



President's Report

I hope you are having a fantastic summer!

I was delighted that so many of us were able to attend the first general meeting of the new year which preceded the terrific Pedal the Pacific community reception program on July 17, attended by over 100 people.

Like many of you have also shared with me, I too left inspired by the work done by the Pedal Team of 10 female college students from across the country. They shared their stories of spending the summer biking the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise awareness and support for the fight against human trafficking. AAUW is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with these women and with the vital work done by the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center, the host and our collaborator on the event, led by its indefatigable executive director, Ann McCarty.

For our part, AAUW shared with the audience its advocacy of one of the highest legislative priorities of AAUW CA State Assembly Bill 1394, which would hold social media companies accountable for their platforms' roles which are used to attract and recruit victims by traffickers. We will continue to advocate for the support of this bill.

Noozhawk and the Vision both had a great write up which captured the evening. If you missed it, here is the link to the articles:

<https://www.noozhawk.com/pedal-the-pacific-riders-carry-message-against-human-trafficking/>

<https://thelompocvision.com/wp-content/Issues/August-2023/22/index.html>

President's Report (continued)...

Speaking of recognition....the City of Lompoc will be recognizing AAUW Tech Trek's impact over 25 years in the community at City Hall on Tuesday 8/15/23 at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend!!!

We are off to a great start to the year with more to come. Have a little time? Join the board in making the magic happen at a program or two, like the upcoming welcome reception planned for September (date to be selected) for Dr. Clara Finneran, Lompoc's new Superintendent of Lompoc Unified School District (the point of contact is Merrill Brooks). Ask a friend or neighbor (or two) to attend a program (like Tech Trek on Aug 20!) with you and share the work AAUW is doing locally, nationally and in the state...I'll bet they will want to join our branch!



Lucy and Mayor Jenelle Osbourne with the Pedal the Pacific riders



President's Report (continued)...



Mayor Jenelle Osbourne and Ann McCarty with the Pedal the Pacific riders

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President



Membership

Welcome to our branch: Mary Schaefer, our newest member!! Mary's email is: magdaline131@gmail.com

We are excited that you've joined us, Mary!

AAUW Funds

Thank you to members who have already sent in their yearly contributions. You may do so online or you can use the envelopes that National sent to promote their annual 'giving' campaign. Last year our branch donated more than \$4,000 to the Funds. These donations go to many scholarships and programs which assist women as they pursue their higher education.

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds



Programs

August is packed with AAUW excitement and fun.

Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Event

On August 12, our branch joins the SM and the SB/Goleta branches at the Solvang Theaterfest's performance of American Mariachi. It's bound to be a great time with terrific company.

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.



25 Years of Tech Trek

Sunday, August 20 from 12:45-3 at the Events Mission Center (138 North B), everyone needs to get out their party hats. We will be celebrating 25 years of Tech Trek success with our most recent campers sharing their experiences from this year's camp at UCSB. RSVP to Wynn (Clevenger) wynn.cleveng@gmail.com. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor to share the fun. I am sad that I will not be there in person (in Washington at that time) but you know I will be toasting the Silver Anniversary along with the positive impact and inspiration it has had on over 80 young women from Lompoc. Many thanks to Wynn (Clevenger) for the leading Tech Trek committee for our branch from its inception! Many thanks to Pat Grijalva for her new role as State Director of Tech Trek UCSB.

Programs (Continued)

**AAUW IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
OF TECH TREK**

MEET THE 2023 TECH TREK CAMPERS

They will be sharing their camp experiences with
AAUW and community members.

We have sent 80 girls to camp since 1998

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 * 12:45-3PM

GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 12:45

EVENTS MISSION VALLEY

138 North B Street

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE
RSVP to Wynn Clevenger, wynn.cleveng@gmail.com

Public Policy



**AAUW Central Coast Discussion with Kathi Harper:
AAUW School Board Project**

All across America, a movement is underfoot to allegedly “protect our children” from hearing, reading, or learning about the struggles of marginalized groups and our government’s role in creating and/or responding to those challenges. Books are being pulled off shelves and curriculum is being censored on a daily basis. These efforts include financial and other forms of support for candidates for school board positions who support these policies and who would then be in a position to see them come to fruition.

These policies are antithetical to AAUW California’s public policy priorities to ensure “equal access to quality public education for all students” including “access to diverse curriculum that represents historically accurate information.” This is why AAUW California is determined to do everything we can to stop this movement from taking hold in our beautiful state, and why we have entered into a collaboration with Equality California to identify, recruit, and support candidates to run for nonpartisan school board races up and down the state.

If you would like to learn more about how AAUW California is responding, and what you, as an AAUW California member, can do to help stop this from happening in our state and local districts, join us for a presentation hosted by the Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW and presented by Kathi Harper, past Public Policy Chair of AAUW California

Event: Central Coast Discussion: AAUW School Board Project
Presented by: Kathi Harper, past Public Policy Chair of AAUW California
October 7, 2023 Saturday 10-12 noon

Atascadero Library : Located in: Hotel Park Business Center

Address: 6555 Capistrano Ave, Atascadero, CA 93422

All are welcome

Jean Burns Slater jbslater2006@gmail.com Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW Branch President
 Program will be recorded during event. Five Cities Pismo Beach AAUW website: fivecitiespismo-beach-ca.aauw.net

Public Policy (Continued)

From AAUW National: Over the next four weeks, members of Congress will travel home for August recess (a period of in-district work). This is an ideal time to develop a relationship with them over AAUW priorities and encourage them to support these critically important gender equity issues, including:

- Affirming the Equal Rights Amendment
- Ending the gender pay gap, and
- Creating gender equity in education

Find expert tips on how to communicate with elected officials and their staff in [this helpful AAUW guide](#). It lays out step by step how to arrange and conduct a meeting, and then follow-up. (You can also watch [our recent webinar](#) to learn some tips and tricks from fellow AAUW members.) Remember—[reach out to your branch leaders](#) if you plan to meet with your elected officials so they can collaborate with you. Be sure to let us know if you do!



Interest Groups

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

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

Interest Groups (Continued)**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.

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

Dine-out will be at Chef Rick's in Santa Maria, August 17th at 12:30 p.m. Chef Rick's Ultimately Fine Foods is located at 135 E. Foster Road (where The Jetty used to be).

Let Leslie or Billye know if you would like to join in the fun! Hope to see you there!

Leslie Sevier & Billye Iverson, Co-Chairs

**Calendar of Events**

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: Chef Rick's Ultimately Fine Foods
August 20	Tech Trek 25 th Celebration
September 6	Branch Board Meeting
September 11	Roaming Readers: Unsheltered (Barbara Kingsolver)
September 21	Dine Out Group: TBD



Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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Facebook: [Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW](#)

Instagram: [@aauw_lompocvandenberg](#)

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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