



## Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch

# Scattered Seeds

January/February 2010

### President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was filled with stress-free days and good health. We have a new year ahead. In 2010 we will continue to offer AAUW events and opportunities for you.

The December 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday Social at Jan Herber's beautifully decorated home was a glorious event, with 25 - 30 members and guests attending. Lots of tasty hors d'oeuvres and drink, lively conversation, and a relaxing time to renew relationships were the order of the evening. I met a couple of our members that I had never met before. Thank you, Jan for hosting this event and for all your work in our branch.

Our next event is our International Potluck and program at Joyce Barker's on January 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 PM. The program that evening will be David Lemon speaking on his recent trip to Italy and the British Isles. Members attending should bring a dish to share.

In February we go to Pea Soup Andersen's for an interbranch luncheon and speaker. This is an opportunity to meet with members of the Santa Maria, Goleta, and Santa Barbara branches of AAUW. Our speaker will be a Fellow from Santa Barbara who has received financial help from our EF monies. More details are elsewhere in this newsletter. I plan to go this year and take my mother as a guest.

Our Lompoc - Vandenberg Branch of AAUW offers you lots of opportunities – monthly events and specialty groups. You can join the book club, gourmet group, the movie clique.... Try one of these and enrich your AAUW experience.

*Sandy Healy, Co-President*

## Programs

### Annual International Potluck

Friday, January 15, 6 p.m.

Home of Joyce Barker



Please join us for a potluck dinner and travel presentation by David Lemon. He will share slides and stories about his travels to Italy and the British Isles. Bring a dish to share. Joyce will provide wine, non-alcoholic punch, coffee, and dessert.

Joyce's address is 210 St. Annes Place, Lompoc.

Special thanks to Jan Herber for hosting our wonderful holiday social in December. We had a good turnout and everyone enjoyed Jan's beautifully decorated home and a chance to visit with members and friends.

Looking Ahead:

February: Information and registration details about the annual Interbranch luncheon at Pea Soup Andersen's is included in this newsletter. Interbranch includes members from the four Santa Barbara branches. This event is always stimulating as we get to meet members from the different areas, to learn about their branch activities, and to hear an AAUW Fellow speak about an interesting topic.

March: Please join us at the Santa Maria Branch Authors' Luncheon, Saturday, March 20. Details will be included in the next newsletter.

April: General Meeting and program will be planned for some time during the 3rd week of the month. If you have suggestions, please forward them to me at 733-3462.

May: Installation

*Marell Brooks Program Chair*

## AAUW FUNDS

Effective July 1, 2009, **AAUW Funds** was the new name for what we have known and loved for years as the Educational Foundation or (EF) and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). Contributions to AAUW Funds are a 501(c)(3) and are therefore tax-deductible. AAUW's philanthropic purpose, goals, processes, and activities will remain exactly the same including all the fellowships and grant funds, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. The only thing that will change is the terminology we use to refer to the designations for our giving.

When making a donation, please make your check payable to AAUW Funds. If you want to designate the items for an individual fund (Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Case support Fund, etc.) you can put the fund number on the memo line for proper crediting. You can contact me, the EF/LAF Vice President, for all the funds available and their designated number.

*Julie Schneringer AAUW Funds*

**AAUW Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Luncheon**



Julie Spencer-Rodgers, Ph.D.

I am a social psychologist with research interests in social stigma (e.g., coping with prejudice and discrimination), culture and health (e.g., self-concept inconsistency and its well-being implications across cultures), and social cognition (e.g., perceptions of group entitativity, stereotyping processes). I also have interests in advanced statistics and research methods.

FEBRUARY 20, at Pea Soup Andersen's, 11:30-2:00, \$25

SPEAKER: Julie Rodgers will speak on how stereotypes and implicit beliefs contribute to the wage gap in women and men's salaries---in layman's terms.

Please fill out form and send, with your money, to your treasurer by February 1, 2010. Thanks.

*Jax Herber IBC Rep*

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD CHOICES:**

**Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, and veggie** \_\_\_\_\_

**Central Coast Tri tip, salsa, beans, bread** \_\_\_\_\_

**Caesar Salad, soup** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Chocolate mousse for dessert)**

Our treasurer: LESLIE SEVIER, 3004 BUCKTHORN, LOMPOC, 93436

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## Roaming Readers

January 4: *True Believer* by Eric Hoffer (Ella Gale)

February 1: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (Mary Vossler)

March 1: *Delta Wedding* by Eudora Welty (Cathy Rudolph)

April 5: *Sundays at Tiffany's* by James Patterson & Gabrielle Charbonnet (Betty Staight)



May 3: *Middlemarch* by George Eliot (Bess Christensen)

June 7: *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtney (Kitty MacKenzie)

July 5: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout (Jane Holloway)

Roaming Readers meets at 9:00 a.m. the first Monday of each month at a place selected by that month's hostess. Interested AAUW members are always welcome to join us.

*Co-chairs: Carol Ann Johnson and Cathy Rudolph*

## A New Chapter Begins

The Bookstore (formally owned by Joan O'Reilly and now owned by Leslie Sevier) is expanding the size of the store and all its products and services. Leslie retired from Rabobank in November of 2009 so she is directing her energy to the bookstore. This is the next chapter in her life. The store's facelift and expansion is the next chapter for the store. With all these changes, it just makes sense that the store should finally have a name. And that name is "The Next Chapter Bookstore!"

