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Brandeis Conejo Valley Chapter Proudly Presents Los Angeles Times writer, Public Radio and TV host, author, winner of 2 Pulitzers and 6 Emmys PATT MORRISON

Patt Morrison is best known as a longtime reporter and columnist for the Los Angeles Times, where she has won numerous awards, including a share of two Pulitzer Prizes. In addition to the Times, Patt is read, heard, and seen in many other places. She is a regular commentator on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and has published a bestselling book on the Los Angeles River.

Morrison is frequently interviewed about Southern California on the BBC and other television and radio programs, and was a founding host of "Life & Times" on KCET-TV, for which she won six Emmys

and six Golden Mike awards. A Senior Fellow in the Luskin School of Public Affairs at UCLA. Morrison was featured on the cover of "TALKERS Magazine" as one of the "heavy hundred" of the nation's talk radio hosts - a first for a public radio host. Among her other honors: Pink's, the famous Los Angeles hot dog stand, has a veggie dog named after her! (read one o f her stories n n page



Also that day:

Study Group Sign-Ups: Study Groups are a great way for members to make new friends while exploring new areas of interest.

Membership Enrollment: With nearly 500 members, we are expanding our horizons reaching out to find new members.

Tributes-Book Fund: Purchase Brandeis Tribute Cards and spread warmth, kindness, caring, love, understanding and friendship.

Shop at the Boutique: For the Boutique we have many new vendors selling different kinds of merchandise, plus some of our returning favorites.

Chinese Auction: We will be having a Chinese Auction and need donations. Please contact Barbara at **ipolisky@aol.com** with information regarding businesses you would be willing to solicit. She will send you the donation letter. We need restaurants, spas, sporting events, concert venues, electronics, etc. Please help us with donations. Anything you can do is very much appreciated.

Questions: Barbara Polisky 818-991-2667 ipolisky@aol.com Go to our web site to download your personal invitation! <u>www.brandeisconejo.org</u>

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Membership & Financial Awards Louis D. Brandeis Honor Roll Highest achievement in Membership & Financial Goals

A Message from Your Co-Presidents

Welcome to a new Brandeis year – the 8th for our Chapter. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead. We already have some exciting events on the calendar that will entertain, educate and simultaneously allow us to reach our goals.

In June, we were privileged to attend the Leadership Conference on the Brandeis campus in Waltham, MA. What a treat!!!!! On our first day we were proud to hear Fred Lawrence, Brandeis University President, address the National Board and the conference attendees. He talked about what makes Brandeis different. It is the only university where undergraduate students study and work alongside post graduate and doctorate students. He said, "All students, even freshman are encouraged to do their own work, not just study other peoples' work". "Students are encouraged to think creatively to turn raw information into real knowledge".

Over the 3 days we were there, we attended workshops where we discussed Membership, Fundraising, Communication, and Technology. We toured the campus and the BNC office, saw the library, visited the Rose Garden museum (with its unique cracked glass, mirrored floor) and met professors, students and best of all, the leaders of other chapters. We toured Professor Avi Rodal's research laboratory (it's not every day you get to see fruit flies with the Alzheimer's gene!) where we could see how important and n e c e s s a r y Brandeis' Sustaining the Mind Campaign is and the part our chapter plays in providing funds for vital research.



Susan Barnett and Carol Smith

All in all, our visit was fun, educational, exciting and exhausting.

Although we are 3000 miles away and most of us are not Brandeis alumni, we hope we can bring the spirit of the University to the Conejo Valley. Thank you for working alongside us and being a part of an organization that not only offers us friendship and fun but also fulfills Brandeis University's founding principles of charity, social j u s t i c e a n d c o m m u n i t y.

Warmly, Your Co-Presidents,

Susan Barnett 805-388-0579 ansbar@roadrunner.com Carol Smith 818-716-0887 carolovestan@gmail.com Wish you L'Shana Tova, a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Brandeis National Committee

BNC Mission Statement:

Brandeis National Committee is dedicated to providing philanthropic support to Brandeis University, a distinguished liberal arts and research university founded by the American Jewish community. Its membership is connected to the university through fundraising and through activities that reflect the values on which the university was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.

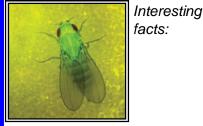
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"It is the policy of Brandeis University, the Brandeis National Committee, and the Conejo Valley Chapter that membership lists and event registration lists may not be shared with other organizations. They are the property of the Conejo Valley Chapter. In order to insure the privacy of each individual, our members may not use our lists for any purpose other than that for which they were created."



