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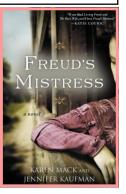
News & Views - Conejo Valley Chapter

BOOKS 'N BRUNCH

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 SHERATON AGOURA HILLS HOTEL

We Proudly Present





MARCIA CLARK Former prosecutor for Los Angeles County, best remembered for her involvement in the O.J. Simpson murder case

JENNIFER KAUFMAN, co-author of







LEE GOLDBERG, author of Mr. Monk Gets Even

She has written four novels, *Guilt By Association* (2011), *Guilt By Degrees* (2012), *Killer Ambition* (2013), and "The Competition" (2014)

Books 'N Brunch will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Agoura Hills Hotel. Invitations will be going out the end of February. We are thrilled to have three exciting authors: **MARCIA CLARK**, former prosecutor for Los Angeles County, best remembered for the O.J. Simpson murder case. In addition to writing a book about the case, <u>Without A Doubt</u>, she is the author of three other books, including her latest novel, <u>Killer Ambition</u>. **JENNIFER KAUFMAN**, co-author with Karen Mack, of the bestselling novel, <u>Freud's Mistress</u>, is an award-winning producer and former attorney. **LEE GOLDBERG**, is an author, screenwriter and producer. He has written several novels based on TV shows. His latest book, co-authored with Janet Evanovich, is called <u>The Heist</u>. The second book, <u>The Chase</u>, will be released shortly.

See invitation on the next page or download from our web site: www.BrandeisConejo.org Questions? Contact FUNDRAISING VP Barbara Polisky - ipolisky@aol.com

A Message from Your CO-Presidents

This is our first opportunity to wish many of you a Happy New Year. We hope you've been enjoying your study groups and our special events. In the coming months, we have many new and exciting programs planned, so keep checking our website for the latest and greatest updates.

In January, our Chapter was privileged to host the BNC Western Region Conference at the Hyatt Hotel in Westlake Village. Many of the past, current and future leaders of the Western Region chapters attended. We had a unique opportunity to reflect on the rich history of the BNC and its beginnings, in 1948, as the Brandeis University National Women's Committee whose volunteer mission was to stock the empty library shelves of the newly-founded Brandeis University.



Susan Barnett and Carol Smith

Some 65 years later, this group of Brandeis women and men, alumni and foster alumni, has become a national organization of more than 25,000 members and an integral part of the University. Our emphasis today is on philanthropy, social justice and lifelong learning. As our Past President and current Western Region Co-President, Honey Bencomo, reminds us, "Philanthropy is the reason we have joined together on behalf of Brandeis University...Study Groups are the benefits...and friendship and intellectual stimulation are the rewards.

We are proud to be a part of this, the world's largest friends-to-a-University organization, and are particularly proud to be Co-Presidents of the Conejo Valley Chapter. As we expand our horizons and reach out to make a difference in our community and to bring you new and exciting learning opportunities, we invite you to join with us – not just in word – but in deed. We hope you will consider our invitation to contribute in some way to our success. Thank you! **Happy Purim, Happy Passover and Happy Easter.**

Your Co-Presidents,

Susan Barnett *805-388-0579* Carol Smith *818-716-0887* ansbar@roadrunner.com carolovestan@gmail.com



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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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BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE – CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER PRESENTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE 2014-2015 BOARD

Election to be held at our Annual Meeting on April 2, 2014

Co-Presidents

Susan Barnett	Carol Smith

Vice Presidents

Membership: Ellie Puls	Major Events: Barbara Polisky	
Study Groups: Sue Geiger	Study Groups: Timmie High	
Study Groups: Jasminder Weinstein	Tributes: Helene Phillips	

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Re-enrollment: Lila Segal	Study Group Registrar: Nancy Minkow	
Study Group Registrar: Agi Haas	Study Group Registrar, Bobbi Albert	
Social Justice/Community Service: Edie Dellorco		

Committee Chairs

Sunshine/Community Service: Gertie Sanders

Candidates for the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee: Lila Klausner, Chairperson

Agi Haas, Bobbi Albert, Nancy Minkow, Rhoda Reiner, Renee Spero, Joy Kreiger.

Recommendations for nominations other than those presented may be made by any member of the Chapter in good standing. They must be filed with the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Lila Klausner, no later than 7 days before the election which will take place at our Annual Meeting on April 2, 2014 (Books 'N Brunch).

