



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

From Pat's Desk...

I hope that all of you are enjoying summer whether it is just enjoying the pleasant weather with lots of hours of sunlight, meeting with friends or family or traveling. I have been doing all three and just recently returned from a week as a "Dorm Mom" at Tech Trek camp. This is my 5th year at camp and I enjoyed it just as much as I have in the past. It is such an honor to be part of this camp that changes the lives of so many young women. Not only do they get the opportunity to learn about a specific subject like Astrophysics, they get exposed to campus life and learn about what is required to attend college and financing it. They get a chance to meet with professional women from a variety of careers and ask them questions about their careers. They also learn about working in groups of strong personalities and completing tasks on a deadline. It is an amazing growth opportunity for all those who attend! Thanks goes to all of you who help make this happen whether it is helping at the fundraiser breakfast, contributing financially, or being the coordinator locally who makes all of this happen for our local students.

Our new board is in place and starting to work on events for the coming year. We had our planning meeting in late June and should have another year of excellent programs. Wynn will have a program on August 31 with our Tech Trek campers and another guest speaker. Joyce Barker has set the date for the Scholarship Fundraiser in September. Our dine-out and book club groups are meeting and enjoying the company of other members. Please check the calendar of events for more specific information and make your reservations. I look forward to another year as President and always welcome ideas and suggestions.

Pat, President

Lompoc -Vandenberg Branch 2019-20 Directory—DEADLINE September 15

Have you paid your AAUW dues for 2019-2020? Thanks, if you already have, and if you haven't, seriously think about paying them now. Your dues are only \$99 for the year (\$59 National, \$20 CA and \$20 Branch). This is only \$8.25/month, which pays for our mission-based programs and all our activities. What a bargain! And you will get to meet some wonderful like-minded women!

The deadline for publishing our 2019-2020 Directory is September 15. If you have paid your dues for this year, you will be included. I want to include all of you!

Dianne, Directory Editor

Branch Programs

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch invites the public to attend the August program highlighting girls who have completed Tech Trek camp at UCSB.

The program is scheduled for August 31, 2019 at Events Mission Valley, 138 North B St, Lompoc, from 10 am to 1 pm. RSVP via email to: lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net, or call Pam at 805-588-2916 to obtain additional information.

The AAUW Tech Trek campers learn about science, technology, engineering and math through hands on experiments taught by women who are experts in the fields, during the annual five-day program at UCSB. AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch partners with SpaceX to fund sending five local girls who will be entering eight grade in the fall.

Pam, Program VP

AAUW Fund

AAUW is excited to announce 259 awards and \$4 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2019–20 award year! This exceptional group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. For 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.

Soon we will find out how many of these women will be studying in California. Save the dates for the AAUW Fund luncheons: October 5 in South San Francisco, October 6 in Danville & October 27 in Seal Beach.

Marell, AAUW Fund VP

AAUW Scholarship 2019 Fundraiser

Dear Members:

Your AAUW Local Scholarship Committee, as in past years, wishes to take this opportunity to keep you advised of our activities and to thank you for your support during the past year. We welcomed new member Cyndi and thanked departing members Gail and original member Carol Ann for their efforts on the Committee.

Thanks to your support we were able to award two \$1,000 scholarships to a graduate from both Cabrillo and Lompoc High Schools. To be candid we were short \$221 but a last-minute donation was received which closed the gap.

Kristen graduated from Cabrillo High School and will be a freshman at Long Beach State University to pursue a career in Physical Therapy. Logan from Lompoc High School will be a freshman at U.C. Berkeley and her goal is to be a Physician's Assistant.

To continue our search for additional funding we contacted two local wineries who in the past have hosted our wine tasting event with the hope that they would host us a second time, but we were not successful. However, thanks to Julie who spoke to the owner of Montemar Winery, we have a host. WE ARE GOOD TO GO AT MONTEMAR on Sunday afternoon, September 22nd. The exact time will be announced. Steve has set a maximum of 32 servings. As in previous years our charge is \$30 which includes snacks.

We have not sent a letter of solicitation to our members in the last two years, in the hopes that the wine tastings would provide sufficient funds to maintain an adequate balance in the AAUW Scholarship account, and this year we almost came up short.

It is our fond hope that our members will continue their support of our program by making a contribution as they have generously done in the past. Checks should be made out to AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUND maintained at the local branch of Union Bank.

There are no administrative costs associated with the Scholarship Fund. All monies received and deposited are then paid in scholarships. Checks should be mailed to the AAUW SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Indicate in the memo part of the check whether the amount is for a contribution or payment for the wine tasting OR BOTH.

