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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

12 NOON - 2:30 P.M

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PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR A LOCAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



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NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2016

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A Word from Virginia ...

“Could you take over the poinsettia fundraiser?” asked Hazel. “Sure,” replied Virginia, who just found out today that she has to give a report. So here it is:

It all started when I called our usual supplier, only to find out he was no longer in business. I searched online but could not find any local people who were still in business. Luckily, Ruth Dempsey gave me a connection with Milgro who ships from Utah to Oxnard. I corresponded by e-mail to Chad who needed the order by Oct 15--more than a month earlier than we are used to. I called all the people from last year, put out an e-mail, and ordered 234 plants (39 boxes). With a minimum of 28 boxes we get free delivery.

A few days before delivery, I drove to Oxnard to give them the check they needed ahead of time. They asked if Betsy's address was residential. I said, “yes, but the streets are wide enough.”

On delivery Friday, I called Chad to get an idea of when the plants would be delivered--morning or afternoon. He thought morning, but they weren't there at 3PM. I called him again, he said he would check with the transportation manager, and I should call him back in a half hour. When I called back, the lady who answered the phone said he had gone home for the day! What!?! I explained the urgency of reaching him. Surprisingly, he called me back and said the truck had been in Simi but the driver was afraid of getting a ticket for driving in a residential area. I learned that the trucks are the size of a Von's semi and that they drive from Utah, making stops along the way at the likes of Home Depot, etc. My feeling is that the driver didn't want to make the turns and unload the cargo by himself.

So, where are my plants, and how do I get them? They should be back in Oxnard on Saturday. Knowing that I probably wouldn't get them in time for our pick-up, I decided to wait until I had the plants. I called half the people and Betsy called the other half. Thankfully our members are an understanding bunch, especially Betsy and her wonderful husband, Vince.

Saturday morning Chad had “bad news” for me. They couldn't deliver the plants on Saturday. What about Monday? They couldn't deliver then, either, because it's their “busy season”. Guess I'll have to pick them up but I want to make sure they are there. In the meantime, I'm checking out a friend's truck, then my brother's truck, but will probably have to make 2 or 3 trips out to Oxnard as only 13 -15 boxes will fit. I also called U-haul but that would eat our profit. My brother thought that my nephew-in-law might have something, and he did! Chad called and said the plants were physically in Oxnard. My two brothers and I took the delivery truck that had 295,000 miles on it and for which my nephew-in-law paid \$1400. We made it to Oxnard and back!

Betsy set the following Tuesday for pick-up. I stopped at Jean Bennett's on the way from Oxnard to Betsy's because she had an order of 40 plants. Between people picking up plants, Betsy delivering them while she did errands, and delivering some to Canasta, they were all gone by Friday.

The profit of \$1123.20 is being split with \$842.40 going to AAUW Funds and \$280.80 to local scholarships.

P.S. Hazel and I are still friends.

Thank you, Virginia, for all your hard work to make it a successful fund raiser.

Pleased to announce a well deserved honor, Ruth Jacobs to receive Lifetime Achievement Award

**S I M I
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An evening honoring those individuals who make a real difference in our schools and who provide extraordinary service to the students of the Simi Valley Unified School District.

Please join us at the
2016 Lew Roth Awards

Friday, January 29, 2016

Grand Vista Hotel
999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley
6:00 p.m. ~ Reception
7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner & Awards Ceremony

We will honor the following recipients:

Certificated

Jill Craft ~ Sycamore Elementary

Classified

James Jarrard ~ Simi Valley Unified School District

Special Education

Kimberley Richins ~ Santa Susana High School

Volunteer

Wendy Hunter - Santa Susana High School

Lifetime Achievement

Ruth Jacob
Karen Simmons

Tickets can be purchased
on-line at
Svef.org

\$55 per person



Next Steering Committee Meeting
Monday, January 11 7 PM
At Betsy's home

INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

GREAT DECISIONS

Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.

*Books have been ordered, \$30 payable to Karen
She will let you know when they are in.*

Contact Karen for next meeting date and time.

Karen Cunningham

527-3987

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BREAKFAST GROUP

**COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN
AND FRIVOLITY!!**

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,

January 9

Egg n' Things

Hostess: Virginia

Please be there by 9-they
will not seat until everyone is
there.

February 13

First Street Cafe

Hostess: Diane Rehaut



CANASTA

Every Wednesday, 1-3:30 P.M.

Member's Homes

Canasta has been great fun playing at different member's homes. If you want to play or wish to learn how to play, please contact:

Ruth Dempsey, 501-5874.



BRIDGE

1st through 4th Wed of the month

9:30—1:30

Sunrise Assisted Living

190 Tierra Rejada SV

Penny Neugroschl, 526-1570

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Birthdays to Celebrate



6 Kathleen Murvin



February

12 Virginia Seaton
14 Paula Lightfoot
14 Diane Rehaut
23 Hazel Hird



**OWLS
10:00 A.M**

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

Jan 19 She Left Me the Gun by Emma Brockes;
Ruth Dempsey

Feb 16 Room by Emma Donoghue; Brook Harper

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot 522-4040 or pmbrownL@yahoo.com
Or Roberta Leap 527-0670 robertaleap@sbcglobal.net



**EVENING BOOK GROUP
7:30 PM**

**JAN 26 LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP BY NINA GEORGE
HOSTESS: MAUREEN, REVIEWER: LORRAINE**

**FEB 23 NECESSARY LIES BY DIANE CHAMBERLAIN
HOSTESS: ROBERTA, REVIEWER: MAUREEN**

New members are always welcome. Contact Judy Galvin 527-6349, ammom4299@aol.com



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Jewish Women's Circle Presents Art and Soul

Wednesday, January 13 Music: The Pen of the Soul

Wednesday, February 17 Literature: The Art of Storytelling



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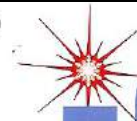
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