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BRANCH

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**Spring Brunch**  
**May 16 10:00 AM**

*At the home of Mary Martin*  
*1059 Tuttle Avenue*

Meet the scholarship recipients,  
Tech Trek girls and honor the members who  
have contributed to our branch this year.

Contact Betsy Dulcich 527-6445  
or Yolanda Rogers 582-1286  
if you have any questions.

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

Pay your annual membership dues of **\$85** at or before the brunch and be entered in the drawing for a *free* membership. You can bring the check with you or mail it to Mary Martin.



Kathy Donner  
and her  
Students from  
Chatsworth High  
School Humanitas  
Academy

*Members enjoyed a delicious lunch from California Pizza Kitchen and heard presentations from four young ladies. These ladies researched and designed artistic representations of women humanitarians. Thank you Ruth Dempsey and Pat Becker for organizing the program. And thanks to hospitality chairs—Betsy Dulcich and Yolanda Rogers.*

Theirs and other Humanitas student's projects will be displayed at the Getting Center starting May 9 throughout the summer.

If you wish to join a group to go to the Getty, there will be a sign up sheet and more information at the Brunch.

## *Scholarships Awarded to Local High School Girls*

Alexis Skoczylas from Simi Valley High School and  
Giuliana Petrocelli from Royal High School

Thank you to Scholarship Chairs, Maureen Everakes and Hazel Hird and their committee members-Lorraine Erickson and Jennifer Leonard for getting the applications out to the schools, reading the entries and making the difficult decisions.





Photographer  
Ruth Dempsey

*Members gathered to sort through over 45 years of Simi Branch history. Thank you Maureen for hosting an evening of memories and nostalgia. We all enjoyed going through old scrapbooks and choosing representative photos and stories from each year. It is difficult to part with the past but who can store all of it!*

*Please contact Maureen if you still have scrapbooks from previous years so that all our history can be combined in one neat book.*

## Tech Trek

Fourteen 7th grade girls from 3 Middle Schools were nominated by their Science and Math teachers. They and their parents attended an information evening where the girls wrote essays, had a chance to meet past Trekkies and were interviewed by Lorraine Erickson, Mary Patch and Judy Galvin. Because of the generous grant from Edison (thanks Mary!) and donation from Kiwanis, 7 girls were chosen to attend the week long Math/Science Program at UCSB in June. The following girls were chosen:

Jessica Salazar and Brooke Stanley from Sinaloa  
Elisabet Lindskog and Chloe Kleiman from Hillside  
Mohanshika Pandey, Mariam Agina and Kristal Castaneda from Valley View

Please attend the October meeting and hear all about their experiences.



Karen, Lorraine and Amy

Next Board Meeting:  
Monday, August 17 10 AM  
At Maureen's

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE



- 1 Kathy Morelock
- 7 Amy Rieker
- 19 Jean Morris
- 25 Diane Annis
- 27 Penny Neugroschl



- 4 Judy Pfeil
- 6 Ronnie Alperin
- 8 Maureen Everakes
- 12 Phyllis Vey
- 15 Vinette Slatten
- 17 Sharon Harper
- 24 Jeanette Martin



- 8 Kathy Fried
- 17 Mary Patch
- 20 Lenora Smalley
- 23 Alma Hromjak



- 1 Karen Smith
- 4 Arlene Zwicker
- 11 Marie Harvey
- 26 Jennifer Leonard

## *Have You Heard?*



Please keep Diane and Norbert Rehaut in your thoughts as Norbert's health is declining.

### New Member

Carol Esser has joined our branch. She has already been participating in Evening Book Group discussions and we hope to see her at other activities.

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## INTEREST GROUPS CORNER

### *GREAT DECISIONS*

*Meet and discuss world topics and foreign policy.*

*May 21 10 AM Judy Pfeil's Clubhouse. The group will be skipping India and discussing Africa.*

*June 11 location TBD  
Contact Karen Cunningham*

*805-527-3987 (home) 805 443-6251 (cell)*



### BREAKFAST GROUP

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD,  
FUN AND FRIVOLITY!!

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,  
9AM

BECAUSE OF THE SPRING  
BRUNCH, THERE WILL BE NO  
BREAKFAST GROUP IN MAY.

*SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER*

Maria Harvey, 522-8804



### 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



# Be An Active Member

Remember to Vote in the National Election and support our own branch member, Judy Pfeil, running for one of 10 Director positions. Go to [www.aauw.org/resource/national-election](http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election) and click on VOTE button. Voting ends June 19. If you are having difficulty voting there will be members with tablets at the brunch to assist you.

Our Branch would love to have new faces with new ideas join the Steering Committee.

Please consider taking a job or being a committee member for either of the following:

- Membership Chair or Chairs
- Secretary

If you do not want to chair a committee, your assistance is always welcome in any capacity, speak to Maureen Everakes, Pat Becker or Lorraine Erickson if you would like more information.

Thank you to Virginia Seaton and Mary Martin for agreeing to take over the Poinsettia sales. Everyone's efforts in selling lots of beautiful plants will be appreciated so that money can be raised for Local Scholarships.

**OWLS**  
**10:00 A.M**



The named member reviews the book and hosts the group.

May 19 *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd  
Marietta Spotts

June 16 Select books for next year followed by lunch

New faces are welcome. Paula Lightfoot 522-4040 or [pmbrownL@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbrownL@yahoo.com)  
Or Roberta Leap 527-0670 [robertaleap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertaleap@sbcglobal.net)

**EVENING BOOK GROUP**



**May 26** *Big Little Lies* by  
Reviewer Judy Galvin  
Hostess Lorraine Erickson

**June Saturday, June 6 6 PM** Dinner Meeting at Kathy and Larry Fried's  
*The Director* by David Ignacious  
Reviewer Roberta Leap  
Sign ups for dinner will be at the May meeting.

New members are always welcome. We meet the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm  
Contact Judy Galvin 527-6349, [ammom4299@aol.com](mailto:ammom4299@aol.com)

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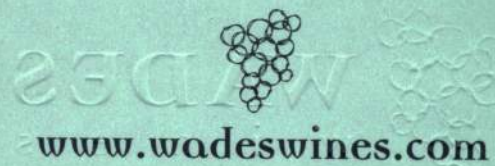
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