We wish to gratefully acknowledge the following Directors who continue to serve in positions for which they were previously elected or appointed:

Term Ending 6/30/2015

Associate Members: Renee Spero	Webmaster: Alvira Klain
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Term Ending 6/30/2016

Installation: Marsha Goldin	Small Events: Jessica Pearlman	
Publicity: Rita Zarrell	Copy Editor: Barbara Jimerson	
Historian: Barbara Hersh		

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



Have you ever thought about the benefits you gain from belonging to Conejo Valley Brandeis? Actually most people will say they enjoy meeting new people and creating new friendships. They also want to learn new things and broaden their horizons.

April is a great time to join Brandeis because they offer a **15 month Membership Program**. Your membership is good for the rest of the year and through June 30, 2015. Please tell all your friends about this great opportunity to join us in giving, learning, and friendship. We are important because what we do is worthwhile and provides us with self-worth.

Please save the date for our next New Members' Coffee, which will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at the lovely home of Elaine Blonder. If you are interested in receiving an invitation or know a prospective member I should invite, please e-mail at the address below. As always, feel free to call me with any questions about membership or requests for information about Brandeis Conejo Valley Chapter.

Bobbi Albert, Membership Vice President ~~ 805-480-1846 ~~ teacherba@aol.com

Welcome New Members!

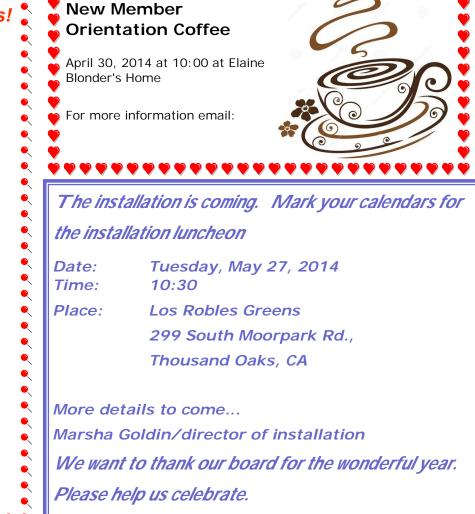
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- Evelyn Perl
- Shirley Phillips



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STUDY GROUP REPORT - Launching New Study Groups

Following the enthusiastic response for study group sign-ups at the fall luncheon, the study group team made a concerted effort to initiate new groups and update our waiting lists.

Groups formed in new categories included Living Single, Shabbat Services, and Women of the Bible. We have also added two new Women's Discussion groups, a Lunch and Learn group which meets on the fourth Wednesday, and a Movie Group which meets on the first Thursday afternoon of the month. These groups are still open for new members. So sign up and get your name off the waiting lists. All members---women, men, couples---who are interested in a Play Reading Group should contact Timmie High. The team held its annual Leaders & Coordinators Conference on January 13, 2014. Attendees were informed about the new policies for study groups.

The most important policy change is that checks for study group fees will be held until verification of paid membership/associate dues is verified

We hope that all members are enjoying at least one study group and making new friends.



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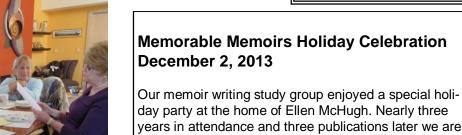
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Study group leaders: Have any news, pictures or updates to share? Please email to:



years in attendance and three publications later we are still going strong. All of us have created memories to share with our children, grandchildren and all who come after. We have created a special bond and care for each other as family.

We are proud of our progress as writers, our bond with each other and our commitment to Brandeis.



Write, Read Listen and Share! The Memoir Writing study group meets every first Monday of the month.

