



From Pat's Desk...

Summer has drawn to a close and we are officially in the fall season. I hope that many of you have participated in our events in the last couple of months. We've had the Inter-Branch Council PCPA Theatre get together for "Million Dollar Quartet"; the Tech Trek program on August 31 where our campers talked about their experiences along with a former camper, Denise Robles, discussing her experience with MIT program, and Cleo Carrasco, coordinator for Career and College Readiness for the SB County Education Office talking about other opportunities for college; and our annual wine tasting event that is our fundraiser for scholarships that was held at Montemar Winery on September 22.

Our new board has met and prepared a proposed budget for the program year. I emailed the proposed budget to everyone on Sept 9 and am attaching again for your review. I've asked for any comments on the budget by October 15. Our general budget is supported primarily by dues and donations, so if you have not paid your annual dues yet, please renew.

AAUW at the national level is very involved with our Congress on issues that are important to women such as pay equity, education including vigorous support of Title IX, and self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions. Did you know that AAUW awarded \$4 million to 259 women and non-profit organizations in grants or fellowships for 2019-20? Also, the application process for next year's grants or fellowships are now open. If you know of someone who might qualify, please encourage them to go the AAUW website and submit an application. Know that your dues and your voice are important to pursuit of these issues, so please keep your membership up to date even if you cannot attend local meetings.



I hope to see many of you at our next meeting on October 28 where we should have some of our local medical experts talking to us about their career choices and some updates on what care may be important and available in Lompoc.

Pat, President

News and Events

Lompoc -Vandenberg Branch 2019-2020 Directory

By the time you read this, you should have received your 2019-2020 Branch Directory in your email or if you don't have email, you received (or will soon receive) a printed copy in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact me or Pat.

Dianne, Directory Editor



AAUW Fund Annual Branch Contribution due in December

Dear AAUW members:

I have volunteered to lead the fundraising campaign for our branch donation to AAUW Fund. Our annual branch contribution is due in December.

On the recommendation of our past AAUWFund VP, Kati Smith, the board set \$1500 as our branch goal. I hope we can meet that challenge this year also. Historically, our branch had sent more than \$5000 and we were often in the top 10 branches per capita in California. Long time members will remember past fundraisers: a racquetball tournament, UNICEF card sales, the Lompoc Monopoly game, the Lobster Fly-In., etc.

At this late date, there's not much time for a fundraiser activity so I am going to ask members to donate (or pledge) at this time if you are able to support AAUW in this way. AAUW Fund has always been the major fundraiser for AAUW on a national level. I am attaching an informative chart that shows the different programs supported by your donations. If you want to direct your contribution to a specific program, write the number from the chart on your check.

If you are able to make a contribution at this time, please make your check to “Lompoc Vandenberg AAUW”, list “AAUWFund” on the comment line, and send it to me. Please contact me via e-mail if you have questions or if you want to “pledge now/pay later”.

We are presently at 40% of our goal.

Marell, AAUW Fund VP

How to Support AAUW's Mission

Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

**STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs**

*Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research*



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

**Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security**

*Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund*



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

**Career
Workplace
Training**

*Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL*

Contributions to AAUW are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the address below or made online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

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Speech Trek 2020

The topic for Speech Trek 2020 as selected by AAUW CA will be: “Are men and women truly equal today, or are the suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?” The contest is open to all enrolled high school students.

Please support our fundraising efforts by having lunch, or dinner, or both, at Panda Express, 1405 North H Street on Wednesday, October 23, between 10:00 am and 11:00 pm. 20% of proceeds from purchases placed in-store, or on-line orders with promo code 302860, will be donated to Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Speech Trek. Show the flyer on the Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW website, Facebook page, or mention AAUW Speech Trek. Please share information with friends and family to support Speech Trek.

Thank you to members who are participating in the committee, or have signed up to assist with mentoring, fundraising, workshops and the big event. A huge thank you to Leslie Sevier (The Bookstore), who is giving our fundraising a big start up with a GOLD level sponsorship pledge! Our committee’s goal is to raise \$2000 or more this year, so that additional workshops, and greater student outreach can be achieved.

Please contact Pam if you’d like to donate, or participate in any way. Mark your calendars for the Speech Contest which will be held the evening of Friday, January 31, 2020, at the Lompoc City Hall Council Chambers.

Pam, Speech Trek Coordinator

Scholarship Fundraiser

Thanks to Steve Arrowood at Montemar for hosting our annual wine tasting. It was a total success. Four wines were poured, one white and three red while Steve explained how and where each of the grapes came from, what soil and location is best for wine grapes from each part of the valley, and really a history of the Lompoc valley area. It was an interesting afternoon. The venue was perfect with his outside garden and the table setting, with canvas covering for all of us. We had a total of 27 in attendance and the proceeds, including donations from members who could not attend, was \$1240. We plan to send a letter of solicitation to members early in the new year in hopes of raising an additional \$800 to have sufficient funds to offer two \$1000 scholarships for two senior graduates for the following school year.

To sum it up we had a great Sunday afternoon! Thanks to you and Steve AND his assistant who was a gem and most helpful.

