

***From Pat...***

Well, I'm back for another year. Thank you all for electing me to lead you for the next year. While I thought I had completed my role as president, it became apparent that someone else needed another year to step forward and take the reins. I will be looking for that someone during the year so we can have a smooth transition.

We've got a great team and I look forward to an exciting year. Our branch is still strong and hopefully we will be back to meeting in person at least for some of the events. I know that I enjoy seeing our members and meeting some new ones. The vaccinations seem to be very effective, so I think we will be able to start some of our activities where we gather.

As you may have read on the AAUW National website, Julie Brown has been re-elected to serve as board chair for three more years. AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters, but the ballot initiative to eliminate the membership requirement of holding an associate degree or higher did not receive the two-thirds majority needed to enact a by-law change (got just below that with 63% of the vote). The momentum is shifting toward a more inclusive membership and the issue will be raised again in future years.

I hope all of you are well and I encourage everyone to receive their COVID-19 vaccination if you can and have not already done so. The effectiveness of the vaccine has been shown in the dramatic drop of cases and I for one feel much safer starting to return to normal activities. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at events in the near future!

Pat Grijalva, President

News and Events

Helping and Social Opportunity

On Wednesday, July 21, there is a group of 12 college women, who are participating in the 2021 Pedal the Pacific event raising funds and awareness to the issue of human trafficking, who will be stopping overnight in Lompoc. One of our members, Ann McCarty, has been asked to coordinate their overnight stop. She has arranged a stay at Trinity Church of the Nazarene for the group and reached out to our organization to help with meals and participate in a talking circle. I thought it would be a good idea to organize a potluck for the evening meal and Lucy Thoms-Harrington has volunteered to coordinate the donations of main dishes, salads, desserts. She thinks we will be feeding about 25 with the team and our folks and other volunteers. If you would like to donate for the evening meal (or other donation), please let Lucy know by 7/14. If you would like to attend the event, the anticipated arrival is around 5 PM. We will hear more about the time for the meal and talking circle (I am guessing around 6PM to give them time to shower). There are 3 vegetarians, 1 vegan, 1 with no pork or meat, and no dietary restrictions for the remaining 7 riders. Dulcie Sinn has already volunteered a gallon of vegan bean and veggie soup and beer bread buns; I have volunteered a vegetarian lasagna. I know we have some other great cooks out there so I know we can put together a nice meal for these young ladies. The web site for the event is <https://www.pedalthePacific.org>. Hope to see some of you at the event.

Pat Grijalva, President



STEMEd for Girls starts July 7

Computer science and engineering are among the fastest-growing and highest paid jobs of the future, yet only 16% of engineers are women. Help engineer a promising future for the young women in your life through AAUW's free STEMEd for Girls program, which starts July 7. It was created exclusively for girls in grades 9 through 12 and the parents, guardians and caregivers who support their dreams.



Contribute to a Critical Campaign

Please donate today to AAUW's 2021 Annual Giving Drive so we can reach our goal of raising \$250,000 by July 9. This is the most important fundraising campaign we do each year, and we need your help to drive meaningful change. As we look to rebuild our economy in 2021, women and their families need access to COVID-19 relief, equal pay and loan-forgiveness options like never before.

News and Events (Continued)

