



President's message

Wow, what a terrific July for our branch!

At our first program and general meeting, we celebrated with the community in welcoming the 2022 Pedal the Pacific team to Lompoc! The team includes 11 college female bike riders from across the country who are riding the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise awareness and funds for the fight against human trafficking. Thanks to our collaborators, the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Services, the team's stop in Lompoc was a community affair. It was great to see all of members who could attend and welcome 3 wonderful new members to our branch: Bridgette Candice Angulo, Celeste Pico, and Samantha Scoggins. Bridgette captured fantastic pictures of the evening which will be posted soon on the website & our Facebook page (sneak preview below). Great job by Dulcie Sinn and Ann McCarty to make this celebration a community affair and to Dulcie & Kari Rosson for sending the riders on their way Friday with a homemade lunch. There was even an opportunity to sign up for the AAUW Action network to keep informed about issues important to the AAUW mission.

I have wonderful news to share. The Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch received notice last week from AAUW National that we have been selected as a **5 Star Branch** for our work! This is the highest level of recognition given to branches which align their work with the AAUW strategic plan and other initiatives that foster the organization's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls. A star is awarded for work which meets or exceeds thresholds in 5 strategic areas: Advancement, Public Policy/Research, Government & Sustainability, Programs and Communications/External Relations. Many thanks to the **entire board 2021-2022 board** for the work over the last 13 months which has been recognized by this 5 Star Award and a giant shout out to Dianne Owens who provided guidance and mentoring through the application process.

President's message (continued)...

Make sure you check out Wynn Clevenger's report this month (as well as an article in the Vision and posts on Facebook!) on the outstanding success of Tech Trek, the AAUW program which provides local rising 8th grade girls the exposure to STEM fields and the experience of living on campus at UCSB. Pat Grijalva was the director in training for this year's camp, Katie Brenna was a Tech Trek "parent/mom" (chaperone) for the week, and Julie Schneringer spoke as part of the professional panel of women in STEM.

Thanks to Jenelle Osborne and Mischa Dalcerrri, we have co-chairs of Speech Trek 2023, an important program which gives high school students the tools and mentoring on using their voice on issues of importance. Check out the video on our website next week <https://lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net/> from Tech Trek and Speech Trek graduate, Denise Robles, who is a rising junior at Cal Berkley who shares her thoughts on the impact these AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg programs have had on her educational path.

Thanks to Bridgette, we have a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion lead for our branch, a key area of focus for the branch, the state and AAUW nationally.

There are opportunities to join committees and/or interest groups, just call or email the committee chair or me to get connected! There are great things happening at AAUW made possible by the tremendously talented members of the Lompoc-Vandenberg branch.



Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President

Membership

Welcome to our new members who have joined over the past couple of months! 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 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 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).

Mischa Dalcerra, Membership VP

“Leaves” of our Branch: New Member!

Bridgette Candice Angulo has enjoyed working as a professional photographer in California since 2008. Bridgette was first inspired by the architecture, city life and cultural events surrounding her in Los Angeles. This inspiration spread as she was encouraged by her professor, Mr. Carr, to join a local photography club and travel to San Francisco to capture the city’s rich history through photographs.

Her journey in the world of art and photography progressed from there as Bridgette went on to receive her B.A in Studio Arts from California State University, Los Angeles in 2017. Bridgette immediately found work in the fine arts gallery assisting in the creation and photographing of over twenty different exhibitions in art and photography. She cultivated valuable connections with local and international artists such as muralist Frank Romero as she continued to teach the social and cultural value of art at all levels.

After graduation Bridgette took a lead role with the Las Fotos Project in East LA. She soon became a mentor to young girls and women, helping them focus their passion for photography and sharpen their skills in properly capturing moments and images through assigned projects around the city of Los Angeles.

