

The Oak Twig

Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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Eat, Drink & Be Merry While Raising Money for Tech Trek!



Love pizza and beer? Or maybe you prefer linguini and a glass of red wine? Whatever you're craving, come to Pitfire Artisan Pizza on June 21, and help our Branch raise money for Tech Trek scholarships.

Take the flyer found on page 13 of this issue to Pitfire Artisan Pizza any time between 11:00 AM and 9:00 PM (or take a picture of it with your smart phone) and Pitfire will donate to our Branch 20 percent of proceeds from your purchase of food, beer, wine, liquor and desserts (including pick-up and delivery orders!) If you'd prefer the company of other AAUW members, please come at 6:00 PM and join us at a table reserved just for us.

Remember: you must show the flyer (or a photo of it) for our Branch to receive the restaurant's donation.

Please come to Pitfire Artisan Pizza, located next door to Gelson's on Townsgate Road, and enjoy wonderful food and wine while helping promote Tech Trek Science Camp for Girls. Pitfire Artisan Pizza, 966 S. Westlake Blvd. # 3, Westlake Village, CA 91362. 805-409-4181.

Membership Renewals Due July 1 — Not in the Fall

The method for paying dues this year has changed completely: please see Page 3 for all the details on how to renew your membership by July 1st.



June 2016 Events

- **Saturday, June 4 - Coffee and Chat.** Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM.
- **Tuesday, June 7 - Adopt-A-Poll /Primary Election Day. VOTE!**
- **Tuesday, June 14 - Retiring/New Board Meeting/Pot Luck.** Home of Betty Stapleford. Thousand Oaks. 6:00 PM. (see page 5)
- **Tuesday, June 21 - AAUW Fundraiser: Pitfire Artisan Pizza,** 966 S. Westlake Blvd., Ste. 3, Westlake Village. (see left and print flyer on page 13)
- **Friday, June 24 - Women's History Project Meeting.** Thousand Oaks Library. 2:00 PM. (see page 11)
- **Sunday, June 26 - New Member Welcome/Wine Tasting Event.** Sunland Vintage Winery Tasting Room. 6:00 PM. (see page 6)

July 2016 Events

- **Friday, July 1 - Membership Renewals Due.** (see page 3)

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Visit us online at aauwto.org

A Note from the President...

Wow! Is it June already? What happened to this year:



Sally toasting the Branch's 50th Anniversary with VC Supervisor Linda Parks.

where did it go? June marks the ending of our big 50th Anniversary Year and allows me the opportunity to sincerely thank some very special members of our Branch. I've grown to count on these women for the "heavy lifting" of support, which keeps our growing group functioning in such a positive manner.

The Board of Directors— the retiring and continuing members who are

sometimes unrecognized for their non-stop efforts — are the recipients of my Special Big Thank You! Included this year were two especially good friends who agreed to add their wisdom to our proceedings: Marilyn Carpenter and Lori Kissinger. I so needed their help and they jumped at the chance! Our amazing Treasurer, Bonnie Shubb, who has truly stepped up to a huge job, since we had one event after another for her to keep track of, plus all the new members entered into the database! Our Parliamentarian extraordinaire, Jeanette Hosek, has given of herself in countless ways to guide the Branch down the correct path...I could always count on her to add her discerning advice! Sharon Dyer took on the job of Secretary which gave her new challenges every meeting. The role of Membership Chair, held by Judi Robinson, became almost overwhelming with our growth in numbers...so much so that this job is now going to need two people to cover the plethora of duties. Betty Stapleford transformed an ad hoc position into a meaningful Board position and has helped open new community outreach opportunities for our Branch. Bev Khoshnevisan, Linda Pochter, Deanna Franke, Pat O'Donnell, Narda Fargotstein, and Betty Nordahl all had special jobs this year--either with programs, Tech Trek, Brighter Horizons, or hospitality...all were needed and amazingly helpful! Rounding out our team were the ever-faithful Audrey Giuffrida, Dorothy Robinson, Vera King and Kateri Alexander. I truly mean this: you're all a special group of friends and we've made quite a team this year! Thank you so much.

