

Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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June-August, 2017

SPECIAL SUMMER ISSUE

OUR SUMMER GETS OFF TO A TASTY START AT OUR
SECOND ANNUAL PITFIRE GRILL
ALL DAY FUNDRAISER FOR TECH TREK

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27 AT THE PITFIRE
GRILL IN WESTLAKE VILLAGE**

(near Gelson's Market)

COME AT LUNCH TIME TO MEET OUR 2017 CAMPERS!

COME LATER IN THE DAY FOR HAPPY HOUR!

COME IN THE EVENING FOR A DELICIOUS DINNER!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS AND
EVERYONE ELSE WHO ENJOYS FUN AND FELLOWSHIP,
WHILE EATING GREAT FOOD & DRINK!



**(YOU MUST BRING THE FLYER FOUND ON PAGE 3 OR SHOW
IT ON YOUR PHONE)**

TIME TO GO VISITING....

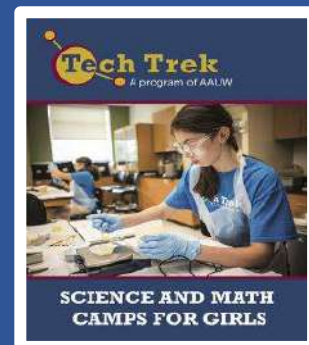
JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL VISIT TO
UCSB TECH TREK CAMP ON

THURSDAY, JULY 27

COME SEE OUR GIRLS IN ACTION!

SEE HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT!
EXPERIENCE OUR WONDERFUL CAMP!
PLUS WE WILL STOP FOR LUNCH NEAR
THE BEACH!

CONTACT SALLY HIBBITTS FOR MORE INFO



Renew your Membership Dues by June 30, please!

Calendar for June---

- June 1: Women's History Planning meeting, 4-6PM, TO Library.
- June 3: Coffee and Chat, Stella's Café, NP, 9 AM
- June 7: Board Meeting, 6:00PM, New and Retiring Board Pot Luck Dinner at Betty Stapleford's home
- June 14-17: AAUW national Convention, Washington DC
- June 15, Evening Book Group, Sharon Dyer's home
- June 21, Fall Membership Comm. 7 PM at Sharon Dyer's home
- June 26, Daytime Book Group, TO Library, 9:30 AM
- **June 27: Pit-Fire Grill, WLV, Fund Raiser for Tech Trek**

SAVE THESE DATES

Coming in Summer---

- July 5, Budget Comm., 6:30 PM, Oak Knoll Villa
- July 11, Programs Comm., 7 PM at Bev Khoshnevisan's home
- **July 27, Thursday, Tech Trek Visitation Day at UCSB,**
- Sept. 23: Membership Breakfast, Hyatt Hotel, Westlake Village, 8:30 AM

President's Message: Sally Hibbitts

Eight years ago this past spring, our friend and leader at the time, Vera King asked me to join the AAUW Board. Being a recent retiree with newfound free time, I responded with a definite "Yes". Looking back on those years, I can only say thank you, as being a part of the Leadership in our Branch has been truly a rich and rewarding life experience.

The members whom I've gotten to know, now as dear dear friends, are all people for whom I hold the utmost respect. I stand in awe of their hard work and diligence to make our organization even better. This organization has so many members who are absolutely amazing (mostly) women....I just wish all of you could share your backgrounds with each other so we could all learn more!

I'm so proud of the work we've done in the past couple of years and know that we helped raise the profile of our organization here in our local and regional areas. New members have been inspired to join knowing that AAUW TO actually does valuable community service, while we promote equity for women and girls.

Advocacy is one of our key values and I'm very glad that the Board has supported this mission as we've trod this path together....advocating for more open space (SOAR), better education in the CVUSD, support for undocumented students, women's rights, Equal Pay, promoting women for public office, increased college partnerships, and so many other activities. Advocacy is key to helping AAUW TO remain on the stage as an important partner in our community.

