



Thousand Oaks Branch, Inc.

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June 2015

Membership Renewals Due NOW — Not in the Fall

AAUW Membership Dues **MUST BE PAID** no later than June 15th. This is a change from previous years when dues were paid at the annual Fall Membership Breakfast.

The software used to create our Branch's Directory is changing: if you want to be included in the Directory—and if you want your information to be correct—you **MUST** renew now.

Send your dues along with your completed information form (included in your renewal packet) to:

AAUW Thousand Oaks
Post Office Box 4223
Thousand Oaks, CA 91359

Or simply use the addressed envelope provided with your renewal letter.

Don't Delay: Renew Today!



June 2015 Events

- **Saturday, June 13 - New and Returning Board Members Potluck Brunch.** Sally Hibbitts' home. 10:30 AM
- **Saturday, June 13 - Luncheon/Talk by CSUCI President Richard Rush.** Courtyard by Marriott, Oxnard. Noon (see page 11)
- **Monday, June 15 - AAUW-T.O. Membership Dues Deadline**
- **June 18 thru 21 - AAUW National Convention.** Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego
- **Friday, June 19 - Last Day to Vote in AAUW National Elections** (see page 12)
- **Monday, June 22 - Women's History Exploratory Meeting.** Location and Time TBA (see page 5)
- **Monday, June 29 - Branch Program Planning Meeting.** Annette Boersma's home. 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to bring their ideas. Contact Narda.

July 2015 Events

- **Friday, July 24 - 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting.** Wendy Hoffman's home. 10:00 AM (see page 7)
- **Saturday, July 25 - Trek to Tech Trek.** UCSB Campus. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (see page 6)

Save These Dates:

- **Saturday, September 19 - Annual Fall Membership Breakfast.** Moorpark Country Club
- **Sunday, October 18 - Fall Fundraising Event.** Home of Larry Janss. Time TBA (see page 7)



PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES BY JUNE 15TH!

A Note from the President...

June has arrived and I am writing my last Oaktwig message to you. It has been a wonderful experience being President of AAUW-TO this year and I am so grateful for the support of everyone.

We certainly have made an impact in our community and in the lives of women and girls with our programs, such as Title IX and Tech Trek. We drew positive attention to our Branch by supporting Candidate Forums in Thousand Oaks, by participating in Earth Day festivities (while raising awareness of equal pay issues) and by speaking to the Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks. Their mission to help families and our mission of advancing equity for women and girls fit together very well. I am looking forward to working with the Kiwanis in the future.

Our fundraising efforts this year were beyond amazing! We raised enough money to send five girls to Tech Trek science/math camp, held at UC Santa Barbara. We were also able to contribute to AAUW Scholarship programs.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful year. Our work is not finished by a long shot, but with your continued support, "We Can Do It!"



(L-R) Linda Pochtter at Kiwanis Club of Thousand Oaks with Club President San Lee (the first woman president of Kiwanis T.O.) and Club Vice President Frank Fabrega.

Visit us online at
aauwto.org

Member Birthdays

June

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| Nancy Klein | 1 |
| Mangala Patil-Holt | 2 |
| Donna Langley | 5 |
| Audrey Giuffrida | 5 |
| Linda Bergthold | 5 |
| 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 |
| Linda Harley | 25 |
| Genevieve Gunis | 29 |

July

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| Connie Carman | 2 |
| Cindy Afshari | 4 |
| Deborah Birenbaum | 6 |
| Martha Nielsen | 11 |
| Marilyn Carpenter | 12 |
| Jennifer Gordon | 15 |
| Liz Priedkalns | 17 |
| Joan Udani | 20 |
| Amy Fechner | 21 |
| Kitty Soltow | 25 |
| Penny Strowger | 28 |



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Sad and Glad News Concerning Our Members

from the Sunshine Committee



☀ Patricia Gibson, a long-standing member of AAUW, died on April 22 due to complications from cancer. She was a graduate of Purdue University and mother of two sons, Jim of Flagstaff, AZ and Steve of Thousand Oaks. Patsy was a much loved and admired founding member of the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW. She was First Vice President in its charter year, 1966-67, and then served as Branch President the following year, 1967-68. She held a variety of board positions in subsequent years and maintained her membership in our Branch until 1976, when she moved with her family to the beachfront home they built on Silver Strand in Oxnard.

