

***From Pat...***

This will be my last newsletter article as president of our branch. I had not planned on being president this year but decided it was worth the effort to keep our branch running and effective. As this year has progressed, we were able to get back to some of the things that I think branch members enjoy—meeting in person, having book groups and dine outs, and sending girls to Tech Trek. I feel so enriched by the members and their interests and passions. It never ceases to amaze me what interesting lives we all live and how diverse our backgrounds are. We all share some of the same philosophies and goals and have witnessed some of the progress that women and girls have made in our society. Even though we have seen some milestones like the recent decision for equal pay for women’s soccer in the USA, there are still many challenges that women continue to face.

Our recent meeting with our Planned Parenthood speaker underlined how fragile the lines are that allow us to control our bodies, our families, and our futures. While many of us have lived in an era where we saw birth control and reproductive rights freely discussed and available, we must not forget or allow us to return to an era where those freedoms are not accessible. It has been 50 years since Title IX was passed, yet we are just now getting to the point of not only women supporting equal access and equal pay, but men also. While there are many organizations that support the rights of women, AAUW has long been a leader in advancing the causes that are so important to so many women. This is one of the reasons that it is so important to continue our support of the organization.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board who stepped up to volunteer their time and effort. The President alone cannot keep an organization running—we have had excellent programs thanks to Lucy Thoms-Harrington and Dulcie Sinn, our finances have been kept in order by Leslie Sevier, Alice down has faithfully recorded our meeting minutes, Janet Blevins has kept us up to date on Public Policy, Kari Rosson has worked so hard on membership and

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hosting us at several meetings, Marell Brooks keeps us on track with our donations to AAUW that are so important, Barbara Bolton has continued to interface with AHC and let young women learn about AAUW, Wynn Clevenger has been the driving force behind Tech Trek for our branch, Dianne Owens continued as parliamentarian even while serving as President of AAUW-CA, and Julie Schneringer has not only served as our newsletter editor but also took the lead on scholarships this year. All of these volunteers and many others are the ones responsible for our vibrant and active branch. Thank you again for the support that you have given me.

I look forward to continuing my participation in activities with our branch. As we get more comfortable with the COVID protocols for keeping safe while meeting, I hope to see all of you at future meetings and hope that we can see some new faces too.

Pat Grijalva, President

**AAUWFunds**

Our longtime AAUW branch member Mary Vossler recently passed away. We will miss her greatly. Her family is donating a complete 12 place setting of Royal Alfred Old Country Rose dishes with all accessory pieces. Many of you will remember these beautiful dishes from when Mary and Bob hosted AAUW Gourmet, which was one of Mary's favorite activities. If you would be interested in this set, please contact me. I have them displayed in my dining room. Proceeds from this sale will go to AAUW Funds in Mary's name.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds

**Tech Trek**

Our UCSB Tech Trek camp is still a go for 2 weeks in June & July. We now have 7 campers attending. Having a codirector (Pat Grijalva) in our branch kept us informed when vacancies occurred. We are fortunate enough to have 7 qualified applicants to send to camp allowing us to use the funds members had generously donated throughout the pandemic closures. Not all branches were as prepared as Lompoc-Vandenberg.

Thanks again for your continued support,

Wynn Clevenger, Tech Trek

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee has awarded two, \$1,000, scholarships this year to Madeline Floyd from Cabrillo High School and Cadence Pelfrey from Lompoc High School. There were few applicants this year, likely due in part to the Hancock Promise, but we did have great applicants. We will look for a good opportunity to introduce the awardees to the branch.

Julie Schneringer, Scholarship Committee



Public Policy

From LA Times

Weekly coronavirus cases roughly doubled last week (May 15-22) across wide swaths of California, including Riverside and Santa Barbara counties, as well as the Central Valley and Silicon Valley. They rose by roughly 85% in Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. Some health experts are saying the new Covid variants are as contagious as measles.

From Planned Parenthood

When you become a volunteer with Planned Parenthood Action Fund, we'll connect you with a steady stream of resources, training, and anything else you need to help defeat anti-reproductive rights lawmakers, stop bad laws, and protect access to Planned Parenthood health centers. You can choose how you want to help, whenever you have time. There's no experience necessary.

From flooding a member of Congress with calls, to joining a phone bank, to meeting other volunteers online, or reminding friends and neighbors to register to vote...whatever it is, it will be what's truly needed, right when it's needed most — and we'll give you all the tools you need to be effective.

From readers of Daily Kos

Whatever the reason, it should always be her choice, and her choice alone, if she wants to proceed with a pregnancy or terminate it for any reason. It is after all her body that she is granting permission to be used as a life support system and it is her right to withdraw her permission, aka “decide to pull the plug” when and if she wants.

The Government cannot force you to donate blood to save another person's life, even if they are bleeding out and die in front of you. And it doesn't make you a murderer, punishable with years or even life in prison if you refused to donate blood to save someone's life.

