

***From Pat...***

April did bring us some showers, but it also brought us the opportunity to vote in both the National AAUW elections and AAUW-CA elections. For National, all voting will take place [online](#) (computer or mobile device) starting April 6. (too late now to request a paper ballot). Log in to the new AAUW website and go to “My Ballots” to vote. All members without an email address on file with AAUW national or who have unsubscribed from email will receive a ballot by mail. Voting will close on Monday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. ET. For AAUW-CA election you should have received an email from siteadmin@aauw-ca.org via SurveyMonkey which gives you instructions on how to vote. Members who do not have a working email address will receive information via postal mail with information about how to vote. Voting closes May 15.

We had a fun general meeting and program on April 23. “Where in the World” (our former International Night) was a pot luck brunch and then members presented a travel souvenir and gave a short talk about their travel. It was a nice way to get to know members better, share some beautiful items, and hear stories about travel. I think everyone who attended enjoyed the meeting immensely. Thank you Lucy and Dulcie for arranging this and let’s hope we can do it again.

Wynn Clevenger and I (and her committee) have been busy preparing for Tech Trek. We will be sending 6 campers to UCSB Tech Trek in July. Wynn has done the groundwork of getting the nominations, setting up interviews, and providing information to parents/students. I know she will continue to stay in touch with them as we get needed permission forms, etc. to get the girls ready for camp. I am Director In Training and have been working the other side of coordinating with 22 branch coordinators to make sure we have the camps full and balanced numbers, as well as answering questions. Branch members Katie Brenna will be volunteering as a Dorm Mom and Charlie McGillis is one of the teachers.

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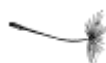
Hopefully all of you saw the email I sent about Mary Vossler. In case you did not, Mary died of cancer on April 16. Mary had been a member of our branch since 1997 and has served in many positions which I believe included branch president or co-president. I know that she was active on the scholarship committee and helped in fund raising over the years. Many of us enjoyed her company at meetings and events. She was a delightful person and she will be missed.

Pat Grijalva, President

**AAUWFunds**

Our branch continues to be generous in their giving to AAUW Funds. Remember to include our branch number and your own membership number, any time you contribute to AAUW campaigns. We will be honoring two members as Named Gift recipients for the past year. These awards will be made at our installation.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds

**Tech Trek**

Great news...because of your past support and that of SpaceX, we have the funds and space available to send 6 girls to camp at UCSB this summer. The interview committee met with 9 applicants, and chose 3 girls from Vandenberg Middle: Krysten Byork, Ava Diez, Sharli Syed, and 3 from Lompoc Valley Middle: Natalie Aguilar, Stella Cioni, Tiana Terrones. All are passionate about math and/or science. We are confident that they will represent Lompoc well in working with girls from a wide area.

It was an interesting process this year, since all the paper work was provided virtually. I hope this didn't discourage some girls from applying due to computer issues. As always, we had a wonderful group of girls applying, and once again, the counselors at both middle schools were very helpful with teacher contacts and setting up space and time for interviews.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Wynn Clevenger, Tech Trek

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2022-23 year. We will vote at the installation.

- President: Lucy Thoms-Harrington
- VP Membership: Mischa Dalcerci
- VP AAUW Funds; Marell Brooks
- VP Program: Dulcie Sinn White
- Secretary: Alice Down
- Treasurer: Leslie Sevier
- Parliamentarian: Dianne Owens

Other board members include:

- Wynn Clevenger: Tech Trek
- Julie Schneringer: Newsletter
- Janet Blevins: Public Policy
- Pat Grijalva: Communications

Public Policy - Event

A Piece of Pie with Planned Parenthood Wednesday, May 18th, 3-5 p.m.

Speaker Luz Reyes-Martin, VP of Community Engagement, will be our guest discussing the current status of Planned Parenthood in Santa Barbara County. She will share information about services offered at the PP clinics and will bring us up to date of the current threats to abortion and women's reproductive health services on a more national basis.

AAUW has always been an advocate for women's health and a woman's right to make choices about her reproductive health. Learn how we can continue to support Planned Parenthood.

We will have dessert and beverages available. The pies at the event will be baked by Norma Anderson. (People know these from Sissy's....yummy.)

Please see the details under Programs. Hope to see you there.

