IN SUPPORT OF BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

President's Report

About 40 something years ago, I was a homemaker with three little boys to take care of. I was friends with several other Mom's in the area, Merritt Island, FL, who were in the same position as I was. One of the woman was a graduate of Brandeis University. She told us about a new women's group that Brandeis was forming.

Its purpose was to raise money for the fledging university and to provide education and study groups for these women. We eagerly joined. We received syllabi from Brandeis regarding the books. We would read the books and then, using the syllabi, discuss same. This was a welcome diversion for us stay-at-home moms! We became a close group, had fun and learned so much.

Well, we wanted to earn money for our adopted University. The Mall on Merritt Island had just opened. They gave us permission to hold a book sale. We collected used books — you should have seen my family room! We set up the books and waited for customers. We did not have long to wait long!! The sale went very well. We made $1,200.00!! Remember, this was back in the early 70s.

Brandeis has made us proud. It has grown into one of the foremost Universities in the country. We are one of the smallest Women's groups in Florida, but we have been one of the longest lasting. Now there are many book clubs in our areas. But, remember, we are not a “book club.” We support an outstanding university, while providing camaraderie, education and interesting discussions for our members.

I am so proud of our group!!

Barbara Berman
Our study group meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Please be sure to confirm your attendance with the hostess.

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Our Author’s Luncheon returns on January 10, 2018 at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Our Guest speaker is Chrys Fey.

Chrys Fey is the author of the Disaster Crimes Series, a unique concept blending romance, crimes, and disasters. She’s an administrator for the Insecure Writer’s Support Group, running their newsletter and book club. She’s also an editor for Dancing Lemur Press. Ms. Fey lives in Florida and is always on the lookout for hurricanes.
Book Discussion Leader Guidelines

Our Brevard County Brandeis book discussion groups are fun, stimulating and all around great!

We are a fairly small group. We need everyone’s participation to make our group viable. One way to participate is to lead one of our discussions.

First of all, this is not a book review. We will assume everyone has read the book. For those who have not, the discussion may spur them on to read it in the future. The leader is simply the one who coordinates the discussion.

For those of you who are comfortable with researching on the computer, there is tons of information about most books. You do not have to reinvent the wheel. For example, there are sample questions, information about the author and short synopsis of the books.

This is how I go about getting ready to lead a discussion. You can certainly develop your own method. Also, I and several others, would be happy to mentor you through your first preparation.

1. Give a short bio. regarding the author. Please note that I use the word “short” a lot. This is a discussion group, not a lecture.

2. Give a page synopsis of the book.

3. Have your questions compiled. They are a gateway to the discussion. Do not be concerned if group does not cover all the questions, or if the discussion wanders a little. Do bring the discussion back on point as necessary.

4. Try to make sure everyone has a say.

Have fun with it!

Barbara Berman

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Mission Statement:

The 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 fund raising and through activities that reflect the values on which the University was founded: academic excellence, social justice, nonsectarianism, and service to the community.
“The most important political office is that of the private citizen.” Louis D. Brandeis

Brandeis University was founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community at a time when Jews and other ethnic and racial minorities, and women, faced discrimination in higher education.

Brandeis’ visionary founders established a nonsectarian research university that welcomed talented faculty and students of all backgrounds and beliefs. From the outset, Brandeis focused on undergraduate education, while building a pioneering research enterprise.

The university was named for Louis Dembitz Brandeis (1856-1941), the first Jewish justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the greatest minds to serve on the high court, Justice Brandeis made an indelible mark on modern jurisprudence by shaping free speech, the right to privacy and the rights of ordinary citizens. He exemplified the values of the new university through his dedication to open inquiry and the pursuit of truth, insistence on critical thinking, and his commitment to helping the common man.
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Thursday, December 7, 2017  10:00 AM
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Professor Jill Greenlee's "Forging Political Opinion Over the Long and Short Haul," presented by Ronnie Gerstein, will explore political learning and development over one's lifetime, including the role of the media and political campaigns in shaping political opinion.

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