



# The Montage

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## Divas of Salvation Army

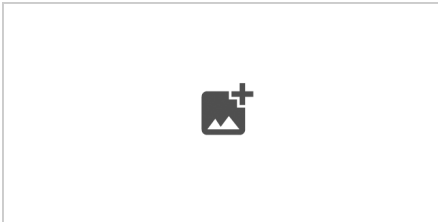
The Divas Luncheon, a money raiser for the Salvation Army, is held yearly to recognize women who go above and beyond to give back to the Turlock community. "It honors women who do good things...sometimes quietly behind the scenes and sometimes out in front with a loud voice. A true diva celebrates other women," said event chair Kristin Bettencourt.

Among those honored were two of our own members:

**Wanda Bonnell**, our Branch president, was honored for her years of work at CSUS as an advocate for foster youth, as she developed the Promise Scholars Foster Youth program at the university, serving as its coordinator for ten years. The quality of her commitment to this program is reflected in the numerous awards and recognitions she received over the years. She was recently presented with an honorary doctorate from a grateful university.

**Pat Portwood**, our dear friend, was honored posthumously. She joined the Stanislaus Library foundation in 2010 and through which she coordinated Measure S and T which greatly enhanced and extended the Library's funding. Through Friends of the Turlock Library she chaired the capital campaign which made possible the renovation of the Turlock library. With other volunteers she spearheaded a program which brings well known authors to speak to local audiences. The beautiful newly redone library salutes her work in the community





## Funds Luncheon at the Fruityard

We gathered at the Fruityard with the Branch from Oakdale/Riverbank/Escal on to enjoy each others' company, share ideas and listen to Hope Hauptman, a doctoral student at UCMerced share the ideas behind her doctoral project on water purification to produce safe and tasty drinking water within a community. What might seemed to be a simple idea has many nuances which she explained to our groups. The food was excellent and camaraderie was most pleasant.

## The Leadership team needs you

The following are positions we need to fill each year for our Branch officers. These persons have agreed to continue with your approval prior to our May 4 meeting to celebrate the 2024-2025 year.

President: Wanda Bonnell

VP Funds: Valerie Doherty

VP Membership: Pamela Mayne and Sophie Nemeth

VP Program: Sedonia Estacio and Nancy Turner

Finance Officer: Susan Baldwin

Recording Secretary; Open

Recording Secretary is an open position. We need one of you to volunteer. President, VP Funds, Finance would love to have a Co-Chair.

We know many of you are talented and might help us out.

Contact me, Beverly (209-549-1664) if you are interested or if you'd like to find out more about a position before you volunteer

# Farmer's Markets Modesto/ Turlock

Those who womaned booths at the Farmer's Markets in Modesto and Turlock last year attest to their success, in finding new members and in creating an awareness in the cities of who we are and what we try to do for the community. The booths are only up once a month, a Thursday in Modesto and a Saturday in Turlock. It is a simple, easy way to serve your Branch, If you are interested in this activity, call Sophie (209-996-9933) or Wanda (209-668-4252 or Beverly (209-549-1664)

## Scholarship Time

The Scholarship Committee has been meeting, gathering the scholarship applications from the various high schools where we present awards. Those high schools are Turlock High School, Pitman High School, Ceres High School, Enochs High School, Modesto High School. The committee will read through the scholarships and select girls to present with a check honoring their academic and community achievements. Come to the luncheon at Pageo's on May 4 to meet these amazing young women, as we introduce them to our Branch.

## Dates to Remember

**March 18 6:00-7:30 PM Women's History Month Program**  
Modesto Library 1500 I Street. Modesto

**April 4 5:00 PM. Jessica's House Tour**  
1225 West Christofferson Parkway  
Turlock

**May 4. 11:00AM. Spring Luncheon at Pageo's Lavender Farm.**  
11573 Golf Link Road. Turlock

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