



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Pat's Desk...

Summer is upon us and I know that we all get busy with vacations and summer guests. We will be taking a break from our regular programs, but do have some exciting events coming up. On June 22 we will be having our annual planning meeting at Valley of the Flowers Church Hall beginning at 9:00 am. This is a time when you can express your goals and preferences for programs for the coming year. Dianne Owens has agreed again to moderate this meeting and she is always able to solicit great ideas. Please join us for this meeting so we know what our membership wants!

The flyer for the annual PCPA IBC get together is included in this newsletter. It will take place on July 13 and the play is Million Dollar Quartet. The Tony Award winning musical is set on December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought young Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins together. It showcases some of their hits such as "Blue Suede Shoes", "I Walk the Line", "Whole Lot of Shaking Going On" and many more. See the flyer on page 5 about reservations and join other chapters at PCPA Theatrefest in Solvang for the pre-show picnic on sight.

Congratulations to Dianne Owens on her election as President-Elect for AAUW California for 2019-20 to be followed by her term as President, AAUW California. She brings experience at the Branch, State, and National levels to this position and I am proud to have her represent our branch in this position

We received a nice thank-you note from Alicia Hetman for our contribution through AAUW Fund to her Research and Project Endowed Grant and she is pleased to announce that the grant has been completed! She thanked us for our ongoing support and encouraged us to seek out a woman or a project to apply for

From Pat's Desk... (Continued)

an AAUW Research and Project Grant. All of you who have contributed to AAUW Fund should take pride in seeing this endowment come to fruition!

Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting and installation of officers, and thank you to those who stepped up to accept offices for next year! I appreciate all the support from the board and the entire membership and hope to make this next year exciting and stimulating.

Pat, President

News and Events**Dianne AAUW CA President-Elect 2019-2020!**

Thank you! You helped make it happen! In case you haven't heard, I was elected as AAUW CA President Elect. President of AAUW CA follows from 2020-2022. I appreciate your support for my candidacy and am excited to begin to work with all the California branches to support AAUW. I will continue my work this next year as AAUW CA Fund Committee Chair and will see you at our upcoming branch meetings and activities, including our annual Planning Retreat on June 22.

Dianne Owens

AAUW CA President-Elect 2019-2020; AAUW CA President 2020-2022

**Alicia Hetman Research & Projects Endowment Completed!**

Alicia Hetman, past AAUW CA President, sent a thank you note to our branch thanking us for contributing in 2018 and previous years to complete her Named Research & Projects Endowment. Now that the endowment is complete a recipient will be named for the grant. I am hoping the recipient will be studying in California, so we can meet her.

Last year, I met the recipient of our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Research & Projects Endowment and it was thrilling!

Dianne Owens

AAUW CA President-Elect 2019-2020; AAUW CA President 2020-2022

Tech Trek

I want to share some great news about Denise, our 2015 Tech Trek camper. She has been selected from a pool of over 2,300 applicants to join the 2019 MIT Online Science, Technology, and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) Program.

During the six months of the program, Denise will learn a great deal about herself, her new group of friends, and content from her summer courses and fall enrichment activities. As a participant in the MOSTEC program, she will have the opportunity to interact in various ways with the broader community at MIT which includes attending a week long MOSTEC Conference on MIT's campus.

The acceptance letter included the following: "We hope you will find your time in MOSTEC to be academically challenging, fun, and rewarding. Most of all, we hope this experience will give you the confidence to succeed in college, and a community of like-minded peers and mentors to lean on. You have demonstrated that you have the commitment and ability to change the world. We are thrilled to be part of your journey."

Our Lompoc-Vandenberg branch should also be thrilled about our contribution to the young women of Lompoc through our commitment to the Tech Trek experience over the past 20 years. Thanks again for all your support,

Wynn, Tech Trek Coordinator

Speech Trek

AAUW CA has announced the Speech Trek: 2019 - 2020 Contest Topic: "Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?"

As our Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch moves forward towards giving our local high school students a voice on this topic, please consider participating by joining the Speech Trek Committee, donating or helping with fundraising, becoming a mentor, participating in the workshops, and/or helping out at the contest in 2020. A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make the 2018-2019 contest so successful!

Dominique (Penasquitos Branch) was the First Placement at CA AAUW Convention on April 6, 2019, Sophia (Morgan Hill Branch) - second placement, and Christine (South Placer Branch) - third placement. Their powerful speeches on "How Can We Prevent Violence Aimed at Our Schools?" can be viewed on YouTube - CA AAUW Speech Trek. And, the speeches of our inspiring Lompoc area students can be viewed on YouTube by entering 2019 Speech Trek AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch.

Pam, Speech Trek Coordinator

Membership

This is a reminder that our new fiscal year begins on July 1st and that **membership renewals are due by the end of June.**

Online renewal is available at www.aauw.org. You should have received an email with a personal link from AAUW National.

To pay by check, please send your dues to
AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg
P.O. Box 2523
Lompoc, CA 93438.

Regular renewal \$99 / Lifetime member \$40 / Honorary member \$20. Once paid, your membership will be good until June 30, 2020.



If any of your contact information has recently changed, please inform us right away so we can promptly update our branch directory and roster.



As many of you know this will be my last newsletter article. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Membership VP. I would like to take this time to welcome Barbara as the 2019-2020 Membership VP. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Raquel, Membership VP

Branch Programs

Programs Planning Meeting for 2019-2020

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2019
Time: 09:00 am - 11:30 am
Location: Valley of the Flowers Church of Christ
3346 Constellation Rd.
Food: Breakfast provided by the Board

Pam, Program VP

Branch Programs (Continued)

**AAUW Santa Barbara
County Inter-Branch
Council Fundraiser**

Join us for this wonderful musical under the stars preceded by a meal of substantial appetizers, desserts, wines and other beverages.

