



### **President's Report**

Summer is here and so is our newly installed 2023-2024 board! For those of you who were able to attend the celebration of the 2022-2023 year and the 2023-2024 installation of officers at the beautiful home of Kari Rosson, it was certainly a treat. We were able to introduce our newest branch members: Judith Frost, Robin Ghormley, Tracy Beard and Dinah Lockhart!! Welcome again and thank you for joining our branch in making a difference in the lives of women and girls!

We were able to congratulate our scholarship award winners Dayana and Annabel who attended with their moms to share their exciting plans as they start their freshman years at UCLA majoring in biology and UC Davis majoring in statistics respectively. Thank you, Julie (Schneringer), chair of the scholarship committee, Leslie (Siever) for hosting the successful fund raiser book sale at Chapter 2 which helped to fund the scholarships and to the whole scholarship team for making this possible.

In addition, we presented branch gifts and AAUW graduation cords to Michelle Koga AHC 2023 (and LHS #1 student 2023) and Karla Pantigua AHC 2023. Both Michelle and Karla are Tech Trek alumni. Michelle will be a senior junior councilor at Tech Trek 2023 and will be an incoming junior transfer in the fall at Cal Berkley studying Computer Science. Karla is graduating from AHC with honors and is transferring to a 4-year university studying Nursing. Karla is a Tech Trek Alumni and the winner of our local Speech Trek.

Many thanks to our outgoing and incoming board and to Dianne Owens, 2022 AAUW CA board President for bestowing the honors of installing the 2023-2024 board.

## President's Report (continued)...

We also celebrated the accomplishments 2022-2023 with the year in review. For those who weren't able to attend, it will be posted under "past events" on our web site (AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg (CA) Branch) this month.

### **Let your voice be heard!**

June 24<sup>th</sup> we will have a 2023 – 2024 strategic planning session including the 2023-2024 program planning and welcome your input on programs you'd like to see and in which you'd like to participate. Want to get involved in the planning? Contact Lucy (Thoms-Harrington) by email or text.



AHC Graduates and Branch Awardees: Karla and Michelle



Scholarship Awardees: Dayana and Annabell



2023-2024 Board: Leslie Sevier, Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Marell Brooks, Alice Down and Mischa Dalcetri

***Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President***

## Membership

At our annual meeting in May, there was unanimous approval of the changes to the local branch membership dues effective July 1, 2023. Local dues will increase by \$3 to \$23. Local dues will be waived for Honorary Lifetime members in recognition of their 50 years in AAUW. Local dues will also be waived for enrolled college and graduate students.

For many of us, our renewal period is now and we have received emails to please renew which can all be done on line. If you renew prior to 1 July, local dues will reflect \$20.

### **Branch Directory Updates**

Asbury, Kathleen  
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Schultz, Tonya  
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Staight, Betty  
Unit 269, 9942 Highland Ave., Rancho Cucamonga 91737 (delete phone number)

***Mischa Dalcerra, Membership VP***



## Public Policy

### **Three Things From Public Policy**

1. Voting on the proposed changes to the Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) for 2023-2025 closed on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Proposed PPPs can be found [HERE](#).
2. In case you missed the fabulous *Academy AAUWards* at the Annual Event, the Public Policy Committee was thrilled to name Sheila Kuehl as our Equity Champion for 2023. During her time as both a state assemblymember and state senator, as well as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Ms. Kuehl authored many bills addressing economic equity for women and violence against women, as well as those enhancing rights for members of the LGBTQ community. People of a certain age – which includes many of us – might remember her as Zelda on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*, and we all enjoyed watching a snippet from the episode where she declared herself “Most Likely to Succeed” – fortuitous indeed!
3. The bills on our 2023-24 Legislative Agenda are working their way through committee hearings. You can keep updated on their progress on our “Bill Tracker”, click [HERE](#).

***Written by Kathleen Harper, Director, Public Policy Committee Chair, AAUW-CA  
Submitted by Janet Blevins, Public Policy***

## Programs

### Human Trafficking Prevention Program

On May 9, AAUW presented our local programs and highlighted two of its three top legislative priorities of AAUW which are aimed at holding Social Media Platform companies accountable for their roles in contributing to the dramatic rise of on line recruitment of minors for human trafficking using their Platforms. The town hall was hosted by the Lompoc Rotary and AAUW was joined by Lompoc Unified School District, the city of Lompoc, the Lompoc Police Department and other community leaders on this critical issue. More than 40 people were in attendance to learn about the dangers surrounding the use of Social Media and human trafficking.

### Save the date: Pedal the Pacific

Save the date of 7/17 for Pedal the Pacific, a team of 10 female college students who are biking the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego will stop in Lompoc to bring awareness and raise funds for the fight against human trafficking.

### Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Event

You are cordially invited to join the three Santa Barbara County AAUW Branches for *dinner and the play "American Mariachi" at the Solvang Theater Fest, August 12, 2023*

**Date and Time:** Saturday, August 12, 6:30 pm dinner, 8 pm play

**Ticket Price:** \$45.00 for dinner and play, \$20 for dinner if you already have tickets for the play

**Deadline:** July 10 to purchase tickets. We only have 40 tickets reserved for all three branches, so they will go fast! Don't wait!

