



News & Views - Conejo Chapter
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Welcome Newly Elected Board!



Brandeis National Committee Conejo Valley Chapter
Cordially invites you to celebrate our Installation of Officers and Directors
Wednesday, May 29th 10:45 a.m.
Los Robles Greens Country Club
299 S. Moorpark Rd.
Thousand Oaks, 805-495-6421
Tracy & Tricia - Entertainers Extraordinaire will be joining us!
Download Invitations from our web site:
www.BrandeisConejo.org

Please RSVP no later than May 20th



A Message from Your CO-Presidents

Well, your peripatetic co-president is home from the wilds of Africa and bursting with stories of lions and zebras and elephants, of my! But, the most interesting adventure was a visit to a school in Zimbabwe. It was out in the Kalahari and seemed miles from everywhere. The kids were adorable and so inquisitive and so much in need of all types of school supplies. All I could think was that maybe one or more of them might find a mentor who could direct their education and send them to the U. S. for college. Maybe he or she would be the first student

from Zimbabwe at Brandeis. After all, we do have more than 25 countries sending students to Brandeis. Of course, this student would need some financial help, so the funds that you and I raise as part of BNC will take care of that as they do for more than 70% of our students.

It all means so much more when it can be seen personally right there at the school. In talking about it, we just let our imaginations take off. We also realized that the two of us can "kvell" about the great work the Conejo Valley Chapter is doing when we see how much is needed and how much we are ac-



Marsha Rosenblum and Ellie Puls

complishing by our Study Groups and events. We cannot stop now.

It has been an exciting and gratifying three years for us. You have been an amazing chapter and you all have made the job of co-president such a pleasure for us. We will always be Conejo Valley Chapter boosters.

Ellie Puls and Marsha Rosenblum .

Brandeis National Committee History

Located in Waltham, Massachusetts, Brandeis University is ranked in the top

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tier of universities in the country. Founded in 1948 and named for the late Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court, it is the only nonsectarian, Jewish-founded university in the country, known for its academic excellence and ideals of social justice. At the same time as Brandeis founding, eight women from Boston, all leaders in the community, were asked to help in supporting this new university. They were given the task of building on the collection of 2,000 books in the Library, which was housed in a converted horse stable. The dedication and perseverance of these women, who now called themselves the National Women's Committee continues today, sixty-five years later, as the Brandeis National Committee. With over 80 chapters nationwide and over 60,000 members, BNC is one of the largest and most successful "friends of a library organizations in the world. Over the years, we have placed over one million books in the Brandeis libraries, and raised over \$100 million for Brandeis University and its libraries, scholarship and research. Brandeis University has become one of the youngest private research universities, with groundbreaking exploration in neurodegenerative and age-related diseases.

Our Conejo Valley Chapter, is proud to be a part of this wonderful endeavor. The funds we raise from our events and study groups help to support the development and expansion of Brandeis's Libraries. They are able to purchase books and research journals, restore and preserve books and film, develop information technology, and hire student work assistants. While most of us did not attend Brandeis University or have never visited, we are dedicated supporters to a university that prides itself in bringing together many people of different ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Membership Happening: New Member Coffee

On April 29, our chapter held a new and prospective member coffee at the lovely home of Elaine Blonder. After introductions everyone had the opportunity to tell something about themselves and found much in common. Then we enjoyed presentations by our enthusiastic and knowledgeable board members on events, the history of Brandeis University, and the Conejo Valley Chapter. We also learned that our Community Service Committee helps many people in the community, and our tributes are the perfect way to remember someone. Our fantastic study groups have grown over the past year and there are now over 70 groups for our members to join.

Our members enjoy social gatherings, make new friendships and interact with individuals who have shared interests. We want to welcome the following new members into our chapter, and remember you can always check BrandeisConejo.org at any time to see what is going on with our chapter.

Membership V.P. Bobbi Albert 805-480-1846 teacherba@aol.com

Welcome New Members

Susan Dimont
Peter Greenhood
Dorothy Mestman

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ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY AWAITS YOU

No experience necessary

The Event Planning Committee is looking for a FEW GOOD PEOPLE to help plan our two big events, our Annual Membership Luncheon and Boutique and Books N Brunch. Your enthusiasm, input and ideas for our fabulous events is all that is needed.

If you join the committee, you will receive a \$1000 signing bonus (just kidding)

BUT WAIT, THERE IS MORE.....

