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Save the Dates!

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- Oct. TBD: Museums & Gardens tour
- Oct. 10: Political Shindig
- Oct. 17: Candidate Forum
- Oct. 22: Morning Book Group
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President's Message



We got the fall off to a good start with the long-standing tradition with the annual Fall Membership Breakfast. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. It is the one time of the year that the whole membership has the opportunity to get together. It was fun seeing old and new friends. Special thanks goes to **Betty Stapleford**, Event Chair, and her committee for making the event so successful. Thanks are also extended to **Susan Fagan** for making arrangement for the oak tree centerpieces and to **Moises Mercado** for providing the background music. More thanks go to **Wendy Hoffman** for coordinating the table hostesses; **C.J. Keavney** for the press coverage; **Donna Langley** for the graphic work for the flyer and finally **Sally Hibbitts** for procuring our speaker, **State Senator Henry Stern**. His topic, *The Male Feminist*, was outstanding. It was an honor to have so many public officials and candidates attending our event.

We still have room on the Board of Directors for two new directors. If you are interested please let me or another Director know! It is one way to get involved in your AAUW-TO. The board meets once a month and the commitment does not require a lot of time on your part. We also have an opening for the Program Director.

Speaking of programs, we have plans for being involved in voter registration for young people and a voter forum in October. We also have an interesting program on immigration scheduled for November 13, 2018. Please join us. We are a mission based organization and civic involvement is part of that mission. More information is in this issue.

~Sharon

Welcome New Members!

AAUW-Thousand Oaks warmly welcomes the following new members:

- Vanessa Denchfield
- Jeanne Edwards
- Jill Magnante
- Katherine Wooldridge
- Laura S. Ziff

Meet Your Branch Officers

President: Sharon Dyer
Vice-President: Betty Stapleford
Secretary: Nathalie Gosset
Treasurer: Bonnie Shubb
Directors:
 1. Peggy Buckles
 2. Sally Hibbitts
 3. Bev Khoshnevisan
 4. Vera King
 5. Anne LaFianza
 6. Linda Pochter (Membership)
 7. Margaret Tennant (Oaktwig Editor)

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE SEP 29 AAUW-TO BRANCH FALL KICKOFF



Rev. Dr. Betty Stapleford,
Event Chair



Senator Henry Stern,
Keynote Speaker



Moises Mercado,
Musician



AAUW-TO Members and
Guests



2018 Tech Trek Summer
Campers

DON'T MISS—UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Immigration 101: What You Need to Know to Join the Immigrations Rights Movement!



Our guest speaker will be **Vanessa Frank** a local advocate and immigration lawyer with over 25 years experience organizing among cross-cultural groups to defend human and civil rights.

Date: Tuesday, November 13

Place: Pederson Hall, Ascension Lutheran Church, Thousand Oaks
Time: 7 p. m.

For more information or to rsvp please contact **Wendy Hoffman**.

Candidate Forum.

AAUW is joining the Ventura County League of Women Voters to sponsor a **Candidate Forum on Wednesday October 17 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM** at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza City Council Chambers/Sherr Forum located at 2100 East Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Admission is free.

AAUW needs your help! We need 7-8 volunteers to welcome attendees, usher, hand out and collect

question cards as well as helping to sort the cards. You will get to hear the candidates discuss their ideas and help AAUW and the community at the same time.



Contact **Peggy Buckles** for more information or to offer your service!

See flyer on the next page.

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Co-sponsored by AAUW Thousand Oaks Branch

**Wednesday, October 17
7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza
City Council Chambers/Scherr Forum
2100 East Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Admission is free.

Come hear the candidates discuss their positions and respond to audience questions asked by the moderator, David Maron, from the League of Women Voters.

This is a public service of the non-profit, non-partisan League of Women Voters.
Questions about the forum may be sent to Lwv@LwvVenturaCounty.org


The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.

The forums will be televised on the TOTV local government channel.

The League thanks the City of Thousand Oaks for assisting with this event

ANNOUNCING:
The Great Political Shindig!



 Enjoy a little fun while learning about the whole group of propositions and other non-artisan local issues. This should help all of us become better informed citizens along with getting to know about our branch advocacy and related policy positions!

What? An informal gathering, complete with coffee and dessert

Purpose? To discuss the ballot propositions and other non-partisan issues in the upcoming November election, Our partnership organization, The League of Women Voters, will provide our guide for these issues. This is a non-partisan and non-candidate event.

