

(More) SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Museums and Gardens Group visited the

beautiful SuihoEn Japanese Garden in Encino in October. As Vera King stated as she stepped into the garden, "I am so happy I came on this trip. This garden is amazing!" Yes, Vera was correct. The peace and serenity was experienced by Jean Maxwell and her guest as well. Our docent explained the facts of the dry Zen meditation garden, the Tortoise Island as a symbol of longevity, and authentic Shoin Building tea house. I hope everyone takes time to visit this beautiful garden.



Our next trip is to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in November. No date has been scheduled yet. The museum is not open on Wednesdays in November. See you in November. If you know of an exhibit you would like to see please let me know. I am open to suggestions. For more information contact Linda Pochter.

Global Awareness & Action for Girls (GAAG) - an email group. GAAG (Global Action/Awareness for Girls) - a 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**

Suffrage Group -- The second annual Suffrage Tea will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 1:30-3:00 pm. 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 Hoffman. **(See flyer.)**



Happy Hikers Group—**Melanie Ashen** has agreed to be the leader (thanks, Melanie!). She will be organizing the group later in November. If you are interested please give email your name and phone number to **Sharon Dyer**.

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AAUW ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Thousand Oaks branch, over its 50+ year existence, has funded three national scholarships: The Ann Bratmon Career Development Scholarship, The Marilyn Carpenter Career Development Scholarship and the Thousand Oaks Branch 30th Anniversary American Fellowship.

Recipients are:

Marien Rios-Hernandez from the University of California Riverside will receive an American Fellowship to complete her PhD partially funded by the Thousand Oaks Branch. Marien is completing a PhD in Music with a specialization in Queer Chicana/Latina transnational punk. Her project name: *We Were There-From Alice Bag to Emos the War on Punk and Sonic Latinidades*. Marien uses her background in ethnic studies, humanities and arts training as a musicologist to explore the Los Angeles and Latin American punk scenes from 1977-2001.

Daisy Muralies is the current information and reference specialist at the University of California Santa Barbara, Special Research Collections. Her master's work will emphasize services for diverse users and underserved populations. She is receiving funding from the Marilyn Carpenter and the Ann Bratmon Funds.

These scholarships were made possible by contributions to AAUW Funds by branch members many, many years ago. Your current donations to AAUW Funds continues to assist current academic scholars.

For more information, contact **Jeannette Hosek**.

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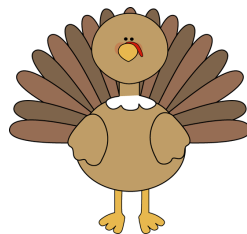
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