Janet Blevins, VP Public Policy

AAUW Program Committee

Reproductive Rights discussion with Planned Parenthood:

Wednesday May 18, 3-5pm;

hosted by Marell Brooks. RSVP to Marell by 5/16 <http://mebrooks@sbceo.org>

“In the first six months of 2021, state legislators introduced 561 anti-abortion provisions in 47 states; 97 new restrictions are already in effect.” The 50 year precedent of Roe v. Wade securing a woman’s right over reproductive choice is under attack. <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/reproductive-rights/>

Join this critically important discussion and find out what we can do to protect the fundamental rights of a woman to control her reproductive choice. Meeting is open to all AAUW members.

Save the Date: AAUW 2022-2023 Officer Installation; Sunday 6/5, 1pm-3pm, hosted by Kari Rosson

Program Recap: April program 4/23 “Where in the World”

Such a fun brunch! Delicious diverse food, fascinating personal stories with souvenirs from Alaska to Florida to China, England, Italy, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Wales, Rwanda, Russia and more. Thanks to Dulcie and Pat for all their work and to the Grants, owners of the Events Mission Valley, for donating the use of the venue to AAUW for the program. Check out a few pictures of the action from the day coming soon on the AAUW Facebook page.

Program Recap: March program 3/31 “ChangeMakers 2022” was an outstanding success. The event highlighted and honored the work of 4 female leaders who are trailblazers in their respective fields:

- *Shay Allen* - AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leader (NCCWSL) graduate 2021, honors student and student leader at Allan Hancock College AA class of 2022, BS class of 2026 CPSU, San Luis Obispo
- *Tara Gomez*- First nationally recognized Indigenous winemaker, 2021 Wine Maker of the Year, and Co-Founder/Co-Winemaker at Camins 2 Dreams
- *Jenelle Osborne* - City of Lompoc Mayor and small business owner
- *DeVika Stalling* - First black CEO of the Lompoc Chamber of Commerce and Co-Founder Future for Lompoc Youth (non-profit).

The event was in person and on Zoom where it included live interpretation. Miss it? Don’t worry, we’ll be posting it on the website soon! Check out the photo on our website: <https://lompocvandenbergaauw.net/>

AAUW Program Committee (continued)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Submitted by Lucy Thoms-Harrington

Nikole Hannah-Jones, the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of “The 1619 Project” and a staff writer at *The New York Times Magazine* will be the key note speaker at the AAUW 2022 National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL) .

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/nccwsl/agenda/speaker-announcements/>

“The 1619 Project” is audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling. Interested in learning more about ‘The 1619 Project? Listen to the pod cast. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

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

Membership

In May, our Branch will need to start renewing our membership in AAUW.

The new total will be \$107.00. National (\$67), state (\$20), and our local branch (\$20).

The membership section of the national website (my.AAUW.org) has been revamped, and members need to update their password to access their account and renew online by **Thursday, June 30, for the 2022-2023.**



If you have not done so already, we encourage you to create a new password. Be sure not to create a new account – you already have one (even if you don’t know the password).

Click [HERE](#) to watch a video on how to log in and create a new password. Currently, we are uncertain as to whether you will receive an email from national with a direct link to pay online. We will do our best to keep you updated. In the meantime, we hope you will choose to renew online as it is still the preferred method. If you need help with the process, click [HERE](#) to view a video.

If you prefer, you can write a check, payable to:

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg

P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438

Our treasurer, Leslie Sevier will gladly update your member status.



Membership (continued)

Due to the changes at the national website, please include the following information if you renew by check:

- ✓ The school where you received your highest degree
- ✓ What that degree was, including the subject (i.e., Bachelor of Science in Math)
- ✓ The full date (day, month, and year) you received that degree (an estimate is fine).

Please, use the renewal form below IF YOU WISH TO CHANGE ANY INFORMATION in the Directory regardless of how you pay. See the form for more information.

Membership Dues Renewal Slip for 2022-2023 PLEASE PRINT

PLEASE MAKE CHANGES in the directory as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Yes, please print my email address in the Directory. No, do not print my email address.

Yes, please print my spouse's/partner's name: _____

Dual Member of our branch? Pay \$20.00 for OUR branch *dues* (pay your primary branch directly for state and national dues and their branch dues).

Dues for the 2022-23 membership year include: Branch - \$20, State - \$20, and National - \$67 (\$64 of the national portion is tax deductible) for a total of \$107.00. **(Note: Dues have increased for 2022-2023!)**

Please, **include this form** with your check **if you have any changes from last year's directory**. Mail checks and membership information by **Thursday, June 30, for the 2022-2023 year beginning July 1 to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg, P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93436**, to insure inclusion in the directory.

