



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

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

It's time to get ready for another AAUW year. AAUW has been very active in public policy and the concerns remain as we move into 2017-18. Women's health issues are of great concern as Congress reviews health care bills. While the topic of abortion continues to be controversial, access to family planning services are also being restricted through funding cuts. While equal pay bills have been introduced in 36 states in the last year, only 6 states (one of which is California) passed equal pay bills. Public education is another issue that is extremely important to AAUW members including what may be enacted as voucher school systems. This is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX and the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights has been hard at work enforcing provisions to ensure equity in equity and fairness in educational settings. These are all issues that we must continue to monitor and to express our opinions to legislators at the state and national level.

I am looking forward to another week at Tech Trek the end of July. You would be amazed at the talents and ideas possessed by the young women attending the camps. If you are not sure what Tech Trek does, there is a visitation day during each of the camps and members can join the campers as they attend their core classes or other activities. You need to make a reservation with the camp director and would be responsible for paying for your own lunch.

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***From Pat's Desk...(Continued)***

We had some excellent programs last year and we will have our program planning meeting on July 8 to get ideas on what is important to members. Be sure to send your reservations to Dianne Owens for this meeting and, if you cannot attend, send your ideas. Getting involved in planning and activities is a great way to make our group vibrant and stronger. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting or other ones in the near future.

***Pat Grijalva, President***

**AAUW Fund**

At our Lompoc – Vandenberg Branch Annual Meeting on May 11, the general membership voted to once again give any proceeds from the Interbranch Council sponsored PCPA event to the AAUW Fund. This opportunity can give us a head start on our 2017 – 2018 fundraising. Tickets are not limited to AAUW members so please join us and bring friends and family. Find details in the e-mail reminder sent out by President Pat Grijalva or call Jeni.

Our branch will offer a fundraiser/friendraiser for the AAUW Fund in September – details will be announced later. The July 8 branch planning session is an easy and fun way to give your input on the 2017 – 2018 programs and events, including fundraising. Please attend! We have experienced a wonderful year of programs and a successful year of providing funds for Tech Trek and the AAUW Fund. With your assistance, we can continue the momentum.

Enjoy the summer and remember; any day in any season is a good time to donate to AAUW Fund.

***Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President***

**Membership**

Dear fellow AAUW members:

It has been a pleasure being your Membership VP these last two years and now it is time that I pass on the duties to your new Membership VP: *Elena*. Thank you for all your kindness and support and I will be looking forward to another great membership year for our branch.

### Membership (Continued)

If you haven't renewed your membership fee, now is the 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](http://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 to Mary Beth, Lompoc, **ASAP (deadline was June 30, 2017)**.

Need assistance? Our branch also can help a member with paying their AAUW national dues. All requests are confidential.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. As a reminder, if you get 5 members to join during the year, you can receive a special AAUW pin to wear!

***Kari, Membership V.P. (Outgoing)***

### Branch Programs

#### **July 8, 2017: "Annual Planning Retreat"**

Our "Annual Planning Retreat" will be held on **Saturday, July 8 at 9 am at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2800 Harris Grade Road**. We will begin with breakfast furnished by the Board. You don't need to bring anything, but yourself and your creative mind. Dress will be casual.

### **Branch Programs (Continued)**

#### **July 8, 2017: “Annual Planning Retreat” (Continued)**

**Reservations are needed by close of business on Wednesday, July 5** to Dianne Owens at [dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com) or 805-733-1734. We want to be prepared for you!

We will be planning our programs and activities for the 2017-18 AAUW year, so bring your ideas for topics, speakers and whatever you want us to accomplish this year! This will be an active brainstorming session with lots of ideas on the “Sticky Wall.” Please come to join in the fun and to help us begin an exciting AAUW year!

#### **August 26, 2017: Tech Trek Campers at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center**

Save the Date! Plans are in process for a tour of the hospital with our current and past Tech Trek campers. You will be notified by email and telephone in early August with all the details.

#### **2017-18 Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Directory**

Our Branch Directory will go to press in September and be available for distribution at the September meeting. The last time we checked with you it was determined that everyone wanted a printed copy they could hold in their hands instead of an electronic copy! So once again we are looking for advertisers to help with the cost! Please consider sponsoring or selling an ad this year to help us pay for the printing.

- Business card ad--\$15
- ½ page ad--\$30
- Full page ad--\$50

Contact Dianne at [dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com) or call 805-733-1734 for more information.

#### **Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council PCPA Fundraiser, July 29, Solvang**

It's time, once again, for the Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council (SBC-IBC) Annual Summer Event. This year we are having our Social Gathering at PCPA Theaterfest in Solvang on Sat., July 29, 2017, 6:30 pm, prior to seeing “Newsies” at 8:00 pm. This production is based on the Disney movie, Newsies, and was a Tony Award-winning Broadway play in 2012. This is a very “new” and recent musical production, and PCPA is one of the first Repertory companies to be able to produce it after it has come off its National Tour. (Continued on next page)

**Branch Programs (Continued)****Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council PCPA Fundraiser (Continued)**

Our branch is responsible for the paper goods, glasses, etc. and for desserts! Please join us for a great evening under the stars. Our branch will donate all proceeds to the AAUW Fund!

**AAUW Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council Fundraiser**

Join us for this wonderful musical under the stars preceded by a meal of substantial appetizers, desserts, wines and other beverages.

