

***From Pat...***

As we are nearing the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment it is good to remember all that was done by women who preceded us. The 19th amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see final victory in 1920.

Beginning in the 1800s, women organized, petitioned, and picketed to win the right to vote, but it took them decades to accomplish their purpose. Between 1878, when the amendment was first introduced in Congress, and August 18, 1920, when it was ratified, champions of voting rights for women worked tirelessly, but strategies for achieving their goal varied. Some pursued a strategy of passing suffrage acts in each state—nine western states adopted woman suffrage legislation by 1912. Others challenged male-only voting laws in the courts. Militant suffragists used tactics such as parades, silent vigils, and hunger strikes. Often supporters met fierce resistance. Opponents heckled, jailed, and sometimes physically abused them.

By 1916, almost all of the major suffrage organizations were united behind the goal of a constitutional amendment. When New York adopted woman suffrage in 1917 and President Wilson changed his position to support an amendment in 1918, the political balance began to shift.

On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the amendment, and 2 weeks later, the Senate followed. When Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the amendment on August 18, 1920, the amendment passed its final hurdle of obtaining the agreement of three-fourths of the states.

From Pat...(Continued)

AAUW has been a champion for women since 1881 and has 5 important issues that they will be watching in this coming election year to see where candidates stand. These issues are: Equal Pay for Equal Work; Investing in Education; Reducing Student Debt; Strengthening Social Security; and Implementing Paid Leave. These are all important issues to women and families. Please stay abreast of your local candidates positions and vote.

Pat, President

**Speech Trek 2020**

“Are men and women truly equal today, or are the Suffragettes of 1920 still suffering in 2020?”

Date: January 31, 2020

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Place: Lompoc City Hall Council Chambers

Open to all enrolled high school students

Thank you to everyone who participated in the October 23 fundraiser held at Panda Express! Income from the event will be included in next issue of Scattered Seeds.

On November 2, we will be selling flowers at Dia De Los Muertos festival from 2 - 6 pm at Lompoc Unified School District El Camino Center at 320 N. J Street. There will be food trucks, but participating organizations will not be allowed to sell foods at this event, so we are in the planning stages for a baked sale later in November, or early December. Come join in the fun on 11/02 and bring friends or spread the word! And, additional volunteers for mentoring, helping with January student workshops, or the event on January 31 are great opportunities to participate, and donations are gratefully appreciated!

Contact pamelajoybuchanan@icloud.com.

Pam, Speech Trek Coordinator



AAUW Fund Annual Branch Contribution due in December

Lompoc Vandenberg has hit 55% of its goal for AAUW Fund for the year. We have to send in our branch donation in early December so I hope more members can donate. We are not having a separate fundraiser this year so we do need individual members to consider giving.

Here is the plea from National.

"Give to AAUW Greatest Needs Fund -.Because Greatest Needs funding is unrestricted, it gives AAUW the most flexibility to address the challenges today's women face and seek new programs and opportunities. AAUW appreciates every day and dollar our members spend working for us, and we're particularly grateful for these donations that give us the flexibility to maximize your impact. Donate today!"

Please make out any checks to Lompoc Vandenberg AAUW and make a notation "AAUW Fund".

Marell, AAUW Fund VP

**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. You can contact Wynn Clevenger if you would like tickets. 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,
currently, we have 101 members.

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

There is no program planned for November.

Holiday Get Together

Please mark your calendars for December 8, 2019, for our annual Holiday Get Together at the home of Kari R. from 1 to 3 pm. Please bring a holiday appetizer or dessert, and/or your favorite beverage to share.

RSVP to our Branch email: lompocvandenbergh-ca@aauw.net.

Pam, Programs VP

AAUW Public Policy News from Washington**Update From AAUW National Office**

I have had the pleasure during the month of October of convening three AAUW CA Fund Luncheons in South San Francisco, Danville and Seal Beach. Almost 300 AAUW members and guests attended the luncheons and we heard 19 of the 36 California Fellows & Grant recipients speak. They were all inspirational speakers doing amazing work to improve our world in all fields of endeavor. Also, Heather Miller, AAUW National Advancement Director, came to California for all three luncheons to brief us on an update from Washington. And here are a few things we learned:

- 11 states passed Fair Pay laws.

- US Paycheck Fairness Act passed in the House. The Senate has not brought it to the floor.
- AAUW partnered with New York City to train 10,000 women in the “Work Smart” program.
- NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) was the 4th largest in its 34-year history.
- AAUW reached 14 million people in more than 1,200 media articles.
- A new AAUW website will be complete in early 2020.
- “Work Smart” reached 102,000 people by August 2019 thanks to a grant from Coca Cola.
- The AAUW 5 Star Recognition Program for Fiscal Year 19-20 is underway for Branches and States. Branches can earn stars in Programs, Advancement, Communications & External Relations, Public Policy & Research and Governance & Sustainability.

Watch for more details in the December Scattered Seeds.

Dianne, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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

The dine-out group will be doing lunch at noon on November 14th at a new restaurant called Osteria Grappolo. It is located at 1546 Mission Drive in Solvang.

There are 10 places open for reservations. Please call Billye to make yours.

Carpools will meet at St. Mary's Church at 11:15 a.m.

Leslie & Billye, Co-Chairs

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

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>
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
Remaining books: <i>The Girl on the Train</i> by Paula Hawkins, <i>An American Marriage</i> 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

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

November 2	Flower sales at El Camino for Speech Trek
November 4	Roaming Readers: "An Elderly Lady is Up to No Good" by Helen Tursten
November 7	AAUW LV Board Meeting, 6pm at the President's house
November 14	Dine Out Group at Osteria Grappolo
November 20	PM Book Explorers: "Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell.
December 2	Roaming Readers: "Bear Town" by Fredrik Bachman
December 8	Holiday Get Together, Kari's Home
December 18	PM Book Explorers: TBD
January 31	Speech Trek

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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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.

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