Thank you to all the Board members who have given so much time and energy in supporting our organization. There are so many people to thank for helping me so much over the past two years. Without their advice, caring support, and encouragement I would have floundered badly!

However, the main person to thank now is our new President, Bonnie Shubb! All of us, especially me, are grateful to Bonnie for agreeing to take on this awesome task. You will make a great President of AAUW TO....as the Membership is so totally magnificent!

We Stand With Nathalie!

It's important for all of us to show our support for our fellow AAUW Thousand Oaks Branch member, Nathalie Gosset, in her litigation case against USC for sexual harassment. Please use this web site to connect with her petition to the USC Administration. Her case has support from our own AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. Please go to her web page and discover how to help her! Thanks!

WWW.STAND4NAT.ORG

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NATHALIE GOSSET
STAND FOR ME
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PRESS RELEASES TV COVERAGE PRINTED PRESS LETTERS OF SUPPORT

THE FIRST AMENDED ARBITRATION DEMAND

CLICK HERE TO SIGN THE PETITION

Every employee is protected by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Unfortunately, I did not experience this.

The Bloom Firm represents me in an arbitration case against Jon Lasch, Susan Cooper, The Alfred E. Mann Institute for Biomedical Engineering and the University of Southern California for alleged sexual harassment, retaliation, and wrongful termination.

PLEASE STAND FOR ME

& for the women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers and for all the young girls and young women whom we have inspired to choose a technical profession.

There are only 12% women in Engineering.

We have the right to work in a safe and respectful environment.

STANDING FOR ME ARE SUPPORTERS REPRESENTING:

Nathalie Gosset, BSEE, MSc, MBA
Engineer, emerging technologies, 30-35 years

2007 EMBS Distinguished Life Service Award
from The Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society, a global engineering technical society

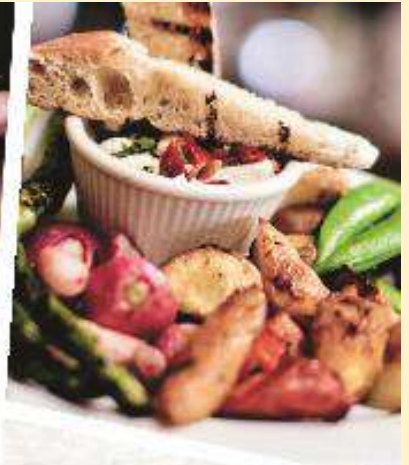
2009 Engineer of the Year

May Board Meeting Tidbits--

- We had excellent outreach at the Earth Day and Equal Pay events and had sign-ups for people interested in our organization.
- We have 4 members attending the regional Leadership Day Training on May 20 at UCSB.
- We are promoting bike donations for highly needy students at Conejo Valley High School. Donations can be made at the CPRD Teen Center.



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EAT. DRINK. SUPPORT



TUESDAY, 06/27 11:00am – 9:00pm

**15% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED!**

15% of all proceeds raised by guests like you bringing in this flyer
(or showing us an electronic copy on your phone, hey it is 2017
after all) will be donated to your cause, this includes pick-up, and
Delivery orders, and of course food, beer, wine, liquor and
desserts.



Pitfire Artisan Pizza Westlake Village
966 s Westlake Blvd #3
(Next to Gelson's off townsgate)

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Introducing Our 2017 Tech Trek Campers!

By Susan Fagan

Many thanks to AAUW members, friends, and families, who have made donations in support of Tech Trek this year! We are thrilled to be able to provide the opportunity for four local seventh grade girls to attend the Tech Trek camp at UCSB this July.