Sincerely,

Joyce, Scholarship Committee Chair

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

Membership renewal is well underway, with two thirds of our members holding a current status. For those of you who have yet to renew, please do so as soon as possible using the personalized link found on the email message you received from AAUW National. You may also go online and log onto your member account at aauw.org.

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.

IMPORTANT:

Our 2019-20 Directory will be published by mid -September. To be included in it, you need to renew your membership by no later than September 1st.

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

Barbara, Membership VP

Public Policy

AAUW CA Public Policy Action Priorities 2019-2020

The AAUW CA Public Policy program supports its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research, and complements the national Public Policy program. AAUW CA's priorities for action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, and member support. No order of importance is implied in the listing of the priorities.

- To achieve economic security for all women.
- To support a strong system of high-quality public education.
- To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse and inclusive society.

To access the AAUW CA Public Policy Brochure, which lists six to seven priorities under the three categories, please see the attachment to your emailed copy of "Scattered Seeds." If you have received a mailed copy of "Scattered Seeds" please call me and I will mail it to you.

Want to learn more about AAUW and what is happening in Washington and California? You can sign up for the latest news at <https://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/newsletters/>

Dianne, Public Policy Chair

Legislative Action Alerts are one of our key advocacy tools. Individual members sign up to receive alerts and, when State directs that grassroots action is needed, an alert is sent out to the list of subscribers. We are just entering into the period where more voices will be needed on pending bills. You can sign up for Action Alerts on the national website, which automatically will also sign you up for the state website. You will also receive national Action Alerts on federal issues. AAUW's messaging reflects our long-standing commitment to issue-based advocacy for policies that empower women and girls. Our positions are on policies, not parties and politics.

This page shows the current bills AAUW is following.

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publish.aspx?session=19&id=920d3c91-39f9-4e59-a017-b2d993254aef>.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit blocked a nationwide preliminary injunction that would have temporarily stopped the Department of Health and Human Service's Title X "gag rule." The rule, which prohibits providers that receive Title X funding from discussing abortion with their patients, can now go into effect while the litigation is pending. AAUW opposed these regulations, and both AAUW of Hawaii and AAUW of California also submitted comments in opposition.

Marell, AAUW Fund VP

Interest Groups

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

P.M. Book Explorers will be discussing "The Matriarch" by Susan Page on Wednesday, August 21. We will meet at Charlotte's home.

The book for September has not been selected yet.

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.

Gail, Chair

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

Date	Book & Author	Host
August 5	<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> (Delia Owens)	Judy
Sept 9	<i>Earning the Rockies</i> (Robert D Kaplan)	Eileen
October 7	<i>The Beautiful Mystery</i> (Louise Penny)	Diane
November 4	<i>An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good</i> (Helen Tursten)	Carol Ann

December 2	<i>Bear Town</i> (Fredrik Bachman)	Myra
January 6, 2020	<i>Reader's Choice</i>	(No Host)
Feb 3, 2020	<i>The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty</i> (Susan Page)	Betty
Mar 2, 2020	<i>The Lake House</i> (Kate Morton)	Mary Vossler

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

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.

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

In July, the dine-out group did lunch at Chef Rick's in Orcutt. He has taken over the old Jetty Restaurant on Foster Road and is open for lunch only as yet (*editor's note: they are now open for dinner 5-9*). All the diners enjoyed their meal immensely - except for 2 and that was only because of a bad menu choice. The service was great and the staff was super friendly. Ten thumbs up!

Dine-Out will be doing lunch again in August. This time the restaurant is Bell's in Los Alamos. Critics say this is a charming restaurant serving fresh and delicious French food. It is labeled farm to table. The staff is attentive and gives great suggestions. Others complimented the owners who made them feel like family.

The date is August 15th at 1:00 p.m. Please call or text Leslie or Billye with your reservation.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Calendar of Events

August 5	Roaming Readers: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
August 13	Board meeting at 6 pm at President's house
August 15	Dine Out Group at Bell's
August 21	PM Book Explorers: "The Matriarch" by Susan Page
September 9	Roaming Readers: "Earning the Rockies" by Robert D. Kaplan
September 18	PM Book Explorers TBD
August 31	Tech Trek Girls Program
September 22	Scholarship Fundraiser Wine Tasting

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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AAUW Mission: *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.*

AAUW Vision: *Equity for all.*

AAUW Values: *Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.*

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