



Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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January 2015

Reserve Your Seat for the Annual IBC Luncheon

Saturday, January 24
Los Robles Greens Golf Course
Thousand Oaks

Deadline is Saturday, January 10.

The panel will be discussing sex trafficking in our area and what can be done about it. Husbands and friends are invited to join us for the event.

(see details on page 4)



January 2015 Events

- **Saturday, January 3 - Coffee and Chat.** Side Street Café, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Tuesday, January 13 - Board Meeting.** Newbury Park Library. 6:00 PM
- **Friday, January 23 - Museums and Gardens Group Trip.** Angels Attic Doll House, Santa Monica. 10:30 AM (see page 7)
- **Saturday, January 24 - AAUW IBC Luncheon.** Los Robles Greens. 11:30 AM. (see page 4)

February 2015 Events

- **Saturday, February 7 - Coffee and Chat.** Side Street Café, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Board Meeting.** Newbury Park Library Conference Room. 6:00 PM
- **Tuesday, February 17 - Museums and Gardens Group Trip.** Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles.
- **Wednesday, February 25 - . Crossing the Line: Building Awareness of Sexual Harassment and Bullying.** Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center. 6:30 PM (see page 6)

March 2015 Events

- **Thursday, March 5 - Killing Us Softly 4.** Richter Hall, California Lutheran University. 7:00 PM (see page 2)
- **Saturday, March 7 - Coffee and Chat.** Side Street Café, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Monday, March 9 - Women's History Presentations.** Thousand Oaks Library, 6:30 PM
- **Tuesday, March 10 - Board Meeting.** Newbury Park Library Conference Room. 6:00 PM

Museums and Gardens Group Trip to the Angels Attic Doll House

Friday, January 23
10:30 AM

(see page 7)

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, February 25
Crossing the Line: Building Awareness of
Sexual Harassment and Bullying.
(see page 6)

Visit us online at aauwto.org

A Note from the President...

Have you ever made a New Year's resolution? Many people have and few have been able to keep them for more than a few weeks or months. Some of the favorites are losing weight, stopping smoking, saving money, paying off credit cards. These are all great resolutions and will make for a better life for you, but how about making life better for women and girls through your continued support of AAUW? There is an Interbranch program in January (see page 4) which deals with violence against women, where we will learn ways to help end the violence.

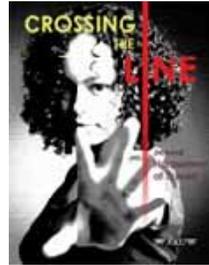
Also, our Branch is co-sponsoring a program with the Conejo Valley Unified School District in February (see this page and page 6) regarding anti-bullying and sexual harassment in schools and on the Internet. These programs will educate us so that perhaps we can help our own children or grandchildren.

Please consider making a resolution to join us.

Linda Pochter, President

VERY IMPORTANT TO SAVE THE DATE

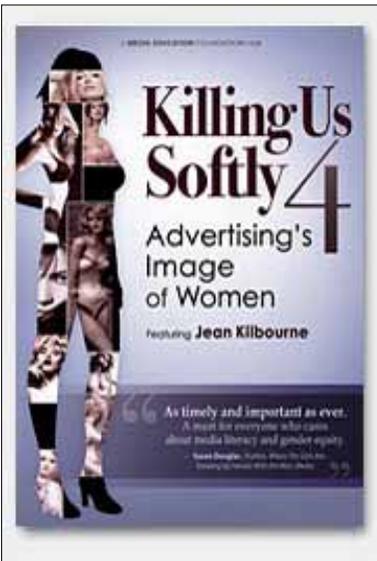
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 7:00 PM Title IX Community Forum



Our Branch's Title IX Compliance Committee has been working very hard and we recently created a newly re-energized partnership with the Conejo Valley Unified School District. As part of this effort, we will be co-sponsoring a Community Forum dealing

with the Title IX issues of "Sexual Harassment and Sexual Bullying in our Schools." This event will be designed for AAUW members as well as all of the Greater Conejo Valley community. Please save the date as this will be a special evening with excellent speakers! It is greatly appreciated if you can help in distributing the flyer enclosed in this issue of the *Oaktwig*. (see page 6) Thank you.

If you are interested in assisting with our Title IX Compliance Committee, please contact Sally Hibbitts.



