



# Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch

# Scattered Seeds

January/February 2012

## President's Message

2012 is the "Year of the Vote." AAUW members must make every effort to get people out to vote. As you know, many women's benefits and rights are being chipped away by new laws. We must stop that trend. Our legislators need to know that we are watching how they vote on issues that affect women and their families. One way AAUW members can do that is by writing or sending e-mails to our legislative representatives or calling them to remind them that we are following their voting record. AAUW members need to vote and get other women out to vote.

The Lompoc-Vandenberg branch celebrated the 130 years of AAUW in style at a 'birthday party' at the Fiddlehead Winery in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto. Thanks to Kathy Joseph, the owner and now a member, for allowing us to use the winery as our venue. Barbara Bolton, membership chair, headed up the committee that planned and set up the event, arranged the food, and arranged all the other details to make the event such a success. Also a special thank you to Sandy Healy and Cathy Trevino who assisted Barbara.

The branch concluded 2011 with our Holiday Party hosted by Jan Herber at her beautifully decorated home. Thank you so much, Jan. We all had a wonderful time. The following are some of the activities that have been scheduled for the coming year.

Joyce Barker will start off the year on January 13 when she will host an International potluck dinner at her home. Jan Keller, who spent time during last summer in what used to be known as the Balkans, has graciously offered to show her photographs and as she has done so effectively on previous International Nights, will describe the many places she visited.

On February 18 we all have the opportunity to hear United States Air Force Lt. General Susan J. Helms at the AAUW Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council Annual Luncheon. We are very honored to have such an influential woman as the keynote speaker for the event.

We're all looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year of exciting AAUW experiences.

*Mary Vossler, President*



## **Membership**

From National AAUW:

“The years have proven that a member sharing their passion about AAUW with someone else has helped to keep our numbers strong. The stronger we are, the more we can accomplish on behalf of women and girls.”

This is a great time to call a friend and invite her/him to join AAUW. New members may join for half of the national dues between January 1 and March 15. Their membership will expire June 30, 2012. Please share your passion about AAUW with your friends and pass on the newsletter to someone who might be interested in learning more about our organization. Contact Barbara Bolton for more membership information.

*Barbara Bolton, Membership Chair*

## **New Members**

Two former members, Peggy Beebe and Kathy Joseph, rejoined AAUW at our 130th Anniversary Celebration. We are delighted to welcome them back to AAUW.

### **Peggy Beebe**

"I was born and raised in the San Bernardino Mountains, near Lake Arrowhead. I graduated from UCSB with an M.A. in speech and hearing sciences. I've been involved with the Lompoc community 34 years and worked for LUSD for 32 years. My personal passions revolve around yoga, hiking, cycling, home upkeep (painting fences and chasing gophers), reading, travel and recently I've pulled out my flute and old autoharp. Community activities include volunteer work at VIVA and helping my 97 year old neighbor get around. I look forward to the camaraderie of AAUW!"

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### **Kathy Joseph**

Kathy Joseph is winemaker and owner of Fiddlehead Cellars in the Lompoc Ghetto and she specializes in Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. Many of you may have met her when she hosted our 130th Anniversary of AAUW, November 8, at Fiddlehead Cellars. She has a BS in bacteriology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and also pursued graduate studies in oenology at the University of California, Davis.

Kathy Joseph  
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**Leah Olsson** is also a former member who rejoined earlier this fall. Welcome!

Leah Olsson is a long time teacher with the Lompoc Unified School District and is currently teaching third grade at Los Berros Elementary School. She has also taught at the middle school level. She received her BA at Douglas (Rutgers), New Jersey and a MA from Cal Lutheran.

In addition to former members rejoining, we have another new member, Janice Hirschler, to welcome to the Lompoc-Vandenberg branch of AAUW.

### **Jan Hirschler**

“I was raised in upstate New York and received my degree in medical technology. I worked for Bristol Meyers in Syracuse doing drug toxicology research. Moving to California in the 60's, I worked for a cattle research lab. After my children were launched, I left the lab and began my career in mortgage banking. I retired from Wells Fargo in 2004 and have spent the past seven years traveling worldwide and extensively in the US. I enjoy camping in our Roadtrek motorhome with family as well as hiking and cycling. I am currently exploring opera and love classical music. I belong to the Sierra Club and work on adopt-a-highway and serve as an AARP tax counselor. During my working years I was president of Toastmasters International, served on the board of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, and graduated from Leadership Lompoc.”

## **130<sup>th</sup> AAUW Anniversary**



Close to 40 members and guests gathered at Fiddlehead Cellars in the Lompoc Wine Ghetto, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Association of University Women.

While guests sampled wine and appetizers, Kathy Joseph, proprietor of Fiddlehead, gave us a brief update on the harvest, and an overview of the countless hours of work spent to make such high quality wine.

The program included some historical highlights of the organization's 130 years along with recollections from

long time members of ways the Lompoc-Vandenberg Branch has contributed to the mission since its charter in 1964.

