



President's Report

What a wonderful turn out we had for the “Where in the World” potluck brunch and general meeting last month. So many great stories, fascinating souvenirs, and delicious dishes! Here are a few photos of the day. Many thanks to Dulcie (Sinn) for organizing and to Pat (Grijalva) for arranging the venue which was donated by Alan and Becky Grant.

Thanks to Dianne (Owens) and the great attendance at last month’s meeting, we were able to distribute the branch directory hot off the presses after a two-year hiatus. Copies will be mailed out to those who couldn’t make the meeting or get one picked up by another member.

February is lined up to be a great month with the AHC Bow Wow days on 2/15 from 10-1, Speech Trek 2023 on 2/16 from 4pm – 6pm at City Hall, a book sale at Chapter 2 benefitting the Scholarship fund on 2/17 and 2/18. See further details in the newsletter. Let’s come out and support! Bring friends.

On 2/25 there will be a delicious AAUW Interbranch (Santa Maria, Santa Barbara/Goleta, and Lompoc-Vandenberg) brunch at the wonderful Craft House at Corque in Solvang featuring Nancy Morales, an AAUW fellow at UCSB. Invite a friend or two. **RSVP to Dianne (Owens) by 2/16.** Carpooling available. See the flyer in the newsletter for details.

President's Report (continued)...

Tech Trek and AAUW scholarship season are coming up. If you'd like to get involved in these great committees give Wynn (Clevenger) or Julie (Schneringer) a call or drop an email for Tech Trek and Scholarship, respectively. Interested in being a Tech Trek dorm mom this summer to see the magic happen first hand at UCSB? Contact Pat (Grijalva) for details.

Finally, its time to think about the AAUW 2023-2024 board. Please let me know *this month* if you can volunteer for the nominating committee and/or if you are interested in a board position starting in June 2023. Join the board, join the fun and help grow and expand the wonderful work of AAUW in the community!

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President



Events and Happenings

Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch Directory 2022-2023 Available

The 2022-2023 branch directory was available at the January 21 branch meeting. Thanks to members who were willing to deliver copies to those not in attendance, we only had to mail 20 copies! Thank YOU!

Here are a few updates to enter into your copy.

- **Cathy Rudolph's** new phone number is **805-757-1223**
- **Donna Wood's** new phone number is **805-623-6332**
- **Barbara McReynolds** has renewed her membership!
409 South A Street, Lompoc
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805-736-6352 bmcreynolds@sbceo.org

Dianne Owens

Bulldog Bow-WOW

We will be participating in the Allan Hancock Spring Bulldog Bow-WOW at the Lompoc Valley Center on Wednesday, February 15, from 10-1 pm. This is an opportunity for AAUW to share our goals and the services we offer to Hancock students and staff members. It will be outdoors, upstairs, under a covered patio.

If you would like to help with Bow-WOW, please let me know.

Barbara Bolton

Speech Trek

The 2023 Speech Trek competition is right around the corner! This year's event will take place on Thursday, February 16 from 4-6 pm at Lompoc City Hall (100 Civic Center Drive). Come and support our courageous contestants as they discuss this year's topic: How can communities, organizations and citizens of all ages help protect and expand voting rights? Bring a friend!!



*Join fellow AAUW members from other branches for a lovely meal
and hear an inspiring speaker*

Saturday, February 25, 2023

11:30 AM-2:00 PM

**The Craft House at Corque
420 Alisal Rd, Solvang**

Keynote Speaker

Nancy Morales

AAUW Grant Recipient, UCSB Ph.D candidate in Feminist Studies

Tickets: \$36

Please RSVP by February 15

to Dianne Owens at dianneowens9@gmail.com or (805) 733-1734.

Send check payable to Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW and mail to
PO Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438.



Nancy Morales is an Indigenous Latinx feminist scholar-activist, whose project examines Indigenous women and queer youth's participation in building diasporic Indigenous communities to challenge U.S. settler colonialism. She is also a cofounder of Collective of Pueblos Originarios in Diaspora (CPOD), a new student campus organization that heightens visibility of Indigenous students (Maya, Mixtec and Zapotec) in diaspora at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her goal is to pursue various forms of scholar activism.

Scholarship Fundraiser

The scholarship committee is having a “Sidewalk Sale” at The Chapter Two Bookstore on February 17th and 18th. Books will be sold by the inch - \$1.00 per and by the bag - \$10.00 per. Please spread the word.

Calling all members!

We’re are having a sidewalk book sale to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. The sale will be February 17 and 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chapter Two Bookstore is providing the sidewalk, tables and many of the books. The store is located at 1137 North H Street (behind Burger King).

You can help in many ways:

- Get the word out to all you know to come and buy books.
- Bring your book donations to the bookstore (The Bookstore is now called Chapter Two - confusing). We want nice copies of fiction, nonfiction, history, cookbooks and children’s books. No text books, medical, psychology, or travel. If YOU would buy it at a book sale, that is the kind of book we want to sell at ours.
- Help with set-up and staffing the tables both days of the sale. If we have enough volunteers, we’ll only need you for a couple of hours to work so let us know what times work for you. We’ll have chairs for you to sit in.
- Provide plastic bags
- And above all - come and buy books!

Leslie Sevier, Chapter 2 Bookstore



Membership:

It is a great time to grow our membership! Please spread the word amongst your network on all of the wonderful work AAUW is doing to ensure Economic Security, Education and Advocacy for women. Encourage your friends and family to TAKE ACTION and join us, partner with us, or simply donate to our AAUW Funds.

Mischa Dalcerra, Membership VP

AAUW Funds**Cheers To All California Branch Fund Chairs!**

Because of you and your efforts, AAUW Fund exceeded our targeted goal of \$525,000 by an additional \$44,682 through the end of November. And this exceeded last year's Fund donations by \$51,000! Did you notice that these figures didn't even include December's donations? So, there will be more! Yay!!! Check back next month.

Speaking of Fund, the Honorary Dianne Owens Fund was completed with total donations of \$5,845. These donations were designated for the Greatest Needs Fund too.

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)**

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 are going to Angela's Mexican Restaurant on Thursday February 16th at 12:30 p.m. The restaurant is at 115 South J Street behind the big laundromat that used to be The Jetty.

For reservations, please contact Billye Iverson at 805-757-7165 or Leslie Sevier at 805-291-6095.

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

**Calendar of Events**

February 1	Branch Board Meeting
February 6	Roaming Readers: <i>While Justice Sleeps</i> (Stacy Abrams)
February 15	Allan Hancock College Bow-WOW Days
February 16	Speech Trek
February 16	Dine Out Group: Angela's
February 17-18	Chapter Two Bookstore Fundraiser for Scholarships
February 25	Interbranch AAUW Fellows Luncheon
March 1	Branch Board Meeting
March 6	Roaming Readers: <i>The Moonflower Murders</i> (Anthony Horowitz)
March 16	Dine Out Group: TBD

**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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