



Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch

Scattered Seeds

July/August 2011

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who worked so very hard to make the churro booth a success during the Flower Festival. We all need to thank Wynn Clevenger, Sandy Healy, and Jan Herber for their work in planning and getting things done. Many of the rest of us were the team members who backed them up and thanks to all who worked to make the booth a success. A special thanks goes to Jan Herber for storing the materials to run the booth.

We have a board meeting on July 6th and the new officers will plan the calendar for the coming year. Coming up soon, our membership tea will be at Dulcie Sinn's newly remodeled home on August 20. August 27, is the PCPA event and the wine tasting will be September 11.

Our program chairs Alice Down and Cecilia Walker are working on getting programs in place that will be of interest to the members and will benefit the community. We encourage all of our members to participate in our events, and we are interested in your comments and suggestions in planning programs. Please plan to attend.

Our numbers were down last year, so we really need to put out some effort and get some new women interested in our very worthwhile causes. AAUW has a long and illustrious tradition. Carry the banner as an early pioneer woman would have, and be proud of our causes and successes.

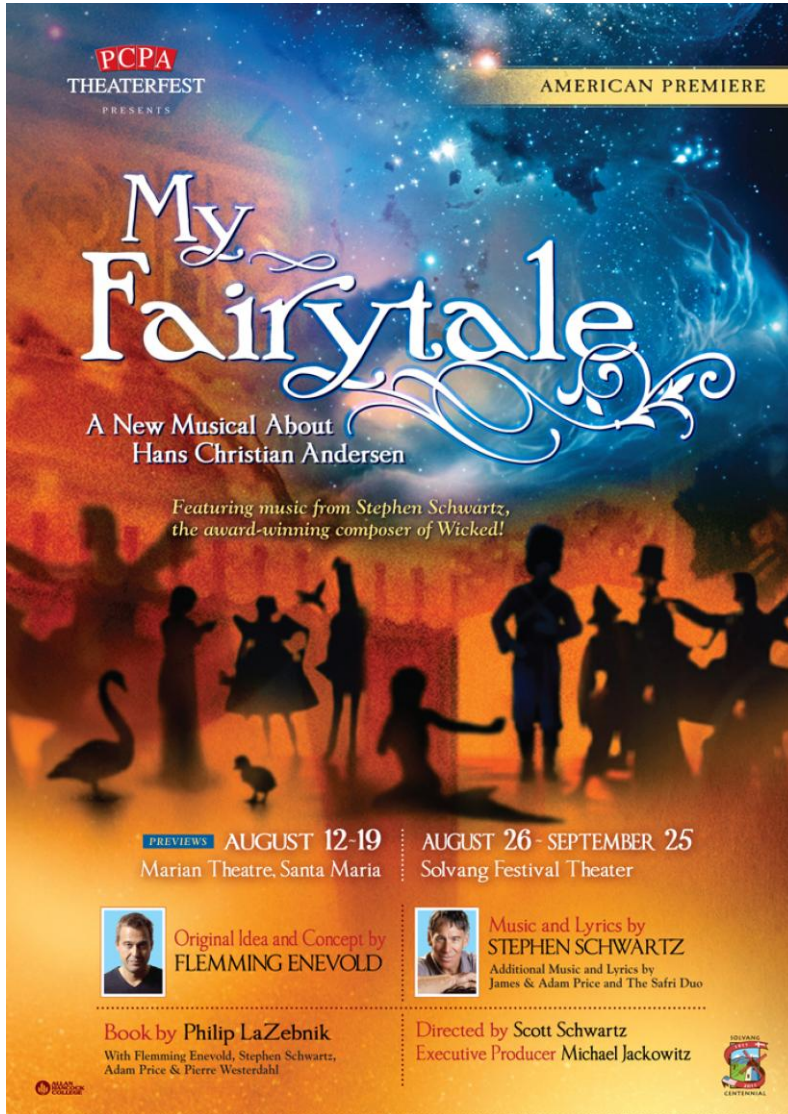
Mary Vossler, President

Directory Update

Please check the directory to confirm all your information is correct. Also the "Members Serving the Community" page has to be updated with your name and organizations where you volunteer. Contact Jan Herber with any changes that are necessary.



AAUW INTERBRANCH COUNCIL SUMMER THEATER PARTY



My Fairytale A new musical about Hans Christian Andersen

Saturday, August 27, 2011

6:30 p.m. Party

8:00 p.m. Curtain

Solvang Festival Theater

420 2nd Street, Solvang

Please reserve now!

