

***From Pat...***

December is here and it is time to wish all of you a Happy Holidays. So Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Joyeux Noël, Frohe Weihnachten, Feliz Navidad, Buon Natale, Mele Kalikimaka other wishes in as many languages as you may know. I think that however we say it the message is be kind and joyful for each other, no matter what each of us believe.

The holidays are often a time for memories. I have minimized my decorating but still like to pull out boxes from underneath my stairs that were carefully put away almost a year ago. They contain memories of holidays past and make me think of all the people who have entered my life. I have decorations that mark the year I moved here, first one spent with my husband and the last. I hang the wreath that my Mother felt was necessary to brighten my stairwell and the one that my Father crafted from grape vines he cultivated that still has the scent in the potpourri my Mother attached. I dig out the book my sister sent, “A Cup of Christmas Tea”, that is a reminder to share moments with someone who is dear to you. I begin baking from recipes that were handed down from my Mother or Aunts and cherish their handwriting as well as the recipe. I think of the different places where I have spent Christmas—New Zealand, Belize, Florida, Oregon, Minnesota, Ohio, South Dakota, and of course here in California. It’s the memories of those I miss and those that are still part of my life that make is so special for me. I hope all of you have special memories and that this season will be very happy for you.

We haven’t had the opportunity to gather this year yet, but we will be having a general meeting and gathering at Kari Rosson’s home on December 5, 2-4 PM. For as many of you who feel safe to gather (hopefully fully vaccinated and with a booster) it will be nice to catch up, visit a bit, and start the holiday season. Thank you, Kari, for opening your home to us again this year!

From Pat...(continued)

May this Christmas season bring you closer to all that you love. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Pat Grijalva, President



Programs

AAUW Program Committee Report

By Dulcie Sinn and Lucy Thoms-Harrington Co-VPs of Programs



Get that Ugly On!

Put that ugly Holiday sweater on, bring a beverage or dish to share and join in some festive cheer AAUW style!

There will be a few prizes to stoke the spirit!

Fully vaccinated members please.

When: Sunday December 5 2021

Time: 2-4 pm

Where: The gorgeous home of Kari Rosson: 304 Burnham Court, Lompoc

Details: Bring a beverage or a dish to share



Programs (Continued)

Save the Date: *Where in the World???* - International Brunch Potluck

When: Saturday January 22, 2022

Time: 11-1 pm

Where: Events Mission Valley, 138 North B, Lompoc

Details: Bring a dish to share along with your favorite souvenir from any travel experience to share with the group. There might even be some crazy prizes: funniest, farthest, and most fantastic! We'll also hear the report backs from SPARK sessions!

Fully vaccinated members please.

Dulcie Sinn and Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Co- Program VPs



AAUW Fund

We are still taking checks for this year's branch AAUW Fund donations. I will collect checks at the holiday party on Sunday. Make sure you have your membership number on the memo line and make the check out to AAUW Funds. You can go online and donate also but need to include your membership number and the branch number. Call me at 733-3462 if you need more information.

Mary Ellen Brooks, AAUW Fund Chair

Branch # CA0130



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

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Interest Groups

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 future books and locations.

We meet in person or via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. the first Monday of each month, unless that's a holiday, in which case we meet the following Monday. Contact Cathy Rudolph for details. Guests or new members from AAUW 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.



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.

Interest Groups (Continued)**Dine-out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (3rd Thursday of the month)**

Dine-out is TBD for December. Leslie and Billye will contact the group when the plans are set.

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

**Calendar of Events**

December 5	General Meeting and Holiday Get Together
December 6	Roaming Readers: Contact organizers
December 8	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
December 15	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
December 16	Dine Out Group: Contact organizers
January 3	Roaming Readers: Contact organizers
January 12	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
January 19	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
January 20	Dine Out Group: Contact organizers
January 22, 2022	Where in the World??? Potluck Brunch

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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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