



Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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May 2015

## AAUW-Thousand Oaks' Annual Funds Program

Don't miss our **Saturday, May 9** breakfast! There's still time to register! (see page 5)



We will hear Kristin Friedersdorf, our AAUW Funds Career Development Grant recipient, talk about her work toward a new career in culinary arts and baking.

We'll also recognize our Named Gift Honoree Recipient and elect next year's Board of Directors.

Another bonus - this is the perfect opportunity to renew your AAUW membership for next year! And no postage necessary!

Join us for a fun and informative morning.



### May 2015 Events

- **Saturday, May 2 - Coffee and Chat.** Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Tuesday, May 5 - Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting.** Wendy Hoffman's home. 6:30 PM (see page 6)
- **Saturday, May 9 - AAUW Thousand Oaks' Annual Funds Program.** Los Robles Greens, Thousand Oaks. 9:30 AM (see page 5)
- **Monday, May 11 - Branch Program Planning Meeting.** Mimi's Café, Thousand Oaks. 6:30 PM (see page 6)
- **Tuesday, May 12 - Board Meeting.** Newbury Park Library Meeting Room. 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday, May 20 - Museums and Gardens Group Trip.** Hollyhock House, Barnsdall Park, Hollywood. 9:00 AM (see page 7)

### June 2015 Events

- **Tuesday, June 2 - Adopt-a-Poll Special Election.** Thousand Oaks. (see page 3)
- **Saturday, June 13 - New and Returning Board Members Potluck Brunch.** Sally Hibbitts' home. 10:30 AM
- **Friday, June 19 - Last day to vote in AAUW National Elections** (see page 9)

## Annual Dues Increase

Your annual dues have increased this year to \$84.00 because of a \$4.00 mandatory increase in state dues. The Branch keeps only \$15.00 of the total amount for its operating expenses.

**Please send your dues by June 15<sup>th</sup>!**  
(see page 4)

**Volunteers Needed**  
**Adopt-a Poll Special Election**  
**Tuesday, June 2**

(see page 3)

**PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES BY JUNE 15TH!**

## A Note from the President...

I am so pleased to see so many of you attending our Branch programs this year and especially glad our new members are joining us and bringing their expertise to assure our continued success. Our Program Director this year, Bev Khoshnevisan, has done a wonderful job planning and coordinating events with Program Chairs, such as Sally Hibbitts. As a result of everyone's hard work, and especially Sally's dedication to Title IX compliance, we have won a second award recognition from AAUW California for our Mission-based February program, "Crossing the Line: Building Awareness of Sexual Harassment and Bullying." Thank you to Sally, Bev and all of our members for their amazing efforts.

Our next big program is our Annual Funds program on May 9 at Los Robles Golf Course. It is so important that we have a good turnout to vote for the 2015-16 Board of Directors. We will announce our Named Gift Honoree in whose name our Branch's donation was submitted. We will also hear from an AAUW Fellowship recipient and how she is pursuing a new career. In addition, we have invited the two women we selected as our scholarship recipients from Moorpark College. This is all part of our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. This is why our work is so important. Please join us and send your RSVP to Vera King.

Last but not least, we are headed into our Annual Membership Renewal period. It is vitally important that we all renew by June 15 this year. In the past we have been very lax in our timing of renewals and this needs to be changed. The State and National registrations must be completed by the end of June. In May you will receive your renewal letter and you will be asked to be prompt in your reply. If possible, please bring your dues to our Funds Program. It will help us so much. I appreciate the work that you are all doing and I want to see us be on time. You will also be given an opportunity to add a little extra to our operating expense budget. We did this several years ago and it was very successful. Please consider "bumping up" your membership so we can have a solid operating expense budget.

Thank you so much for your dedication and support this year.

Linda Pochter

## Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

*from the Sunshine Committee*



☀ It is with much sadness that we inform you of the death of Karl Alexander, husband of our esteemed member, Kateri, on March 30, 2015 at the VA hospital in West Los Angeles. They had celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the hospital, where they both received exceptional care.

