



Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch

Co-Presidents Report

We are off to a great start this year! The Pedal the Pacific program last month was inspiring, and it was wonderful to see so many members attend. See more under programs. This month is the very popular PCPA Solvang Theaterfest event on 8/17 featuring Cabaret with AAUW Interbranch Council branches (Santa Maria, Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley and Lompoc-Vandenberg).

Next up we are fast at work with our collaborators at the League of Women Voters of Northern Santa Barbara County and Future for Lompoc Youth in planning two important nonpartisan dual language candidate forums. One forum for the city of Lompoc council (city council seats in Districts 1 and 4 are up for election) and mayor candidates (at large position) will be held on September 26. One forum for the school board candidates (4 of 5 seats are up for election) which will be held on October 3. If you'd like to join the planning team (and not running for office), please email Kay (Duffy Taylor) at kduffy5721@aol.com.

If you dreamed of being a trained forum moderator, you are in luck. Through our forum collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Northern Santa Barbara County, there is an opportunity to get official moderator training on August 10th in Santa Maria. The session will be both live and virtual, lasting 2 hours. Interested? Let Lucy know by 8/3 to get signed up.

In addition to Forum Planning.... tis the season! We have lots of exciting opportunities to volunteer on committees: membership, phone tree, scholarship fundraiser and programs. Read on to see further details.

Co-President's Report (continued)

When you have a few minutes please review the 2024-2025 budget which will be voted upon in late Sept. Many thanks to Terry (Forss) for her work in preparing the budget which will be reviewed by the board this month.

Finally, if you are interested in making some noise and some history, November 2 in Washington DC (or locally in SB county) is the place to be <https://www.womensmarch.com/>. Let Lucy (Thoms-Harrington) know if you are interested in the DC March to the White House.

Breaking News! Our branch was awarded a Movement Building Grant from the Fund for SB in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the two dual language candidate forums! Everyone is invited to celebrate the award winners at the reception on Wed Aug 14 @ 5:00 at Hotel Corque. Let's have a great turn out to show our appreciation of this incredible award. Please RSVP by 5 Aug at the following link and cc Kay and I.

MBG Award Celebration 2024
fundforsantabarbara.org



We'll figure out carpooling. 😊
Until equality is ours.

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 Dalcerci, Membership VP at 805.588.0645 or mischadalcerci@gmail.com. We very much value your membership in AAUW!!!

Membership (continued)

We have 76 Total Members (+4 from State).

We have 3 Memberships that are Expired

We have 19 Memberships that are due in 2024 (13 of these are due today or are in a Grace Period)

Mischa Dalcerra: Membership VP**Programs & Events****Pedal the Pacific**

Over 90 people attended the Pedal the Pacific Lompoc Community Reception hosted by the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Service Center in collaboration with AAUW. Pedal the Pacific 2024 is a team of seven female college students who bike the 1700 miles from Seattle to San Diego to raise awareness for the fight against human trafficking. At the program, Kay (Duffy Taylor) shared AAUW's legislative advocacy work which includes sponsoring CA Assembly Bill 1394 which will go into effect Jan. 1, 2025. This law, this first of its kind in the nation, requires a court to award statutory damages between \$1 million and \$4 million for each act of commercial sexual exploitation that social media platforms "knowingly facilitated, aided or abetted".



Programs & Events (continued)

Many thanks to the team of Dinah, Kay, Katie, Ann and Barbara for their hard work in planning the program and look at these cute AAUW shells which were included in the gift bags presented to the riders.



Unfortunately, we were unable to table at the Savie Health community event last month due to schedule conflicts of volunteers.

Budget

The proposed budget 2024-2025 is included as a separate attachment for review. It will be voted on by the board this month and by members in late Sept.

Phone Tree

We are looking for a few additional volunteers to join the mighty Phone Tree Committee which makes calls 3 or 4 times a year to members to remind them of upcoming programs/events. Have a few minutes to spare? Please email Samantha (Scroggins) at syale82@gmail.com or text (805) 757-3924.

Dinah Lockhart: Programs VP

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

To ensure women in the Lompoc Valley have access to essential local resources, we have created a bilingual resource guide. This guide is designed to be easily distributed at tabling events and other community gatherings, making it simple for women to find the support and services they need. By providing this resource, we are empowering women with the information necessary to improve their well-being and fostering a more connected and resilient community.

