



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

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

As we head into fall we can recall that we are almost a year away from the political debates and election controversies that were headlines. Now we are depending on the support of AAUW national to make sure that unfavorable changes are not made to Title IX or other educational policies and that we continue to work on the gender pay gap. An American Association of University Women (AAUW) analysis of newly released U.S. Census Bureau data indicates that women working full time on average still make 80 cents compared to every dollar men make. At the current rate of progress in closing the gap, women will not receive pay equity until the year 2119. Prior AAUW analysis found that even when accounting for education, occupation, hours worked, and other factors, women still earned seven percent less than men. Gender discrimination is a significant cause of the pay gap.

Locally we are continuing our scholarship support for young women entering a STEM career field of study. Joyce headed up the fundraising event again this year and she reports that enough money was raised at the wine tasting event to insure that we will again be able to offer \$1000 scholarships to two young women this spring. Thank you to all who supported this event or sent in donations.

Dianne has some terrific programs lined up for October and November, so be sure to look at her article and put these events on your calendar. Remember that these events are open to the public so consider inviting friends to hear these great speakers.

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

We hope we are successful in getting Speech Trek going locally this year. Pam has agreed to take the lead on this program which offers the opportunity for local high school students to compete in a speech contest with finalists going to a state competition. This year's topic is "How can we stand up to sexism?".

*Pat Grijalva, President*

### **AAUW Fund**

At the September Lompoc – Vandenberg Branch Board meeting, a lively discussion about future AAUW Fund efforts and events involved all attendees. Past Branch fund-raising has included selling fresh lobsters, sponsoring a ballet production and, most recently, the churro booth at Lompoc's annual Flower Festival.

The churro booth served as a friend- and fund-raiser for our Branch. However, the rising expenses of our participation, both in volunteer time and booth costs, before any actual churro outlay, plus the decreased Festival attendance, ended that venture.

If we are to continue our \$1500 contribution to the national AAUW Fund, we need to implement some type of fund-raising to make this possible. The donations at our Holiday Party have been generous but do not reach the total needed unless 15 members commit to donating \$100 each, or some type of dollar-donor variable. We have enough funds in our treasury to ensure this December's contribution, but what of the future?

The Board indicated that they would like an effort that aligns somehow with our mission. This is a challenge!

Elena, Jenelle, and Mary Beth have agreed to join me as a committee to pursue these plans. You are also welcome to join us and/or give us your input.

*Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President*

### **Membership**

AAUW brings people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

### **Membership (Continued)**

One of the benefits of being an AAUW member is the opportunity to apply for, or to encourage women graduate students and scholars to apply for, an AAUW fellowship or grant. Deadlines for 2018–19 awards are fast approaching!

Share these funding opportunities with graduate students and scholars, as well as the faculty and administrators who advise students.

<p><a href="#">AMERICAN FELLOWSHIPS</a>  <b>Funding:</b> \$6,000–\$30,000  <b>Deadline:</b> November 15</p>	<p><a href="#">CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</a>  <b>Funding:</b> \$2,000–\$12,000  <b>Deadline:</b> December 15</p>	<p><a href="#">INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS</a>  <b>Funding:</b> \$18,000–\$30,000  <b>Deadline:</b> December 1</p>
<p><a href="#">SELECTED PROFESSIONS FELLOWSHIPS</a>  <b>Funding:</b> \$5,000–\$18,000  <b>Deadline:</b> January 10</p>	<p><a href="#">COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS</a>  <b>Funding:</b> One-year grant, \$2,000–\$7,000 / Two-year grant, \$5,000–\$10,000  <b>Deadline:</b> January 15</p>	

For further information, please visit [www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/)

*Elena, Membership VP*

## Branch Programs

### **Tuesday, October 10, Meeting & Program**

#### **“Gender Bias at Work: What is the problem and how can we fix it?”**

Sarah Thébaud, an Associate Professor of Sociology and a research associate of the Broom Center for Demography at the University of California, Santa Barbara will speak to this topic on Tuesday, October 10, at the Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Ave., at 7 pm.

