



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

President's message

Happy Fall! This is one of my most favorite times of year.... sweater weather (bikini season is severely overrated!).

We had a terrific general meeting in Sept with our 2022 Tech Trek graduates and their families led by Wynn (Clevenger), Tech Trek Committee Chair since the inception of Tech Trek, and Pat (Grijalva). The program was both impressive and inspiring. Lives and trajectories of these girls and young women have been positively impacted by this program.

September was also busy with the preparation and execution of the at-large candidate forum for both the Mayor and the School Board (2-year term). Many thanks to the forum team led by Dulcie (Sinn) and Marell (Brooks), with team members Wynn (Clevenger), Barbara (Bolton), Katie (Brenon) and Janet (Blevin). Since the founding of our branch in 1964 AAUW has hosted a non-partisan candidate forum for local offices as a service to the community. To say that its a challenge to conduct a forum in-person **and** simultaneously on TV **and** via Zoom Webinar with live interpretation is a giant understatement but the payoff is that our entire community can participate and hear from the candidates who will make a difference in enacting policies effecting the community. I hope you were able to participate and felt as proud as I did. Great work, forum team!! Great work with our collaborators at the City and at the Fund for SB which sponsored the forum. Great work AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch! Our voice is our vote, and the ballots will be mailed no later than the 2nd week of Oct.

President's message (continued)...

Speaking of October, the AAUW Interbranch Council will be conducting its first meeting on October 8 collaborating on AAUW issues/work across SB county. Also on October 8 the Women's March will be held in DC, and across the nation, as people stand together for the fight for reproductive rights and equality for all. Let me know what you think about having a sister rally right here in Lompoc on the afternoon of the Oct 7. It wouldn't have to be big because it would surely be mighty.

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President

**AAUW Program Committee****Save the Date for a fun Kick-off for the Holidays Get Together.**

Sunday, November 13, 2022

World Kindness Day <https://nationaltoday.com/world-kindness-day/>

Let me know if you would like to join the party planning committee.

Dulcie Sinn, VP Programs

**AAUWFunds**

I recently went on the AAUW website and visited the DONATE page. This is a great resource if you are planning to support any one of several AAUW causes. The page lists each Fund and explains where the donations go. You can donate directly by pressing the COUNT ME In button. You will need to log in at that point. Make sure you include the branch number when you make the donation as our branch will then be credited with that amount. Last year our Lompoc Vandenberg branch raised enough money via AAUW Funds to qualify in that category for our 5 STAR rating.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds

**Membership**

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! In fact, AAUW has **extended** the grace period for renewing through ***November 30, 2022!***

Membership (continued)

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 Dalcerci, Membership VP

“Leaves” of our Branch

Check out this Noozhawk article featuring Lompoc person of the year in 2022, AAUW’s own Celeste Pico.

https://www.noozhawk.com/article/lompoc_high_principal_celeste_pico_named_woman_of_year_20220828



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)

As Fall settles upon us we have so much to celebrate, honor and reflect on when it comes to the people that have made a wonderful difference in the Latinx community. To truly acknowledge and recognize the importance of Latinx Heritage month from September 15th - October 15th one of the first people we must focus our gratitude towards is an American labor leader, civil rights activist and outspoken feminist, Dolores Huerta.

In 1962 Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chaves founded the National Farmworkers Association which would later merge with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to become the United Farm Workers. During this time period Dolores become one of the leading organizers leading the charge to bring education to not just the workers but also their families. She was a powerful voice in fighting for safer work conditions as well as better living wages for farmworkers and day laborers. One of the most significant civil rights movements she led was the Grape boycott in the early 1970s. The Grape boycott called on corporations to treat their employees with dignity and respect, to allow the workers to form unions, and to ultimately negotiate for better living wages and safer work conditions.

After a life of pushing for the betterment of the Latinx community Dolores Huerta would be honored by Eleanor Roosevelt in 1998 with the Human Rights Award. In 2012 President Obama would honor her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In her journey Dolores would come to understand the power of activism and of fighting for people’s rights in a time where corporations and corruption could easily take advantage of employees. Dolores would always be a champion for promoting the importance of humanity. Her message and legacy of activism is why registering and actually voting in the November election is so important. The people we elect make a difference and their obligation to listen to the community’s concerns and help make it better for further generations is the very lesson Dolores Huerta spent her life helping us learn.

Bridgette Candice Angulo, Branch Diversity and Inclusion Representative

Public Policy

When Women Vote, They Change the Conversation!

AAUW California supports the passage of Propositions 1 and 28 on the November ballot in California.

Proposition 1. The decision by the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn Roe v. Wade dealt a serious blow to the rights of women to make their own decision about their bodies. This spurred many state legislatures to act to ban abortion, some with no exceptions for rape, incest, or endangering the life of the mother. Abortion bans in other states have already taken effect. Yet polls in many states show a majority in support of protecting the rights of women to choose to have abortions. Currently women are coming from other states to obtain abortions in California. An Abortion Access website is being formed in our state to enable and assist out-of-state women with travel arrangements, housing, medical appointments and other matters.

California Legislators, recognizing the remote possibility that at some future time state legislation could ban abortions, took timely action in June to pass SCR 10. This put Proposition 1, the Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom, on the November ballot. Passage of Prop 1 will amend the California Constitution, stating “Section 1.1 is added to Article I thereof, to read: SEC. 1.1. The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.”

AAUW CA has begun a Social Media campaign to educate and encourage voters to support Prop 1. Weekly messages contain important facts. If you don't use social media, we urge you to email the messages to others who do!

Proposition 28. In the context of AAUW CA's Public Policy Priorities in support of Education, AAUW CA supports Proposition 28, The Arts and Music in Schools – Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act. Studies on educational achievement prove that arts and music education improve student learning. Music education has been shown to improve cognitive development and spatial reasoning while the dramatic arts improve reading comprehension. Arts and music education has also been shown to improve school attendance and individual self-confidence and motivation to learn, particularly among poor and other at-risk students. Yet these programs are usually the first cut when school budgets are reduced. Prop 28 would provide a minimum source of annual funding coming from the state General Fund to K-12 public schools to supplement arts education programs. School districts would be held accountable to use the funds for hiring certificated employees and

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purchasing supplies and materials. Read the full propositions on the Secretary of State website, www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures

Become informed, and Vote on November 8, 2022!!

PLEASE NOTE: There was an error in the AAUW California September Newsletter article. The article provided a link to National's Get Out the Vote Toolkit, however the link was to their old site. The site has been updated and the new and correct link is: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/>.

Janet Blevins, VP Public Policy

**Interest Groups****Mission Walkers Group (Weekdays) – note the new time!**

Join the AAUW women who walk the La Purisima Mission every Monday through Friday at **8:15** 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.

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

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

Interest Groups (Continued)

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

The dine out group is going to Sushi Teri at 213 West Ocean on Thursday, October 20th, 12:30. Reservations are not mandatory so come one, come all and meet at the restaurant.

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs



Calendar of Events

October 3	Roaming Readers: The Madness of Crowds (Louise Penny)
October 5	Branch Board Meeting
October 8	Interbranch Council meeting
October 8	Women’s March DC
October 20	Dine Out Group: Sushi Teri
November 2	Branch Board Meeting
November 7	Roaming Readers: The Things We Keep (Sally Hepworth)
November 8	VOTE!
November 13	Holiday Get Together
November 17	Dine Out Group: TBD



Editor’s Note:

November and December editions of Scattered Seeds will be combined into a single edition, published just prior to Thanksgiving.

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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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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