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## Last Board Meeting of the 2014-2015 Term



Meet our board members:

*Top row:* Timmie High, Marsha Gruen, Frona DeCovnick, Susan Uhler, Carol Smith, Susan Barnett, Sharon Cohen, Helaine Portnoy, Honey Bencomo, Sue Gueger, Barbara Polisky, Nancy Minkow, Rita Zarrell, Helene Phillips,

*Bottom row:* Alvira Klain, Jasminder Weinstein, Ellie Puls, Laraine Karelitz, Gertie Sanders, Jessie Pearlman (Unfortunately, not everyone could attend this board meeting. For the full slate for 2015 board, see page 3 )

### **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.



## Letter from Your CO-Presidents

Two years ago this month, we were on the campus of Brandeis University, having just been installed as the incoming Co-Presidents of our chapter. We returned from that trip full of enthusiasm and a shared vision for what we hoped our tenure would bring.

Together with our Board members, we have accomplished most of what we set out to do. There are two achievements that stand out most for us.

The goal of our Leadership Development Initiative was to find leaders within our membership who will help to shape the future of our chapter. We consider this program to have been very effective as many of those men and women will be serving on our Board or in a support capacity during the coming term.

We also held our first ever (no charge) General Meeting, which was an opportunity for you to meet our Board members and learn how our chapter operates. In addition to refreshments and an entertaining speaker, this was also the first time we conducted early study group signups. This highly successful event will be repeated again this summer, so mark your calendars for August 11<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.



As we turn over the gavel

to our very able successors, Sue Geiger and Nancy Minkow, we must thank our Board and all of you for your support and your commitment to our chapter and our cause. You are very special as individuals and, collectively, as one of the best chapters among the Brandeis National Committees. Stand tall and be proud!

Hugs, Susan Barnett and Carol Smith

We are excited, and it must be said, a little nervous, to follow in the footsteps of Carol and Susan and our other wonderful past presidents. But, luckily for us, they are all still actively contributing and making sure that the Brandeis Conejo Valley Chapter survives, grows, and thrives. We welcome help and ideas from them, as well as the Boards, past and present, and all members of our chapter.

We have some ideas of our own which we are excited about. They will only come to fruition with input and hard work from many people. First, we want to improve the process of welcoming our many new members into the chapter, men as well as women, some of whom have just moved into our area. They are anxious to have fun, get involved, and to make new friends, and we want to provide opportunities for them to do just that. We will personally wel-



Nancy Minkow

come them, find out their interests and talents, and set up more gatherings where they can mingle and get to know us and each other. Also, we want to start a new study group just for those who've joined in the last year if they are interested. They may choose to stay together or move on to other groups as space becomes available and we welcome more new members.

With the help of Carol Smith, Susan Barnett, Barbara Politsky, and her Major Events Committee, we will begin planning an unforgettable celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BNC Conejo Valley Chapter for the Spring of 2016. As we take over as Co-Presidents on July 1, and preside over our first Board Meeting on Thursday, July 2, we ask for your support and patience as we strive to be the Presidents this Chapter deserves.

We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us.

Nancy Minkow (nvmlcsw@aol.com) Sue Geiger (sueaew@sbcglobal.net)





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#### The Study Group Team report:

BNC Conejo Valley members interested in joining study groups will be contacted by the new VPs of the study group team as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are **Elaine Bercy** (cyberbercy@aol.com), **Marsha Gruen** (gruenm@aol.com), and **Judy PerIman** (judithfp@gmail.com). They'll be introducing themselves to the leaders and coordinators of study groups in their portfolios and explaining the procedure for collecting study group fees which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They will also be maintaining wait lists and forming new study groups whenever possible.

Members will also have the opportunity to sign up for Study Groups at the June 19<sup>th</sup> event and the August 11<sup>th</sup> general meeting. We have added several new groups, a couples legal puzzlers, "Scales of Justice", a

women's current events group, "Newsie Gals", a Yiddish group "Yiddisha Madelach", and two on the town groups, "Daytripping Dames" and "Just 4 Fun". Doris Goldberg, the leader of the last group is looking for more members. Please contact her if interested: email dorisgberg@yahoo.com.

