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Hello readers! This newsletter is an addendum to our April Newsletter which was sent earlier this month. Because there could be vital, important information that comes out close to the end of the month, our newsletter, *Scattered Seeds*, will now be delivered by the 10th of future months.

The board meets the first week of the month and this makes information more current for the month.

The following information for this addendum is new and important for readers to enjoy. Please mark your calendar and update your directory as your board members appreciate you taking note about the following information.

Please remember that the May *Scattered Seeds* will be delivered by the 10th of May.

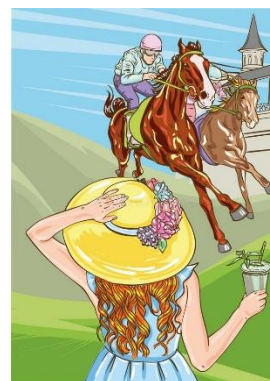
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Programs

Let's Celebrate!

We are celebrating being a 5 Star Branch in a 5-star way with a fun **Derby Activity**. Join us on **April 26th** at the Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ (3346 Constellation Rd, Lompoc) from **2-4pm** for a Pot Luck and Derby Race Game. Wear a fun hat, bring a stick horse (or make one), or use pool noodle horse that will be available to borrow. It will be fun to see by the roll of the dice which horse will make it over the finish line first.



Save the Date! Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch 2025-26 **Board Elections with Installation** and Annual Meeting Friday **5/23 4:30 - 6:30** at **Marell Brook's** beautiful home, 718 Saint Andrew's Way.



Membership

Welcome Lea!!

Here's a hearty welcome to **Lea Schultz**, AAUW Lompoc-Vandenberg's newest member!!

Please add Lea to your directory and look for her at upcoming events!

Lea Schultz

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TECH TREK

We had a successful nomination and selection process this year. Vandenberg Middle STEM teachers nominated 15 girls for campships and Lompoc Middle nominated 12 girls. I met with the prospective campers and gave them camp and application information. CampDoc is the program used to provide application information with campers and their parents...everything is done online now. By the February due date, 6 girls had completed their application, which qualified them to move to the next step, personal interviews with Alice Down, Marell Brooks and myself.

The teachers had done a great job identifying qualified girls, which made our selection of 4 campers very difficult. Their essays and interviews were first-rate. Our 4 campers, Emma Jimenez, Zoe Martony, Nayelli Arguello-Medina, Rose Vega, will be stellar representatives for our branch.

Thanks to all of you who have supported the Tech Trek program, over the past 27 years, which has empowered so many past campers to continue to be involved in STEM activities.



A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR SELECTED 7TH GRADE GIRLS

A HANDS-ON STEM CAMP THAT SPARKS CURIOSITY IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH

A LIFE-CHANGING MESSAGE THAT STEM IS OKAY FOR GIRLS!

"Tech Trek set the foundation for everything I have and will accomplish."

A WEEKLONG EXPERIENCE LIVING ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS OR PARTICIPATING IN A DYNAMIC VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WHAT HAPPENS AT TECH TREK?

- Students meet and interact with women role models and like-minded girls
- Hands-on learning activities may include:
 - Using STEM skills to solve community problems.
 - Building balloon-powered race cars.
 - Writing code for robots.
 - Creating hats with moving parts.
 - Learning CSI-type forensics.

WHY TECH TREK?


- Only 28% of the STEM workforce are women.
- Girls need to have confidence in their potential.
- Girls need to see a future career in STEM.

WHO RUNS TECH TREK?

- AAUW California
- 90+ local AAUW branches
- Paid and volunteer staff, both adult and Tech Trek alumnae

WHEN AND WHERE ARE THE CAMPS?

Learn more about Tech Trek plans for this spring.



HOW ARE THE GIRLS SELECTED?

- Teachers **NOMINATE**.
- Students **APPLY**.
- Branch **INTERVIEWS** and **SELECTS**.

Tech Trek and the branch determine which camp(s) will be available.

LOCAL AAUW BRANCH

Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch

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IS THERE A COST?

- Covered by local branches
- May request small family contribution

AAUW OF CALIFORNIA AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Wynn Clevenger: Tech Trek Chair

California AAUW News:

CA School Board Project - 4/24 @ 6:30 via Zoom

Register [HERE](#) to learn how to be an effective observer at a school board meeting and monitor the proceedings to ensure compliance with California laws. Learn what those laws are regarding book banning, curriculum censorship, discrimination against LGBTQ+ students, and more. The webinar will be held on Zoom on Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 pm

Annual Meeting - 4/26 9-2:30 via Zoom

Annual Event! Register [HERE](#) to join on Zoom on April 26th from 9 am - 2:30 pm to toast how we are *Pivoting 4 Our Future*. Hear inspiring speeches. Try to guess who will win Speech Trek. Join the breakout rooms to explore roles for action in today's unsettled world. Anticipate the final reveal of who won the coveted awards of Branch Activity of the Year, State Named Gift Honoree, and DEI Champion. Check out the packed schedule [HERE](#).

CA Elections

On the ballot are new directors and officers for next year, a measure to increase state dues from \$20 to \$30 annually and the proposed Public Policy Priorities that will guide our future advocacy efforts. Check [HERE](#) for details on the issues and how to vote. You will receive your ballot when the election opens on April 26th (Look for an email with the subject *2025 AAUW California Election Ballot* or check your spam folder.



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Calendar of Events

- April 24 (CA AAUW) CA School Board Project @ 6:30 [via Zoom](#)
- April 26 (CA AAUW) Annual Meeting @ 9-2:30pm [via Zoom](#)
- April 26 (LV Branch) Derby 5 Star Celebration @ 2-4pm
- May 8 LHS Scholarships Awarded
- May 22 CHS Scholarships Awarded
- May 23 (LV Branch) Board Elections with Installation @ 4:30 - 6:30:
Marell Brook's home, 718 Saint Andrew's Way

Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch Information

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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.

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