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President's Message BITS AND PIECES Beverly Schlegel

WELCOME to a New AAUW Year, 2019-2020!

Please join us at our Annual Membership Brunch on September 21, 10:00 a.m. in Turlock; bring a friend with you.

Support our Branch by attending our Wine Social Fundraiser on November 3rd, 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Toscana's in Turlock.

Plan to attend at least one more of our Program events than you did last year; watch for the e-Blasts and listen to your Phonevite messages about them.

If you'd like to know more about what our Branch is doing join us on Facebook, Turlock/Modesto AAUW and/or check our web page, turlock-ca.aauw.net.

For information on the California State level check, aauw-ca.org for AAUW California; also on Facebook and Instagram. See aauw.org for information about all the activities on the National level; you may follow on Facebook, Instagram, a Blog, or Twitter.

The Fight for Pay Equity

In 2017, median annual earnings for men in California were \$52,487. Compare that to the median of \$46,783 for California's women that same year.

Though it doesn't sound like it, by some measurements this is good news. Despite the fact California's working women earn less than its male workers do, our state *ranks first in the nation* in gender pay equity progress and also in pay equity protections enacted into law.



The bad news of course is that women's earnings ratio was still just 89 percent of that which their male counterparts earned. And, as you might expect, the gap is worse for most women of color and working mothers.

If we look closer to home, our District 10 women's median earnings were \$41,837 or only 82.7 percent of men's median earnings of \$50,570. Out of 53 Districts in our state, our area ranks 33rd.

All the above data was compiled by AAUW nationwide and each of us can be proud our organization is, and always has been, in the lead in pursuing fair pay in our country. The results of AAUW's extensive pay equity research is on its website and each of us can learn more by going to aauw.org/fairpay/. If you are still employed you can benefit from taking a free AAUW online course in negotiating fair and equal pay. If you are not, then you can empower women you know in the workforce by sharing the course with them. To register for the course, go to salary.aauw.org.



MEMBER INTERESTS

Monday, September 9 - The Turlock Book Group will meet in the home of Marilyn Brunton to discuss former First Lady Michelle Obama's book ***Becoming***. Call 668-2483 for more information.

Thursday, September 19 - The Modesto Book Bunch will meet in the home of Margie Neder to discuss ***The American Wolf***, author Nate Blakeslee's true story of the life of Yellowstone's Wolf O-Six. Call 529-2428 for more information.

Save the Date! OUR CHAPTER'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH and 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!



Come to our Annual Membership Brunch and celebrate our Chapter's 60th Birthday, meet new folks, become involved!!

When: Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: The home of Deborah Kavasch, 1343 Valley View Drive in Turlock.

Program: President Beverly Schlegel and our Chapter's Tech Trek girls. Come enjoy the program, meet new members and hear all about the various opportunities AAUW offers its members.

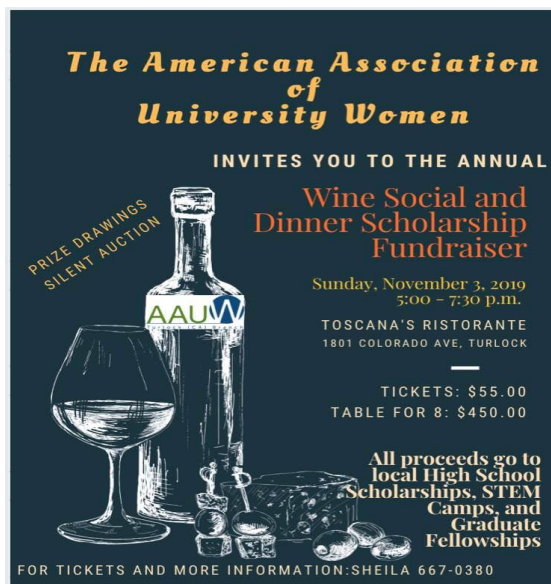
PotLuck Brunch:

- If your name ends in A-L, please bring an egg casserole.
- If your name ends in M-S, please bring breakfast pastries.
- If your name ends in T-Z, please bring a fruit salad.

We look forward to seeing you!! *Bring a guest!!*

Please RSVP: Pat Portwood 634-3592.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER – NOVEMBER 3, 2019



Toscana's Ristorante in Turlock will be the site of our annual major fundraising event. The dinner/silent auction is our main revenue source that funds:

Tech Trek

High School Scholarships

Sending a CSU student to the Leadership Conference

Our contribution to AAUW Funds provides endowments for graduate level research.

Everyone's help is needed to make this fundraiser a success.

At the Membership Brunch Sept. 21, all members will be given an envelope with a colorful flyer promoting the event, a letter explaining the fundraiser, so that you may more easily speak about it with your non-AAUW friends, as well as five tickets.

The Scholarship Fundraising Committee has been meeting throughout the summer to prepare for this very important event. Now is the time for other members to step up and participate. It's fun to work together to make this a fundraiser a great success!

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Valerie Doherty

AAUW Funds Co-VPs

AAUW Ambassadors – A New Opportunity to Serve

This year we plan to add an Interest Group for our branch called AAUW Ambassadors. The purpose of the Ambassadors will be to team up with a new member when she joins our branch. As an Ambassador you would welcome the new member, introduce her to other members, perhaps offer to drive her to our programs or meet her there and help her get acquainted and encourage her to participate in our activities.

I will be explaining this further at the Membership Brunch on September 21st.

There will be a SignUp sheet available.

Sheila Younkin
Membership VP