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Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

President's Report

Welcome to wonderful May! A month where we get to celebrate our moms whether they be here on earth or here in our hearts. My mom titled herself domestic engineer. When I was in high school on the tennis team, she led the protest which forced the school to include girls' sports for the first time at the season-end recognition banquets. I heard Title IX thrown around enthusiastically as my giant of a mom at 5' 0" took on the 6' 5" Athletic Director, Vice Principal and ultimately the Principal (all of whom were men) to prevail. To this day at my high school all genders are celebrated at the banquets thanks to my mom. I miss her every day!

It's also the month we will be celebrating our branch! May 5th is the date we'll be marking as being ChangeMakers in our community since 1964 (see the terrific flyer design by Samantha Scoggin). We're recording a wonderful interview with our charter members who are still active in our branch today: Tonya Schultz, Mayra Wapner, and Donna Woods. At our celebration, we'll look at our 60 years through scrapbooks of memories, meet our Gov Trek graduate (the first from our branch!) and her wonderful mother. We'll hear a short set of music from local celebrity, Kaitlyn Chui, Flower Festival Queen, LHS graduate and graduate from Pepperdine where she studied Music and Voice. Did you see the terrific display (thanks, Julie!!) honoring our work in South Side Coffee Company's (a wonderful woman owned business by Halle Bedford!) showcase window? Here's a few snapshots which does not do it justice because of the glare (or the operator!).

President's Report (continued)



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Get ready for our annual meeting June 2nd where we will be electing the 2024-2025 board, updating our bylaws, celebrating our named gift honorees, and setting the stage for a fantastic year to come. (See all the details in "Programs and Events" article below)

Want to be part of making the magic happen in 2024-2025? Reach out to me or any one of our fantastic board members to plug in based on your interests and your schedule.

Last month we submitted a Movement Making Grant to the Fund for Santa Barbara to expand accessibility for the community to participate in our upcoming nonpartisan candidate forums. For the first time, we will be collaborating with Future for Lompoc Youth's students and alumni to engage young, diverse voters and to ensure that their voices are heard in both the forum process, as well as at the ballot box. Our other collaborations in the forums include the League of Women Voters, Northern Santa Barbara County, the City of Lompoc for the venue and simulcasts and Allan Hancock College. If granted an award, we'll again be able to offer dual language on multiple platforms for the forums.



Leaves of our Branch – Where are they Now?

Guess who was at South Side when Julie (Schneringer) and I were setting up the window? None other than CA Speech Trek 3rd place winner and 1st place winner of Lompoc's first Speech Trek Contest, Erin McCallon!! Erin graduated from LHS, AHC and recently from Cal Berkley. Her plan is to apply to law school in the fall. She credits Speech Trek in giving her the power to use her voice. Congratulations, Erin!



President's Report (continued)

And guess who else will be wearing a cap and gown in June? None other than our celebrated ChangeMaker from the 2022 panel, Shay Allen, who, after graduating from AHC will now graduate with a degree in Education from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Congratulations to Shay who will make a positive impact on the lives of children lucky enough to have her as an educator!



Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President



Branch News

2024-2025 Board Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of Barbara Bolton, Marell Brooks and Wynn Clevenger is pleased to present the following slate of officers for the 2024-25 year. The membership will vote at the Installation and Annual Meeting in June.

- Co-President: Lucy Thoms-Harrington
- Co-President: Kay Duffy Taylor
- VP Programs: Dinah Lockhart
- VP Membership: Mischa Dalcerra
- VP AAUW Funds: Marell Brooks
- Secretary: Alice Down
- Co-Treasurer: Terry Forss
- Co-Treasurer: Jan Keller

Other board members include:

- Parliamentarian: Dianne Owens
- Public Policy: Vacant – Accepting applicants!
- Communications: Samantha Scroggin
- Newsletter Editor: Vacant – Accepting applicants!
- Tech Trek: Wynn Clevenger
- Scholarship: Julie Schneringer

We still have a couple of vacancies as shown above. These vacancies are appointed positions. These minimal effort positions are flexible and are a great entry to the board. Please consider volunteering for these positions.



