

THE OAK TWIG

FALL 2025





FALL BREAKFAST



**JOIN US FOR THE AAUW THOUSAND OAKS
ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

**CHECK-IN AT 8:30 AM; PROGRAM STARTS AT 9:00 AM
LOCATION: LOS ROBLES GREENS, 299 S. MOORPARK RD.**

TICKETS: \$40

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RECONNECT, REFRESH, AND BE INSPIRED

AFTER A BUSY SUMMER, JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE 2025–26 AAUW PROGRAM YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL FALL BREAKFAST! COME EARLY TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS, CONNECT WITH FELLOW MEMBERS, AND ENJOY AN INFORMAL CHANCE TO MEET OUR FABULOUS KEYNOTE SPEAKER, BETH PRATT, BEFORE THE PROGRAM BEGINS.

FEATURED SPEAKER: BETH PRATT

BETH PRATT IS A RENOWNED NATURALIST, AUTHOR, AND WILDLIFE ADVOCATE WHO HAS DEDICATED HER LIFE TO PROTECTING CALIFORNIA'S WILD CREATURES AND OPEN SPACES. AS THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, BETH HAS LED GROUNDBREAKING CONSERVATION INITIATIVES, INCLUDING SPEARHEADING THE ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING IN AGOURA HILLS — THE LARGEST WILDLIFE CROSSING IN THE WORLD, DESIGNED TO RECONNECT CRITICAL HABITATS FOR MOUNTAIN LIONS AND OTHER SPECIES ACROSS THE 101 FREEWAY. BETH IS ALSO WIDELY KNOWN FOR HER TIRELESS EFFORTS TO “SAVE P-22”, THE BELOVED MOUNTAIN LION WHOSE STORY CAPTURED NATIONAL ATTENTION AND BECAME A RALLYING CRY FOR WILDLIFE PRESERVATION.



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HER INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION WORK HAS BEEN FEATURED IN THE NEW YORKER, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, BBC WORLD SERVICE, NPR, CBS THIS MORNING, AND MORE. BETH WILL ALSO BE SIGNING COPIES OF HER MOST RECENT BOOK, WHEN MOUNTAIN LIONS ARE NEIGHBORS AT, AT THIS EVENT.

SUPPORT AAUW PROGRAMS

BY ATTENDING, YOU'RE NOT ONLY ENJOYING A MEMORABLE MORNING BUT ALSO SUPPORTING AAUW THOUSAND OAKS' MISSION TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

CAN'T MAKE IT? PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OR PURCHASING A TICKET FOR ONE OF OUR TECH TREK GIRLS FROM THIS SUMMER'S STEM PROGRAM AND OFFICERS FROM THE LATINO YOUTH LEADERSHIP GROUP AT TOHS.

ALSO OUR ANNUAL IN-KIND DONATIONS WILL BE GATHERED AT THE DOOR FOR THE CONEJO CLOSET, WHICH SUPPORTS CVUSD FAMILIES IN NEED. FOR NEEDED ITEMS, SEE THE FLYER ON NEXT PAGE.

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO KICK OFF A DYNAMIC YEAR OF PROGRAMS, INSPIRATION, AND CONNECTION WITH AAUW THOUSAND OAKS!



FALL BREAKFAST



CONEJO CLOSET *Drive*

The Conejo Closet seeks to assist CVUSD families in need by providing toiletries, personal care items, school supplies, and clothing, free of charge. It is run by CVUSD Department of Student Support Services. Amber Bowman is the coordinator for the Conejo Closet. New toiletries and clothing are collected throughout the year to support CVUSD students in need.

AAUW THOUSAND OAKS WILL BE SUPPORTING THE CONEJO CLOSET THROUGH A COLLECTION DRIVE AT THE FALL BREAKFAST.

PLEASE BRING NEW ITEMS TO THE BREAKFAST:

- NEW T-SHIRTS (YOUTH SIZE TO ADULT XL)
- FULL SIZED SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, BODY WASH
- LAUNDRY SOAP
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS





PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

WELCOME TO AAUW THOUSAND OAKS, NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERS. THIS WILL BE OUR 60 TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. WE WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO HELP WITH OUR CELEBRATION IN THE SPRING. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE.