When: Saturday, July 13th, 2019

Time: Social Gathering 6:30pm

Where: Solvang Theater Patron Garden

Show: 8pm

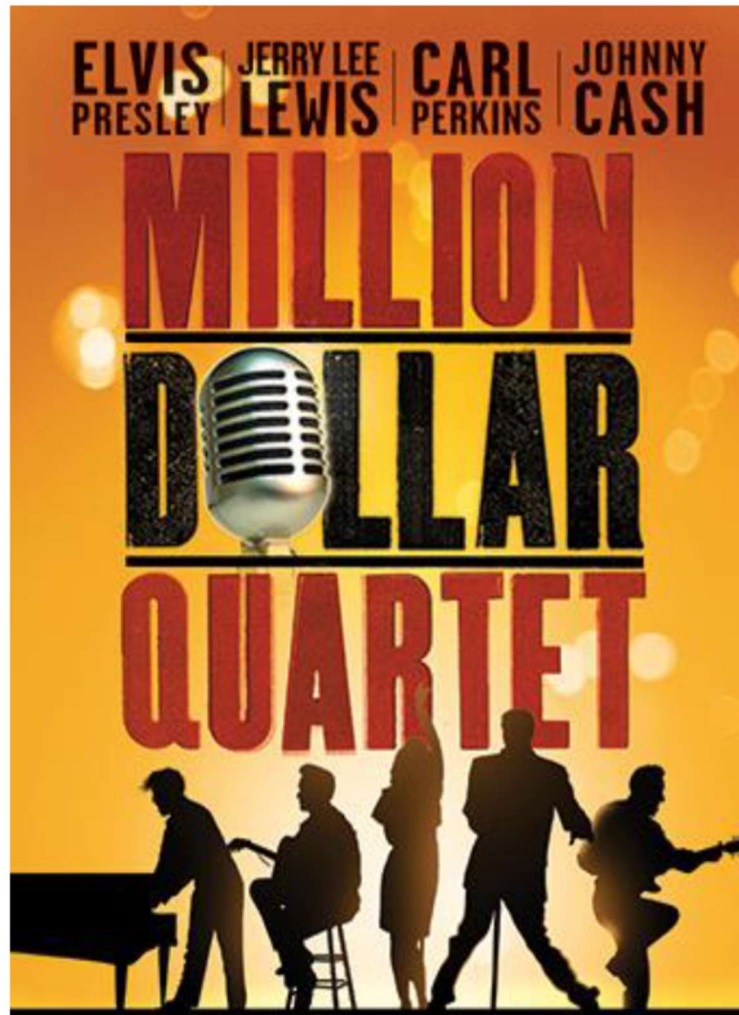
Cost: \$45.00 per person for social gathering and show ticket

Social only: \$20.00(no show ticket)

Profits divided among the branches in proportion to the attendance from each branch.

Questions/More info:

Jeni @ 1-805-714-6175



For Reservations, please send checks made payable to AAUW SBC-IBC to:

AAUW Event, Att: Jeni

P. O. Box 1742

Santa Maria, CA 93456 by June 30th

Please include any special requests or needs, such as aisle seats for people with wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or canes.

Public Policy

AAUW Issues

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. With the member-voted [Public Policy Priorities](#) as our guide, AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. Below we highlight our positions and advocacy on major issues. To learn more about each issue, please click on [Learn More](#) to take you to the AAUW website.

CIVIL RIGHTS

AAUW advocates for equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society. [Learn More »](#)



EDUCATION

AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. [Learn More »](#)

ECONOMIC SECURITY

AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. [Learn More »](#)



TITLE IX

AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. [Learn More »](#)

If you have any questions, please contact me at mebrooks@sbceo.org or 805-733-345362.

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 need more information, contact Marell. If you are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

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

The dine-out group canceled their May plans due to lack of attendance so we'll try it again.

On June 13, we're going to the Mad & Vin Restaurant in the Lansby Hotel in Solvang. The cars will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 5:00 p.m. Please let Leslie know if you are going - Billye will be out of town. Get ready for a taste treat of duck-fat french fries!

On July 11, we're going to Yanagi Sushi and Grill in Santa Maria in the Kohl's Shopping Center. This restaurant has a Benihana style grill, sushi bar and huge menu variety. We will leave Lompoc at 5:00 p.m. for a 5:30 reservation. Check out their menu and location at www.yanagisushigrill.com.

We hope to see you all there!

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

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

On Wednesday, June 19, we will meet at Dianne's home and have tentatively chosen the book "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro. It is not available in paperback so there may be a change.

Contact the P.M. Book Explorers group for the July selection.

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. If you suggest a book, please check to see if it is in paperback or available through the library. Please feel free to contact Gail for further information.

Gail, Chair

Interest Groups (Continued)**Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)**

Date	Book & Author	Host
June 3	<i>The Restless Wave</i> by John McCain	Betty
July 1	<i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama	Cathy

Remaining books: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins, *An American Marriage* by Tayani Jones

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, Co-Chairs

Calendar of Events

June 3	Roaming Readers: "The Restless Wave" by John McCain
June 13	Dine Out Group at Mad & Vin
June 19	PM Book Explorers: "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro
June 22	AAUW LV Program Planning Meeting
June 30	PCPA reservation deadline
July 1	Roaming Readers: "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
July 11	Dine Out Group at Yanagi Sushi
July 17	PM Book Explorers TBD
July 13	AAUW Interbranch Fundraiser at PCPA: Million Dollar Quartet

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](https://www.facebook.com/Lompoc-Vandenberg-AAUW)

Instagram: [@aauw_lompocvandenberg](https://www.instagram.com/aauw_lompocvandenberg)

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