2018-2019 Calendar of Events

November 5, 2018 ......................................................... Fall Meeting
January 14, 2019 ......................................................... Winter Meeting
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March 11, 2019 ........................................................... Who Did It?
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Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:00 AM. The meetings will be held at Children’s Services Council, 101 SE Central Pkwy, Stuart. All BNC members are invited to attend.

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, non sectarianism, and service to the community.

The Brandeis National Committee Treasure Coast Chapter Bulletin is published five times a year;

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 season of the Brandeis National Committee (BNC) – Treasure Coast chapter. In 2018, both Brandeis University and the BNC celebrated their 70th anniversaries. This year the BNC – Treasure Coast chapter celebrates its 30th Anniversary!! What an exciting milestone for us. A heartfelt thanks to our founding members, many of whom are still active in our chapter. Our chapter now boasts over 100 members strong. In fact, during the past two months 10 new members have joined. We look forward to welcoming you all, in person, at our upcoming events and programs!

Thanks to Sandy Withers and Joyce Smith for providing us with a fun season of Summer Coolers and for planning the extensive choices for this year’s Study Groups. Thanks also to Carol Schneider and Barbara Richman, our VPs of Programs; Fran Cooper and Ronna Talcott, our VPs of Special Events for their efforts to provide us interesting programs and events. As you can see, coming up this year we have something for everyone. Some of your favorites are returning; some study groups have been redesigned; some are new and several are returning due to popular requests:

- Book discussions on Contemporary Fiction and Unordinary Thrillers
- Introducing chair yoga with a discussion on women’s health (November 5, 2018)
- Chef Greg returns with more delicious menus
- Operas are back again this year by popular demand
- David Kapell’s insights into contemporary world issues
- Sophie Glazer’s fresh angle on Shakespeare
- Dr. Donna Riegenstrief’s stimulating topic returns as well
- Barbara Richman has already written the next LIPSYNC production and is conducting a casting call
- Film discussions
- Newly revised Lunch and Conversations
- Debates on controversial subjects
- Scholars in Residence Presentation
- Our premier Book and Author event (March 4, 2018)
- Who Dunnit? By Golda Zimmerman, back by popular demand (March 11, 2018)

While we all enjoy the social and intellectual aspect of participating in these study groups, programs and events, we exist to raise money for Brandeis University in three key areas: the library, scholarship funds and science research.

All Special Events and Programs are fundraisers for the University itself. Any amount over and above expenses are tax-deductible donations, the exact amount and purpose of which are stated on the flyer for the event or program. And 100% of your donation goes to that purpose, e.g., the Brandeis libraries, student scholarships or science research. Monies collected for Study Group participation finance our local chapter expenses, with excess funds going to the Brandeis libraries.

This year, the University has requested that our science donations be designated towards a $500,000 goal to purchase a two-photon resonance microscope. Brandeis has long had one of the best neuroscience programs in the country. Nobel Prize winner Michael Rosbash, MacArthur “genius” grant recipient Gina Turrigiano and world-renowned neuroscientist Eve Marder are all pioneers in the field. Their breakthroughs have helped transform our understanding of neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and Autism.

The university currently owns an aging fluorescence microscope that uses a technique called two-photon excitation to image intact brain circuitry in the living brain. This essential new technology will allow Brandeis researchers and science students to observe brain activity in real time. These powerful observations will help our scientists develop world-changing discoveries that could lead to cures or treatments to neurodegenerative diseases.

We would like to remind you that all Board Meetings are open to the membership and are held the second Monday of each month. Also, volunteers are always needed to support the scheduled programs and events. Your input, ideas and suggestions are encouraged in all that we do. Please contact any member of the Board for additional information.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Susan B. Couture  
Co-President

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Book and Author Luncheon
March 4, 2019

Patricia Posner – 2018 Book and Author Honoree

Patricia Posner was born in London and spent one-half of her life there, the other half here in the U.S. For the past thirty years, she has researched and worked on at least twelve books of investigative historical fiction with her husband, Gerald Posner. Gerald and his book, “Secrets of the Kingdom: The Inside Story of the Saudi-U.S. Connection” were honored at our 2007 Book and Author event.

