



From Pat's Desk.....

September has been a busy month for our Branch. We held the first of our candidate forums and had a packed house to hear from those seeking the office of mayor and city council. It is great to see our branch members as well as the public turn out to hear the candidate's views. Not only is it important to those of us who are voters, but the candidates also get feedback from the audience. Thank you Dianne for doing a great job of moderating the first forum.

We had a general meeting and then speakers from the Lompoc Police Department on September 25. Sgt. Deanna Clement and Officer Onyemarche Agbodike discussed the most frequent crimes in Lompoc, what we can do to prevent them, and then took questions from the floor. They also talked a little about females in the law enforcement career field. It was an interesting and informative evening.

We had the fall Interbranch Council (IBC) Meeting Sept 10. The two main activities for which the area branches coordinate are the PCPA play and a luncheon in February. AAUW members gathered for the play "Shrek" last July and funds generated from that event were distributed. Our branch received \$246 as a share of the profits for this event. The February luncheon will be held in Santa Maria at the Country Club and IBC is working on a speaker for this event. Date is set for February 25 with more details to follow.

The annual scholarship fundraiser had to be cancelled this year since the minimum number of reservations required by the winery was not reached. Moral of this story is if you plan on going to an event, please call in your reservations as early as possible. Joyce has not informed me of an alternate plan for fundraising



From Pat's Desk (Continued)

this year, but I am sure we will need to do something to continue with the scholarships we provide each spring.

Look forward to more great programs and be sure to join some of the interest groups. It is an outstanding way to get to know some of the other members and enjoy the social aspect of your membership.

Pat Grijalva, President

News & Events**2016-17 Branch Directories are ready!**

The new 2016-17 Branch Directories are ready for distribution! We are hand delivering as many as possible to save postage money! If you can help distribute some of them in your neighborhood, please let me know. They will be available at the October 3rd Board meeting and the October 5th LUSD Candidate Forum. Please support our sponsors, as their ads helped us reduce the cost of printing, so that you could each have a physical copy to hold in your hands!

Dianne Owens, Program VP

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)

AAUW 2017 National Convention Registration



Every two years, AAUW hosts the national convention where women leaders from across the nation gather together to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders. Registration opens October 1, 2016.

Event Date: June 14-17, 2016

Location: Washington DC

Don't miss the opportunity. [Register now!](#)

Downloadable Image : http://convention.aauw.org/files/2015/07/DC_Marion-280x160.jpg

AAUW Fund

The Lompoc-Vandenberg branch received \$246 from the summer PCPA “Shrek” event at the recent Inter-Branch Council meeting. This amount gives us a head start in our AAUW Funds effort for our projected 2017 contribution. Our branch donation for 2016 (due December 1) has been board- and membership-approved from our carryover funds at \$1500.

Are you already planning your year-end charitable giving? Many of us wait until November or December to assess our financial position for the year nearly ended, considering taxes and budgeted needs. Please consider AAUW Funds as a contribution. Donate on line or send a check to our treasurer, noting AAUW Funds on the memo line: Kristen

Save the date for our branch “Holiday Affair” on Sunday, December 4. Details are coming!

Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President

Programs

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch LUSD Candidate Forum

Let's hear from the four candidates for School Board! We are hosting a forum for the candidates running for three positions on the Lompoc Unified School District (LUSD) Board on Wednesday, October 5 at 7 pm in the Grossman Gallery, Lompoc Library, 501 East North Ave., Lompoc.

Opening and closing statements and prepared questions will be the format for the forum with a question and answer period before adjournment. Questions asked will relate to Title IX, the 2016 Grand Jury Report, Finances and Budget Allocations and Curriculum. One question will be asked that has not been rehearsed by the candidates.

Our AAUW forum on September 19 for Mayor and City Council Candidates was attended by a standing room only audience, so come early for a good seat!

General Meeting / Tech Trek & STEAM Program

Our October 25 Program will feature our five Tech Trek girls and the new La Honda STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Academy! It is always fun to hear the girls talk about their week at UCSB and all the things they learned. We will begin with a 6:30 pm business meeting followed by the girls and Bree Valla, Principal at La Honda STEAM Academy, at 7 pm at the Grossman Gallery, Lompoc Public Library, 501 East North Avenue, Lompoc.

Four of the 2016 Tech Trek girls are students at Vandenberg Middle School and one is a student at Lompoc Valley Middle School. Three of the girls were sponsored by a generous grant from Space X. SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corporation), designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. Space X is headquartered in Hawthorne, Ca and has offices at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Principal Bree Valla will talk about the preparation for the STEAM Academy and the launch this school year, along with the goals and expectations for the curriculum and activities. A Space X representative has been invited to attend, also.

Please contact President, Pat Grijalva at 805-708-4190 or plgrijalva@msn.com for further information.

Dianne Owens, Program VP

Public Policy

AAUW is promoting a Get Out the Vote Campaign to make sure that candidates who support our AAUW principles and priority issues are elected. Here is a summary of important dates from the Santa Barbara County Elections office for the upcoming election.

10/10: vote-by-mail ballots mailed

10/24: last day to register to vote

11/1: last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot by mail Between 11/2 and 11/8, voters may pick up their ballot in person at the Elections Office

11/8: Election Day. To be counted, ballots must be postmarked on or before 11/8 and received no later than 11/14.

For more information: <http://sbcvote.com>

If you need voter registration forms, please contact me.

Marell, Public Policy Chair

Presidential Debate B-I-N-G-O

Did you play AAUW's Presidential Bingo during the first Presidential debate? Even if you missed playing the first time, you have more opportunities to play during the two remaining presidential debates and one VP debate in October.

We've created bingo cards with some of the key words women and girls want to hear from both candidates during the course of the debates.

There are two ways to play it:

1. Print out a card, grab your favorite marker, and you're ready to play.
2. Play our interactive Bingo online.



Downloadable

Image:

<http://www.aauw.org/files/2016/09/AAUW-Presidential-Debate-Bingo-Card-Header.jpg>

Read More: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/07/play-debate-bingo-with-aauw/>

Interest Groups**Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Book</u> |
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| 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 Ann and Cathy

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

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

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)**Armchair Travelers (4th Thursday of the month)**

Thursday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. meet at Sally Prentiss' home for an informative talk about Scotland. Cyndi will tell about her journey through her photo album and mementoes from her trip last year with Julie.

The address is in Vandenberg Village. Please RSVP Sally.

Because of the holidays, we will not meet in November and December. 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

Game and Social Night

Hope to see you at the first Game and Social Night on Oct. 6 from 6:30-8:30. Bring your favorite drink (alcohol is ok) and a snack to share (oven and microwave available) or even your favorite game. 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

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

The Dine Out group will be going to Scratch Kitchen in Lompoc for Thursday, October 13. The restaurant gets crowded which makes it noisy so we should go as soon as they open. I will make reservations for 12 so please let me know if you will be joining us. Billye will not be there this time.

Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Leslie.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Interest Groups (Continued)**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

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| October 3 | Lompoc-Vandenberg Village Branch Board Meeting |
| 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 13 | Dine Out Group: Scratch Kitchen |
| October 19 | PM Book Explorers, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay |
| October 25 | Program: Tech Trek Campers |
| October 27 | Armchair Travelers: Scotland by Cyndi |
| November 7 | Roaming Readers, "The Crossing" by Diane |
| February 25 | Interbranch Council Fellows Luncheon, Santa Maria Country Club |

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

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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