She was active in many organizations and political campaigns as well as participating in the formation of the Maritime Museum at Channel Islands Harbor. We extend sincere condolences to her family at this sad time.

☀ Wendy Hoffman and husband, Alan, are planning a trip to South Africa June 19 through July 15. They will fly to Munich and spend a few days there, then go on to Johannesburg, where they will meet up with a tour group. They will then travel for 18 days with the group to Zambia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. After that, they will go on their own to Cape town for four days, after which they will head home to LA. This promises to be a most interesting sojourn, providing a varied mix of cultural activities and sights. We wish them happy landings and safe travels.

☀ Marsha and Bob Rosenblum have moved into their new home in Arizona and have asked that we share their contact information (see page 15.) They advise that in a few weeks "Casa Rosenblum will be accepting reservations" and they would love to hear from you. We wish them health and happiness in their new surroundings. Our loss is Tucson's gain!

☀ Deanna Franke is taking a two-week vacation to Hawaii this summer. Her plans include seeing volcanoes on the Big Island and snorkeling around the shores of Maui and Molokini Island. While on Maui, she will also take the famous Road to Hana. This sounds like much fun in the sun and we wish her smooth sailing and a pleasant, well-deserved vacation.



New/Renewing Members

A warm welcome to all of our new and renewing members whose names are listed on the last page of this issue. Please add this information to your Membership Directory.



Elections were held in early May and the votes have been tallied... announcing the

2015-2016 Board of Directors

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

Directors

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

Congratulations to one and all!

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

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On behalf of every member of the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW, a huge thank you to the women listed below — those who stepped up this past year to lead our Branch.

The next time you see one of these people, be sure to thank them for their hard work in support of all Conejo Valley women and girls!

thank
you!

2014-2015 Thousand Oaks Branch Leadership

Officers

Linda Pochter, President
Sally Hibbitts, President-Elect
Jeanette Hosek, Secretary/ Parliamentarian

Directors

Judi Robinson, Membership
Bev Khoshnevisan, Programs
Vera King, AAUW Funds
Deanna Franke, Tech Trek/Local Scholarships
Sheila Sullivan, Public Policy
Elsa Nanson, Public Policy
Kateri Alexander, Profiles of Women
Nickie Dwork, Publicity
Narda Fargotstein, Interest Groups

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Dorothy Robinson, Oaktwig Distribution
Audrey Giuffrida, Sunshine Committee
Betty Nordahl, Web Administrator
Betsy Berry, Community Outreach

Advisory Committees

Pattie Dix and Donna Langley, Oaktwig Editors
Betty Nordahl, Membership Directory
Marianne Escaron and Donna Langley, Women's History Project
Betty Nordahl, Brighter Horizons

Special Interest Groups

Narda Fargotstein, Coffee and Chat
Jeane Rose, Daytime Literature
Sharon Dyer and Ellen Kossoris, Evening Literature
Claudia Spelman, Morning Walking
Gail Small, Joyful Volunteering
Linda Harley, Movie Group
Wendy Hoffman, Photography
Sally Hibbitts, Museums and Gardens
Linda Harley, Theater Group
Jeanette Hosek and Wendy Hoffman, Women and Religion



Save the Date!

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015:
Fall Membership Breakfast
at Moorpark Country Club**

Pot Luck Brunch for Retiring and New Board Members

**Saturday, June 13 • 10:30 AM
at the home of Sally Hibbitts**

Our hard working board members will be able to exchange information with the new members while enjoying a Pot Luck Brunch. Contact Sally for the details.

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Join the Discussion about Women's History

The AAUW-TO Women's History Group has scheduled an exploratory meeting for Monday, June 22nd. The group will be looking at the lives of women, both past and present, to highlight in March 2016, during Women's History Month.

New people with fresh ideas are always welcome. Contact Marianne Escaron or Donna Langley for specifics on location and time.



AAUW Thousand Oaks Seeks a Corner in Need of a Tree

Did you know the City of Thousand Oaks' Forestry Master Plan of 1989 calls for an oak tree on every corner?



AAUW's *Quercus lobata* (also known by its common name, "Valley Oak") is about four years old and is almost ready for planting. It is being donated by AAUW-TO charter member Marilyn Carpenter, and will be planted in 2016 with a plaque honoring AAUW's first 50 years in Thousand Oaks.

