



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

Co-Presidents' Report

What an unbelievable early start to the new year for our branch!

It was so nice to see so many members and meet our 2024 scholarship award winners (Ashley and Celeste) as they get ready to start college. Thanks to Kari (Rosson) for hosting the meeting and installing the fantastic 2024-2025 board and a giant thank you to the 2023-2024 board members, many of whom are staying on to serve this year!



AAUW members: Kari Rosson, Alice Downs, Marell Brooks, Terry Forss, Jan Keller, Lucy Thomas-Harrington, and Dinah Perez Lockhart.

Co-President's Report (continued)

Please feel free to reach out to any board member to join a committee or interest group or form a new interest group. Check out our exciting year of planned programs ahead in the Programs section of the newsletter!

Name	Position
Kay Duffy Taylor	Co-President
Lucy Thomas-Harrington	Co-President
Marell Brooks	VP AAUW fund
Alice Downs	Secretary
Terry Forss	Co-treasurer
Jan Keller	Co-treasurer
Mischa Dalcerci	VP Membership
Dinah Perez Lockhart	VP Programs
Barbara Bolton	College Relations
Julie Schneringer	Scholarship
Wynn Clevenger	Tech Trek Chair
Mary Schaefer	Public Policy
Brenda Villa	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Dianne Owens	Parliamentarian
Kari Rosson	Newsletter Editor
Samantha Scroggins	Communications

Master Calendar 2024-2025

We have a wonderful year of exciting programs and events in store for you which has been captured in the attached master calendar. Many thanks Dinah (Perez Lockhart), Barbara (Bolton), Brenda (Villa), Marell (Brooks), Alice (Down), Kay (Duffy Taylor), Janet (Blevins) and Terry Forss.

SB CAN Honors AAUW with the 2024 Giving Back Award

Our branch was honored with the Santa Barbara County Community Action Network's 2024 Giving Back Award. It was a wonderful afternoon as you can see in these pictures. Many thanks to SB CAN board member, Janet Blevins, for nominating the branch for this distinguished award.

Co-President's Report (continued)

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg honored by SB Community Action Network with the “Giving Back” award.

AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg’s local programs were honored by the Santa Barbara Community Action Network with the Giving Back Award. The award was presented at the recent North County Looking Forward Annual Awards Dinner.

The Giving Back award is presented to an organization or individual for “giving back selflessly to the community through volunteer activities and community projects. New graduates Shay Allen (AAUW National Leadership Conference for Women and CPSU 2024) and Denise Robles (AAUW Tech Trek, Speech Trek and UC Berkley 2024) were recognized as well at the event. For the full story, pick up the July edition of the Lompoc Vision (page 27) or click this link <https://online.fliphtml5.com/kxlsf/rtsz/-p=27>

Co-President's Report (continued)

SB CAN Giving Back Award to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg (left to right) Ken Hough and Jeanne Sparks (SB CAN co-executive directors), Janet Blevins (SB CAN board member), Lucy Thoms-Harrington (co-president AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg), Jeremy Ball (Lompoc City Council Member), State Assembly Member Gregg Hart and Carson Link (representative from State Senator Monique Limon).



AAUW members: Denise Robles Shay Allen

AAUW and you: You matter!!!

We have heard from one member or two about the value of AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg and AAUW. The annual dues are \$115 and are made up of three parts: National, State and local branches. The \$72 reestablishing national reproductive rights, research addressing issues like the Wage Gap and national programs like National Conference for Women Leaders and Tech Trek. The \$20 dues to CA support state programs like Govt Trek and Speech Trek as well as advocacy

for important legislation in CA with direct impact for women and girls. Lastly, the \$23 branch dues stay 100% local supporting programs like critical local nonpartisan forums, college scholarships for local high school seniors, community programs. All that work made possible through your annual dues which continues to make a large impact, nationally, at the state level and right here in Lompoc. Even if you may not be able to attend some programs, know that your dues are hard at work making a difference for women and girls at this critical time!

