
September 22	Program: Community Policing & Women's Safety
October 3	Roaming Readers, "Where Did You Go, Bernadette: a Novel" by Dixie
October 5	Program: LUSD Candidate Forum
October 6	Game and Social Night
October 19	PM Book Explorers, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay
October 25	Program: Tech Trek Campers
January 21	Santa Maria Branch Program: CA-AAUW Legislative Advocate
February 25	Interbranch Council Fellows Luncheon, Santa Maria Country Club

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