There will be an Organizational Meeting for a new art group on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Sue Geiger sueaew@sbcglobal.net or Judy Perlman judithp@gmail.com if you are interested, and they will give you the meeting location.

Study Group VPs:

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## Study group leaders:

Have any news, pictures or updates to share? Please email to: alvira@woman-only.com



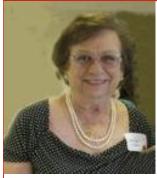
Gadabouts (couples on the town group) in Santa Monica Airport

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3rd	Current Events Newsroom 9:30 A Monday Newsers 10:00 A The Salon 11:00 A Canasta Club 1:00 PM Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	Gallivanting Gals Tuesday Travelers Life and Times 10:00 A Legal Mavens (couples) 7:15 P Tuesday Travelers	Hot Topix 9:30 A Wednesday Life Issues 9:45 A Men's CAD 9:45 A Law & Disorder 10:00 A	Bit's & Pieces Daytime Divas Daytime Trotters	Canastaristas 10:30 A Shabbatniks Hunger Games 7:00 P		The Sociables (couples) Gadabouts (couples) Les Sunday Cin- ema (couples) 4:00 P
4th	Monday Women 9:30 A.M. Women of a Certain Age 9:30 A Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P Book Ends 1:00 P Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 P	12 Angry Women 10:00 A Knosh & Knowl- edge 12:30 P Brandeis Players 1:30 P	Men Unlimited Dine & Discover Noon Just 4 Fun	Thursday Women's View 9:45 A Hang Em All (couples) 4:00-6:00 P Book Ends 1:00P		Movie Critics (couple s) 5:45 P Cluless Players 7:00 P	Movie Mavens (couples) 6:30 P The Watchables (couples) Front and Center (couples) 5:30 P Couples on the Town Sunday-Fun Day Couples On The Town





## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**



#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY ELLIE PULS, VP

This will be my last article as VP of Membership and I want to thank you all for making my job such fun. I used to say that all I have to do is stand there with my hand out and someone puts a check in it. However, this time I was sure that in 2014 and

2015, I would have to really work at meeting goal.

I was wrong! As Brandeis members you all have worked to maintain our reputation, and spread the word about all the great members of Conejo Valley Chapter. In this way you made my job easy.

I have such funny stories to tell about where our new

members are coming from and that is what I will miss most. Last night I got a call from one of our members who was trying on a dress at T.J.Maxx. A woman overheard her talking to some one in the chapter about one of our study groups and decided that her mother would just love to do that. So now we have a new member.

You have all been genuinely nice people and so no one wants to miss out on the fun. Remember that and be sure to tell everyone that you meet what a good time you are having. That way you will be doing them a favor, Conejo Valley Chapter will keep on growing, and Helene Phillips will enjoy being Membership V.P. as much as I did. Next year should be as great as this year has been. Thank you.

Ellie Puls, 818-889-5555 norm0020@yahoo.com

## **Membership Coffee** Welcome New Members! Diane Mautner Anita Mazer Linda Hirsch Merrily and Frank Lewis Gay and Ken Elfand Carol and Isaac Hananel Elaine Leff Marianne Flam Eleanor Kravitz Cele Schoenbrun Audrey Dyne Gary Barton Sandy Saltman Linda Shaevitz Ken and Lisa Block Sheila Goldfinger **News And Views Staff** Editor-In-Chief: Alvira K.— alvira@woman-only.com Copy Editor: Barbara J.- bjj707@verizon.net

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# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## Brandeis May, 2015 CIO Report - INTERESTING FACTS FROM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

by Shelly Wasserman Chapter Information Officer

### Anita Hill Says Sexual Harassment Persists, Just in Different Forms

Nearly 25 years ago, Anita Hill became a household name overnight. She shared an explosive tale of workplace sexual harassment by a powerful man, bringing into open discussion a topic that had not been. For it, Hill was both praised and criticized, even receiving death threats. Rather than retreat, she's more vocal than ever, including speaking in Kalamazoo where she got a standing ovation as she walked onto the stage.