Thank you for being a member and please consider renewing your membership today.

Lucy Thoms-Harrington: Co-President
Kay Duffy Taylor: Co-President



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 in the past year and into the future!

If your renewal is 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.

On line at: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/>

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!!!

We have 74 Total Members (+4 from State).

We have 2 Memberships that are Expired

We have 25 Memberships that are due in 2024 (19 of these are due today, 30 June)

Mischa Dalcerra: Membership VP



Programs & EventsA poster for the musical 'Cabaret'. The top half features the word 'CABARET' in large, bold, red, sans-serif capital letters against a black background. Below the title is a black and white close-up photograph of a woman's face, looking slightly to the side. The bottom half of the poster has a red background with white text. The text includes the event name 'Santa Barbara County AAUW Interbranch THEATER PARTY', a description of the event (musical under the stars with a meal), the date and time (Saturday, August 17th, 2024, 6:30pm social gathering, 8:00pm show), the location (Solvang Festival Theater, Patron Garden, 420 2nd Street, Solvang), and the ticket prices (\$45 per person for social gathering and show ticket, \$15 for social only). It also states that reservations are needed by July 15 and provides contact information for RSVP (Terry Forss via email at http://tforss@hotmail.com and a check payable to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg). A note at the bottom asks for special requirements like aisle seats for those with mobility issues.

CABARET

Santa Barbara County AAUW Interbranch
THEATER PARTY

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

Saturday, August 17th, 2024
Social gathering 6:30pm • Show starts 8:00pm
Solvang Festival Theater, Patron Garden
420 2nd Street, Solvang

\$45 per person for social gathering and show ticket
Social only: \$15 (no show ticket)

Reservations needed by July 15

RSVP to Terry Forss via email <http://tforss@hotmail.com> and send a check payable to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg putting "IBC theaterfest" in the memo line and mail to AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg PO Box 2523 Lompoc, CA 93438

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

Programs & Events (continued)

The Pedal the Pacific Team will be back in town again on Monday July 15th and all AAUW members are invited to come out and give them a warm Lompoc welcome! AAUW and North County Rape Crisis Center will be hosting a Community Reception beginning at 5:45pm at the Hilton Garden Inn for cyclists; **the AAUW General meeting will start at 5:30pm**

The event is \$25 and is open to the Community. For tickets, please scan the QRC on this flyer by 7/10/24. We will hear all-female college team

<https://www.pedalthePacific.org> who are biking the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise money and awareness of human trafficking. We will also hear about a new effort in Lompoc focused on addressing the issue of the human trafficking.



AAUW
Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

**Help us
Welcome
Pedal the
Pacific
back to
Lompoc!**

AAUW & North County Rape Crisis
Center Hosted Community
Reception

Join us in welcoming the inspiring
Pedal the Pacific Team!

These incredible young women are
cycling 1,700 miles from Seattle to
San Diego to raise awareness for
and fight human trafficking.

The evening includes:

- Presentations by the Pedal the Pacific Team
- Update on new local efforts to fight human trafficking
- Pizza, salad, and dessert

Monday, July 15th, 5:45 P.M.
Hilton Garden Inn, Lompoc

Price: \$25 per ticket
(Purchase by July 10)
Space is limited!

SCAN BELOW FOR TICKETS:

Learn more: [pedalthePacific.org](https://www.pedalthePacific.org)

Savie Health Care is sponsoring a community health fair on Saturday July 27, 2024, at which AAUW will be staffing a table with information on women's health care issues, and other issues of interest to local families. Savie Health Care, located at 1111 E. Ocean Ave. Suite 2, is a free clinic in Lompoc for those without health insurance. Details to follow. If you are available to staff the AAUW table please contact Dinah Perez Lockhart, lockhartdinah@yahoo.com or txt 805-588-0775.