One of the selected campers is **Kelly Barber**. She is interested in math and science, and is planning to pursue a career in medicine. Outside of school she loves to play basketball, loves reading, and enjoys swimming at the beach! **Taly Heys'** favorite subjects are science and social studies. Taly also enjoys reading, drama, Broadway shows, Girl Scouts, and STEM for girls. Her dream is to become a geneticist because she "finds genes fascinating." Our third student is **Edyn Stepler** is also a Girl Scout, who is working towards her Silver Project with her troop. Edyn loves art works by Monet, reading, arts and crafts, baking, tennis, Builders Club, and volunteers at the local community center. Edyn is not sure where her interests will lead her as an adult. She sees herself possibly pursuing a field in psychology and or technology. Our fourth camper is **Madeline Stearns**. She loves gymnastics, reading, sewing, cooking and drama.



(l to r) Madeline Stearns; Edyn Stepler; Taly Heys; Kelly Barber

On June 27th we hope to see you at the Pit Fire Grill in Westlake Village. They will donate 15% of the entire days sales! This fund raiser will help benefit girls to attend Tech Trek in 2018. (see page one and three)

Local Scholarship Winners Recognized....

The recipients for the Branch Moorpark College Local Scholarships were announced last month and our incoming President, Bonnie Shubb, was on hand to congratulate our winners. They



are pictured here after receiving their awards. Nursing student, Deniece Johnson (at left in picture) and Animal Training (EATM) student, Lindsay Dussaigne (on right). Both women are truly grateful for the gift of these funds and promise to continue their hard work in order to complete their educational goals. Thank you to all of those members who helped at the Election Day

Adopt a Polls last year, in order to raise these funds.



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Coming this Summer are many opportunities to help out with various AAUW TO events and activities:

1. **POINSETTIA SALES**---A fundraiser for the Legal Advocacy Fund. We need several volunteers to take orders for plants at Fall Membership breakfast and other meetings in the Fall and assist with distribution of plants in early December. Also, we are in need of a centrally located home in Thousand Oaks/Westlake with a large room where the plants can be received & stored the day previous to pick-up. Short time commitment, opportunity to meet lots of members, show support for Legal Advocacy Fund. Please contact Jeanette Hosek.
2. **WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE CONEJO CARD SALES** – This successful fundraiser is winding down, but there are approximately 150 sets of cards to be sold. Remaining cards need to be sorted into sets, boxed and sold. Volunteers need to be able to attend branch meetings, set up sales table and respond to mail/web orders. Also perfect opportunity for “artistic” members to consider the possibilities of a “second edition”. Time commitment variable depending on orders, a small amount of storage required and all supplies provided. Funds raised through card sales benefit branch scholarships. Please contact Jeanette Hosek.
3. **PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING:** We will be having a program-planning meeting for 2017-18 on **Tuesday, July 11 at 7:00 pm** at the home of Bev Khoshnvisan. If you would like to join us, please let me know. If you are not able to attend, we would still love to have your ideas. What type of event would you not want to miss? Tell us!
4. **ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS (NON-VOTING):** There are a few spots available for Associate Directors, non-voting members, who attend Board Meetings, see how our Board works, and give their opinions on matters and/or motions before the board. The Associate Directors will be introduced at the Fall Membership Breakfast on September 23. Please contact Bonnie Shubb.
5. **FALL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST COMMITTEE:** The first meeting of the Fall Breakfast Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 21 at 7 pm at the home of Sharon Dyer. Please contact her if willing to help with this amazing event! There are many jobs....small and larger, but we definitely need your help!



WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR BRANCH.....THERE ARE SMALL JOBS AND LARGER COMMITMENTS, BUT SOMETHING FUN AWAITS YOU!

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Announcing New Executive Officers and Board of Directors

At the May 6 Luncheon, the Branch voted for the following members to become our new Leadership for the term beginning July 1, 2017-18. Thank you very much or willing to assume these essential positions.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS;

Bonnie Shubb---President
Sharon Dyer---- Vice President
Vera King----Secretary
Caroline Tsaw---Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Betty Stapleford
Jeanette Hosek
Mini Madan
Anne La Fianza
Sally Hibbitts
Narda Fargotstein
Beverly Khoshnevisan

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS (non-voting)

Audrey Giuffrida
Deanna Franke
Linda Pochter
Dorothy Robinson



**SATURDAY MORNING,
SEPT. 23**

**ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST
OUR BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

Plans are being made for the Fall Membership Breakfast on September 23, 2017, at the Westlake Hyatt Hotel. The buffet breakfast will have an expanded menu. We have feelers out for a dynamic speaker and hope you will put this event on your calendar to kick off our new year.

