



From Pam...

Women's History Month is here and there is so much to celebrate! Register now for the virtual event "The ChangeMakers" scheduled for March 18 at 7:00 pm. I once overheard the comment, "It's one thing to have a vision, but there must be someone to drive the vision." And here we have Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Program VP, who shared her vision some time ago for having the one and only Ms. Dolores Huerta be a part of our program. Lucy is also the one who drove the vision — putting tremendous time and effort into making this a reality. Skip down to the Programs section to read the details about "The ChangeMakers" and be sure to invite others to attend this event featuring keynote speakers Dolores Huerta, CA Senator Monique Limón and songs by Lompoc's Simmons Sisters.

March 3 will be the next virtual General Meeting at 5:00 pm, followed by the Board Meeting. Please plan to attend as there are many important issues for discussion and input from our members is so important. AAUW National voting will be coming soon and there is an abundance of information on the website. Speaking of websites, don't forget to check out our Branch's webpages — updates are still in process!

Pam Buchanan, President

Programs

Invite your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues to join us as we celebrate Women’s History Month and host: **The ChangeMakers!** A virtual celebration of women leaders making positive change in our communities, state and nation.

Register today at <https://lompocvandenbergcaca.aauw.net>

The Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch of AAUW, in collaboration with Allan Hancock College Associated Student Body Government, invites the community to a virtual celebration:

THE CHANGEMAKERS

Celebrating women leaders making change and Women’s History Month

Guest Speakers

Ms. Dolores Huerta
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
7 - 8 P.M. VIA ZOOM
Register at lompocvandenbergcaca.aauw.net

Senator Monique Limón

The Simmons Sisters

No charge to attend
Live interpretation in Spanish will be available
Simulcast on TAP TV and KPEG Radio

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Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Program VP

Membership Matters

Here we are at the beginning of March with almost a full year of COVID-19 restrictions. Hopefully you are getting the vaccine, or are in line waiting to get one of the vaccines, so that we can begin to return to a more normal environment. Zoom meetings are a great substitute and keep us in touch, but it will be nice to be able to actually see members again,

A couple of reminders:

First, when you get ready to renew your membership, you will note that National dues have increased to \$62 annually. With your state and branch dues, the total will be \$102—just a \$3 increase from last year. If you renew on-line, go to the membership database and click on renew my membership (available after March 16). Be sure to pay the total of \$102 or you will just be a national member.

Secondly, starting April 7, AAUW members will be asked to vote to elect members to the national board of directors and on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. Get up to speed on the issues by reviewing the election page on the AAUW website.

Hope to see you on our upcoming programs!

Pat Grijalva, Membership Chair



AAUW Fund

Last year, Lompoc Vandenberg Branch members contributed over \$4,000 to AAUW Fund.

Members wishing to contribute to AAUW Fund in 2021 may do so throughout the year. If you send a donation directly to National via their various promotions, please remember to make the check out to AAUW Funds and write our branch number on your check (0130). If you give online, you should enter 0130 where indicated for branch ID number. Our branch will then receive the credit. If you prefer, you can send a donation check to me, but it must be made out to AAUW Funds. I will then send those checks directly to national. Our branch can no longer deposit these checks in our local account and send one check, due to tax rules.

Marell Brooks, AAUW Fund VP

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Standing Rules

Below are the Standing Rules for our Branch. We are required to provide these to our membership annually. These rules were last amended October 7, 2014.

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch CA Standing Rules

Standing rules are those that directly affect members of the branch. A committee of board members appointed by the president and chaired by the parliamentarian or bylaws chair should review them annually. Standing rules can be amended, including adding new rules, by a majority vote at a branch meeting if previous notice has been given or by a two-thirds vote if no notice has been given. Standing rules will be published annually in the branch directory or newsletter.

Programs/Events/Meetings

1. No meetings shall be scheduled on Maundy Thursday through Easter, Rosh Hashanah (two days), Yom Kippur, the evening proceeding the first day of Passover, Christmas, or any major holiday of significant religious or ethnic groups. (All Jewish holidays begin at sundown the day before). This is in accordance with AAUW Diversity Policy.
2. All general meetings are open to interested members of the public.
3. When a branch activity requires prior reservations and payment, the payment amount will not be refunded to any person who fails to cancel a reservation in time for the branch to recover its cost.
4. There shall be no smoking at any branch program or event.
5. Members shall neither sell tickets to non-AAUW events nor advertise them during branch programs or events.

Membership

6. Prospective members who are eligible to join may attend 3 programs, events or interest group meetings before being asked to join.
7. Members must pay dues before September 1 to be included in the yearly branch directory.

Branch Directory/Newsletter/Website

8. The branch directory, newsletter, and website shall be used exclusively for communication on AAUW matters among the branch members.

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Standing Rules (Continued)**Board Meetings**

9. All board meetings are open to branch members.
10. If a branch member attending a board meeting wishes to speak, s/he will have the courtesy to notify the president seven days before the agenda is published, in order to be put on the agenda.

Interest Groups

11. With the approval of the board of directors, any member may form a new interest group provided that it is open to all members and that its meetings will not conflict with other scheduled branch or interest group meetings, or state or national AAUW conventions.

Fundraising

12. The branch will neither raise funds for nor donate funds to any organization outside of AAUW. This is in accordance with AAUW Policy, and in keeping with the branch's top priority to support AAUW's mission to promote equity for women and girls.

Election Activities of Individual Branch Members

13. An individual member may endorse, as a private citizen, candidates for appointive or elective office, partisan or non-partisan, but such endorsement shall not use the name of AAUW. The individual member endorsement shall not include any mention of her/his AAUW membership.
14. As a candidate for any office, a member may declare membership in AAUW as long as she or he is not opposing any AAUW program or policy. Declaring one's AAUW membership opposing an AAUW position violates the AAUW Use of Name policy.

Electronic Privacy

15. Personal contact information of any member (mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email) shall not be posted on the branch website, unless on a password protected page for members only, without the permission of that member. It is the responsibility of those who submit updates to the website, including newsletter articles when the newsletter is subsequently posted on the website, to obtain permission for personal contact information to be included from any member so identified.



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 Sevier & Billye Iverson, 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 Wednesday 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 Meehan for further information.

Gail Meehan, Chair



Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

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

Roaming Readers usually 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 Johnson and Cathy Rudolph, 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 Brooks. If you are interested in walking on the weekends, please let the group know.

**Calendar of Events**

March 1	Roaming Readers: Contact organizers
March 3	Branch General Meeting and Board Meeting via Zoom, 5:00 pm
March 17	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
March 18	Branch Program: The ChangeMakers – for Women’s History Month
March 24	Equal Pay Day
April 5	Roaming Readers: Contact organizers
April 7	Branch Board Meeting via Zoom, 5:00 pm
April 21	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers

**Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

LV Branch Website: <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>
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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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