Save the Date In Celebration of International Women's Day

Killing Us Softly 4

Thursday, March 5

7:00 PM

Richter Hall, California Lutheran University

Killing Us Softly 4, the latest in Jean Kilbourne's series takes a fresh look at American advertising and how women are portrayed. The more things have changed, the more they've stayed the same. This film challenges another generation to take advertising seriously, and to think critically about its relationship to sexism, eating disorders, gender violence and contemporary politics. A panel discussion will follow the screening of the film. More details will follow.

Visit us online at aauwto.org

Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

from the Sunshine Committee



☀ Judy and Jack Gindi's daughter, Rebecca, has just graduated from UC Berkeley School of Law and passed the Bar as well. Our congratulations to Rebecca on this significant achievement which involved long hours of work and diligence on her part. Now the Gindi family is branching out from the medical field to the legal field: what an accomplished group! Our best wishes to Rebecca on her future endeavors.

☀ Pattie and Dan Dix have returned from their month-long trip to Europe where they visited the Netherlands, Germany, France, Austria and Italy. They have a treasured collection of wonderful, imaginative pictures that they took while there. Welcome home!

☀ Several items from the Holiday Party were left at the Priedkalns' house and someone mistakenly took one of their spreaders. The items left at their house include a meat fork with a wooden handle and a Lucite hard surface pie server. Left from prior years are a slotted silver salad spoon, and a fork used to toss a salad and 2 pot holders in blue and white and pastel colors with a chicken design. If these items belong to you or if you have the Priedkalns' spreaders, please call Liz and make appropriate arrangements.

☀ Sally Hibbitts and husband, Ken, are taking off for a trip to Europe at the beginning of January. They plan to visit Rome for a week, then take a 10-day cruise to Greece and Turkey, stopping in Naples and Sicily for another week before coming home. If they need help carrying their bags, no doubt there would be many volunteers among AAUW ladies. We wish them smooth sailing and flying and much pleasure along the way.

If you learn of an important accolade or event happening for you or another Branch member, please let us know. The particulars will be published in the Oaktwig or, for time-sensitive information, will be sent to all Branch members via email.

**Please send news items for this column to
Audrey Giuffrida.**

Fifty Years: 1966-2016



Are you a planner?
A thespian? A writer?
A musician? An artist?
A (fun)draiser? A new
member? A long-time
member? A group of
members will meet to

explore and discuss ideas for celebrating our Branch's upcoming 50th anniversary (April 2016). If you are interested in participating with the planning of this event, please email Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek and you will be contacted when a meeting date is set. Lots of ideas are needed, spread the word!

Member Birthdays

January

Helene Rosen	1
Julie Land	2
Helen Follmer	3
Catherine Inbar	6
Bonnie Shubb	7
Mary Shaffer	9
Nina Bublitz	15
Eloda Linehan	15
Shel Magnuson	17
Brenda Mauss	28



"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential."

Ellen Goodman

Join us for the Annual AAUW Interbranch Council Luncheon!

**Saturday, January 24, 2015, 11:30 -- \$30 per person
Los Robles Greens Golf Course
299 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks**



Panel Discussion: "Overview of Human Trafficking"

Come hear representatives of organizations dealing with human trafficking talk about the situation and what is being done.

Panel Participants:

- Vickie McCoy of Zoe Children's Homes -- an organization that rescues and cares for orphans in danger and children who have been sold or are at risk of being sold into human trafficking world-wide.
- Sarah Godoy of Saving Innocence -- an organization that offers training to law enforcement and human services agencies to spot trafficking and stop it.
- A member of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI, who will discuss their role.

Buffet Luncheon Menu:

*Seasonal Green Salad and Greek Salad
Salmon with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce / Grilled Chicken with Lemon Butter Sauce
Parmesan Potato Gratin, Grilled Vegetables
Rolls • Dessert • Coffee and Tea*



To RSVP, send your \$30 check (payable to AAUW IBC) with this slip to:

Janet Lindquist, 32106 Village 32, Camarillo, CA 92012

Name: _____

Branch: _____

RSVP no later than January 10, 2015

For further information, contact Bev Khoshnevisan

Holiday Party Memories



Save the Date!
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

“Crossing the Line: Building Awareness of Sexual Harassment and Bullying”

This area event is brought to the Conejo Valley School Community by a partnership of The Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW, The Conejo Valley Unified School District, and the Unified Association of Conejo Teachers.

