



"Intermezzo" by League member Marilyn Sutton

The New West Symphony League
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The Pleasure of Your Company 2018

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Why is the Middle East So Confusing for Americans?

Paul Hanson, Ph.D., Professor of History, California Lutheran University
June 29, Friday, 1:30 - 3:00 pm, \$50 per person, Limited to 50 guests
University Village Thousand Oaks Balboa Room, snacks provided
Hosted by Kathy and Sky Todd and University Village Thousand Oaks

U.S. involvement in the Middle East has been extensive over the past few decades, but rarely successful in defining or accomplishing our goals. Dr. Paul Hanson will provide an updated summary of current Middle East conflicts and look at how U.S. policy decisions may have affected them. He will try to identify the motives and strategies of the key actions and discuss possible outcomes of different scenarios. Dr. Hanson earned his Ph.D. in Middle Eastern and South Asian history at the University of Chicago.

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Paradise Falls Hike and Picnic

June 30, Saturday, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
\$50 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Wildwood Park, Thousand Oaks
Hosted by Dr. Denise Danne and Ernestine Stansbery

A docent-led 3-mile loop hike will take us to the beautiful Paradise Falls. The waterfall plunges 30 feet into a large pool. There are several views to take in at the falls. We will then have a boxed lunch to complete our day. It is strongly advised to wear hiking boots, hat, and perhaps bring walking poles. Dogs are welcome, too. Get out and enjoy this event with your family!

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Verdi's Gift and Milan's Cuisine

July 1, Sunday, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
\$75 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Private home in Westlake Village
Hosted by Renée Salick, Ed.D., Ida Lanza and Cindy Idell

Christine La Monte, Producer of the upcoming feature documentary film **VIVA VERDI!**, will present highlights from the film which is an intimate glimpse into the remarkable hidden lives inside Casa Verdi, the home that Verdi built for aging opera singers and musicians in Milan, Italy, and the 17 young musicians who live with, and are mentored, by them. Gary Murphy, PR chief and Opera League of Los Angeles Board Member, will conduct the Q & A. Ida Lanza, M.Phil, Italian language and culture expert and volunteer for the Opera League, will introduce you to cuisine and wines from the northern region of Italy. We will dine, as Verdi would approve, in an intimate music-loving community.

No Thanks, Mom

July 14, Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

\$45 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Private home in Westlake Village

Hosted by Anne and Ernest Prokopovych, Nadine Kawaguchi and Renée Salick, Ed.D.

Elizabeth Stewart, Ph.D., The Savvy Appraiser, offers sage advice on what to do with those objects that were lovingly saved, but are not welcomed by the next generation. Learn how to downsize your home without upsizing your children's home, and without causing strife in your relationships. Dr. Stewart's book, *No Thanks, Mom*, will be available for purchase. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

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The Talk

July 19, Thursday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

\$45 per person, Limited to 25 guests, Private home in Westlake Village

Hosted by Linda Hamilton, Cindy Hughes and Pat Croner

There is an art to conversation. Sometimes we all wish we had said something other than what we did say to resolve a problem. Join the exceptional Esther Bleuel, TOUGH TALK COACH, for an interactive conversation to learn how to contribute to that positive outcome using the right words at the right time. Your sweet tooth will be rewarded too during this special occasion with Esther at a private Westlake Village home.

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Game Day! Back by Popular Demand!

July 26, Thursday, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

\$45 per person, Limited to 24 guests, Private home in Malibou Lake

Hosted by Judy Doane, Patti Luithly, Pat Croner

How about a delightful few hours with good friends to play Bridge, Scrabble, Canasta, Mexican Train, Chicken Foot, Mah Jong, or a game of your choice? Tables will be provided and all you do is bring your friends and your game to a charming lakeside home in Malibou Lake. You will be treated to a wonderful luncheon and, as always, we promise a very lovely time with special people!