Another Special Thank You is also extended to our amazing graphics duo and editors of the Oak Twig: the incomparable Pattie Dix and Donna Langley. We are saying a fond farewell to Pattie as she embarks soon on a new life in Oregon and we always applaud Donna in her many skilled endeavors for our Branch. Pattie and Donna have helped be the glue that holds our sometimes unwieldy Branch together by keeping us updated through their wonderful and time-consuming work on the Oak Twig. Plus, their combined help on so many graphics-based needs, like programs, flyers, tickets, etc. will be missed tremendously.

So, we move into another year of excitement and changes... always working to promote our goal of improving the lives of women and girls by breaking down the barriers to full equity! Thank you one and all... have a wonderful summer!

Sally



Sally congratulates Joan Udani, one of our Branch's 2016 Named Gift Honorees. See page 12 for details on all the Honorees.

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES BY JULY 1ST!

PLEASE READ AND ACT: Membership Dues Renewals 2016-17

At this year's Annual Meeting, which took place at the conclusion of the 50th Anniversary Brunch, our members accepted the Board's recommendation and agreed to raise local dues. Total dues for 2016-2017 will be \$90.00, with the following distribution: National dues, \$49.00; California State dues, \$20.00; Thousand Oaks Branch dues, \$21.00. Thank you to the members for supporting the Board's motion.

Your \$90 renewal fee must be paid no later than July 1st. This is a change from a few years ago when we collected dues at the annual Fall Membership Breakfast. This way, we are able to provide our updated Directory at the Fall Brunch.



The method by which you need to pay your dues is also changing.

Instead of the added expense of mailing out a renewal packet to each member, the Board is asking you to please use the AAUW National website for your renewal. It is set up to receive your payment and the directions are very easy to follow:

1. Go to www.aauw.org
2. At the top of the home screen, go to MEMBERSHIP. Under BRANCH MEMBERS, click on RENEW.
3. At the next Branch Membership in AAUW page, under RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, click LOG INTO MSD NOW.** Log in to your account as indicated, then click LOG INTO MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE.
- **If you have never made an account with National, follow the directions to create an account before continuing. Once done, continue to the next page to enter the MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE (MSD).
5. The next page will be your own account information. On the upper left side, towards the bottom of the list, look for RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP and click on it.
6. Follow the directions indicated to renew your 2016-17 dues and add any donation you'd like to at this time, to "round-up" for AAUW FUNDS.
7. Be sure to LOG OUT (upper left.) Your membership is now renewed for another year!

Thank you very much for being a part of our wonderful Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW, where we continue "Breaking Barriers for Women and Girls. "



Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

from the Sunshine Committee



☀ Debbie Gately is having a difficult time right now with her chemotherapy and recently had to have a blood transfusion. Receiving some meals would definitely be helpful so if anyone might be able to be a provider at this time, it would certainly help Debbie.

☀ Phyllis Benson, a long-time member of AAUW and an active participant in the morning Book Group, is at Oakview at University Village, recovering from a broken hip. This happened at home when she fell as she was trying to get out of bed. Phyllis's advice to everyone: "When you want to get out of bed and are unsteady, wait for help and don't be impatient!" Phyllis encourages visitors, so if you feel so inclined, she will be at Oakview for some weeks to come. We wish you a swift return to good health, Phyllis, and look forward to seeing you at AAUW events when you are up and about again.

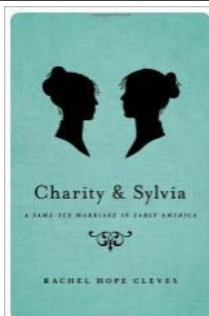
☀ Bonnie Shubb has received the President's Award from the Guitar Center, where she is the Payroll Director, in recognition of her outstanding contributions over the last many years. She was presented with a plaque inscribed: "In appreciation and distinguished recognition of your hard work, devotion and commitment to excellence. Thank you for your significant contribution and top quality performance in 2015." Congratulations, Bonnie! We are so proud that your company recognizes you as a person of consummate ability. We couldn't agree more!

☀ Pat O'Donnell and husband, Mike, have recently returned from their extended sojourn at their pied-à-terre in St. Croix. Welcome home, Pat, though we know it won't be for too long because then you'll be off again to help your sister in New Jersey while she recovers from knee surgery. We know she is grateful to you for lending a helping hand and we hope you'll return to us soon.

