



From Pat's Desk...

After encouragement from the nominating committee I have decided to run for another term as your branch president. I have enjoyed my last two years as your president and would be honored to serve another year. Of course, any of you can also still step up as nominations from the floor will be accepted at the annual meeting on May 11.

Last month I brought up the subject of increasing our local dues from \$17 to \$20 annually and after further discussion the board has decided to publish this as an intent to consider the dues increase. I will accept comments from members and we will vote on this at the annual meeting as required by our by-laws. Membership dues are currently our only income source for the general fund and pay for program expenses, postage, PO Box, insurance, and other miscellaneous expenses this year including a contribution toward Speech Trek. Our balance at the end of February has dipped to a little over \$500.

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. Dianne has agreed to lead a discussion on these proposals at our next meeting on April 5. You can request a paper ballot from AAUW National beginning April 16 and online voting begins April 25. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 21 and online voting ends June 9. Be sure to check the AAUW national website for more information on these proposals if you are unable to attend the meeting April 5.

Pat Grijalva, President

Nominations for Lompoc – Vandenberg AAUW 2018 – 2019 Board of Directors

President	Pat Grijalva
Program Vice President	Pam Buchanan
Membership Vice President	Raquel Ramos
Secretary	Leslie Sevier
Treasurer	Mary Beth Parks
AAUW Fund Vice President	Kati Smith
By-Laws/Parliamentarian	Dianne Owens

Elena, Kati, and Mary, Nominating Committee

AAUW Fund: Update on The Branch's AAUW Fund

Thanks to your generosity, the Lompoc – Vandenberg Branch of AAUW now has an ample balance in our AAUW Fund account. During March, Women's History Month, we raised about \$400 in our brunch ticket sales and our Opportunity Raffle. I appreciate all your help and willingness to benefit the Fund.

Kati, AAUW Fund Vice President

Tech Trek

Our Tech Trek Applebee's fundraiser was an overwhelming success...after all the money is deposited, our net will be close to \$2,300.00. What a terrific effort by all our members! A big thanks to those who bought tickets, made donations, helped at the event, and SpaceX for their continued support.

Six girls from each VMS and LVMS turned in applications to attend camp. Diane Owens, Marell Brooks, Pat Grijalva and I interviewed the twelve girls. They were such impressive candidates, it was a difficult job selecting five.

This is our 20th year participating in Tech Trek. Our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch can feel proud that we have supported this amazing experience for girls in Lompoc.

Thanks again,

Wynn, Coordinator

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

As we prepare for fiscal year 2019, we would like to remind you that as of March 16th, 2018, AAUW's national dues have increased by \$10.00, bringing that portion of your membership dues from \$49.00 to \$59.00 a year (life members and students of AAUW College/Univ. members are exempt from national dues).

This is the first increase in the national dues since 2008. This portion of the membership helps support critical AAUW programs that level the playing field for women and girls, such as:

- New AAUW research on the effect of student debt;
- AAUW Work Smart and AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation workshops;
- Activities to encourage girls to explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and math;
- AAUW's advocacy efforts;
- Preventing discrimination.

Please welcome our newest branch members and add them to your directory:

Emily



Gloria

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Robin



Elena, Membership VP

Branch Programs

April 5, 2018: “Climate Change: Reason for Concern, Hope and Action”

Our Thursday, April 5 meeting and program will be held at 7 pm at the Lompoc Library, Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Avenue. Our keynote speaker, Deborah Lee Williams will discuss **“Climate Change: Reason for Concern, Hope and Action.”** A short AAUW business meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend as we have some important business to discuss and need a quorum!

Ms. Williams is currently a lecturer in the Environmental Studies Department at UCSB teaching *“America’s Public Lands—Law and Policy”* to Upper Class Undergraduates. She is a graduate of Pomona College, Claremont, CA and Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA. Ms. Williams was a 37- year resident of Alaska and served as Lead Attorney for the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage. She was a Presidential appointee as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Interior for Alaska in the Clinton Administration holding the highest ranking federal position in Alaska. Before moving to Santa Barbara, Ms. Williams was the Executive Director of The Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (AYDC), a coalition of over 60 youth serving organizations in Alaska.