**NOTICE TO ALL BOOK GROUPS!** Buy your books from "The Next Chapter Bookstore" and receive 25% off. This is for new books in stock or special orders. If we do not have the book in stock, we will order it for you at the same savings (and no shipping charges) and receive the book within 2 to 3 days.

The Next Chapter Bookstore is located at 1137 North "H" Street (behind Burger King next to Enterprise Rent-A-Car).

## Membership

Welcome to our new member Susan Hanson. Here is her bio.

I was born near Cleburne, Texas, 11 April, 1926. We moved nine times before I graduated from high school,-- Memphis, all over the Mississippi Delta, Fort Worth , Texas, Topaz, Utah. Fortunately both my parents were well educated and had plenty of books for all of us (five children) to read. After 11 years of school I graduated from high school at Topaz Japanese Relocation Center, Utah. I attended Fresno State College for two years then transferred to UCLA where I graduated in three more semesters with a BA in Personnel Management (Psychology and Economics). I had attended graduate school for a year, but took mostly courses I was interested in rather than trying to get another degree. I had two well-paying jobs on campus so I enjoyed myself. I was living just a block up from the Santa Monica "Muscle Beach" where I spent most of my spare time.

Then I had to go to work. I enjoyed working at the Human Engineering Laboratory revising the vocabulary tests, but they moved too far away for me to follow. I enjoyed being a counselor (substitute mother) at Canfield, a girls' home for six five and six year old gifted girls in the hills overlooking Hollywood. Then I got married and they did not allow married women. After odd jobs - doing a time and motion study for a firm for the Los Angeles City Employees- etc, I settled in at UCLA for seven years working in the Special Services Department which took care of all the veterans', the handicapped students', and finally, the draftables' problems. I loved the simple clerical work which I did not have to take home with me and the contact with the young students.

After 1956, I raised my three boys, sold a few World Books, worked in the school library as practically a full-time volunteer since they had no regular librarian, tutored second graders who were having problems learning to read, and took education courses from UCLA Extension.

After my boys were in high school, I worked as a clerk for TMI for a time, for the Los Angeles County Board of Assessment Appeals, and for the Los Angeles County Assessor.

I retired permanently in 1980 and have concentrated on enjoying myself ever since.

*Charlotte Hayes, Membership Chair*

## Tech Trek Campers

Nala Phelps, Lompoc Valley Middle School and Veronica Patel, Vandenberg Middle School, were our 2009 Tech Trek campers. They returned from UCSB with a new passion for math and science. Here is what Nala wrote to our branch.

Dear Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW Branch,

Thank you for sponsoring me to Tech Trek. I enjoyed the food, friends, and most importantly the boat ride. I learned a lot about Marine Science. Camp was very exciting because I had a good time learning new things. I loved the dorm living because of the new experiences it gave me. I have made a lot of friends and hope that we can stay in touch.

I learned about plankton and what lives on the ocean floor. Next time I go swimming, I won't swallow water. When you swallow water you swallow about a billion plankton.

Thank you for allowing me to come to Tech Trek. It was great new learning experience.

Sincerely,  
Nala Phelps

## Tech Trek

As you know, one of the underlying goals of Tech Trek is to reach as many girls interested in math and science as possible. The emphasis is to select girls from minority populations and those who do not have straight A's but have the potential to succeed in math and science. Again this year, local 7th grade math and science teachers were very helpful in identifying potential campers for us to interview.

*Wynn Cleverger Tech Trek Chair*

## Scholarships



### AAUW LOMPOC VANDENBERG BRANCH

Local Scholarship Fund Financial Report January 4, 2010

Balance in local SBBT Account as of April 21, 2009		<b>\$1567.53</b>
<b>Income:</b>		
Wine Tasting- 30 @ \$20	\$600.00	
Wine Auction	\$265.00	
Member Donations	\$130.00	
<b>Total Income in SBBT</b>		<b>\$2562.53</b>
<b>Sacramento SPF</b>		<b>\$1354.45</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$3916.98</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Albertsons- 30 box lunches @ \$3.99	\$104.70	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$104.70</b>
<b>BALANCE IN LOCAL SBBT ACCOUNT</b>		<b>\$2457.83</b>
<b>REMAINING IN SPF ACCOUNT*</b>		<b>\$1354.45-</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>\$3812.28</b>
<b>EXPENSES PAID-College verification received*</b>		<b>\$2000.00</b>
 <b>BREAKDOWN of \$1354.45 in SPF Account:</b>		
<b>SPF Funds</b> direct to Georgetown Univ.		<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>SPF Funds</b> direct to UCSC		<b>\$354.45</b>
<b>SBBT Account</b> to UCSC		<b>\$645.55</b>
All SPF Funds now expended		
Balance in SBBT Account (as per bank statement)		<b>\$1812.28</b>

*Joyce Barker, Chair Local Scholarship Fund*



## Calendar of Events

- January 15**            **International Program/Potluck @ 6:00 pm at Joyce Barker's**
- February 20**        **Interbranch Luncheon (our branch hosts)**
- March 20**            **Santa Maria Authors' Forum at the Radisson**
- April 30-May 2**     **Convention 2010 at San Ramon Marriot**
- May 1**                **Fifth Annual Women's Literary Festival at the Fess Parker's  
Doubletree Resort in Santa Barbara from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**
- August 21**            **PCPA West Side Story at Solvang Theater**

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