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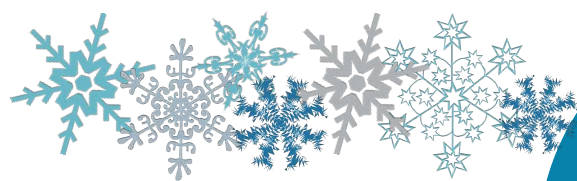
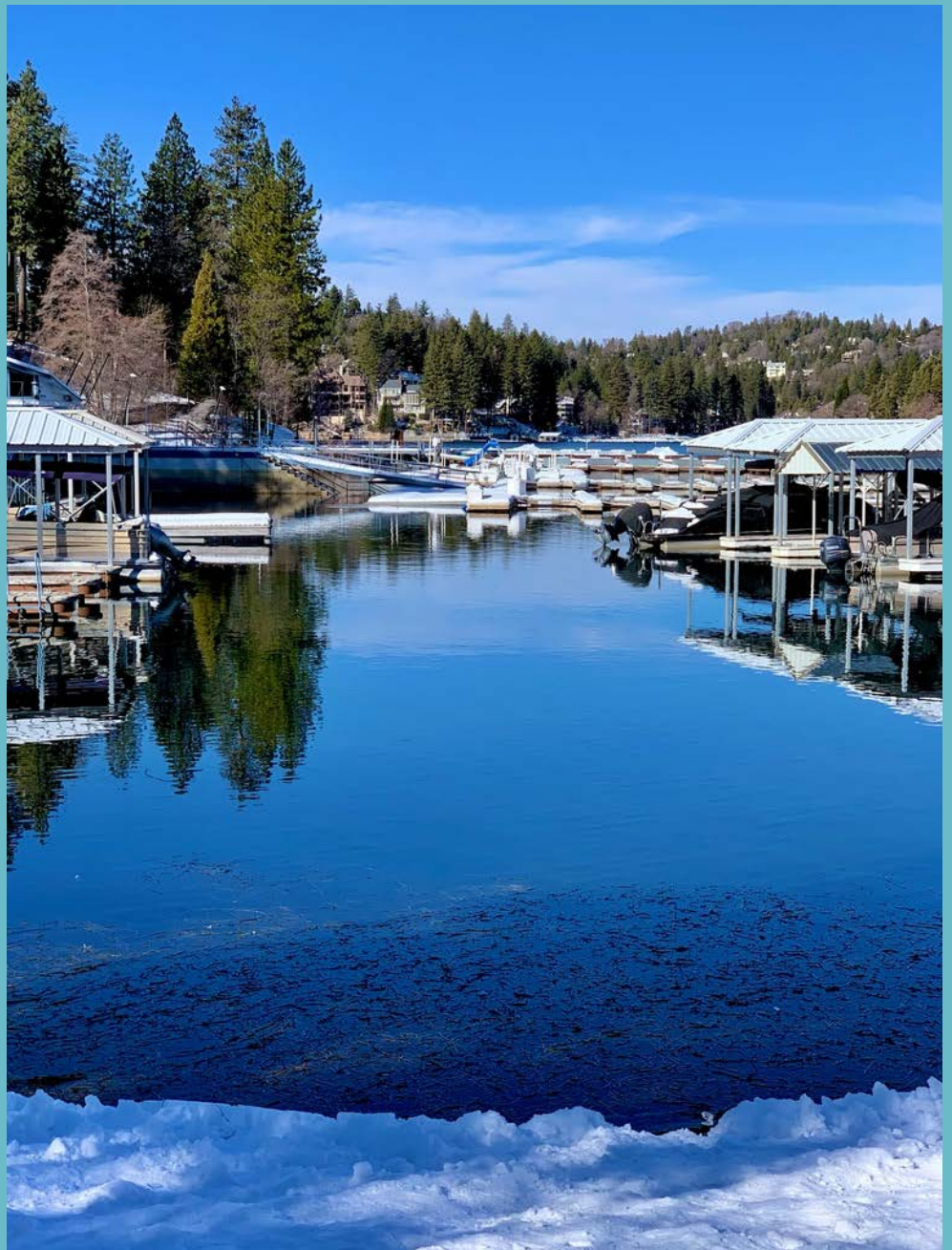
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# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

## What Does AAUW Do For You?

COVID was exhausting and it has receded somewhat though it isn't gone for good. We can manage the damage by getting all recommended vaccines. Because of that, we have our programs committee working hard to do a variety of in-person and Zoom meetings this year. About 70 members and guests attended the Fall Membership Breakfast at Los Robles Greens in September followed by a Zoom program on "Prepping for the Propositions" led by Tim Allison, an adjunct history professor at CSUCI. Tim was both very informative and engaging. The Holiday Party is coming up on December 11<sup>th</sup> at my house with both Diane Birchman and Narda Fargotstein providing musical entertainment. Paula Nathan will be demonstrating how to make a tasty holiday cocktail and there will be a holiday quiz game with prizes. Check out the flyer here and in the Eblasts for more information.