WE HAVE PLANNED FOR A WONDERFUL YEAR STARTING WITH OUR FALL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 AT 9:00 AM AT LOS ROBLES GREENS WITH OUR SPEAKER BETH PRATT, THIS IS A NOT-TO-MISS EVENT WHERE WE COME TOGETHER TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS AND MAKE NEW ONES.

HERE WE SEE WHAT PROGRAMS WE WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN AND HOW WE CAN HELP FURTHER THE MISSION OF AAUW: CHAMPIONING EDUCATION FOR ALL, ADVANCING ECONOMIC SECURITY, AND PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

WE HAVE A FANTASTIC SPEAKER FOR OUR FALL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST. BETH PRATT LEADS THE #SAVELACOUGARS CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE WALLIS ANNENBERG WILDLIFE CROSSING, WHICH BROKE GROUND ON EARTH DAY IN 2022. THE LARGEST WILDLIFE CROSSING OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, IT WILL HELP SAVE A POPULATION OF MOUNTAIN LIONS FROM EXTINCTION. SHE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SIGN HER BOOKS. PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR OUR PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WITH OUR VICE-PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS, NORMA DREW. THERE WILL BE A HAND OUT AT THE FALL BREAKFAST THAT WILL DETAIL SOME OF THE PROPOSED BRANCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR.

BESIDES OUR QUARTERLY OAKTWIG, WE WILL BE SENDING E-BLASTS ON SUNDAYS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES WE NEED YOU TO GET INVOLVED.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

YOU CAN ALWAYS CONNECT WITH US IN PERSON ON THE 1 ST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT PICKLES FOR COFFEE & CHAT AND DIAL IN TO VOLUNTEER ON ONE OF OUR MANY PROJECTS. YOU CAN JOIN THE HAPPY HIKERS OR ONE OF OUR BOOK GROUPS – LUNCH BUNCH, DAYTIME, AND UNITY & DIVERSITY.

OUR ON-GOING PROGRAMS LIKE TECH TREK – OUR STEM CAMP FOR GIRLS AT SANTA BARBARA AND THE LATINO YOUTH GROUP AT THOUSAND OAKS HIGH SCHOOL ALWAYS NEED HELP. KEEPING US INFORMED OF NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATION THAT AFFECTS OUR MISSION IS COORDINATED BY ROSSANNA GUERRA AND ELLY MUSCARELLA. WE ALWAYS NEED MEMBERS TO ACT ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED WITH OUR BRANCH THIS YEAR, WHETHER IT BE ON THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE, TECH TREK, LATINO YOUTH GROUP, PUBLIC POLICY, AND MOST OF ALL OUR 60 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

AAUW’S STORY BEGAN IN 1881, WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF FEMALE COLLEGE GRADUATES BANDED TOGETHER TO OPEN THE DOORS FOR WOMEN&CAREER ADVANCEMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE WOMEN TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION. IF THOSE WOMEN ONLY KNEW WHAT THEIR ADVOCACY WOULD HAVE BROUGHT: JENNIFER DOUDNA AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY 2020 FOR DISCOVERING ONE OF GENE TECHNOLOGY SHARPEST TOOLS: THE CRISPR/CAS9 GENETIC SCISSORS WHICH MAY MAKE THE DREAM OF CURING INHERITED DISEASES COME TRUE.

THESE WOMEN KNEW IT WAS ALWAYS THEIR TURN, THERE WAS NEVER TURNING BACK, ALWAYS ADVOCATING



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AND THE NEXT GENERATION. THAT IS WHY WE BELONG TO AAUW!

WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 YEAR OF AAUW THOUSAND OAKS.

I WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD:

PRESIDENT -NARDA FARGOTSTEIN

VP/PROGRAM CHAIR -NORMA DREW

TREASURER -DOROTHY HATFIELD

SECRETARY -SAKEENA ALI

PUBLIC POLICY AND DEI- ROSANNA GUERRA/ELLY MUSCARELLA

LYLG – BETTY STAPLEFORD AND SALLY HIBBITTS

MEMBERSHIP -ELODA LINEHAN

SPEECH TREK – ELODA LINEHAN

WEBSITE -PAULA NATHAN

OAKTWIG -MELANIE WEERASINGHE – NEED MID-YEAR REPLACEMENT

EBLAST W/ VALLERIE AGUILAR – BETTY STAPLEFORD

DIRECTOR AT-LARGE SHARON DYER

DIRECTOR AT LARGE - MARCINE SOLARES

DIRECTOR AT LARGE -SUSAN GOETZ

JOYS AND CONCERNS - PEGGY BUCKLES

AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE LADIES FOR STEPPING UP TO SERVE OUR BRANCH FOR 2025-2026.

AAUW WAS FOUNDED JANUARY 14, 1882 IN BOSTON, MA IS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND WOMEN AND GIRLS. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU FOR 2025-2026 TO COME TO COFFEE & CHAT – PICKLES 9:30 AM THE 1 ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, HAPPY HIKERS – TUESDAYS AT 9:30 AM, LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP, DAYTIME BOOK GROUP, UNITY & DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, PROGRAM COMMITTEE, TECH TREK, LATINO YOUTH GROUP, OR IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST, WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU FORM A NEW GROUP. YOU CAN ALWAYS CONTACT ME AT NFARGOTSTEIN@YAHOO.COM
NARDA FARGOTSTEIN



CHARITY KARAOKE

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, AAUW THOUSAND OAKS HAS BEEN SPECIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FABULOUS LOCAL EVENT CALLED CHARITY KARAOKE: SING FOR A CAUSE—A HIGH-ENERGY, COMMUNITY-WIDE SINGING COMPETITION—ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 5 PM AT THE CANYON CLUB IN AGOURA HILLS!

YOUR ATTENDANCE DIRECTLY SUPPORTS AAUW'S MANY LOCAL PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND LONGTIME AAUW SUPPORTER CHAISE RASHEED WILL LIGHT UP THE STAGE AS OUR FABULOUS VOLUNTEER ENTERTAINER, BRINGING HIS POWERHOUSE VOCALS AND SPIRITED PERFORMANCE SKILLS TO KEEP THE CROWD CHEERING.

THE WAY OUR BRANCH WILL BENEFIT IS THROUGH YOUR PRESENCE AT THE EVENT ON SUNDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5. THERE ARE VARIOUS PRIZE LEVELS THAT ARE COMPETITOR WILL PARTICIPATE IN INCLUDING BEST PERFORMANCE, MOST MONEY RAISED, ETC. SO THE MAIN THING IS FOR YOU TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS! THIS IS DEFINITELY A CHANGE OF PACE FOR OUR BRANCH AND WE ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT.

GENERAL-SEATING TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT WWW.CHARITYKARAOKE.ORG. WANT THE BEST VIEW? CHOOSE PREMIUM SEATING—FRONT-AND-CENTER TABLE SEATS WITH FELLOW AAUW FRIENDS—AVAILABLE DIRECTLY THROUGH AAUW THOUSAND OAKS. TO RESERVE PREMIUM SEATS OR ASK QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY HIBBITTS. GRAB YOUR SPOTS TODAY TO HELP US RAISE VITALFUNDS WHILE HAVING A FANTASTIC TIME!

DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE



CHARITY KARAOKE

HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

WHAT: CHARITY KAROKE

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 5 PM

WHERE: THE CANYON CLUB, AGOURA

PURCHASE GENERAL SEATING: SEE

WWW.CHARITYKAROKE.ORG

PREMIUM SEATS: CONTACT SALLY

HIBBITTS, 805-750-3119





CHARITY KARAOKE

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CHARITY Karaoke

SING FOR A CAUSE

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5
5 PM

The Canyon
28912 Roadside
Drive, Agoura

**CHAISE
RASHEED**

Charity Karaoke Sing for a Cause is an exciting Karaoke fundraiser with a live band. The event benefits 20 nonprofits all in one night!

