

## News & Views Conejo Valley Chapter

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### BOOKS DONATED TO VETERANS

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WW11 veteran.

The Conejo Valley Chapter of the Brandeis National Committee held a fundraiser on Monday, April 20, 2009. Sixty-nine books, used as table centerpieces, were donated by the chapter to the Sepulveda Veteran's Administration library and hospital. Chapter member Barbara Kimel delivered the books. Pictured above are L.M. Salberg, volunteer librarian, Barbara Kimel and Jack Kaplan,

### BOOKS 'N BRUNCH

The date, April 20, 2009. The place, Hyatt Westlake Hotel. The event, BOOKS 'N BRUNCH. We asked for your support and we got it. An overwhelming response. We hosted the largest number of guests ever and over 20 of them became new members. The Hyatt did a wonderful job. Everything ran smoothly. Jacqueline Berger told us interesting stories about First Ladies. She was very charming and entertaining. Barbara Polisky sang a little introduction for Walter Mirisch (she was really brave since, by her own admission, she can't sing). Mr. Mirisch told us about his love of movies, about the actors who starred in them (some great to work with and some so very difficult). We really enjoyed listening to the Hollywood inside scoop. If you missed this event we are sure you heard all about it from your friends. On behalf of our chapter we would like to thank everyone for supporting this event. It takes members like you to make a chapter successful and we are one great chapter!

#### **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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For all the latest news and updates!



## A Message from Your Presidium

It is hard to believe that one year has past since we were elected your Presidium. Leading this amazing chapter has been an unbelievable experience. We have grown to 380 members and 34 associate members. Conejo Valley Chapter is proud to have over 30 study groups with more being started as needed. As part of our community service, members are collecting toiletries for the women's shelter, making afghans for the children and baby sitting for the women when they are job searching. As your Presidium, we feel honored to be leading a chapter of dedicated women. Thank you to all of our members and friends for your support of our Books 'N Brunch event. This was a huge success because of your participation. We want to thank our current board for their untiring support of

our chapter and projects. Without them we could not have accomplished all that we have this year.

This has truly been a team effort, working together to support Brandeis University: A University that accepts all students. A University that helps students in need of financial help. Seventy five percent of all students are on some type of financial aid. A University that sends a high percentage of students to medical school. A University that continues to be in the forefront of medical research.

Your participation in our programs and bringing new members into our chapter helps the University and our chapter to continue to grow. We are indebted to you and thank you.



Honey, Sharon, Beverly

As we begin another year together we welcome our new board and chairmen. Please consider joining a committee. Working together we will have another wonderful year and Brandeis University will continue to benefit from your hard work and dedication.

Love,  
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## Brandeis University Site

[www.brandeis.edu/now](http://www.brandeis.edu/now)

### Teen Sexual Harassment Study

The Shuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University and NOW, the PBS public affairs program, are working together to present an investigation of teen sexual harassment in the workplace. The program, "Teen Sexual Harassment at Work," will feature the reporting of E. J. Graff's, the Schuster Institute's Associate Director and senior researcher. According to Graff's research, teenagers are in more danger from sexual predators at their part-time jobs than through the Internet. This has been largely unreported, but now young women and men have been coming forward to tell their stories.



### BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY OPENS SAN DIEGO ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Brandeis University now has a Western Regional Office of Undergraduate Admissions located in San Diego. Martin Vaughn is the Associate Director charged with managing all student recruitment activities in Western States.

Prior to his Brandeis appointment, Martin served as the Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He has already seen very positive results for Brandeis in the Western Region. He will be pleased to talk with BNC members and their friends and family about Brandeis admissions.

Martin can be contacted at  
[mvaughn@brandeis.edu](mailto:mvaughn@brandeis.edu).

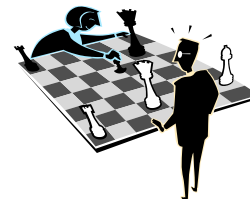


## STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:

Lila Segal, game liaison, reports that a CANASTA GAME and a POKER GAME are in formation. The MEXICAN TRAIN GAME recently had its' first meeting with 7 enthusiastic players. If there is enough interest, another group will be formed in the fall. For any questions or information about all game groups, contact Lila 805-375-3145

There is also a new Book Group that will be starting in the fall; anyone interested, please contact Sheri Weisman, 818- 865-8470

Did you know that our chapter has many male members? We offer study groups just for men and have many study groups for couples. So, if you know of a man, with time on his hands, tell him about the stimulating study groups and friendships that the Conejo Valley Chapter of Brandeis has to offer. New members who join now will receive a 14 month membership. Also, join study groups now for a 14 month membership.



For information about all study groups, membership, chapter events and news, go to: [www.brandeisconejo.org](http://www.brandeisconejo.org)



### A note from Laraine:

This is my last year as Vice President of Study Groups. It has been a pleasure and a challenge to be a part of starting our chapter's study groups from the very beginning. We now have over 30 active groups and I couldn't have done this without all of your help. The three Vice Presidents for the coming year are very capable and already working on exciting new groups.

