

***From Pat...***

March is Women's History Month and there are many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of women during this month. Most of us have learned how to attend functions virtually and it just takes a little searching to find an event that might interest you. I just signed up for a virtual event at the Smithsonian on March 30 at which Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg will receive a "Great Americans" posthumous medal (<https://smithsonianmah.swoogo.com/RBG>). I encourage all of you to do a little research and celebrate how far women have come and how far we have yet to go.

We will also be receiving 2 proclamations this month from the city of Lompoc— one for International Women's Day (IWD) and the other Equal Pay Day. International Women's Day is March 8 and it is a day to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness against bias and #BreaktheBias. Purple signifying justice and dignity, green signifying hope, and white representing purity are the colors of IWD. So try to wear something one of those colors on March 8 and have a discussion about women that day.

The next Equal Pay Day is Wednesday, March 24. According to the National Committee on Pay Equity "This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year." After six years of legal action, the [US Women Soccer Players Association](#) has recently won a settlement on discrimination and unequal pay. American soccer's governing body agreed to pay \$24 million, and made a commitment to equalize pay and bonuses to match the men's team. The Association congratulated not only the lawyers, but also the athletes themselves, "on their historic success in fighting decades of discrimination". This is a major step forward in achieving equal pay for women in sports. This case received considerable press coverage, but there is still a long way to go in sports and elsewhere. AAUW will continue to keep equal pay as a top priority.

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We have also seen the nomination by President Biden of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court. AAUW has issued a statement of support for her nomination and views her nomination as a historic milestone that will move us more swiftly to gender and racial equity and justice. Her confirmation won't just give a Black woman "a seat at the table," but will bring valuable and much-needed new insights to the highest court in the land to the benefit of us all. Her qualifications are outstanding. A Harvard Law graduate, she has served with distinction on the second-highest court in the land, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, she held a U.S. Supreme Court clerkship, positions at prestigious corporate law firms, and a role on the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Let's hope that by next month's newsletter her confirmation is progressing favorably.

If you missed the AAUW Fellows event on February 26 you missed two wonderful speakers. Alianea Sherman is a Fellow at Cal State University, Los Angeles and spoke about her work on creating virtual-reality simulation training. She has a diverse background with a BS in Biochemistry and is now pursuing computer science related careers. I was impressed with how she was doing her job search—she was looking for companies that valued diversity, had flexible schedules, and were open to new ideas. Dr Reem Olaby talked not only about her work with fragile x-associated syndromes, but how she managed her education, family and career. Truly both examples of women who are pursuing their dreams and making valuable contributions. Next year we might be back in person and I am sure you would be inspired to hear the thoughts of AAUW Fellows.

The 2022 theme for Women's History Month is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history." So celebrate women this month and especially congratulate those who have served so selflessly in the past few years with the pandemic.

***Pat Grijalva, President***



## **AAUW Program Committee Report**

March 2022

### ***March! Changemakers 2022 Spotlighting Women and Leadership***

***Thursday March 31 from 6- 7pm at the Grossman Gallery, Lompoc Public Library (enter by the Gallery doors near the patio or under the awning—Main Library will be closed):***

Join us *in person* (that's the plan for now!!) for the Changemakers 2022 event spotlighting Women and Leadership. We'll hear from a diverse panel of female leaders making a difference in their field and in our community. Planned panelists include: DeVika Stalling, CEO Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and the first woman of color to hold the position; Tara Gomez, First Native American Winemaker and 2021 Winemaker of the Year; Janelle Osborne, Mayor of Lompoc; Robin Ghormley, Director of Public Relations Space Force; and Shay Allen, Allan Hancock College and AAUW college student leadership conference attendee.

***In order to keep our panelists and attendees safe, attendees must show proof of vaccination at the door.***

### **Save the Date: *Where in the World???***

**Saturday April 23, 2022 11-1pm Brunch Potluck—Events Mission Valley (138 North B Street)**

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!