When? Wednesday, October 10, 2018

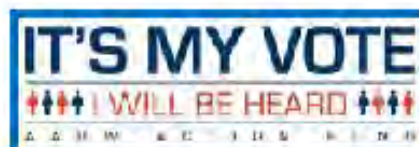
Time? 7 pm - 9 pm



Where? The home of Sally Hibbitts, see *Directory* for details.

What to bring? Your CA Sample Ballot, a terrific "advocacy attitude", an open mind, and a big smile!!! Spouses and friends are welcome.

(Please RSVP to Sally)



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Coffee and Chat will meet Saturday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m. Just show up at Stella's Café in Newbury Park. Coffee and Chat always meets the first Saturday of the month. All potential, new, and long-time members are welcome!

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. Also, we will be happy to get suggestions for any other groups you might want to form.

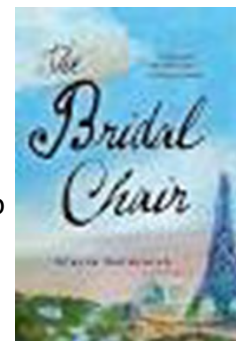
If you are interested in the **Exploring Religions of the World through the Eyes of Women Group** and are interested in being contacted about upcoming meetings, send an email to either **Wendy Hoffman** or **Jeannette Hosek**.

Book Groups

The **Daytime Book** group will be on **Monday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Thousand Oaks library. We will discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Our reviewer will be Wendy Hoffman. Please contact **Joan Udani** if you need more information.

The **Evening Book** group will meet on **Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.** at the home of Audrey Giuffrida. We will discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Please contact **Sharon Dyer** for information.

Unity Book Group. Please note that this is a Community Outreach Project joining women from the Islamic Center of the Conejo Valley (on Borchard Rd) with members of AAUW TO. The purpose is to discover our commonalities as well as to rejoice in our differences, while reading enjoyable books which have commonly shared themes. This group is open to all and is very casual. We have the best and most meaningful discussions! Our next gathering will be on **Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Shoshana Brower. The book we have selected to read is *The Bridal Chair* by Gloria Goldreich.:



"As a child growing up in 1920s Paris, Ida Chagall copes with her father Marc Chagall's brilliant artistic mind and overbearing ego and the tight leash he keeps on her. But as Ida blossoms into a young woman, she begins to glimpse freedom and opportunities for herself. When she falls in love for the first time, her father paints 'The Bridal Chair' as her wedding present, a symbol of his anger that pierces Ida to the heart. Against a backdrop of the Nazi invasion of France, Ida fights for her own survival as an independent young woman while nurturing the dark, creative genius of her parents." (Publisher's summary).

If you have any questions, please contact **Sally Hibbitts** or **Shoshana Brower**.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



The Museum and Garden Group are planning to go to The Garden of Water and Fragrance at the Japanese Garden in Van Nuys in October. Also in the works is a trip to LACMA in early November to see the "Passing Through The Underworld: Egyptian Art" from the Museum. Please contact **Linda Pochter** for more information.



The Suffrage Group. The second annual Suffrage Tea will be held on **Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Wendy Hoffman & Jeanette Hosek, chairs of this event are looking for help with food, setting up, taking down, contacting members, program participants. etc. If you missed last year's tea, don't miss it again! Contact **Wendy or Jeanette** to volunteer!



Global Awareness & Action for Girls (GAAG) is an email interest group of AAUW Thousand Oaks (no meetings). Jeanette Hosek reports that after a slow start, she is mailing off two packages of primary storybooks for schools, one in Zambia and one in Malawi. These schools were started by local women who received start-up funding through FINCA. ORG. She will let you know if she gets a response. She has been buying used children's books at the Library for 50 cents each. If you are interested in participating in this project either by donating paperback books or paying for postage, let her know. For those not aware of FINCA, it is a self-help organization that provides funding to women starting up or expanding small businesses. They also assist women who have established local schools. If you want to participate contact **Jeanette Hosek**.



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NEW GROUPS AND GROUPS SEEKING LEADERSHIP

Need a Leader!

The following groups have interested participants but need leadership! If you would like to help organize any of the following, please contact Sharon Dyer.