Laraine Karelitz — Vice-President — Study Groups

## CONEJO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The CONEJO VALLEY CHAPTER has chosen the RAIN PROJECT in Camarillo, which serves homeless families, as their main community service to the local area. We collect sample size toiletries, disposable diapers, detergents, toys, and bicycles, even old bicycles that need some repair. Bring them to your study groups and have someone call us for pickup or delivery. Call Susan Carl at 818- 865-2934 or Sharon Bloom Chernoff at 805-778-1048. Also, members are needed for babysitting the children after school and on weekends while the adults go to job training classes or job interviews.

The five inch squares that our members are making for afghans have found a new destination. The finished afghans are now given to the "In Home Elderly." RAIN will have them delivered throughout the county. Ellie Puls has been turning the squares into afghans and would like someone to volunteer to help her. She also has extra donated yarn for members to use. Bring the squares and any donated yarn to your study group leaders. Call Ellie at 818-889-5555 or email her at [norm0020@yahoo.com](mailto:norm0020@yahoo.com)

MANNA, a food bank in Thousand Oaks, needs volunteers to help low income people select food on certain days in their warehouse.

### Recycle and Help

The Ronald Mc Donald House needs your tin can tabs (only the tab part) from soda cans, soup or vegetable cans. The money collected from the tabs is used to enable the parents of ill children to stay overnight with their children at the facility where they are being treated. Collect them yourself and give them to your study group leader or any Committee or Board member.

Safely recycle your old medicines by dropping them off at Ventura Mental Health, 72 Moody Ct, Thousand Oaks, 805-777-3500. Used diabetic needles can be dropped off at Los Robles Medical Center.

Please donate old cell phones to Verizon. The phones are cleared and set to call 911 and are given to women in need for emergency reasons. Either drop the phones in the bin in the Verizon store or give them to a Committee or Board member.

There is an old batteries container at the Goebel Senior Center on Janss Road in Thousand Oaks. Dead batteries and light bulbs can be dropped off at the Agoura Hills Library on Agoura Road and Ladyface Road.

Do you know anyone or facility that could use an adult inhaler? If so, call Maxine Frankel at 818- 991-7178.

We are always looking for suggestions for new volunteer projects. If you have any suggestions please call one of the above phone numbers or Edith Dellorco, Community Service Committee Chairman, at 805-777-1704.





## Welcome New Members !

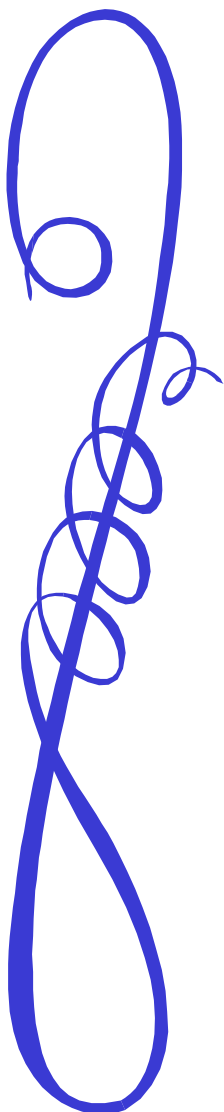
We have far exceeded our hopes for membership and still growing! We have 380 members, including 50 men!

***Renew your membership promptly during July.***

New members Tea will be held on May 28th at Marilyn Woobel's house. For more information,

### Here's a Big Hello to New Members...

BASKERVILLE, ROBERTA.  
BAUM, NOREEN.  
BROWN, ROBERTA.  
BUCH, SANDY.  
BUCKMAN, MARYLYN.  
CLAPKIN, SHEILA.  
COHNSTEIN, FLORENCE.  
DAVIDSON, JOAN.  
ELLIS, MADELINE.  
FELDSTEIN, WENDY.  
FRADIN, CINDY.  
GOLDBERG, MARCIA.  
HANDELMAN, JAN.  
HIRSCH, ROBERTA.  
KOPPEL, WENDY.  
MALTER, MISTY.  
MASSERMAN, DONNA.  
NATHANS, MICKEY.  
NEUBERG, SHERI.  
ROSEN, JILL.  
TURK, BARBARA.  
URBACH, CYNTHIA.  
WALTERS, MARY JO.  
YANKE, BOBBI.  
YOUNG, TERI.



## Installation luncheon

The annual Installation of Officer's luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Eric's Restaurant at the Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks.

Annie Reznik, an eleven year old fantastic singer will entertain. Annie has performed all over the local area including the Civic Arts Plaza. Her singing has been compared to Celine Dion and Barbara Streisand. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon. See attached invitation for more information.

**RSVP by June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

For information contact: Marsha Rosenblum  
Ph.:805-496-1463 email: marsha29ros@earthlink.net.

