

THE MONTAGE

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Mary Flo Giventer (July 25, 1946- September 15, 2018)

Mary was born in Chicago, Illinois and as a child moved with her family to Wexford, Pennsylvania where she graduated from North Allegheny High School. She graduated University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Physical Therapy. It was in Pittsburgh, PA where she met the love of her life, her husband, Lawrence Giventer. In 1975 they moved to California, where Mary became Director of Physical Therapy for Doctors Medical Center and Modesto Rehabilitation Hospital.

Mary was active as a volunteer in her community serving as President of the Turlock Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and President of the Stanislaus County chapter of the League of Women Voters. She loved to sew and when she wasn't involved in her volunteer activities could often be found at her sewing machine making a quilt, often to give away.

Mary was said to have a big heart and she showed that in her love and dedication to her family. Her family was always her priority and she shared much pride in the activities of her children and grandchildren. She was the rock of the family and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Florence Leathen. She is survived by her brother William Leathen, sister Sue Leathen, her husband of 44 years, Lawrence Giventer, her children Cynthia Giventer, Sarah Kaber, and Dominion Giventer and her grandchildren Jasmine Nickelberry, Emma and Mikel Joseph, and Emma and Jessica Kaber.

Mary's family would like to thank the hospital staff in the Emergency Department and ICU of Emanuel Hospital for their hard work and compassion.

President's Message - Beverly Schlegel

Saturday September 15th twenty-seven of us gathered at Sue Baldwin's home for our Membership Brunch; we enjoyed a delicious brunch provided by branch members.

Featured speakers were four of our Tech Trek girls. Bjorg enthusiastically presented information on our November 4th Fall Fundraiser. Program events for the year were introduced by Pat; Interest groups were reviewed. One of the CSU, Stanislaus student Branch members spoke briefly to our group.

The following day we were saddened to hear of the death of our President and 30+ year member, Mary Giventer, on Saturday evening.

Thank you to Branch members who provided food for family members on Thursday. If you wish to make a donation in Mary's name, please read the article in this newsletter.

Plan to attend on October 11, 7:00 PM the Candidates Forum for Turlock Mayor and City Council Districts 1 and 3 cosponsored by Modesto/Turlock AAUW and League of Women Voters; it will be held at Walnut Elementary School, 4219 N. Walnut, Turlock. Join me in honoring Mary's wishes, VOTE on NOVEMBER 6th.

AAUW OCTOBER 11 PROGRAM

Candidates Forum for Turlock City Council and Mayor Thursday, October 11, 2018 The American Association of University Women, Turlock/Modesto branch and the League of Women's Voters are hosting a Candidate Forum for Turlock City Council and Mayor.

A forum for candidates for Turlock City Council Districts 1 and 3 and for Mayor will be held Thursday, October 11 from 6 pm. to 8:30 pm.at Walnut Elementary Education Center, 4219 N. Walnut Ave. ,Turlock.

The forum for City Council candidates will be held first followed by a separate forum for the Mayoral Candidates, beginning at approximately 7:15 pm. After the opening statements, written questions will be taken from the audience. The event is open to the public.

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

AAUW ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: WINE SOCIAL AND DINNER

TOSCANO'S RISORANTE, 1801 COLORADO AVE., TURLOCK

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Turlock/Modesto Newsletter - OCTOBER, 2018 Scholarship Fundraiser Update

Sunday, Nov. 4

By now each of you has received the fundraiser flyer and five tickets. Our hope and expectation is that you will find buyers for all of your tickets. Once that is done, please send the checks to our P.O. address (AAUW; P.O. 2373; Turlock, CA 95381). If you need more tickets you may call Arlene Ison at 544-8141 or Sheila Younkin at 667-0380.

<u>The deadline for getting our ticket count is Thursday, Oct. 25</u>. Time passes quickly, so talk to your friends right away to put a group together for this very special event.

We will be calling on members to help with a number of things ahead of the fundraiser, as well on that night. If you wish to offer your help it will be much appreciated. People will be needed on Sunday, Oct. 21 to assemble silent auction baskets, and to record the items included in each basket as well as who donated the items (bring your laptop). On Sunday, Nov. 4 we will need people to set auction items on the tables at Toscana's, take a shift at the welcome table, and to collect money at the end of the event. You may call Bjorg or me to let us know how you wish to help.

We need your donations – items of value that you no longer wish to keep. Also, bottles of wine may be donated, as well as knitted or quilted pieces. Baskets, empty or filled, may also be donated. Donations may be brought to Bjorg's home by Oct. 19 (822 Hartwick Ave., 347-406-1133). Call her to be sure when she will be home.

As our costs are greater this year, we need to sell, sell, sell those tickets. Our scholarship program depends on this fundraiser. We will use the lobby of Toscana's, as usual, and also the entire restaurant is available to us, so we have lots of space! The meal will be delicious, the company great, so it's guaranteed to be a good time.

Valerie Doherty

Co- Educational Foundation VP

Contribute to AAUW in memory of Mary Giventer

It was requested by the family of Mary Giventer that, in lieu of flowers, donations to AAUW be made in her honor. Mary was an avid supporter of AAUW locally and nationally. She always directed her donations to AAUW Funds when not contributing to our Branch.

