



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Pat's Desk.....

I hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday season filled with fun, love, and laughter. As we begin the New Year we are seeing newly elected senators and representatives take their place in Congress and we will soon see our newly elected President take office. The goals and advancements of women are greatly affected by the President, Congress, and those appointed to the Cabinet or Supreme Court. Are you an activist? Do you volunteer? There are many ways to get involved and support AAUW's mission – advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Check the AAUW.org web site for some ideas.

Our chapter has been active over the last few months with some great programs and social events. If you were not at the holiday gathering you missed a great time. Kari Rosson opened her home to us and arranged for a festive mood with the Cabrillo HS band members performing some holiday tunes. Thank you Kari for starting the holidays with such a nice party!

January will bring us the popular International night on January 13th at Valley of the Flowers Church Hall. This would be a great opportunity to invite a guest and potential new member. Our membership stands at about 100 but we need to keep considering others who would like to join us to keep our chapter vibrant. If you know someone who is new to the area or who has been here for a while, let them know about our organization. I have found it very enjoyable just to get to meet new people.

Hope to see all of you at one of the functions in January.

Pat Grijalva, President

AAUW Fund

Seasonal magic happened at our Holiday Affair on December 4! Thanks to your generosity, we collected over \$500 to begin fundraising for our annual contribution to the national AAUW Fund.

On November 17, we sent \$1,500 to national, our 2016 – 2017 contribution, earmarked as \$500 for the Legal Advocacy Fund, and \$1,000 for an ongoing effort to help complete the Alicia Hetman (CA) grant.

During the spring, the Board will be deciding on the amount of Lompoc – Vandenberg Branch's AAUW Fund gift for 2016 – 2017. With your continued assistance, we can match or even exceed our previous contribution. If you are celebrating a particular occasion and want to make a special contribution to AAUW Fund in honor of that event, please write a check to the branch with "AAUW Fund" in the memo line and send to me. Suggested singular milestones include a birthday for yourself or a loved one, an anniversary celebration or whatever provides you with gratitude to share.

Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President

Membership

Just wanted to say thank you to all the members who came to my home to celebrate the holiday season. We had lots of wonderful food, played the left right game, and had a special visit from Santa himself. Thank you for the warm wishes and special notes of appreciation as well.



I would also like to inform you that the Career and College Readiness class interviews were a huge success. The students very much appreciated the opportunity to prepare themselves for future success with communicating with people and the volunteers really had a good time visiting and questioning the students. It was a win-win situation. Thank you ladies for your dedication and time to our future employers in our community.



As we approach the New Year, please consider your paying your membership renewal on line where you can use your credit card and reduce the clerical workload at the AAUW California

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office by reducing the number of checks they have to handle and deposit in our AAUW California bank account.

Tax deductibility of dues: National dues are partially deductible as a charitable deduction on your income taxes; \$46 of the \$49 dollars paid. State dues are NOT deductible as we are a 501(c)4 charity. Questions about these and other financial matters? Please contact **Patricia (Pat) Ferrer**, CFO, AAUW CA, cfo@aauw-ca.org.



Kari, Membership V.P.

Programs

January 13, 2017: AAUW International Program

Please join us Friday, January 13, 2017 for our annual International Meeting and Program! We will begin with an African-themed potluck dinner at 6 pm at the Valley of the Flowers Church, 3346 Constellation Road, South Vandenberg Village. Drinks will be furnished, including white and red wine from Cape Town, South Africa.

A short business meeting will follow dinner. At 7 pm, I will facilitate a slide show and discussion highlighting my three week safari trip in Africa in October/November 2016.

Invite a prospective member/friend to join us for dinner and the program. Please RSVP by emailing dianneowens9@gmail.com or calling 805-733-1734, so we will have your name tag ready and the table set.

What should I bring and what is African cuisine, you may be asking? In our 1974 “Lompoc Valley Cuisine” cookbook (from the members of the *Gourmet for Couples* interest group), the first menu is from Africa! It included Abrak (Stuffed Grape Leaves), Red Bean Soup, Market-Zeitun (Braised

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Beef and Olives), Joffof Rice, Spinach A “L” Afrique, Spiced Peach Pickle and Cassava Cake. I don’t expect many members to have this 1974 cookbook on hand, but the internet will give you

many choices for today's African cuisine! Please email or call me if you have any questions! Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2017 for "Healthy and Happier Me" with a healthy brunch and two speakers! More details in the February newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE: Santa Maria Program, January 21 - Lobbying in Sacramento for CA Women and Girls

Members and guests are invited to attend a very special program you will not want to miss featuring **Shannon Smith - Crowley, CA AAUW Lobbyist.**

When: Saturday, January 21, 2017

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Where: Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Pkwy, Santa Maria CA

No charge. Reservations requested by January 17

Contact: Judy

Please contact Dianne at dianneowens9@gmail.com or 805-733-1734 for carpool plans.