Brandeis, Conejo Valley Study Groups as of November 1, 2013

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1 st	Memoir Writing 10:00 A Monday Book Club 12 Noon Monday Movie Mavens 1:00 P	Literary Potpourri 10:00 A We the Jury 1:00 P	Almost Anything Goes Antique Browsers 11:45 A Wednesday Walkers 10:00 A (Weekly) Women in Transition 12:30 P Reel Men 4:30 P Dinettes-Dinner	BOARD MEETING 10:00 A Flick Chicks 1:30 P	Gallery Girls Canastaristas 10:30 A TGIF Gals 1:00 P Weekly		Happy Wanderers
2 nd	Women of a Certain Age 9:30 A Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Wild Bunch Book Thieves 10:00 A CE Mavens (Men) 10:00 A Book Markers 11:00 A Brothers Book Group 1:30 P Tues. Afternoon Readers 1:00 P	Cinema Gals 1:00 P Bridge (couples) 7:00 P	Day Trippers 10:00 A Yiddishe Mamas 10:00 A Legal Eagles 1:00 P Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 P Cinemaddicts 7:30 P	Breaking News 10:30 A		Sunday Movies & Shakers (couples) 3:00 P
3 rd	Current Events Newsroom 9:30 A Monday Newsers 10:00 A	Gallivanting Gals Tuesday Travelers Life and Times 10:00 A Food for Thought (couples) Dinner Legal Mavens (couples) 7:15 P	Wednesday Life Issues 9:30 A Men's CAD 9:45 A Law & Disorder 10:00 A Happy Bookers 12 Noon	Bit's & Pieces Daytime Divas Daytime Trotters	Canastaristas 10:30 A		The Sociables (couples) Gadabouts (couples) Les Sunday Cinema (couples) 4:00 P
4 th	Monday Women 9:30 A Women of a Certain Age 9:30 A Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	12 Angry Women 10:00 A Knosh & Knowledge 12:30 P Book Ends 1:00 P Brandeis Players 1:30 P	Men Unlimited Shaina Maidlech 1:30 P Bridge (couples) 7:00 P	Thursday Women's View 9:45 A Family Finders 1:30 P Hang Em All (couples) 4:00-6:00 P		Movie Critics (couples) 5:45 P Clueless Players 7:00 P	Movie Mavens (couples) 6:30 P The Watchables (couples)

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



SOCIAL JUSTICE/COMMUNITY SERVICES

One outstanding feature of our collective chapter membership is that it has always been a force for social justice and for intergenerational programs. Many of our members volunteer in clinics, hospitals, and schools. There are many members who belong to and offer support to various political organizations. Several of our committee members are currently busy knitting caps for "Our Troops". Marilyn Bolnick is collecting and delivering assorted, essential items to this organization as well. Please donate Antibacterial Hand Wipes which are needed for "Our Troops".



A special thank you goes to Sandra Locks for donating so many lovely

clothes. Many women recipients will now be dressed for success since Nancy Minkow and Sharon Chernoff delivered these donations to RAIN.

Appreciation and gratitude is offered to Ellie Puls and Judy Katz, who sewed together the numerous knitted squares, making three beautiful quilts. And a thank you goes out to Lila Segal who picked up and stored the donations.

For collection of your donations, please e-mail Gertie (gertiesanders@gmail.com). Our committee welcomes any questions and new members.

Co-leaders:

Edie Dellorco (805) 241-2972 dellorco1@yahoo.com and Gertie Sanders (805) 230-1252 gertiesanders@gmail.com

THE BRANDEIS SCOOP by Marsha Rosenblum (C.I.O.)

Tidbits about Brandeis University- Science and Technology

Bulbul Chakraborty is finding equilibrium

Theoretical Physicist Bulbul Chakraborty, who became the first woman to join the Brandeis physics faculty in 1989, says that the last five years of her research have been the most exciting and fulfilling, but the road here has been filled with twists and turns, moving from India, raising a family and simultaneously navigating and excelling in a male dominated field have been part of the journey.

The Temperature tastes just right to insects

Call it the Goldilocks Principle - animals can survive and reproduce only if the temperature is just right. A team of Brandeis University Scientists has discovered a previously unknown molecular temperature sensor in fruit flies belonging to a protein family responsible for sensing tastes and smells.

Blazeman's 'War On ALS' Comes to Brandeis

Thanks to a gift from the Blazeman Foundation for ALS, Mugdha Deshpande has been named the Blazeman Postdoctoral Fellow for ALS research and is utilizing a novel research approach developed in Assistant Biology Professor Avital Rodal's laboratory to search for a cure to the neurodegenerative disease

Protecting The Body In Good Times And Bad

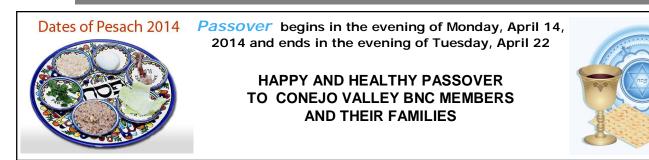
Assistant Professor Michael T. Marr had a mystery on his hands. Why do cells continue to reproduce some proteins while shutting down production of others when the body is trying to conserve resources? What he discovered could impact our understanding of cancer and other threats to the body.