The Inter Branch Council Luncheon will be held on January 28th with the Presidents of CSUCI and California Lutheran University speaking about "Equity Through Education, Healthcare and Safety". They will inform us about changes in Title IX and how these are affecting students, sports, and health services provided on campus. Plans for February are under way to have a speaker on African American history and a book group will read *The 1619 Project*. March will be our annual Women In History performance with the students from One Spark Academy. Planning is still underway for our April Program but the Spring Luncheon is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> so do mark your calendars. June's program will center around Pride month.

If you're still looking for opportunities to get together, join one of our three book clubs or join the Museum and Gardens group for a fun jaunt and lunch. The Latino Youth Leadership Group is always looking for help with snacks and you can even stay to hear the speakers at their meetings. On the serious side, The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Public Policy Committee, and Programs Committee are always looking for new ideas and members to join us. Give me a call and I will put you in touch with the chairs of these committees. Please do take a few minutes to read the emails from state and national AAUW and respond to their requests to contact your legislators when they ask. We're so glad you are here and involved!

Peggy Buckles, President



# TOY DRIVE



Toy Drive -AAUW-TO will be collecting toys for Westminster Free Clinic.

Please bring a toy to the Holiday Party or to Sharon Dyer's home by December 13th. They will be handing out the toys of December 14 th .

Please call/text Sharon at 818-903-4645 to let her know when you are bringing toys to her home. Westminster Free Clinic has an Adopt-A- Family Program for the holidays. For more information Contact Cynthia Soto—Call/Text: 808-504-6633 or email: [cynthia@westminsterclinic.org](mailto:cynthia@westminsterclinic.org)





# HOLIDAY PARTY



## AAUW Thousand Oaks WINTER PARTY

Home of Peggy Buckles  
1582 Windy Mountain Ave.  
Westlake Village, CA 91362

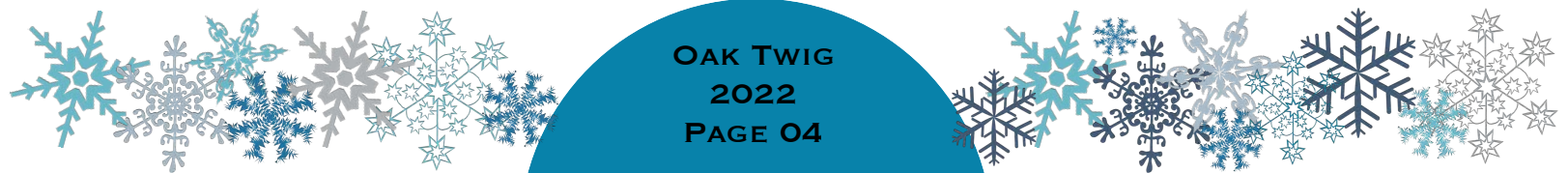
Music by Diane Birchman  
and  
Narda Fargotstein.  
Holiday drink demonstration by  
Paula Nathan.  
Holiday Quiz with prizes!

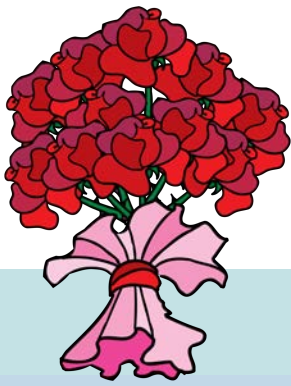
11th December  
5-8pm

If your last name starts with the letters A-P:  
please bring an appetizer  
If your last name starts with the letters Q-Z:  
please bring a dessert

We will be collecting toys for the Westminster Free Clinic. Please bring unwrapped toys for both boys and girls of all ages. You may bring to the Holiday Party or drop them off by DECEMBER 13th at the home of Sharon Dyer. Call/text for details 818-903-4645

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# POINSETTIA SALE



## AAUW THOUSAND OAKS POINSETTIA SALE



1. RED



2. WHITE



3. JINGLE BELLS



4. MARBLE



5. MUMSETTIA



6. IVYSETTIA

	COLOR	SIZE	QTY.	PRICE	TOTAL
1	RED	6"		X \$12 =	
2	WHITE	6"		X \$12 =	
3	JINGLE BELLS	6"		X \$12 =	
4	MARBLE	6"		X \$12 =	
5	MUMSETTIA	8"		X \$18 =	
6	IVYSETTIA	8"		X \$18 =	
				<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
<b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AAUW TO</b>				<b>CHECK #</b>	

Send check & form to: AAUW TO 427 Calle Veracruz, Newbury Park, CA. 91320



FINAL ORDERS DUE: Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>



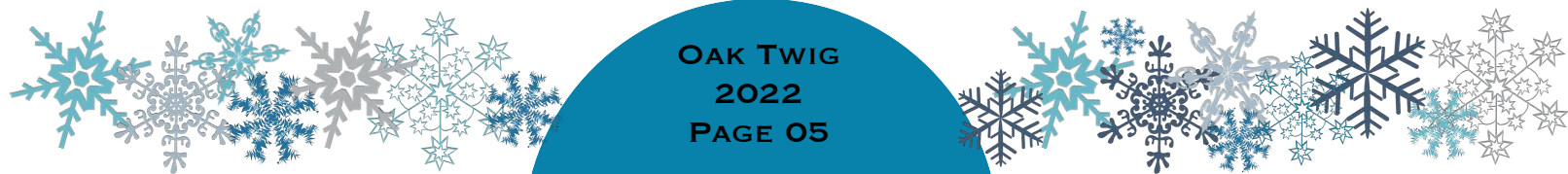
PICK-UP DAY: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PICK-UP LOCATION: 427 Calle Veracruz, Newbury Park 310-809-0926