☀ It is with much sadness that we inform you of the death of Marsha Rosenblum's husband, Bob, on April 29, 2016 in Tucson, Arizona. Bob died peacefully after a very short bout with a rather rare and lethal cancer. Their daughters were with them at the end, as was Bob's dear friend of 57 years. Marsha and Bob were married almost 52 years and Bob left an amazing legacy of moral values, a winning smile, a wonderful family of very special children and grandchildren and so many dear friends. His memory truly is a blessing!

We at AAUW send our heartfelt condolences to Marsha and her family and hope that the happy memories of Bob'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 Oak Twig, 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.



The Adelante! Book of the Month Club (part of AAUW's diversity outreach) will host its third online book discussion on June 23. Rachel Hope Cleves' *Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America*. The women, living in Vermont, were together for 44 years while operating a tailor shop, raised nieces and nephews and were leaders in their church. Perhaps this reading can enlighten preconceived notions of life in early America.

Participation in the online Book Club provides an opportunity to expand our horizons through the perspectives of diverse readers. Registration is on the AAUW website under Community.

To our 2015/2016 Board, on
behalf of the entire Thousand
Oaks Branch...

thank
you!
for your service!

AAUW Thousand Oaks 2015-2016 Board of Directors

President	Sally Hibbitts
Vice President	Marilyn Carpenter
	(one-year term: not President Elect)
Secretary	Sharon Dyer
Treasurer	Bonnie Shubb

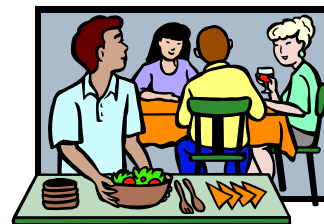
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Lori Kissinger, Betty Nordahl,
Pat O'Donnell, Linda Pochter,
Judi Robinson, Betty Stapleford

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Sad and Glad Column	Audrey Giuffrida
Profiles Distribution	Kateri Alexander
Oak Twig Distribution	Dorothy Robinson
Local Scholarships	Deanna Franke

Attention! Retiring and New Board Members



Please plan to attend the
"Out and In" Pot Luck
Board Meeting on
Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 PM
at the home of
Betty Stapleford
(see Contact Page for directions.)
Please bring a pot luck main dish,
salad, or dessert to share: we'll
provide everything else!

For more information
contact Sally Hibbitts.

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AAUW Thousand Oaks New Member Welcome and Wine Tasting



New AAUW Members are cordially invited to attend a fun and informative evening of wine, cheese and camaraderie.

26th June, 2016 at 6:00 PM
Sunland Vintage Winery Tasting Room
1321 E Thousand Oaks Blvd.
(located across the parking lot from the Tilted Kilt)

Come learn all about how AAUW Thousand Oaks can better serve your needs and provide you with the membership opportunities you desire.

Please RSVP by June 24th to Linda Pochter



See you there!

Member Birthdays



June

Nancy Klein	1
Miriam Hersh	2
Linda Bergthold	5
Audrey Giuffrida	5
Donna Langley	5
Gail Small	5
Teri Paris	10
Rose Anne Cooley	11
Jeanette Hosek	12
Maria Jambor	16
Sally Hibbitts	16
Dina Adler	19
Ellen Kossoris	20
Nickie Dwork	20
Eleanor Rasnow	21
Kristine Forney	24
Linda Harley	25
Susan Lynn	27
Genevieve Gunis	29

July

Connie Carman	2
Sachi Stark	2
Cindy Afshari	4
Amber Devine	5
Martha Nielsen	11
Marilyn Carpenter	12
Jennifer Gordon	15
Sandy Thomas	15
Liz Priedkalns	17
Joan Udani	20
Angie Simpson	21
Kitty Soltow	25
Penny Strowger	28



We gratefully recognize State Senator Fran Pavley's sponsorship of the Memorabilia Table at the 50th Anniversary

Celebration. Thank you for your donation!

AAUW to Support Legislation to Help Women in STEM Fields

AAUW will start the new year with a variety of endeavors.



The first will encourage support for the STEM Opportunities Act. Legislation will improve inclusion of women, minorities and people with disabilities in STEM careers. Unfortunately

there continues to be limited opportunities for employment and equal pay for women in STEM. Grants will be available for mentoring women in these categories. It is also recognized that there exists pervasive sexual harassment in STEM fields.