Sharon Dyer, our new Vice President, is chair for this fabulous event and the first planning meeting will be Wednesday, June 21 at 7 PM at her home in Agoura Hills. Please contact Sharon for more details about how you can help out with this fun event

May 6 AAUW FUNDS Luncheon Highlights

Our May Branch event provided us the opportunity to hear about the interesting research being done by the remarkable Dr. Christine Morrison, AAUW American Fellowship Recipient, in addition we recognized many long time members along with our yearly Named Gift Honorees. We also elected our new Executive Board Members (see page 2) and said good bye to Board members Susan Fagan and Linda Pochter. Departing President Sally Hibbitts received several accolades thanking her for her service over the past two years. (see page 2 President's Message)



Carolyn Kopp, Lily Sugino, Wendy Hoffman, Patricia Adrian, and Lydia Steadman all long time members.



Dr. Christine Morrison,
Speaker



Mayor Claudia Bill de la Pena
presented City Recognition to Sally
Hibbitts



Joan Udani presented Betty
Stapleford with NGH



Linda Parks received a NGH
from Joan Edwards



Dorothy Robinson and Jeanette
Hosek presented Phyllis Benson
(center) a NGH



Sharon Dyer was presented a
NGH by Sally Hibbitts

**Women Making
a Difference**

Dear Members....
Thank you so kindly for the plethora of gift cards, to which so many of you contributed. I am really rather overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words. I have mailed personal notes out as well, but I sincerely wanted to thank all of you one more time!

---Sally



Thousand Oaks Branch
Because Equity is Still an Issue

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May 1, 2017

Dear AAUW-TO Members,

As the old saying goes, where has the time gone? It's now membership renewal time for AAUW Thousand Oaks!

We want to take a moment to thank you most sincerely for your wonderful support this past year: it was a busy and very productive period for our branch. Social gatherings and advocacy events brought us together to learn and enjoy each other's company, while building community awareness of gender equity issues. We celebrated the success of the SOAR initiatives helped by our hard work, we ventured into the wilderness by "Walking on the Wild Side" of backpacking, enjoyed the fabulous "Born for Liberty: Three Waves of Feminism in Art and Music" presentation, the Women's History Project, and support for "Dreamers" at the high schools. Tech Trek took on new leadership locally and nationally. Our fundraising was very successful and we are sending four young girls to camp at UCSB, thus creating more opportunities for the young women who will come after us. Our Community Outreach has propelled us in new directions of service and opportunity to help the local region. In addition our membership numbers are increasing every month!

All of this was made possible by your generous support of AAUW Thousand Oaks.

By renewing your membership, you will continue to be part of our essential local mission: breaking through barriers for local women and girls throughout the Conejo Valley. As a current member, you know that AAUW plays a crucial role in our community. But to continue the work, we need your help.

Won't you please renew today?

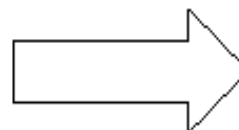
Simply fill out Parts 1, 2, and either 3A or 3B on the form found on the reverse side; then mail it in the addressed envelope we've included. Or, save a stamp and bring your renewal form with you when you attend the Annual Meeting on May 6, (11:30 AM) at Los Robles Greens Golf Course. (See the Oak Twig for details). You may also RENEW ONLINE AT <http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/> **Membership fees are due no later than June 15, 2017.** If you have any questions about membership or branch activities, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Mini Madan
 Membership Director
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AAUW 2017-18 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM (Complete Parts 1, 2

PART 1: This year, we are asking all members to personally check and verify the information provided (green) is correct. Please indicate here any changes, which need to be made: _____

