



Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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## Title IX Community Forum

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
7:00 PM**

Our Branch's Title IX Compliance Committee has been



working very hard and recently created a newly re-energized partnership with the Conejo Valley Unified School District. As part of this effort, our Branch will be co-sponsoring a Community Forum dealing with the Title IX issues of "Sexual Harassment

and Sexual Bullying in our Schools." This event will be designed for AAUW members as well as the greater Conejo Valley community. Please save the date as this will be a special evening with excellent speakers! It would be greatly appreciated if you could help distribute the flyer on page four of this *Oaktwig* issue.

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

### 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.

### February 2015 Events

- **Tuesday, February 3 - Board Meeting.** At the home of Audrey Giuffrida. 6:00 PM
- **Saturday, February 7 - Coffee and Chat.** Side Street Café, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Tuesday, February 10 - Jobs of the Future.** CLU. 6:00 PM (see page 4)
- **Wednesday, February 11 - Joyful Volunteering.** Help seniors make Valentines. Atria Grand Oaks. 10:00 AM (see page 9)
- **Tuesday, February 17 - Museums and Gardens Group Trip,** Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles (see page 3)
- **Wednesday, February 25 - Crossing the Line: Building Awareness of Sexual Harassment and Bullying.** T.O. High School Performing Arts Center. 6:30 PM (see left and page 5)

### March 2015 Events

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

### April 2015 Events

- **Saturday, April 4 - Coffee and Chat.** Side Street Café, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM
- **Saturday, April 11 - Sisters in Crime.** Thousand Oaks Library. 2:00 PM (see page 3)
- **Tuesday, April 14 - Board Meeting.** Location TBA. 6:00 PM

Visit us online at [aauwto.org](http://aauwto.org)

## A Note from the President...

There are several upcoming events that will be very valuable to our members and especially to our new members who have joined us this year.

The first event is Leadership Development Day for Southern California. This program will be led by AAUW and will teach us to be leaders in our own communities. The date is Sunday, April 19 and is being held at the Marriott in Manhattan Beach. I will be attending: it's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about AAUW and how I can be a better leader for our Thousand Oaks Branch. I am extending an invitation to our new members to join me.

The second event is specifically for new members and will take place at 6:00 PM on March 10, just prior to our monthly board meeting, to be held at the Newbury Park Library Conference Room. Our board members will define their areas of responsibilities and explain how new members can get involved. This has always been a wonderful way for all of us to get to know one another. More information will follow.

Please consider joining me for these events and give me a call so we can chat. Know that your work in our Branch plays a big part in fulfilling AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Linda Pochter



## Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

*from the Sunshine Committee*



☀ Marsha and Bob Rosenblum have relocated to Tucson, Arizona and are temporarily settled in a condo. We realize this sounds like an oxymoron but that's how it is. They will be residing in this condo while waiting for their permanent dwelling to become available. Their current contact information is:

5675 Camino Esplendor #4120  
Tucson, AZ 85718  
Home phone: 520-529-7477  
Marsha's cell: 805-660-4427

The phone numbers will remain the same but the address is good only until April. Marsha and Bob would love to hear from you and be kept apprised of the events in your lives. We will, of course, inform you when we have a new address for them. We wish them well in their new environment.

☀ Narda Fargotstein has a new job. This is very good news for Narda, as it has been a long time in coming. The new position is in a field in which she enjoys working, and the commute is a reasonable distance from her house. We wish her luck, success and happiness in her new work environment and hope she and her associates will have a long, mutually rewarding relationship.

*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!*

### Member Birthdays



#### February

Betty Stapleford	4
Judi Robinson	7
Dorothy Robinson	10
Patricia Morgan	17
Sharon Dyer	20
Linda Parks	21
Carolyn Kopp	22
Frances Blair	22
Jeane Rose	28

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## Women's History Project 2015 Presents Five Amazing Women

*If growing up is painful for the Southern Black girl,  
being aware of her displacement is the rust on the  
razor that threatens the throat. ~ Maya Angelou*

Each year the ritual is renewed; the process of exploration, the wonder at the level of accomplishment of women today and yesterday and then the difficult step - which is the selection of five women whose lives and work will be lifted up the following Spring.

Mark your calendar and join us on March 9 as the dynamic once again plays out: see five eager, hard-working middle school girls portray great women who together span the range of human endeavor and awe us with their courage, commitment and talent. The evening is always wonderfully inspiring and stands as one of the beautiful ways AAUW TO fulfills its mission.

