

Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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SAVE THE DATE
for an Event
SO BIG
it was 50 Years
in the
Making!

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AAUW-CA Convention
April 15th through April 17th
San Mateo Marriott Hotel

Registration is now open: visit AAUW-CA

February 2016 Events

- **Thursday, February 4 - 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting.** Home of Wendy Hoffman, Thousand Oaks. 10:30 AM. (see page 10)
- ***Saturday, February 6 - Coffee and Chat.** Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM.
- **Tuesday, February 9 - Board Meeting.** Home of Betty Stapleford, Thousand Oaks. 6:30 PM.
- ***Wednesday, February 10 - Museums and Gardens Trip: Getty Center.** West Los Angeles. 10:00 AM. (see page 6)
- ***Saturday, February 20 - Panel Discussion: Throw Your Hat Into the Ring!** CLU Lundryng Events Center, Thousand Oaks. 9:00 AM. (see page 4)

March 2016 Events

- ***Saturday, March 5 - Coffee and Chat.** Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM.
- ***Saturday, March 5 - Women's Leadership Forum.** Rancho Campana High School, Camarillo. 10:00 AM. (see page 5)
- ***Tuesday, March 8 - Women's History Project Event.** Thousand Oaks Library, Thousand Oaks. 6:00 PM. (see page 7)
- ***Saturday, March 12 - Brighter Horizons.** California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks. 8:00 AM. (see page 8)
- **Tuesday, March 15 - Board Meeting.** Wildwood Condo Recreation Center, Thousand Oaks. 6:30 PM.

April 2016 Events

- ***Saturday, April 2 - Coffee and Chat.** Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, Newbury Park. 9:00 AM.
- **Tuesday, April 12 - Board Meeting.** Wildwood Condo Recreation Center, Thousand Oaks. 6:30 PM.
- ***Thursday, April 14 - Equal Pay Celebration.** CLU Overton Hall, Thousand Oaks. 7:00 PM. (see page 6)
- **April 15-17 - AAUW-CA State Convention.** San Mateo, CA. (see link to left)

***Indicates Special Interest Group Activity.**

*** Indicates Branch Event.**

Visit us online at aauwto.org

A Note from the President...

Your AAUW Branch is continuing the tradition of "Stepping Up and Speaking Out" throughout our community in very meaningful ways, especially with the hard work and dedication that our SOAR activists have been demonstrating, rain or shine! A huge round of applause to Marilyn Carpenter, Lori Kissinger, Yvonne Brockwell, Joan Edwards, Janet Wall, Ann LaFianza, Melanie Ashen, Angie Simpson, Andrea Martinez, Shoshana Brower, Eloda Linehan and, of course, Linda Parks for all their hard work over the last few weeks. (If I left anyone out, I apologize.) These members have really "Stepped Up" their game by trudging out into the inclement weather to find willing registered voters to sign the documents.

As you know, since last September, the Save OpenSpace and Agricultural Resources campaign has been a Branch-endorsed advocacy project for all members to support by helping collect the thousands of signatures necessary for the initiatives to be successfully placed on the November 2016 ballot. To this end, the campaign (led by our own member, Linda Parks) has already collected a huge portion of the required number. Your help is still definitely needed, to "Step Up and Speak Out" for SOAR! Please contact Yvonne Brockwell or Joan Edwards for more information about collecting signatures. If you can help for only a couple of hours, that is fine and you don't even need to stand at the market: there are many strategies where the voters just walk up to you! But please, get outside in our beautiful Saved Open Space and help! If you just want to sign a petition, call me.

In another form of community involvement, I was asked to represent our Branch at a local event, and describe the activism of AAUW. The information follows in the next column. Please attend, if you're interested.

Sally



*Stepping Up and
Speaking Out!*

The Status of Women: Locally and Globally



MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
Conejo Democratic Club
WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016

**MEETING LOCATION: NORTH
RANCH COMMUNITY CENTER**
1400 N. WESTLAKE BLVD., WLW.

SOCIAL NETWORKING AT 6:30 PM
MEETING AT 7:00 PM

What gains have women made both in the United States and elsewhere? Are we progressing or going backwards? The Conejo Democrats will explore these questions with a stellar panel:

Junemarie Justice of CEDAW
Sally Hibbits of AAUW
Diane de Mailly of the Women's Economic Council
Kerrie Sadler of The Greater Contribution
Moderator: C.J. Keavney of the Democratic
Women's Council of the Conejo Valley

Call 805-231-4152 for more information.
Public is welcome. No charge.