PART 2: To assist with summer planning, please check all areas that may be of interest to you:

Branch Committees:

- ☐ AAUW Funds
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Higher Education Partners
- ☐ Local Scholarships
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Oak Twig
- ☐ Program Planning Committee
- ☐ Public Policy
- ☐ Publicity Assistance
- ☐ Tech Trek Camp Branch Steering Comm.
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Women's History

Interest Groups:

- ☐ Coffee & Chat
- ☐ Daytime Literature
- ☐ Dreamer Support
- ☐ Evening Literature
- ☐ Exploring World Religions through the Eyes of Women
- ☐ Global Awareness & Action for Girls
- ☐ Museums & Gardens Group
- ☐ Movie Group
- ☐ Music Interest
- ☐ Our Community Environment
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Unity Book Group
- ☐ Women's Health

PART 3A: Dues Payment (Traditional dues payment by check)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY::

First and Last Name _____

Email address _____ Preferred Phone _____

Yes, I will "bump up" my dues check to help out the special funds as indicated below.

\$ 90.00 MEMBERSHIP DUES: 2017-2017 Combined, Local, State and National (Regular)

+\$ _____ AAUW FUNDS: National Scholarships to graduate women, researchers, community projects, Legal Advocacy Fund, etc.

+\$ _____ TECH TREK: Summer STEM Camp for Girls (2018)

+\$ _____ LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Moorpark College Scholarships

+\$ _____ LOCAL BRANCH OPERATING FUNDS

= \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (please find my included check payable to "AAUW TO" for this total)

PART 3B: Dues Payment (OPTIONAL Using instant web payment) Please complete the top to this form, Parts 1 and 2. You may make additional AAUW FUNDS and TECH TREK payments via online payment as well; any additional bump ups for Local Scholarships or Local Operating Funds will need to be submitted via check to "AAUW TO". Completing your online web payment is extremely easy. Go to www.aauw.org. At top of the home page, under the Membership bar go to Branch Membership RENEW; then login to your account or create a new account if needed; go to RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP and complete the necessary information. Be sure to add in any additional donations you'd like to at this time for AAUW FUNDS or TECH TREK. You are done, except for mailing back this form!!

Thank you very much and please use the enclosed envelope to mail this form and your check, if used, to:

Membership Committee, PO Box 4223, Thousand Oaks 91359

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AAUW Thousand Oaks in cooperation with the
National Women's History Project (NWHF) present a
**Commemorative Edition Honoring
Hillary Rodham Clinton's Campaign and
Other First Women in Government**

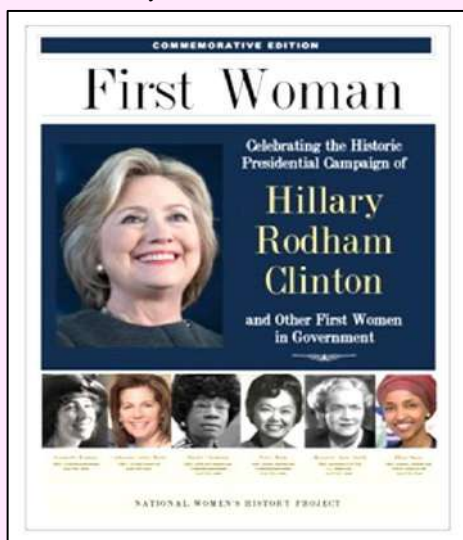
Inspired by Hillary Rodham Clinton's historic campaign, the National Women's History Project (NWHF) has published a special Commemorative Edition, **First Woman**, to pay tribute to women's long and distinguished record in government and public service.

This lavishly illustrated, 48-page volume places Hillary Clinton's unprecedented campaign in the context of women's history and celebrates the many women who first ran for and held office in American government. Here are the first women to run for President, Congress and the Senate. Here are the first mayors, state legislators and governors. Here are the first four-star general, the first Supreme Court Justice and so many more. Timelines trace the progress of Women in Government, the Women's Suffrage Movement, and the Modern Women's Movement.