Kateri has been an active member of AAUW for many years and she and Karl knew each other for 44 years, having met on the set of a movie in 1971, after which they did not see one another for 15 years. Karl was a novelist and screenwriter and loved their schnauzer, Rainy May.

The Board and entire membership of AAUW extend heartfelt condolences to Kateri. Her life will be diminished without him and we hope that the positive qualities of Karl's lifetime will help to assuage the pain that death has brought.

*If you learn of a newsworthy event concerning you or another Branch member—be it Sad, Glad or merely factual—and you would like to have it published in the Oaktwig, please let us know. The particulars will be included in the forthcoming issue or, for time-sensitive information, will be sent to all Branch members via email. Thanks for keeping us informed!*

*Please contact Audrey Giuffrida.*

*Nominations Committee chairperson, Sally Hibbitts, and Nominations Committee members Jeanette Hosek, Linda Pochter, Sheila Sullivan, and Bonnie Shubb are pleased to present the:*

## 2015-2016 Board of Directors Nominees

<b>President</b>	Sally Hibbitts
<b>Vice President</b>	Marilyn Carpenter
	(*note this is not a Pres. Elect)
<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Dyer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Bonnie Shubb

### **Directors**

Annette Broersma, Narda Fargotstein, Deanna Franke, Jeanette Hosek, Bev Khoshnevisan, Lori Kissinger, Betty Nordahl, Pat O'Donnell, Linda Pochter, Judi Robinson, Betty Stapleford

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## AAUW Thousand Oaks Takes a Role in the World Games 2015



Special Olympics  
**WORLD GAMES**  
LOS ANGELES 2015

We stepped up to offer our assistance in the Host Town activities from July 21 - July 24, 2015 here in Thousand Oaks. Our role will be to support the athletes in their sport training by assuring transportation and accessibility to the facilities they need. Our volunteers are also invited to the Host Town events such as the barbeque and party at the Conejo Creek Park during the days the athletes are here in town. We anticipate approximately 100 athletes and coaches will be visiting our fair city as they acclimate and prepare for the World Games which take place in Los Angeles the following week. Specifically, Thousand Oaks will be host to athletic entourages from the following countries: Mongolia, San Marino, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Tajikistan. For more information, or to attend the World Games, go to [www.la2015.org](http://www.la2015.org).

Annette Broersma, AAUW TO Special Olympics Committee Chair

## Adopt-a-Poll is BACK!



Election Day, for the City Council Election in Thousand Oaks, is coming on **Tuesday, June 2**. It provides us with two distinct opportunities:

- (1.) **Vote** for your favorite candidate for this important position.
- (2.) **Become a Poll Worker** at our local AAUW Adopt-a-Poll and earn your Branch some additional much needed funds! As a non-profit organization, the AAUW Branch regularly has sponsored an Election Precinct Polling place by providing poll workers for the all-day election. In return, the County of Ventura provides us the funds that they normally would use to hire paid workers. It's a WIN-WIN for all of us!

You will need to take some very simple online or in-person training during May, and then you will be a qualified poll worker.

Please help us out with this worthy project... the more hands the better! You will need to work only a 3- or 4-hour shift on Tuesday, June 2 at the Duesenberg Fire Station near the Thousand Oaks Post Office.

Please contact Sally Hibbitts for more details and information on how to sign up.

### Member Birthdays



#### May

Betsy Bourne	2
Melanie Ashen	8
Linda Pochter	8
Harriet Uhl	10
Stacy Hamlet	12
Paula Geeting	14
Jean Maxwell	23
Dianne McKay	23
Yvonne Lux	29
Leesa McBurnie	31
Judy Gindi	31

**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.

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May 1, 2015

Dear Member,

Thank you for being part of AAUW Thousand Oaks. We hope you enjoyed many of the programs and activities of the Branch this past year.

This upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for members! The Branch will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 2016 and we want you to be part of the special events beginning with our Fall Membership breakfast and ending with a lovely champagne brunch at the North Ranch Country Club. In between, a variety of special programs will be organized along with our popular interest groups so many of you enjoy.

