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Upcoming Events!

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- Dec. 17: Daytime Book Group
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President's Message

Best wishes for a joyful Holiday Season whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza or some of the other holidays celebrated this special time of year around the world. Please plan to join us at the Annual Holiday Party on December 9th at the beautiful home of Liz and Juris Priedkalns. RSVP to me by December 5th. Cash donations will be accepted for the wine being served. We'll also be collecting toiletry and cosmetic items for The Coalition to End Domestic Violence. We still need committee members' help with the party.



Thanks goes to Sally Hibbitts for hosting a program going over the propositions on the November ballot. Jeanette Hosek led the group using information from the League of Women Voters. Congratulations to our members who won their elections.

A special thank you goes to Wendy Hoffman for planning and securing an outstanding speaker/lawyer, Vanessa Frank, for the Immigration 101 program. If you would like to get more information about what was presented at the program contact Wendy. I hope all of you plan to participate in taking the Public Policy survey that AAUW California is emailing to members (see pg. 2). When you read the survey you will get an idea about how much public policy covers. AAUW is also defending the attacks on Title IX at the national level.

Here's wishing you Happy Holidays and a prosperous and Happy New Year.

~Sharon

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*Meetings are held the first Weds of the month at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome! There is no meeting in December. Contact **Sharon Dyer** for location.*

*The **Oak Twig** submission deadline is the 20th of the month.*

Getting Involved...

Women's Suffrage Project

California women won the right to vote in 1911, but it wasn't until 1919 that Congress passed the 19th Amendment (Susan B. Anthony amendment) granting American women in all states the right to vote. Thirty-six states were needed to ratify the amendment and that occurred in August 1920 with the vote of Tennessee.

The historic woman suffrage campaign should be a testament to the importance of all citizens to be active in our democracy. There will be many celebrations throughout the nation, and in the various states celebrating the 100th anniversary. In California, a committee has been formed sponsored by the National Women's History Alliance (formerly NWHP) called **CA 2020 Women's Suffrage Project**. A preliminary organizing committee has been formed and I am serving on this committee along with many others from different organizations.

The CA 2020 committee is inviting elected officials, librarians, teachers, business leaders, community organizations, and volunteers to join together in celebrating this historic event. The goal is to have local supporters and volunteers in every California county planning activities to celebrate the centennial. If you are interested in being part of this centennial planning for Ventura County (and beyond), please let me know and I will send your name to the CA 2020 Women's Suffrage Project.

I am interested in the CA 2020 Centennial project: My name & email are:

Contact Name: _____ Organization _____

Contact **Jeanette Hosek** for more information.

Public Policy

AAUW would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to the following members who won their elections:

Congresswoman Julia Brownley
 Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin
 Councilwoman Claudia Bill de la Pena
 Community College District 2, Dianne McKay
 CVUSD School Board, Jenny Fitzgerald
 Las Virgenes School Board, Angela Cutbill

Thank you,
 Peggy Buckles, chair Public Policy Committee

An Important Survey!

Greetings AAUW California Members,

AAUW California Public Policy Priorities support our mission and provide the basis for action and advocacy. This year we are reviewing our priorities and making changes to guide AAUW California in 2019-2021. The Public Policy Committee will draft new priorities which will be adopted by a vote of AAUW California members in the spring of 2019.

Your feedback is important and you are encouraged to complete the attached online survey. The survey lists the priorities and provides an opportunity to agree with the current statements or to offer suggestions for changes.

Click [HERE](#) to start the survey.

Nancy Mahr

AAUW CA Public Policy Chair

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DO THIS!

Getting Involved

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!

**LET'S
CELEBRATE!**

Save the Dates!

Join us for a **New Member Welcome** on Saturday, **January 19** at 10:00 at the home of Jeanette Hossek. Details to follow. Contact **Linda Pochter** for more information.

The **IBC luncheon** will be on **February 16** at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. The program consists of a panel discussion of AAUW's online work negotiation program, *Start Smart Work Smart*. IBC has also allocated \$500 to the Stem Innovation Challenge, a program for Ventura County middle school girls, that will take place February 2nd at CSUCCI. Contact **Sharon Dyer** for more information.

Mark your calendars today!

News Change!

A message from our faithful "Sad & Glad" chair, Audrey Giuffrida:-

With the approach of the new year your columnist thought it would be appropriate to initiate a new title for the column & it will now be called "Joys & Concerns" It is my hope that the reading public will be happy with this change.

Joys and Concerns

We are thrilled to report that Sally Hibbitts is recovering well from a total knee replacement and will be able to join in most activities in January.

