



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Pat's Desk...

With all the great programs and fun we have at branch level we sometimes forget that we are part of a much larger organization. AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

At the AAUW-CA annual meeting I learned some interesting facts about our state and national organizations. At the state level we receive support with publicity, communications, and advice about fundraising activities to ensure that IRS regulations are followed. The state administers our insurance and provides leadership development. The Public Policy Committee has taken an important role in establishing our Policy Priorities and working with our lobbyist to review and analyze new legislative bills. State Projects Oversight committee looks after Tech Trek and Speech Trek and any new projects that may be developed. As Tech Trek migrates back to the states this committee will play an important role in how Tech Trek moves forward.

At the national level, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants in 35 countries in 2016. There were 200,000 messages sent on behalf of AAUW to state and federal legislators. 50 top U.S. researchers convened with AAUW to discuss advancing women in engineering and computing. AAUW has publications that we have provided to our local elected officials on the "gender pay gap", but also

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many more on subjects such as Sexual Bias, Women and Student Loans, and STEM education. There are many videos and webinars available on the national website that range from how to organize a “get out the vote” event to “Using Inclusive Language to Create a Welcoming Space”. Our national organization is truly a voice for all women through public policy initiatives and the legal advocacy fund. Check out the AAUW website and you will be amazed at the information that is available to us.

Pat Grijalva, President

Tech Trek

March and April were busy months for Tech Trek. We had our fundraiser, which was a grand success. Thanks to Applebee's for providing the tickets, food, cooks, and to all of you who sold tickets, donated money, or volunteered the day of the breakfast...**you are fantastic**. This was a real team effort. We grossed a little over \$1,500.00 which is almost enough for two campers in 2018.

This year, SpaceX again generously provided three scholarships, and we had enough funds to send two additional campers... five campers for 2017. Dianne, Marell and I interviewed seven prospective campers and made the following selections: Angelica Rueda and Ava Ramirez from Lompoc Valley Middle School and Melissa Burns, Makayla Davis Johnson and Jesse Weissenburger from Vandenberg Middle School. They are filling out their paperwork now.

There is still a need for dorm moms at UCSB. A week at the beach...July 23-29 or July 30-Aug 5

Thanks again for making this possible,

Wynn, Coordinator

AAUW Fund

We are nearing the end of our AAUW year 2016 – 2017, officially ending on June 30. It has been a great year for the Lompoc – Vandenberg branch AAUW Fund and I have thoroughly enjoyed being the AAUW Fund Vice President. We were able to send our annual \$1,500 contribution to the national AAUW Fund and we are on track to repeat that gift amount in 2017 – 2018.

AAUW Fund (Continued)

Due to your generosity, we did not have to hold a formal AAUW Fund fundraiser. Instead, we utilized our holiday celebration as an opportunity to make donations during the season of giving.

Thank you all again for a wonderful year, and if you have any fund-raising ideas, please share them with me or any Board member.

Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President

Membership

It's Time to Renew your AAUW Membership!

Membership dues are \$86.00 (Life members \$37.00) for the year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Our branch has opted into the AAUW Membership Payment Program (MPP), a secure, on line dues processing alternative that will allow members to pay their national, state and local dues on-line with a credit card. To pay on-line:

1. Go to aauw.org
2. Log-in with AAUW membership number
3. Go to the Member Service Database (MSD)
4. Click Membership Payment Program (MPP)
5. Follow directions to renew your membership

This is very easy and convenient as you will save yourself a *check and stamp costs!* You may also mail a check payable to AAUW by June 1, 2016.

As a bonus, members who have paid their dues on or before May 12, 2016 Installation Event will be eligible for a DOOR PRIZE. Wow!!

Need assistance? Our branch also can help a member with paying their AAUW national dues. All requests are confidential. Please contact me for more information.

Kari, Membership V.P.

Branch Programs

May 11, 2017: “Annual Meeting and Installation

Our “Annual Meeting and Installation” will be held on **Thursday, May 11 at 6 pm at Mary Beth’s home in the Country Club, Vandenberg Village.**

Please bring a heavy hors d’oeuvre, wine or soft drink to share. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, May 9, so we will have enough chairs and tables for all! Email me at dianneowens9@gmail.com or call 805-733-1734. Myra, one of our Charter members, will be our installing officer. It will be a fun evening.

The nominating committee, Dianne Owens, Kati and Jenelle, are pleased to present the following officers for 2017-18.

President: Patricia Grijalva
Program VP: Dianne Owens
Membership VP: Elena
AAUW Funds VP: Kati
Treasurer: Mary Beth
Secretary: Jenelle

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the May 11 meeting. Officers and Interest Chairs will give a short report on their activities for the year and the officers will be installed after the election.