- **Happy Hikers**
- **The Movie Group**
- **The Photography Group**

Career Connections

Share your career expertise with a student or younger member! **Career Connections Group** is recruiting active and retired professionals who are interested mentoring student and other members with an interest in that career. Contacts can be in the form of a short email exchange all the way to a long-term relationship—it's up to you! Contact **Margaret Tennant** for more details and to express your interest.

Wine Plus

Finally, take a little time for learning and relaxation as you try various wines with different specialty items in the new **Wine Plus+ Group**. Maybe you have wondered what wine to drink with... Chocolate? Strong cheese? Popcorn? Members as well as their partners are welcomed. Contact **Margaret Tennant** for details and to express your interest.



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. Also, we would love to get your suggestions for new groups!

Revisioning our Branch's Women's History scripts!

Our branch has been writing and publishing Women's History scripts for over 30 years. During that time, our format has gone from published books (*Profiles of Women, Vol 1-3*) to a single CD's with 106 scripts. Due to the marketing savvy of Nathalie Gosset, we have entered the sphere of digital downloading! All of our scripts are planned to be posted on a commercial platform called *Smashwords*.

A person or a school wishing to buy one script or 100 scripts will be able download the individual scripts to their computer. Our library will also include thematic bundles of scripts. Our first published bundle is called "Suffragists and Activists". A bundle costs less and the purchaser gets all the scripts on a similar topic. *Smash-*



words retains a small fee from each purchase but a large portion of the price comes directly to our branch. We are hopeful that the materials will reach more students, schools and the general population. All scripts ready for download may be found in our branch e-store, www.aauwto-ca.aauw.net

Check out Smashwords here:

<https://aauwto-ca.aauw.net/e-store/>

Smash Word has suggested that the branch consider providing audio versions of the scripts as a demand for audio materials exists. If you have experience in recording written texts and would like to train some members to record the scripts, please let us know. Contact **Jeannette Hosek or Donna Langley**.

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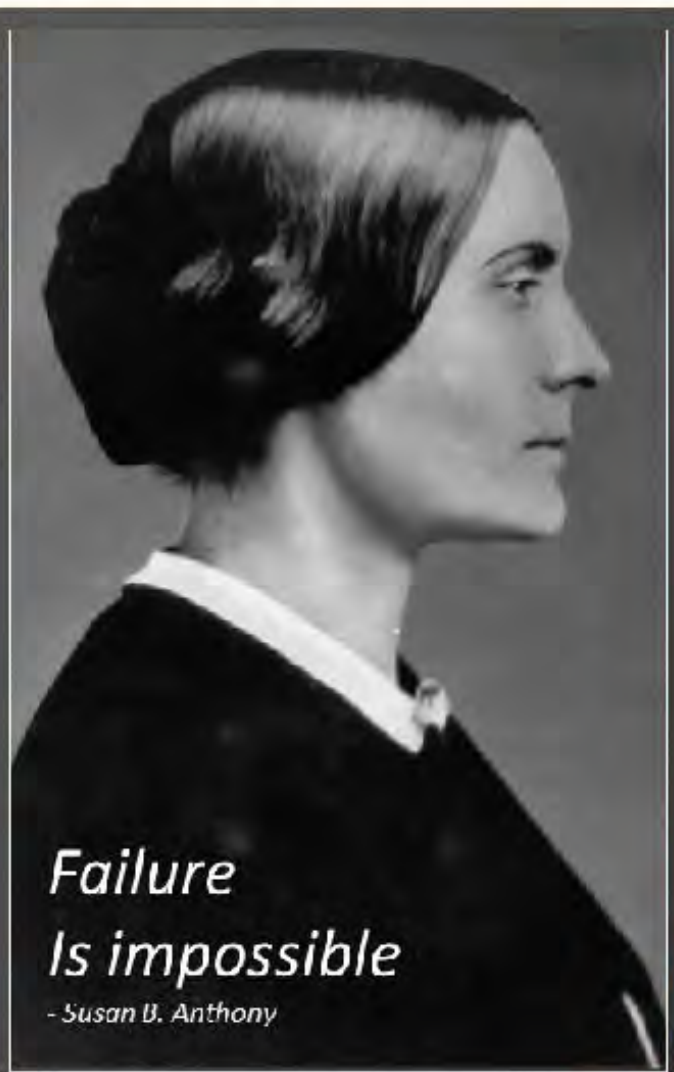
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