If you have a Joy or Concern to share, please email Audrey!



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**
N through Z

Bring an appetizer
Bring a dessert

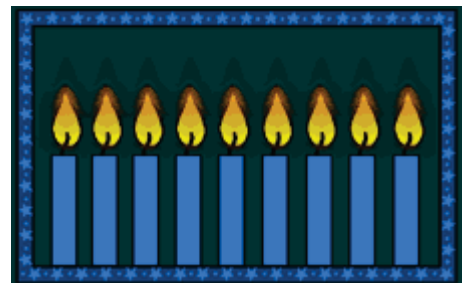
We will ask for cash donations to cover the wine being served.

Raffle will benefit AAUW-TO Special Projects.

We will also be collecting toiletry for

The Coalition to End Domestic and Family Violence

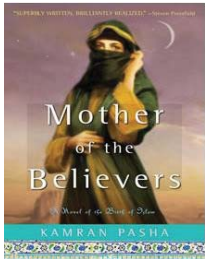
RSVP to Sharon Dyer by Dec 5.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Unity Book & Outreach 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, January 17 at 6:30 PM at a members home, TBD.** The book we have selected to read is ***Mother of the Believers: A Novel of the Birth of Islam*** by Kamran Pasha.



“Deep in the heart of seventh-century Arabia, a new prophet named Muhammad has arisen. As his message of enlightenment sweeps through Arabia and unifies the warring tribes, his young wife Aisha recounts Muhammad’s astonishing transformation from prophet to warrior to statesman. But just after the moment of her husband’s greatest triumph – the conquest of the holy city of Mecca – Muhammad falls ill and dies in Aisha’s arms. A young widow, Aisha finds herself at the center of the new Muslim empire and becomes by turns a teacher, political leader, and warrior.” (Publisher’s summary).

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



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. **See Registration Form on the next page.** Contact **Wendy Hoffman** for more information or to volunteer your services!

Want to learn more about Women’s Suffrage? See page 7.

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**.

Happy Hikers Group—Happy Hikers Group—Melanie Ashen has agreed to be the leader. She will be organizing the group later in the New Year. If you are interested please give email your name and phone number to **Sharon Dyer** if you did not sign up for the group at the Fall Membership Breakfast. She will give your name to Melanie since she does not have email., or give Melanie a call!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Coffee and Chat will meet Saturday, December 1st, 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. Even though the Acorn says it is for prospective members all are welcome.

Exploring Religions of the World through the Eyes of Women. The speaker for the Exploring Religions of the World through the eyes of Women Interest Group will meet on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Our guest will be **Beverly Folkes** who will talk with us about the rituals and practices of the Chumash Indian People. Beverly is actively involved with the Chumash Community and loves to share the history and stories of her ancestors.



Please RSVP to **Wendy Hoffman** or **Jeanette Hosek** by January 10 as space is limited.

Book Groups

The Daytime Book group will meet on Monday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 A.M. at the Thousand Oaks library in the Conference room (please note the change of room). We will discuss **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng. Our reviewer will be Pat O'Donnell.

The Evening Book group will meet Thursday, December 20th at the home of Sharon Dyer at 7:00 P.M. We will have a potluck dinner and will discuss **Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things** by Amy Dickenson and reviewed by Cathy Whitney.



Museums and Gardens. A future a trip is being planned to go to LACMA to see the **Passing Through The Underworld: Egyptian Art.** If interested please contact **Linda Pochter.**



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!



SUFFRAGE TEA

*WOMEN ARTISTS
AMONG US*

**Sunday Feb 10
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Oaknoll Clubhouse
300 Mc Cloud Ave.
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**



Alice Paul is shown sewing the thirty-sixth star on the suffrage ratification banner, the stars having been added from time to time as the various states ratified.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN SUFFRAGE

Suffrage Tea Registration Form

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019 -- 300 MC CLOUD AVE, THOUSAND OAKS
OAKNOLLS CLUBHOUSE 1:30-3:00 P.M.**

Yes, I will attend the Suffrage Tea. Please reserve a place for me and guests. The cost is \$15 per person with the proceeds going to support AAUW FUNDS.

Name _____
Email _____
Guest _____
Guest _____

Send your reservation w/check payable to AAUW Thousand Oaks. Mail to Wendy Hoffman by February 7, 2019 OR Eventbrite.com.

No, I cannot attend the Suffrage Tea. However, please accept my donation to AAUW FUNDS. Send your tax-deductible AAUW FUNDS contribution to: AAUW T.O., P.O. Box 4223 Thousand Oaks, 91359. Note on your check: AAUW FUNDS.

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