This is the first time AAUW has been invited to participate in this popular community event! The more supporters attending, the more funds we will raise!

Limited PREMIUM table seats are available through AAUW Thousand Oaks. Contact Sally Hibbitts at sjhibbitts@aol.com
General admission tickets available at www.charitykaraoke.org



AFTERNOON TEA



AAUW TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA, JULY 26, 2025

AFTER WEEKS OF PLANNING, SAMPLING POTENTIAL FOOD SELECTIONS, AND SHOPPING, THE EVENT DAY ARRIVED.

ALL THE SANDWICHES WHICH WERE ASSEMBLED THE PREVIOUS DAY BY PAULA NATHAN AND HER DAUGHTER AVALON. WENDY HOFFMAN, MARCINE SOLAREZ, ROSSANA GUERRA, NANCY TAYLOR-WALKER, AND ELODA LINEHAN WERE CHILLING IN THE REFRIGERATOR AT OUR VENUE OF CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH.

THE TABLES AND CHAIRS PUT OUT ON THE PATIO BY CORBIN SHERMAN AND COLE EISENBRAUN WERE BEING COVERED WITH SILKY, WHITE, BROCADE TABLECLOTHS. SALLY HIBBITS AND AVALON WERE MATCHING TEA CUPS, SAUCERS, AND TEA POTS. RUTH ANN COOPER WAS SCOOPING THE LEMON CURD SHE HAD MADE INTO DELICATE BALLS. PAULA WAS DIRECTING ANNA LINEHAN AND EMMA SAGE ON WHAT TO FILL OR PLACE NEXT.

MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN MAKING THIS EVENT A SUCCESS IN ADDITION TO THOSE MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH. PAULA MADE ALL OF THE SANDWICHES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EGG SALAD WHICH ELODA MADE. WENDY ARRANGED FOR MORE SCONES TO BE MADE IN ADDITION TO THE SCONES WHICH SALLY MADE. PAULA ALSO MADE MANY OF THE DESSERTS AS DID SALLY WHO MADE SHORTBREAD COOKIES. ROSSANA BOUGHT THE MACARONS AND THE BREAD. NANCY MADE THE PEANUT BLACKBERRY BARS AND THE STRAWBERRY BANANA CAKE. SUSAN GOETZ MADE THE MINI LEMON CUPCAKES. SALLY MADE THE STRAWBERRY PRESERVES.



AFTERNOON TEA



PAULA BOUGHT THE TEA. SHARON DYER ASSEMBLED THE GIFT PAPER TEAPOTS WHICH WERE FILLED WITH LEMON CANDY, APRICOT PRESERVES, AND TEA. ROSSANA DID THE PUBLICITY AND ARRANGED FOR RICK CUILTY, A GUITARIST, TO BE THERE. SALLY ARRANGED FOR THE SPEAKERS AND SOME SERVERS TO BE PRESENT. THE GUESTS BEGAN TO ARRIVE. ELLEN MUSCARELLA CHECKED EVERYONE IN. BETTY STAPLEFORD SAT AT THE GIFT BASKETS FOR SALE TABLE. SALLY AND CLAUDIA SPELMAN DONATED OUR BASKETS. ELODA SAT AT THE MEMBERSHIP TABLE.

NARDA FARGOTSTEIN WELCOMED EVERYONE AND INTRODUCED THE GUITARIST AND THE SPEAKERS WHO WERE YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP BY OUR BRANCH; GRECELDY HAU, ANA CHOW, MARILYN GARCIA, AND MIA OSCANOA. ANNA, EMMA, AND THE GIRLS FROM A GIRL SCOUT TROOP FILLED OUR PLATES WITH ALL THESE DELIGHTS. THE COOL BREEZE AND WARM SUN ADDED THE RIGHT BACKGROUND FOR OUR CONVERSATION AND LAUGHTER.

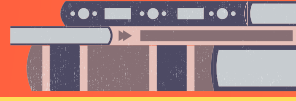
NOW THE CHINA HAS BEEN WASHED AND STORED AS HAVE THE TABLECLOTHS AND NAPKINS. THEY WILL WAIT AS WILL WE FOR ANOTHER SHOWING IN 2026.