Branch Bylaws Update

The Branch Bylaws are getting a makeover to bring them up to date with State and National standards. The proposed changes will be emailed to the membership separate from the newsletter. Please read them and provide any questions, updates or comments to Dianne

(Owens). The branch membership will vote on the bylaw changes at the Installation and Annual Meeting in June.

Branch News (continued)

Reminder: AAUW Election 2024

If you have a valid email address with AAUW National, your ballot for the important upcoming AAUW election was sent April 3rd with the subject line: **AAUW Election 2024** from AAUW or **vote@simplyvoting.com** (you may have received a couple of reminders since then).

This ballot ends at **May 15th, 2024 at 12:00 pm Eastern.**

Membership

For many of us, it's time to renew our membership. It's easy to do, and we are counting on you to continue the great progress that was made the past year into the future!

If your renewal is coming up, you should have received an email from the American Association of University Women with the subject line: **AAUW: It's Time to Renew Your Membership!**

You can renew at the links below - or in your AAUW renewal reminder email. You can also write a check and we will be happy to do the rest for you. Renewal early does not reset the expiration date to an early date....it just ensures you won't get any additional reminders!

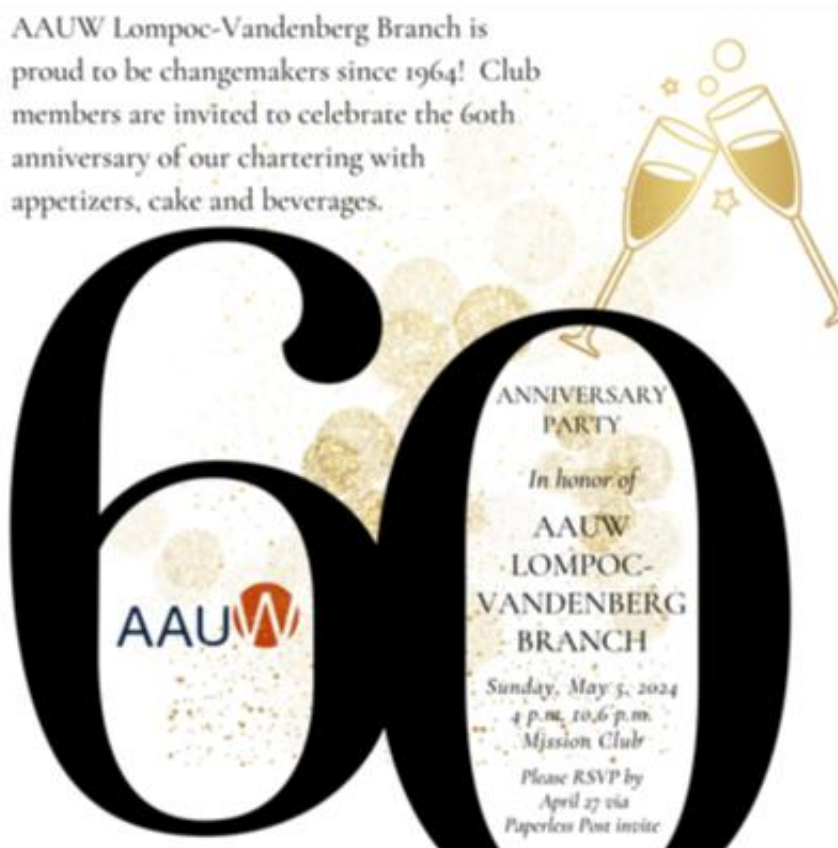
Have questions on renewing? Please call or email Mischa Dalcerra, Membership VP at 805.588.0645 or mischadalcerra@gmail.com. We very much value your membership in AAUW!!!

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/

Mischa Dalcerci, Membership VP

Programs & Events

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch is proud to be changemakers since 1964! Club members are invited to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our chartering with appetizers, cake and beverages.