Parents, students in grades 7 – 12, teachers, and supportive community members are encouraged to attend this informative and timely public forum.

Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center,

2323 No. Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks

6:30 pm to 8:30 PM



We are Going to Try Again to See Some Angels in the Attic!

Due to the poor December weather, our scheduled trip to the Angels in the Attic Doll Museum, was



postponed until January. All members are welcome to join the Museum and Gardens Group for a visit to this beautiful museum on **Friday, January 23 from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM**. We will meet at the Barnes and Noble in Westlake and arrange our carpools from there. The museum is housed in a fully

restored Queen Anne Victorian house which was built in 1895. It is one of the last surviving Victorian-built homes remaining in the Santa Monica area. As everyone knows, there is something universally magical and fascinating about dollhouses and miniatures. They have captivated young and old from the beginning of recorded history. Dollhouses and miniatures are not only an art form, but they are social history. Through these works of art, we can follow the changing styles in architecture and interior design, the lessening drudgery of keeping house, the growing and preparation of food, the changing fashions, paintings and books, even the growth of the toy industry.



As Sally Hibbitts is out of town, if you would like to reserve your place on this trip, please contact Linda Pochter. A special thank you, in advance, if you are able to assist with the driving responsibilities.

SPECIAL NOTE! Save the date of February 17 for our interesting trip to the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles via METRO subway!

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still
an issue

Global Awareness & Action for Girls (GAAG) Interest Group E-List

In December's Oaktwig, Jeanette Hosek described a visit to a youth center in Cape Town, South Africa where she learned that adolescent girls in this community are in need of personal hygiene products. Most attend local high schools, but they may miss one week of school a month during menstruation, as families do not have the funds to purchase these products.

In researching this subject, (*Google: Africa girls sanitary towels*) Jeanette learned that 30% of African girls leave school for lack of sanitary pads and lack of toilets, which are often not gender-segregated, not private or simply non-existent. An article from the Huffington Post by Maureen Shaw about lack of sanitary napkins concluded that "menstruation marks a decline in quality of life for many girls... without access to supplies or sanitation, educational opportunities are marginalized...with long-term consequences to their communities and the global economy."

In December, Jeanette mailed a box of pads to the Cape Town youth center and she is waiting confirmation of arrival. Another box is being assembled with donations of sanitary pads.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please email Jeanette Hosek and your name will be added to the GAAG Interest Group's e-list.



Photography group on a photo outing to a Camarillo farm. From left to right: Helene Rosen, Kateri Alexander, Wendy Hoffman, Claudia Spelman, Shoshana Brower and Jeanette Hosek

Special Interest Groups



One of the privileges of Branch membership is the opportunity to participate in one or more of our special interest groups. Any member is welcome to join as many as are of interest. If you would like to initiate a new interest group, please contact Narda prior to the 10th of the month preceding your event. It will be listed in the next *Oaktwig*, to advertise and recruit members who would like to help start or join the new group. Contact Narda Fargotstein.

Coffee and Chat

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month. We meet at 9:00 AM at the Side Street Café, 996 Lawrence Drive, Newbury Park. This is a very pleasant way to get acquainted and stay connected. We hope you will be able to join us. For further information, contact Narda Fargotstein.

Daytime Literature Group

We invite you to join us for a lively discussion on the 4th Monday of each month (unless indicated by *) at 10:00 AM in the Marvin Smith Community Room at the Thousand Oaks Library on Janss Road. For more information, please contact Jeane Rose.

Our upcoming schedule:

January 26: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor

February 23: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini

March 23: *The Timekeeper* by Mitch Albom

Evening Literature Group

The Evening Literature Group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM (unless indicated by *) at different members' homes. Please join us - everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Ellen Kossoris or Sharon Dyer.

Our upcoming schedule:

January 15: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

February 19: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

March 19: *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

Exploring Religions of the World Through the Eyes of Women (NEW)

We will meet 3 or 4 times over the year in someone's home. Each time we meet, our hope is to invite a woman with a particular religious background to facilitate an open and nonjudgmental discussion with the group.