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Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

from the Sunshine Committee



☀ Our long-standing member, Marilyn Carpenter, currently a Vice-President of our chapter, has been honored by the Acorn newspaper by being chosen as one of the ten best community members in the year 2015. In addition to her service to AAUW, Marilyn's accomplishments include her enthusiastic support of the legislation passed to promote the preservation of oak trees, and her activities in the political arena. During the 1990s she also served as a Thousand Oaks Planning Commissioner.

Congratulations, Marilyn! We are so proud that your efforts have been recognized in this way and look forward to your continued participation in the public domain.

☀ Harry Brockwell, father of Branch member Yvonne Brockwell, died on December 26, 2015 at the age of 77 with his family at his hospital bedside. He was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and is survived by his wife of 54 years, Madeleine, his son Scott, and granddaughter, Madeleine, as well as a sister, Shirley, in addition to Yvonne.

We send our sincere condolences to Yvonne and hope that the passage of time 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.

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.



January Board Meeting “Tidbits”

- Special guest Joan Edwards gave SOAR update.
- *Shape the Future* Campaign in effect from January 1 until March 15.
- The Thousand Oaks Branch will work with the Camarillo Branch to use their 501c.3 status to accept grants from Amgen and the City of Thousand Oaks, to pay expenditures for Brighter Horizons 2016.
- Discussed a possible Branch dues increase for 2016-17. Only \$15 per member goes into the Branch general fund, and all monies raised through fund raising are only for specific activities.
- Oak Twig mailing fee for USPS delivery has become very expensive for those who do not have email.

Sharon Dyer, Secretary

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Member Birthdays February

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

Throw Your Hat Into the Ring: Politicians Discuss the Realities of Campaigning!



**Saturday, February 20, 2016
9:00 to 11:00 AM**



**Lundring Events Center on the Campus of CLU
Free Admission and Open to All**

Hosted By



**California Lutheran
UNIVERSITY**

Peek behind the handshaking and mega-watt smiles and listen as current elected leaders, candidates, and campaign staffers discuss why and how they became involved in the world of politics.

What's it REALLY like to seek office as a legislator or an elected official?
How would they advise people today who are interested in going into elected office? Any tips for success?

The focus here is educational and non-partisan, not an attempt to influence voters. We'll hear about the real issues of finances, PR, public events, community groups, fund raising, filing fees, rules and regulations for seeking office, etc. It promises to be a fascinating glimpse into the realities of political life!

Panelists (all AAUW Members):



**Congresswoman
Julia Brownley
26th District of
California
(tentative participant)**



**Dianne McKay,
Trustee, Ventura
Community
College District,
Board of Trustees**



**Jacqui Irwin
CA State
Assembly Member
District 44**



Henry Stern
for California State Senate



Oak Twig Editors Needed for 2016-2017!



Pattie Dix and Donna Langley will be retiring in June, 2016 as co-editors of the *Oak Twig*. We are looking for replacements now so the new editor(s) can work with the current editors to learn the "ropes."

Donna and Pattie have been using Microsoft Publisher to produce the *Oak Twig* and would be happy to share their skills concerning this program. Please contact either Pattie or Donna if you're interested.

Remember, as editor, you're always up to date on the Branch news and happenings!

PLEASE JOIN
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THAT ARE AREA LEADERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

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Members of the Museums & Gardens group enjoying the contemporary art at the new Broad Museum in Los Angeles. (L-R) Joan Udani, Pat O'Donnell, Lori Kissinger, Helene Rosen, Penny Strowger and Kristin Hoover. Not pictured: Sandy Thomas, Barbara Gilmore, Dorothy Robinson and Margie Price.



Museums & Gardens Group to Visit Getty Center February 10. Please Join Us!

