



Co-Presidents' Report

Happy September everyone!

It's hard to believe that schools are back in session and Summer is over.

Pumpkin Spice is even starting to make an appearance!



August was a great month for our local AAUW branch.

On August 14, a reception was held by the Fund for SB at the beautiful Corque Hotel where we celebrated receiving one of their Movement Building Grants in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the upcoming Candidate Forums. It was so inspiring to hear about all of the amazing work being done on our beautiful Central Coast and to be a part of that work. We were so proud to see that organizations from Lompoc made up about one third of the recipients. Pictured at the event are Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Kay Duffy-Taylor, Janet Blevins, Brenda Villa along with Future for Lompoc Youth Co-Founders Chuck Madson and DeVika Stalling and many of the students involved with Future.

We also had another fun night at the PCPA Solvang Theaterfest event with the AAUW Interbranch Council branches (Santa Maria, Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley and Lompoc-Vandenberg). Approximately, **40** members and their guests were in attendance and the **performance** certainly did not disappoint.

Now with the Fall season, comes our two nonpartisan, dual language candidate forums on September 26 and October 3. We have been working hard with our collaborators at the League of Women Voters of Northern Santa Barbara County and the Future for Lompoc Youth to make these forums productive, informative and successful. We are still looking for members who are interested in joining the planning committee. We will also need volunteers to help with set up and break

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down and to staff the AAUW table at both of the forums. If you are interested, reach out to Kay (Duffy Taylor) at kduffy5721@aol.com.

This is going to be an important election cycle with so many crucial races and issues on the ballot. Locally, voters will decide whether to approve the school facilities bond initiative, Measure M. If this initiative passes, it will fund much needed renovations of school campuses, improve campus security and modernize our science labs and performing arts classrooms. Our AAUW branch Board has voted to endorse this Measure and, our next step, will be to reach out to all of our members seeking approval of this endorsement. An informational meeting regarding the Measure M bond measure will be hosted by the Chamber on September 19 from 6-8 at the Dick DeWees Center.



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



Programs

We are hosting 2 critical forums and invite all members to register regardless of how you plan to attend. Please also help us by sharing this flyer widely to your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and family in town!

The AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg branch, along with the Fund for Santa Barbara, Future-For Lompoc Youth, and the League of Women Voters of SB County, are sponsoring 2 nonpartisan candidate forums. Forum 1 is on Thursday Sept. 26, 2024 for Lompoc Unified School Board candidates. Forum 2 is on Thursday Oct. 3, 2024 for Lompoc City Council and Mayoral candidates. Both forums are from 6:30-8pm, and will be held in person at the Lompoc City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc and via Zoom webinar. Prior to both forums, a community/candidate meet up will be held from 5:45-6:15pm where candidates may distribute literature. Attendees are encouraged to register by using the QR code on the promotional flyer (see below). The first 100 registrants will receive a \$20 gift card.

**Lompoc Nonpartisan
CANDIDATE
FORUMS**

**Forum 1 - will start at 6:30 pm
Thursday September 26, 2024
Lompoc Unified School Board Candidates**

**Forum 2 - will start at 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 3, 2024
City Council and Mayoral Candidates**

The forums will be in person (100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc) with live interpretation (Spanish and English) and on TAP TV Channel 23, on KPEG 100.9 FM, and via Zoom Webinar with live interpretation.

A Community/Candidate meet up will proceed each forum at City Hall from 5:45 - 6:15 pm where candidates are invited to bring campaign literature. All voters and community members are welcome to attend. The forums will begin at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:00.

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Lompoc-Vandenberg Inc. (CA) Branch
ChangeMakers Since 1964!

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Please Register to Participate Today!

A \$20 gift card to a woman-owned small business in Lompoc will be awarded to the first 100 people to register for the forums; a maximum of one gift card per person.



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/>

By mail: By Check: As always, making a check payable to your AAUW branch and mailing it to: AAUW, Lompoc-Vandenberg, P.O. Box 2523, Lompoc, CA 93438

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!!!

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

We have 3 Memberships that are Expired

We have 10 Memberships that are due NOW and are in a Grace Period

Mischa Dalcerci: Membership VP



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

On August 14, 2024, AAUW Co-President Lucy Thoms-Harrington and Co-President Kay-Duffy Taylor, DEI Chair Brenda Villa, and member Janet Blevins attended a grantee award celebration hosted by The Fund For Santa Barbara in Solvang. AAUW was awarded a grant to host two forums for the upcoming November election: a School Board Candidate Forum and a Mayoral Candidate Forum.



Brenda Villa: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



AAUW Funds

I just received our quarterly update from AAUW Funds. Thank you to those members who have made contributions. When you donate online remember to include our branch # (CA0130).

Donate Now

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.

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



College Relations

Once again, we have reserved a table at the AHC Lompoc Valley Center Bow-WOW event on Wednesday, September 4, from 10 a.m.-1:00p.m. The event will be held outdoors at the Center Courtyard with free parking in Lot F (to the right as you enter the campus).

It's a fun event to chat with the students about AAUW policies and how those policies have a direct impact on their lives. I would welcome any members to join me that morning or just stop by for a quick visit. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Barbara Bolton: College Relations



Local Scholarship

Our local scholarship fundraiser will be a wine tasting afternoon at Flying Goat Cellars on October 27.

More details to come.



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

PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE ELECTIONS (Amy Hom and Melissa Maceyko, Directors, Public Policy Committee Co-chairs, publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

Welcome to another presidential election year in the United States! We have you covered with **All the Resources**.