Dinah Lockhart: Programs VP

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

AAUW had a fantastic time celebrating Juneteenth in Old Town Lompoc. In June, AAUW hosted a “Know Her Fame” game for adults and an “I See It and I Can Be It” game for kids. Many thanks to Barbara (Bolton), Dinah (Perez Lockhart), Linda (Rubenstein), Kay (Duffy Taylor), and Lucy (Thoms-Harrington) for their contributions on a wild and windy day. Their presence and support truly made the event memorable one.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It marks June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. This day signifies a crucial moment in American history, celebrating freedom and the end of slavery.



To learn more about Juneteenth, please click [HERE](#):
Barbara (Bolton), Devika Stallings (CEO of Lompoc Chamber of Commerce), and Kay (Duffy Taylor) at the AAUW Juneteenth booth!

Brenda Villa: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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.

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 (continued)***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: AAUW Funds VP

***Local Scholarship***

We awarded our two \$1000 scholarships in May. We are a little short on the funding to pay for these scholarships in late summer. We will be able to use other funds to cover us until we get State approval to do our fundraiser, a case of wine opportunity drawing.

We are also planning a wine tasting fundraiser for the fall to get a head start on next year. In the meantime, all donations for the scholarships are welcome.

Julie Schneringer, Scholarship Chair

***Public Policy***

The 2024 election is coming up and will have a major impact on gender equity.

Click on the link for all the information!

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/documents/2024/06/public-policy-news-july-2024.pdf/>

Public Policy (continued)

2023-2024 AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

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Public Policy News

A monthly dispatch from the AAUW California Public Policy Team

2024 ELECTION SEASON

Endorsing Candidates & Election Resources

The 2024 election is coming up! The 2024 election will have a major impact on gender equity. Scroll to the next page for more information about webinars, resources, endorsements, and actions that you can take (beyond voting!) to get involved.

ACTION ALERTS!

Help Move our AAUW Authored Bill

Time to take action! Please help us advance one of our sponsored bills by reaching out to CA State Senators by making calls and/or by using Resistbot.

For Resistbot: click on [THIS LINK](#) to "sign" the petition in support of AB 2843, "Eliminating Costs for Victims of Sexual Assault." When you "sign," Resistbot will prompt you, through your preferred text message system, to send a letter with the petition text to your CA State Senator.

For Calls: click on [THIS LINK](#) to access contact information for members of the CA Senate Health Committee. Make a phone call to each member of the committee to ask them to support AB 2843. **The bill will be heard by the committee on July 3, so if calling, please reach out by phone beforehand.**

Click [here](#) to access talking points, [here](#) for a call script, and [here](#) to access a fact sheet for AB 2843 before calling or signing. This bill may look familiar, as we asked you to advocate for it during Lobby Days. We thank you in advance!

WHERE IS THAT?

Find All Things Public Policy

Key links to your public policy resources

- [Google Workspace](#)
- [AAUW Policy Leaders Manual from National](#)
- [Branch liaisons](#)
- Contact us at publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org
- Tell us about your branch public policy events by filling out this [form](#).
- Sign up for CA Legislative Action Alerts [HERE!](#)

NEXT MEETING FOR BRANCH PUBLIC POLICY CHAIRS

Fall 2024 Dates TBD

Click [HERE](#) for meeting information.

2024-2025 branch public policy chairs' meeting schedule will be released in July/August 2024.

SIGN UP FOR ACTION ALERTS [HERE.](#)

click here!

2024 Bill Tracker

Policy Chair

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 July 18. Location for July is Herb Home. The regular attendees will be notified of the details. Please call or text Billye (Iverson) by July 15. If you have a favorite restaurant, please contact Billye.

Billye Iverson

***Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)***

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 Straight
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

.July 1	Roaming Readers: A Murder Most Royal (S.J. Bennett)
July 3	Branch Board Meeting
July 15	Pedal the Pacific back to Lompoc!
July 18	Dine Out Group: Herb Home
July 27	Savie Health Care Community Health Fair
Aug 17	Cabaret Theater Fest



Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

LV Branch Website: <http://lompocvandenberg-ca.aauw.net/>
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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.

Scattered Seeds Editor: Kari Rosson