Another effort is renewed support for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) with the issue discussed on the House Floor. *Equal Pay* will be a continuing and challenging effort as more studies point to inequities. The latest study indicated that "Women with PhDs in science and engineering earn 31% less than their male counterparts one year after graduation."

And finally, AAUW has renewed its push for including women in military registration and ending the all-male draft.

These are a few of the important issues facing us at the national level. Enjoy your summer and be ready to get to work in September!

Public Policy
AAUW Washington Update



*Stepping Up and
Speaking Out!*

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Celebrating Branch Accomplishments, Reuniting Old Friends: 50th Anniversary Brunch an Extraordinary Event

An array of colorful spring flower baskets greeted those attending the AAUW Thousand Oaks 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 20 at North Ranch Country Club. Decorated by Claudia Spelman, Connie Carman and Elsa Nanson, the tables were spread throughout the room to accommodate the 120 guests.



As women entered the room, there were cries of recognition and hugs for former members who recognized friends from 30 years ago. Current members joined with friends from various interest groups; others came with friends who they thought should learn about AAUW Thousand Oaks. After a “meet and greet” and visits down memory lane (with a “mimosa” in hand!) members and guests settled down for the program.

The vibrant energy of the Thousand Oaks High Choral Ensemble kept us all toe-tapping to songs ranging from the “doo-wop” of the 60’s to hits from Madonna, and ending with a beautiful spiritual. It is always wonderful to see the talents of our local high school students!

50-year members Dorothy Robinson and Marilyn Carpenter led everyone in a champagne toast to the Branch, written by Dorothy. These two special members were then honored by the National AAUW with a lifetime membership for their 50 years of paid dues. A delicious brunch followed the toast.

Dr. Michaela Reeves, a history professor from CLU, took us on a quick Power Point journey from the 1960’s to the present, focusing on women’s roles. Equal pay has been a consistent problem for women over the past 50 years and remains so in spite of women’s advancement in education. Dr. Reeves mentioned that AAUW has been at the forefront of research on a variety of issues of importance to women for many years.

Lori Kissinger introduced three former presidents who shared with us their memories of the Branch: Judy Lazar, Sandy Hindy and Ronda Eddelman. Judy, a former mayor of Thousand Oaks, mentioned the many members who served the city as elected or appointed officials. She asked those present who had served the city to stand: it was an impressive sight! Sandy Hindy recounted the evolution of the Women’s History Project, begun with scripts that Sandy personally wrote for her daughter’s elementary school classroom. The three-volume series, *Profiles of Women*, emerged from those early scripts (the Women’s History Project just celebrated its 30th anniversary with the 100th script!) Ronda Eddelman recounted many ways the Branch has raised funds including tennis tournaments, book sales and dinner parties. These successful efforts resulted in the establishment of three AAUW endowed scholarships and many local high school scholarships.

Lori then introduced a slide show produced by Therese Hughes celebrating the Branch’s 50th Anniversary. Therese drew connections between many old news articles/photos of members and the current activities of the Branch such as Elect Her, Equal Pay and Tech Trek.

President Sally Hibbitts welcomed representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Brownley, State Senator Pavley, Assembly Woman Irwin. In attendance were Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks, City of Thousand Oaks Mayor pro tem Claudia Bill de-la-Pena, and Superintendent Ann Bonitatibus of the Conejo Valley Unified School District. All representatives presented proclamations to the Branch on its anniversary.

The Branch Annual meeting was then conducted. The 2016-17 AAUW Thousand Oaks board was elected, and a motion to raise local dues to \$21 was approved effective July 1, 2016.

~~ Jeanette Hosek and Wendy Hoffman, Co-chairs 50th Anniversary

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**Moments from our
50th Anniversary Celebration**



We Proudly Salute Our 2016 Moorpark Scholarship Winners!

