



American Association of University Women
Turlock/Modesto Branch Newsletter

February-March 2012

Educational Funds Luncheon

Lara Gold has agreed to be our speaker for the annual Educational Funds Luncheon at Turlock Golf and Country Club on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Lara is in her second year of completing her MA and is focusing on Drama Therapy. She is training at the Women's Recovery Association where she is working with women in recovery from drugs and/or alcohol and plans to continue to work with women in under-served communities.

The event begins at 11:30 A.M. Guests are welcome to attend. To make your reservation send a check in the amount of \$25 to AAUW Turlock/Modesto Branch, P.O. Box 2373, Turlock, CA 95381. We should receive all reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 15.

A silent auction will take place during the luncheon. This gives us another opportunity to support AAUW scholarship programs.

The Turlock Golf and Country Club is located at 10532 N. Golf Link Rd., Turlock, 95380.

Menu: Mediterranean Salad
Rosemary Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Cooked Vegetables
Warm Bread
Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream



County Librarian/Book Exchange



The program for March 27 is to be held at First Presbyterian Church at 2619 N. Berkeley Ave. in Turlock. Vanessa Czopek, Stanislaus County Librarian, will speak to us about the status of the county libraries. In addition to her talk, we will have a member book exchange. Members and guests are encouraged to bring books, and to take books home.

Valerie Doherty
V.P. - Programs

Alert: Program Change

Jo Kellogg, previously scheduled to speak at the March meeting, is coming in May instead. Watch for details in a future newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I am still overwhelmed by the turnout for our January program with Hanna and Dieter Renning. We not only had a standing room only crowd, we actually had to turn people away because the crowd was too large for fire regulations in the room. I was particularly pleased with the turnout of high school students. Several told me they came because their history teacher offered extra credit, but the program clearly captured their attention and interest. I apologize if any members were unable to get in. The good news is that the topic was so interesting that Hanna and Dieter are being asked to give the presentation to other groups and some of those may be open to the public. Call Hanna if you are interested in where they will be appearing next. Their stories were fascinating and gave us important insights to the catastrophes of war from both perspectives. When you are a child caught in war there is no "right" side.



I also want to thank the members who participated in serving dinner at the men's homeless shelter on January 31. Marie Slate prepared a delicious pork roast, Carol Anderson baked potatoes, Judy Slack provided rolls and butter, Elizabeth Vestal provided milk, I made a broccoli salad and Sienna Wald topped it off with homemade cookies. Thanks to Sienna and Elizabeth there was also fruit and granola bars for the men to get breakfast in the morning. This is the second year we have done this and it is a rewarding experience. The men are gracious and grateful. Several commented that this was one of the best dinners they had been served. Talking with the gentlemen made me realize that given a few unfortunate circumstances any of us could be in the position of needing help and I am proud that AAUW members, along with many others in the Turlock community, are willing to reach out to those in need.

We have now dispersed the funds we raised at the Wine Fundraiser in November. We gave \$1500 to AAUW Funds, \$1000 scholarships each to Turlock and Pitman High Schools for seniors going on to college and at the Board meeting February 2 we authorized \$3400 to send four middle school girls to Tech Trek camp. Thank you everyone! The February Educational Funds Luncheon will give us the opportunity to meet and hear from one of the recipients of AAUW funds. This should be another interesting speaker and the opportunity to gather for lunch at the Turlock Country Club is always enjoyable. I hope you can join us. Make sure to get your reservations in by February 15.

Mary Giventer, President

Nominating Committee

We still have a few months of interesting activities planned, but it is already time to start thinking ahead to next year. The nominating committee for new officers consists of Hanna Renning, Elizabeth Vestal, Carol Anderson, and Valerie Doherty. If you have any interest in serving on the board, please let them know and please be receptive if they call. Like many organizations we have a tendency to recycle board positions among a few people. New ideas are welcome and needed for our branch to thrive. Offices can be jointly held if you are reluctant to take on a task by yourself. My experience is that with the great people we have in the group working together no job is too great to handle.