See you there.

Marianne Escaron

Women's History Committee

*See page 6 for event details*

*Help seniors make  
Valentines on  
February 11 with  
AAUW's Joyful  
Volunteering group!*

See page 8 for details



## Save the Date

**Saturday, April 11,  
Thousand Oaks Library, 2:00 PM**

**Kick-Off to National Library Week**  
*Join us in celebrating with the  
Thousand Oaks Library*

Sisters in Crime will present a panel discussion on "Changes in Publishing Today" which includes eBooks and a new topic, Print on Demand printing (POD.) How are writers and readers affected? Come hear what the writers have to say and join the discussion.

## Museums and Gardens Group to Visit the Japanese American Museum February 17



The Japanese American National Museum is dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Japanese Americans. It is located in the Little Tokyo area near downtown Los Angeles, and is an affiliate within the Smithsonian Museum group. The museum contains over 130 years of Japanese American history dating back to the first Issei generation, and houses a moving-image archive that contains thousands of home movies of Japanese Americans from the 1920s to the 1950s.

We'll view the ongoing exhibit, "Our Common Ground: The Heart of Community" which incorporates hundreds of objects, documents and photographs from the museum's collection. Our AAUW group will be treated to a specially-arranged guided tour focusing on women's role in this cultural group, especially in the internment camps of WWII. Among the notable artifacts on display is a Heart Mountain barracks, an original structure saved and preserved from the concentration camp in Wyoming.



Tentatively, we may venture to the museum via the METRO line from the North Hollywood station. Lunch will be in a close-by Japanese restaurant and our museum tour will be in the early afternoon. We will be departing in carpools from the Barnes and Noble in Westlake at a time to be determined.

If you are interested in coming along on this fascinating urban trip, please contact Sally Hibbitts.

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# Jobs of the Future

Why you need to understand technology

**Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015****6 – 8 p.m.****Lundring Events Center  
California Lutheran University**

*For middle, high school and college students  
Families welcome*

**SPEAKER PANEL****Nathalie Gosset, EE, MS, MBA****Sr. Director, Marketing and Technology Innovation Evaluation, Alfred E. Mann  
Institute for Biomedical Engineering, USC**

*What are the jobs of the future? What jobs are disappearing and what new jobs are being  
created? What is driving this change?*

**Pat Jacobs, President****Advanced Personnel Profiles, Inc.**

*What background and schooling will you need to get started? Who are employers hiring and why?  
What do you need to consider while in middle, high school and college to prepare yourself.*

**Vivienne Payne, Ph.D.****Scientist, Earth Science Division, Jet Propulsion Laboratory**

*What is it really like to work in a science career? What we do at JPL*

*Sponsored by:*

For event information, visit  
[callutheran.edu/events](http://callutheran.edu/events).

For questions and to register, please contact  
Narda Fargotstein at [pfargot@verizon.net](mailto:pfargot@verizon.net).

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## Important Information Affecting Your Children and/or Grandchildren

**Please Join Us!**

***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015***

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

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

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

Thousand Oaks High School Performing Arts Center,

2323 No. Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks

6:30 pm to 8:30 PM





AAUW Thousand Oaks  
*presents*

# ***WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT 2015***

Monday, March 9, 2015

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thousand Oaks Library Community Room

Refreshments will be served.

*Come meet these five notable women as presented by  
Lori Peters' students from One Spark Academy.*



**Maya Angelou**  
(1928 - 2014)  
Writer, Lecturer



**Jane Goodall**  
(1934 - )  
Primatologist



**Wilma Mankiller**  
(1945 - 2010)  
Chief of the  
Cherokee Nation



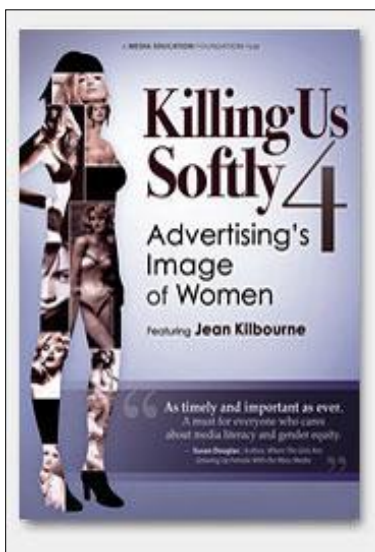
**Yoshiko Uchida**  
(1921 - 1992)  
Author, WWII  
Japanese-American  
Internee



**Malala Yousafzai**  
(1997 - )  
Youth Education  
Activist, 2014  
Nobel Peace Prize  
Recipient

*The presentations will be followed by a short video  
about Malala Yousafzai.*

This program is not a Thousand Oaks Library sponsored event.



