



From Pat's Desk...

As we start November please remember to VOTE. Election day is Tuesday, November 6 and if you are voting by mail, your ballot must be postmarked by election day. You can also hand deliver your ballot to your polling place or drop off at the Lompoc Civic Center where there is a ballot drop box.

After voting, there are still ways to make your voice heard. Register to be a two-minute activist and you will receive emails about pending legislation on topics of concern such as Equal Pay, Title IX, Reproductive Rights, Student Debt, Equity in Education—the list goes on. AAUW is active with lobbyists and also maintain a volunteer Lobby Corps. Once a week, volunteer members and college student interns give the AAUW Action Fund a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. Since its formation in 1972, the Lobby Corps has made tens of thousands of visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among members of Congress and their staffs. Because this corps has worked hand in hand with lobbying staff, AAUW has had a significant political impact on legislation.

Did you know that there is now an online version of AAUW's Work Smart Program? You just need to go to AAUW.org and register. This program is designed to help you negotiate salary and benefits and you do not have to be a member to take the program. With the pay gap still at 80 cents on the dollar for women, this may be helpful for those who are in the work force or are just entering it. Check it out even if you are just interested in some of the techniques, so that you can assist others in helping to close the pay gap.

We've had some great programs and forums in the last couple of months, with more to come. Hope to see you at our next program on Nov 27th.

Pat, President

News and Events

2018 - 2019 Speech Trek Speech Contest

High School Students: Get Your Speech On!

The Lompoc/Vandenberg Village Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is hosting its second annual Speech Trek competition, open to all high school aged students in Lompoc, Santa Ynez, Buellton and Solvang.

The timely topic for the Speech Trek contest: ***“How can we-students, parents, faculty, our communities and organizations such as AAUW-eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?”***

The contest is open to high school aged students of all genders. There is no cost to the student to participate. Applications are available from AAUW Speech Trek coordinator, Ms. Pam Buchanan who can be reached at pamelajoybuchanan@icloud.com. Videos of previous winners and contest details are available at www.aauw-ca.org.

The contest will be held on 8 February in Lompoc City Hall, Council Chambers. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 speeches by an impressive panel of judges from government, industry and the military. Coast Hills Credit Union is a prize sponsor of the local Speech Trek 2019 contest; **there are a limited number of additional sponsor opportunities available.**

The video of the top speech from this area will go on to be entered in the AAUW state level competition. Last year, Speech Trek winner from Lompoc High School, Erin McCallon, went on to win 4th place in the state competition.

If you would like to be a community sponsor of Speech Trek and/or if you would like to mentor a speech contestant, please contact Ms. Pam Buchanan as noted above.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. As a grass roots organization, we have worked together to improve the lives of millions of women and their families through: Research, Campus Leadership, Science Technology Engineering and Math, Public Policy, Legal Advocacy and Education Funding. All genders are welcome as AAUW members.

If you would information on how to join AAUW Lompoc/Vandenberg Branch, please contact the organization at <https://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/membership/>.



Lucy and Pam, Speech Trek Committee

News and Events (Continued)**Scholarship Fundraiser**

The wine tasting was a successful event, thanks to AAUW members, Babcock Winery, the scholarship committee members who contributed such delicious goodies, Wynn who made the original reservation, and everyone who attended. Listed below are the financial details:

Wine tasting charge - 32 @ \$30	\$960
Wine Auction - 4 bottles	\$320
<u>Member donations</u>	<u>\$130</u>
Total	\$1410
<u>Remaining balance from previous year</u>	<u>\$369</u>
Grand total	\$1779

We need an additional \$221 to pay for our 2018-19 scholarships.

Joyce, Scholarship Chair

AAUW Fund Matters to Our Grand-Daughters (Among Others)

While we approach the mid-term elections, so - called female rage seems to be at an all-time high. Women appear energized to register to vote, actually vote, and run for office like never before. Let's be clear; women face not only public and private abuse, but bias and discrimination as well. Our progress feels slower and slower.

American women make less money than their male colleagues do and in the thirty highest-paying job categories, twenty-six are dominated by men. But women dominate twenty-three of the thirty lowest paying sorts of jobs! Males and females presenting with the same symptoms? Females get treated for pain less often than men.* The figures for domestic violence, sexual assaults and street harassments reflect similar unbalance. Is it so astonishing that we are angry? Outspoken? Newly becoming candidates?

How can we help stem the long-time tide? The AAUW Fund educates and equips women with the skill and resources to succeed, to challenge the workplace inequalities that shackle women to lower wages and less promotions. Our Lompoc-Vandenberg branch will be sending our annual gift of \$1500 to assist the national AAUW Fund this month, thanks to your ongoing concern and generosity.

It's always a good day to donate to the AAUW Fund.

* statistics from 10.15.18 *New Yorker*

Kati, AAUW Fund VP

News and Events (Continued)

Great Results from Wild West Pizza Bake Sale October 25!

The Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch did very well at our bake sale partnered with the Wild West Pizza friend-raiser/fundraiser. Thanks to all our great bakers, we earned \$485.82 for our general fund. We will not know the results from the pizza sales until later when Wild West Pizza and Grill has figured out what is owed to us. That amount will represent 50% of all full-price pizzas sold to customers mentioning AAUW. We sold out on the baked goods and many people simply donated cash when they heard about our mission. The sellers all wore red aprons printed with "AAUW" to reinforce the message! The organizing and implementation team was Pam, Leslie, Elena and Kati, ably assisted by members who staffed the table of baked goods and AAUW materials.