If payment is made online directly to national, please send this form to Leslie Sevier, P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc CA 93436, if you have any changes to your information in last year's directory.

Kari Rosson, Membership VP



“Leaves” of our Branch: Member Information

Joyce M. (Crumpton) Barker
Women’s Royal Astrailian Navy (WRAN)

Joyce Barker has been an involved citizen in the Lompoc community since moving to Vandenberg Village in 1985. Active in the American Association of University Women and Republican Women, anyone who has worked with Joyce will attest to her willingness to get things done. Much of her positive attitude about work and the role of women and her philosophy about active citizen participation stems from her experiences during World War II.

Joyce Crumpton was born in Melbourne, Australia on May 17, 1923. After she finished her early schooling in 1940, she went to work in an accounting office. Joyce remembers that as early as 1922, Australia knew that the Japanese might invade their country. After Pearl Harbor, the citizens of Australia realized it was only a matter of time before the Japanese set their sights on the Land Down Under.

As a single woman of 19, Joyce, in her typical fashion, decided she was not going to wait around for the Japanese to attack. In 1942, she enlisted in the Women's Royal Australian Navy where she received early training as a telegraphist. After three months with this all-female group, she was sent to an Australian naval base to work as a radio operator. Shortly after, she and another WRAN members were drafted to serve at the American naval base in Melbourne.

Barker's U.S. Navy communication station intercepted messages from the Japanese Imperial Navy in Japanese Morse Code. Much of the information about her job was classified until the 50 year moratorium expired a few years ago, so today she feels more comfortable talking about her wartime responsibilities. Her job was to get information about the "who, where, and when" of the messages. The text of the messages was written in a numeric code that was deciphered by machines housed in the U.S. Navy office in Melbourne.

It was at the American base that the young Australian radio operator met an American naval officer who had just been evacuated from Corrigador. Ken Barker, who had studied Japanese in D.C. after his enlistment in 1937, worked as a code breaker and traffic analyst in her office. They courted for approximately 18 months before they were married. Because Joyce felt it

“Leaves” of our Branch: Member Information (continued)

was not appropriate for them to be working in the same office and dating, she requested and was granted a transfer to a remote base in Victoria which housed a huge communication center. Here she used Royal typewriters that utilized the Japanese Kanji language.

The highlight of Ms. Barker's work as a telegraphist came one evening when she and her duty section intercepted a message about Admiral Yamamoto, the Commander of the Imperial Fleet of Japan. The message provided information about an upcoming inspection visit to the Japanese fleet at Guadalcanal. Ms. Barker later learned that two American B-38s shot down Yamamoto's plane as it neared its destination.

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

The Dine-Out group is going to The Bistro at O’Cairn’s Inn and Suites on East Ocean.

<http://www.ocairnsinnandsuites.com/dining>

Date: May 19th

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Contact the co-Chairs, Billye Iverson & Leslie Sevier, for reservations.

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

**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)**Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)**

- May 2: Madam Speaker (Susan Page) Eileen James
 June 6: I Alone Can Fix It (Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker) Judy Rarick
 July 11: A Woman of No Importance (Sonia Purnell) Diane Lawrence
 Aug. 1: The Windsor Knot (S.J. Bennet) Myra Wapner

Roaming Readers meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at a destination and in a format that will be determined month by month. The meeting will be held the 2nd Monday of the month if the 1st is a holiday.

All AAUW members are welcome to visit and/or join the group. Please contact either of the co-chairs if you'd like to be a guest or would like more information.

Carol Ann Johnson and Cathy Rudolph, 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

**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

May 2	Roaming Readers: Madam Speaker (Susan Page)
May 11	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
May 15	AAUW California Voting Ends
May 16	AAUW National Voting Ends
May 18	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
May 18	A Piece of Pie with Planned Parenthood
May 19	Dine Out Group: The Bistro at O'Cairn's Inn and Suites
June 5	Officer Installation
June 6	Roaming Readers: I Alone Can Fix It (Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker)
June 8	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
June 15	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
June 16	Dine Out Group: Contact organizers
June 23	Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration
June 30	Membership Dues Renewal Deadline



Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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 Facebook: [Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW](https://www.facebook.com/Lompoc-Vandenberg-AAUW)
 Instagram: [@aauw_lompocvandenberg](https://www.instagram.com/aauw_lompocvandenberg)

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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