Graduating to Debt

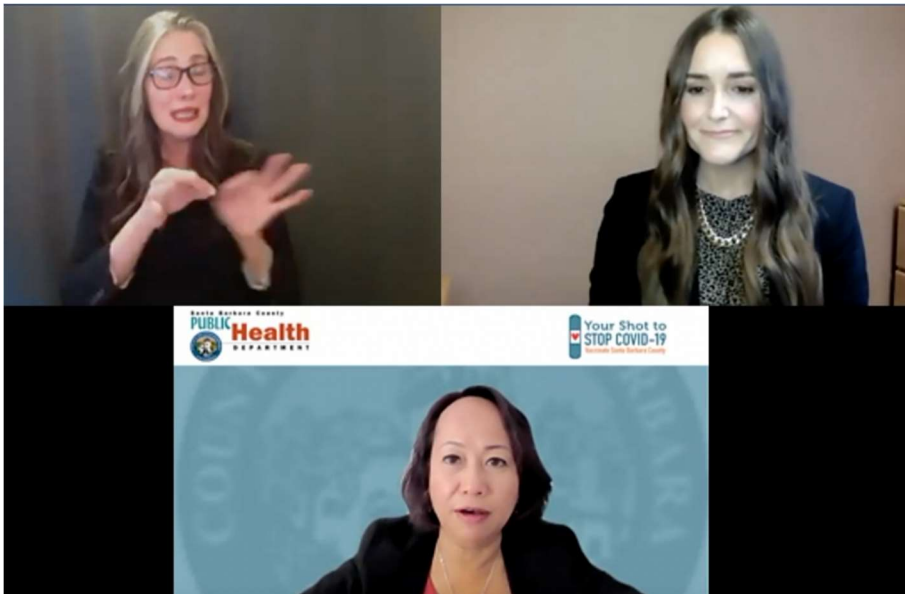
Student debt is making it nearly impossible for many women to afford their basic living expenses after graduating from college. According to the just-released 2021 update to AAUW's Deeper in Debt, women graduates are left with a mere \$148/month when you subtract loan debt and a few standard living costs from the average entry-level salary. Adding in child care results in a \$372 deficit.



Programs

Programs 2020/2021: It's a Wrap

On June 3rd, AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg collaborated with the Healthy Lompoc Coalition to host "Vaccinate Lompoc - Family is Essential", an informational webinar to inform the community and address questions/concerns from the community about receiving the COVID 19 Vaccine. The webinar was streamed on Facebook live with American Sign Language Interpretation, as well as live Spanish interpretation. Missed this program? Watch the recording [HERE](#).



Vaccinate Lompoc - Family is Essential Webinar June 3 2021. Clockwise from upper left: Sign Language interpreter, AAUW, Ashley Costa, Executive Director Healthy Lompoc Coalition with Santa Barbara County Director of Public Health, Dr. Van De-Reynoso

Programs (Continued)**Programs 2021/2022 - The Future Looks Bright!!**

On June 10th we presented the year in review for programs at the officer installation. It was a great year with 2021-2022 looking to be even more exciting based on the planning taking place. Potential topics, based on interest expressed by the public in last year's zoom polls, include: Changemakers 2021 focusing on Women and Girls in Tech, Finding your Voice workshop and Speech Trek Program, Women's Health and Legislation, Women's Pay and Money, Child Care and Parental Care, and Social Justice and others! We will be meeting in July to develop and finalize the slate of programs with dates. Want to join in the fun? Look for an email with the July planning date and join us to finalize the slate and make the magic happen.

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Program VP

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

Dine-Out will resume in August!

We'll be doing lunch for the time-being. Anyone interested in attending should contact one of us to be put on the list. We'll let you know where and when our first gathering will be. The best way to contact Leslie is to call. The best way to contact Billye is to text her.

Hope to see you there!



Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

Interest Groups (Continued)

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)

Roaming Readers will be meeting July 5th to discuss "The Stationery shop of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali and August 2 to discuss "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson. Contact Cathy Rudolph for more details.

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



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.

Interest Groups (Continued)**Writing Group**

Carol Ann Johnson would like to form a writing group. Members could meet once a month and discuss their creative writings for positive and constructive comments only. Contact Carol Ann if you are interested.

**Calendar of Events**

July 5	Roaming Readers: "The Stationery shop of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali
July 7	STEMEd for Girls program
July 12	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
July 21	2021 Pedal the Pacific event
July 21	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
August 2	Roaming Readers: "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson
August 9	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
August 12	Dine Out Group
August 18	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers

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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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