



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

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

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and now feels ready for some exciting programs this year. Dianne will be telling us more about what she has lined up starting October 10 with an evening program dealing with sexism in the work place.

We will not be having a general meeting in September, but will have the annual AAUW Scholarship Fundraiser on September 10 at Pence Winery. It's not too late to reserve a spot with Joyce Barker.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which secured women's right to vote on August 26, 1920. This was a historic step for women's equality and the day a time to celebrate the women who fought for the right to participate in the democratic process. It is also a day to acknowledge that the amendment did not further the equality for all women. Women of color routinely face racism within the suffrage movement. State laws and racial discrimination continued to keep women of color from voting. It wasn't until 1956 that any Native American could vote in Utah and black women remained effectively disenfranchised until the civil rights movements of the 1960s.

AAUW continues to support public policies that are important to issues of concern for women and girls including pay equity, family leave policies, and equity in education and the work place. Our membership in the organization helps influence these policies and lets our voices be heard.

***Pat Grijalva, President***

## News and Events

### **Branch Budget out For Review**

The proposed budget for this year was sent to all members and Pat Grijalva will accept comments or suggestions until Sept 14. Our budget must be approved by October. You will notice that all of our income for general club purposes (meeting expenses, insurance, postage, etc) comes from our branch dues and any ads that are placed in our soon to be published directory. We have not had any fundraisers to assist with running the club, but do need them for special purposes which is the second part of the budget. We usually contribute to AAUW Fund each year and have set aside \$1500 to do that this year. This will deplete money reserved for that purpose, so Kati Smith (our AAUW fund chair) will be asking for donations and/or having a fundraiser to assure we have funds for following year. We will also need to raise funds for Tech Trek again next spring.

The scholarship fund is kept separately by Joyce Barker and she will also need to raise funds for next spring's graduates. The primary fundraiser for that is the wine tasting event scheduled for Sept 10 at Pence Winery, so if you have not yet reserved a space with Joyce for yourself or friends, please help out and plan on attending the event. Aside from being fun, we need to make it a success so that we can count on it as a source of funding for the future.

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

Our Branch Directory will go to press in mid-September and be available for distribution at the October 10th 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!

We still need more advertisers to cover our printing costs! Please consider sponsoring or selling an ad this year to help us pay for the printing and production.

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

Please check your information in last year's Directory! If there is anything that needs correcting, now is the time to let me know! It will soon be too late! **September 15 is the deadline!**

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

## News and Events (Continued)

### **Critical Upcoming “Every Member” Vote**

**Voting period: September 10 – October 1, 2017**

#### **How to vote:**

- Members with an email address will receive a link to vote online.
- Members without an email address will receive a postcard with instructions on how to vote online or via telephone.

#### **Vote topic:**

- Approve changing AAUW California’s status from a **Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit** entity.

**Why vote:** We risk losing our affiliate status with AAUW National which would mean we would no longer be a recognized AAUW entity and as such would no longer be eligible to participate in any AAUW programs, such as Tech Trek.

**Question Period:** Now until September 9, 2107. • Direct all questions to [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org).

### **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MUTUAL BENEFIT AND A PUBLIC BENEFIT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?**

#### **Mutual Benefit:**

Members of a Mutual Benefit corporation can receive distributions from the organization and receive the assets of the organization if it is dissolved, similar to shareholders of a for-profit corporation. Mutual Benefit Corporations typically qualify under 501(c)(4) or 501(c)(6).

#### **Public Benefit:**

All assets must be irrevocably dedicated to a charitable purpose and as such, there are no distributions to members of the organization on dissolution or otherwise. Public Benefits corporations generally qualify for federal tax exemption under 501(c)(3) and sometimes 501(c)(4). Full details can be found on the home page of [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

**Important:** *This is a critical issue for AAUW California and our branch, so please take a few seconds to vote. There are only two questions and we need to have 100% of our members vote! We must change our status to a Public Benefit in order to continue our affiliation with AAUW National and our Tech Trek program! Please vote!*

**Sue Cochran, Governance Committee Chair**

**News and Events (Continued)****Take a look.....Check out our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Website!**

With the help of a very talented IT intern at AAUW in DC, our website is almost completely updated! Elena Jones, Membership VP, helped to design a new membership page complete with a form that can be filled out and emailed to us if someone wants to become a member of our branch.