A list of suggested planting sites is needed. Ideally, the tree will be planted on a corner with a sidewalk situated such that it will allow for growth of a very large tree. Valley Oaks can live to be 300 to 400 years old, and they grow to be the largest deciduous tree west of the Mississippi. The site should also have some water available for the first year following planting. After that, not much water is required.

Kevin Wilson, City Forester for Thousand Oaks, will pick the best corner from the list of possible locations submitted by AAUW. Please contact Joan Edwards with ideas.



The Museums and Gardens Group on their last trip of the season: a tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Hollyhock House at Barnsdall Park in Los Angeles.

Back (l-r): Joan Edwards, Lori Kissinger, Marilyn Carpenter, Nina Bublitz, Dianne Campbell, Pat O'Donnell, Penny Strowger, Betty Nordahl, Lydia Steadman, and Marian Fleming.

Front (l-r): Liz Priedkalns, Sally Hibbitts, and Helen Follmer.

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**ANNOUNCING...****A Fun Trek**

to

Tech Trek

On

**Saturday, July 25****8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

This is a great opportunity to see and experience our wonderful Tech Trek Summer STEM Camp at UCSB. We will carpool to the beautiful campus to see our scholarship girls make their special "graduation" presentations to their parents and friends. This is a great opportunity for our members, friends, and Tech Trek supporters to come and see what this life-changing camp is all about for our girls. Lunch will be at a beach side restaurant on the way home.

Please contact Sally Hibbitts for more information.

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Don't Miss a Rare Peek Inside Janss Home at AAUW's Fall Fundraiser

Stay tuned for more information about this fabulous, fun, fall fundraiser but for now, be absolutely sure to save the date -- Sunday, October 18 — for this very significant ticketed event.

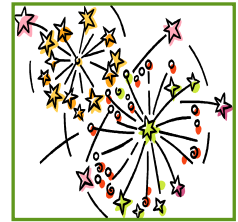
Bring as many guests as you wish to enjoy a rare glimpse at the unique and valuable art collection of Mr. Larry Janss, of the locally prominent Janss family. While sipping wonderful wines and listening to terrific live jazz music, you will wander through the art-filled home and large garden of the family house in Thousand Oaks. Among the significant art pieces are several works by Marc Chagall and photographic prints by Ansel Adams, plus a truly outstanding collection of unique ethnic and primitive art from the world travels of this consummate collector.

This is a rare opportunity for AAUW members, friends and relatives. Tickets will be on sale starting in August and all money raised will go towards "Elect Her" - a division of AAUW FUNDS. This fully tax-deductible fund creates supportive training opportunities for university women to become more politically active on their campuses as a way of encouraging their own political futures. It helps expand the pipeline of women running for office and to diminish the long-standing political leadership gender gap.

So, be certain to save the date of Sunday, October 18 and please contact either Bev Khoshnevisan or Sally Hibbitts for more information.



Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee: We Need You!

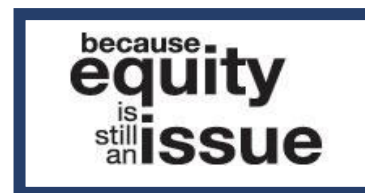


The next meeting of the planning committee for the Branch's 50th anniversary will be at Wendy Hoffman's home on Friday, July 24 at 10:00 AM.

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

- A writer for the program notes....
- A solicitor for program sponsor ads.....
- An interest in music....a singer, a performer, a pianist
- A videographer to work with photos and Branch history articles
- A user of "e-vite", or other digital programs to design invitations and manage reservations.

Lots to do... and less than a year to get it done. We need your help! It's fun to get involved and you don't need to attend all committee meetings if times don't work for you. Contact Wendy or Jeanette Hosek to volunteer.



This Learning Opportunity Is a Win-Win!

Needed immediately is that certain individual who loves to write and is curious as to how to develop proposals for grants and foundation funding. Limited training may be available. This is a great opportunity for you to build those special skills which can carry over into the business world. This can be a WIN-WIN situation: you win as you build vital skills, and the Branch wins when you develop simple yet effective proposals for funds. Please contact Sally Hibbitts for details

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T.O. Branch Announces Named Gift Honoree



Long-time AAUW member Lori Kissinger has been selected as the 2014-2015 Named Gift Honoree for the Thousand Oaks Branch. This means the Branch made a donation to AAUW-National Funds, in Lori's name, to honor her outstanding contributions to our Branch this past year.