Questions? Contact [elodatom@verizon.net](mailto:elodatom@verizon.net)

**ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE AT:**

<https://aauwthousandoaks.com/store>





# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



## The Lunch Bunch Book Group

December 15, 2022- The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn—will meet at the home of Sharon Dyer for a holiday luncheon. The address is 5878 Lake Lindero Dr., Agoura Hills.

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023- When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain—the location to be determined.

We are always looking for new participants so if interested please join us. For more information or questions contact Sharon Dyer at Text 818-903-4645

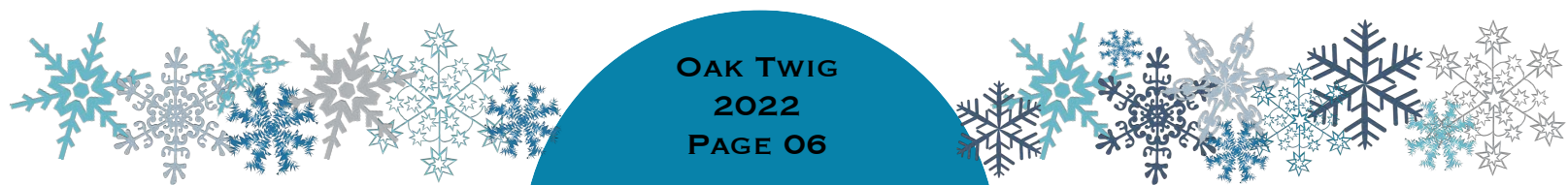
Email: [creationsbysharon@prodigy.net](mailto:creationsbysharon@prodigy.net)



## Unity and Diversity Book Club

We will be next meeting on Thursday January 12, but both our starting time and book choice are still to be determined, at the time of this Oak Twig printing. Watch for updated info in the Weekly Blasts.

Any questions? Please contact Sally Hibbitts or Shoshana Brower.





# PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

At the November 3rd meeting of the T.O. Branch Public Policy Committee, we had a lot to talk and plan about. Actions supporting our endorsement of candidates Cindy Goldberg, Bill Gorback, and Lisa Powell for the Conejo Valley School Board were discussed. We held meet and greets for them, and letters to the editor supporting them were submitted and published in the VC STAR and Acorn. And contributions to their campaigns were made by our members.

Committee members also committed to attending and speaking at school board meetings to support board members, teachers, and the superintendent and to call out bad behavior by those who speak during public comment. In our weekly Eblasts, we are also encouraging all our members to vote in the midterm election for our endorsed candidates, other local contenders, and propositions that represent AAUW values. And a recent Zoom event was organized and presented by our committee with Tim Allison, a professor from CSUCI, to discuss and answer questions about the propositions.

Concerning Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), we agreed to press the Thousand Oaks City Council to act on the resolution they passed at in the spring in a variety of ways. We believe they should appoint a DEI director for the city, hold more community events to encourage antiracism and other forms of discrimination, and be much more proactive in deterrents and strong reaction to bigotry in our city. We will also attend and speak at city council meetings and write letters to the editor after the new members of the council are elected.

In addition, one of our members wrote a letter to the Ventura County Sheriff about an announcement his department published warning residents they should be vigilant because local robberies were being caused by South American criminal elements, implying immigrants were the only ones who were committing such crimes.

With the support of our committee, one of our members also wrote a powerful resolution to the California AAUW Board about strengthening our stance on Gun Violence to align with our AAUW Mission and Vision statements since the current statements are far too weak to confront the attacks that have taken place in our schools and communities in recent years. And we hope that the resolution will also be adopted by the National AAUW Board.

If you would like to support this kind of dynamic work, please contact committee chair, Betty Stapleford, at [bstaple4d@gmail.com](mailto:bstaple4d@gmail.com) to find out about joining our Public Policy Committee.

Gun Violence Resolution to CA AAUW – Diane  
Program on CA Props – Evaluation  
Santa Paula Sheriff investigation and report – Betty

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



## Coffee & Chat

On the first Saturday of every month we gather on Zoom for socializing and meaningful conversation, starting at 9:30 a.m. The following dates are scheduled for our winter quarter: December 3, January 7, and February 4

For more information, contact Betty Stapleford at [bstaple4d@gmail.com](mailto:bstaple4d@gmail.com)



## Latino Leadership Group



2022 - 23, AAUW sponsored, Latino Youth Leadership at Thousand Oaks High School at their first meeting of the year. Please contact Sally Hibbitts, Sandra Martinez, or Betty Stapleford if you would like to work with us for these students.

