



From left to right Dianne Owens, AAUW CA State President installs the new officers of the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch: Mischa Dalcerra (VP Membership), Lucy Thoms-Harrington (President), Dulcie Sinn (VP Programs), Alice Down (Secretary) and Marell Brooks (VP AAUW Fund) missing from photo Leslie Sevier (Treasurer). Other AAUW committee chairs for the coming year include Dianne Owens, Barbara Bolton, Julie Schneringer, Pat Grijalva and Wynn Clevenger

Summer! Bright, sunny (and windy!) days are upon us as is the beginning of the new fiscal year for the world-famous Lompoc-Vandenberg branch of AAUW!

We had a great installation of 2022-2023 officers in June hosted by the gracious Kari Rosson with the wizard, AAUW CA President (and of course Lompoc-Vandenberg lifetime member), Dianne Owens officiating. Our branch is blessed with incredible people and leaders. I am grateful to the Charter and founders of

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our branch: Myra Wapner, Tonya Schultz, and Donna Woods who in 1964 who had the vision to improve the lives of females by chartering an AAUW branch to serve those in Lompoc, Vandenberg and beyond. I am humbled to follow Pat and so many others as President of the branch and grateful beyond words to our incoming board, committee chairs, and to our entire membership.

I look forward to working with each member to continue and expand upon the tremendous legacy of the branch. I am proud of what AAUW stands for and of the impact it has had on lives of females, in our area, in our state, in our nation and indeed throughout the world. Locally, we continue to change trajectories through our programs such as Tech Trek, Speech Trek, and our scholarships to high school seniors. AAUW is a resource for the community through its innovative programs such as ChangeMakers women and leadership, candidate forums and so many others.

The work of AAUW is more critical now than ever as we face challenges on several fronts. The overturn of 50 year of legal precedent protecting a woman's right to choose was struck down by the US Supreme Court on Friday. Women on a whole are paid 84 cents on a dollar earned by men with women of color paid even less. I am optimistic that with your help, we can expand our membership broadly so that others can join us in our vision "Equity for All" and the work it will take to get there.

What can you do? Ask a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join us at a program...first one of the year is 7/21 at the Hilton Garden Inn with the general meeting starting at 4:30, followed by dinner and discussion with Pedal the Pacific bike team which is riding the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise awareness and funds for the fight against human trafficking (see program section of the newsletter for details); Join a committee or interest group; sit in on a board meeting (first Wed of each month from 5-6pm); call me, email me, text me or anyone on the board with your thoughts and suggestions. Together, we can make positive change in the lives of women and girls and therefore society as a whole.

"Each time a woman stands up for herself,
without knowing it possibly,
without claiming it,
she stands up for
all women."

MAYA ANGELOU

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President



AAUWFunds

Mary Vossler's family donated a complete set of china and silverware to AAUW. The proceeds from the sale will go to AAUW. If you are interested in purchasing these sets, please contact me. If you wish to contribute to AAUW Funds, you might consider responding to a recent mailing from National. Just make sure you include your membership number and branch number so our branch will be credited.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds



Tech Trek

Looks like our two UCSB camps are on schedule. Our first group will start July 10th. All of our seven campers have submitted their paper work, which is not an easy task. We also have two junior counselors working the second week July 17-23. This is the first-time previous campers from our branch have been selected.

In May, we invited our campers and their families along with the junior campers to an ice cream sundae social. All but one camper was able to attend. Everyone enjoyed getting to know each other and hearing camp stories from the junior counselors and Pat Grijalva, codirector at UCSB this year.

We used most of our Tech Trek funds, which were donated over the past two years, to sponsor our seven campers for 2022. We will need to start fundraising for 2023 (25th year of our participation in TT).

Thank you for your continued support,

Wynn Clevenger, Tech Trek

AAUW Program Committee

Dinner with the Young Women Pedaling the Pacific

After a quick AAUW Business meeting (4:40-5:00pm)

Thursday July 21st, 5:00pm

Hilton Garden Inn

AAUW members are invited to join the female bike riders for a special dinner supporting their mission to fight against human trafficking. Dinner is hosted by North County Rape Crisis Center and Child Protection Center (NCRCC). Representatives from the City of Lompoc and community organizations will also be joining us in welcoming the 2022 Pedal the Pacific team. Dinner conversation and presentations will be inspiring. Dinner is \$30 and made by donation to the NCRCC with comment "Pedal Dinner" at the following secure link <https://myimpact.sbcountyrapecrisis.org/give/236888/-!/donation/checkout>.

Please RSVP Dulcie to ensure your seat at the table by **Monday July 17th**.

AAUW will be providing healthy bag lunches for the 11 riders and their driver leaving Lompoc on Friday morning. Lunches will include local fruits and vegetables, homemade sweets, and vegan choices. Looking for a volunteer to make homemade sweets (vegan and non vegan), please call Dulcie Sinn.

The Pedal the Pacific team is completing a 1,700-mile Seattle to San Diego ride raising awareness and funds for the fight against human trafficking. Pedal the Pacific's mission is: "Cycling for a world where people are not for sale". More information on Pedal to the Pacific can be found at www.pedalthePacific.org

The North County Rape Crisis Center is a nonprofit and serves as Northern Santa Barbara County's primary crisis support agency for victims of sexual violence, child abuse, and human trafficking. The Center serves Santa Maria, Lompoc, Guadalupe, and surrounding areas. The Center offers presentations, education and training, and online resources. To learn more visit <https://sbcountyrapecrisis.org/>

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is pleased to have this opportunity to partner with the wonderful and dedicated staff of our NCRCC. This program brings awareness and understanding to the many ways we work to promote equality, opportunity, health and importantly celebrate women making a difference in this world.

Dulcie Sinn, VP Programs

Membership

Welcome to a new Membership year! I am grateful that I could meet some of you at the June installation meeting, and I look forward to getting to know each of you better! Thank you to those members who have taken the opportunity to renew their membership, and if time has gotten away from you, it is not too late! Here are the renewal instructions:

AAUW Membership Renewal for Fiscal Year 2023

Renew by 6/30/2022 or today!!

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
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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).

Mischa Dalcerci, 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 by the 25th of the month for the next newsletter.

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

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

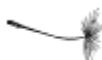
Interest Groups (Continued)

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



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

In June, we went to One Room Coffee for a wonderful lunch. The sandwiches were delicious on homemade bread and although the service was a little slow (since it is truly a “Mom and Pop” business), we weren’t there much over an hour.

This month, the lunch bunch will be going to Herb Home on Thursday, July 21st at 12:30.

The restaurant is located at 426 North H Street between Maple and Laurel.

The website is <https://herbhomethairestaurant.com>

IMPORTANT: Billye is out of the country so you need to contact Leslie for reservations.

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)**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**

July 6	Branch Board Meeting
July 11	Roaming Readers: A Woman of No Importance (Sonia Purnell)
July 20	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
July 21	Dine Out Group: Herb Home
July 21	Dinner with Pedal the Pacific at the Hilton Garden Inn
August 1	Roaming Readers: The Windsor Knot (S.J. Bennet)
August 3	Branch Board Meeting
August 17	PM Book Explorers: Contact organizers
August 18	Dine Out Group: One Room Escapes and Coffee

**Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

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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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