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The Montage

August 2024 Turlock/Modesto Branch



September Brunch is coming soon

The September Membership Brunch, our fall gathering is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 21, 10-2 at the home of Deborah Kavasch 1345 Valley View Drive in Turlock. Our Tech Trekkers will be there to share their experiences at the Fresno State campus this summer. Come and hear their stories.

Our Branch will provide the beverages (coffee, tea, water).

Members will supply the food as follows:

A-G. Breakfast items (eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, spreads)

H-N Lunch items (salads, sandwiches, fruit) .

O-S Dessert items muffins, cookies, cakes).

T-Z Vegetarian or Vegan items.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to share in our community.

Have a friend interested in becoming a member? Bring them and win a prize!

RSVP: Sophie at 209-996-9933

Fund Raising Committee Meets

Throughout the summer, the fund raising committee has been meeting at Valerie Doherty's house. So much has been accomplished already as they plan and put together all the elements of Wine Social and Dinner, taking place on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at the Assyrian American Hall.

Thus far,

- 1.)proof reading of the letters to merchants, members and non-members who have supported us in the past has occurred and the letters are being prepared for mailing.
- 2.) a sub committee has been formed to plan the decor of the event and a chairman, Mary Heilman is in charge.
- 3.) Bjorg Johannsdottir's home was established as the collection site for all auction items
- 4.) The number of tickets, the cost and their deadlines were established.
- 5.) A date was set for the assembling of auction baskets.
- 6.) Friday, September 13, members will meet at Nedra Voorhees' house to stuff the envelopes for distribution.
- 7.) Sue Baldwin has updated the donor form to reflect for merchants and for members how a tax deduction can be legally claimed.

As you can see, much is being done, but there is much more to do so that we can provide the greatest number of scholarships for young women striving to do well within our community. If you would like to help or provide resources for this committee, please contact:

Valerie at 209-765-7196

Where are our interest groups?

Who are they and what are they doing?

Bridge: This is a group committed to the challenging card game of Bridge. They meet at a member's home on the first and third Mondays of each month. Marilyn Brunton is the contact person for this group at 209-648-6046. On the first Monday of August they met and played with Ken Allen taking the top score and his wife, Mary Allen the second top score. Nedra Voorhees was the sore loser with the lowest score. Next game is at Nedra's house on the third Monday, August 19.

Arts and Crafts: This is a group which has ceased to function for seeming lack of interest. Marilyn Hoobyar has been the contact person at 209-602-1400. She is still interested in continuing, but believes it might be better if they narrowed the group to various types of needlework. They would meet on a monthly basis at Toscana's for lunch and then move to the atrium for discussion and working on projects. If you are interested in this new direction, please contact Marilyn.

Books: Obviously, the members like to read as is evidenced by the fact that there are two book groups; one meeting in Modesto and the other meeting in Turlock.

The Modesto **Book Bunch** meets on the third Thursday of each month at the home of the member who proposed the book. The list of books for the year is published in the Branch Directory. The book to be discussed in September is *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore.

If you are interested, please call Fran Ewald at 209-409-8088.

The Turlock **Book Group** meets on the second Monday of each month at the home of the member who proposed the book. Their list is also available in the Branch Directory. The book to be discussed in September is *Women* by Kristin Hannah. If you are interested, please call Sue Baldwin at 209-535-0954.

Dinner and a Movie: This group stopped meeting last year, but contact person Gail Benge is willing to try again using a slightly different approach. Perhaps if the movie (or podcast) were viewed at home or at a host's home and then discussed, the possibility of sharing and evaluating interesting movies might be more inviting. If you are willing to give this approach to an important art form a try, please call Gail at 209-968-5313.

Gourmet Group: This is a group dedicated to fine and interesting food explorations that stopped meeting during Covid. They are currently considering restarting as perhaps a lunch group or continue meeting in the evening. If interested, call Sue Baldwin at 209-535-0954 or Valerie Doherty at 209-765-7196.

Table games: This is a group which gathers to explore and play a variety of table games. Members bring new games to share and challenge each other. They meet at the players's discretion. If interested, call Valerie Doherty at 209-765-7196.

Baskets for the Fund Raiser

Below you will find suggested baskets and/or varying contents for baskets.

Individual donations are always accepted and we will put a basket together.

Donate: baskets, gift cards, re-gifted quality items, wine, Visa cards

Ideas for donated baskets.

