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INTERBRANCH LUNCHEON JANUARY 19, 2013 MOORPARK COUNTRY CLUB

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS AND RESERVATION FORM

Please join us for an afternoon of Wine and Chocolate

Sunday, February 10 2~4 PM at the Everakes home 2707 Bitternut Circle, Simi Valley 93063



Guests are welcome. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available. $\sim 0.85.00$ donation is requested to cover the costs.

Flease contact Judy Galvin to RSVF or for more information. 527-6349 ammom4299@aol.com

SIMI VALLEY AAUW WEBSITE:

www.simivalley-ca.aauw.net

LEADERSHIP TEAM MESSAGE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Happy Holidays!!

Here it is December I5th and the year 2012 is just about over. The weather is telling us "YES, Winter is just about here!" I don't know about you, but even if I'm not ready for Christmas, the holiday music on the radio definitely gets me in the spirit of the season.

I was so excited to read Hazel Hird's report on the Poinsettia Plant Sale. We as a branch pulled it off...selling more plants than last year !! About 30 more plants! Read her report in this newsletter.

Our December social at the Cultural Arts Center was attended by 22 of our members and guests. It was a great play, giving us lots to laugh about. The group had dinner together at Yolanda's! Thank You to Maureen who purchased the group reservations to attend the play and made the reservations for dinner.

Our Interest Groups have been actively getting us together and having fun. The Canasta group has continued to have two tables every Wednesday afternoon. Our branch continues to have two book groups too. Look in this newsletter for the next outing of "Happy Wanderers" who are going in January.

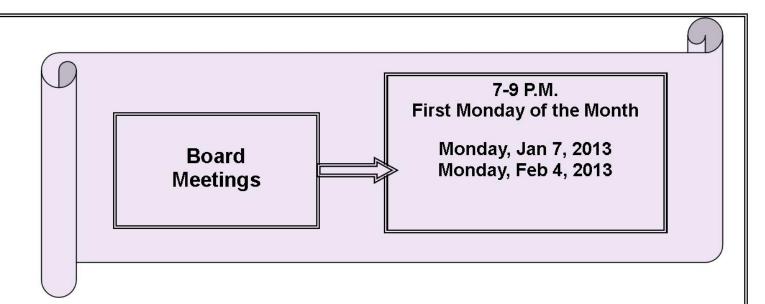
Please seriously consider attending our Inter Branch Council Luncheon on Saturday, January 19th. It will be held close by at the beautiful Moorpark Country Club. The speaker is a Professor at California Lutheran University. Some of you have told me your reservation has already been sent !! To car pool...We will meet at the new Target parking lot (out near Tierra Rejada Rd) at 10:20 to leave by 10:30. Call me, so we know you are planning to join us to car pool. Also, the reservation form does not say who to make check to....make check to "Ventura County Inter Branch Council". Come have a delightful lunch in the Country Club atmosphere in the hills of Moorpark with old and new friends.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !! Sincerely, Ruth Dempsey Leadership Team Leader



This edition of the Big Wind email was prepared by
Leslie Visser-Dumont
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the Big Wind editor
by the **15th** of the month.







2012 Poinsettia Sale

Fortunately the rain held off, but fear not as we were sheltered in Jean's cozy garage for poinsettia delivery day. Yes, December 1st proved to be the first rainy day we have seen in months. And as in previous years a good time was had by all who came by to socialize, and pick up their gorgeous Christmas flowers. A big thank you has to go to Virginia Seaton and Karen Smith for all of their work in loading cars with the poinsettias and keeping an accurate count. We would also like to thank our members who solidly support this endeavor each year. Two hundred sixty three plants were sold, with our top salesperson this year being Jean Bennett. Our profit of \$921 will be split between National fellowships and local scholarships.

Thank you also to Jean Schlosser for being such a gracious hostess and providing us with coffee and her wisdom.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

Hazel Hird

WISHING ALL OF OUR SIMI VALLEY AAUW FAMILY A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON! BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Venura County Ibc Luncheon

Featuring Molly George, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
of

Criminal Justice and Sociology

Saturday, January 19, 2013
11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m
Moorpark Country Club
11800 Championship Drive, moorpark
\$35.00

R.S.V.P. by sending check and this slip to:

Vera King, 1688 Crystal View Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91320

No later than January 5, 2013

Name and			
Branch_			
Meal choice:	Chicken Piccata	Herb crusted white fish	_
Vegetarian meal			

Please make checks payable to:

Ventura County Inter Branch Council



Membership

Members and donors are the heart of AAUW. You have the power to make a difference and contribute to the growth of the AAUW community. Contact friends and encourage them to join! REMEMBER OUR BRANCH IS ASKING EVERY MEMBER TO BRING IN 1 PERSPECTIVE MEMBER THIS YEAR AS OUR PERSONAL GOAL.