What makes this fruit fly so beautiful to Brandeis researchers?

A fruit fly's neuron system is similar to the human spine and its genes are easily manipulated. Understanding the fruit fly could be key to unlocking the mysteries of devastating neurological diseases.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



Welcome to a New Year

This year has flown by and I am starting my third year as Membership Vice President. Our members have been wonderful by recruiting new members to join our chapter. We always try to make the new members feel as welcome as possible, and assigning buddies to them, helps keep them involved and up to date on our chapter events. Brandeis is our members; they are the fabric that weaves us together and make us unique.

I am looking forward to our Fall Luncheon and Boutique on October10th. At that time we will expand our horizons by reaching out to find new members. We form meaningful new friendships while we are having fun and learning together.

You can always check <u>www.BrandeisConejo.org</u> at any time to see what is going on with our chapter. Our next New Members' Coffee will be held during the last week of

October. If you know a prospective member who would like to join Brandeis, e-mail or call me.

Membership V.P: Bobbi Albert

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! **MEMBERSHIP** Linda Beecher Alice Nadler COFFEE **Richard Reiner** Judy Berkowitz **October 31st, 2013** Steven Block Margaret Schaffer 9:30 a.m. Helen Chernik Diane Senit For new, prospective and present members. Penny Entin Ellie Silver Alan Spitz Irene Faust For more information Sonya Franklin Gayle Stern please contact Bobbi Albert **Carole Holmes Melvin Stern** 805-480 1846 Max Honigsberg Sheila Suarez Judy Katz Lorrette Weber **OPEN BOARD MEETINGS** News And Views Staff Editor-In-Chief: 1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 am Alvira K.— alvira@woman-Thousand Oaks Library only.com 1401 E. Janss Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 **Copy Editor-Director:** Please call Susan Barnett or Carol Smith Lois B. to verify time and place lois.bloch@sbcglobal.net All members are welcome.

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Patt Morrison and the mysterious ring at the Natural History Museum

Patt Morrison | Off-Ramp | July 26th, 2013, 4:14pm The mysterious ring that was once thought to have belonged to Catherine the Great.

This is a story about a remarkable ring.

This is a royal ring, crafted of diamonds and gold, with a mysterious crown and an even more mysterious back-story. It came to the <u>Museum of Natural History</u> in Exposition Park nearly 40 years ago, and it was said to have belonged to Catherine the Great, Empress of All the Russia, who gave it to a lady in waiting. But, as President Ronald Reagan said of his dealings with the Soviet Union,

"trust - but verify." That's just what the museum did. KPCC's Patt Morrison went sleuthing for the ring's real story.

Eleanor, Lucy, and the Man in the Middle August 29 ~ Thousand Oaks Library ~ 1:00 P.M. ~ \$18.00

Please join us for a most memorable afternoon on August 29 at the Thousand Oaks Library at 1pm. Tickets are \$18. You will be treated to a fabulous presentation by Martha Abbey Miller.



Martha Abbey Miller is a writer and a dramatist of women shows about women of historical importance. Martha researches, writes and performs one woman shows-giving audiences a unique look at fascinating historical figures.



Ask your family, friends and neighbors to join us on the 29th for a performance you will not want to miss. The event will be topped off by an ice cream social. Let's all support Brandeis Conejo as well as having a wonderful time.

RSVP: Harriet Maran 818-347-1022 - <u>hpmaran@aol.com</u> Jackie Kantor 818-992-0519 - <u>jacjer@socal.rr.com</u>

