



President's Report

Welcome to summer in full bloom! In June, your hard working board met for a strategic planning session (and brunch!!) to plan the year, brainstorm about increasing and retaining membership, and succession planning. It was a terrific session (and no that wasn't the mimosas talking!) and I appreciate all the time and thoughts to continue to grow our branch. There are some great opportunities to join a committee of interest, join or start an interest group, or invite a friend to attend a program (or two!). Take a look at the **Master Calendar for 2023-2024** on what's in store during what's bound to be an outstanding year and how to connect with the program planning teams.

Fasten your seatbelt because 2023-2024 has two very significant milestones. On Saturday August 19 at the Events Mission Valley (138 North B St, Lompoc), we'll get out the confetti and celebrate Tech Trek's 25th anniversary with our most recent campers sharing their experiences, along with some milestones the Lompoc-Vandenberg program has achieved since Tech Trek's inception to date under the great leadership of our Tech Trek chair, Wynn (Clevenger) who has been there from the beginning. Pat (Grijalva)'s leadership at the state level has helped every branch and camper attending the UCSB camp. Katie (Brenna) will be a dorm parent again this year and Julie (Schneringer) will be part of the women in tech panel at this year's camp to talk about her experience at NASA. Look for details under Tech Trek in the newsletter and I hope you can come and celebrate Tech Trek's 25th and our campers (and alumni).

In March, the champagne or sparking cider will be popping as we will celebrate the branch's 60th year of its AAUW charter, established in 1964. We are so very fortunate to have charter members: Tonya (Schultz), Myra (Wapner) and Donna (Wood) still active in our branch today!! We'll be planning something big to celebrate this milestone and the founders coincident with Women's History Month.

President’s Report (continued)...

Dues Structure Effective 7/1/23 & Renewals

At our annual meeting in May, the new branch due structure was approved by our membership which increased branch dues from \$20 to \$23 and waived branch dues for honorary lifetime members in recognition of their 50 years of service to AAUW and for student members (undergrad and graduate). Below is the summary including national, state and local which are effective 7/1/23 along with instructions on how to renew.

Many of us have renewal dates in June for membership! Have questions on renewing? Please email Mischa Dalcerra, Membership VP at mischadalcerra@gmail.com. We very much value your membership in AAUW!!!

Effective 7/1/23 - Dues					
Membership Type	National	State	Branch	Total \$	How to Renew
Honary Lifetime Members	0	0	0	0	No action required
Lifetime Members	0	20	23	43	By check to AAUW sent to PO Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438
Annual Members	72	20	23	115	On line at: https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/
Student Members (undergrad and grad)	18.81	10	0	28.81	On line at: https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/

2023-2024 AAUW Master Calendar

Month	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun
Member Mtgs	Pedal the Pacific Mon 7/17 <i>Hilton</i> 5:30pm	Tech Trek 25 th Sat 8/19 <i>138 N.B St.</i>	Reception for Superintendent TBD	Reprod Care/ Rights (PP & Savie) TBD		Holiday Party TBD	Where in the World Brunch Sat 1/20 <i>138 N.B St.</i>		Change-makers AAUW 60 th ! TBD	Earth Day TBD	Annual Meeting TBD	
Community Programs	Tech Trek Camp at UCSB	Hello AHC! <i>Lpc camp</i> Mon 8/7 4-6pm PCPA 8/12 <i>Solvang</i>			Scholar. App. Update		Govt Trek Virtual Women March Tech Trek Recruit	Speech Trek Live <i>City Hall</i> AAUW Fellow Lunch		Tech Trek Select	Schships	
Board Mtgs			X		X		X	X		X		
News letter	X	← X →		X	← X →		X	X	X	X		← X →

Join a Program Committee for 2023-2024! (*Point of Contact)

- Tech Trek 25th – 2023: Wynn (Clevenger)*, Pat (Grijalva) and Lucy (Thoms-Harrington)
- Reception for LUSD Superintendent: Marell (Brooks)*, Janet (Blevins) and Lucy
- Reproductive Health Care and Rights with PP and Savie Health: Marell*, Janet and Lucy (see below)
- Where in the World:
- Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW 60th!: Lucy Thoms-Harrington*, Alice (Down) and Mischa (Dalcerrri)
- Earth Day: Marell (Brooks)*
- Govt Trek: Lucy (Thoms-Harrington)*
- Speech Trek:
- Scholarship: Julie (Schneringer)*, Pat (Grijalva), Leslie (Sevier), Donna (Woods)