Some may remember this time in history well because it was played out on live television. In October 1991, Americans watched as Hill delivered graphic testimony at the confirmation hearings of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, accusing him of engaging in sexually explicit talk and subjecting her to unwanted, repeated requests for dates and more when he was her boss at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

### Anita Hill named University Professor

The Brandeis Board of Trustees unanimously voted to recognize Anita Hill, a senior advisor to the provost and professor of social policy, law, and women's, gender and sexuality studies, with a promotion to University Professor at its March 26 meeting.

"Anita Hill is a national voice on the complex and often challenging issues of race, gender and workplace discrimination in America," says President and Professor of Politics Frederick M. Lawrence. "Her legal and social scientific scholarship and her experience as a public servant have given her a perspective that she uses so effectively in the classroom, as a mentor to our students, and as a faculty colleague."

Hill, who has been a member of the Brandeis faculty since 1998, is lauded by her students for her ability to bring both theory and practice into her classroom lectures on legal and societal issues of race and gender. Her views and insight on those issues, as well as on workplace discrimination, have made Hill an in-demand speaker nationally.

The title of University Professor is one of Brandeis' most prestigious academic honors. It is awarded to faculty members of surpassing eminence whose work cuts across disciplinary boundaries, who have achieved exceptional scholarly or professional distinction within the academic community, and whose appointment will enhance the reputation and prestige of the university.

### Young visionaries build life-improving creations with 3D printers

While some see 3D printing as a novelty, others are using the technology to develop novel solutions to a wide range of societal issues. The latter was demonstrated at Brandeis, when students from several universities from the northeast, as well as from Waltham High School, participated in a 24-hour 3D printathon competition hosted by Deis3D, the Brandeis 3D printing club and the Brandeis Library and Technology services Maker Lab.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

### Organization can never be a substitute for initiative and for judgment.

Louis D. Brandeis

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## **Sunshine News**

I am Gertie Sanders, chairperson of the "Sunshine News".

We want to share your good news. It will give us a smile.

We want to share your sad news, so we can give you our support.

We want to hear about your adventure and your support for the community to share with our members.

Please send information to: Gertie Sanders, 805-230-1252-gertiesanders@gmail.com

### **Special Thanks to:**

Marsha Goldin and Rita Zarrell for giving us another lovely Installation. The centerpieces and tables were festive, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch and delightful entertainment. We had a wonderful surprise at the Installation, Marsha Rosenblum attended. She and Bob are very happy in their new home in Tucson.

### Our Very Best Wishes for a speedy recovery:

To anyone who is " under the weather", especially to Pearl Solomon who is still at UCLA.

Our condolences to: our new member Sandy Saltman on the loss of her husband Stuart.

#### Congratulations and Mazel Tov to:

~~ Joy Krieger on her granddaughter's becoming engaged and being accepted at USC for her Master's Program. ~~ Sandi Glade and Audrey Dyne on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson Dylan Dyne.

~~ Marty and Sandi Glade as they were honored By Chabad of Conejo Valley.

~~ Sharon and Herb Cohen on their grandson Justin Regan's Graduation from North Arizona University and his new position on the staff of NPR News Public Radio, Flagstaff, Az.

~~ Harriet & Paul Maran on their new home

~~ Gertie Sanders' twin granddaughters, who helped raise \$260,000 at a NYU "Dance-atone" for research on Pediatric Cancer.

~~ Helene and Carl Lustig happiness in their new beautiful apartment at University Village.

~~ Susan Barnett's granddaughter, Sarah, has graduated from Mt. Lebanon (PA) High School and will be attending Boston College in the fall. Her grandson, Justin, will be competing with the Westminster Choir in National Competition taking place in Pittsburgh over the July 4th weekend.

## **Social Justice/ Community Service**

Our Committee has been active in collecting donations for "LA Families" and "For Our Troops" as well as for "The Assistance League of Conejo Valley" where Judie Bodner and Jessie Pearlman volunteer, collect and deliver Teddy Bears to Urgent Care Facilities. Elisa Lazarus volunteers in her granddaughter Eden's class room

Elaine Bercy donated clothes for women and Marty and Sherry Weisman collected and donated lots of toiletries .