Heading for a return trip to the incomparable Getty Center in West Los Angeles, the Museum and Gardens



Special Interest Group will view a wide variety of interesting exhibits appearing at the Museum that day. These include: *Woven Gold* (The Tapestries of Louis XIV), *In Focus*

(Daguerreotypes), *The Edible Monument* (Art of Food for Festivals) and *The Younger Generation* (Contemporary Japanese Photography).

For more information about each of these exhibits, please visit the Getty web site at www.getty.edu.



We will once again meet at the Westlake Village Barnes and Noble at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 10 for our carpools to the Museum. Your cost is your share in the parking fee of \$15 per car and your own lunch cost, which will be at the Museum: the Museum visit itself is free. It is expected we will return to Westlake by approximately 3:00 PM that afternoon. If you are able to

assist with driving a carpool, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sally Hibbitts to reserve your spot for this fun and interesting day of fabulous art at the amazing Getty Center!



In Celebration of Equal Pay

Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM

Cal Lutheran University
Overton Hall



With California Senator Hannah Beth Jackson. Our April Branch event will focus on the success of the California Fair Pay Act legislation that Senator Jackson was able to secure, which benefits all women in California.



Education Bill Signed Into Law



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the new federal education bill recently passed into law. It replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB) known for inadequate funding, applying sanctions on schools that did not help with school improvement and narrowing the curriculum and instruction while overemphasizing testing.

ESSA will take effect in the 2017-18 school year allowing for a period of transition. Overall, ESSA addresses testing and accountability, teacher evaluation, and grants and fiscal accountability. States have increased flexibility and responsibility for developing accountability systems. And the bill requires the involvement of stakeholders in programs that improve student safety, health, well-being and academic achievement.

The funding for these policies will be determined by the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

Information from the Congressional Record.

AAUW Thousand Oaks
Celebrates the 30th Anniversary of
THE WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Thousand Oaks Library
 1401 E. Janss Road
 Thousand Oaks**

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



Ruby Bridges
 (1954 -)
 Civil Rights Activist

**Attendees are encouraged to "dress up!"
 Come as your favorite notable woman.**

**Join us for a special recognition and
 refreshments following the
 student presentations.**

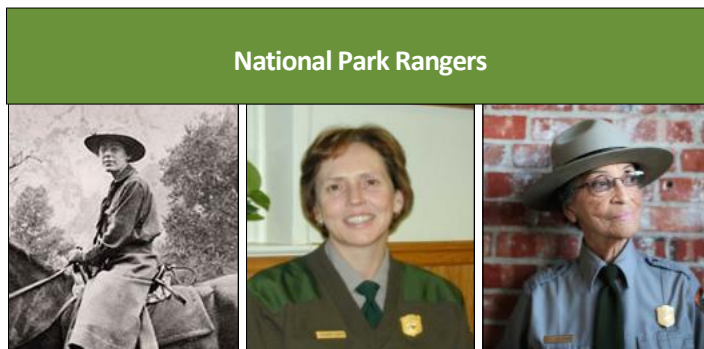
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Rell Sunn
 (1950 - 1998)
 Professional Surfer



Irene Gomez
 (1980 -)
 Program Manager,
 Mixteco
 Indigenous
 Community
 Organizing Group



Claire Marie Hodges
 (1890 – 1970)
 First Female
 National Park
 Ranger

Suzanne Lewis
 (1958 -)
 First Female
 National Park
 Superintendent

Betty Reid Soskin
 (1921 -)
 Oldest Active
 National Park
 Ranger



Patsy Mink
 (1927 - 2002)
 U.S. House of
 Representatives,
 Hawaii

Brighter Horizons Registration Starts in February. Volunteers Still Needed on March 12.



Registration for Brighter Horizons will open in early February. Please pass along the website to parents and students in the 5th to 9th Grades. You will be amazed with the choices: with 35 workshops, more than half of these are new topics and presenters! Encourage those you know to sign up early to get the best selection. aauw-brighterhorizons.org

Volunteers are still needed to work at the event on the morning of Saturday, March 12, on the campus of CLU. There are several tasks that need to be supported, including registration and workshop hostesses. You don't need to be an AAUW member to volunteer, so bring a friend or family member to help.

If you can volunteer, please contact Judy Pfeil or Karen Cunningham.