The following is an excerpt from the award announcement, presented by Sally Hibbitts at the annual Funds program in early May:

One usually thinks of a "worker bee" as one who makes lots of honey... Well, our "worker bee" this year made lots and lots of money! ...The Named Gift Honoree for 2014-15 definitely lives up to the intent of this award... she is the epitome of the Worker Bee!

Our Named Gift Honoree is one of our Branch's earliest members and previously earned this same honor for her service in 1976... This year, she really outdid herself, not only helping the Title IX committee with its ongoing project, as she has for several years, but stepping up and being counted on to help in an amazing manner with our highly successful Accessories Sale last Fall. One of the many attributes our Named Gift Honoree has is her wonderful organizational skills along with an innate ability to latch onto a project and never, ever, ever, ever give up! ... With her help along with many other members, especially the chair of the Accessories Sale, Jeanette Hosek... this group ended up raising over \$3,000 in that one effort last September.

It should be noted that this member was nominated by more than one person this year and so it gives me great pleasure to announce that our Named Gift Honoree for 2014-15 is our friend and dedicated AAUW member, Lori Kissinger.



AAUW Thousand Oaks Takes Role in the World Games 2015



Special Olympics
**WORLD
GAMES**
LOS ANGELES 2015

We stepped up to offer our assistance in the Host Town activities from July 21 - July 24, 2015 here in Thousand Oaks. Our role will be to support the athletes in their sport training by assuring transportation and accessibility to the facilities they need.

Our volunteers are also invited to the Host Town events such as the barbeque and party at the Conejo Creek Park during the days the athletes are here in town. We anticipate approximately 100 athletes and coaches will be visiting our fair city as they acclimate and prepare for the World Games, which take place in Los Angeles the following week. Specifically, Thousand Oaks will be host to athletic entouragees from the following countries: Mongolia, San Marino, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Tajikistan. For more information, or to attend the World Games, go to www.la2015.org.

Annette Broersma, AAUW TO Special Olympics Committee Chair



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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AAUW Funds: Our Branch's Giving History

Thousand Oaks Branch has three AAUW endowments established in the past fifty years. The first was the 1979 *Ann Bratmon Research and Project Grant*.

Ann was born in North Dakota in 1925. Her parents were health professionals. After her father died in 1939, Ann and her mother moved to Ohio where Ann continued her schooling. Graduating from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Nursing, Ann then went to Western Reserve University where she earned two Master's degrees in Education and Nursing. In 1956, she became an assistant professor at UCLA, teaching in the Department of Medicine.

Ann and Fred Bratmon moved to Thousand Oaks in 1958 to raise their family of two children. Ann joined the Camarillo Branch of AAUW until the Thousand Oaks Branch was established in 1966. Ann served the Thousand Oaks branch in many capacities: Literature Chair, World Problems, Great Decisions, Educational Foundation, Children's Theater, Book and Record Sale fundraisers, and as Parliamentarian.

Ann was an avid mystery reader. After her death in 1979, her husband donated her vast collection of mystery novels to the Branch for its annual book sale. She is remembered by all who knew her for her sharp wit, beautiful command of English, intelligence and dedication to the Thousand Oaks Branch of AAUW.

This grant was completed in 1981 and since then, 33 projects have been funded. Some recent examples of how this endowment has helped women and girls: a computer camp for girls in grades 6-8 in Bowling Green, OH; a media literacy workshop in Tucson, AZ for teens producing videos and public service announcements about women's issues; a family support project/child development for Somali children living in Seattle, WA; a Culver City, CA video production program for girls in underserved communities, to be citizen journalists and promote healthier messages about girls. The 2014-15 Ann Bratmon recipient is Kristin Friedersdorf, who spoke at AAUW T.O.'s May Annual meeting on her Career Development grant in Culinary Arts.

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

CVUSD Has AAUW Input via District's Wellness Committee

Branch member Elsa Nanson serves as the AAUW representative on the Wellness Committee of the Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD). The group met April 30, 2015, with a focus on student nutrition.

The District's Nutrition Department is assisting schools in implementing healthier, cleaner meals in response to the National School Lunch Program mandate. For example: the department has assisted individual schools in creating their own gardens. Another example: Westlake High School offers a themed lunch event every Wednesday, using all natural ingredients. The PTA provides the infrastructure for the event and the cafeteria prepares the food.