Ellie Puls is knitting scarves to be sent to our Troops! We have a lot of donated yarn, thanks to Bobbi Albert, but we are looking for a few more knitters.

Nancy Tanowitz, Frank and Helene Phillips volunteer at Los Robles Hospital. Frank also teaches Science class at Meadow Brook Assisted Living.

This is the list of the items we collect: clothes, toiletries, comics, antibacterial wipes, mini food.

Thank you all the caring, collecting, donating and volunteering. You make a difference in the quality of life for others.

For Info and pick-up please contact Gertie Sanders (805) 230-1252 gertiesanders@gmail.com



October 5, 2015

Brandeis is going back to the 50's.

We are very excited to announce international recording artists, 50s Doo Wop Group, Norman Fox and the Rob Roys, as entertainment for our Fall Luncheon and Boutique. <u>KIKIKIKIKIKIKIKIKI</u>

This will be the same show they perform all over the world. It will be a rocking good time.

For our Boutique we have many new vendors selling clothing, jewelry, handbags and other items that we all want. And, of course, we will have our Silent Auction. The date is Monday, October 5, 2015. The place is the Hyatt Westlake Plaza. 10:00 a.m. Invitations will be going out the end of August.

If you have any questions contact Barbara at 818-991-2667.

Save the Date!

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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.



# DONATE TO SUSTAINING THE MIND

## "Sustaining the Mind"

Join the Brandeis National Committee's "Sustaining the Mind: Scientific Research and Scholarships" campaign, raising funds to foster research in neuroscience

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

Brandeis researchers in more than 50 laboratories are dedicated to the study of neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and Parkinson's disease. The worldwide incidence of dementia (including Alzheimer's disease), currently exceeds 35 million and is predicted to double every 20 years.

Go to: www.brandeis.edu/bnc/philanthropy/ sustaining-the-mind.html and click on the logo to make your donation.

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### **CHAPTER TRIBUTES**

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Pearl Solomon	Susan Barnett	Speedy recovery
Ann Broome	Book Club	Speedy recovery
Shelley Wasserman	Sharon & Herb Cohen	Get well wishes
Sara Applebaum	Current Events Group	Get well wishes
Sara Applebaum	Book Group	Get well wishes
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Pearl Solomon	Antique Browsers	Get well wishes
Pearl Solomon	Bev Sklar	Get well wishes
Vicki Sacks.	Elaine Blonder	In memory of mother
Berniece Reed	Marsha & Herb Goldin	Memory of husband
Vicki Sacks	Rita Zarrell	In memory of mother
Vicki Sacks	Harriet Maran	In memory of mother
Sherry Friedman & Family	Helene & Frank Phillips	In memory of father
Janice Orlowski & Family	Helene & Frank Phillips	In memory of father
Nancy Minkow	Carol & Stan Smith	In honor granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah
Hannah Mercer	Carol & Stan Smith	In honor of your Bat Mitzvah
Maureen Levine	Tuesday Afternoon Readers	In honor of Bat Mitzvah
Maureen Levine	Helene & Frank Phillips	In honor of Bat Mitzvah
Carol Smith	Brandeis Board	In honor of being co-president
Susan Barnett	Brandeis Board	In honor of being co-president
Helene & Carl Lustig	Elaine Blonder	Mazel Tov on new home
Barb & Abe Weitzberg	Helene & Frank Phillips	Mazel Tov on birth of granddaughter
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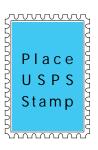
Mazel Tov on installation as co-president



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## **CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR**

## MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

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JULY 2, 2015 JULY 4, 2015 AUGUST 6, 2015 AUGUST 11, 2015	BOARD MEETING - 10:00 Independence Day BOARD MEETING - 10:00 GENERAL MEETING	have moved or your telephone number or email address has changed. Contact Madeline Ellis at 818-888-8216 or madelineellis@socal.rr.com		
AUGUST 2015 SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 SEPTEMBER 22, 2015	SMALL EVENT—TBA BOARD MEETING - 10:00 Rosh Ha-Shana Yom Kippur		Check our web site for all the updates on a regular basis! www.BrandeisConejo.org	
OCTOBER 5, 2015	FALL LUNCHEON			





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