Here are talking points:

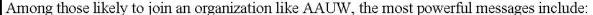
Why Join? Top Five Reasons

AAUW Every Member Survey said:

- 1. Connection with women of similar interests
- 2. A friend asked me
- 3. Belief in mission
- 4. Participation in local programs
- 5. Participation in philanthropic activities



- 1. Interested/passionate about cause
- 2. Ability to manage commitment/time
- 3. Organization has track record of success
- 4. Agreement with values and goals
- 5. I am personally affected



- Using its powerful voice to speak out on issues
- Active in colleges and leading provider of grants and fellowships to women
- AAUW has been breaking through barriers for over 130 years
- AAUW provides networking, advocacy and action to contribute to a more promising future for women
- AAUW is committed to groundbreaking research

Judy Pfeil

Membership V.P.

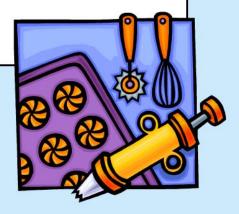


INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Our Recipe Exchange group is having a cookie exchange on Thursday, December 20th. Ruth Dempsey is hosting it and it will begin at 7:30 P.M. Please RSVP to me if you would like to join us and bring 3-4 dozen cookies or treats to share, a container for your goodies, and 12 copies of your recipe. Hope to see you there!

Bon Appetit , **Kathy Fried** 520-6094 or 807-0489 Cookinkgf@aol.com



HAPPY WANDERERS

Save January 17th for a trip to the Pasadena Culinary Institute. It should be a lot of fun! Please contact me and I will get back to you with all the details as soon as they are completed.

Kathy Morelock, 584-8082 or email: mskatsue@aol.com

BREAKFAST GROUP

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 9AM

JANUARY 12, 2013 COCO'S RESTAURANT LOS ANGELES AVENUE Hostess: Marsha Cutler

FEBRUARY TBA

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the hostess.

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



MORNING BOOK GROUP Third Tuesday of the Month, 10:00 A.M.

The hostess is also the reviewer of that month's selection.

Jan 15, 2013 Canada by Richard Ford

Reviewer/Hostess Roberta Leap

Feb 19, 2013 Defending Jacob by William Landay

Reviewer/Hostess Marietta Spotts

March 19, 2013 Widow of the South by Robert Hicks

Reviewer/Hostess Brook Hubbell

April 16, 2013 Lacoma by Barbara Kingsolver

Reviewer/Hostess Nancy Miller

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot, 522-4040 pmbrownL@yahoo.com





EVENING BOOK GROUP Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 P.M.

New Year Resolutions: 1. Read More 2. Get together with friends more often. Join us at Evening Book Group and fulfill both resolutions!

January 22, 2013 Eat Cake by Jeanne Ray Hostess: Jean Bennett Reviewer: Kathy Fried

February 26th, 2013 The Whole Five Feet; What Great Books Taught Me about Life, Death, and Everything Else by Christopher Beha

Hostess: Mary Martin Reviewer: Judy Galvin

Everyone is welcome to join us for good conversation and interesting discussions of our monthly book choice. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Judy Galvin, 527-6349 ammom4299@aol.com

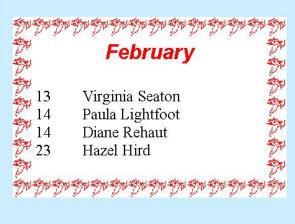
DAY BRIDGE - 1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed from 10am to 2pm Jean Schlosser's home

Call Jean for location

COUPLES BRIDGE - 4th Friday at 7pm

Jean Schlosser, 526-4073





GREAT DECISIONS

If interested, please contact **Karen Cunningham**: 527-3987 or 443-6251

RECIPE EXCHANGE

The Recipe Exchange Group will meet again in February and the recipe theme is soups and salads. The date, time and hostess will be decided at the cookie exchange this month. Call me or email if you have any questions.

KathyFried

520-6094 or 807-0489

Cookinkgf@aol.com



CANASTA

Every Wednesday, 1-3:30 P.M. Member's Homes

Canasta has been great fun! Currently, our two game tables are filled. However, if you wish to learn how to play and join as a substitute, please contact either Ruth Dempsey or Maureen Everakes.

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. The American Association of University
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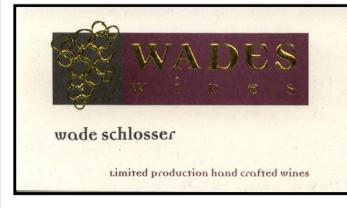
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