Deadline, August 8th

The pre-theater party includes substantial appetizers with wine, other beverages and dessert.

Join us to experience the American Premier of an original musical about Hans Christian Andersen. We'll watch spellbound as Andersen is launched on an epic adventure through the timeless landscape of his own imagination.

This gorgeous new musical is a delightful revelry in the stories from Andersen's imagination, an enlightening journey into the soul of the artist, and a heartfelt celebration of the wonderful influence of the Danish spirit on the world.

Cost: \$40.00 per person \$15 for PCPA Season Ticket Holders
who may exchange their tickets for this performance.

(Please specify when making that exchange that you want to be seated with the AAUW group.)
(Profits divided between the branches in proportion to the attendance from each branch.)

Send checks payable to AAUW IBC to:

Jeni Olivera, AAUW Event
722 E. Main St., Suite 210
Santa Maria, CA 93454

If you wish to carpool call Mary Vossler 733-3977

Membership

I am delighted to welcome two new members to Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW. Todd Wold gave a presentation about gender equity issues at our March meeting and he joined that day. He shared a few sentences about himself:

"As for a few sentences, I am from Seattle. Denise and I have six children between us. We are involved in our church and love to camp and travel. Four of us teachers have an annual weeklong trip where we canoe the Green and Colorado Rivers in Utah, exploring Anasazi ruins and the geology of the Colorado Plateau. I am passionate about successes of underperforming and underrepresented groups (such as girls, minorities, and low socioeconomic status) in STEM careers and STEM education and believe in challenging and excellent education for underrepresented and under performing groups. I am completing my doctorate in Educational Leadership and will use this passion and training to help lead schools and districts that are looking for growth in these areas."

Cathy Trevino transferred from the Bakersfield branch of AAUW and is already active in the Lompoc community. This summer she is volunteering at Tech Trek with her former branch.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Cathy attended USC for her Bachelor's and Master's in Education. She joined AAUW in Camarillo when she was a stay-at-home mom with two babies under the age of two and the branch had a babysitting coop. The move to Bakersfield lasted nineteen years where Cathy ended her teaching career and switched to real estate. She starts her 8th year in real estate with Coldwell Banker Select in Lompoc. Cathy enjoys gardening, cooking and exercising. Cathy and husband, Bob, the new Lompoc Urologist, enjoy tennis, travel and spending time exploring with family and friends.

Annual Membership Tea



Please join us on Saturday, August 20, from 2:00-4:00 for our annual Membership Tea and Garden Party at the home of Dulcie Sinn, 411 West Willow Avenue. The tea is a fun event and provides an opportunity to renew AAUW friendships and to meet new and prospective members. An active, vibrant membership is important in keeping our AAUW branch successful and we can all do our part by inviting a guest to the Membership Tea. By joining AAUW, one belongs to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair choice. Thank you for all your continued support for equity for women and for encouraging other women to do the same. Please plan to attend and bring finger food to share. See you there!

Call Barbara Bolton, 733-4950, if you would like a ride.

Please RSVP by August 15: 733-4950 or bbolton826@gmail.com

Barbara Bolton, Membership Chair

Installation Potluck

Our scholarship recipients this year were two extremely bright, outgoing young girls who we enjoyed interviewing.

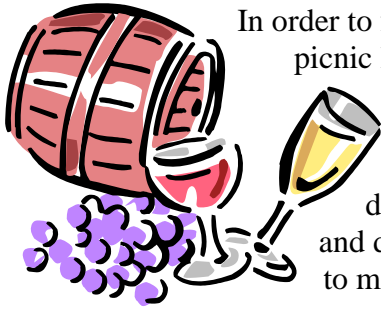
From Lompoc High School our recipient was Gold Vang. Gold, who completed a program which included math and science courses, graduated with a 4.0 + grade point average, and was #1 in her class. Miss Vang was accepted at Stanford University and will major in psychology, with plans to become a psychologist. During our interview she talked about the Hmong communities scattered around the US and how they have a network for communicating with each other. Both of her parents are disabled, having suffered through the war in Viet Nam. Her two older sisters were recipients of our scholarship, also attended Stanford, the oldest already graduated and the other is a junior. Gold wrote us a letter expressing her grateful thanks for her scholarship but was unable to attend the installation of officers' event due to family commitments.