AFTERNOON TEA





UNITY BOOK GROUP



SALLY HIBBITTS, CHAIR

GREETINGS TO A NEW AAUW YEAR AS WE WORK TOWARDS BUILDING MORE UNITY AND DIVERSITY THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN OUR UNITY AND DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP MEETINGS, WHICH OCCUR ABOUT EVERY 6 TO 8 WEEKS...WE HAVE BEEN MEETING LATELY IN THE MID AFTERNOON, BUT THAT ALWAYS CAN CHANGE DEPENDING UPON OUR ATTENDEES.

THE BOOKS THAT WE GENERALLY READ HAVE A MULTICULTURAL FEMINIST POINT OF VIEW AND WE ATTEMPT TO READ PRIMARILY FEMALE AUTHORS. WE LOOK FOR BOOKS THAT TRY TO GET US OUT OF THE COMFORTABLE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT WE HAVE IN THE THOUSAND OAKS AREA AND TAKE US TO OTHER CULTURES AND LOCATIONS WHICH EXPAND OUR AWARENESS.

WITH THAT IN MIND, I INVITE EVERYONE WHO IS CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN OUR BOOK GROUP TO HELP SELECT OUR POSSIBLE TITLES FOR THIS NEXT YEAR. HERE IS THE LINK TO THE LITTLE POLL WITH THE EASY DIRECTIONS AT THE TOP OF THE

DOCUMENT.

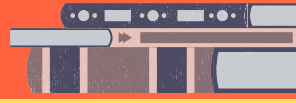
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I WILL TALLY UP OUR POLL AND DISTRIBUTE THE LIST OF OUR NEW BOOKS FAIRLY SOON, SO WE CAN BE PREPARED FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING THE LATTER PART OF THAT MONTH.

CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING: INSTEAD OF MEETING IN MY HOME, WE ARE GOING TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR OUR BRANCH FUNDRAISING EFFORTS BY MEETING FOR A LATE LUNCH AT 1 PM ON OUR MEETING DAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT THE SHARKEYS AT THE JANSS MALL. THE BOOK WE ARE READING FOR DISCUSSION THAT DAY IS GIRL BRAIDING HER HAIR BY MARTA MOLNAR.