Your annual dues have increased this year to \$84.00, because of a \$4.00 mandatory increase in State dues. The Branch keeps only \$15.00 of the total amount for its operating expenses.

As you write your membership renewal check, the board invites you to make an additional contribution to the various scholarships described below. Please indicate the amount you would like to contribute and include it with your membership renewal. Make your check payable to: AAUW TO

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **AAUW FUNDS:** National Scholarships to graduate women, researchers and community projects, Legal Advocacy Fund and other funds

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Tech Trek STEM Camps and Moorpark College Scholarships

Thank you very much for supporting the Branch's scholarship endeavors. Your help makes it possible for the Branch to increase its impact in our local community and the country.

Sincerely,

Judi Robinson, Membership Director

Linda Pochter, President

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*You are Invited to a Very Special Presentation...*

## AAUW-Thousand Oaks' Annual Funds Program

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 • 9:30 AM**  
**Los Robles Greens Golf Course**  
**299 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks**  
**\$18 per person, includes buffet**



Kristin Friedersdorf

Join us for our Annual Funds program and hear special guest Kristin Friedersdorf, a recipient of an AAUW Career Development grant. Kristin is currently studying Culinary Arts and Baking at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA. She graduated from Whittier College in 2006, where she studied Child Development and went on to work for several child and family-serving nonprofit organizations. Receiving an AAUW Career Development grant has allowed her to pursue a lifelong passion for the culinary arts and transition to a new career. Hearing from an AAUW Fellow about the work she's doing is always inspiring! Plus, it gives us the opportunity to see how our Funds donations are being used.

At this event we will also recognize our Named Gift Honoree for this year, the AAUW-Thousand Oaks member in whose name our Branch's donation was submitted.

Elections for the 2015-2016 Branch Board of Directors and Officers will also take place.

Don't miss this busy event! Good food, good friends, and an inspiring speaker.

### Buffet Menu:

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, O'Brien Potatoes, Fresh Sliced Fruit, Croissants, Danish, Toast and Assorted Muffins, served with Sweet Butter and Preserves  
 Coffee, Tea, and a Selection of Juices



To RSVP, mail this form, along with your \$18 check (payable to AAUW-T.O.) to:

Vera King, 1688 Crystal View Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP no later than April 27, 2015**

For questions, please contact Bev Khoshnevisan

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## We Need You! Come to a Program Planning Meeting for 2015-2016

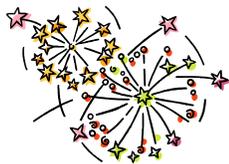
**Where:** Mimi's 400 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks

**When: Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

1. Programs such as those that focus on AAUW public policy issues: civil rights, affirmative action, hate crimes prevention, reproductive rights, economic security, work-life balance, pay equity, retirement security, health care, career and technical education, charter schools, higher education, Common Core, school vouchers, STEM education, Title IX, or sexual harassment, among others.
2. Programs that use AAUW research reports on issues like women in community colleges, the pay gap for women one year out of college, sexual harassment in schools, and the under-representation of women and girls in STEM.

**RSVP to Narda Fargotstein.**

## Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee Join the Fun!



Next meeting of the planning committee for the Branch's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be at Wendy Hoffman's home on **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 PM**. Anyone interested in working on this committee please come by. Email Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek if you are planning to attend!

*When you've finished reading this issue, print it, give it to a friend or neighbor and invite them to join AAUW Thousand Oaks!*

## April Board Meeting "Tidbits"

- Linda Pochter will speak with Kiwanis members next month about Tech Trek.
- Judi Robinson said the Branch had earned two free memberships from National.
- Deanna Franke announced that two women from Moorpark College had won Branch scholarships of \$500 each.
- Bev Khoshnevisan described the April 12<sup>th</sup> Sisters in Crime meeting as "excellent!"
- Vera King reported that \$500 had been collected so far for Phantom Tea.
- Sally Hibbitts introduced a motion to support an engineering program at CSUCI. (see page 8)
- Board voted to use funds from the June Adopt-a-Poll for Branch operating expenses.
- Jeanette Hosek described work being done by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee.
- A group of members took a tour of CLU to prepare for Special Olympics athletes.
- Audrey Giuffrida read a short article about gender equity in tech fields.
- On-line voting for National AAUW officers, bylaws, public policy is open now.
- Membership renewal letters are going out soon and need to be returned by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Narda Fargotstein will direct program planning for the fall.