We now have a branch Gmail account connected to our website, so interested prospective members or anyone can reach us by email. An active Google calendar has been imbedded in the site, so you can check on what is happening in the branch at any time of day or night!

Our “Members Only” tab, which houses our complete newsletters, our bylaws and policies & procedures, can only be accessed with a password. All current members will receive the password by email very soon. Our 2017-18 Membership Directory will be posted under the “Members Only” tab after the printed copy is distributed. Please let Dianne know if you want to opt out of the online Directory and haven’t already told her.

The “History” tab is under construction waiting for the newly hired IT person to start her job. You can access the website at <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>

Please send comments and suggestions to Dianne at [dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com) or 805-733-1734 or at [lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net](mailto:lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net).

Thanks!

**AAUW: Advancing the mission of AAUW**

The Lompoc – Vandenberg branch of AAUW membership and Board has once again designated the Inter Branch Council theatre event proceeds to go to the AAUW Fund. Our PCPA ticket purchases for “Disney – Newsies” on July 29 will help to jump start our fund-raising for 2017 – 2018. As soon as the dollar amount is known, probably in late September, we will have a better idea of how much more we need and what events might support the goal. In the Branch budget planning for 2017 – 2018, the Board set a goal of \$2,000.

Currently, we are considering again utilizing our holiday celebration as an opportunity to make donations during the season of giving. Upcoming Board discussions will target additional fund-raising events to be held, in addition to a repeat of the Applebee’s breakfast to promote Tech Trek.

If you have any fund-raising ideas, please share them with me or any Board member.

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

### Tech Trek

Our campers are back from UCSB, and they enjoyed their STEM activities. Here are their thank you notes:



Dear SpaceX and Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch AAUW,

Thank you very much for sponsoring me to come to Tech Trek! I am so thankful that you made the time to raise the money and take time out of your day for me. You guys are so generous and kind hearted.

The first academic thing I learned is that there are many different types of ROV's. The second academic thing I enjoyed was tide pooling and seeing many different animals that have made a habitat there.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to come here! I have had so much fun. I have benefitted so much from it.

Sincerely yours,  
Jesse



Dear SpaceX and Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch AAUW,

Thank you for making it possible for me to be open minded and see all the possibilities. You helped me embrace something I love. I know this will help this beautiful place that we call earth and home by giving me the opportunity to come to Tech Trek.

I made new friends that have the same interests as I do and are each unique. I had so much fun with my new friends and learned a lot of science, math and aerospace.

Thank you very much and know that this is a great place for girls looking for a good future. I hope you can help other girls by sending them to Tech Trek. I thank all the adults that take their time to help us grow as individuals.

Sincerely,  
Angelica

### Tech Trek (Continued)



Dear SpaceX and Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch AAUW,

Thank you for sponsoring me. This has been a great experience. I have learned so many new things such as soldering and decoding messages

I have met so many new people. After this camp, I am considering a career in math or science. This camp taught me so much about college and how to plan my future. This would not have been possible without you. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Makayla



Dear Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch AAUW,

Thank you for working hard to send me to the Tech Trek camp. I am having a great experience.

One thing I've greatly enjoyed is the food. You get new options everyday with some of the same choices. I love the variety and diversity of the food. It is even more enjoyable when you eat with all of your dorm mates.

Another great thing is the staff. They try to make everyone feel welcome and included. The teachers do their best to not be boring while teaching. The dorm moms also make you feel comfortable. The junior counselors make sure you are okay which is nice to know that you are being cared for.

One last good thing about Tech Trek is that you learn and experience so much more in a week than in a few months at school. For example, I've learned that there are patterns in math you may not see at first, but they are there. The best experience was seeing the oil rig up close from the boat.

Thank you again for taking the time and effort to send me to Tech Trek camp, because I am having a lot of fun.

Sincerely,  
Ava

### **Tech Trek (Continued)**



Dear Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch AAUW,

Thank you for granting me a camp scholarship. Thank you for letting me enjoy the college life. The boat ride was enjoyable, and I learned a lot about sailing direction and platform Holly, which is an oil derrick. There was a lot of dolphins who swam under and around our boat.

We also learned about the golden ratio, and our group project was on food sustainability. Our main question was “What’s in your food’. Our presentation was on protein bars and shakes.