Janet Blevins, VP Public Policy

AAUW Program Committee

June Program Sunday June 5 from 1-3: Installation of 2022-2023 Officers

Kari Rosson's home- 304 Burnham Court

Summer is here and so is the last program of 21-22! Please join us for the general meeting and the installation of new officers for 2022-2023 graciously hosted by the wonderful Kari Rosson at her home. This year's theme: "Super Heros" or "Sheros" in our case. Kari invites us to join in the fun with capes, masks, or ??????. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and/or beverage (adult or otherwise) to share. This will be great way to celebrate the summer, thank our 2021-2022 officers for their wonderful work, install the 2022-2023 officers and welcome a few new members!!

Kindly RSVP to Kari by Thursday 6/2. 805-717-0670 or [http://c2k288@comcast.net](mailto:c2k288@comcast.net)

For those attending by Zoom, please join using this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87241199110?pwd=MkZ2TUVDTVp0WGTqcNRIWkhUQ0prdz09>

Save the Date: Thursday July 21 evening (time to be set) – Pedal the Pacific at the Hilton Garden Inn

Meet the 2022 team of 11 college women who are cycling 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise funds and bring awareness to fight human trafficking. Organized in collaboration with North County Rape Crisis Center.

May Program Recap – Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood

Many thanks to Janet Blivens and Marell Brooks for organizing and hosting an outstanding and highly relevant program on women's reproductive rights featuring guest speaker, Luz Reyes-Martin, VP of Community Engagement of Planned Parenthood Central Coast. Ms. Reyes-Martin updated AAUW on the status of Planned Parenthood in Santa Barbara County. She also shared information about services offered at the PP clinics and the legislative action being taken in California. She also updated us on the current threats to abortion and women's reproductive health services on a national basis.

AAUW has always been an advocate for women's health and a woman's right to make choices about her reproductive health. Our continued advocacy and support is critical.

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Diversity Equity and Inclusion

By Lucy Thoms-Harrington

Join the Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday June 18 from 11-5 at Ryon Park in Lompoc. The keynote speaker is Brook Russel, the first Black women to receive a PHD in Physics from Yale.

Celebrate Freedom

Juneteenth ♥ Emancipation ♥ Liberty

Saturday, June 18th, 11am to 5pm

Ryon Park, Lompoc
(Ocean Avenue & O Street)

Fun for the Whole Family

Food Vendors
Arts & Crafts,
Merchandise for Sale,
Raffle,
Lots of Prizes

Mobile Vaccination Clinic

Keynote Speaker
Brooke Russell
One of approximately 100 Black women in the US who have received a PhD in a physics-related field, and is the first Black woman to earn this degree at Yale University.

Bake Off Competition
Peach Cobbler,
Sweet Potato Pie &
Red Velvet Cake
Sign up with Cozy:
805-588-8998

Games
for Children & Adults

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

Membership

AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2023

Renew by 6/30/2022

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



Your membership has been vital in making AAUW the only organization advancing gender equity from all sides for more than a century. Because of you, we're not only working with lawmakers to reshape unfair systems; we're also partnering with employers on workplace and economic equity and investing in women who are creating change from the inside out.

Today, we're asking you to continue the legacy of moving women forward and renew your membership!

As an AAUW member whose branch participates in online payments processing, you can pay all of your dues – branch, state, and national – at once. Here's how:

Online: Go to my.aauw.org (click)

Scroll below the [blue login button](#) and click [Forgot Password](#) at the bottom.

Enter your email address, then click [Reset Your Password](#) to receive your login email.

Note: If you do not receive the email, contact connect@aauw.org (click) for help.

Once the email arrives, enter your email address and [Create and Confirm your Password](#) and access your Personal Snapshot.

Within your Personal Snapshot, click the [blue RENEW](#) button at the bottom to renew your national, add your branch [CA0130](#) and state memberships!

By Check: As always, making a check payable to your AAUW branch and mailing it to:

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg

P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438

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

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).

Membership (continued)

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.

However you decide to renew your membership, take pride in knowing that our work together continues to make a difference!

Thank you!

Kari Rosson, Membership VP





“Leaves” of our Branch: Member Information

We would like to continue highlighting our members in this article. If you have a story to share of yourself or another member, please submit the information for the next newsletter.



Interest Groups

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

Our lunch bunch will meet at One Room Escapes and Coffee on Thursday, June 16th at 12:30 p.m. The cute little restaurant is located at 113 North A, across the street from Pier Fitness. Please note that this is an “Order at the Counter” place. Each person’s order will be individually made and they have only one or two workers. The owner suggested you call in your lunch order so they can get ahead of the game and have things ready when we all get there. Their phone number is 805) 430-8306. The link to the menu is www.oneroomcoffee.com/menu.

Please let Billye or Leslie know if you will be there or if you have any questions.

See you soon!

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)

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

June 5	Officer Installation
June 6	Roaming Readers: I Alone Can Fix It (Carol Leonnig and Philip Rucker)
June 15	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
June 16	Dine Out Group: One Room Escapes and Coffee
June 23	Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration
June 30	Membership Dues Renewal Deadline
July 6	Branch Board Meeting (Tentative)
July 11	Roaming Readers: A Woman of No Importance (Sonia Purnell)
July 20	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
July 21	Dine Out Group: Contact organizers
July 21	Pedal the Pacific at the Hilton Garden Inn



Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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