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President

Programs

This month (July), the 2023 Pedal the Pacific team will be stopping in Lompoc for a well deserved rest and community reception hosted by North County Rape Crisis Center and Child Protection Services (NCRCCCPS) at the Hilton Garden Inn on 7/17. AAUW will collaborate again this year with NCRCCCPS on the event. There will be a business meeting which will start at 5:30pm before the reception which starts at 6:00pm. **The reception will include a light dinner by donation and RSVPs are requested to Lucy (Thoms-Harrington) by 7/12 (email: lth.terralink@gmail.com).** Please feel free to bring a guest or two! Hope to see you there to support these incredible activist college women from across the country who are pedaling the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to bring awareness to the fight against human trafficking. <https://www.pedalthePacific.org>



Lompoc Community Reception for Pedal the Pacific Team!

• Monday July 17, 2023 •
• 5:30 PM •

• Hilton Garden Inn •
1201 North H Street

Light Dinner by Donation •
RSVP by July 12:

Lompocvanderberg-ca.aauw.net.
Celebrate the Pedal the Pacific team of college females from across the country biking from Seattle to San Diego to raise funds and bring awareness to 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!

Note: *The Lompoc Vandenberg Branch allocation of tickets have all been claimed. If you are interested in attending email Dianne Owens (dianneowens9@gmail.com) with your Name and Number of tickets you want and she will start a wait list.*

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!



american
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

Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Event (continued)

Please RSVP to Dianne Owens (dianneowens9@gmail.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.

AAUW Funds

Members should have received a 2nd solicitation from National for the yearly Giving campaign, which has been extended to July 15th. This is a good opportunity to support all our AAUW programs. You can send in a check in the envelope they provided or go online. If you need your membership number, remember it is now next to your name in the branch directory. If you have any questions, call me at 733-3462.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds

**Public Policy**

AAUW has just released its 2023-2025 Public Policy Priorities based on member input into the strategic planning process. Read these priorities in full at

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/aauw-public-policy-priorities/>

**The End of Reproductive Choice in Red America
and the Supreme Court**

I write this on the one-year anniversary of the Dobbs Decision handed down by the Supreme Court overturning 50 years of guaranteed access by all women in the country to reproductive care.

