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WE ARE ON THE WEB!

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Last month we designed and uploaded a new web site for the Conejo Valley Chapter. We will have all the latest news and information posted on the web site on a regular basis. Our members can enjoy all the latest technology, join study group, and look at our activity calendars. You can always directly email any of the board members. Simply go to the **CONTACT** page and click on the email address below each member's name. No more remembering board email addresses—it's all on the web!

If you need membership forms— you can download them on the web site under **FORMS**. We will also include all the order forms for upcoming events; this way, if you lost an invitation sent by mail, you can always download it on our web site. We will encourage every member to place our web address in their favorites and visit it on a regular basis for updates. We also welcome you to email us pictures and information you think will benefit everyone in the chapter. We hope that this web site not only keeps every one in the chapter more connected and up-to-date, but also helps us "Go Green" by saving more paper and sending fliers and newsletters via the web.

Any information, suggestions or ideas, email to the web master: alvira@woman-only.com

Back by popular demand

Brandeis, Conejo Valley Chapter, is returning to The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009**. See details inside!!!

APRIL 20, 2009 - BOOKS 'N BRUNCH"

One of our featured authors will be Academy Award winning producer Walter Mirisch. He has written "I Thought We Were Making Movies, Not History." and produced "Some Like It Hot," "Fiddler On The Roof," "The Apartment," "West Side Story," and "The Pink Panther movies, among others. Our other guest is Jacqueline Berger, author of "The First Ladies." She is a leading authority on America's First Ladies. She has spoken to standing room only audiences at The Eisenhower, Nixon, Truman and Reagan Presidential Libraries and Universities.

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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.

Presidium's Message



Honey Bencomo



Sharon Cohen



Beverly Sklar

First, a sincere thank you to all of our members for your involvement in our many activities and events this year. Your participation keeps our Chapter strong. We also want to recognize and thank some of the people who have provided so much support and commitment to our activities.

Our fall luncheon was a great success, and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We are so proud of Barbara Polisky and her committee who worked so hard to ensure that this would be a delightful day.

Laraine Karelitz, Nancy Minkow, and Judy Grossmann have increased the number and quality of our Study and Special Interest Groups this year. Thank you for the new friendships and intellectual stimulation provided to all who now attend these sessions.

To Ellie Puls and her Membership Committee, thank you, for continuing to do a great job in welcoming new members and helping them get involved in many of our activities.

We want to recognize the contribution of Berniece Reed. Due to her hard work, our Telephone Committee is well-organized and efficient, and it was very successful working with membership and attendance for our luncheon.

Edith Dellorco and her Community Service Group have had amazing success this year. The Chapter is grateful and very proud of them and the many projects they have started.

A special thanks to Alvira and Helene Lustig for a fantastic newsletter. This publication is always full of useful insights and interesting news.

Also, a continued thank you to Shelly Wasserman for all the printed material you see at our meetings and gatherings. The design, labels, and any other printed items for our events are all handled by her.

We encourage each of you to join us as a volunteer. Your contribution will be so appreciated, and we cannot emphasize enough the fun and satisfaction you will receive in return.

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Brandeis University Site Bytes

Do you know that Anita Hill is a professor of Law, Social Policy and Women's Studies at the Heller School at Brandeis University?

Do you know that Tim Morehouse, who graduated Brandeis in 2000, is the first Olympian from Brandeis to receive a Silver Medal? He received it for Fencing at the Beijing Olympics. Tim will receive a special citation for distinguished achievement in a ceremony at Brandeis University.

Did you know that "Smart Balance", the healthful buttery spread was developed by Brandeis University's Nutrition Scientists?

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65	5.7%
70	6.1%
75	6.7%
80	7.6%
85	8.9%
90	10.5%

Rates good through June 30, 2009



BRANDEIS WENT TO BROADWAY

We held our 3rd annual Membership Luncheon and Boutique on Tues Sept 23, 2008 at North Ranch Country Club. Our exciting program featured Cantor Ron Li Paz, Bronwen Li Paz, the Second Stage Dance Company and Jack Beilan at the piano. They performed songs from Broadway Musicals and were most entertaining. Our 200 members and guests gave this fabulous troupe a standing ovation. We had terrific vendors in our Boutique, selling clothing, jewelry, purses and gift items, which was highly successful. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful day.

Barbara Polisky — Fundraising VP — (818)991-2667





STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:

Brandeis Conejo is off to a great start this year with all existing study groups and new groups in place. There are still a few openings available for the following groups.

*Women's Discussion — Men's' Open Forum — Men's' Current Events
Out and About — Needlepoint/Knitting — New Book Group — Movie
Groups — Legal Puzzlers*

Please contact your Study Group Vice Presidents for information.

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Study group leaders:

Have any new or interesting information, pictures or updates to share? Please email to: Alvira alvira@woman-only.com

I'm looking for someone to replace me as a Study Group VP for next year. The job is quite easy since all of the study groups are in place and we have very efficient liaisons that place new members into groups. Please contact

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WOW !!!! I am amazed at how well membership is growing. We have been getting new members at a phenomenal rate and all are such lovely ladies. The fall luncheon was not only a terrific afternoon but a huge membership success. The entire chapter wants to welcome all of our new members. We had our first new member coffee of the year at Nancy Minkow's lovely home on October 23rd. The list of those attending just grew and grew. Everyone had their questions answered and enjoyed making new friends. If you know of someone who has recently joined, or is interested in joining, and would like to attend our next new member coffee, please let me know. My phone number is 818- 889- 5555.

If you have misplaced your Free Study Group Coupon, please call me and I can give you the information to give to your study group leader. Study group leaders please remember to send the coupons to me and the money to Artheen Block. Also, I want to remind everyone that if you change your address, phone number, or email address, please let me know so that we can change the list and you will receive our mailers and phone calls.