Joyce, Scholarship Committee



**Wednesday, October 23, 2019
from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM**

**Come support the
Lompoc-Vandenberg branch of AAUW !**

Get your lunch, snacks and dinner
at



1405 N. H Street
Lompoc, CA

**AAUW will receive 20% of proceeds
from purchases placed in-store or ordered online
with promo code 302860.**

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Tech Trek • Scholarships • Speech Trek
Community forum sponsor for over 50 years
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Tech Trek

Dear AAUW Members,

We are going to try a new fundraiser for Tech Trek 2020. If we can sell 100 tickets, it will pay for our branch sponsored campers. SpaceX had committed to sending 3 campers again in 2020. Applebee's has been a great way to fundraise in the past, but let's try something new. Tickets will be available at our next meeting, or you can contact Wynn, if you would like tickets before that event. I am sure that family and friends would love to have a case of wine for holiday celebrations.

Wine Raffle Drawing will be held December 2019

ONE CASE FOLEY JA RANCH PINOT NOIR 2014

100 tickets sold/ 2 winners-each win a case

AAUW LOMPOC-VANDENBERG BRANCH BENEFITTING TECH TREK A
STEM CAMP FOR GIRLS

DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN/DONATION \$20 .

Wynn, Tech Trek Coordinator

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,

Our **membership renewal campaign** is coming to a close and, for those who have yet to pay their dues, please do so right away either online at aauw.org or by check 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, or if you need assistance, please contact us promptly. We're here to help!



Membership (Continued)

Applications for 2020-21 Fellowships and Grants Now Open

Do you know any women pursuing postgraduate studies, furthering their careers or working on a program to benefit women and girls? Point them to [AAUW's fellowships and grants applications](#). Deadlines run from November to December.

Barbara, Membership VP

Branch Programs

Please plan to attend our general meeting and program on health care issues on Monday, October 28, 2019, at Lompoc Public Library Grossman Gallery, 501 E. North Avenue. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by the health related program from 7 - 8 pm.

Nora Wallace, Public Relations coordinator with Lompoc Valley Medical Center, has arranged for Dr Angie Song, ENT, to be a presenter, as well as Dr. Sylvia Krzeminski, Internal Medicine/Primary care. Come and meet these new providers in our community and join in this informational program. Please bring a guest! The public is invited, and we are always reaching out to those who might be interested in joining our Branch.

Pam, Programs VP

AAUW Public Policy News from Washington

This is hot “off the press” from AAUW’s Public Policy office in Washington, DC!

- In a procedural vote in the Senate on Wednesday, the [AAUW-supported](#) Federal Employee Paid Leave Act (FEPLA) received bipartisan support. While the non-binding measure failed because of absences in the chamber, members of Congress can still include the FEPLA provision in the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) later this year. Currently, the majority of the Senate has expressed support for FEPLA.
- This week, the Senate passed the AAUW-supported [Building Blocks of STEM Act](#) (S. 737), which would take important steps toward identifying systematic barriers and biases affecting young girls in STEM and computer science.
- The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund adopted a new pay equity lawsuit this week. *Freyd v. University of Oregon* addresses pay discrimination faced by Jennifer Freyd, a professor at the university who is paid substantially less than her male colleagues who hold the same positions, are junior to her, and are no more accomplished. The disparity is due primarily to retention raises, and the case will help to establish whether such raises are considered “a factor other than sex” under the Equal Pay Act.
- AAUW signed on to a new [amicus brief](#) to the Ninth Circuit concerning the case of Aileen Rizo. Rizo is a [Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff](#) who faced pay discrimination in her teaching role due to the use of salary history. *(Aileen Rizo lives in Fresno, CA and was a speaker at our annual AAUW Central Coast Fund Luncheon in Santa Maria three years ago. To learn more about how AAUW has supported Aileen click on the underlined red script).*

To subscribe to AAUW Washington Update go to AAUW.org and sign up.

Dianne, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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

The AAUW Dine-Out group will be lunching October 10th at The River Grill at the Alisal in Solvang. The address is 150 Alisal Road and the phone number is 805-688-7784. Reservations are for 12:30 p.m, please wait until the reservation time to go into the restaurant. The menu and directions can be found online at <https://www.rivergrill.com>. For carpooling, meet at St Mary’s at 11:55.

Billye will be the sole point of contact for this one so please contact her with your reservation.

Leslie & Billye, Chairs

Interest Groups (Continued)**P.M. Book Explorers (3rd Wednesday of each month)**

We will be reading “Being Mortal” by Atalanta Gawande for October. Our meeting will be October 23 at 7:00 pm at Barbara B.’s home. Please call or e-mail her.

We will meet November 20 at Charlotte’s house at 7:00 pm. Please call or e-mail her. We will be discussing “Tipping Point” by Malcolm Gladwell. We will decide at this meeting whether we will meet in December.

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

**Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book & Author</u>	<u>Host</u>
October 7:	<i>The Beautiful Mystery</i> (Louise Penny)	Dianne
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:	<i>Reader’s Choice</i>	(No Host)
February 3:	<i>The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty</i> (Susan Page)	Betty
March 2:	<i>The Lake House</i> (Kate Morton)	Mary Vossler

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.

Carol Ann and Cathy, Co-Chairs

Interest Groups (Continued)**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.

Calendar of Events

October 7	Roaming Readers: "The Beautiful Mystery" by Louise Penny
October 10	Dine Out Group at River Grill
October 15	Annual Budget Comments Due
October 23	PM Book Explorers: "Being Mortal" by Atalanta Gawande
October 23	Speech Trek Fundraiser at Panda Express
October 28	Women's Health Program and General Meeting
November 4	Roaming Readers: "An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good" by Helen Tursten
November 7	AAUW LLV Board Meeting, 6pm at the President's house
November 20	PM Book Explorers: "Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell.

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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