

Oak Twig November 2018

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Save the Dates!

- Nov. 1: Unity Book Group
- Nov. 3: Coffee & Chat @ Stella's in NP
- Nov. 6: **VOTE!!**
- Nov. 7: Board Meeting 6:30pm
- Nov. 13: Immigration Rights
- Nov 15: Evening Book Group
- Nov.26: Daytime Book Group
- Dec. 9: Holiday Party!
- Feb. 10: Suffrage Tea

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President's Message

During the last month your Board of Directors has been reviewing the strategic plan of AAUW as set forth in their publication *BEYOND ASPIRATIONS: ADVANCING EQUITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS*. The plan is focused on education and training, economic security, leadership and governance and sustainability. The first goal of AAUW is education for women and girls. On the national level, AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women. For 2018-19, 250 outstanding women and nonprofits have been provided with \$3.9 million in funding for fellowship and grants. "Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide."



On the local level, to address this goal of education for women and girls, AAUW-TO provides several scholarships for women graduating from Moorpark College to further their education at four year colleges. To support STEM education, our branch provided scholarships for ten 8th grade girls to attend Tech Trek camp at UC Santa Barbara and hopes to do the same this year. We are also serving under represented youth through Conejo Conexiones at our local high schools.

AAUW Thousand Oaks was also a sponsor of the CVUSD annual State of the Schools program. Eight of our members attended the breakfast and program. It was very interesting to hear the superintendent, Dr. Mark McLaughlin, and the assistant superintendents speak about various programs in our schools.

Please remember to vote on November 6th. Some of our members have been especially busy supporting local candidates and issues. Special thanks goes to Jeanette Hosek for leading the meeting for our members explaining the sometimes confusing propositions on the ballot. Thanks also to Peggy Buckles for her work on the City Council Forum.
~Sharon

Upcoming Events

November 3 - Coffee and Chat 9:00AM Just show up! Stella's Café in Newbury Park

November 7 – Board Meeting 6:30PM. Contact Sharon Dyer for location. *All members welcome.*

November 13 – Immigration 101. RSVP to Wendy Hoffman

December 9 – All Members + Guest

Annual Holiday Party 5:00PM. Contact Sharon Dyer.

February 10-Suffrage Tea.

Branch Updates

Your AAUW Board

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)

Meetings are held the first Weds of the month at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome! Contact **Sharon Dyer** for location.

The **Oaktwig** submission deadline is the 20th of the month.



Some
Special
Messages..

THANKS!

From Betty Stapleford: know that lots of people were thanked in the last Oak Twig for their amazing contributions to the success of our Fall Breakfast, and I couldn't agree more. But I also want to thank the many of you who contributed to our **Conejo Conexiones program** at the breakfast. Because of your generosity, we will have over \$700 to support our groundbreaking program for Latino students in the CVUSD high schools, the incredible work of our volunteers, and the great Thousand Oaks Faculty Advisor and AAUW member Sandra Martinez.

If you would like to find out more about our program and/or join us, please contact me, **Betty Stapleford**, or others on our team.

And let's not forget two other people who worked behind the scenes to make our breakfast so memorable. They are Sharon Dyer who made the yummy harvest-themed chocolate candy for all to enjoy and Nathalie Gosset, who publicized our event to members through her many creative reminders in our email boxes. My special thanks to you both!

From Peggy Buckles: I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to the following ladies for their volunteer work at the City Council Forum: CJ Keavney, Joan Edwards, Eloda Linehan, Audrey Giuffrida, Sally Hibbitts, and Vera King. They answered the call for help and greeted attendees, handed out and collected question cards, and sorted questions. It was an interesting and informative night.



Conejo Conexiones table

More
Breakfast Pics!



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**.

(See flyer)



Party Time!

Don't miss our **Holiday Party on December 9th!** The party will be at the beautiful home of a generous member (see last page for details), starting at 5:00 pm. You and your guest are invited!

(See flyer)

Your help is needed!

Join the Holiday Party committee! We need people to

- Greet
- Organize food
- Set-up
- Clean-up
- Organize Entertainment...
- And more!

Contact **Sharon Dyer** right away to volunteer for this annual celebration!





<http://aauwto-ca.aauw.net/>

AAUW Thousand Oaks cordially invites you to attend

IMMIGRATION 101

**Learn All About The
Immigrant Rights Movement!**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

7:00 PM


**Ascension Lutheran Church
(Pederson Hall)
1600 E. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks**

Speaker: Vanessa Frank, Immigration Lawyer

**A local Advocate and Immigration Lawyer with over 25 years
experience organizing among cross-cultural groups
to defend human and civil rights in California.**

**Please RSVP by Saturday, November 10 to Wendy Hoffman (see back
page for contact information)**

Sponsored by AAUW Thousand Oaks. Hosted by Ascension Lutheran.



AAUW THOUSAND OAKS
CORDIALLY
INVITES YOU

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Fun, Food, Wine, Festivities, & Good Friends

Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 5:00 PM

This is a potluck event, so please bring the following:

Last names beginning with **A through M**

Bring an appetizer

N through Z

Bring a dessert

We will ask for cash donations to cover the wine being served.

Raffle will benefit AAUW-TO Special Projects.

We will also be collecting toiletry for

The Coalition to End Domestic and Family Violence

RSVP to Sharon Dyer by Dec 5.

AAUW THOUSAND OAKS SUFFRAGE TEA

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019
1:30-3:00 PM**

**OAK KNOLLS CLUBHOUSE
300 McCloud Ave.
Thousand Oaks, CA**

I may be your leader
some day



I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS EVENT! I WILL BE A:

- _____ TABLE HOST – Need to have a teapot(s), six cups & saucers and a smile!
- _____ FOOD HOST - Contribute tea sandwiches, scones, or sweets.
- _____ GREETER -Welcomes guests and assists with seating

Contact Eloda Linehan to be a table host _____

Contact Bev Khoshnevisan to contribute food _____

Contact Jeanette Hosek to be a Greeter _____

For additional information– CONTACT WENDY HOFFMAN _____

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Coffee and Chat will meet Saturday, November 3 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 hear your suggestion for a new group that reflects your interest. Contact Sharon Dyer with your idea!

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**. A program is being planned for January.

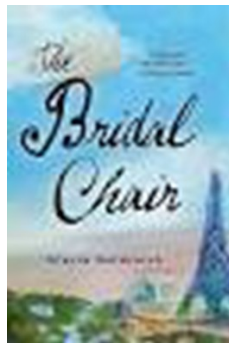
Book Groups

The **Daytime Book** group will be on **November 26 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Thousand Oaks library. We will discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, with a discussion led by Jean Maxwell. Contact **Joan Udani** for more information.

The **Evening Book** group will meet on **Thursday, November 15th** at the home of Jean Maxwell at 7:00 P.M. We will be discuss *Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things* by Amy Dickenson and reviewed by Cathy Whitney. 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).