First Woman also recognizes American suffragists who worked successfully for women's civil rights. The wealth of detail included here irrefutably shows the growing contributions women have made to our national life. These courageous women smoothed the path that led our nation to where it is today.

First Woman also recognizes young feminists who are working today for women's advancement. This beautiful publication pays tribute to the deep and lasting contributions women have made - and are making - to our nation's progress.

AAUW Thousand Oaks is proud to include this book as part of its thirty-year history of providing Women's History materials to schools and individuals. All of the branch's Women's History resources are available for sale through its website, www.aauwto.ca.aauw.net. Copies of **FIRST WOMAN** are still available and would make a lovely gift for Woman's History Month.



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BRANCH "SAD & GLAD NEWS" by Audrey Giuffrida



Betty and Tom Stapleford spent the day on May 15th. at an Immigration Rally on the grounds of the state Capitol in Sacramento. They listened to inspiring speakers and spoke with legislative staff members. Betty also went to an equally impressive rally by Planned Parenthood on the other side of the Capitol. Both groups had about 900 people attending. Seems like the Staplefords have been using their time very productively and we applaud their participation in all these worthy events.

Bev Khoshnevisan has just returned from a trip to Japan with four of her friends. It was not a tour, so they were on their own. They visited Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Tokyo, and got around using the bullet trains, subways, and buses. They were most thankful that their arrival happened to coincide with the beginning of the beautiful cherry blossom season. There were many visitors to all sites and festivities to celebrate but there were not many Europeans and Americans compared to Japanese and other Asians. The food was very good - lots of sashimi, rice, and of course many different kinds of sake (even sparkling, which they had for Bev's birthday.) Bev and her friends thought Japan was a great place to explore and there are always new places and experiences to discover. The group decided they would definitely go again. This sounds like a most unique experience and most assuredly not the usual birthday outing. We all thank you, Bev, for sharing your experience with us and transporting us to an exotic milieu, even for just a few moments.

Caroline Tsaw and her husband spent a very cold two weeks on a river cruise in Russia. The scenery was interesting but the late spring snowstorm certainly kept them very cool! It's a good thing Caroline packed her warm coat!



Congratulations to the Lindero Canyon Middle School Jazz A class for winning First Place honors at the Reno Jazz Festival. The Jazz Band performed their winning piece at the Showcase Program in the evening to an audience of 10,000. Linda Pochter's grandson, Allen Green, was a soloist saxophone player and also won Outstanding Soloist along with five other classmates. The competition included student bands from over one thousand middle schools. The music program at Lindero Canyon is outstanding, to say the least, and if the public school system did not offer music programs, Linda's family would never have known of Allen's musical gifts! AAUW congratulates Linda and her family on this impressive achievement and we look forward to hearing more about his talent in the future.

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.

Please bring a pot luck main dish, salad, or dessert to share; we'll provide everything else! For more information, please contact Sally Hibbitts



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Detention Witness Article – Betty Stapleford



We hear a lot today about undocumented immigrants being arrested and deported. But little is reported about the existence of detention centers, nearly 250 of them, throughout our country. That is where those who are undocumented are usually held between the time they are detained by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and either deported or released (less likely). And their incarceration can range from months to years.

The closest center to the Conejo Valley is the Adelanto Facility. It is run by a for-profit company in the high desert near Victorville and houses over 1400 men and women. And because of its remote location, detainees are seldom able to see their loved ones. Nor do most of them have access to legal counsel because of their lack of funds or to activities other than menial labor for a salary of one dollar a day. It is to

this facility that I go monthly with a group of others to visit detainees. If you would like to know more about this subject or to go with us, please contact Betty Stapleford at bstaple4d@aol.com.