For the first 25 people who show up at the next meeting you will receive a flat screen TV (just kidding again, but we do serve cookies, which should be a big incentive)

So contact Barbara at 818-991-2667 and say YES for an exciting adventure on the Event Planning Committee



STUDY GROUPS NEWS and UPDATES:



STUDY GROUP REPORT -

Welcome to the incoming Study Group Vice-Presidents, Sue Geiger, Timmie High and Jass Weinstein. Bonnie Gould will be continuing as a Study Group Vice –President and will be handling all the computer related portion of the Study Group management. We are lucky to have Sam Goldberg joining us a liaison to our men’s groups.



Thank you to the outgoing Vice-President, Carol Smith and outgoing Director, Rita Zarrell for the outstanding job that they have done. Kudos also to our unofficial advisor, Nancy Minkow.

We’re looking forward to a great 2013-2014!

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Sign Up Forms and Registration Forms on our web site: www.BrandeisConejo.org

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



“DIVAS” in Hollywood!



“Men Unlimited” at LA Police Museum in Highland Park

“OnTheTown Couples” in Vine Cellar





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

THE ART WORLD: Antiques: Go to Antiques 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 provokeing insight's 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—805-777-1704

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.

Woman in Transition and Can We Talk: Offers a safe place for sharing confidence's 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 it's 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: MAH JONG/CANASTA/MEXICAN TRAIN

JEWISH GENEALOGY: Trace your family roots

LADIES OF LEISURE: Women that 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.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

"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

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.

CIO REPORT - Harriet Maran:

Teachers should rethink meaning of student silence

Teachers who think that silent students are not participating in class should reconsider, Mills College Dean of Education Kathy Schultz told 100 local educators at a recent Brandeis forum.

There are many ways to think about student silence in classrooms, but all should include an understanding that silence is a form of participation. Instead of rewarding speech and penalizing silence, Schultz urged teachers to think in a more nuanced way about resisting what they are hearing, may be using silence as way to feel more in control or might just be waiting for a reason to speak.

Silence can give some students time and space for learning. Some students come from a culture in which silence is a form of respect or deference. Silence can be a container that can hold all sorts of things. This give us new ways to understand classroom interactions and how silence and speech are interconnected.

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Dead Sea Scrolls come alive at Brandeis

Brandeis educational partnership with the Museum of Science provides unique insight into the era

A kickoff event designed to introduce students to exciting educational opportunities at Brandeis University which are designed to take advantage of the presence of a major exhibition of Dead Sea Scrolls and artifacts from ancient Israel.

Fragments of hundreds of scrolls have been discovered since 1947, most in caves in the area of Qumran, near the northwest corner of the Dead Sea. About 230 of the scrolls are manuscripts of biblical texts. The scrolls are of tremendous historical significance, offering a sense of how the biblical text developed, of the transition from biblical to rabbinic Judaism, and of aspects of the Jewish background of early Christianity.

In addition to the scrolls and smaller objects from the biblical periods, highlights include a three-ton stone from Jerusalem's West Wall, limestone capitals from the first temple periods (1000-586 BCE) and ossuaries from the early Roman period.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY SAN DIEGO ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Brandeis University 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 the Western States. He will be pleased to talk with BNC members, their family or friends about Brandeis admissions. Martin can be contacted at mvaughn@brandeis.edu



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Sunshine News

I am Gertie Sanders, chairperson of the new committee, "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

Our Very Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Israel Klain, Bob Rosenblum, Hank Abramson, Helene Lustig, Arlene Liebowitz ,

Our condolences to:

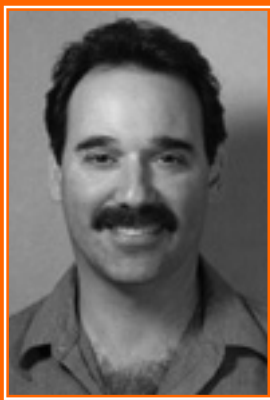
Berniece Reed on the loss of her precious niece

Congratulations to:

Joy Krieger on the graduation of granddaughter Samantha, from the University of Michigan.

Alvira and Israel Klain on the graduation of daughter Desere, from UCLA ENGINEERING School

Renee Spero on her son's award (read article below)



Renee Spero's son, Prof. Howard J. Spero, was recently awarded a Humboldt Research Award by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, in the area of geochemistry. The Research Award comes with a 60,000 Euro prize and an invitation to spend a period of up to one year collaborating with research colleagues at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Bremerhaven Germany.

Howard J. Spero, Ph.D.

Dr. Spero is a Professor at the University of California Davis and current Chair of the Department of Geology. He is a geochemist and geobiologist who specializes in the field of paleoceanography - the study of the relationship between climate change, ocean chemistry and circulation throughout Earth history.