This experience means a lot to me, because I really want to go to college. I wanted to see how fun and interesting college life can be. I will apply this experience in my real life by staying on track and working hard so I can get into college.

Sincerely,  
Melissa

**Wynn**

## **Membership**

Dear fellow members,

Our 2017-18 membership year began on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you haven’t renewed your AAUW membership yet (**deadline was June 30, 2017**), you can do so right away by logging onto the secure dues processing system found at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

1. Log-in with your AAUW membership number and password
2. Scroll down the page and click on Member Services Database (MSD)
3. Enter the MSD
4. Click on Membership Payment Program (MPP) and follow the directions to renew your membership.

This will ensure that your name and information are included in our soon-to-be published directory. You may also mail a check payable to AAUW to Mary Beth Parks at 3980 Pinehurst Drive, Lompoc. **Membership dues are \$86.00** (Life members \$37.00).

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

## **Membership (Continued)**



Please add our new member to your directory:

Kristina

Lompoc, CA 93436



Consider becoming a lifetime member! Join AAUW or upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate and a lapel pin that you can wear with great pride knowing that now, and for the rest of your life, you've **put your values into action!** Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980.

*Elena, Membership VP*

### **Branch Programs**

#### **SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10 (No September meeting scheduled)**

Our next General Meeting/Program will be at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, October 10 at the Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery. Our speaker is Sarah Thébaud, Associate Professor, UCSB who will speak to us about "Sexism in the Workplace." She has several publications addressing gender inequality and will be an engaging speaker. Mark your calendar and save the date! Invite everyone you know to join us that evening. We will be preparing a flyer for you to post and share. More details will be in the October "Scattered Seeds."

Thanks to everyone who attended our August 26 meeting/program at the Lompoc Valley Medical Center! It was a great meeting with our Tech Trek 2017 campers and our Tech Trek alumna from the high schools. Our speaker, Ann Ladwig, Hospital Lab Director was inspirational and told the girls how exciting her career is and what they needed to think about and do to have a similar career. Nora Wallace, Hospital Public Relations Coordinator, gave two tours of the hospital for the Tech Trek girls and facilitated all the details for our meeting and lunch. We celebrated the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and honored the suffragettes, who fought for the right for women to vote, by wearing white to the meeting! It was a fun morning and enjoyed by all.

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



## Annual Planning Retreat

*Our Annual Planning Retreat was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Saturday morning, July 8<sup>th</sup>. After breakfast which was furnished by the Board members, the following theme and goals were set for our branch.*

*Dianne facilitated the workshop that generated lots of creative ideas and enthusiasm from the members present. The Board and committee members will be working hard this year to accomplish these goals and objectives and to attract new members to our branch.*

## Theme for 2017-18: EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

**Question: What should we do this year to engage our members and the community in advancing the AAUW mission?**

### 1: Engage in Active, Multi-Channel Publicity

- ✓ Use all Social Media Communication
- ✓ Get the AAUW word out several ways, old and new
- ✓ Articles in Local Newspapers
- ✓ Use of free public service announcements/broadcasts—radio and TV  
(Committee=Jenelle /Facebook & newspapers; Mary Beth ; Sarah /Facebook; Julie ; Barbara ; Leslie )

### 2: Be an AAUW Advocate

- ✓ All individuals reach out to others for new memberships
- ✓ Each member talk to 1 person per month
- ✓ Schedule meet and greet socials, new member orientation
- ✓ Speak everywhere about AAUW and our mission—workplace, church, etc.  
(Committee= Every member)

### 3: Proactively support STEAM

- ✓ Raise profile of Tech Trek/STEM & STEAM support
- ✓ Support STEM/STEAM in LUSD
- ✓ Teacher/Parent Field Trips to Tech Trek Camp at UCSB
- ✓ Continue local support of Tech Trek and Scholarships  
(Committee= Every member)

## **Branch Programs (Continued)**

**4: Create Targeted Mentorship Programs**

- ✓ Work with Hancock –member outreach
- ✓ Mentor aspiring university/Hancock graduates
- ✓ Mentorship program for Teen age girls
- ✓ Help with existing parenting classes—learning, role modeling
- ✓ Stress importance of learning at all levels  
(Committee= Barbara , Julie , Billye)