Dr. Thébaud’s research identifies social psychological, organizational, and institutional-level factors contributing to gender inequalities in domains such as entrepreneurship, workplace authority, higher education, and the family. She received her Ph.D. from Cornell University in 2010 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Princeton University in 2012. Her research, between 2011 and 2017 has been published in “American Sociological Review”, “Sociological Science” and other publications.

A short business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm followed by Dr. Thébaud’s presentation at 7 pm. We must approve our 2017-18 budget at this meeting, so a quorum is very important!

Please tell everyone you know to join us and bring a friend! Send them the flyer you received and ask them to send it to all their friends. We want to fill the Library to capacity!

Please email Dianne at [dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com) or call 805-733-1734 for reservations, so we can set up enough chairs and have your nametags ready! This is an important topic and we have an expert guest speaker.

P.S. Your 2017-18 AAUW Directory will be available for pick-up at the meeting!



**Branch Programs (Continued)****Thursday, November 2, 2017 Meeting and Program****“amuyich: Spirit of Generosity”**

Dr. Niki Sandoval, Education Director for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians will be our guest speaker on Thursday, November 2, at 7 pm at the Valley of the Flowers Church, 3346 Constellation Road, South Vandenberg Village. Dr. Sandoval will share ways that ‘amuyich (a Chumash word that conveys the spirit of generosity) nurtures a vibrant and inclusive community. Dr. Sandoval is also a Lecturer in the Gervitz Graduate School of Education at UCSB. In 2013 Governor Edmund Brown appointed her to the CA State Board of Education, which sets K-12 education policy.

Dr. Sandoval will talk about her family and give the audience a brief history of Native American education and gender roles imposed by the boarding schools. She will discuss the role of Chumash women leaders as well as contemporary realities made possible through education. She will invite each audience member to consider her/his own power to stimulate change through love and generosity.

We will have a short business meeting at 6:30 pm before the presentation. Light refreshments will be served (think cookies, tea and coffee). Please tell your neighbors and friends about this exciting program and the opportunity to meet Dr. Sandoval.

Please email Dianne at [dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com) or call 805-733-1734 for reservations, so we have enough cookies and your name tags ready!



**Branch Programs (Continued)****Save the Date**

The Santa Barbara County IBC PCPA event will be **Saturday, August 11** and the play is **Mamma Mia!** Members who buy season tickets please add this to your calendar.

*Dianne Owens, Program VP*

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

The Dine-out group will not be meeting in October. In November we will be going to the Willows in the Chumash casino. Also in December we shall go to the Far Western in Orcutt. Details will be provided at a later date.

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 Women of Wine shall meet four times this coming year. January we shall be doing champagnes and desserts. More information will be provided at a later time.

Contact Billye for information if you are interested in learning more about wine.

*Billye*

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

The next meeting will take place on Oct. 26th at 7 pm at the home of Sally Prentiss. More details will be provided at a later date.

*Sally, Chair*

**Interest Groups (Continued)**

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

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***

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Host</u>
October 2	Commonwealth (Ann Patchett)	Diane
November 6	All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion (Fannie Flag)	Carol Ann
December 4	The Light Between Oceans (M.L. Stedman)	Eileen
January 8	Reader's Choice	
February 5	My Brilliant Friend (Elena Ferrante)	Myra
March 5	My Life on the Road (Gloria Steinem)	Leigh
April 2	Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker (Jennifer Chiaverini)	Cathy
May 7	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***

**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 Brooks at [mebrooks@sbceo.org](mailto:mebrooks@sbceo.org) or 805-733-3462. If you are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

### **Calendar of Events**

October 2	Roaming Readers: "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett
October 10	General Meeting & Program: "Gender Bias at Work: What is the problem and how can we fix it?"
October 18	PM Book Explorers "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier
October 26	Armchair Travelers: Sally
November 2	General Meeting & Program: "amuyich: Spirit of Generosity"
November 6	Roaming Readers: "All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flag
November 9	Dine Out Group at Willows at Chumash Casino
November 15	PM Book Explorers "Dark Money" by Jane Mayer
August 11	Santa Barbara County IBC PCPA event: Mamma Mia!

### **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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