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Turlock/Modesto Branch AAUW

September 2018

Annual Kickoff Membership Brunch

Please join us as we kick off a new year of AAUW activities.

When: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Where: Home of Sue Baldwin

2255 Castlevue Dr. Turlock

Come and enjoy brunch, learn about our program plans for the year, meet our enthusiastic Tech Trek recipients. Bring a friend; this is a great time for them to learn about AAUW.

Potluck Brunch

If your name ends in A-L, please bring a fruit dish.

If your name ends in M-S, please bring an egg dish.

If your name ends in T-Z, please bring a pastry.
We look forward to seeing you. Bring a guest. If you have questions, contact Pat Portwood, 634-3592.

President's Message

It is time to launch a new year of AAUW activities and we have a lot planned. Pat Portwood and Margo Souza have interesting and engaging programs planned for the coming year. Valerie Doherty and Bjorg Johannsdottir, along with their committee, are hard at work on the all important fund raiser which enables us to have the money to send girls to Tech Trek, provide local scholarships and send a university student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Our dues do not begin to cover the costs of these programs, which are so important for supporting the educational endeavors of young women in our community. I hope you can attend our Kick Off Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 15 at Sue Baldwin's to learn more about our plans for the year and how you can get involved. This is an excellent time to invite a friend or neighbor who might be interested in finding out more about AAUW to join you.

While a lot of our branch activities focus on what we can do in our local communities, it is also worth remembering that we are part of a dynamic, respected national women's organization with 170,000 members. Last year AAUW hired a new Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Churches. Since taking the position Kimberly has been working with a Strategic Planning Task Force to focus AAUW's mission and maximize our impact. This summer an ambitious new Strategic Plan was released. It is available on aauw.org and I encourage you to read it. In summary: our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. The strategic plan gives us a path to achieve the change we want to see. AAUW plans to focus on three areas: education and training, economic security, and leadership. Each area has specific goals, benchmarks and action plans that can be undertaken at the national, state and local levels. Equity for women and girls has been the aspiration of AAUW members since its founding in 1881; it is time to move beyond aspirations to achievement!

Come to the Kick Off Brunch, bring a friend, help us move AAUW Forward!

Mary Giventer, President

Save the Date

The Wine Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser will be **Sunday, November 4, 2018**, 5 to 7:30 PM at Toscana's Restaurant. We changed the day of the week to enable us to have use of the entire restaurant. This will give us more table space and easier access to

our silent auction items. Full information will be available at the Kickoff Membership Brunch on September 15.

AAUW Funds Luncheon

AAUW awarded \$3.9 million to its 2018-19 class of fellows and grantees. These 250 recipients represent diverse backgrounds, locations and areas of study. On Sunday, October 7, several of the Northern California recipients will be honored at a luncheon at the Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Dr., Danville from 12 noon to 3 PM. Tickets are \$45 and reservations must be made by September 26. This is a great opportunity to meet and hear from some of these impressive young women. Reservations can be made on-line through aauw-ca.org. If you are interested in going and would like to carpool contact Mary Giventer 632-8996.

Tech Trek Grant Received

We are very pleased that Modesto/Turlock AAUW has received a \$500 check from Omega Nu-Modesto for Tech Trek girls in the Modesto area. This money will help fund the attendance of a middle school girl at Tech Trek in the summer of 2019.

Omega Nu states in the letter we received: "As you requested, these monies are to support your program as outlined in your grant application. Omega Nu is committed to funding organizations that are sincerely focused on making a difference in our community and we support and applaud the efforts of your organization."

Our branch has received two grants in past years from Phi Gamma Chapter Omega Nu-Modesto. We appreciate the continuing support to Tech Trek participants by Omega Nu.

Thank you to Beverly Schlegel who applied for this grant in March 2018. Follow up questions were asked by an Omega-Nu Modesto member in May 2018. Beverly's dedication to Tech Trek and initiative in pursuing this opportunity is much appreciated.

- And our efforts are appreciated:

Our Branch provided the tuition for a California State University - Stanislaus student to attend the National Conference for College Woman Student Leaders (NCCWSL) conference held in May in Washington D.C. The following is her letter of thanks:

Dear AAUW Turlock, Thank you all for generous support in sending me to the NCCWSL conference this month! It was such a memorable experience for me and a trip of several firsts – my first professional conference and my first glimpse at our nation's capital. I had a fantastic time getting to know inspiring young women from all over the country and learning from many others, including the CEO of AAUW and the founder of the "Me Too" movement! I am so thankful for the growing experience and the perspective it has left me with. With sincere gratitude, Ashlynn Walker

A letter of thanks was received by Pat Portwood for the \$1000.00 scholarship our Branch awarded to this worthy high school graduate and is as follows:

Dear Pat Portwood, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for your generous \$10000 AAUW scholarship. I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this

honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support. I am fortunate to say that this fall I will be attending Santa Clara University. My plan at this moment is to complete the Computer Science and Engineering major. It will be a challenge but I am ready and excited for it. By awarding me the AAUW Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you once again, Sincerely, Elizabeth Reynoso Gutierrez

Words of appreciation such as these are the reason we, the Branch members, work so hard each fall to have a successful fundraiser - the Wine Social and Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser.