**5: Capitalize on Partnerships**

- ✓ Support like-minded politicians
- ✓ Engage in partnerships with other local organizations
- ✓ Work with local businesses
- ✓ Membership outreach at Vandenberg Air Force Base
- ✓ Participate in local events and fairs
- ✓ Schedule joint events with other branches (IBC)  
(Committee=Every member, Pat Grijalva, Dianne Owens, Kari )

**6: Develop Empowerment Programs Monthly**

- ✓ How to deal with sexism in today's workplace (Jenelle Osborne, ideas)
- ✓ Program or workshop on stopping bullying (Julie Schneringer, ideas)
- ✓ Set up "Work Smart"/ "Start Smart" workshops (Mary Beth Parks, current facilitator)
- ✓ Health and Fitness Workshop (Kari Rosson)
- ✓ Plan Women's History Luncheon after March 15 (Senator Hannah Beth Jackson)  
(Dr. Niki Sandoval)

**7: Establish a "Speech Trek" Program**

- Research how to begin for this school year with both high schools  
(Committee= Jenelle , Dianne Owens, Pat Grijalva)

***Dianne Owens, Program VP***

**Public Policy**

AAUW is supporting National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) on September 26th. This is a nonpartisan nationwide effort to register tens of thousands of voters. Our branch usually has a table at Allan Hancock's Bow Wow Days in mid-September so if we have volunteers, we can do voter registration that day. If you want more information on how to participate voter registration efforts, please consider these suggestions:

- See AAUW's How to Organize a Voter Registration Drive guide for step-by-step instructions. You can direct your network to register to voter online or get out and pound the pavement to register voters in your community!
- Review the Dos and Don'ts of Election Activities and be sure to comply with your state's voter registration rules.
- Order free It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard swag and tell us about your upcoming efforts. After NVRD, be sure to report back on your registration efforts so we can count your efforts and amplify your reach!

We can work to ensure all eligible voters have the opportunity and the information needed to exercise their right to vote.

All members should consider signing up for AAUW's Two-Minute Activist program which now has gone mobile. Text the word EQUALITY to 21333 today to receive timely, targeted calls for action via text message!

***Marell , Public Policy Chair***

**Interest Groups****Dine-out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

The Dine Out group will go to Leonardo's Cucina in Solvang on Thursday night, September 14th. The restaurant is located at 632 Alamo Pintado Road. We will meet at St. Mary's church parking lot to carpool at 5:15 p.m.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, the 12th.

Contact Leslie or Billye to find out more about the 2nd Thursday of the month Dine-Out group.

***Leslie & Billye, Chairs***

**Interest Groups (Continued)**

**AAUW WOW Group —“Women Of Wine”**

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

*Billye*

**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*

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

September 20, “The Twelve Tribes of Hattie” by Ayana Mathis; Location - Dianne Owens; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

October 18, “Cold Mountain” by Charles Frazier; Location - Barbara ; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

November 15, “Dark Money” by Jane Mayer; Location - ??; Treats - ??; Drinks - ??

December - no meeting

January 17 “Unfinished Business” by Anne Marie Slaughter; 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*

**Interest Groups (Continued)**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Host</u>
September	Summer Before the War (Helen Simonson)	Betty
October	Commonwealth (Ann Patchett)	Diane
November	All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion (Fannie Flag)	Carol Ann
December	The Light Between Oceans (M.L. Stedman)	Eileen
January	Reader's Choice	
February	My Brilliant Friend (Elena Ferrante)	Myra
March	My Life on the Road (Gloria Steinem)	Leah
April	Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker (Jennifer Chiaverini)	Cathy
May	The Other Einstein (Maria Benedict)	Sally

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***

**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 10 – Oct 1	Public Benefit Voting Period
September 10	Scholarship Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Pence Ranch
September 11	Roaming Readers: “Summer Before the War” by Helen Simonson
September 14	Branch Budget Comments Due
September 14	Dine Out Group at Leonardo's Cucina in Solvang
September 15	Branch Directory Inputs Due
September 20	PM Book Explorers “The Twelve Tribes of Hattie” by Ayana Mathis
September 26	National Voter Registration Day
September 28	Armchair Travelers: Maureen will share her River Cruise on the Colombia River
October 2	Roaming Readers: “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett
October 10	General Meeting & Program on Sexism in the Workplace
October 18	PM Book Explorers “Cold Mountain” by Charles Frazier

**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.

**Scattered Seeds Editor: Julie**