Conejo Summer Food Program will provide lunch at both Conejo and Acacia Elementary Schools for children ages 1-18 this summer. This program is funded through the National School Lunch program: any child may attend.

The Wellness Committee reviewed the Oak Park Unified School District's (OPUSD) Administrative Regulation, as a sample for drafting regulations for CVUSD. The OPUSD's "Nutritional Quality of Foods and Beverages Sold on Campus, Meal Times, and Scheduling, Qualifications of School Food Service Staff, Class Parties, and Events," helped the committee make recommendations for CVUSD's regulations.

Looking ahead to the next school year, the Wellness Committee will develop a structure for communicating these administrative regulations to parents.

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Sneak Preview of Coming Attractions!

There are some exciting plans brewing among the Branch's new board members, and more will be announced over the summer and into the coming year— especially at the Fall Membership Breakfast on September 19. Our new Special Interest Group Chair is Patrice (Pat) O'Donnell and if you are interested in any of these activities, please contact her directly or look for more information at the breakfast.

New Special Interest Groups:

Share What You Know You've got the talent so let's share what you already know! Amazing travel experiences... professional knowledge... community activities... volunteer experiences... fun hobbies... news and politics... current health issues... diet/nutrition/exercise... Who knows what else? If you know it, why not share it? This group will form a Branch Speaker's Bureau which will interconnect with community groups and organizations across the Conejo Valley.

Collecting the Voices of Women Finding out about our own Oral History right here in our own Branch. The early members of our Branch have wonderful tales to tell and AAUW has a program to do just that! We will be seeking out not only the story tellers, but the story collectors in this wonderful project. There are some great plans for this group as we build an archive of data which will then be available for future users to access and appreciate.

Supporting Financial Literacy We will be starting the year off right with a great opportunity in October for Building Financial Literacy among the students at CSUCI. With this program, we will reach out to those who may really benefit from our members experienced in the finance fields. This will be a great springboard for more community programs in this area.

Younger Women's Task Force This national AAUW-supported program will be looking at creating a base of support for the young working professionals, between the ages of 20-40, in our region. There is much that this dynamic group can do as they expand the AAUW mission into a different demographic.

And several more to come!

New Branch Support Groups:

New Member Support Team Did you feel a little "lost" when you joined our Branch? This group will help expand the work of our terrific Membership Director, Judi Robinson, by providing more support for our many new members as they learn to navigate the benefits of our great organization. This will be a help to all of us as we strive to maintain and increase our membership. You'll make many new friends who have amazing lives to share with all!

AAUW FUNDS Support Team Working with our FUNDS Director, Jeanette Hosek, your assistance will help our Branch extend our outreach in new directions as we seek financial support of our many endeavors. We are looking to expand our mission directly into the community with increased contact for grant and foundation money to support not only Tech Trek and Brighter Horizons, but also more local scholarships, as well as our traditional groups such as LAF and EF. This a wonderful way for you to improve your skills in public speaking, grant writing, organizational activities, etc. Put those hidden talents you would like to use or want to further develop to good work while learning from the experience!

More Groups will probably be focused on Public Policy, Tech Trek, Special Study Groups, etc.



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**Luncheon with Speaker on
The Challenges and Opportunities for
Higher Education in Ventura County**
given by

Dr. Richard Rush,

President of CSUCI

Saturday, June 13

Noon



**Courtyard by Marriott,
600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard**

Dr. Richard Rush, President of California State University Channel Islands, will speak and take questions about issues facing public higher education in Ventura County at a luncheon hosted by the League of Women Voters, the Civic Alliance of Ventura County and AAUW of Thousand Oaks. The public is welcome and encouraged to come and learn more about the future of public higher education in Ventura County.

The League of Women Voters of California is initiating a study of the issues facing public higher education as our members become more and more concerned about the access and affordability of higher education in California for students and their families. The quality of preparation for today's workplaces is another concern of course, for those making this increasing "investment" of time and money. Dr. Rush's address is an important part of understanding these issues in Ventura County. As head of the newest campus in the California State University system, he has faced these issues since he became President in 2001.