Howard Spero received the Humboldt Award for his experimental research on the geochemistry of a group of planktonic organisms, foraminifera, which produce tiny shells that fall to the seafloor and accumulate as fossils after the organism dies. The chemical composition of these tiny shells allows scientists to reconstruct the history of climate and ocean change throughout Earth history. Much of Dr. Spero's research was conducted at the University of Southern California's Wrigley Marine Science Institute on Santa Catalina Island. The results of his research are being used to interpret fossil foraminifera geochemical data from deep sea cores in order to reconstruct sea surface temperatures, ocean pH and CO₂ concentrations in Earth's past.

Dr. Spero received his Ph.D. in Biology from UC Santa Barbara in 1986. He is a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, the Geological Society of America and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dear special Brandeis Family,

Our hearts are full of love, happiness and amazement at the outpouring of love during my husband, Bob's recent illness.

How blessed we are to know you and be part of such a caring group of people! Brandeis is the best

Thank you from the bottom of our heart's

Bob and Marsha Rosenblum



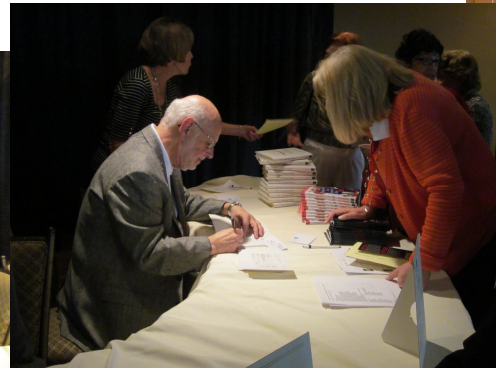


Pictures From Books 'N Brunch:

Our Books 'n Brunch event was very well received by the attendees. By all accounts, everyone enjoyed the day, the speakers and the food. Of the 75 attendees (not counting the authors), only 5 were guests.

We are now moving on to the Membership Luncheon currently scheduled for **October 10th, 2013**

Event Planning team- Susan Barnett; Barbara Polisky





Nancy Osborne provided the entertainment for our April 16th "Small Events", she was fabulous, we had approximately 80 members and guests attending and they all enjoyed listening to Nancy's wonderful voice and great personality. Refreshments were provided at the end. This was my last "Small Event" for Brandeis, I have loved my job and would like to thank all those that helped me to make it a success. I could not have done it without my great helpers. Thank you all for your support, I truly appreciated it. *Joy*



Nancy Osborne after her performance



Small Event in February

CHAPTER TRIBUTES

<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>MESSAGE</u>
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Shelly & Paul Wasserman	Sheila Anderson	Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sara Rector	Rhoda Reiner, Nosh and Knowledge Group	Thank You

All Proceeds from Tributes go to the Brandeis University Library

“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.

The Brandeis campaign's motto is: **“Much has been accomplished; more needs to be done.”**

To help in this campaign we ask you to support our fundraisers, consider Brandeis National Committee when you donate and ask your friends and relatives for help with this important effort.

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





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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Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill. — Barbara Tuchman

BOOK FUND TRIBUTE — MAIL ORDER FORM

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Nancy Minkow

1421 Dorset, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

For telephone orders call:

Lila: 805-375-3145 or **Nancy** 805-496-6113

Note: *Orders must be accompanied by a check.*

Use a separate form for each tribute.

Forms may be photocopied..

- \$5 Blue & White Tribute Card
- \$10 Goldfarb Library at Night Card
- \$18 Louis Brandeis Portrait Card (Chai)
- \$35 LRJ with Newly Designed Inserts (red)
- \$55 Medical Science Journal Folio (blue)
- Other Major Donations

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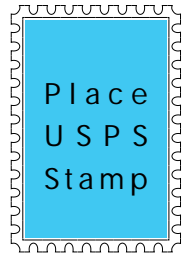
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CONEJO VALLEY CALENDAR

BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST THURS.
 OF THE MONTH - 10:00 AM
 Thousand Oaks library

1401 E. Janss Road, Thousand Oaks, CA

MAY 2, 2013	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
MAY 27, 2013	MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 29, 2013	INSTALLATION
JUNE 6, 2013	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
JUNE 7-10, 2013	National BNC meeting in Waltham
JUNE 16, 2013	FATHERS DAY
JULY 7, 2013	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
AUGUST 1, 2013	BOARD MEETING - 10:00
OCTOBER 10, 2013	Membership Luncheon
JANUARY 19-21, 2014	Western Region Conference

IF YOU DON'T HAVE EMAIL . . .



We want to be sure that you receive all of the information about all the activities that our chapter has to offer. Much of our communication is sent via email because it is fast and saves postage. If you do not use email, or if you do not have a computer use THE BUDDY system—call a person in your group who does have a computer to keep up to date.



Check our web site for all the updates on a regular basis!