



From Pat...

Who knew that the world would change so quickly! I have missed seeing members in the last two months and who knows when we will feel safe to gather again in person. It is not really how I expected my term as President to end, but it has been less of a disappointment than many in our community have suffered who will not have a commencement ceremony, wedding celebration, or family reunions. We are now, as Governor Newsom put it, venturing into unknown territory as businesses and others start opening to the public. It may be a while yet before we can have some of our normal group activities, like dine-out and book clubs, and our regular meetings. Let's hope that our scientists and researchers can come up with a vaccine sometime this year and we will all be able to have immunity from this virus that has affected the lives of people all over the world.

This will be my last newsletter as President of our Branch. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past four years, but I am also delighted to turn over the office to Pam and know that she will do a wonderful job. Lucy has been elected as Vice President for Programs, Leslie will stay on as Treasurer/Finance Officer, Elena remains as Secretary, and Marell will continue with AAUW Fund. Others who serve on the board are Kari—Historian; Joyce—AAUW Scholarships and International; Wynn --Tech Trek; Dianne --Public Policy and By-Laws; and Julie—Newsletter Editor. I will be taking over Membership Chair from Barbara M. I want to thank our outgoing board for the tremendous support I received this last year and wish the new board the best as they step up to take leadership of our branch.

From Pat...(Continued)

Remember that our own Dianne will take over as President of AAUW California beginning July 1. She has contributed so much to our Branch and has served as State AAUW Fund Chair. I know she will put her whole heart into leading us at the state level and I wish her the best as she begins her term. I hope that she will be able to join us at some of our meetings and know that she will keep us on top of any new developments.

Again, thank you all for your support for me and for AAUW. We are all part of a larger organization that has done so much to advance the causes of women and we should all be very proud of our membership and remember that there is still much work to be completed. Even if you cannot be an active member, your continued membership helps support causes that are important to all women and gives us a voice.

Pat, President

Branch Programs

Plans are in the works for a Virtual (Zoom) general meeting and Installation of Officers for either June 26 or June 27, 2020. Members will receive an updated email after our Board meets virtually on June 9.

The planning meeting that was scheduled for July 11 is postponed, due to the pandemic, and the Board is working on an alternate plan. We will update the membership when the details have been finalized.

Keeping our members safe and well is the priority, and we will follow AAUW guidelines.

Pam, Programs VP

Membership

Dear Fellow Members,
Membership **renewal** is well under way and we count on you to reach our goal of 100% rate by June 30th!

If you have not done so yet, please send in your dues to our P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc 93438, or log on to your account at aauw.org. The Member Services Database (MSD) allows you to manage your membership online. As always, do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Regular renewal \$99 / lifetime member \$40 / honorary member \$20. Once paid, your membership will be good until June 30, 2021.

Our branch currently includes 91 members.

My tenure as Membership VP is ending soon, so I would like to express my appreciation for all the support I have received this past fiscal year and for the opportunity to work with the board members. Pat will serve in this capacity beginning in July. It has been a pleasure volunteering as your Membership VP and I look forward to continued involvement in AAUW.

Barbara, Membership VP

AAUW Speech Trek

The Chair of AAUW California Speech Trek is working on a plan for Speech Trek 2021, in the time of Covid-19 - which could possibly be virtually. It's sure to present some unique challenges!

Speech Trek 2021 Topic:

"Has social media helped or hindered the breaking down of barriers for women and girls?"

Pam, Speech Trek Coordinator

Public Policy

In early March, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee met with our Lobbyist in Sacramento to discuss the upcoming legislation that AAUW would support this year. Then COVID-19 hit California and everything changed. Many of the bills are not going forward, as the Legislature has to deal with the state budget and programs to help our state residents.

I recently participated with the Public Policy Committee in a Zoom meeting so I was able to virtually meet the members. They are dedicated to moving our mission of "Equity for Women and Girls" forward in California. They will be adding new members this summer, so if you are interested, please let me know.

AAUW National is working on "Get Out the Vote" activities at the state level helping AAUW members with ideas for virtual meetings. How do we register new voters in this new reality? How

do we get out the vote? Can we hold Tele-Forums? I believe AAUW members can do anything, so let us figure this out!

Dianne, Public Policy Chair

Interest Groups

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

Because of the restrictions that restaurants are under due to COVID-19, formal Dine Out is canceled for now.

But, please support our local restaurants by ordering take-out. There are two places to find out who is serving and what you can order. The first is the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and the other is the Lompoc Restaurants Facebook page.

Thanks everyone.

Leslie & Billye, Co-Chairs

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

Please contact P.M. Book Explorers members for future books and locations.

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 me for further information.

Gail, Chair

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

Please contact Roaming Readers members for the future books and locations.

Potential 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

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.

A message from the Bookstore...

The Bookstore is OPEN!

First of all, I want to thank all the people who came to us for books during the Covid shutdown. Thanks to those who ordered books and thanks to those who let me be their personal shopper in the store. And thank you to the book groups who came to us for their monthly selections. And thank you to all the people who donated books during this time. All you have done to support the store saved us!

We are open limited hours - Tuesday through Saturday - from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We don't have a full staff yet, but we are flexible and will try to accommodate your schedule.

Remember us for gifts and puzzles and Father's Day. Remember we give 25% off new book orders for book groups.

Thanks again and remember to Keep Calm and Read On!

Leslie Sevier

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"When I get a little money, I buy books. If any is left, I buy food and clothes." ErasmusXX

Calendar of Events

June 1	Roaming Readers: TBD
June 9	Branch Board Meeting via Zoom
June 17	PM Book Explorers: TBD
June TBD	Branch General Meeting and Installation
July 6	Roaming Readers: TBD
July 15	PM Book Explorers: TBD
September 20	Scholarship Fundraiser at Longoria Winery

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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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