AAUW Oak Twig Public Policy Article – June 2017

Betty Stapleford – Public Policy Chair

As a number of you may know, I attended (not as a Branch Representative) the Immigration Lobby Day in Sacramento on May 15 at our state capitol. I went there to support the civil rights of immigrants to our country; an action that I believe is reinforced by our California AAUW policies that encourage our members to become involved in every level of the political process. And there were around 900 other people with me on the West Steps and grounds of the capitol building.

The day began with an interfaith worship service that included readings, music, prayer, and blessings. And it was an honor for me to participate in the creation and celebration of

that event with those of many faith traditions. It was a rousing example of common purpose in sharing by and with those of multiple languages and cultures in speaking our truth in love and commitment.

Next, we heard from inspiring speakers and groups promoting the unity of all to support immigrant people and families at a place where beliefs are shared and laws are made that affect residents throughout the state. Some of those beliefs encourage local law enforcement agencies to refuse to work with ICE officers, say that detention centers and prisons should not be run by for-profit corporations, and foster the belief that money should be available for the defense of all people, not just those who can afford the large fees charged for legal representation.

After lunch, we divided into groups and visited many legislators in support of various immigration bills and state budget proposals for legal services to support undocumented people in our state who are arrested. We may not all share the same ideas about immigration, but I was heartened to learn that our Public Policy goals do seek the vigorous protection and encouragement of full access to civil and constitutional rights for all. The day was long, but I felt really good about joining with others to support our shared values. It was invigorating to be there participating in our democratic process, and I would love to talk with you further about my beliefs and my experience.

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Spring Leadership Training



Mini Madan, Betty Stapleford, Sharon Dyer and Bonnie Shubb spent most of the day Saturday at a Leadership Development Workshop presented by AAUW California officers. Major topics introduced were approaches to conflict resolution and ways to encourage younger and diverse women to join AAUW branches and how to retain those members. Using a variety of techniques such as role playing, brainstorming ideas, and a panel of young women representing diverse backgrounds, the Thousand Oaks branch attendees left with additional knowledge and tools to apply at our branch. It was also a fun journey together in Mini's new Jeep Van!

50th Anniversary Oak Tree~Good and Bad.

The good news is that the City of Thousand Oaks planted a new tree for us - a very healthy looking, and slightly larger *Quercus Lobata* to replace our original tree that did not make it. The sad news is that although it was looking like it might leaf out in late May, instead it just shriveled up and died!



The city planted our new tree in a much larger planting hole, assured us that they would use bio-char, and it looks to be getting enough water this time. We will Keep our fingers crossed.

Please walk by and take a look at our beautiful new young Valley Oak when you can. It's on the corner of Erbes Rd and Avenida de Los Arboles, along with our 50th Anniversary plaque. (Across from Starbucks.)

Thank you to Joan Edwards and Marilyn Carpenter for their perseverance with the City of Thousand Oaks! You both are our “Oak Tree Mothers!”



BECOME A BAT WOMAN THIS FALL!

My little granddaughter is celebrating her fourth birthday as Bat Girl! Bat Girl is a committed problem-solver who wears tights! I suppose that's better than being a "princess". The branch is looking for some "BAT" members who can commit to a project and solve problems with tights being optional!

“BAT” stands for Branch Archival Team. At the conclusion of the 50th year celebration last May, the committee realized that we had years of “stuff” e.g. minutes, newsletters, photos, mementos, etc. scattered in places. Wendy Hoffman and I have meet with area librarians to discuss how to handle all these items. Now, we’d like to find some members who would be interested in working on this project. The work would primarily involve reading, sorting and perhaps some scanning. This is a project you would work on at home with very few meetings. Our end goal is to reduce all the paper resources to digital copies. The project would begin in September with a kick-off meeting at Wendy Hoffman’s home.

Email either Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek to indicate your interest in becoming a BAT woman!

Special Interest Groups – Participation in these activities is a member benefit. Guests may attend two meetings with a member and must be dues paying members by the third meeting of that particular group.

Coffee and Chat

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month: 9:00 AM at Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, 2385 Michael Drive, Newbury Park. This is a very pleasant way to get acquainted and stay connected. Please join us! Contact Sally Hibbitts or Bonnie Shubb.