Brighter Horizons is a math and science conference for students in the 5th through 9th grades. The purpose is to encourage these young minds to stay engaged in their math and science education so they can be prepared to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM.) This year's conference is supported by grants from the City of Thousand Oaks and the Amgen Foundation. Both are sponsors of the event, along with California Lutheran University.



Women's History Committee of T.O. Branch Marks 30th Anniversary

Come help us blow our horns!

Tuesday, March 8th
International Women's Day
6:00 to 8:00 PM
Thousand Oaks Library

Members and guests are encouraged to enjoy this performance celebrating the lives of seven dazzling women, marking 30 years of our Branch's dedication to recognizing women's contributions to humankind.

All are invited to attend. AAUW-TO's Women's History Committee has benefitted from the work of so many Branch members over the last three decades... you are ESPECIALLY invited if you count yourself among them!

Don't miss this special evening!

“
A woman is like
a tea bag—you never
know how strong
she is until she gets
in hot water.
”

Eleanor Roosevelt



With Your Help, We Can Renew SOAR

If you like the idea of keeping our cities from sprawling together; you like the fact that open space filters storm water and replenishes our aquifers; you like seeing our productive farmland; you like protecting wildlife corridors and native habitat and you would like to see all of this continue here in the Conejo Valley and Ventura County, then we can't let SOAR expire.

If SOAR is allowed to expire in 2020, we risk losing almost all the open space that surrounds us now. The developers will have a field day.

By putting SOAR on the November 8, 2016 ballot, voters will have a chance to extend SOAR to 2050. We need grassroots volunteer signature gatherers to collect thousands of signatures. This means YOU. Please join the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW and play your part in preserving our beautiful open space for our grandchildren and their grandchildren.

If you can help, please contact Yvonne Brockwell or Joan Edwards. We will supply you with petitions and information.



Branch members Joan Edwards (L) and Marilyn Carpenter collect signatures for the SOAR initiative during Bird Fest at the King Gillette Ranch.

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Pat O'Donnell, Linda Pochter,
Judi Robinson, Betty Stapleford

The following letter is the fourth in a series of "Thank You" letters which will appear in the Oak Twig over the next few months. They are written to our Branch by Tech Trek participants and demonstrate just how meaningful our donations are to these girls. Thank you to Cynthia Perry for her transcription work.

techtrek!



Dear Thousand Oaks AAUW Branch,

I would like to say thank you very much for letting me attend Tech Trek. It has been a wonderful experience. I have made great friends that I will keep in contact with.

My core class was a hands on class and we had projects every day. We made solar power toy cars, and spaghetti bridges that held 2 lbs of weight. I also loved the boat ride because it was my first time. Every day was a new learning experience. For example the chemical reactions in the chemistry lab. And the remote operated vehicle (rov) we made for a group project.

I will never forget this camp!
Marlene Dominguez



SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATE OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY!
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AT THE
NORTH RANCH COUNTRY CLUB
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee: We Need You!

The next meeting of the planning committee for the Branch's 50th anniversary will be Thursday, February 4th at 10:30 AM, at the home of Wendy Hoffman.

Do you have talents to share with your Branch? We are looking for:

- A greeter(s) to assist attendees with seating or finding a special table.
- A sign maker to make and place outdoor signage for event.
- A decorator to assist with the hanging of posters inside event
- A person to raise funds by selling program ads.
- A person to assist with the placement of memorabilia items day of event.
- A public relations person for day of event.
- A person(s) to help with the auction items and sell tickets day of event.

Also needed are stuffing, cellophane and gift cards for auction baskets.

Lots to do....and less than five months to get it done. **We need your help!** It's fun to get involved and you don't need to attend committee meetings if the times don't work for you.

Contact Wendy or Jeanette Hosek for more information or to find out how you can help.

Fundraising for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

The 50th Anniversary Committee, with approval from the AAUW-T.O. Board, has designated Tech Trek Scholarships as the focus of its fundraising for the May 21 anniversary celebration. Tech Trek scholarships for local middle school girls to attend a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) camp at UCSB are approximately \$950 per girl for a week-long college experience.