Mail \$45 per ticket to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch, P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438 AND email Dianne Owens (dianneowens9@ [gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com)) and Kay Duffy Taylor (kduffy5721@aol.com) with your *Name and Number of tickets you have purchased*.

The Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch will bring desserts for the dinner and everyone will bring a bottle of wine, soft drinks, juice, water, etc. to share. Cookies and bars are favorites for this event. The other branches are bringing appetizers and salads. We will purchase delicious sandwiches.

I hope you can join us for this fun and festive event. It has been three years since we have gathered in Solvang for a play. We are excited!

Programs (Continued)


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**MARIACHI**

by  
José Cruz González

**Santa Barbara County AAUW Interbranch**  
**THEATER PARTY**

Please join us for this inspiring musical under the stars, preceded by a meal of substantial appetizers, desserts, wines and non-alcoholic drinks in the Patrons' Garden on the theater grounds. Friends and relatives welcome!

**Saturday, August 12th, 2023**  
Social gathering 6:30pm • Show starts 8:00pm  
Solvang Festival Theater, Patron Garden  
420 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Solvang

**\$45 per person for social gathering and show ticket**  
**Social only: \$20 (no show ticket)**

**Reservations needed by July 10**

Please RSVP to Dianne Owens ([dianneowens9@gmail.com](mailto:dianneowens9@gmail.com)) and Kay Duffy Taylor ([kduffy5721@aol.com](mailto:kduffy5721@aol.com)) with the number of tickets you need. We have only 40 tickets. Send checks payable to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch, P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438.

*(Please let us know of any special requirements such as aisle seats for those with mobility issues.)*

## AAUW Funds

Dear AAUW branch members:

AAUW national sent out the solicitations for its annual Giving Drive. Donations are due by June 15th. This is a good time to make your donation to AAUW Funds. You can use the envelope they provide or you can give online. Please use your membership number to make sure our branch gets credit toward our yearly AAUW Funds contribution. If you have questions, let me know.

State level honored Sharon Westafer with the 2023 State Named Gift Honoree award! She is an active member of the Long Beach and Stockton branches, and the Los Angeles County IBC. Additionally, she is the secretary of the California Online Branch. She has held most branch positions in leadership roles, but also shows up to stuff student bags for Tech Trek! Sharon has proven leadership skills in many areas of her branches: president, Fund director, treasurer, and secretary.

Of note, 122 Named Honoree nominations were requested from branches to honor your key members. Our branch had two of these honorees:

- Alice Down: Alice was honored because of her many years of service to our branch. She has served as secretary for several years and she has always made herself available for various projects during her many years of membership.
- Tech Trek: 25 consecutive years of Participation under the guidance of member Wynn Clevenger. What a milestone! The award goes to the entire branch for supporting our young women by raising funds for this life-changing experience.

Thank you.

***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.



**Interest Groups (Continued)****Dine-out, Food, Fun and Friends Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)**

This month's Dine-out will be at Vega Vineyard and Farm, June 15th at 12:30. Their website is <https://www.vegavineyardandfarm.com>.

We will be eating outside so check the weather and bring a jacket or sweater. It's easy to get to the winery. Drive to Buellton and turn right on Avenue of the Flags. It will dead-end at Santa Rosa Road right past the 101 on-ramp. Vega is just as you round the bend onto Santa Rosa Road on your left.

Please let Billye or Leslie know if you are going. Reservations are recommended.

***Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs***

**Roaming Readers (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month)**

June 5: *The Nurse's Secret* (Amanda Skanadore) Carol Ann Johnson

July 3: *Blood Lands* (Timothy Snyder) Janet Shiers

August 7: *When the Apricots Bloom* (Gina Wilkinson) Eileen James

September 11: *Unsheltered*: (Barbara Kingsolver) Kathryn Johnson

October 2: *The Lincoln Highway* (Amor Towles) Betty Staight

November 6: *Lessons in Chemistry* (Bonnie Garmus) Cathy Rudolph

December 4: *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* (Christy Lefteri) Diane Lawrence

January 8: Reader's Choice

February 5: *Wish You Were Here* (Jodi Picoult) Myra Wapner

March 4: *Abraham Lincoln: And Then There Was Light* (Jon Meacham) Gail Meehan

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 Cathy Rudolph.

***Carol Ann Johnson and Cathy Rudolph, Co-Chairs***



**Calendar of Events**

June 5	Roaming Readers: <i>The Nurse's Secret</i> (Amanda Skanadore)
June 15	Dine Out Group: Vega Vineyards and Farm
June 24	2023 – 2024 Strategic Planning Session
July 3	Roaming Readers: <i>Blood Lands</i> (Timothy Snyder)
July 5	Branch Board Meeting
July 17	Pedal the Pacific
July 20	Dine Out Group: TBD
August 12	AAUW Interbranch at PCPA

**Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information**

LV Branch Website: <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>  
 LV Branch Mailing address: P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438  
 LV Branch e-mail address: [lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net](mailto:lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net)  
 Facebook: [Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW](#)  
 Instagram: [@aauw\\_lompocvandenberg](#)

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