Kori Davis, Simi Valley, CA. Kori believes knowledge is power and her present and future plan is to always reach for more knowledge. Kori is beginning her second and final year in the Exotic Animal Training and Management program at Moorpark College. This summer, she has many animals assigned to her care for feeding and training and will be keeping busy. She is used to hard work and has a strong work ethic as she has been on her own since before graduating from high school. Her first job when she was 10 years old involved horse grooming, in exchange for free lessons, and demonstrates her long-standing passion for animals. She has learned that everything happens for a reason and keeping a positive attitude will make positive things happen. She recently volunteered to assist with the Fish and Wildlife Service for California Condor Nest Monitoring, and has plans to get her diving license soon so she can qualify for more positions with Fish and Wildlife. Kori plans to make a difference in any and every which way she can: we get one life, one planet and animals will not come back from extinction. Kori plans to "educate and inspire others to make a difference." She is very thankful for the scholarship award.



Mirna Calix, Simi Valley, CA. Mirna always dreamed of getting an education and a career. Her parents had only a 2nd grade education and struggled with minimum wage jobs. Her family viewed a high school diploma as the best they could aspire to. Her father became incapacitated for life while she was in high school and this forced her to give up her plan for college so that she could work and assist her mother in paying bills and caring for three younger brothers. She married, had two children and financially struggled in 2010 with the bad economy. This is the time she started dreaming again of attending college. She is the first generation in her family to attend college and is in the Moorpark College Nursing Program with a 3.63 GPA and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She strives to provide a better future for her children, modeling responsibility, hard work and good work ethics. Mirna is very excited to start her next year of study at Moorpark College to become a Registered Nurse. She is very thankful for the scholarship award.

What does it take to apply for a \$500 scholarship from our Branch?

Applicants for this scholarship should:

- have completed a minimum of 36 transferable credits
- have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.30
- have an educational goal of a college degree in any major
- be a female re-entry student over the age of 24 years

Applicant should provide Moorpark College Scholarship Application with:

- an unofficial Moorpark College transcript
- a personal statement of experiences, hopes and plans
- a financial statement to demonstrate financial need; indicate sources of support and estimated academic expenses



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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Women's History Project Lauds Schools and Starts Plans for 2017



Newcomers are welcome to attend the Women's History Project 2017 planning meeting on Friday, June 24 from 2-4 PM at the Thousand Oaks Library. If you want to help select the five women whose lives and accomplishments we will highlight in 2017, and need further details,

contact Marianne Escaron or Donna Langley.

In celebration of the 30th Anniversary of our Women's History Project, fifteen local schools were presented with Certificates of Award. Each of these schools made significant contributions to advancing the awareness of women's history by participating in our Branch's Women's History Project for many years. The recipients were: (In CVUSD) Acacia, Banyan, Conejo, Ladera, Madrona, Maple, Sycamore Canyon, Westlake, and Westlake Hills. (Out of district) Bridges, MATES Charter School, Oak Hills, One Spark Academy, Red Oak and White Oak. Congratulations to all!



May Board Meeting "Tidbits"

- We heard a presentation from Lenore Arab from The Women's Economic Roundtable about Cloud Mentoring.
- The 2016 Tech Trek participants we are sponsoring have been chosen and a parent meeting has been scheduled. On July 21 and July 28, Branch members are invited to visit Tech Trek at the Santa Rosa Hall at UCSB.
- It is almost time for membership renewals and the application form is being revised. It was suggested that renewals will be easier to do online through the national website.
- The new Oak Twig editor will be Kristin Hoover.

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Wellness Committee April Meeting Summary

The head of the Child Nutrition Department expressed concern about events held at District schools that continue to incorporate foods that are not nutritionally sound. The nutrition department advises schools about which foods meet guidelines and which do not. The committee discussed that the administration could start out the new school year by conferring with principals on annual campus events where healthy nutrition can be introduced.

A teacher reported on a county trauma in-service she attended. She reported that trauma for the mother also affects the newborn. Acute and chronic trauma affects the brain development of children and their ability to learn. A positive note for educators: if given the support they need, children can regroup and become efficient learners.

Next year, the committee will focus on nutrition policies at the secondary level and coordinating school health, mental health and nutrition.

Elsa Nanson
 AAUW Representative to the Committee

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

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Branch Selects Four as 2016 Named Gift Honorees

AAUW Thousand Oaks has been awarding Named Gift Honoree status to members since 1968. Since that time, 128 members have been given this special honor by the Branch in recognition of their service to the Branch. Each year, nominee names are sent to AAUW together with the funds collected by the Branch in support of the scholarships and programs of the national organization such as the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, the Educational Fund and the Leadership Fund.