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How Technology Changes the Way We Age

July 31, Tuesday, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

\$50 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Private home in Agoura Hills

Hosted by Kim Woods, Dr. Denise Danne and Ernestine Stansbery

Kim Woods will talk about five ways technology will change how you age. We'll share insights from the MIT AgeLab, and you'll learn about an array of devices and services that will make it easier for you to work (if you want to), stay mobile, stay healthy, live in the home of your choice, and remain connected to friends and family. Appetizers and wine will be served (no dinner).

Reservations are required for all events. Reservations can be made online at newwestsymphony.org, or by mailing in the attached form to:

*NWSL, Nadine Kawaguchi
6307 Geyser Avenue
Tarzana, CA 91335*

For more information, you can contact Nadine Kawaguchi (n.kawaguchi@sbcglobal.net) or phone 805-435-2781.

Hello, Beautiful!

August 8, Wednesday, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

\$50 person, Limited to 30 guests, Neiman Marcus Topanga
Hosted by Nadine Kawaguchi, Dr. Denise Danne and Bob Lugari

Spend an especially indulgent afternoon at the lovely Neiman Marcus Topanga store, where we will be treated to a special lecture on skin care and color by an expert consultant from Estée Lauder. There will be demonstrations and make-overs, accompanied by refreshments and a gift bag exclusively designed for League guests attending this event. This will be a perfect way to celebrate the wonderful ten-year partnership between the New West Symphony and Neiman Marcus Topanga!

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Slow Down and Relax

August 18, Saturday, 11:00 am -1:00 pm

\$45 per person, limited to 20 guests, Private home in Westlake Village
Hosted by Anne and Ernest Prokopovych, Renée Salick, Ed.D. and Debbie and Ross Goldberg

Relax, unwind and recharge with gentle Qigong standing exercises out in nature, led by Jim Belsley, a Certified Qigong Teacher/Trainer. Qigong is a healing system which includes slow flowing movements like Tai Chi that can easily be adapted to one's physical ability. To begin to benefit from Qigong, you do not have to be fit; you don't have to be flexible; you don't even have to be able to stand up. The exercises can be modified for almost anyone with patience and a willingness to learn. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Stay for a light lunch and more relaxation after the workshop.

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What Does a Conductor Do?

August 21, Tuesday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$60 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Channel Islands Maritime Museum
Hosted by Leslie Luciani and Pat Dodds

Coaxed out of retirement by popular demand, Dr. Samuel Bruttomesso, New West Symphony Board member and music aficionado, will regale us with his insights into the role of the Conductor. With the help of videos, Dr. Bruttomesso will explain such things as what makes a great conductor and "what is he or she doing up there?!" He'll also give us some background on a few of the most famous conductors and why they have become household names.

Dr. Bruttomesso is an experienced lecturer in the medical field, but now we get to hear him speak on a subject about which he is truly passionate. As a fan of the New West Symphony, you'll want to learn exactly what goes into a position which is sometimes baffling to the uninitiated! Presented at the lovely Channel Islands Maritime Museum, a delicious box lunch is included. Event activities end at 1:00 pm, but plan to spend some extra time touring this beautiful museum - we will have it all to ourselves!

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Adventures in Wine Tasting

August 22, Wednesday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

\$60 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Total Wine & More, Thousand Oaks
Hosted by Leslie Luciani, Cindy Idell and Sue McDonald

This adventurous tasting at Total Wine & More in Thousand Oaks focuses on delicious wines crafted in the southern hemisphere. Are you a fan of Argentine Malbec, Australian Shiraz and New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc? If so, this is the tasting for you and your friends!

This ultra-premium wine class in our own private room will include eight of the *crème de la crème* of wines of the southern hemisphere. Each wine is selected based on its superior quality and the prestige of its appellation. Discover some new and much touted wines from South America and find out why the world is now looking to the southern hemisphere for more than just value wines.

A Musical Mystery "Tour"

August 30, Thursday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

\$60 per person, Limited to 30 guests

La Dolce Vita, Oxnard (This venue is wheelchair accessible via chairlift)

Hosted by Leslie Luciani, Saralee Baldwin and Gerry Moreno

Distinguished UCLA professor and musician David Ravetch will be our tour guide down the lurid lane of musical crimes and mysteries. Who better than David Ravetch to separate the wheat from the chaff, giving us juicy details of true crimes, mysteries and scandals of the music world and debunking the rumors and idle gossip that have survived through the ages?