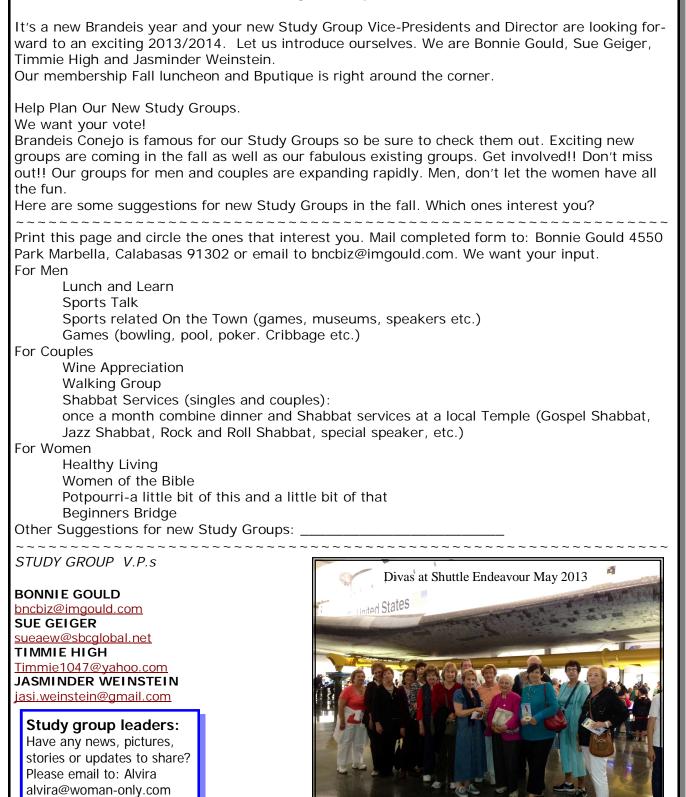


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Study Group News



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THE FOLLOWING IS A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF EXISTING CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER STUDY GROUPS

THE ART WORLD: Antiques: go to Antique shops to find that hidden treasure. Gallery Girls & Guys: View art in different galleries or private collections in homes.

BOOK GROUPS: A new book is chosen each month to read for discussion. Members bring thought-provoking insights into the dialogue as they review it. Available for men or women.

BRIDGE

Couples Bridge: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in member's homes.

Limited to 3 tables because of home size. We play duplicate from about 7:00 to 10:00 and then enjoy a nosh and conversation afterward.

Ladies Bridge: One group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday and the other group meets the

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at member's homes. We play party bridge and usually have 2 tables.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: "Reach out and touch someone" Help by volunteering in the community. **EDIE DELLORCO: edellorco1@yahoo.com 805-241-2972**

CURRENT EVENTS: Ladies Groups and Men's Group: Discusses current events from international, national, and local news.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Life and Times: We discuss various topics of current and historical interest. Each member takes a turn leading the discussion and presenting the topic.

Women's Life's Issues: Discusses today's ethics, morals and behavior patterns, past and present feelings.

Women's Awareness: The hostess for the month prepares and presents any topic she

chooses for discussion.

Women in Transition and Can We Talk: Offers a safe place for sharing confidences with each other.

Women of a Certain Age: is a psychodrama group that uses commitment, co-operation,

gentle communication, and having a great time together as its focus.

Men's Open Forum: Discusses men's issues in a safe and supportive environment where nothing is taboo and confidentiality vital.

ETHNIC DINING: Visiting different ethnic restaurants for lunch or dinner and learning about their countries, cultures and food. Eat your way through the world!

GAMES: MAHJONG/CANASTA/MEXICAN TRAIN

JEWISH GENEALOGY: Trace your family roots

LADIES OF LEISURE: Women who are living on their own meet for dinner, discussion and various excursions.

LEGAL PUZZLERS: Discussion of current legal issues. We become the best of what a jury should be.

LUNCH BUNCH: Eat your heart out

MEMOIR WRITING: Learn how to put your life's journey on paper.

NEEDLEWORK: Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint, etc.

MOVIE GROUPS: Pick a new movie each month to view on your own and review the chosen movie as a group.

ON THE TOWN: We visit cultural venues of Los Angeles and surrounding areas. It may include visiting gardens, museums, temples of all faiths, historical sites, etc.

PLAY READING: Led by a professional teacher and actor, members take turns reading and learning scripts of plays, movies, and radio shows.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Brandeis Conejo Community Service Committee Our Community Service Committee believes that you will "Empower Yourself" by Giving Back.

The summer months find the community service committee busy as ever. Here are the highlights of some of our finest endeavors. During the July Food Drive for Manna Food Bank many members generously donated food. Food can be dropped off at 3020 Crescent Way, Thousand Oaks, Their hours is Mon-Fri 7:30-2:00pm and Sat 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.

For many dedicated years Marilyn Bolnick (when she and her hubby are not cruising in their Chevy) have collected books, magazines and CDs for "For Our Troups" and collected veggies and fruits from home gardens for "Food Forward" Thank you, Marilyn.



"Think Green" can be supported by dropping off used batteries at

the TO Library in the bin in the lobby.

Chapter members' dedication is heartfelt and so very muchappreciated.

For any information or for pick-ups please email co leaders Edie Dellorco edellorco1@yahoo.com (805) 241-2972 and Gertie Sanders gertiesanders@gmail.com 805-230-1252



CIO REPORT (MARSHA ROSENBLUM)

Defense lawyer Leonard Goodman elected to Board



By Debra Filcman July 19, 2013 Chicago veteran criminal defense attorney Leonard C. Good-

<u>man</u> was elected to a four-year term on the Brandeis Board of Trustees in May. He is also a member of the <u>Board of Overseers</u> at the <u>Heller School for Social Policy and Management</u>.