Please RSVP by April 3 to dianneowens9@gmail.com or call Dianne at 805-733-1734 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE: May 11 at 6 pm: Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers-Location TBD

Dianne Owens, Program VP

Public Policy

Equal Pay Day Resolutions

Lompoc Vandenberg branch of AAUW will receive proclamations from both the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Lompoc recognizing Equal Pay Day. Please join us for one or both of these presentations to show your support of equal pay. The County Board of Supervisors presentation will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 10th in Santa Maria. The City Council presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3rd.

According to the AAUW website, "the April 10th date symbolizes how far into 2018 women must work to earn what men earned in 2016. According to national Census statistics released in 2013, women working full-time, year-round, make, on average, 78 cents for every dollar a male earns doing the same job. In California, women do slightly better, 85 cents on the dollar. Another year, another wage gap for women and their families. The pay gap is even worse for women of color – for African American women the gap is 64% compared to white men, and Hispanic women 54%.

And with our inactive Congress and still-troubling economy, women continue to feel the pinch of the wage gap. AAUW members and our partners can work to help close the gap".

Here are some of the details that will be included in the proclamations.

WHEREAS, more than 50 years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, women working full time, year round in 2018 typically earned 78% percent of what men earned, indicating little change or progress in pay equity; and WHEREAS, according to Graduating to a Pay Gap, a 2012 research report by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the gender pay gap is evident one year after college graduation, even after controlling for factors known to affect earnings, such as occupation, hours worked, and college major; and WHEREAS, in 2009 the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law, which gives back to employees their day in court to challenge a pay gap, and now we must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would amend the Equal Pay Act by closing loopholes and improving the law's effectiveness; and WHEREAS, according to one estimate, college-educated women working full time earn more than a half million dollars less than their male peers do over the course of a lifetime; and WHEREAS, nearly four in 10 mothers are primary breadwinners in their households, and nearly two-thirds are primary or significant earners, making pay equity critical to families' economic security; and WHEREAS, a lifetime of lower pay means women have less income to save for retirement and less income counted in a Social Security or pension benefit formula; and WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors; and WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs while enhancing the American economy; and WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 10, symbolizes the time in 2018 when the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year...

Marell, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups**AAUW WOW Group — “Women Of Wine”**

Women of Wine will be meeting at the home of Billye, April 24. We will be learning about champagne. If you are interested in joining our group or would like to come, please call Billye. I will reveal our plans when you call. Everyone is welcome.

Billye

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.

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

April 18, 2018, “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet” by Jamie Ford; Location - Gail 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”, “Lessons from a Third Grade Dropout”, “Wonder” . 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 Meehan for further information at gispencer@hotmail.com or 805-588-6533.

Gail, Chair

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Host</u>
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

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

The next Dine Out Group will be April 12 at Sissy's Restaurant on South I Street. Reservations are at 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Billye or Leslie to make reservations.

Hope to see you there.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Calendar of Events

April 2	Roaming Readers: "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini
April 3	Lompoc City Council Equal Pay Day Presentation
April 5	Branch Program: "Climate Change – What Can We Do?"
April 10	Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Equal Pay Day Presentation
April 12	Dine Out Group to Sissy's
April 16	AAUW National online voting April 25 - June 9.
April 18	PM Book Explorers: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford
April 24	Women of Wine Meeting - Champagne
April 27-29	State convention Irvine Marriott (see "Winter 2018 California Perspective for details)
April 28	State Speech Trek Competition
May 7	Roaming Readers: "The Other Einstein" by Maria Benedict
May 11	Branch Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

August 11

Santa Barbara County IBC PCPA event: Mamma Mia!

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