Annual Meeting & Installation of FY 24-25 branch officers!

Celebrate the end of the AAUW year and the beginning of summer at our annual meeting on Sunday 6/2 from 1-3pm for appetizers, desserts and beverages at the beautiful home of our gracious hostess, Kari Rosson, 304 Burnham Ct. We'll be voting on the 24-25 AAUW branch officers and the update to the branch bylaws. Please bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share. RSVP by 5/28 will be appreciated via the Paperless Post invite.

Many thanks to our wonderful 23-24 Board who did such an outstanding job for AAUW, our branch and our community this year! Looking to get involved and have a little time? The

newsletter has an opening (and Julie has it all dialed in)! We could also use folks on a variety of committees. Want to connect? Text or email Lucy or any board member.

Lucy Thoms-Harrington, President

AAUW Fund

AAUW Fund Facts

- The AAUW Fund helps translate mission into action.
- The AAUW Fund has been named one of the best independent charities in America.
- The AAUW Fund remains the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women.

AAUW CA members and branches generously donated \$494,000 to AAUW Fund in 2021.(most recent figures released online).

AAUW awarded \$6 million in fellowships and grants to more than 320 outstanding women and community projects in the 2022-23 academic year.

For 2022-23, there are 39 AAUW Fund Fellowship and Grant recipients studying in California colleges and universities or doing projects in our communities. They represent a broad and diverse range of studies and interests and are an excellent example of the wonderful use of branch and member donations.

California fellow and grant recipients will share their fascinating studies at several fall AAUW Fund virtual events. Please register for these events on the AAUW California website.

AAUW Fund supports the mission of AAUW

AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110) allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls, and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.

Education and Training Fund (4450) addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women, by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

Economic Security Fund (4449) ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

AAUW Fund (continued)

Leadership Fund (4452) supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of, and increasing the number of, girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

AAUW Fund Donations

If you make an online donation with a credit card and supply your member number, your primary branch will automatically be credited with your donation.

If you follow the directions to make a donation by check, indicate the Fund(s) to receive your donation and the branch(s) to be credited. **Contact Marell if you have questions.**

Marell Brooks, VP AAUWFunds



Interest Groups

Mission Walkers Group (Weekdays)

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-outs are planned for the third Thursday of each month, with the next dine-out on May 16. Location for May is Old Town Kitchen and Bar. The regular attendees will be notified of the details. Please call or text Billye by May 14. Old Town Kitchen and Bar is small so reservations are important. The June 20th location is TBD. We had a great time in April at Mama's. It was a real treat to see so many after several months of not meeting. If you have a favorite restaurant please contact Billye.

Billye Iverson



Interest Groups (continued)

Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

May 6:	Judgement Prey (John Sandford) Kathryn Johnson
June 3:	The Wind Knows My Name (Isabel Allende) Myra Wapner
.July 1:	A Murder Most Royal (S.J. Bennett) Carol Ann Johnson
August 5:	Queen Charlotte (Shonda Rhimes & Julia Quinn) Eileen James
September 9:	Tom Lake (Ann Patchett) Cathy Rudolph
October 7:	Tears of the Giraffe (Alexander McCall Smith) Betty Staight
November 4:	Prequel (Rachel Maddow) Gail Meehan
December 2:	Last Devil to Die (Richard Osman) Janet Shiers
January 8:	Reader's Choice

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

May 1	Branch Board Meeting
May 5	Lompoc Vandenberg Branch 60 th Anniversary Celebration
May 6	Roaming Readers: Judgement Prey (John Sandford)
May 15	AAUW Election ends
May 16	Dine Out Group: Old Town Kitchen and Bar
June 2	Installation and Annual Meeting
June 3	Roaming Readers: The Wind Knows My Name (Isabel Allende)
June 5	Branch Board Meeting
June 20	Dine Out Group: TBD
.July 1	Roaming Readers: A Murder Most Royal (S.J. Bennett)

July 3 Branch Board Meeting
July 18 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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