Our Cabrillo High School recipient is Kelly Jean O'Connell, who also graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, was accepted at UC Santa Barbara where she plans to major in Biology with intentions of working in the medical field. We thoroughly enjoyed our interview with Kelly Jean who discussed her interest in the biological sciences and the various fields represented. She is very happy to be attending college close to home, being especially close to her Mother, who is a single mom and has a full time job. Kelly Jean along with her mother attended the installation of officers on May 20th and are pictured below with Joyce.



Our Cabrillo scholarship winner Kelli Jean O'Connell and her mother with Joyce at the Installation Potluck at Mary Vossler's home.

THE ANNUAL WINE TASTING



In order to fund our two scholarships we depend on the annual Wine Tasting and picnic lunch. On September 11th at 1:00 pm we plan to gather at Foley Family Vineyards and Winery located close to home, on highway 246 for our event. You might remember the place as a former horse ranch, now a pleasant venue for our annual event. Hors d' oeuvres will be served during the tasting, followed by a box picnic lunch, bottled water, coffee and dessert. The cost is the same as last year, \$20. We hope you will join us to make this a successful fund raiser for 2012.

Joyce Barker, Local Scholarship Chair

Remembering



Our dear friend Addie Singleton, longtime member of AAUW, died May 31, 2011, after a long battle with diabetes. We can truly say of Addie, she lit up a room with her quick smile and embrace, and generally a camera in hand ready to take another picture for her wonderful AAUW scrapbooks.

Addie's days were busy ones. She taught school wherever her Air Force husband's assignments took them, settling in Lompoc in 1969 and teaching in the Lompoc schools for 21 years. She was an active member of her church, the Valley of the Flowers, and the Democratic party, serving as local chair of the Barack Obama campaign for president in 2008. When Obama won, she cried. She was honored with Named Gifts to the Educational Foundation Programs, AAUW in 1996-1997.

Addie's quick smile and embrace and her generous spirit endeared her to everyone. Her passing leaves us with fond and happy memories of a dear person.

Bess Christensen, Contributor

Newsletter labels



Wanted: A volunteer with computer skills who is willing to make mailing labels for the newsletter. Cost of labels and printer ink will be reimbursed by our branch. Contact Mary Vossler if you are interested in helping.

Churro Booth



This was the 59th Flower Festival and our 23rd year selling churros. I want to thank all of the AAUW ladies who came through and put in one or more shifts to make sure our booth was staffed throughout the festival. A special **THAN K YOU** to Sandy Healy, Barbara Bolton and Mary Vossler who helped me set up and take down the booth, Jan Herber who continues to store the booth supplies, and Cecilia Walker and family for covering the Friday and Saturday late night shifts. Sandy Healy deserves a special award for dropping off and picking up the money daily while still working many shifts.

Finally, kudos to all who purchased churros...it takes a village to run the booth.

We purchased 30 boxes of churros with 4 left over. We made \$5,097.10 with expenses of \$2,629.29 which leaves us a net profit of **\$2,467.81**. This is far below last year's profit of \$4440.25. As you know, there was a \$3 fee to enter the festival this year, which I feel accounts for our lower sales. We sold half as many churros Friday night as compared to last year. People were not paying to attend the festival multiple days. It looks like the festival will continue to charge admission which means we will need to decide if we want to continue participating.

\$1,600.00 will fund our Tech Trek girls and the rest will go to AAUW Funds.

Wynn Clevenger, Chairperson

Tech Trek 2011

Tech Trek is a science & math camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. Campers are assigned either a math or science core class that they attend daily. Most important of all is the university campus experience. Campers will have the opportunity to live the life of a college student. They will live with other campers, share community bathrooms, eat dorm food, and explore the campus area under the careful supervision of camp staff.

Eliana Gutierrez from Lompoc Middle School and Hope McLean from Vandenberg were selected as our campers for 2011. They will be attending UC Santa Barbara from July 24-30. The campers will make a presentation about their camp experience at one of our meetings when they return. We should be proud of our commitment to this outstanding program.

Wynn Clevenger, Chairperson

Roaming Readers

July–September 2011



July 11: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson (Ella Gale)

August 1: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson (Judy Rarick)

September 12: *Cleopatra: a Life* by Stacy Schiff (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.

Carol Ann Johnson, Cathy Radolph, Co-Chairs



Calendar of Events

- August 20** **Annual Membership Tea, 2:00-4:00 pm**
- August 27** **IBC theater party in Solvang, "My Fairytale"**
- September 11** **Wine Tasting at Foley Wines 1:00 pm**

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