Goodman has practiced law for more than 20 years, winning major criminal cases at every level of the Illinois state and federal court systems. After beginning his career at Jenner & Block, he left to establish his own practice as

well as to undertake pro bono defense work.

He has won awards for his work on behalf of the wrongfully convicted and has taken on many high-profile clients and challenging cases. Currently, Goodman is representing former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich on the appeal to his political corruption conviction. Last fall in a presentation at the Heller School entitled, "Who's Afraid of Indefinite Detention?", he detailed his representation of an Afghan man detained at Guantanamo Bay without charges or evidence of wrongdoing.

"The work that Len does/did for Guantanamo Bay prisoners is absolutely essential to making sure that the human rights of his clients and of prisoners all over the globe are recognized," says <u>Anita Hill</u>, a senior advisor to the provost and professor of social policy, law and women's studies. "This work is symbolic of Len's values and the cases that he takes. Len is absolutely committed to representing clients who are poor, whose positions may be unpopular, or who in other ways are marginalized."

Goodman also teaches federal criminal law as an adjunct professor at DePaul University.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships

Did you know that Alzheimer's disease alone affects 15 million people worldwide? Maybe you or a family member or friend is one of those people. As the population ages and this number increases, the need for neurological and neurodegenerative disease research becomes increasingly important.

Brandeis University researchers in over 50 laboratories are already pioneering strides in the field of brain-related disorders, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Scientists in the areas

of neurodevelopment, neurodevelopment disorders and neurodegeneration are trying to understand the fundamental biological processes underlying brain function. These Brandeis professors and students are dedicated to the basic research that has already led to breakthroughs in our understanding of neurological diseases. Educating tomorrow's scientists is important; that's why investing in scientific research and scholarships at Brandeis is an investment in the future. Plus Brandeis is committed to ensuring that it meets the financial needs of students doing outstanding work in science's fastest-growing arena.

We invite you to join the Brandeis National Committee's "Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships" campaign to establish an important fund to foster research in neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases, and to establish an endowed scholarship fund for students in the sciences. The vision and determination of a cadre of loyal supporters like you will help us reach our \$3 million campaign goal and will ensure that Brandeis researchers and students are able to excel in their fields of study and make important advancements in neuroscience.



Brandeis Day Trippers at Auntie Anne's Pretzel Store *By Sheila Clapkin*

Thirty ladies from the Day Trippers Study Group converged on Auntie Anne's Pretzel store in Northridge, California, to become Honorary Pretzel Rollers where we gained expertise in the ability in hand rolling and twisting a pretzel. There are Auntie Anne's throughout the world, so be on the lookout and you, too can become an Honorary Pretzel Roller, or if you don't have time for the field trip, you can become an Honorary Pretzel eater. They are delicious.

How Pretzels came down through the ages: Monks, in order to reward children who learned their prayers invented pretzels. The strips of dough were folded to resemble arms crossing the chest in prayer,

and baked into soft bread. One day the keeper of the bakery fell asleep, left the pretzels baking too long and dried out the pretzels. The head baker chastised the napping baker, but through his nap, the crispy pretzel was invented.

An anti-bacterial soap was used to wash our hands and then they were held under a black light. My, my how we left residue on our hands even though we washed and washed them. Gloves were also used as protection. Prizes were given for the best pretzel (Cindy) and the cleanest hands (Susie). Our own individual pretzel was baked, plus bagged along with an Honorary Pretzel Roller pin and coupons for our next visit. We will never pass an Auntie Anne's without our lovely memories of learning and sharing.

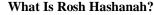
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The festival of **Rosh Hashanah**—the name means "<u>Head of the Year</u>"—is observed for two days beginning on <u>1 Tishrei</u>, the first day of the Jewish year. It is the anniversary of the creation of <u>Adam and Eve</u>, the first <u>man and woman</u>, and their first actions toward the realization of <u>man-kind's role</u> in G-d's world. Rosh Hashanah - September 4 - 6, 2013

What Is Yom Kippur?

