



From Pat's Desk...

I hope all of you are having a nice summer. Dianne led our planning meeting on June 16 and the group came up with some excellent ideas for programs and other actions. Pam and her committee will be on their way to another great program year. We won't be having a general meeting in July, but do look at the events calendar for what is being planned in August and September.

Our votes in May/June on the three proposed amendments to AAUW national by-laws resulted in the passage of only the first proposal, which was to make national board terms staggered. The other two proposals to allow non-AAUW members on the board and to remove the degree requirement for membership did not pass. It is interesting that only about 20% of eligible members voted—it was a very easy process of just going on-line to your membership page.

AAUW national also makes it very easy for you to contact your elected representatives on matters of interest through their two-minute activist program. It is unclear whether Congress will be taking any action on immigration reform, but this is certainly a topic of interest to many of us. AAUW advocates for the civil and human rights of all immigrants, including a fair and just path to legal status. June 10th was the 55th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act. In 1963, women made 59 cents for every dollar a man made. Currently, [the average gap for all women is now 80 cents on the dollar compared to all men.](#) While strides have been made, there is still work to be done. One way is to empower women themselves to negotiate their own financial futures. As one major stride, this year, AAUW [set a goal of training 10 million women in salary negotiation through Work Smart workshops by 2022.](#) Our own Mary Beth has given this program at Allan Hancock College and hopefully will be able to offer it again.

I look forward to seeing you at future programs or events.

Pat, President

News and Events

2018-19 Planning Retreat

Seventeen Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch members met for breakfast and a planning session on Saturday, June 16 to determine the direction for the 2018-19 AAUW year! New members and current members brainstormed, worked in small discussion groups, put the groups ideas on the blue “sticky wall” and like magic--set our goals for the year!

Thanks to everyone who participated! You were awesome!

Dianne, facilitator



AAUW Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Fundraiser—MAMMA MIA!

Please join members of the three Santa Barbara County AAUW branches for a picnic dinner and the production **MAMMA MIA** on Saturday, August 11, 2018 under the stars at PCPA Theaterfest in Solvang. Please see the flyer for all details and make your reservations early as we only have 50 tickets and they will go fast.

Mail your check to Jeni at the address on the flyer before July 30th.

Our branch is furnishing desserts to finish the meal of appetizers, sandwiches, salads, wine, etc. It will be a great evening. Hope to see you there!

Dianne, IBC member



Branch Programs

Save the Date: August 25 for Women of InSIGHT Program with Tech Trek campers (location TBD). Joyce is working on the annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser for Scholarships in September—look for an email with more details later.

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

After the May meeting's unanimous vote for a \$3.00 increase in our branch dues, the regular membership total is now \$99.00 (life members \$40.00).

For those of you who have not renewed their membership yet, please do so **by June 30**, 2018, in time for the beginning of our new fiscal year.

To renew online through the Membership Payment Program (MPP), go to aauw.org and log-in to the Member Service Database (MSD) with your AAUW membership number and password. To renew by mail, please make a check payable to AAUW and send it to Mary Beth.

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

Let's make diversity a reality!

In an effort to make AAUW branches more inclusive and welcoming, and to make meetings a safe space, the national team will soon send to members a diversity survey that we highly encourage you to complete.

If any of your contact information has recently changed, please inform us right away so we can promptly update our branch directory and roster. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Elena, outgoing Membership VP & Raquel, incoming Membership VP

News and Notes from AAUW Fund

Star Power

Our own Dianne will be the California AAUW Director taking over from Sharon Westafer at the statewide level. She will have two AAUW Fund luncheons to plan and organize this fall, one in southern California and one in northern California. Then, for February 2019, she will help with our InterBranch Council luncheon encompassing Santa Barbara and San Luis Counties.

Dianne also will have fiscal duties in reporting out to all state branches on donations to AAUW Fund and problem-solving any financial mix-ups in recording. From July 1, 2018, Tech Trek funds will be separate from AAUW Fund and be administered by the California Special Projects Fund.

Dianne was one of two Lompoc - Vandenberg Branch Named Gift Honorees at our Branch Annual Meeting in May, recognizing her significant contributions to the work of the Branch and AAUW's mission. During 2018 - 2019, she will also serve as our Parliamentarian and By-Laws expert.

The second Named Gift Honoree was Pamela who was singled out for her ground-breaking work on our Branch's first and highly successful Speech Trek process and event.

Under The Stars

Please support our PCPA fund-raising event of "Mamma Mia!" Held at the Solvang Festival Theatre, we have a limited number of tickets available for Saturday, August 11, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a social gathering in the Patron Garden. Any profits for our Branch will again go to the AAUW Fund.

Please remember: any day is a good day to contribute to the AAUW Fund and thank you again for your support during 2017 - 2018.

Kati, AAUW Fund VP

Public Policy

On June 27, 2018, AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches released the following statement after the announcement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement.

"In recent terms, the Supreme Court has weakened many protections that are critical to the equity of women and girls, including decisions rolling back employment discrimination laws and labor rights, undermining reproductive health choices, and gutting voting rights. With the retirement of Justice Kennedy, we are at a crossroads. The U.S. Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of our most fundamental rights and the next justice will be able to have a say in the health, education, and economic security of women and girls for decades to come. Therefore, it is crucial that Justice Kennedy's successor be a fair-minded and independent jurist who understands that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives and decisions of women and their families.

So much of the work of AAUW in fighting for gender equity hangs in the balance with this Supreme Court vacancy. Any nominee must be the result of meaningful bipartisan consultation, fully vetted by the Senate, and held accountable for any record of bias. We urge all senators to ensure our next Supreme Court justice has a clear reputation for fairness and independence and values equality and inclusion."

We, as AAUW members, need to work hard to get out the vote. We need to look at candidates'

voting records and make sure we elect people at all levels who support a woman's right to choose. When women are not allowed to control their own reproductive health, they can hardly achieve equity in the workplace. As we get closer to the November elections, this column will include source information for voting records.

On another note, AAUW members need to do whatever it takes to support the 'Families Belong Together' movement. Voice your outrage by contacting your members of legislature and insist that vulnerable children are not taken from their parents as they cross our borders seeking asylum. Return those children now in detention centers to their parents immediately. Seeking asylum is not a crime.

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 are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

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

July 18, 2018	"Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill" by Sonia Purnell
August 15, 2018	TBD

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.

Gail, Chair

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

Date	Book & Author	Host
July 1	<i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman	Betty
August 6	<i>Pachinko</i> by Min Jin Lee	Eileen
September 3	<i>Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea</i> by Barbara Demick	Judy
October 1	<i>Educated: a Memoir</i> by Tara Westover	Cathy
November 5	<i>Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i> by David Grann	Carol Ann

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.

Carol Ann and Cathy, Co-Chairs

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

The Dine-Out Group will be going to Buellton to eat on July 12th. Carpooling will be available at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Meet at 5:30. A restaurant for the August Dine-Out has not been decided.

Hope to see you there.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Calendar of Events

July 1	Roaming Readers: "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman
July 12	Dine Out Group
July 18	PM Book Explorers: "Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill" by Sonia Purnell
August 6	Roaming Readers: "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee
August 11	Santa Barbara County IBC PCPA event: Mamma Mia!
August 15	PM Book Explorers: Book TBD
August 25	Women of InSIGHT Program with Tech Trek Campers
September 3	Roaming Readers: "Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea" by Barbara Demick
September??	Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser –date and location TBD

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