The dark and mysterious La Dolce Vita Lounge in Oxnard's historic and beautiful Heritage Square will be the setting for this titillating revelation of twisted tales and lasting legends. Guests will have a choice of three gourmet lunch entrées prepared by renowned Chef Michelle Kinney, included with the event price. One lucky victim, er, guest, will receive a copy of the Albert Borowitz book, *Musical Mysteries*. Don't miss this... or else!

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A Rendezvous with French Curves - An Exclusive Tour of the Mullin Automotive Museum

September 8, Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm (museum), 1:00 – 2:30pm (No Host Lunch)

\$60 per person, limited to 30 guests, Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard

Hosted by Anne and Ernest Prokopovych, Dr. Denise Danne, Nadine and John Kawaguchi and Sandee Kane

"The primary reason to visit the Mullin Automotive Museum has never been its fabulous collection of cars, many of them from founder Peter Mullin's beloved Art Deco period. Rather, it's the informative and well-thought-out context in which the cars, the auto makers and the designers are presented here." – Mark Yost, *The Wall Street Journal*.

Dating from the brass era (1905-1915) to World War II, the Mullin Collection features more than 140 objects. The core of the collection includes masterpieces of French curve coachwork and ingenious craftsmanship envisioned by gifted designers and engineers, producing beautiful Bugattis, Delages, Delahayes, Hispano-Suizas, Talbot-Lagos and Voisins.

Join us for an exclusive tour of the collection of automobiles and other art objects of the Museum in Oxnard, including the newest special exhibit, "L'Époque des Carrossiers: The Art and Times of French Coachbuilders." Wear comfortable shoes. Join us for an optional no-host lunch (not included in the registration price) at nearby Moqueca Brazilian Restaurant.

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Cooking with Jo-Ann Gordon

September 22, Saturday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

\$75 per person, Limited to 10 guests, Private home in Moorpark

Hosted by Jo-Ann Gordon and Hope Rosenfeld

Join gourmet chef Jo-Ann Gordon for what promises to be a tasty, entertaining time in a beautiful home in Moorpark. Jo-Ann will demonstrate and prepare a delicious lunch. While lunch cooks, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. This promises to be a most delicious time, spent in an incredibly gorgeous setting. YUM!

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All You Ever Wanted to Know About Estate Planning, But Were Afraid to Ask

September 27, Thursday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

\$45 per person, Limited to 20 guests, Private home in Thousand Oaks

Hosted by Hope Rosenfeld and Nida Brown

Have you ever wondered about the difference in the title to your assets? What's the difference between joint tenancy, tenants in common and community property? Are your assets in the Trust you and your spouse created? Will there be a probate proceeding on your assets upon your death? Nida Brown, retired attorney, who was one of the first in California to be qualified as an Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law Specialist and practiced law for over 30 years, will speak generally about title to assets and estate plans. Wine and refreshments will be served.

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RESERVATION ORDER FORM

Event Name	Date	Price per Person	# of Attendees	Guest Names	TOTAL \$ Amount
			Total Amount Paid		

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presents the award-winning
The Pleasure of Your Company 2018

The New West Symphony League is pleased to present its twelfth showcase of exciting events.

Six years ago, the New West Symphony received a very prestigious national award, the Gold Book Award of Excellence from the League of American Orchestras for its fundraiser, *The Pleasure of Your Company*. POYC was honored in the national competition for several reasons:

- Expenses are underwritten by donors, so admission receipts go directly to support the Symphony.
- Non-symphony guests attend and learn about the New West Symphony.
- POYC reaches out and integrates members of the community who speak, perform and lend their homes for events.
- POYC attempts to provide a broad variety of events that appeal to as many people as possible.

Choose as many of these unique experiences as you like, fill out the response card found on the last page and mail it early or you can order online at newwestsymphony.org. Parties will be booked on a “first come, first served” basis, and will sell out quickly. We look forward to seeing you all at one or more of these events!