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

Do you know any graduate students or scholars seeking funding opportunities? AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the USA and around the globe. Please share the below website with the dedicated women you know: application deadlines are fast approaching!

For more information visit: www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/



AAUW is working with partners across communities, cities and states to offer free salary negotiation workshops and to eliminate the gender pay gap for good.

To participate in the free online workshop and to learn about In-Person workshops, visit: <https://salary.aauw.org/>



Our 2018-19 branch directory is now available for download at lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net under the Members Only tab. *If any of your contact information is incorrect or has recently changed, please inform us right away so we can promptly update our branch roster. Thank you.*

Raquel, Membership VP

Branch Programs

Ann McCarty, Executive Director of North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, and Lompoc's 2018 Woman of the Year, will be the featured speaker for the next meeting of the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The general meeting is scheduled for November 27 at 6:30 pm, followed by our speaker, Ann McCarty 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The community is invited to the program which will be held at Valley of the Flowers Church of Christ, 3346 Constellation Road.

McCarty will share information on the work of The North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, and present information to elevate awareness of local incidences of child abuse, sexual assaults, human trafficking, and the support services that are available for survivors. Attendees will learn of opportunities regarding training to be a volunteer with the Center which provides education, crisis hotline assistance, and advocacy.

Save the Dates

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| December 9, 2018 | Holiday Gathering/Potluck, 2:00pm |
| January 11, 2019 | International Potluck: Greece, 6:00 - 8:00 pm |
| February 2, 2019 | Healthy and Happy Me/Brunch/Program, 9:00 am |

Pam, Programs VP

Public Policy

I recently went on the AAUW national website Public Policy page. I have signed up for the Two-Minute Activist feature but hadn't received anything from them in months. I signed up again. I did see they were asking for people to be 'active' about the Equal Rights Amendment. I would encourage AAUW members to visit this site, sign up for the Two-Minute Activist and read about the current issues AAUW is addressing. Here is what I copied from the website.

Tell Congress: Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment!

The majority of Americans mistakenly believe that women and men are guaranteed equal rights under the U.S. Constitution. But while the 14th Amendment explicitly states that men are guaranteed equality under law, it is poignantly silent about women's rights.

An Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would clarify, once and for all, that sex discrimination is a violation of our constitutional rights as Americans. Its ratification would provide the constitutional

guarantee that all men and women are truly equal under the law and that these rights could not be denied or abridged on account of sex.

The ERA was first introduced in Congress in 1923 and sent to the states for ratification in 1972. At the time, the ERA fell three states short of the 38 states that needed to ratify it to go into effect, but recent progress in Nevada and Illinois has moved us one step closer to making women's constitutional equality a reality. Now, Congress must do its part to enshrine equality for women in the Constitution.

Women in the United States have waited over 40 years for the ERA to be fully ratified. We cannot wait for equality any longer. Enter your address below to send a message to your U.S. Senators and Representative to urge their support for ratification of the ERA.

*Sen. Dianne Feinstein
District: CAS01
Phone:(202) 224-3841
Fax:(202) 228-3954*

*Sen. Kamala Devi Harris
District: CAS02
Phone:(202) 224-3553
Fax:(202) 224-2200*

*Rep. Salud O. Carbajal
District: CA24
Phone:(202) 225-3601
Fax:(202) 225-5632*

Thank you for taking action to support the ERA! Now, take the next step in AAUW advocacy by signing up for Two-Minute Activist Mobile. Just text "AAUW" to 21333 to receive timely, targeted action opportunities straight to your cell phone via text message.

By filling out this form, you will receive Action Network e-mails from AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund. You may unsubscribe at any time.

This is information I received after I signed up (again) for the Two-Minute Activist. It offers other options for those who are more 'on the grid' than I am.

Thank you for subscribing to the AAUW Action Network! As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent e-mail notices when your advocacy is needed most. We'll provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor in your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more. Last year, our supporters sent federal and state legislators over 200,000 messages! With your help, our Action Network can continue to boost AAUW's influence on Capitol Hill and in statehouses across the nation.

What's next?

** If you're eager for activism right now, check out our Two-Minute Activist page [<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>], where you can take action on AAUW's priority issues today with the click of a button!*

* Learn how to empower women and girls in your community with our advocacy how-to guides [<http://www.aauw.org/resource/advocacy-how-tos-guides/>]. Whether you're interested in organizing rallies, reaching out to the media, or getting out the vote, AAUW has the answers.

* Get social with AAUW! Follow us on Twitter [<http://www.twitter.com/aauwpolicy>] and Facebook [<http://www.facebook.com/AAUW.National>] to stay in-the-know about our newest public policy efforts.

For over 135 years, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls – and we don't intend to quit. Together, we can make a difference.

Thanks again for joining our community dedicating to advancing education and equity for women and girls. We look forward to working with you, and we hope you'll invite friends and family [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/web/tellafriend/public/?tell_a_friend_KEY=8137] to become part of this powerful network!

Sincerely,

The AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Team

Marell, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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

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

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

Mission Walkers Group (Weekdays)

Calendar of Events

November 5	Roaming Readers: "Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann
November 6	Election Day. VOTE!
November 14	Dine Out Group

November 21	PM Book Explorers
November 27	Branch Program: North Country Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center
December 3	Roaming Readers
December 9	Holiday Gathering/Potluck
January 11	International Potluck: Greece
February 2	Healthy and Happy Me/Brunch/Program
February 8	LV Branch Speech Trek Contest

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

LV Branch Website: <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>

LV Branch Mailing address: P.O. Box 2523. Lompoc, CA 93438

LV Branch e-mail address: lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net

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.