For 2016, our 50th anniversary year, four honorees were named: two members of the Branch and two community members. The two community members are: **Janna Covell** of the Thousand Oaks Library, for her support of community organizations using the Library, and **Larry Janss**, business owner and community supporter. Larry provided funds for the first editions of the *Profiles of Women*, and most recently hosted our *Elect Her* fundraiser.

The two Branch members being honored in 2016 are **Gail Small** and **Joan Udani**.

Gail was recognized for establishing the Branch's Joyful Volunteering group, which she headed for several years. Gail recruited AAUW members to volunteer in assisting many community organizations. Gail is also the author of many Joyful Living books and is a well-known motivational speaker.

Joan was recognized for her service to the Branch as board member, plus her participation on the Title IX committee and in the Morning Book Group. Joan is active in the Agoura Hills community and is involved with the Binky Group, knitting blankets and hats for children in hospitals and for members of the military.



Gail (L) and Joan (R) (along with Margie Price, center) enjoying an AAUW outing.

Farewell From Your Oak Twig Editors

Although we've enjoyed (almost!) every minute of



Donna Langley (seated) has served as editor of the Oak Twig since 2005. Pattie Dix (standing) joined her as co-editor in 2011.

designing and editing the newsletter each month, it's time for us to step away from our computers. We thank everyone who, over the years, has contributed in some way to creating the Oak Twig. It's sincerely been a pleasure.

We're thrilled to now turn over our editors' pens to Kristin Hoover, who'll do an amazing job!

Branch Members Ensure SOAR Will Be on November Ballot

The Thousand Oaks AAUW members who helped collect signatures for SOAR Thousand Oaks and SOAR Ventura County are to be congratulated. Over twenty members from our Branch took petitions to meetings, storefronts, trailheads, and special events. We stepped up, and we did it! Our signatures have been approved by the County, so in November 2016, we will all be voting to preserve our cherished open space, parks, and agricultural resources.

Don't be fooled by the alternative SOAR, which extends only to 2036, and makes things easier for developers. We expect a lot of media opposition to our genuine Thousand Oaks and Ventura County SOAR, which extends to 2050 so again, don't be fooled! If you have questions, feel free to contact Joan Edwards.





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Tuesday 6/21 11:00am-9:00pm

**20% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE
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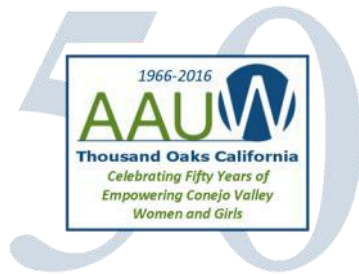
20% of all proceeds raised by guests like you bringing in this flyer (or showing us an electronic copy on your phone, hey it is 2016 after all) will be donated to your cause, this includes pick-up, and Delivery orders, and of course food, beer, wine, liquor and desserts.

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AAUW Thousand Oaks for the first time in 50 years is making available limited advertising opportunities to the general public. Be one of the first businesses to advertise in the monthly *AAUW Oak Twig Newsletter*, web site, and the Yearly Membership Directory.

The predominately female membership is locally based, well educated, family oriented, community aware, environmentally attentive, and physically energetic. Distribution is to the 140 strong membership base from Newbury Park to Woodland Hills, including Moorpark.

For a limited time the following options are offered:

Option A—Oak Twig Newsletter (monthly) and Web Site space for business card size advertising space is only \$125.00 per year (ten issues). Format in JPEG or provide business card for scanning.

Option B—Membership Directory space for the yearly issue to be released in September is only \$50 for business card size ad or \$100 for full page ad. Format in JPEG or provide business card for scanning.

Option C—Combo pack (Newsletter, web page, and full page in the Membership Directory) for \$200.00.

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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, let us know prior to the 10th of the month preceding your event. It will be listed in the next *Oak Twig*, to recruit participants. **Contact Pat O'Donnell.**

Coffee and Chat

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month: 9:00 AM at Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, 2385 Michael Drive, Newbury Park. (driving directions on last page.) This is a very pleasant way to get acquainted and stay connected. Please join us!

Contact Pat O'Donnell or Sally Hibbitts.

Daytime Literature Group

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.

Contact Joan Udani.