To view Annie singing go to

<http://www.youtube.com>

Download invitation at: **[www.brandeisconejo.org](http://www.brandeisconejo.org)**

### ROSE MUSEUM NEWS

THE UNIVERSITY HAS APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO WORK ON WHAT WILL BE BEST FOR THE UNIVERSITY AND THE MUSEUM. IN A STATEMENT FROM PRESIDENT JEHUDA REINHARZ THE ROSE ART MUSEUM WILL STAY OPEN AS A UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. SOME ARTWORK MAY BE SOLD, BUT AT THIS MOMENT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO SELL ANY OF THE ART.

*excerpt from a letter to BNC leaders from Carol Kern, BNC National President*





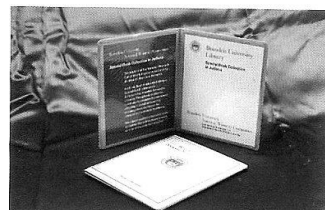
## BOOK FUND HAS TRIBUTES FOR EVERY OCCASION

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

Send a Brandeis Tribute and spread warmth, kindness, caring, love, understanding and friendship. We promise same day service.

**Muriel Rosenkranz** - (805) 445-9004 - murcal29@msn.com

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### CHAPTER TRIBUTES

TO	FROM	Message
Ellie Puls	Brandeis Board	Get Well
Joe Gero	Brandeis Board	Get Well
Muriel Rosenkranz	Brandeis Board	Get Well
Paula & Marv in Kraft	Lila Segal	Congratulations
Naomi Spanier	Lila Segal	Condolence
Edith Dellorco	Marsha Rosenblum	Get Well

#### Study group leaders:

Have any news, pictures or updates to share?  
Please email to: Alvira [alvira@woman-only.com](mailto:alvira@woman-only.com)

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#### THEATER GROUP NEWS:

In May, many of us in the theater group, "Broadway Bound," attended performances of "The Accomplishes," "God's Favorite," and "Ain't Misbehavin'".

In June, we're going to see "Spit Like a Big Girl" at the Rubicon Theater. We ALWAYS have room for new members in this wonderful group.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Nina Fenster-Smylie at [nfenster@verizon.net](mailto:nfenster@verizon.net)

## Conejo Valley BNC Study Groups — 2009

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 <sup>st</sup>	Hot Mama Mahjers 1:00 p.m. weekly Mah Jong Group 2 1:00 p.m. weekly Book Club 12 Noon Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Literary Potpourri 10 a.m. We the Jury (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Women of a Certain Age 12:30 Noon (1st & 3rd) Art & Antiques 11:45 a.m.	BOARD MEETING 9:30 a.m. Mah Jong Group 3 1:00 p.m. weekly Flick Chicks (singles) 1:30 p.m. Men 's Open Forum 9:30 a.m.	Mah Jong Mavens 10 a.m. weekly		Broadway Bound Theater Group Contact Nina Fenster (818)987- 7662
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fearless Hikers 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> in the a.m. Women in Transition 9:45 a.m. (2nd & 4th)	The Book Thieves 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Afternoon Readers 1 p.m. The Wild Bunch on the Go (On the Town, sin- gles) Bridge(couples) 7:00p.m.	Cinema Gals 1:00 p.m. Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m.	Legal Eagles (singles) 1:00 p.m. Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m. Cinema Addicts 7:30 p.m. Pan 11 a.m.			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Current Events (women) 9:30 a.m. Current Events 10:00 a.m. Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Life and Times 10 a.m. On the Town (singles) Legal Puzzlers (couples) 7:15 p.m.	Happy Bookers 12 Noon Men's Current Events 9:45 a.m. Life's Issues: Women 9:45 a.m.	On the Town, Daytime Divas (singles) On the Town Daytime Trotters (singles) Men's Open Forum 9:30 a.m. MahJong (singles) 1p.m.	Yiddish 10:30 a.m.		1. On the Town (couples) 2. Go Getters—On the Town (couples) 3. On the Town (couples)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Life Issues 9:30 a.m.	Legal Puzzlers (singles) 10:00 a.m.	Bridge (singles) 1:00 p.m. Mexican Train - 4rd Wednesday 1 p.m.-4.p.m. Bridge (couples) 7 p.m.	Women's View 9:30 a.m.		Movie Critics (couples) 7:30 p.m.	





## Books 'N Brunch — Here we go!!!





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**CBRANDEIS CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS AND HOLIDAYS**

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS. OF THE MONTH - 9:30 AM  
KINECTA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
973 S. WESTLAKE BLVD.  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361OUR

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

MAY 25	MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 28	MEMBERSHIP TEA
MAY 29	SHAVUOT
JUNE 4	BOARD MEETING - 9:30
JUNE 11	CHAPTER BOARD INSTALLATION
JUNE 21	FATHER'S DAY
JULY 2	BOARD MEETING - 9:30
JULY 3	INDEPENDENCE DAY' OBSERVED
JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEP 7	LABOR DAY

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regular basis for the  
latest updates.**

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