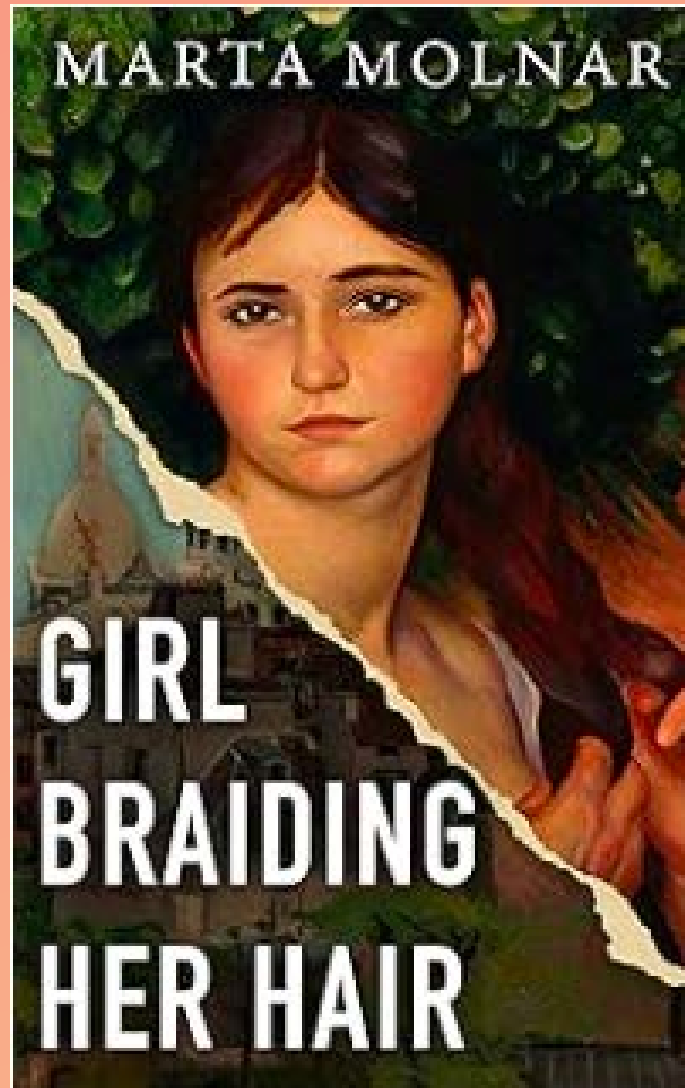


UNITY BOOK GROUP



PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO ATTEND OUR SEPTEMBER LUNCH MEETING AS I'D LIKE TO ALSO DISCUSS OUR NEW TITLES AND SET UP THE GROUP CALENDAR. THEREFORE, FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CALENDARS AND YOUR IDEAS!

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY HIBBITTS AT 805-750-3119 OR SJHIBBITTS@AOL.COM



LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP

IF YOU ENJOY GOOD BOOKS, GOOD FOOD AND GOOD CONVERSATION, PLEASE JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP. WE MEET THE THIRD THURSDAY AT 12:30 PM EACH MONTH.

OUR SEPTEMBER 18 TH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT BASTA RESTAURANT LOCATED AT WHIZIN MARKET SQUARE, 28863 AGOURA ROAD, AGOURA HILLS. OUR BOOK SELECTION IS THE CIA BOOK CLUB BY CHARLIE ENGLISH. IT IS” A GRIPPING TRUE STORY THAT READS LIKE A SPY NOVEL “ (FINANCIAL TIMES).

OUR OCTOBER SELECTION IS SPECTACULAR THINGS BY BECK DOREY-STEIN. “ENGROSSING...THIS ONE FIRES ON ALL CYLINDERS” (PUBLISHERS WEEKLY STARRED REVIEW).

OUR LAST SELECTION PICKED SO FAR IS OUR NOVEMBER BOOK, THE ACCIDENTAL FAVORITE BY FRAN LITTLEWOOD. “A COMPELLING DRAMA ABOUT A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY THAT WILL MAKE READERS LAUGH OUT LOUD AND CRINGE ALL AT ONCE” (LIBRARY JOURNAL). PLEASE CHECK THE E-BLASTS FOR THE RESTAURANTS AND LOCATIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHARON DYER.



DAYTIME BOOK GROUP



THIS GROUP HAS BEEN PART OF THE THOUSAND OAKS AAUW BRANCH FOR MANY YEARS, BUT WE'D LOVE TO HAVE NEW MEMBERS.

WE MEET ON THE 4 TH . MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, EXCEPT WHEN HOLIDAYS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES INTERFERE. AND WE GATHER IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY AT THE THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY AT 10 A.M. AS USUAL, WE HAVE CHOSEN THE BOOKS TO READ AND DISCUSS FOR THE YEAR BY CONSENSUS.

OUR FIRST MEETING THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 15, AND WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE GLASSMAKER BY TRACY CHEVALIER AND THE WRECK OF THE WINFIELD SCOTT BY NARDA FARGOTSTEIN,

CLAUDIA SPELMAN WILL BE OUR FACILITATOR. OTHER BOOKS FOR THE YEAR WILL INCLUDE: THE BRIAR CLUB, THE BOYS WHO CHALLENGED HITLER, BROKEN COUNTRY, CALAMITY OF SOULS, HONOLULU, HOW TO SAY BABYLON,, JAMES, LILY'S PROMISE, PICTURE PERFECT, TO'S ONE CITY ONE BOOK, AND WEST WITH GIRAFFES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BETTY STAPLEFORD.