Our upcoming schedule:

June 27: Pot luck brunch at a member's home and discussion of next year's books.

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.

Contact Ellen Kossoris or Sharon Dyer.

Our upcoming schedule:

June 16: *The Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright

Exploring Religions of the World Through the Eyes of Women

We meet two or three times throughout the year in a private home. Each time we meet, our goal is to invite a woman with a particular religious background to facilitate an open and nonjudgmental discussion with the group. **Contact**

Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek

Global Awareness and Action for Girls (GAAG)

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.**

Joyful Volunteering Group

Celebrate the gift of giving time! This group is designed to give members an opportunity to help women through involvement with other volunteer groups. Participants bring to the group ideas for service that will make a difference in our community. This way, new avenues will be explored and the group will continue on a positive road. New participants are *always* welcome! **Contact Sally Hibbitts.**

Morning Walking Group

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

The Movie Ladies Group

If you are interested in having your name (partners are welcome, too) added to the Movie group, 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.

Contact Pat O'Donnell or Sally Hibbitts.

Our Community Environment

This group looks into what is happening with the environment right here in the Conejo Valley. A range of environmental issues with local impact will be explored throughout the year.

Contact Yvonne Brockwell.

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.**

Women's Health Issues

This group focuses on the many health topics faced daily by women in our Branch. Topics might include the growth of breast cancer rates in the Conejo, new directions in menopause management, nutritional needs and the role of supplements, etc. **Contact Angie Simpson.**

Our Branch will be supporting a small party for mothers and their fourth-grade daughters who have been participating this year in a parenting program for non-English speaking families.

This event will occur in the late afternoon on Thursday, June 2. Volunteers are needed to assist in providing special refreshments for this small group of moms and daughters! For more information on how you can help, please contact Anne LaFianza.

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Great Gift Ideas from AAUW



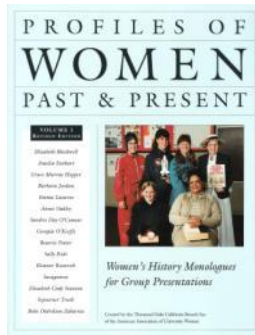
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How about a box of beautiful note cards, created by local women artists? Each box of eight is \$10.00 or you can buy individual cards for \$2.00

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.

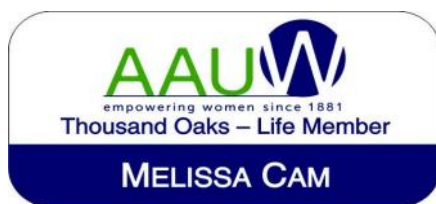


The gifts above help provide fellowships and scholarships through AAUW Funds. **Contact Jeanette Hosek.**



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

Order New Name Tags



For information contact Judi Robinson.

Looking for a Phone Number?

If you're seeking contact information for people leading various Branch activities, please see the final page of this newsletter.

The *Oak Twig* appears on our Branch website, aauwto.org, without our members' personal information.

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Ralph's Markets Support Your AAUW Branch!

Attention all Ralph's shoppers: You may not be aware but over this last year, the very small number of AAUW members who are registered in the Ralph's Community Contribution Program have contributed about \$250.00 to our Branch. This is actually quite a bit of money as we may only have about three or four members registered! Therefore, we encourage you, when you can, to shop at your local Ralph's Market. No other markets have this type of very easy-to-use Community Contribution Program: in fact, many of the markets have done away with these programs entirely! So remember, please shop at Ralphs and use their handy system to send more funds our way!

Also, as a reminder... those of you who've already registered your Ralph's Rewards card contribution to our organization MUST re-register it after September 1st every year. The same SCANBAR letter used to sign up for the program can also be used to re-register.

For more information, or to pick up your letter, contact Sally Hibbitts.



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Directions to Wildwood Condo Recreation Center (for AAUW Board meetings): contact Sally Hibbitts.

Directions to Betty Stapleford's home (for the June Out-and-In Board Meeting): 698 Camino de Celeste in Thousand Oaks. Go north on Lynn from the 101 exit for about 3 miles, then left on Wildwood Ave. (not Wildwood Development.) Go up Wildwood for about 3/4 of a mile and turn right on Camino de Celeste. House is the on the corner on the right hand side.

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