Tech Trek is one of the Branch's popular scholarship programs and, due to limited funds, there are more applicants each year than the Branch can send. Therefore, the Anniversary program revenue and attendance on May 21st must be outstanding! **FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, WE NEED YOU TO:**

- Attend the celebration on May 21st and bring a friend(s) with you. A reservation flyer will be in the March Oak Twig and online soon. Tickets are \$50 for a champagne brunch with guest speaker — plus entertainment, auction items and lots of fun!
- Encourage community businesses to support the event by purchasing ads in the event program. The Board and 50th Committee have a solicitation letter with advertising options available. Please email Jeanette Hosek if you are willing to help out. All AAUW members spend money for shopping and personal services, so don't be shy about asking these businesses to support AAUW scholarships.
- Purchase a table sponsorship to advertise a personal business, honor a special person or to simply gather a group of friends together. Table sponsorships are \$50 each.

The Thousand Oaks Branch has endowed three scholarships over the course of its 50 year history, yet none have focused on local girls. Let's make this 50th Anniversary a success so we can give our Conejo Valley girls an opportunity to explore career options!

Ventura County IBC Luncheon a Big Success

Photos from the annual Inter-Branch Council (IBC) Luncheon, held in January. Speaker Captain Valerie Overstreet, US Navy, showed those in attendance what it's like to land a jet fighter on the deck of an aircraft carrier while at sea, in the dark with no lights!

Top (L-R): Narda Fargotstein and Linda Pochter.

Middle (L-R): Dorothy Robinson and Janet Wall.

Bottom (L-R): Three Branch Presidents Maureen Everakes (Simi), Pam Perkins-Dwyer (Camarillo) and T.O.'s own Sally Hibbitts.



AAUW Thousand Oaks Branch Memorabilia Wanted



Are you the person who never throws anything away? *Good!!* The 50th Anniversary Committee is looking for "Branch related" items that you may have in a closet. We need these items for

display purposes at our 50th Anniversary Brunch on May 21, 2016. We are especially looking for:

Branch cookbook, coffee mugs, tee shirts from Youth Cultural, Creative Options, Brighter Horizons, Tech Trek and any pictures taken at past Branch events (please identify people in pictures), pictures from tennis matches, jazz concerts, old programs notes. Items will be lovingly handled and returned to you after the event unless you want to donate them to the Branch!

We thank you for being a "saver!" Otherwise, we will have some empty display tables. If you would like to work on the display tables, let us know.

Contact Wendy Hoffman or Jeanette Hosek, if you find a treasure in your closet or want to assist with display set-up.

**February 15th
Happy Birthday,
Susan B. Anthony
1820-1906**



"Failure is Impossible!"

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 page 21.) 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:

February 29: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

March 28: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

April 25: *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

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:

February 18: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

March 17: *The Forgotten Seamstress* by Liz Trenow

April 21: *Lady in Gold* by Anne Marie O'Connor

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 Sachi Stark or 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. On Wednesday, February 10, the group will visit The Getty Center in West Los Angeles (see page 6). If you'd like to take part, **contact Pat O'Donnell or Sally Hibbitts.**

Our Community Environment **NEW!**

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 **NEW!**

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.**

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

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.

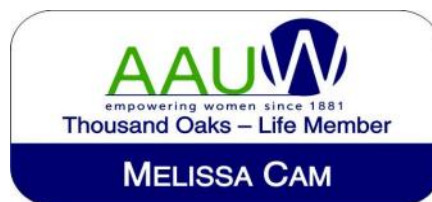


The gifts above help provide fellowships and scholarships through AAUW Funds. **Contact Jeanette Hosek or Kateri Alexander.**



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.

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.



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* is now being published on our Branch website, aauwto.org, without our members' personal information. The "Contact Page" will NOT appear on our website.

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You may have noticed it is a brand new advertising year for ***Oak Twig*** readers and we have several new business owners taking part in our very inexpensive rates. Like one of our users reflected, "Where else could I possibly get monthly advertising for only \$12 a month....and to a quality audience?" This income is vital to the Branch as it is serving us to help start up our new year, until the majority of our budget funds arrive from national.

So, this is a reminder to **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!** They all provide valuable services and quality items that have a strong positive reputation in our area. Also, next time you see one of our advertisers in person, please thank them personally for their ongoing and much needed financial support!



Inner Circle
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Music Therapist, Board Certified

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