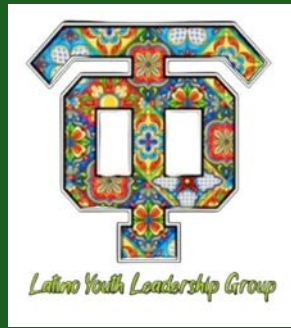


LATINO LEADERSHIP GROUP

THIS FALL SCHOOL TERM BEGINS THE 10 TH YEAR OF THIS IMPORTANT SUPPORT GROUP, UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF OUR THOUSAND OAKS AAUW BRANCH. THEIR FIRST REGULAR MEETING WILL BE IN OCTOBER. BUT THE AAUW MENTORS, ADVISOR, AND OFFICERS WHO WERE ELECTED IN THE SPRING HAVE ALREADY BEGUN PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD. THOUSAND OAKS HS TEACHERS AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO NOMINATE NEW MEMBERS FOR THE GROUP, AND STUDENTS WILL SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS. THEN, IF THEY ARE SELECTED, THEY WILL JOIN MEMBERS WHO HAVE ASKED TO CONTINUE THEIR MEMBERSHIPS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. IN THESE TROUBLING TIMES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COUNTRY, WE ARE HAPPY WE CAN PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THESE DEDICATED LATINO/A STUDENTS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IN THIS REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY, HIBBITTS, BETTY STAPLEFORD. MARCINE SOLAREZ, OR SANDRA MARTINEZ. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!





Support Our Latino Youth Leadership Group!

Thousand Oaks High School

For the past nine years, AAUW Thousand Oaks has proudly co-sponsored an inspiring group of outstanding students at Thousand Oaks High School. These dedicated students, grade 9 through 12, meet twice a month after school to build leadership skills, sharpen public speaking abilities, and deepen their awareness of community issues.

Most of these amazing young leaders are first-generation, college bound students - hardworking, motivated and full of potential. Through teacher recommendations and a selective application process, we welcome students who demonstrate a strong drive to make a difference.

Because our meetings take place after school, snacks and beverages make a big difference for these hungry teens! This is where you, our wonderful AAUW members come in. By signing up to provide snacks for one or meetings, you'll help fuel their energy, their focus and their dreams

Sign Up Now

AAUW Thousand Oaks - Latino Youth Leadership Group

SIGN UP HERE



HAPPY HIKERS





COFFEE & CHAT

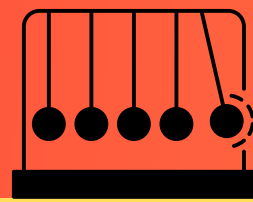


**AUGUST 2, 2025. COFFEE AND CHAT
SHARON DYER, ELODA LINEHAN, NARDA FARGOTSTEIN ,
PAULA DAVIS, NORMA DREW, CLAUDIA SPELMAN**





TECH TREK



THIS SUMMER, AAUW TO SPONSORED FIVE BRIGHT AND VERY MOTIVATED CVUSD EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS ATTENDED TECH TREK STEM CAMP AT UC SANTA BARBARA, THE MMERSIVE WEEK LONG POWERED BY AAUW CALIFORNIA. CAMPERS LIVED IN THE DORMS, ATE IN THE DINING COMMONS, AND EXPERIENCED FIRST HAND WHAT COLLEGE LIFE IS LIKE —WHILE DIVING INTOENGAGING, HANDS-ON STEM LEARNING.



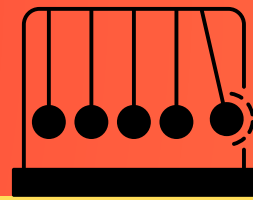
HANDS-ON LEARNING & EXPLORATION

- **FORENSICS: ANALYZED FINGERPRINTS, MOCK EVIDENCE, AND CRIME SCENE CLUES.**
- **ROCKETRY: DESIGNED AND TESTED ROCKETS WHILE LEARNING PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING.**
- **ANATOMY: HANDS-ON DISSECTIONS AND LAB TECHNIQUES.**
- **MARINE BIOLOGY: EXPLORED COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS AND MET SEA STARS AT THE TOUCH TANKS.**
- **MICROBIOLOGY: INVESTIGATED CELLS AND BACTERIA USING REAL LAB TOOLS.**





