

## Simi Valley Community Council Recognizes Outstanding Local Volunteers



The Simi Valley Community Council honored volunteers from local nonprofits at their annual President's Breakfast on June 9th at the Best Western Posada Royale Hotel. With the theme, "Heroes Don't Wear Capes - They Volunteer," the Council gave community service awards to the following individuals for their commitment and dedication: Bonnie Nichola from Adventist Health, Judy Galvin from American Association of University Women, Dawnel DeRubeis from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Nicolette Vargas from It's a New Day, Janet Witt from P.E.O. Sisterhood (Chapter TU), Donna Naismith from Rancho Simi Daughters of the American Revolution, August J. Hardy from Simi Valley Council on Aging, David Misko from Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, Barbara Leighty from Simi Valley Friends of the Library, Bruce Matzen from Simi Valley

Historical Society, Lorraine Erickson from Simi Valley Kiwanis, Adone Riegert from Simi Valley Police Foundation, Kathy Layton from Simi Valley/Moorpark Republican Women Federated, and Joyce Erdman from Soroptimist International of Simi Valley.

The Simi Valley Community Council (SVCC) was established in December 1970 with the mission of bringing together organizations, agencies and individuals to encourage the voluntary cooperation of its members in making the community a better place to live, encourage community interest in member organizations, agencies, nonprofits, and individuals, and assist and coordinate their work and activities for community betterment. SVCC meets on the second Thursday of the month for lunch at the Posada Royale Best Western Hotel, 1775 Madera Road. The next meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. July 12th and will feature a speaker from Simi Valley Community Garden. The public is welcome. For more information, visit [svcommunitycouncil.org](http://svcommunitycouncil.org).

## Theater Review – Little Women--The Broadway Musical

by Charles Foster Carmichael

Little Women, the Broadway Musical, is based on the beloved 1869 classic novel by Louisa May Alcott. Now at the Camarillo Skyway Playhouse, it's a song-filled adaptation of the touching tale of young love, achieving dreams, and the power of family to overcome even the most difficult of life's challenges. No doubt every young lady has read the novel, experiencing the stories of the March sisters (budding author Jo, practical Meg, sweet Beth, and impetuous Amy), who are coming of age during the Civil War, under the care of their doting mother, while their father is away fighting for the North.

Directed soulfully by Janelle Phaneuf, she cast Savannah Ludwig as the headstrong Jo March, who commands the stage during each of her songs with her emotional, heartfelt renditions, amazing vocal talent, and engaging stage presence. When paired with Ezra Eels as German Professor Bhaer, a socially-inept boarder in the house where Jo lives, the two actors perfectly complement each other as they attempt to fight the chemistry brewing between them. Eels delivers a wonderfully multilayered role.

The March family is represented by Genevieve Levin, who lends her lovely voice and elegant presence to Meg, Hannah Marks adds sweet innocence to the role of Beth, the piano-playing sister who the family rallies around

when she contracts scarlet fever, and bubbly Allison Martinez as the overly excitable Amy, an artist who selfishly thinks more of her own needs than those of her sisters. Their mother Marmee is lovingly portrayed by Aileen-Marie Scott, the type of woman we all wish had raised us.

Rounding out the March family is their moral compass Aunt March, portrayed by Sindy McKay, whose 30 year absence in theater hasn't diminished her solid performance, as she adds the comic relief. Also adding to the comedic antics are Jonathan Markham as the bumbling Laurie Laurence, and Dale Albert as his often caustic grandfather, Mr. Laurence. Andrew Nunez rounds out the cast as the romantic lover of Meg, Mr. John Brooke.

### What You Need To Know

Little Women-The Broadway Musical

June 15 through July 15  
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