Interest Groups

AAUW Interest Groups provide the opportunity for members to connect with common interests. Non members may attend three sessions and then are expected to join. Current interest groups are:

Bridge: Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:30 PM. Call Marilyn Brunton, 667-5450

Book Group: The first meeting of the book group will be September 11 at 7:00 PM at Elizabeth Vestal's, 1023 Woodland Dr., Turlock. We will be selecting the books to read for this year. Bring suggestions to share and discuss. If you are unable to come on September 11 but would like to suggest a book, call Sue Baldwin, 668-2483. Books to be discussed will be printed in the directory.

Book Bunch: Meets the 3rd Thursday, September 20 at the home of Elizabeth Taylor, 1701 Angelene Dr., Modesto. We will be discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. All are welcome. Please call Carol at 529-2428 for further information.

Hand Crafters: Meets the 3rd Tuesday, September 18 at 1:00 PM at Toscano's Restaurant in the Atrium for lunch and needlework. RSVP to Marilyn, 602-1400 or sign up at the brunch.

Card and Games: Call Valerie Doherty for information, 634-3778

Gourmet Group: Call Sue Baldwin, 668-2483, for more information.

Please review the Proposed Budget. We will be voting on it at the September 15 Brunch.

**AAUW Turlock/Modesto -
2018-2019 Budget DRAFT**

Category	Revenue - Actual	Proposed Revenues FYE2019	Comments
	2018		
Checking balance 6/30/17	\$4,475.78	balance 6/30/18	\$4,504.10
Saving Acct balance 6/30/17	\$1,149.37	balance 6/30/18	\$1,149.73
Wine & Cheese Fundraiser	\$12,249.80	Wine & Cheese Fundraiser	\$11,000.00
Tech Trek donations	\$300.00	Tech Trek donations	\$1,000.00
Scholarship donations	\$150.00	Scholarship donations	\$200.00
February AAUW luncheon	\$573.00	February AAUW Luncheon	\$600.00

Dues repaymt - National	\$240.00	Online dues repayment	\$240.00	15 members
Membership dues - Branch	\$2,859.12	Membership dues	\$2,850.00	30 members
Donations - unspecified	\$100.00	Installation luncheon	\$500.00	
Installation luncheon	\$420.00	Table Talk		
Table Talk	\$60.00			
Credit adjustment	\$24.51			
Cash box repymt	\$300.00			
savings account interest		savings account interest	\$0.36	

Total Revenues	\$22,901.58	Proposed Revenues FYE 2019	\$22,044.19	
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	Expenses	Proposed Expenses FYE 2019		
Dues -National/State	\$2,314.50	Dues - National/State	\$2,370.00	30 members
AAUW Funds	\$1,600.00	AAUW Funds	\$1,500.00	
AAUW CA - Ins	\$225.51	AAUW CA - Ins	\$230.00	
Tech Trek	\$3,814.11	Tech Trek (6 @ 900 + expenses)	\$5,620.00	
HS Scholarships	\$2,750.00	HS Scholarships	\$2,750.00	
Wine Social Expenses	\$4,728.21	Wine Social Expenses	\$5,000.00	
AAUW Funds luncheon	\$409.23	AAUW Funds luncheon	\$500.00	
Hospitality		Hospitality	\$200.00	
Newsletter	\$88.65	Newsletter	\$100.00	
Directory	\$35.10	Directory	\$75.00	
P.O. Box rental	\$82.00	P.O. Box rental	\$84.00	
Convention - State		Convention - State	\$500.00	
Convention - NCWSLL	\$585.00	Convention - NCWSLL	\$585.00	

Adminstration/ Finance	\$34.75	Adminstration/Finance	\$50.00
Publicity		Publicity	
Community organizations		Community organizations	\$50.00
Membership	\$27.00	Membership	\$40.00
Communication/ phonevite	\$19.60	Communication/phonevite	\$30.00
Installation luncheon	\$520.00	Installation luncheon	\$550.00
		Contingency	\$1,810.19
Total expenses FYE 2018	\$17,233.66	Total Proposed Expenses FYE 2019	\$22,044. 19

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