Jeanette Hosek, Board Secretary.

### Oaktwig Staff

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Dorothy Robinson, Circulation  
Betty Nordahl, Email Alerts

**Email articles to Pattie Dix by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to publication.**

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## Museums and Gardens Group Visits the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Hollyhock House

The Museum and Gardens group invites all members to join its final trip of the year to the world famous Frank Lloyd Wright designed Hollyhock House in the Hollywood area on **Wednesday, May 20 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.**

Built between 1919 – 1921 on a 36-acre site, Hollyhock House was the first Los Angeles project for Mr. Wright after he came west from Illinois. Taking advantage of Los Angeles' dry, temperate climate, Hollyhock House is a remarkable combination of house and gardens. In addition to the central garden court, each major interior space adjoins an equivalent exterior space, connected either by glass doors, a porch, pergola or colonnade. A series of rooftop terraces further extend the living space and provide magnificent views of the Los Angeles basin and the Hollywood Hills.

The house takes its name from the favorite flower of Aline Barnsdall. At her request, hollyhocks were incorporated into the decorative details of the house, and stylized representations of the flower may be found on the roofline, walls, columns, planters and furnishings.



The architectural design features exterior walls that are tilted back at 85 degrees (which helps provide a "Mayan" appearance sometimes referred to as the Mayan Revival style, leaded art glass in the windows, a grand fireplace with a large abstract bas-relief, and a moat. Water is meant to flow from a pool in the courtyard through an underground tunnel to this inside moat, and out again to a fountain.



Beginning in 1974, the city sponsored a series of restorations, but the structure was severely damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. It was again restored and was open to the public in June 2005 only to be closed again for a longer period. However, in January 2015 it reopened following extensive renovations.



The U.S. Department of the Interior designated Hollyhock House a National Historic Landmark in 2007. In 2008 the U.S. National Park Service received approval that the Hollyhock House, along with nine other Frank Lloyd Wright properties, had received designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ten sites were submitted as one total site.

Today, surrounded by a modern theater and art galleries, Hollyhock House comes closer to realizing its original purpose as the centerpiece of a functioning arts complex.

Once again we will meet at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Westlake Village at 9:00 AM for our carpools to the Los Angeles area. Drivers are usually needed and your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Your cost will be a share of the gas expense, lunch at an area restaurant, and the price of the guided tour, which is \$3.00. (Senior rate payable via credit card only.)

Please let Sally Hibbitts know that you are interested in joining this fabulous trip to one of the forgotten jewels of architectural design here in Southern California!

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April 24, 2015

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin  
2301 East Daily Drive, Suite 200  
Camarillo, CA 93010

**RE: Support for funding to launch CSU Channel Islands Engineering School**

Dear Assemblymember Irwin:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the AAUW Thousand Oaks, I am writing to express my organization's support for the establishment of an engineering school at California State University, Channel Islands (CSUCI). An engineering program at CSUCI is a natural progression for this growing university that is essential for preparing students for the 21st century job market. The presence of an engineering program will enable CSUCI to better serve the needs of the regional economy and the state as a whole.

In 2012, CSUCI conducted a regional assessment of the need for an engineering school on campus. The study found that Ventura County in particular suffers from a shortage of engineers compared to the neighboring counties of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. Further, the study found that nearly half of the Ventura County employers that were interviewed are planning on hiring more engineers beyond the natural attrition rate. Due to this demand, CSUCI is in a unique position to attract and retain engineering talent in Ventura County.