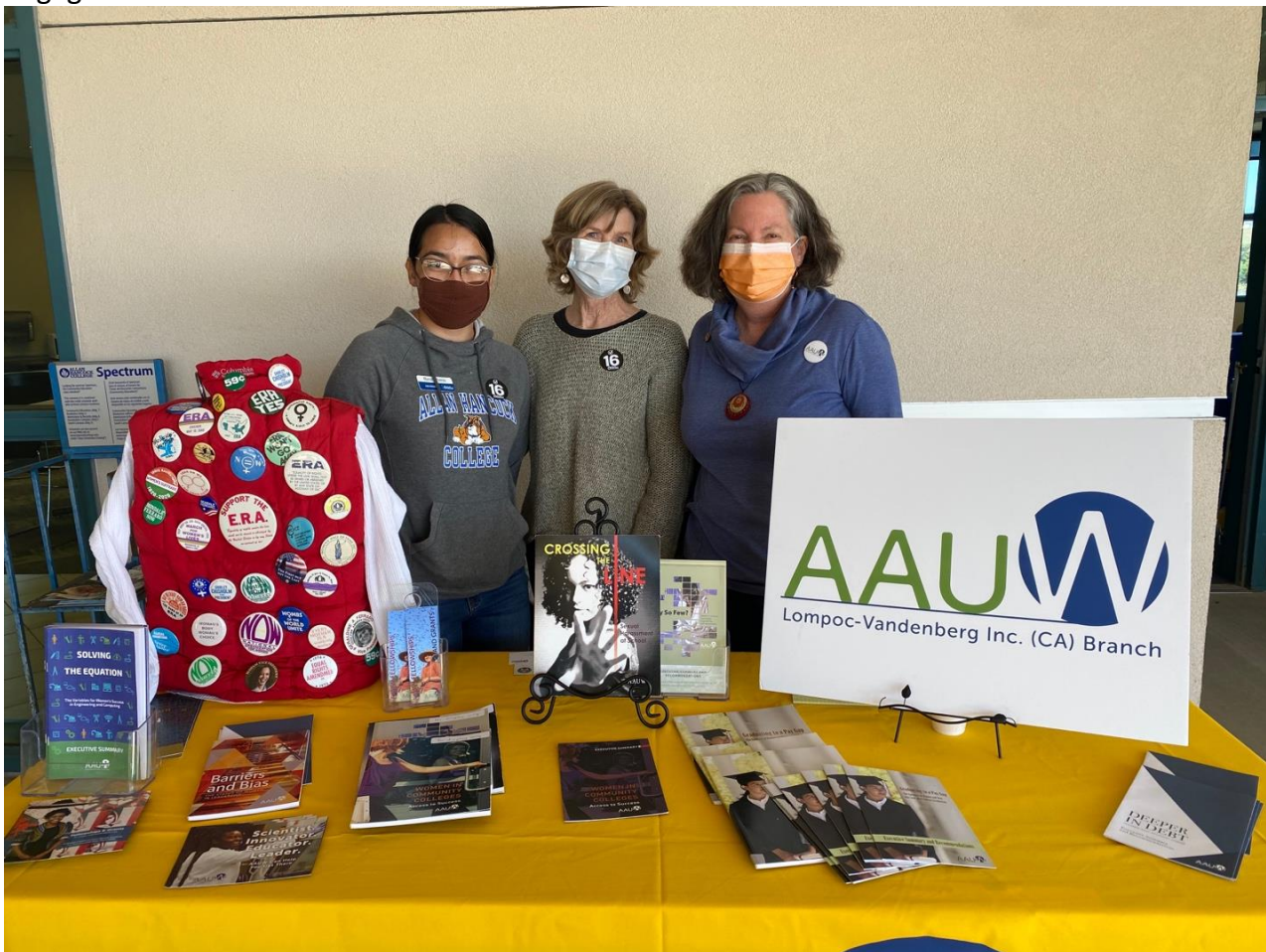
### ***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion***

Submitted by Lucy Thoms-Harrington

March is Women's History Month and history is being made as we speak!! Meet the Changemaker, Judge Ketanji Brown- Jackson, the first black woman to be nominated to the US Supreme Court. Her voice, her experience and her wisdom will be a welcome addition to the highest court in the land.

Learn more about her <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/26/us/politics/ketanji-brown-jackson-supreme-court.html>

Speaking of change, check out AAUW at Bull Dog days at Allan Hancock College this month to engage future members.



Marcela Viveros, President of the Associated Student Body Government, Allan Hancock College engages with AAUW College Liaison Chair, Barbara Bolton and AAUW VP Programs, Lucy Thoms-Harrington at Allan Hancock College Bow Wow Days 2/22.

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



## **Membership**

Dear Fellow Members:

International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

AAUW also has a mission, though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral: We fight to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equity. We train women to negotiate for pay and benefits and to pursue leadership roles. And we advocate for federal, state and local laws and policies to ensure equity and end discrimination.