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WOMEN'S RESOURCE GUIDE
Guia de Recursos para Mujeres del Norte del Condado**

Fire/Police/EMERGENCY 911 Community Services HelpLine 211

People Helping People (SYV) 686-0295
Regional Occupation Program
(SMV) 937-8427 (SYV) 688-6487 x 3264
(LOM) 742-3120 925-0951 x
Voter Registration
(SMV) 925-0951
(LOM) 737-7899
Workforce Resource Center (SMV) 614-1550
Work Training (LOM) 735-4900

Alcohol/Drug/Mental Health -Drogas/Salud Mental

Access Hotline 888-868-1649
Alcoholics Anonymous (SMV) 925-3782
Alcohol/Drug/Mental Health
(SMV) 934-6380
(LOM) 737-6690
CARES and Access 739-8700
Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-8255
Coast Valley Substance Abuse
Treatment Center (SMV) 739-1512
(LOM) 735-7525

Housing/Food- vivienda/Comida

Catholic Charities (SMV) 922-2059
(LOM) 736-6226
Community Action Commission (CAC) (SMV) 922-2243
(LOM) 925-3010
Community Kitchen (LOM) 617-2897
CalFresh 735-8711
Good Samaritan Shelter (LOM) 805-736-0357

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Bridge House (LOM) 805-735-4390
 Housing Authority (SMV) 925-4393
 (LOM) 735-8351
 People Helping People Food Program (SYV) 686-0295
 Project Recovery Detox 963-1836
 Rescue Mission (SMV) 614-0220
 Santa Barbara FoodBank (SMV) 937-3422
 Transition House (LOM) 819-0476
 Women, Infants, Children (WIC) Nutrition Program
 (SMV) 346-8450
 (SYV) 688-2331
 (LOM) 737-6470
 Family Service Agency (LOM) 805- 743-4146

Legal

Court Appointed Special
 Advocates (CASA) 739-9102
 Family Court Services (SMV) 614-6429
 (LOM) 737-5452
 Family Law Facilitator (SMV) 614-6442
 Legal Aid Foundation (SMV) 922-9909
 (LOM) 736-6582
 Rural Legal Assistance (SMV) 922-4563
 IMPORTA Immigration Services 805- 604-5060

Medical-Medico

Pacific Pride Foundation (SMV) 349-9947
 Planned Parenthood 888-898-3806
 Poison Control (SMV) 800-222-1222
 Tribal Health Clinic (SYV) 688-7070

Women/Children/Aged Support- Mujeres/Ninos/Apooyo Para Personas Mayores

Community Action Commission (CAC) (SMV) 922-2243
 (LOM) 740-4555
 County Adult Protective Services & Dept of Social 844-751-6729
 Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS)
 (SMV) 925-2160
 (SYV) 686-4390
 (LOM) 736-0965

Maternal Adolescent

Health Program (SMV) 681-5476
 (LOM) 737-7987
 PathPoint (disabilities) (SMV) 934-3537

DEI (continued)

People Helping People (SYV) 686-0295
 Pregnancy Support Center (LOM) 735-2353
 Rape Crisis/Child Protection (24hr. hotline) 928-3554
 Taxi (LOM)
 Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Program (TAPP) (SMV) 922-2243
 (LOM) 740-4555

Brenda Villa: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



AAUW Fund

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Create change,

Advance equity,

Empower women and girls

With a single donation to AAUW Fund.

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The AAUW Fund advances AAUW’s mission by sustaining all our programs and activities. Your unrestricted gift to the AAUW Fund helps incubate and disseminate programs that

- above all, advance equity for women and girls
- strengthen AAUW’s role in the global community
- respond to and eradicate the persistent challenges facing women and girls
- leverage new opportunities and attract new audiences to our mission.

In short, the programs listed here get results for women and girls. And that’s AAUW’s top priority, now and in the future.

AAUW Fund (continued)

Gifts to the AAUW Fund are dispersed as needed to impactful projects that advance the mission of AAUW. Your undesignated donation will be used to support worthy programs.

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)

Click on the link for all the information!

<https://carbajal.house.gov/news/email/show.aspx?ID=KD3SI7AAZOTOKE27MTMIKXPO2A>

Mary Schaefer, Public 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)

The dine-out group will meet at **Matteis' Tavern** in Los Olivos on Thursday, **August 15th** at 12:30. We will carpool from St. Mary's church at 11:45.

The atmosphere and setting at Matteis' is beautiful. They have an interesting menu with lots of variety. You can click on this link to see what Chef Rhoda Magbitang offers.

Interest Clubs (continued)

<https://aubergeresorts.com/matteistavern/dine/tavern/>

Reservations are required to please contact Billye Iverson at 805-757-7165 by Monday, August 12th if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Billye Iverson and Leslie Sevier

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

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**

Aug 17	Cabaret Theater Fest: Solvang Theater
Aug TBD	Hello AHC! Lompoc Campus
Sept 26	Candidate Forum 1: City Council and Mayoral candidates: City Hall and Zoom
Oct 3	Candidate Forum 2: School Board candidates: City Hall and Zoom
Nov TBD	Dia De Los Muertas: Build an ofrenda

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Instagram: [@aauw_lompocvandenberg](https://www.instagram.com/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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