Ellie Puls -- Membeship V.P -- Email: norm0020@yahoo.com (818-889-5555.)

Community Service Committee— Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in participating in any of the following activities, please call Roni at 805 908-1064. She will give you the details.

Help tutor children after school in Thousand Oaks (near Moorpark and Wilbur Rd.). Volunteers are asked to come once a week at 3 PM and would be greatly appreciated. Retired teachers, we need you!

MANNA (a food bank in Thousand Oaks) needs volunteers to help low income people select food in their warehouse.

We would like to thank all of our donors who took the time to collect items for RAIN (a transitional home for homeless). The chapter is collecting unopened travel toiletries, yarn (for afghans), disposable diapers, laundry detergent, silverware (new or used), and children's books. We made a delivery on October 21st with a full car. While there, we met a darling little girl and her mother who were new residents. They said that their room was pretty empty. The toddler took one look at the doll house that we brought with us, pointed and said, "Mine." And, so it was. It was a lovely moment for all of us. For donation pick up or delivery, please call Sharon Bloom Chernoff (818-788-4313) at her office, or Susan Carl (818-865-2934). Please invite your individual study groups to participate in these donations. This is on-going project and we plan to make a delivery every two months.

Thanks for your generosity!!!!

Sharon Chernoff

Edith Dellorco, Community Service Chairman (805-777-1704)



BRANDEIS NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER
Back by popular demand we are returning to



THE FABULOUS PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES Wednesday, January 28, 2009

The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies is a world famous Broadway caliber celebration of music, dance and comedy of the 30's, 40's and 50's, with a cast old enough to have lived it. The Follies' 18th season will celebrate Route 66 with an all new show titled "Get Your Kicks." Their world famous line of Long Legged Lovelies and Follies Gentleman (all 57 to 85 years young) along with "Follies Man" Riff Markowitz will travel this highway via music, dance, comedy and all the iconic imagery The Mother Road holds in our collective imaginations. We are leaving at 9:00 a.m. from the Ralphs parking lot on the corner of Kanan and Thousand Oaks Blvd. in Agoura Hills, STOPPING AT BALBOA PARK ON BURBANK BLVD. IN ENCINO TO PICK UP VALLEY PEOPLE AT 9:30 a.m. (Please indicate if you will be meeting us there.) We will be traveling by bus, which includes a rest room. LIMIT TO 55 PEOPLE. Bring a sack lunch as we will be eating on the bus. Water will be provided. We will be stopping for dinner on the way home and will return at approximately 9:00 p.m.

\$75.00 per person (includes Follies ticket, bus and water) Dinner is not included.



Cut this part, fill and mail with your check to the address below:



Enclosed is my check for _____ reservations @ \$75 each.

All monies raised will go to scholarships for students doing research in the sciences using the laboratory, working with staff researchers and consulting the journals. We are proud to support the future leaders that will be responsible for the imminent medical breakthroughs of tomorrow.

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Mail with your check to: (this form is also available on our web site under: **Latest News**)
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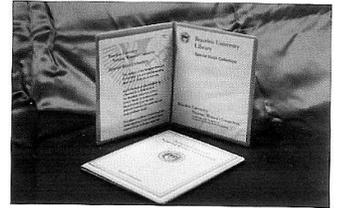


BOOK FUND HAS TRIBUTES FOR EVERY OCCASION

Tributes are always 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 Libraries to purchase books and scholarly research journals in all academic areas. Note: Your purchase of Book Fund Tributes is 100% tax deductible.

We look forward to continuing the Conejo Valley Chapter's tradition of raising funds. Book Fund offers members a way of enriching the University by sending meaningful tributes for many different occasions.

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CHAPTER TRIBUTES

TO	FROM	Message
Stephen Sklar	Conejo Valley Board	Get Well
Stephen Sklar	Marsha & Bob Rosenblum	Get Well
Fritkin Family	Sharon & Herb Cohen	In Memory of Son
Fritkin Family	Bev & Steve Sklar	In Memory of Son
Fritkin Family	Muriel Rosenkranz	In Memory of Son
Ellie & Norm Puls	Conejo Valley Board	In Memory of Son-inLaw
Ellie & Norm Puls	Sharon & Herb Cohen	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Helene Lustig	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Renee Spero	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Bob & Marsha Rosenblum	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Bobbi Albert	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Laurie Abramson	In Memory of Son-in-Law
Ellie & Norm Puls	Ellie Jacobs	In Memory of Son-in Law
Selma Fisher	Sharon & Herb Cohen	Condolence
Linda Kern	Sharon & Herb Cohen	Get Well
Helene Lustig	Conejo Valley Board	Get Well
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Our new site:

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The Conejo Valley Board and Chapter wish to thank Board member Alvira K. for

taking the time away from her own busy Web Design Business, to design a Web Site for the Conejo Valley Chapter. A Web Site has long been a dream of our chapter. Without Alvira's contribution our dream would never have become a reality. Please see for yourself. Go to our new site at www.brandeisconejo.org

Study Group Guidelines for Spouses

Please Note:

If a husband and wife are participating in study groups together or individually, they *both* must be BNC members in good standing with dues for each person paid through July, 2009.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE EMAIL . . .



We want to be sure that you receive all of the information you need to stay involved and enjoy all the activities that our chapter has to offer. Much of our communication is sent via email because it is fast and saves postage. But if you do not use email, we want you to receive the information in a timely way, too.

To make sure that you get all the news when everyone else does, just:

* Send **5 stamped, self-addressed envelopes to Barbara Polisky, Fundraising 5 6 5 8 Starwood Court Westlake Village, CA 91362**

Then, whenever any email flyer or other info is sent, you will get the same news via U.S. Mail. We want to make sure you enjoy your membership!