Exploring the Religions of the World through the Eyes of Women

Group meets 3-4 times a year in a private home to have a discussion with a woman who has been invited to talk about her religion. For the next group meeting, please contact Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek.

Daytime Literature Group

The Daytime Book Group will meet on Monday, June 26 at 9:30 A.M. at the Thousand Oaks library. Members are asked to nominate books for the coming year. All books nominated will be organized into a book ballot and members will vote on line. A book list for the coming season will then be prepared and distributed to members. Our first meeting of the new season will be on Monday, Sept. 25. For info contact Joan Udani

NEW: Happy Hikers

If you are interested in hiking please send your email address and other contact information to judygindi@gmail.com. We usually hike approximately 3 miles at a gentle to moderate pace. I will email you as to when our next hike will be. Please let me know if you would like to lead a hike also. Thank you, Judy Gindi.

Evening Literature Group

The next meeting will be held June 15 at Sharon Dyer's house at 7:30 pm. We will not be discussing a book this month but will be deciding what books we will be reading over the summer and next year. Please bring your suggestions for books you would like to read or books that you would like to share with the group.

Global Awareness and Action 4 Girls

This is an "e-mail" group of members who want information about global projects that may be of interest to them. Please send your name and email address to Jeanette Hosek

Movie Group

About once a month, we will attend a movie at a local theatre. Members of the group will be contacted by email with date, time and location. If interested, please contact Shel Magnuson to be added to the contact list.

Museum 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. The cost is minimal: your own cost for lunch, and your share of gas costs. Everyone is always welcome. You never know where we will end up each month. These trips are held on different days each month. For details of this month's trip, please see earlier information or contact Sally Hibbitts.

Renew your Membership Dues by June 30, please!

New -- Dreamers Support

This group helps to support undocumented high school students in the Conejo Valley in developing their leadership skills, reaching their dreams of a higher education, and finding safe spaces in our community. Associated with these benefits are providing opportunities for these students and our members to learn more about immigrant rights and resources, developing coping skills, and forming strong connections with each other. We are building more Unity in our Community. Contact Betty Stapleford for further information about how you can get involved.

NEW---Laundromats and Literacy

"Laundromats and Literacy" is a Community Outreach project to promote literacy and early reading skills to those families who use our local laundromats. We will be providing a reading corner with some donated books. This will be an easy outreach, once it gets established and one that really will help our littlest residents. It is doubtful that meetings of this group will occur and most organizing will be done through email. Come and join in this wonderful new endeavor. It is modeled after a similar AAUW program in North Carolina. For more information, contact Anne LaFianza.

NEW! Singing in Community

We will learn to carry our parts and blend our voices in a future Conejo chapter of Threshold Choir. Threshold Choirs combine hospice with making music; see <https://Thresholdchoir.org> for more information. We meet at Marjorie's home in Newbury Park, most Fridays from 2:30 for a couple of hours. To learn more, please contact Marjie Gauley (new member page)



Museum and Gardens Special Interest Group Trip Highlights!

Enjoying the April trip to the Fowler Museum at UCLA were: Lori Kissinger (second from left), Susan Fagan, Sally Hibbitts, Caroline Tsaw, Narda Fargotstein, Shoshana Brower, and Therese Hughes.

A very small group including Joan Edwards, Jean Maxwell, and Caroline Tsaw (not pictured) enjoyed several spectacular gardens in the Pasadena in May.



The Museum and Gardens Group Trip for this Summer will take place on Thursday, July 27 to the fabulous Tech Trek Summer Camp at UCSB. We will be leaving early in the morning from Thousand Oaks to be on time for the early morning CORE Classes at the campus. We will have a leisurely lunch on our way home somewhere along the coast. Come and join us for a special day, watching our campers, enjoying our collegiality, and of course a gorgeous location! Please contact Sally Hibbitts to be included



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