In the late 1990’s Patricia started a solo writing career (while still involved with Gerald’s research). Due to her family’s history of breast cancer, she started to look into hormone replacement therapy. Her findings were published in 2000 by Random House (“No Hormones, No Fear”)

Patricia’s writings and interviews have appeared in numerous magazines and aired on NBC’s Today, MSNBC and Fox’s O’Reilly Factor.

She became interested in the history surrounding WW II and the Holocaust and was fascinated by an untold story about Victor Capesius, an ethnic German pharmacist, working for the Bayer (as in aspirin) Company, who ended up as the chief pharmacist of Auschwitz, the largest Nazi concentration camp. This story, coupled with Patricia’s research into the pharmaceutical industry (her earlier publication) resulted in our featured book for this year’s event.

On March 4, 2019, the Treasure Coast Chapter of BNC will honor Patricia Posner and her book, “The Pharmacist of Auschwitz: The Untold Story” at our annual Book and Author Luncheon.
BNC Treasure Coast Chapter
Fall Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2018  1 PM to 3 PM
Cost: $10 per person     Refreshments served
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2018/2019

- November 5, 2018 — Fall Meeting
  Hidden Benefits of Yoga
  How Important is your STOMACH?
- January 14, 2019 — Winter Meeting
  Behind the Wire...
  A look at American WWII POW's
- April 15, 2019 — Spring Meeting TBA

Special Events!

2018/2019

Please Save The following dates for our special planned events:

- Feb, 2019  (exact date to be determined)
  Tour of Four Arts Museum on Palm Beach with special exhibit
  Lunch at The Chesterfield.
- March 4, 2019— Book and Author
  Venue — Pietros
  Author — Patricia Posner
  Book — “The Pharmacist of Auschwitz”
- March 11, 2019
  Who Did It? Murder Mystery
Magnify the Mind

On July 1, the Brandeis National Committee launched Magnify the Mind, an ambitious campaign to raise $500,000 for a new resonant two-photon microscope. This technology, which will support neuroscience labs and allow Brandeis scientists to increase their understanding of how the brain works, will enhance Brandeis’ research into neurodegenerative disorders. BNC members have already raised more than $3 million for such research through the organization’s Sustaining the Mind campaign. “When the circuitry in the brain goes awry, you end up with developmental and neurodegenerative problems,” says Susan Birren, dean of arts and sciences, and professor of neurobiology. “Before you can treat these diseases, you have to understand the processes, and this is where Brandeis excels, because there is so much interactive research happening.”

“Everyone knows someone affected by these illnesses,” says BNC Executive Director Beth Bernstein, MA’90. “I had a good friend who recently died from ALS, and my son’s good friend’s 6-year-old daughter is suffering from Rett syndrome. Both disorders affect motor neurons in the brain. This initiative at Brandeis gives me hope for both the young and the old. The new Magnify the Mind campaign will strengthen the capability that Brandeis needs to maintain itself as a cutting-edge research institution.”

Able to take 30 to 50 images of live tissue per second, the new microscope works at a speed on par with the brain’s proc-essing speed. It can be used to take many photographs of deep tissue and neurons at a very high resolution, allowing scientists to watch synapses as they occur.

“In order to understand what brain circuits do, we have to watch those patterns of activity as they happen,” says Gina Turrigiano, the Joseph Levitan Professor of Vision Science and a MacArthur “Genius Grant” recipient. Her lab will use the new microscope to advance what they know about the brain.

“That’s where neuroscience is going,” Turrigiano says. “There’s a renaissance right now, and methods to watch what happens are becoming more advanced. It means there’s more we can do that we couldn’t years ago.”
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