Members may donate in one of two (2) ways; online to AAUW National or by check to the Branch.

- 1. Online
 - a. Access AAUW National Web site, log in with your member number and password
 - b. Click on Member Services Database (MSD) at bottom of screen & again on MSD box
 - c. Click on 'Branch Contribution Report Form' in left column on screen
 - d. Click on donor name arrow and find your name select
 - e. Enter amount in fund of your choice (AAUW Funds preferred by Mary)
 - f. Scroll down to & complete "Honorary Gift Information" box
 - g. Scroll down to & complete "Notify the honoree" which is Larry Giventer, spouse
 - h. Click Add Gift icon. Next screen is AAUW Contribution Report Form and print X 2
 - i. Send with your check & form to address on printed form.
 - j. Notification of your donation will go to family.
- 2. Branch
 - a. Send check made out to **AAUW** in honor of Mary to the Branch P.O. Box 2373
 - b. The treasurer will complete the Contribution Report Form as above for family notification and your receipt from AAUW for IRS reporting purposes.
 - c. Donations to the Branch in Mary's honor are accepted but cannot be individually acknowledged to family.
 - d. If check is made out to AAUW Turlock/Modesto, it will be deposited in Branch account and included in the general fund.

Feel free to call me @ 544-8141 with any questions regarding this process. Thank you.

Arlene Ison, Treasurer

INTEREST GROUPS

Updated, as of October 1

AAUW Interest Groups provide the opportunity for members and non-members to connect with common interests. Sections offer the opportunity to meet, talk, and develop lasting friendships. Every non-member who attends may attend 3 sessions and then is expected to join AAUW.

Bridge: Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:30 pm. Marilynn Brunton 667-5450

Book Group: Will meet the 2nd Monday, October 8, 7 PM. We will be discussing "**Beneath the Scarlet Sky"** by Mark Sullivan. Call Valerie Doherty, 634-3778 or Sue Baldwin 668-2483 for further information.

Book Bunch: 3rd Thursday, OCTOBER 18, at 1:30pm at Carol Anderson, 1111 Wellesley Ave., Modesto. We will be discussing the book "<u>The Longest Road Home</u>" by Tom Williams. All are welcome. Please call Carol Anderson 529-2428 for further information.

Hand Crafters: Hand crafts, lunch and conversation, 3rd Tuesday at Toscano's at 1:00pm. Call Marilyn Hoobyar 602-1400 for further information.

Gourmet Group: - Contact Sue Baldwin 668-2483 for dates and times information

AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2018 – Creperie, Turlock, CA

<u>Called to order</u> by Beverly Schlegel at 6:40pm.

Fundraiser: There is continued contact and minor arrangements with Toscano's. We can get in as early as 2. There is a meeting scheduled on October 4 at 2:00 PM at Valerie's. A meeting at Bjorg's on October 21 at 11 am. to prepare baskets. Bjorg has the letters needed for those going to seek donations and past records of the donors. There is a poster that was used last year which has the names of all past donors. Because of the cost of the tickets to the University Branch members, it was suggested that if they sold 5 tickets, they would be given 1 for themselves.

<u>President</u>: As dictated by the AAUW bylaws, one of the various vice presidents is to be the one to assume the role of president. Pat Portwood, Margo Souza, and Valerie Doherty all had too many other responsibilities at this time, so Beverly Schlegel said she could do it, if someone else could be responsible for membership (which Arlene Ison volunteered to do). So Beverly Schlegel becomes the AAUW president for this branch for the remainder of this current year.

<u>Newsletter</u>: Carol Anderson is working on the Montage. Deadline for articles is September 28. She will get it out to all by first week of October.

Memory Donations for Mary Giventer: How to make donations will be outlined in the newsletter.

Oakdale/Riverbank/Escalon AAUW branch has requested a copy of Mary's obituary and expressed a desire to donate in her name as she helped them on a number of projects. Beverly will send this to them.

<u>Membership Directory will include a page</u> to honor those who were lost during the past year. First distribution was to be at the Table Table Talk on October 11. Second will be at the Fall Fundraiser on November 11

<u>Program for October 11, 2018</u> has been rescheduled since it conflicts with a League of Women Voters event for the Turlock Mayoral Race.

Post Office Box keys are held by Arlene Ison and Pat Portwood.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>: 2 new signatures are needed for checks. Pat Portwood and Valerie Doherty volunteered to serve in this capacity. Arlene will make arrangements.

<u>2018 Fall Luncheon in Danville</u> will be attended by Valerie Doherty and Nedra Voorhees.

Next meeting of the board is October 22, 2018 at Valerie Doherty's home.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Nedra Voorhees – Adjourned at 8:00pm.

2018-2019 TURLOCK- MODESTO AAUW BRANCH OFFICERS

President-Beverly Schlegel	AAUW Funds VP's-Valerie Doherty,
	Bjorg Johannsdottir
Program VP-Margo Souza and Pat Portwood	Recording Secretary-Nedra Voorhees
Membership VP- Arlene Ison	Directory – Diane Gray
Treasurer-Arlene Ison	Newsletter Editor-Carol Anderson
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Vision: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.