### *In Celebration of International Women's Day*

## **Killing Us Softly 4**

**Thursday, March 5 • 7:00 PM**

**Richter Hall, California Lutheran University**

Join AAUW and CLU's Gender Studies Program for the screening of *Killing Us Softly 4*, the latest in Jean Kilbourne's award-winning series, which takes a fresh look at American advertising and how women are portrayed. It appears that the more things have changed, the more they've stayed the same.

This film challenges another generation to take advertising seriously and to think critically about its relationship to sexism, eating disorders, gender violence and contemporary politics. Kilbourne uses over 160 print ads and commercials to critique advertising's portrayal of women and invites the audience to look at familiar images in a new way: one that will move and

empower viewers to take action. A panel discussion will follow the screening of the film.

For more information, contact Bev Khoshnevisan.



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



## **AAUW's Global Awareness & Action for Girls (GAAG) Interest Group Donates Sanitary Supplies**

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



A package of sanitary supplies was sent to the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation Youth Center in early December. The shipment arrived six weeks later, and the supplies are being distributed among the girls who attend the Center. The slow mail hasn't stopped the AAUW GAAG project, however! The director of the youth center provided a new address to send items and another package will soon be mailed. Thanks to Bev Khoshnevisan and Wendy Hoffman for supplying the sanitary pads/tampons for this new package.

If you are interested in contributing a small package of sanitary pads for the next shipment, just add it to your shopping list (the boxes are kept small to get the best mailing rate.) If you'd like to help with this and/or future projects, please email Jeanette Hosek and your name will be added to the GAAG Interest Group's e-list.

## Great Gift Ideas from AAUW

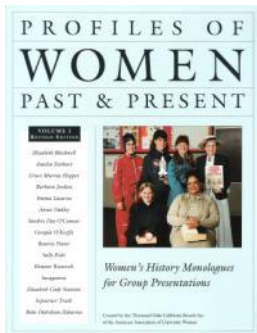
Do you have a hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list? We've got three great ideas for you!



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.

## Fifty Years: 1966-2016



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

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



## 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 *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.

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



Special Olympics  
**WORLD GAMES**  
LOS ANGELES 2015

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

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



## 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

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

### Daytime Literature Group

We invite you to join us for a lively discussion on the 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 info, please contact Jeane Rose.

#### Our upcoming schedule:

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

**March 23:** *The Timekeeper* by Mitch Albom

**April 27:** *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard

### 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 info, please contact Ellen Kossoris or Sharon Dyer.

#### Our upcoming schedule:

**February 19:** *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

**March 19:** *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

**April 16:** *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather

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

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

On Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM, our guest speaker will be Brocha Sapochkinsky, an Orthodox Jewish woman. We will enjoy an open discussion with her and find out what's like to be a practicing Orthodox Jewish woman in these times. Space is limited, so please let us know if you will be attending. If you reserve a space and then find you are unable to attend, please let us know as there is a waiting list. Contact Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek.

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

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

### Joyful Volunteering Group

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

Join us on **February 11th at 10:00 AM**, at Atria Grand Oaks (2177 East TO Blvd., Thousand Oaks) to help residents make Valentines. Atria will provide the scissors and glue... please bring supplies like ribbons, glitter, doilies, greeting cards to cut up... get creative! Contact Gail for info.

### 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.

**Tuesday, February 17th:** Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles (see page 3 for details)

### 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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*"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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### OAKTWIG ADS

When you place an ad in the *Oaktwig*, you are helping your business and your Branch.

To place an ad, please call Bonnie Shubb.

**Rates for ads are as follows:**

\$100 for ten issues or \$12.50 a month  
(all ads must be business card size).

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General & Cosmetic Dentistry

32144 Agoura Rd., Suite #213  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

Office Hours By Appointment  
**818.991.4664**  
www.GeorgianDental.com

GeorgianDental@gmail.com

## 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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