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. The Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year having been established at about the same time as the City of Thousand Oaks. We have and continue to be the pre-eminent local organization speaking out to improve the lives countless women and their families by advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Recently released is the latest AAUW Research Report, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*. This report details the newest research concerning the need for more women in these work forces while highlighting solutions that will change the face of America's engineering and computing professions. According to the research, by 2022, the United States will need 1.7 million more engineers and computing professionals. Women — who make up more than half the population — are still significantly underrepresented in these fields. Women's intellect and voices need to be a part of the technologies and products created by these fields. AAUW knows how to solve this equation....provide more education and opportunities for women to compete in these high valued professions, which includes adding a School of Engineering to the campus at CSUCI.

Thank you for your support of this important effort to help CSUCI establish an engineering school. An investment in this new program will leverage one of the best areas of potential in California's higher education system and will provide opportunities for our students and for growth in Ventura County and California. AAUW Thousand Oaks is pleased to offer this letter in support for the state's funding of this program and we look forward to the many benefits that it will provide.

Sincerely,

Linda Pochter  
President  
AAUW Thousand Oaks

Cc: *Assemblymember Weber, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee*  
*Assemblymember McCarty, Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance*  
*Jeanette Sanchez, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin*  
*Sue Miller, Director of Public Policy, AAUW CA*  
*Shannon Smith-Crowley, AAUW Staff, Sacramento*

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## AAUW National Election

Voting in the AAUW national election is quick and easy. Details about the candidates and ballot issues are available on the website, [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine. Your voting code can be found on the mailing label of your copy of the *Outlook* magazine.

Your ballot includes the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program.

**Last day to vote is Friday, June 19, 2015.**

Judy Pfeil, one of the candidates for Director, is a member of the Simi Valley Branch and AAUW Ventura County IBC. She is also a Past President of California AAUW.



### Goals and Passions for AAUW

- Promote programs -STEM and Public Policy
- Foster communication, connection and AAUW Funds
- Engage with C/U partners
- Investment in the future - Tech Trek and Elect Her
- Leadership - new ideas at branch level

Vote for **JUDY PFEIL**

AAUW Director

Voting is from Apr.16-June 19 via [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)  
(you will receive your voting code on next *Outlook* magazine)

## 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.



## COMING THIS FALL!



A new Special Interest Group will be forming in the Fall: "AAUW Speaker's Bureau"... share what you know with other interested and supportive community groups. This will be a volunteer opportunity for those interested in sharing their interests, hobbies, or talents with others. The leader is Annette Broersma. Please contact her for more information

## Looking for a Phone Number?

If you're seeking contact information for people leading various Branch activities, please see page 12 of this newsletter. The *Oaktwig* is now being published on our Branch website, [aauwto.org](http://aauwto.org), without our members' personal information. The "Contact Page" will NOT appear on our website.

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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. We meet at 9:00 AM at Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, 2385 Michael Drive, Newbury Park. (Directions: Take 101 to Borchard Road Exit. Take a right on Michael and go past Baskin Robbins. Turn right into the parking lot to Stella's.) 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

**May 18:** *Where'd You Go Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

**June 22:** Discussion of next year's book selections

### Evening Literature Group

The Evening Literature Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

**May 15:** *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud

### 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. Contact Wendy Hoffman.

### 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.

**(GAAG, con't.)** The final box of sanitary pads is almost ready to go to South Africa. If you want to include some pads in the box, please contact Jeanette Hosek. We have already sent five boxes, but the cost of sending items to South Africa and the unreliability of the postal system in delivering them are ending this project. If you are still interested in contributing to similar projects, look for a list of opportunities to do so in the June *Oaktwig*. Thanks to all who contributed. Jeanette Hosek

### 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 Hibbitts.

**Wednesday, May 20: Hollyhock House**, Barnsdall Park, Hollywood, 9:00 AM (see page 7)

### Photography Group

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## AAUW Name Tags Order Form

\$20.00 with magnetic attachment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (as you want it to appear on name tag)

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailed to you: \$2.50 extra.

Total Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form & check payable to AAUW T.O. to:

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*"We needed to downsize and no estate sale operators would help us because we did not meet their minimum of \$5,000 in wholesale pricing. I am so thankful for A & D!"*



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