- ◆ **RSVP for lunch with entrée choice and \$30 per person by June 8**
Lunch choice includes a Cobb salad with smoked turkey, a Club Croissant turkey sandwich or a Veggie Sandwich.
- ◆ **There is no cost to attend just the speech at 12:45 p.m.**
- ◆ **Reserve for lunch at <http://tinyurl.com/p7mx8xg> or by check**
to LWVVC, P.O. Box 787, Ventura, CA 93002 with a notation on entrée choice.
- ◆ **For more information or late reservation,**
contact Pam Pecarich, ppecar@aol.com, 805-797-4757.

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AAUW National Election

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

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

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

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



Goals and Passions for AAUW

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

Vote for **JUDY PFEIL**

AAUW Director

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

Great Gift Ideas from AAUW

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



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

each. We can also assemble a special box of eight of your favorite cards.

For the history or theater buff on your list, give one or all three volumes of *Profiles of Women: Past & Present*.

Created by members of our Branch, each volume provides well-written monologues showing women as positive role models.

The gifts above help provide fellowships and scholarships through AAUW Funds. Contact Kateri Alexander.



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

Oaktwig Staff

Pattie Dix, Co-editor
Donna Langley, Co-editor



Dorothy Robinson, Circulation
Betty Nordahl, Email Alerts

Email articles to Pattie Dix by the 15th of each month prior to publication.

Looking for a Phone Number?

If you're seeking contact information for people leading various Branch activities, please see page 15 of this newsletter. The *Oaktwig* 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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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 10th of the month preceding your event. It will be listed in the next *Oaktwig*, to advertise and recruit members who would like to help start or join the new group. Contact Narda Fargotstein.

Coffee and Chat **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

Meets the 1st Saturday of every month. We meet at 9:00 AM at Stella's Gourmet Restaurant, 2385 Michael Drive, Newbury Park. (Directions: Take 101 to Borchard Road Exit. Take a right on Michael and go past Baskin Robbins. Turn right into the parking lot to Stella's.) This is a very pleasant way to get acquainted and stay connected. We hope you will be able to join us. For further information, contact Narda Fargotstein.

Daytime Literature Group We invite you to join us for a lively discussion on the 4th Monday of each month (unless indicated by *) at 10:00 AM in the Marvin Smith Community Room at the Thousand Oaks Library on Janss Road. For more information, please contact Jeane Rose.

Our upcoming schedule:

June 22: Discussion of next year's book selections

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. For more information, please contact Ellen Kossoris or Sharon Dyer.

Our upcoming schedule:

June 18: Pot luck* and selection of new books

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

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

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

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

Joyful Volunteering Group

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

Morning Walking Group

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

The Movie Ladies of Fame Group

If you are interested in having your name (partners, too) added to either/both Interest Groups--Movie and/or Theatre--please contact Linda Harley. If no answer, do leave a message: please speak slowly and clearly. Thank you!

Museums and Gardens

The Museums and Gardens Group visits a variety of beautiful museums and gardens on a different day each month, depending upon venue location and member response. If you'd like to take part, contact Sally Hibbits.

Our group is taking a short summer break, but please plan to attend the "Trek to Tech Trek" on Saturday, July 25. (see pg. 6)

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.

Theater Play Productions Group **(NEW)**

Members will attend weekend productions at local venues such as Conejo Players Theater in Thousand Oaks, the High Street Arts Center in Moorpark and Simi Valley Community Arts Center. Husbands/partners are invited to participate as well. Contact Linda Harley.

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AAUW Guide to Women-Owned Businesses



Are you an owner of a business here in our local area? Do you know a business that is woman owned and operated? Is your favorite restaurant owned by an enterprising female friend? Does your sister have

her own business in the area? Is your hair dresser working in a shop owned by a woman?

**If the answer to any of these questions is "YES,"
we want to hear from you!**

AAUW-T.O. will be composing a list of women-owned businesses in the Conejo Valley area, to show our support for these resourceful and intrepid women. Please help us support our female friends by sending their contact information to either Annette Broersma, Melissa Cam, or Sally Hibbitts.

May Board Meeting "Tidbits"

- New Board elected at May Annual Meeting
- Five girls chosen to attend Tech Trek camp at UCSB
- Two Moorpark College transfer scholarships awarded
- Lori Kissinger honored as 2014-15 Named Gift Honoree
- Initial plans for Fall Breakfast discussed
- Membership continues to grow
- Phantom Tea has collected over \$1200 so far
- Dues renewal should be sent in by June 15
- Date of 50th Anniversary Brunch will be May 21, 2016

Jeanette Hosek, Board Secretary