This anniversary event was also a kick off for the AAUW “Voter to Voter” campaign. This year long program calls branches into action to get females registered to vote while reminding us of the many issues near and dear to women and their families that are currently under serious jeopardy. To volunteer for the political action and voter awareness team, please contact Cathy Trevino at 805-757-3677 or email at: [cathytrevino47@gmail.com](mailto:cathytrevino47@gmail.com)

*Cathy Trevino, Campaign Chair*

AAUW Santa Barbara County Interbranch Council  
invites you to our

## Annual Luncheon

Saturday, February 18, 2012

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Sycamore Room at Alisal Ranch

1054 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 93463



Featuring guest speaker:

### United States Air Force Lt. General Susan J. Helms,

Commander, 14th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic), and  
Commander, Joint Functional Component Command  
for Space at [Vandenberg Air Force Base](#).



A former NASA astronaut, Helms was a crew member on five Space Shuttle missions and was a resident of the International Space Station (ISS) for over five months in 2001. While participating in ISS Expedition 2, she and Jim Voss conducted an 8 hour and 56 minute spacewalk, the longest to date.

**\$30.00 per person**

Please call Sandy Healy at 736-5781 for reservations by  
Friday, February 10.

When making your reservation, please indicate your entrée choice:  
**Grilled Salmon Steak** or **Stuffed Chicken Breast** or **Grilled Vegetable Lasagna**  
Salad, dessert, tea and coffee are included.

Checks should be made out to Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW and sent  
to: 522 North E Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Please remember that if you make a reservation, you are responsible for the cost of that reservation unless cancelled by the deadline of February 10.

## International Relations Night

Join us on Friday, January 13, 2012, as Jan Keller takes us for a visit to an area previously known as the Balkans with her photographs and descriptions. We will meet at Joyce Barker's home at 6:00 p.m., 210 St. Annes Place. Bring your favorite potluck dishes. Wine and coffee will be provided. You can RSVP at 733-4051 or joycebarker1@verizon.net.



## International Fellowships

Our branch member, Dianne Owens, received this e-mail from Laura Stepp, AAUW Director of Development.

“ I am writing to share some good news with you and to thank you for your commitment to AAUW. In 2007-2008 Esther Ngumbi was the recipient of the Dianne Owens AAUW fellowship. You will be proud to know that Esther is a very accomplished woman who was recently honored by, and invited to the White House.”

**Name:** Esther N. Ngumbi  
**Citizenship:** Kenya  
**Degree and Field:** Ph.D., Entomology  
**Institution:** University of Idaho  
**Location:** Moscow, Idaho, USA  
**Award Year:** 2007-08



Esther Ngumbi aims to develop technologies that exploit chemical communication signals for use in managing insect pests and pathogen vectors. These technologies are sustainable and environmentally friendly, eschew the usage of pesticides, and directly benefit women, who make up about 67 percent of the agricultural labor force and are exposed daily to pesticides.

## Holiday Party



Members of Lompoc-Vandenberg AAUW branch attended the holiday party at Jan Herber's home on December 9, 2011. Everyone enjoyed delicious refreshments, beautiful decorations, and good company.

## Food, Fun and Friends Dine Out

Join us for a night out previewing local restaurant fare. This No Reservations needed interest group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at a different restaurant for "food, fun and friends."

For out of town locations, anyone wanting to carpool can meet others at 5:00 p.m. in the parking lot of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 2800 Harris Grade Rd. Please call Cathy Trevino, 805 757-3677, so we can coordinate the carpool prior to departure.

**January 11, 2012: Herb Home, 426 No. H. St. Lompoc**

**February 8, 2012: Rooney's Irish Pub, 241 S. Broadway, #101, Old Town Orcutt**

**March 14, 2012: Firestone Walker Brewing, Tap Room Restaurant, 620 Mc Murray Rd., Buellton**

**Cathy Trevino  
805 757-3677 cell  
805 741-7776 home**

## Roaming Readers

January 2: *Any Stephanie Plum mystery* by Janet Evanovich  
(Betty Staight)

February 6: *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe (Beth Dunn)

March 5: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks (Myra Wapner)

April 2: *Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* by David McCullough (Judy Rarick)

May 7: *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett (Ella Gale)

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

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| <b>January 13</b>  | <b>International Potluck at Joyce Barker's, 6:00 pm</b>                                  |
| <b>February 18</b> | <b>IBC Luncheon, Alisal Ranch, 11:30 am-1:30 pm</b>                                      |
| <b>March 3</b>     | <b>AAUW Santa Maria Branch Authors Forum,<br/>Santa Maria Inn, 11:00 am-2:00 pm</b>      |
| <b>May 5</b>       | <b>Women's Literary Festival, Fess Parker's Double Tree<br/>Resort, 8:30 am- 3:30 pm</b> |

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American Association of University Women works for the education and equity for women, and positive societal change. 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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