



President's Report

Happy New Year! I am hoping that each member of our mighty Lompoc Vandenberg branch had a terrific holiday and are starting 2023 recharged.

Thank you to all those who have updated your contact information as we get ready to print the new directory. Thanks to Dianne (Owens) for making the magic happen so that we'll be able to distribute them at the popular "Where in the World" potluck brunch, general meeting and program on 1/21 at the Events Mission Center from 11-1. Hope to see you there.

The newest AAUW program, "Govt Trek" will be launched this month for high school aged females interested in public service. Govt Tech is designed to address the paucity of females in the halls of power to consider careers in public service and elected office. There is no cost to the student to attend this 5 week on line program to foster our next generation of female leaders. Know an interested junior or senior? Send them this link to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvY-aM8x1B4xmdx2U0d-p9xiaJ6tZ3lrMuSj62K5iOZZA10w/viewform>

Looking forward to Feb, please save the date of Sat 2/25 for the Inter Branch Council luncheon (place to be announced) featuring UCSB PhD candidate and AAUW fellow, Nancy Morales. Here is a link to her profile from the AAUW site: https://ww3.aauw.org/aauw_check/fellowships_directory/#rid6719. This is

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also a great opportunity to get to know AAUW members from Santa Barbara, Goleta and Santa Maria.

AAUW's work is vital. I encourage each of us to look for opportunities to broaden and expand our branch. Let's make 2023 a year to remember for AAUW!

Until equality is ours.

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President

**AAUW Program Committee****Program Committee Upcoming Event*****Where in the World***

Saturday, January 21, 2023

11:00am- 1:00pm (Set up starts at 10:30am)

Events Mission Valley (138 North B St.)

- Bring a souvenir and a story about one of your adventures in the USA or the world.
- Potluck Brunch - bring a menu item or beverages to share & your own place setting & utensils.
- Members and friends are all welcome to come and share, listen, network, and enjoy stories about the places and experiences that have impacted our lives beyond the Lompoc Valley.

PS. I will be sending out an evite invitation to remind you of this fun event.

Dulcie Sinn, VP Programs



Other Events and Happenings

There will be a Santa Maria Valley Women's March and Rally on 1/21 at 11:00 (see detail below). If you are interested in staffing an AAUW table with the SM Branch or participating in the March and Rally, please email Laura Selken <mailto:laura.selken@gmail.com> and Brian Gee mailto:brian_r_gee@yahoo.com."



WOMEN'S MARCH
- SANTA MARIA VALLEY -

FOR ALL WOMEN EVERYWHERE

**11 AM - SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21, 2023**

MINAMI CENTER
600 W ENOS DR, SANTA MARIA

WE ARE MORE THAN ROE!

SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 2023

A calendar icon for January 2023 with a star on the 21st.

Save the date: 2/25/23 for the Regional lunch with AAUW fellows and grant recipients.

AAUW Funds

Our 2022 fundraising year is now behind us. Our branch members contributed approximately \$2000 to AAUW Funds. Thank you to those members that donated. This total was below our annual goal but I am confident we will do better in 2023. The easiest way to give is online. If you go to our local AAUW website, you will find a link to the national website which explains many of the funds available. AAUW is a consistent source of funding for women pursuing higher education, both nationally and internationally. AAUW Funds also support research and special projects. If you have any questions about AAUW Funds, please contact me. Let's make a commitment to support AAUW fellowships and scholarships.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds



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)

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)**

We will be meeting at Chow Ya restaurant at the corner of A and Ocean on Thursday, January 19, at 12:30 p.m. For reservations, please email Leslie at bookstor@verizon.net or call or text Billye Iverson. Thank you!

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

**Calendar of Events**

January 2	Roaming Readers: Reader's Choice
January 4	Branch Board Meeting
January 19	Dine Out Group: Chow Ya
January 21	"Where in the World" Program & Brunch
January 21	Women's March in Santa Maria
February 6	Roaming Readers: <i>While Justice Sleeps</i> (Stacy Abrams)
February 1	Branch Board Meeting
February 16	Dine Out Group: TBD
February 25	Interbranch AAUW Fellows Luncheon

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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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