Bridgette has always had a strong love for capturing family portraits, events and product design. Being able to travel internationally, to photograph special moments in people’s lives and to work large festivals has always been a desire for Bridgette. She and her husband recently co-founded BC/N Photos. With BC/N Photos Bridgette has provided custom consultations for event documentation as well as contributed countless hours to the city of Los Angeles, the community events of West Hollywood and the non-profit AIDS Walk LA.





Tech Trek

The girls are back from camp, and I'm sure they had an incredible time. All of our campers stayed healthy even though there were a few COVID breakouts.

We will have our Tech Trek program with the campers sharing their experiences on September 10th from 3:00-4:30 at the Events Mission Valley. Hope many of you will be able to attend.



Wynn Clevenger, Tech Trek



Public Policy

Learn — *Dig deeper into the issues that matter*

What *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Means for Reproductive Rights

AAUW strongly condemns the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The decision overturns the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling that established abortion as a constitutionally protected right nearly 50 years ago. It also ignores the will of the American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion. (*Read the full [AAUW statement](#).*) Without the protections provided by *Roe*, states now have broad leeway to legislate away basic reproductive rights. In the first half of 2022 alone, 12 states have enacted restrictions on abortion care and another 14 are expected to follow shortly. But it's not all dire—11 states have countered with their own laws to strengthen and expand abortion rights.

Policy staff are listening closely to the top voices in the reproductive rights and health space while tracking the fallout from the *Dobbs* decision. As this summer unfolds, we will keep you up to date on [grassroots advocacy opportunities](#) and election-related activities. Just this morning, the White House [announced](#) the signing of an executive order to protect reproductive rights. It is an important first step, but there is more work to be done. For example, you can:

- Learn more about the status of abortion rights in your state with the [Guttmacher Institute's 2022 policy analysis](#).
- Take the opportunity to [meet with your representatives](#) on your home turf and hold in-district meetings to share your thoughts when Congress heads into recess in August.
- Stay up to date on our coalition's activities at [BansOffOurBodies.org](#).

Reduce the stigma about abortion and reproductive rights by talking openly about these issues and how they've affected your own life and livelihood, along with those of the people you love.

Janet Blevins, VP Public Policy



Interest Groups

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.

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

August 1: *The Windsor Knot* (S.J. Bennet) Myra Wapner
 September 12: *Cloud Cuckoo Land* (Anthony Doerr) Judy Rarick
 October 3: *The Madness of Crowds* (Louise Penny) Kathryn Johnson
 November 7: *The Things We Keep* (Sally Hepworth) Eileen James
 December 5: *While Justice Sleeps* (Stacy Abrams) Diane Lawrence
 January 2: Reader's Choice
 February 6: *The Orphan's Tale* (Pam Jenoff) Carol Ann Johnson
 March 6: *The Moonflower Murders* (Anthony Horowitz) Myra Wapner
 April 3: *State of Terror* (Louise Penney and Hilary Clinton) Cathy Rudolph

Roaming Readers is open to all AAUW members; we welcome anyone interested to visit a meeting. We meet at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month (on the second Monday if the first is a holiday). We meet in rotating members' homes in person and via ZOOM. For general information or to arrange a visit to a specific meeting, please call either of our chairpersons below.

Carol Ann Johnson and Cathy Rudolph, Co-Chairs

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

This month, the Dine-Out group will be going to lunch at Grill and Chill located at 107 V St. They have Mediterranean sandwiches and burgers, and some vegetarian options. We wanted to give them our business because they are a locally owned business and we've heard good things about their food.

We will meet August 18 at 12:30 p.m.

You can contact Billye Iverson or Leslie Sevier for reservations

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs



Calendar of Events

August 1	Roaming Readers: The Windsor Knot (S.J. Bennet)
August 3	Branch Board Meeting
August 18	Dine Out Group: Grill and Chill
September 7	Branch Board Meeting
September 10	Tech Trek program with the campers
September 12	Roaming Readers: Cloud Cuckoo Land (Anthony Doerr)
September 15	Dine Out Group: TBD



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