AAUW CA election and AAUW National Election:

It is also time to vote in the AAUW CA and AAUW National elections! We will have two or three laptops available for members to vote during our Annual Meeting.

The AAUW CA election is simple as the number of openings on the Board of Directors matched the number of candidates running. I had an easy election and am now an AAUW CA Board Director! But, we still need to vote on the Public Policy priorities with a “yes or no” vote. It just takes a few minutes, so please vote today using the link sent to you by email. Or vote at the Annual meeting on the laptops! Voting runs from April 22 to May 12.

The AAUW National election runs from April 17 to June 15 at 9 pm EDT. You will be voting for candidates for AAUW Board of Directors, the proposed Public Policy Program changes and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. The AAUW Outlook you just received has a comprehensive voter guide inside and the AAUW.org website has even more information!

Branch Programs (Continued)

“One Member, One Vote” gives all of us the opportunity to vote in both the CA and National elections. You don't have to attend a meeting to vote. Vote in the comfort of your home or bring your Spring 2017 AAUW Outlook with your member number and voter pin located near your mailing label to our May 11 meeting. I have a super pen to give to everyone who votes!!

Please consider bringing a prospective member(s) to our Annual meeting. It will be a very informative meeting for them. For more information, please contact me at dianneowens9@gmail.com or 805-733-1734. Remember to RSVP by Tuesday, May 9.

Save the Date: Future Planning Retreat—Saturday, July 8! Please watch your inbox for location and more details!

AAUW CA Leadership Day, Santa Barbara UCSB, May 20

All AAUW members are invited to attend the Central Coast AAUW Leadership Day on Saturday, May 20 at the UCSB Mosher Alumni House in Santa Barbara. The cost is \$25 which includes morning coffee, pastries, fruit and lunch. We will begin with registration at 9:30 am and end at 3 pm. There will be four workshops which everyone will attend. Six of our members are attending. Why don't you join us?

Please contact Dianne at dianneowens9@gmail.com or call 805-733-1734 for more information.

Dianne Owens, Program VP

Public Policy

The deadline to participate in the AAUW survey is fast approaching! The online survey will close at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on May 8, 2017. Your input on AAUW activities is critical to ensuring that the association remains vital, relevant, and responsive to the needs of women and girls. All of the information you submit will be kept strictly confidential.

You should have received an email with a link to the survey. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. In appreciation for your time, you will have the opportunity to enter into a drawing for one of ten \$25 Starbucks gift cards once you complete the survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email Trevor Schlusemann at schlusemann@avenuemgroup.com or e-mail AAUW at connect@aauw.org with questions about membership.

Marell, 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)

We do not have a speaker for May, so as of now we won't have a meeting again until September 28 when Maureen Tolson will share her River Cruise on the Colombia River. More information later.

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

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

The Dine-Out group will not be meeting in May due to conflicts. Contact Leslie or Billye to find out more about the 2nd Thursday of the month Dine-Out group.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

AAUW WOW Group —“Women Of Wine”

A WOW meeting for May has not been confirmed. Contact Billye for information on the next WOW meeting. If you are interested in learning more about wine, please come.

Billye

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
May 1	Molokai by Alan Br.ennert (Mary)
June 5	Defending Jacob by William Landay (Eileen)
July 3	The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hamamer (Cathy)
Aug. 7	Oregon Trail by Rinker Buck (Shirley)

Roaming Readers meets the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at a place of the host's choice. If a holiday falls on the first Monday of the month, we meet on the second Monday. Guests are always welcome. Questions can be directed to the co-chairs: Carol Ann) and Cathy.

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

May 17, "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett; Location – Barbara's; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

June 21, "Hillbilly Elegy: ..." by J. D. Vance; 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", "Rogue Lawyer", "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 three books listed are all available in paperback. Please feel free to contact Gail for further information.

Gail, Chair

Calendar of Events

April 17 – June 15	AAUW National Election Voting
April 22 – May 12	AAUW CA Election Voting
May 1	Roaming Readers: “Molokai” by Alan Brennert
May 11	Annual Meeting and Installation
May 17	PM Book Explorers “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett
May 20	Central Coast AAUW Leadership Day
June 5	Roaming Readers: “Defending Jacob” by William Landay
June 14-17	AAUW National Convention in Washington D.C.
June 21	PM Book Explorers “Hillbilly Elegy: ...” by J. D. Vance
July 8	Future Planning Retreat
July 23 – Aug 5	UCSB Tech Trek
July 29	SBC IBC PCPA production, “Newsie the Musical”, Solvang Theaterfest

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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