Dianne Owens, Program VP

Public Policy

Many of us are still reeling after the November election. It is obvious that AAUW members and women across the country will have their work cut out for them in the next four years. AAUW's Amy Becker released this statement shortly after the election results were processed:

"Voters made history November 8 by electing political outsider Donald J. Trump to the White House. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) intends to approach our work with both the new administration and Congress with our mission in mind. After this hyperpartisan election year, AAUW's nonpartisan leadership and research-based advocacy is needed now more than ever.

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"It is now, after an election, that the real work begins," said Lisa Maatz, the vice president of government relations and advocacy. "AAUW will find common ground with the Trump administration and the new Congress on issues that are important to women and working

families. Women want progress on issues that affect them, and AAUW intends to be a fair critic and a valued ally. Most importantly, in true AAUW fashion, we will not hesitate to speak truth to power.”

Election 2016 touched on many issues that affect women and families at every level: local, state, and federal. We still face congressional gridlock over the Paycheck Fairness Act, resulting in more states taking matters into their own hands to work toward equal pay. Students are still waiting for real action on college affordability and high student debt, and they expect a continued commitment to combating campus sexual assault. Working families are still looking for good jobs with paid family and medical leave and other workplace equity policies. And Americans still don't have the basic necessity of a full Supreme Court.

Members of AAUW worked hard to get out the women's vote on Election Day by registering and educating voters, holding candidate forums and town halls, and writing local op-eds and letters to the editor urging women to make their voices heard. These efforts were a part of the AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign, which aims to turn out millennial women voters, a group that is often underrepresented at the polls.

“Candidates must now work to deliver on their promises,” stressed Maatz. “Women voters expect our newly elected officials to work together on solutions. AAUW believes democracy demands work every day of the year, and hyperpartisan rhetoric only damages the chances for reasonable consensus. Women voters are watching. We've laid out our priorities, and we will hold each and every candidate accountable.”

Considering the cabinet appointments that have occurred since Ms. Becker issued this statement, it looks like women's and other progressive movements will face great push back. On January 21, the Million Women March will be held in Washington DC and in cities and towns across the country. Check the local papers for details.

Maatz, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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.

Armchair Travelers (4th Thursday of the month)

Let's all plan on attending the January 13 International Potluck and Ultimate Africa at the Valley of the Flowers Church in Vandenberg Village on Constellation. Dianne Owens will be sharing her trip to Africa with us.

February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Joyce and her daughter, Bettie, will share their times in Australia. Joyce was stationed in Melbourne during WW II. She should have some wonderful adventures to share with us. We will meet at Joyce's home.

March 23 at 7:00 p.m. Sally will share her River Cruise in Eastern Europe. They visited seven countries and traveled on the Danube River from Budapest to the Black Sea. The address is in Vandenberg Village. Please RSVP Sally.

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

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
Jan. 2:	Reader's Choice (Carol Ann)
Feb. 6:	Room: a Novel by Emma Donoghue (Judy)
Mar. 6:	Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance (Leigh)

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

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

January 18, "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber; Location – Kristen's home; Treats - ??; Drinks – Leah.

February 15, "The Ringmaster's Wife" by Kristy Cambron; 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", "Rogue Lawyer", and "Just Mercy". 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 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

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

The AAUW Dine Out Group meets the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next Dine Out Thursday will be January 12, 2017. The dine-out group will meet at Sissy's (the new Solvang Brewery is not open yet). Meet at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Email Leslie or Billye. Call Leslie. Call or text Billye .

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

AAUW WOW Group —"Women Of Wine"

Tuesday, January 24 will be our first organizational meeting at the home of Billye at 7:00 p.m. Wynn and Billye will take all input and we are looking forward to getting the group started. Please join us and help us make this group the one everyone will want to be in. Lots of fun and educational events planned. Please RSVP.

Billye

Calendar of Events

January 2	Roaming Readers: "Reader's Choice"
January 9	Lompoc-Vandenberg Village Branch Board Meeting
January 12	Dine Out Group: Sissy's in Lompoc
January 13	International Potluck Night
January 18	PM Book Explorers "Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber
January 21	Santa Maria Branch event with CA-AAUW Legislative Advocate
January 21	Million Women March
January 24	Woman of Wine: Organizational meeting
February 6	Roaming Readers: "Room: a Novel" by Emma Donoghue
February 11	"Healthy and Happier Me" Brunch & Program
February 15	PM Book Explorers "The Ringmaster's Wife" by Kristy Cambron
February 23	Armchair Travelers: Australia with Joyce and Bettie
February 25	Interbranch Council Fellows Luncheon, Santa Maria Country Club
March 6	Roaming Readers: "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
March 18	Women's History Month Program Luncheon with elected officials
March 23	Armchair Travelers: Eastern Europe River Cruise with Sally
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention in Washington D.C.

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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

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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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