In September, the Public Policy Committee will:

- Present a webinar on Get Out the Vote. More details to follow soon.
- Provide information on the California ballot initiatives that we are supporting.
- Provide Candidate Comparison Guides for competitive Congressional races in California. These guides will focus on the races where an incumbent whose values are consistent with our public policy priorities is in danger of losing their seat, and where an incumbent whose values are not consistent with our priorities is being challenged by a candidate whose values align with ours. The guides will serve to educate voters on the candidates' positions on AAUW-supported issues. The competitive districts we have identified thus far are Districts 13, 22, 27, 45, 48, 49, 41.

During the current election cycle, the Public Policy Committee will be putting out a series of election resources. As part of these resources, we will highlight some AAUW California Public Policy Priorities (PPPs) that are rising as central issues in the upcoming election and give you the tools to do your own candidate assessments.

The first PPP we highlighted is Title IX Protections; see the August issue of [*Public Policy News*](#) for more information.

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that **three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!**

AB 1955 will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronouns or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

AB 1790 will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports from CSU on the status of their implementation of the State Auditor recommendations.

AB 2608 will require the California Community Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of California, to provide educational and preventive information on sexual violence and harassment, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

A school board candidate questionnaire is now available, courtesy of the AAUW Fallbrook Branch. This is an excellent vetting tool. If a candidate approaches you for an endorsement or other support, ask them to complete this [*questionnaire*](#), which also can be found on the Public Policy website in the School Project toolkit.

B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Learn how to reduce polarization through talk. Check out [*THIS GUIDE*](#), written by Missy, to learn more about how you might approach difficult conversations during election season.

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)

In August, we went to Mattei's Tavern in Los Olivos and it was wonderful. We sat outside and in spite of the hot day, it was comfortable because of the cool breeze. The grounds are just beautiful so if you go, try to sit outside. The menu is small but varied. There were mixed reviews on the food and it is a little pricey.

This month, we're going to try a relatively new restaurant in Solvang called **Whiskey & Rye**. It's on Atterdag at the end of the street but there is public parking next to and behind it. It's basically a barbeque/smokehouse restaurant but has burgers and salads. There is outdoor seating and the menu is available online. <https://www.whiskeynrye.com>

The date is **Thursday, September 19th**. Reservations are for 12:30 so we will meet at the church at 11:50 a.m. and carpool.



Billye Iverson and Leslie Sevier, Co-Chairs



Roaming Readers (1st Monday of the month)

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

Interest Groups (continued)

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

**Communications****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)

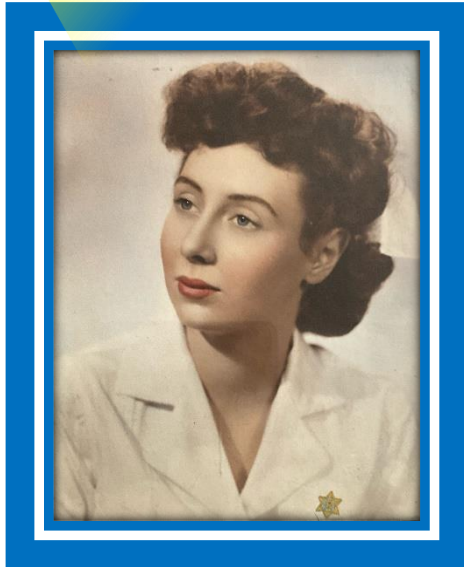
Samantha Scroggins: Communications

**Calendar of Events**

Sept 4:	AHC Lompoc Valley Center Bow-WOW: 10:00 – 1:00pm
Sept 26	Candidate Forum 1: School Board Forum: City Hall, Zoom Webinar, TAP TV and KPEG radio
Oct 3	Candidate Forum 2: City Council and Mayoral Forum: City Hall, Zoom Webinar, TAP TV and KPEG
Oct 27	Wine Tasting Scholarship Fundraiser: Flying Goat Cellars
Nov TBD	Dia De Los Muertas: Build an Ofrenda
Dec 1	Holiday Party
Jan TBA	Where in the World Brunch: Through a Feminist Lens: 138 North B Street



Birthday Spotlight



Carol Ann Wurzbürger will be celebrating 100 years going around the sun on September 1st! This is her graduation picture from Michael Reece Hospital Nursing Program in Chicago Illinois. After graduation and the end of World War II she and several girlfriends got on a train and moved to Los Angeles. She met and married A. Norman Johnson and they moved to Lompoc. After receiving her master's degree Carol Ann started and ran the Pregnant Minors Program for the Lompoc School District. She also ran and was elected to the Lompoc Hospital Board of Directors.



Recipe Corner

Apple Strudel Muffins

Fabulous apple muffins with a delicious cinnamon crumb topping.
Give them a try — you won't be sorry!

Prep Time: 20 mins
Cook Time: 20 mins
Additional Time: 5 mins
Total Time: 45 mins
Servings: 12
Yield: 12 muffins



Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup butter, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1 ¼ teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ cups chopped apples

Topping:

- ⅓ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon butter



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease or line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners.
2. Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Beat sugar, butter, and eggs together in a large bowl until smooth. Mix in vanilla. Stir in apples, then gradually blend in flour mixture. Spoon batter into the prepared muffin cups, filling each 2/3 full.
4. Make topping: Mix brown sugar, flour, and cinnamon in a small bowl. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over each muffin top.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Let sit 5 minutes before transferring muffins to a wire rack to cool.
6. Enjoy!

Nutrition Facts

Calories 264

Total Fat 10g

Saturated Fat 6g

Cholesterol 54mg

Sodium 255mg

Calories 264
Total Carbohydrate 41g
Dietary Fiber 1g
Total Sugars 24g
Protein 3g
Vitamin C 1mg
Calcium 33mg
Iron 1mg
Potassium 63mg



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