Happy 
St. Patrick's Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Monday, Feb 13 & 27, 1:30 p.m. **Bridge Group** Call Marilyn Brunton at 667-5450 for information.
- Monday, Feb 13, 7:00 p.m. **Book Group** meets at the home of Elizabeth Vestal, 1023 Woodland Drive, Turlock. The book for February is The Postmistress by Sarah Blake. Questions call Mary at 632-8996.
- Saturday, Feb 18, 11:30 a.m. **Lunch and Conversation Group** meets at Mi Casa, 624 N Golden State Blvd. Turlock.
- Tuesday, Feb 21, 11:30 p.m. **Busy Fingers** meets at Toscana's Restaurant, 1801 Colorado Avenue, Turlock. Call Marie Slate with questions at 634-0513.
- Saturday, Feb 25, 11:30 p.m. **February Program**-Lunch at the Turlock Golf & Country Club. See article on front page.
- Monday, Feb 27, 7:00 p.m. **Scrapbooking Group** will meet at the home of Valerie Doherty, 1420 N Quincy Road, Turlock.
- Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. **Board Meeting** will meet at the home of home of Judy Slack, 36 S Daubenberger, Turlock.
- Mondays, Mar 12 & 26, 1:30 p.m. **Bridge Group** Call Marilyn Brunton at 667-5450 for information
- Monday, Mar 12, 7:00 p.m. **Book Group** meets at the home of Elizabeth Vestal, 1023 Woodland Drive, Turlock. The book for March is Sarah's Key by Titiana de Rosnay. Questions call Mary at 632-8996.
- Saturday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. **Lunch and Conversation Group** meets at Henry's Restaurant, 217 S Golden State Blvd.. Turlock. Call Marie Slate with questions at 634-0513.
- Tuesday, Mar 20, 1:00 p.m. **Busy Fingers** meets at Starbucks, 2012 E Canal Drive. Call Marie Slate with questions at 634-0513.
- Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. **March Program** – Status of the County Library system speaker and member book exchange at the First Presbyterian Church, 2619 N Berkeley Ave, Turlock.
- Monday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. **Book Group** meets at the home of Elizabeth Vestal, 1023 Woodland Drive, Turlock. The book for April is City of Tranquil Light by Bo Caldwell. Questions call Mary at 632-8996.

Table Games and Cards Group Call Valerie Doherty at 634-3778

Gourmet Group If interested in this group, call Sue Baldwin 668-2483.

Cultural Outing Group – Contact Mary Giventer if you have suggestions for outings.



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Turlock AAUW Branch has a new website through the National Website or through the above link. Please take a look at it.

AAUW-CA Convention

This year the AAUW California convention is conveniently being held in Santa Clara at the Santa Clara Marriott, April 13 to April 15. The convention is always inspiring and interesting. Registration material was in the latest issue of Perspective and is also available on-line. The Branch does have some money budgeted to help off-set the costs for attending the convention. Several members of the board are interested in attending either for the entire convention or just Saturday so let Mary Giventer know if you are interested in going and we can work on car pools. Early registration is due by the end of February.

California AAUW Election

In 2012 for the first time every member of AAUW CA will have the opportunity to vote for directors, officers and resolutions. The delegate system has been eliminated and there will be no voting at the convention this year. Candidates for state offices have submitted their statements and you can read them in the Perspective or on the California AAUW web site in the Elections and Nominations Section on the Candidates Page. There will be an opportunity at the convention to nominate candidates or submit resolutions from the floor. About two weeks after the convention, all members will receive an e-mail from AAUW CA with an access code and a link to vote. Members who do not have e-mail or whose e-mail "bounces" will receive a post card with this information. It will also explain how to request and submit a paper ballot for those who prefer to do so. All voting will end June 1 at 9 PM. The results will be available on the web site a day or two after that. At the February luncheon we will have a brief tutorial on the voting process.

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