TECH TREK



CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THOUSAND OAKS

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT TECH TREK, PLEASE CONTACT SALLY HIBBITTS. WE WRAPPED UP THE SEASON WITH A FUN POOL PARTY HOSTED BY ELLEN MUSCARELLA IN THOUSAND OAKS—THE PERFECT CELEBRATION OF A WEEK FILLED WITH LEARNING AND FRIENDSHIP. HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE HELPERS: NORMA DREW, PAT O'DONNELL, NANCY TAYLOR WALKER, DOROTHY HATFIELD, ROSSANNA GUERRA, SALLY HIBBITTS, AND SHERRY LAIR.

YOUR SUPPORT MADE THIS EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE. TECH TREK ISN'T JUST A CAMP—IT'S A LAUNCHPAD FOR FUTURE SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND LEADERS. THANK YOU TO AAUW SUPPORTERS FOR OPENING DOORS AND EXPANDING HORIZONS.

SPEECH TREK

SHARKY'S

WOODFIRED MEXICAN GRILL



JOIN US FOR A *Fin-Tastic* FUNDRAISER

Enjoy Fin-tastic food & help raise money \$\$ for our cause.
Bring or show this flyer and **20% Net Sales** will benefit:

**American Association of
University Women Speech Trek**

SAVE THE
DATE

Wednesday Aug 20th & Thursday Sept 11th
Sharky's Janss Marketplace (11 am - 8 pm)
Phone: 805.371.7978

Dine-In, Take Out, Phone & Online Orders

Enter fundraiser name at checkout for
online orders: **AAUW TO**

September 11th

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you.

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OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS FILTERED INTO THE ROOM AT THE NEWBURY PARK LIBRARY TO SOCIALIZE AND VOTE IN OUR 2025-2026 OFFICERS. AN ADDED TREAT WAS SAKEENA ALI'S PRESENTATION OF HER TIME WITH THE PEACE CORPS IN UKRAINE. WE ALSO WITNESSED THE SURPRISE ON WENDY HOFFMAN'S FACE AS SHE ACCEPTED THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER CERTIFICATE WHICH RECOGNIZED HER FIFTY YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.

THE SLATE OF OFFICERS IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT-NARDA FARGOTSTEIN;

VP/PROGRAM CHAIR-NORMA DREW;

SECRETARY-SAKEENA ALI;

TREASURER-DOROTHY HATFIELD;

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TECH TREK-SALLY HIBBITS;

LYLG-BETTY STAPLEFORD AND SALLY HIBBITTS;

MEMBERSHIP- ELODA LINEHAN;

SPEECH TREK-ELODA LINEHAN; JOYS AND

SORROWS-PEGGY BUCKLES;

WEBSITE-PAULA NATHAN;

OAK TWIG-MELANIE WEERASINGHE;

EBLAST W/VALLERIE AGUILAR-BETTY STAPLEFORD;

AT-LARGE-SHARON DYER;

AT-LARGE-MARCINE SOLAREZ;

AT-LARGE-SUSAN GOETZ (ACCEPTED AFTER THE VOTE).

ALL WERE VOTED IN AND THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION.

SAKEENA HIGHLIGHTED HER POWER POINT PRESENTATION WITH PERSONAL ANECDOTES AND IN-DEPTH STATEMENTS REGARDING HER MISSION. HER PRIMARY PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY WAS IN EDUCATION AS A TEFL TEACHER TRAINER. SAKEENA'S SECONDARY COMMUNITY PROJECT EXPERIENCE INCLUDED LOCAL LIBRARY ENGLISH PROGRAMING, A COMMUNITY GARDEN, DANCE INSTRUCTOR FOR HIP-HOP AND BHANGRA, SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECTS, AND LEADERSHIP/ENGLISH CAMPS. SHE SERVED IN UKRAINE FROM 2004-2005.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ALL WHO ATTENDED, VOLUNTEERED FOR AN OFFICE, AND BROUGHT APPETIZERS OR DESSERTS. OUR 2025-2026 YEAR WILL BE A MEMORABLE ONE, I'M SURE.