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The Big Wind is a bimonthly newsletter. Articles should be sent to Judy Galvin by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Women in History Program with Chatsworth High Students

“Senior Humanities Presents Women Who Broke the Mold”

An Interdisciplinary Project Based Learning Exhibit Inspired by the ground breaking accomplishments of women in various fields that have historically been dominated by men.

Students art projects are papiér maché sculptures of women’s torsos.



Saturday, April 9 at the Senior Center Room 106

11:30-2:30

Salad, pasta and Rolls (From Chi Chi's)

Dessert and beverage from hospitality

Cost \$20

proceeds will go into scholarship fund



Seating is limited so please
RSVP to Pat Becker by April 5
805 491-3484
patriciabecker@sbcglobal.net

Mail your checks to Mary Martin
1059 Tuttle Ave
SV 93065

Thank you to Yolanda and her husband, Tom for hosting another fun event.....

Our February Social at the home of Tom and Yolanda Rogers was a fun and yummy evening get together for the 20 combined members and guests that attended. A good time was had by all and the Rogers look forward to hosting such an evening again in the future!

Yolanda



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual branch Spring Brunch will be on Saturday, May 14, at 10 AM.

At the home of Marsha and Dale Cutler 66 Vera Cruz Street, Simi Valley.

This is a very special event that gives us all the opportunity to socialize with past and new members, meet both this year's Tech Trek young ladies and also our scholarship recipients. Look for food sign up sheets at your interest group meetings. If you cannot sign up at an interest group please contact Yolanda 582-1286 or Betsy Dulcich 527-6445 to sign up.



\$\$\$ Reminder \$\$\$ The Annual Dues are Do

Please bring your check for \$85 to the brunch or get it to Mary Martin before the brunch so that you can be in the drawing for a free year of membership!

Scholarship applications are at the high schools and are due April 8. The Scholarship committee will review them and award 2 \$1000 scholarships. They will be honored at the brunch.



Kiwanis Club Support

The Kiwanis Club of Simi Valley has generously supported our Tech Trek program for the last three years. Each year they have donated \$1800 for two girls from Simi Valley to attend the Tech Trek summer camp. We greatly appreciate their generous donations! Please consider supporting their fundraising activities that generate the money to make these donations. Coming up on April 16, 2016 is their annual Round-Up—A Rockin' Country Music Extravaganza at Hummingbird Nest Ranch. Information and tickets are available at roundupsimi.com.

Editors note: Many of our AAUW members and their spouses are very active in Simi Kiwanis and continue to do marvelous things for our community—the latest is an impressive reading room at Berylwood Elementary School..



Volunteer Opportunities—8th Grade Portfolio Days

The three middle schools in the Simi Valley Unified School District require that all 8th graders compile a portfolio that includes a resume, career research and goals, and samples of their academic work. They then present their portfolio to a community member. The community member meets with groups of 2-3 students for about 20 minutes. The interviewer listens to each student as they present their portfolio and gives feedback. The interviewer also has the opportunity to discuss with each group of students key facets and skills needed for the interviewer's own profession. Many of our AAUW members have participated in Portfolio Days before and they can all attest to how rewarding it is. If you are interested in volunteering to be an interviewer at any of our middle schools, dates and contacts are listed below. You can volunteer for any amount of time—a few hours, half day, or all day. Lunch is served.

Valley View: Wednesday, May 18 8:30am-2:35pm. Contact: Office manager Debbie Edwards 805-6820
Hillside: Friday, May 6 8am-noon. Contact: Sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/wDQbu7Wn2t>
Sinaloa: Wednesday, April 20 8am-12:30 pm. Contact: Office manager Julie Orme 805-520-6830 x7006



Tech Trek branch coordinator, Karen Cunningham—along with Amy Rieker, put together a successful evening of narrowing down a field of very worthy 7th grade girls to attend Tech Trek 2016. The 3 middle schools' science and math teachers nominate girls who show enthusiasm for learning and taking on new challenges in math and science. The parents have the opportunity to hear what the Tech Trek experience offers while the girls meet with past Trekers, write a bio and then are interviewed by 3 branch members. The interviewers then had the very difficult job of deciding which 4 girls would go to Tech Trek. Judy Pfeil, Marsha Cutler and myself wanted to send every single one of them! Using their essay, teachers' comments, and our interview notes we narrowed it down to 4 girls that our branch had the funds to send. The girls are being informed and their names will be in the next *Big Wind*. You will have the opportunity to meet them at the Spring Brunch.

Judy Galvin

INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

GREAT DECISIONS

Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.

Thursday, March 17 at Karen's home. 10noon.

Chapter 2, Topic: ISIS

Karen Cunningham

527-3987

443-6251 cell



BREAKFAST GROUP

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

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,

March 19

Santa Susana Café
Hostess: Mary Martin

April 9

Maria's (Big Lots center)
Hostess: Ruth Dempsey



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

March

7 Claudia Allen
19 Florence Wettig
20 Jean Schlosser
24 Jean Bennett
29 Pat Becker

April

5 Roberta Leap
7 Betsy Dulcich
7 Eileen Strayer
9 Veda de Jane
18 Marilyn Burnham
29 Karen Cuningham



Next Steering Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, April 27 10 AM
@ Ruth Dempsey's

From Bakula Maniar~

I always wondered about brown Suffragettes. When I was in Sacramento, on the 100th Celebration of the movement I saw this. Now I have found a story that I can proudly share. It is a NPR podcast:

Sophia-a Forgotten Suffragette is Back in the Headlines by Petra Mayer Dec. 31, 2015

http://www.npr.org/2015/12/31/461512217/with-sophia-a-forgotten-suffragette-is-back-in-the-headlines?sc=17&f=1008&utm_source=iosnewsapp&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=app



OWLS 10:00 A.M

The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

March 15 *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
Jannette Martin

April 19 *Euphoria* by Lily King
Roberta Leap

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

March 22 *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens

Hostess: Reviewer:

April 26 *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

Hostess: Lorraine Reviewer: Judy G

May 24 *The Casual Vacancy* by JK Rowling

Hostess: Jean Reviewer: Carol

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



In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

Jewish Women's Circle Presents Art and Soul

Wednesday, March 16 Dance: Movement and Relationships

Monday, April 11 Architecture: Edifice and Environment



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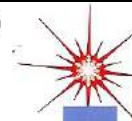
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