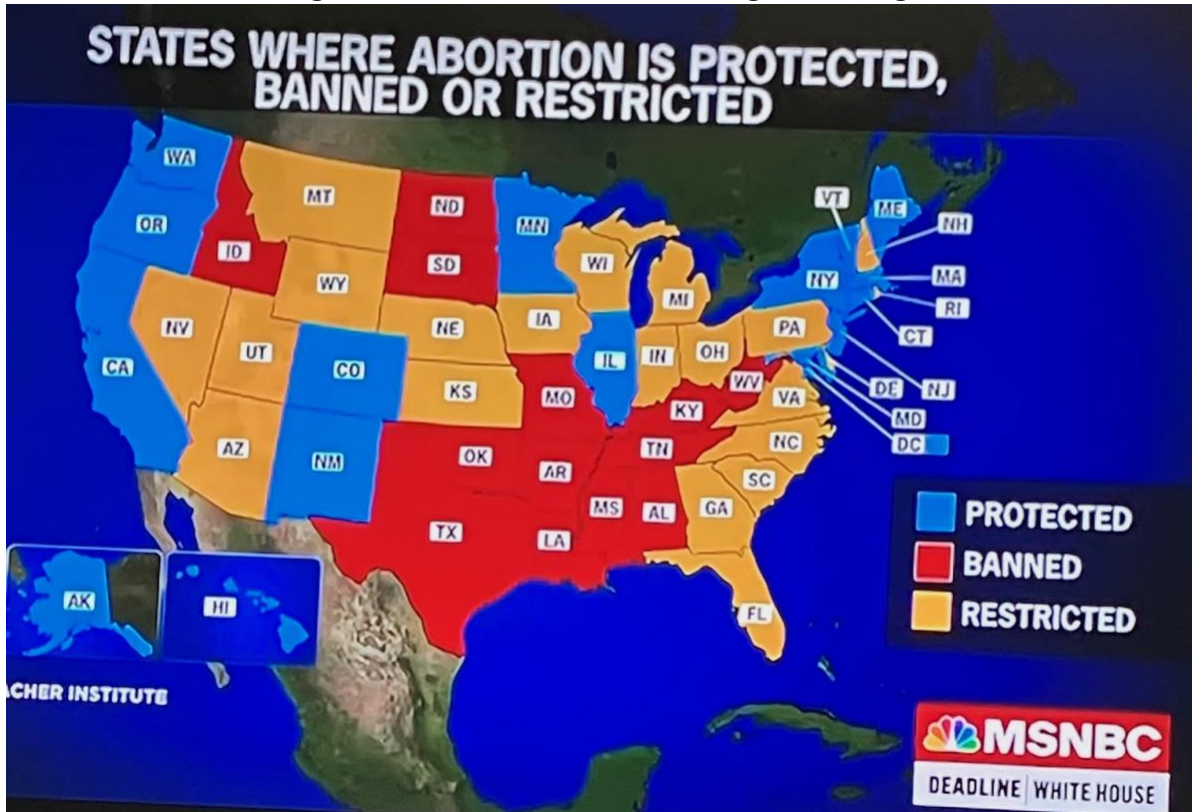
“In the year since Roe fell, 20 states enacted laws banning or restricting abortion, forcing a rapid shift in our country’s patchwork of abortion access. At least 61 clinics, Planned Parenthood facilities and doctors’ offices stopped offering abortions in the last year. Most were in the 14 states that banned abortion outright.” New York Times

Many states already have a shortage of OBGYNs and medical schools report a significant decrease in the number of students signing up to study the speciality of gynecology which is another scary result of these bans and restrictions.

This situation is unacceptable, un-American, misogynistic and wrong-headed. I predict that the election in 2024 will go a long way toward correcting these horrible bans and restrictions. I am

counting on a surge of young voters who will help get our country back on track for women's healthcare.

AAUW stands firmly behind reproductive choice and was instrumental in the passing of CA Proposition 1 last November which amended the Constitution of California to explicitly protect the right to abortion; it was among the first three states do so, alongside Michigan and Vermont.



Janet Blevins, Public Policy



Tech Trek

We are getting close to camp time...last two weeks of July. We are celebrating 25 years of our branch's participation in Tech Trek. Thanks to all of our members who have supported TT all of these years.

This year we are sending four campers all from VMS: Rylee Theis, Octavia Ritter, Aylani Duenas, and Natali Santos. We will also be represented by two senior counselors, Michelle Koga and Dayanna Cabeza Ramirez. Our selected LVMS camper dropped out because she did not get the COVID vaccination. Her fees will be rolled over to next year.

In August after the campers return, we will have an official TT program celebrating our participation. Tentatively, the program is planned for Saturday August 19 at the Events Mission Valley – 138 North B. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Wynn Clevenger

Interest Groups

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

We will meet at the River Grill at the Alisal on Thursday, July 20 at 12:30 p.m. Please let Billye or Leslie know if you will be attending as we will make the reservation on Tuesday, the 18th. The restaurant is by the golf course clubhouse and the address is 150 Alisal Rd.

Hope to see you there!

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs



Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

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



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.

Calendar of Events

July 3	Roaming Readers: <i>Blood Lands</i> (Timothy Snyder)
July 5	Branch Board Meeting
July 17	General Meeting and Pedal the Pacific
July 20	Dine Out Group: River Grill
August 2	Branch Board Meeting
August 7	Hello AHC! Lompoc Campus
August 7	Roaming Readers: When the Apricots Bloom (Gina Wilkinson)
August 12	AAUW Interbranch at PCPA
August 17	Dine Out Group: TBD
August 19	General Meeting and Tech Trek 25 th Celebration



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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