On **Tuesday, January 20** at 6:30 PM we will meet at the home of Wendy Hoffman. Our guest speaker will be Mini Madan, who is a practicing Sikh. We will enjoy an open discussion with her about Sikhism and what it is like living in these times as a female Sikh. Space is limited, so please let us know if you will be attending. Contact Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek.

Global Awareness and Action for Girls (GAAG) (NEW)

Primary focus will be on projects assisting adolescent girls living outside the U.S. who have difficulties obtaining an education. Members can suggest projects they are currently aware of or look into future projects. Contact Jeanette Hosek if interested.

Joyful Volunteering Group

Celebrate the gift of giving time! This group is designed to give our members an opportunity to help make lives better for women through involvement with other volunteer groups. To add new energy and to further reach out this coming year, Joyful Volunteering participants are being asked to please choose a month to come up with an idea for service that will make a difference in the community. This way, new avenues will be explored and the group will continue on a positive road. New participants are *always* welcome! Please contact Gail Small about the joy you can contribute by volunteering!

Morning Walking Group

Meets every Thursday at 7:15 AM rain or shine for a moderate walk, approximately 45 minutes. We meet inside by the Cheesecake Factory in the Oaks Mall. Some of the group continue on for coffee and to do crossword puzzles. Contact Claudia Spelman.

The Movie Ladies of Fame Group

If you are interested in having your name (partners, too) added to either/both Interest Groups--Movie and/or Theatre--please contact Linda Harley. If no answer, do leave a message: please speak slowly and clearly. Thank you!

Museums and Gardens

The Museums and Gardens group visits a variety of beautiful museums and gardens on a different day each month, depending upon venue location and member response. If you'd like to take part, contact Sally Hibbits.

Our upcoming schedule:

Friday, January 23: Angels Attic Doll Museum, Santa Monica, 10:30 AM (see page 7)

Tuesday, February 17: Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles

Photography Group

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. We are "budding" photographers who meet once a month to learn about our digital cameras and how to take the "perfect" picture and have lots of fun along the way. Contact Wendy Hoffman.

Theater Play Productions Group (NEW)

Members will attend weekend productions at local venues such as Conejo Players Theater in Thousand Oaks, the High Street Arts Center in Moorpark and Simi Valley Community Arts Center. Husbands/partners are invited to participate as well. Contact Linda Harley.

Great Gift Ideas from AAUW

Do you have a hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list? We've got three great ideas for you!



How about a box of beautiful note cards, created by local women artists? Each box of eight is \$10.00 or you can buy individual cards for \$2.00

each. We can also assemble a special box of eight of your favorite cards.

For the history or theater buff on your list, give one or all three volumes of *Profiles of Women: Past & Present*. Created by members of our Branch, each volume provides well-written monologues showing women as positive role models.



The gifts above help provide fellowships and scholarships through AAUW Funds. Contact Kateri Alexander.



Finally, give the gift of membership! Sign up a family member or friend to join the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW. She/he gets a great gift and you get a friend with whom you can attend Branch events. Win/Win! Contact Judi Robinson.

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AAUW Value Promise:

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

AAUW to Assist with 2015 Special Olympics World Games' Activities in Thousand Oaks



Special Olympics
WORLD GAMES
LOS ANGELES 2015

The City of Thousand Oaks has been selected as an official Host City for a group of the fine athletes who will be competing in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. For the three days preceding the Opening Ceremonies, Thousand Oaks and other towns and cities across Southern California will hold social events to welcome delegations of Special Olympians from around the world. The athletes will be housed in the dorms at CLU and various activities will be held at that time including a community picnic, BBQ and dance. Our AAUW Branch will be assisting with some of the host city activities prior to the actual competition dates.

This is a great opportunity for AAUW members to share in this very important event and help show a warm welcome to these international visitors. Please contact Sally Hibbitts if you would like to be part of the planning for this community volunteer event.



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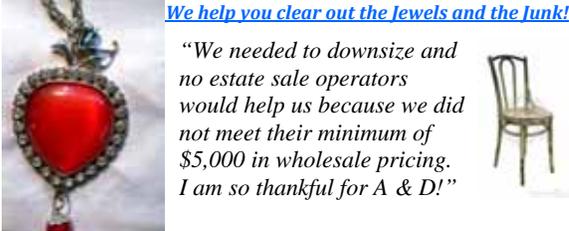
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