When: Saturday, JULY 29th, 2017

Time: Social Gathering 6:30pm

Where: Solvang Theater Patron Garden

Show: 8pm

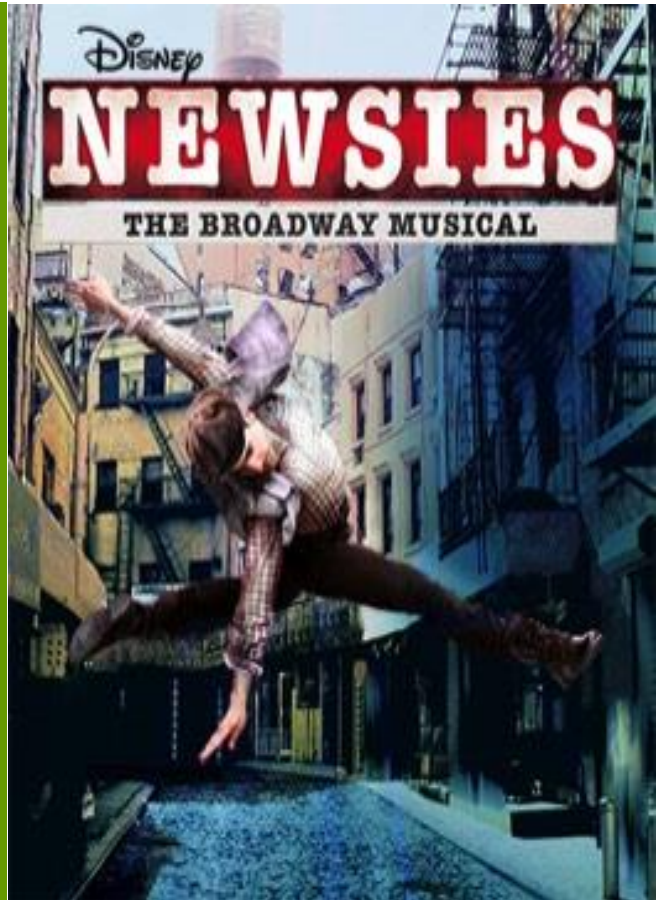
Cost: \$45.00 per person for social gathering and show ticket

Social only: \$20.00 (no show ticket)

Profits divided among the branches in proportion to the attendance from each branch.

Questions/More info:

Jeni @ 805-928-2029



**For Reservations, please send checks made payable to AAUW SBC-IBC, by July 6th, to:**

**AAUW Event, Attn: Jeni, P. O. Box 1742, Santa Maria, CA 93456**

**Please include any special requests or needs, such as aisle seats for people with wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or canes.**

***Dianne Owens, Program VP***

## **Public Policy**

I recently received this notice from the State level and wanted to share it with you.

Sue Miller, [suellen-aauw@wavecable.org](mailto:suellen-aauw@wavecable.org) and Nancy Mahr, [nlmahr@verizon.net](mailto:nlmahr@verizon.net), AAUW Public Policy Co-Chairs wrote:

Bills are moving through the State Legislature. June 2nd was the deadline for bills to pass out of the house of origin. Some bills on which we have taken positions have been placed on the "suspense file" in the Appropriations Committees to be taken up later or are being held until 2018. This is due to the bills having costs attached. At some point, the Committee will look at all the bills in "suspense" and decide which they feel the state can afford to fund. Most of our targeted bills are continuing to move forward. You can track bill progress on the AAUW California website – click on Advocacy, then on Bill Tracking.

Action Alerts: We are starting to send out Action Alerts which are emailed notifications of opportunities to take action related to critical legislation. Be prepared to respond immediately when an alert is received. This is an important grassroots tool. When alerts come to you as a board member, pass them on to your members.

As you plan for the coming year, be sure to include at least one branch program related to Public Policy. In this environment of major changes in federal laws it is important to keep our members well informed.

Keep up your efforts to connect with the local offices of your legislators. This is a key way for legislators to know what AAUW is and what we value and work to achieve.

We are sad to say goodbye to our terrific AAUW national public policy leader and mentor, Lisa Maatz, as she moves on to new opportunities. Lisa put together a great national Public Policy team who will continue to lead and to support the work of the branches and state organizations.

Here in Lompoc, there are opportunities to work for our AAUW priority issues. Contact me if you want information of a local 'huddle' group that meets twice a month to write letters/postcards to our elected officials regarding important issues.

***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)**

As of now we won't have a meeting again until September 28 when Maureen 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

The July Dine-Out group will be an afternoon event in Los Alamos on Thursday, July 13th. We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and carpool over to have lunch at Plenty on Bell. **Please RSVP.**

August Dine-Out will be August 10 in Los Olivos. All Dine-Out regulars will be emailed with information for the August Dine-Out.

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”**

The next WOW meeting has not been confirmed. Contact Billye for information if you are interested in learning more about wine.

*Billye*

**Interest Groups (Continued)**

**Roaming Readers (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>
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.

***Carol Ann and Cathy, Co-Chairs***

**P.M. Book Explorers (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)**

July 19, 2017, "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption"; Location - Billye's home; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

August 16, 2017 – the book for August has not been selected yet. Contact Gail for further information.

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 books listed are all available in paperback. Please feel free to contact Gail for further information.

***Gail, Chair***



**Calendar of Events**

July 3	Roaming Readers: "The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu" by Joshua Hammer
July 5	RSVP deadline for Annual Planning Retreat
July 6	RSVP deadline for IBC at PCPA
July 8	Annual Planning Retreat
July 13	Dine Out Group at Plenty on Bell, Los Alamos
July 19	PM Book Explorers "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson
July 23 – Aug 5	UCSB Tech Trek
July 29	SBC IBC PCPA production, "Newsie the Musical", Solvang Theaterfest
August 7	Roaming Readers: "Oregon Trail" by Rinker Buck
August 10	Dine Out Group at TBD in Los Olivos
August 16	PM Book Explorers TBD Book
August 26	Tech Trek campers at Lompoc Valley Medical Center

**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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