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year--the day on which we are <u>closest to G-d</u> and to the <u>quin-tessence</u> of our own souls. It is the <u>Day of Atonement</u>--"For on this day He will <u>forgive</u> you, to <u>purify</u> you, that you be cleansed from all your <u>sins before G-d</u>" (<u>Leviticus 16:30</u>). For nearly <u>twenty-six hours</u>--from several minutes before sunset on Tishrei 9 to after nightfall on Tishrei 10--we "<u>afflict</u> our souls": we <u>abstain from food and drink</u>, do not wash or anoint our bodies, do not wear leather footwear, and abstain from marital relations. Yom Kippur - September 13 - 14, 2013







What Is Sukkot?

For forty years, as our ancestors traversed the Sinai Desert, following the <u>Exodus from</u> <u>Egypt</u>, miraculous <u>"clouds of glory"</u> surrounded and hovered over them, shielding them from the dangers and discomforts of the desert. Ever since, we remember G-d's kindness and reaffirm our trust in His providence by <u>dwelling in a *sukkah*</u>--a hut of temporary construction with a roof covering of branches--for the duration of the <u>Sukkot festival</u> (on the <u>Jewish calendar Tishrei 15-21</u>). For seven days and nights, we eat all our <u>meals in the *sukkah*</u> and otherwise regard it as our home. <u>Sukkot - September 18 - 25, 2013</u>

What Is Simchat Torah?

After the seven-day holiday of Sukkot, we celebrate an *independent* one-day holiday, called "Shemini Atzeret." Outside of Israel, as is the case with almost all Biblical holidays, an extra day is added to this holiday (see <u>Why are holidays celebrated an extra day</u> <u>in the Diaspora?</u>), and this day is known as "Simchat Torah." Although this holiday directly follows Sukkot, it is not actually part of Sukkot. Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah - September 25 - 27, 2013

What Is Hanukkah (Chanukah)? Chanukah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after a group of Jewish warriors defeated the occupying mighty Greek armies. Chanukah - November 27 - December 5, 2013

CASTING CALL

Would you like to be a star? Do you crave appreciation without the need for monetary compensation? Does an "attaboy"/"attagirl" send you to the moon? Or maybe you just want to give back to an organization that is providing you with fun and friendship!

Our chapter is in dire need of people with computer skills to help with preparing name tags, flyers, posters, invitations, signs or to do some administrative work in Excel.

Some folks have already raised their hands but we need a few more good people. If you can volunteer to do just one of these tasks now and then you will, indeed, be a star in our eyes. We'll give you all the praise and appreciation we can muster along with a little recognition. How about it?

Call Susan Barnett at 805-388-0579 or email at anbar@roadrunner.com Please, don't make us beg!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Food costs more, clothing costs more, gas costs more and mailing the BNC newsletter costs more. It has become increasingly more expensive to print and mail the newsletter to those members who request it. Out of necessity, the Conejo Valley Chapter Board has instituted a new policy that states: "Any member who chooses to have a print version of our newsletter mailed to their home will incur a charge of \$10.00 per year". This fee will just cover our cost of printing and mailing. This will be the last newsletter that is mailed free of charge. If you decide you would like to receive your newsletter electronically please send us your name and email address and you will be added to our email list. Thank you for your understanding, *Conejo Valley Chapter Board*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunshine News:

Congratulations and Mazal Tov:

Bob and Marsha Rosenblum on the arrival of their grandson, Benjamin Reuben
 To Doris and Sam Goldberg on a new grandson - Elan William Chesler. *Elan* means "tree" in Hebrew and the letter "E" is used to honor both Zach's grandfather,
 Eli, and Doris' grandmother Edith. William was Sam's father's name.
 To Agi and Erwin Haas on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter.

~ To Linda Pomerantz on the marriage of her granddaughter, Katie Pomerantz.

Graduations:

~ Gertie Sanders on the graduation of her twin granddaughters from high school

~ Marsha Goldin's granddaughter, on her graduation from high school.

Congratulation to all the graduates.

In Deepest Sympathy:

- Condolences to Eve Loeb on the passing of her Beloved Kal
- Condolences to the family of our dear friend Susan Kapit
- Condolences to Dottie Wolfe on the loss of her Beloved Brother In- Law
- Condolences on the passing of Sylvia Dyck, her kindness will be missed by her Study Group
- Condolences to Gerri Wissot on the loss of mother
- Condolences to Estelle Kates on the passing of her husband, Clark Kates

May their blessed memory bring all of you comfort.

Get well and Speedy recovery:

- - to Sarah Orlin as she heals from knee surgery
- - to Pearl Fuller

Please let us know your sunshine news. We'd be happy to print it. Contact Gertie Sanders - chairperson of the "Sunshine News" committee gertiesanders@gmail.com 805-230-1252.



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