Brandeis Inventor Patents Anti-Cholesterol Formula

Senior Brandeis research scientist Daniel Perlman '68 has discovered a way to make phytosterol molecules from plants dispersible in beverages and food that are consumed by humans, potentially opening the way to dramatic reductions in human cholesterol levels.

The above Tidbits are part of the reason we are so proud to be members of BNC !! All funds we donate and raise help our Sustaining The Mind Campaign, which provides scholarships for students in these areas and also provides funds for the labs and the scientific research that takes place. Brandeis is working hard for answers to ALS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Autism.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Purim is a festive Jewish holiday that celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from their enemies in the biblical Book of Esther. Purim is celebrated on the fourteenth day of the Hebrew month of Adar, which usually falls sometime in February or March. Purim is such a popular holiday that the ancient rabbis declared that it alone would continue to be celebrated after the Messiah comes

The tradition of dressing up is based upon the way Esther concealed her Jewish identity at the beginning of the Purim Story.

The most famous **Purim food** is hamantaschen [Yiddish for "Haman's pockets"] which is also known [in Hebrew as] oznay Haman meaning "Haman's ears."

Chocolate-Filled Hamantashen (Dairy) DOUGH

- 2/3 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- dash of salt

FILLING

- 1 8-ounce (225 gram) package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 egg
- 4 teaspoons cocoa powder and 1/2 cup sugar

Preparation:

1. In a mixer, cream the butter with sugar. Add the egg and vanilla. Cream until smooth.

2. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, and salt.

3. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture. Process until a ball of dough is formed. If the dough is sticky, add more flour. The dough ball should have some elasticity to it.

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4. Chill for a minimum of 1 1/2 hours.

5. To make the filling, beat together the cream cheese, egg, cocoa and sugar.

6. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease cookie sheets.

7. Take one fourth of the chilled dough. Roll out on a lightly floured board to a thickness of 1/8 inch. Use a cup or glass to cut out circles.

8. With your finger, brush water around the rim of the circle. Drop 1 teaspoon of filling in the center of the circle. Then bring the dough around the filling and press 3 ends together.

9. Bake on well-greased cookie sheets in a 350 degree Fahrenheit oven for 12-15 minutes or until the bottoms are golden and the three tips are slightly turning brown.

10. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. When cooled, the cookie is light, crumbly and great tasting.

TIP:

Baking for a shorter time makes a softer cookie, and baking for a longer time makes a more crumbly cookie.





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roscience and neurodegenerative diseases, and to establish an endowed scholarship fund for students in the sciences.

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Friends Tell Friends About Brandeis

Did you know that most of our members find out about the BNC because they are invited to an event by a friend?

There are many benefits to BNC membership! BNC enriches our lives by keeping our minds active through study groups, lifelong friendships, fun events, and opportunities to be part of social justice initiatives, while giving back in ways that have a meaningful impact upon Brandeis and, in turn, on the world.

BNC Membership Contest

Our chapter could win a \$500 gift certificate.

Inviting friends to join BNC helps meet your chapter's membership goal and helps you build a thriving BNC chapter in your community.

REMEMBER, the BNC chapter that raises the greatest percentage over their FY '14 membership goal will receive a \$500 BNC gift card!



OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS.

OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM Thousand Oaks library (most months) 1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA (Please call Susan Barnett or Carol Smith to verify time and



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Sunshine News

New Year Greetings and May good health and happiness be enjoyed by each and every member.

Our Deepest Condolences to the families of: Bernice Stroll on the loss of her beloved Husband

Our Get well wishes and fast recovery to: Dan Reed, Warren Zarrell, Marsha Rosenblum, Nina Fenster-Smylie, Lois Bloch, Paul Maran and Shelly Wasserman.

Mazel Tov and Congratulations to: Dotti Wolfe on the birth of her great-granddaughter as well as the wedding of her granddaughter, Sarah.

Welcome home:

Co-president, Susan Barnett, and Fundraising VP Barbara Polisky who enjoyed some R&R vacation.

BOOK FUND HAS TRIBUTES FOR EVERY OCCASION

Brandeis Tributes are the perfect way to mark a special occasion or to simply remember someone. Your donations support a worthy cause since Book Fund money goes directly to the Brandeis Library to keep it up to date in all academic areas and continue all of its services. Note: Your purchase of Book Fund Tributes is 100% tax deductible.

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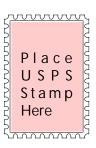
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