During this month of March, count your lucky rainbows and clovers that our branch stands at 58 members with a new rejoining member coming soon. We are excited to be receiving a re-joining member!

Any new member joining the branch between now and March 15 is eligible to pay one-half of AAUW national dues, full AAUW CA dues and full branch dues (total \$71.00).

New members joining after March 15 is eligible to pay the full number of dues (\$102.00), which will cover his/her dues for the remainder of the current and the following fiscal year.

If you recommend a new member to join, you also will be rewarded. Thank you for supporting our organization AAUW!

**Membership fees are: \$102.00 (\$20 branch, \$20 AAUW California, \$62 AAUW National).**

If any of your contact information has recently changed, or if you need assistance, please contact us. We are here to help!

Go to: [my.AAUW.org](http://my.AAUW.org)

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***Kari Rosson,  
Membership VP***

## AAUW Fund

The Lompoc Vandenberg branch contributed more than \$3000 to AAUW Funds last year. A few of the checks that were sent in by our branch members in December are still being processed. Most of our donations went to the Greatest Need fund (see chart) Thank you to those members who made contributions.

### 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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One AAUW. One Mission. One Fund.

The AAUW Fund advances AAUW's mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Your unrestricted gift to the AAUW Fund helps incubate and disseminate programs that

- above all, advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW's role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission.

**Mary Ellen Brooks, AAUW Fund Chair**  
Branch # CA0130





### **“Leaves” of our Branch: Member Information**

One of our long-time members, Teney Leary, passed away on February 3. Please see the information below regarding her life and services.

"Teney" Hortense Leary November 12, 1920 - February 3, 2022 Teney Leary was born November 12, 1920, in Denver, Colorado to Horton and Daisy Grandjean. She died peacefully at home on February 3, 2022, after a brief illness. Teney graduated from University of Denver where she studied history. She married Bill Leary (deceased 2009) in 1944. They met during WWII when she was dispensing shoes for the USO in San Diego, and Bill was a Lt in the US Navy, about to be stationed in the Pacific. They were married sixty-five years. Teney and Bill moved to Lompoc in 1958 when Bill was assigned to Point Arguello Navy Missile Facility. Teney continued to study history, and received a Master's degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. She taught California history and American history at Allan Hancock College for many years. Teney served as a docent at La Purisima mission and attracted visitors for the Candlelight tours. She drew on her knowledge of La Purisima mission history to write a series of articles for the Lompoc Record. Teney loved reading and was active for many years in reading/discussion groups, including the American Association of University Women. She was a member of the longest running Encyclopedia Britannica Great Books reading group. She enjoyed discussing politics, and often commented "I just think we need better education." Also, Teney enjoyed classical music and opera, attending live performances locally and in San Francisco. Teney especially enjoyed cycling, hiking, and social events with her Lompoc friends. They rode and hiked locally and travelled together to many scenic areas of the US and Europe. Teney loved the mountains. In her younger days, Teney coaxed Bill and their two children to learn snow skiing, and the family travelled to Colorado annually for vacations. In her later years, Teney enjoyed walking her dog Nemo, visiting with close friends, and chatting with neighbors. She was very appreciative of the neighborhood celebration for her 100th birthday in 2020! Teney is survived by her brother Vann Lloyd of Las Vegas, Nevada, son Tim Leary of Menlo Park, California, and two grandsons, Ryan Leary and Keegan Leary. She was predeceased by her daughter Regina Diane Leary (2019). A memorial service was held at Starbuck-Lind Mortuary on Monday, February 14. Memorial donations in her name may be made to La Purisima Mission State Historic Park.



## Interest Groups

### **Dine-out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

The Dine-Out group location for March has not been chosen yet. The co-Chairs, Billye Iverson & Leslie Sevier, will contact the group when the plans are firmed up.

***Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs***



### **P.M. Book Explorers (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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***





**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.

**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**

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| March 7  | Roaming Readers: Contact organizers                |
| March 8  | International Women’s Day                          |
| March 9  | Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)                   |
| March 16 | PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers              |
| March 17 | Dine Out Group: Contact organizers                 |
| March 24 | Equal Pay Day                                      |
| March 31 | Changemakers 2022 Spotighting Women and Leadership |
| April 4  | Roaming Readers: Contact organizers                |
| April 13 | Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)                   |
| April 20 | PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers              |
| April 21 | Dine Out Group: TBD location                       |
| April 23 | Where in the World??? Potluck brunch               |



**Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

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