(An attached list of items on a basket is helpful to the bidder)

Power Outage Basket/Cooler: water, flashlight, first aid kit, multipurpose tools, batteries, non-perishable food, battery radio, gloves, mylar blanket, playing cards, lantern

Pasta Dinner Basket: various pastas and sauces, a colander, a pasta ladle, spices, apron, table cloth

Movie Basket: DVD's, popcorn, nuts, a variety of candy munchies, blankets, pillows, serving bowls

Nature Basket: binoculars, outdoor blanket, spritzer, water bottle, sunscreen, granola bars, picnic basket, dishware, utensils

Fishing basket/Cooler: assorted lures, reels, outdoor blanket, jars of fish bait, flashlight, batteries, lantern, multipurpose tool, fish scaler

Garden Basket/ Flower Pot: seeds, garden tools, watering can, knee pad, garden starters, gloves, garden decorations

Chocolate Dreams Basket: chocolate candies, cake mixes, cookie mixes, brownie mixes, frostings, chocolate chips. candy dish, baking utensils, cake tins, cookie sheet

Fitness Basket: yoga mat, water bottle, exercise bands, small weights, small towels, socks, protein bars

Spa at Home Basket: bubble bath, soaps, lotions, manicure/pedicure tools, facial kit, nail polish, body spray, bath salts, puff scrub, towel

Office Supply Basket: pens, pencils, notebooks, sticky notes, stapler, tape and dispenser, paper clips, desk lamp, desk organizer, coffee mug

Baking Basket: cupcake tins, baking sheets, cake tins, cookie mixes, cake mixes, frosting , cake decorating tools, cookie cutters, cookie rack, rolling pin

Home Made Basket: Fill the basket with home made items such as: cookies, cakes, jams and jellies, breads

Beach Bag Basket: beach towel, sunscreen, flip flops, chap stick, books, sun glasses, sun hat/baseball cap. frisbee. beach ball

Sweet Treat Basket: Any thing sweet goes!

And any other idea you may create!

If you create a basket, let Valerie know and deliver it to Bjorg Johannsdottir's house before October 24, 2024

Programs are being planned

Vice Presidents in charge of this aspect of our Branch are Sedonia Estacio at 209-771-6790 and Nancy Turner at 510-690-7550. They gather information from the branch members as to what they would like to discuss or about which they would like to be informed and then try to create programs which address these issues. A program planning meeting will gather at My Garden Cafe in Ceres on August 24 to discuss future programs for the year. If you are interested in attending, contact Nancy for further details about this meeting.

The very first activity of this new year is a voter registration drive at Modesto Junior College on September 17, 2024 which just happens to be National Voter Registration Day. Volunteers for this event are already staffed so keep good thoughts for a successful day at the college.

A Consumer Fraud/ Identity Theft Program is planned in October. Details as to date, time and place are yet to be determined. Keep on the alert for future information about this important issue

AAUW Digital Contacts: If you wish to find out more details about AAUW as an organization, its web address is www.aauw.org

For California AAUW: www.aauw.ca.org From this site, you can also find a link to Board to Board, an interesting look into what various boards in California are doing.

PROPOSED BRANCH BUDGET 2024-25

Statement of Activities

| | Budget 22-23 | Budget 23-24 | Actual 23-24 | Budget for 2024-25 | Assumptions |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| <i>Operating Income</i> | | | | | |
| Branch Dues Income | 832 | 800 | 1,200 | 800 | Membership will stay flat - 50 @ 16 |
| AAUW Funds Luncheon | 600 | 1,500 | 983 | 960 | Increase for tip/tax/speaker/rent (\$32 ea) |
| Installation/Scholarship Luncheon | 600 | 750 | 786 | 900 | Increase for tip/tax/speaker/rent/guests (\$30 ea) |
| Misc. Income | - | - | 335 | - | |
| Interest Income | 1 | 12 | 13 | 12 | |
| | 2,033 | 3,062 | 3,317 | 2,672 | |
| <i>Project Income</i> | | | | | |
| Fundraising Income | | | | | |
| Tech Trek Donations | 1,000 | 2,500 | 1,150 | 2,500 | |
| HS Scholarships Donations | 200 | 2,000 | 1,200 | 2,000 | |
| Wine Social Income | 15,000 | 16,700 | 23,436 | 18,000 | |
| Misc Donations Income | - | - | - | - | |
| | 16,200 | 21,200 | 25,786 | 22,500 | |
| Total Revenues | 18,233 | 24,262 | 29,103 | 25,172 | |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| <i>Operating Expenses</i> | | | | | |
| CA - Insurance & Assessment | \$ 250 | \$ 250 | \$ 278 | \$ 280 | |
| AAUW Funds Luncheon Expense | \$ 500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,273 | \$ 1,300 | Speaker Honoriam & Mileage |
| Installation/Sch Luncheon Expense | \$ 600 | \$ 750 | \$ 1,020 | \$ 1,000 | Complimentary Meals-HS Recipients & parent |
| Hospitality Expense | \$ 200 | \$ 50 | \$ 15 | \$ 50 | |
| Newsletter Expense | \$ 100 | \$ 52 | \$ | \$ 50 | |
| Directory Expense | \$ 150 | \$ 150 | \$ 253 | \$ 250 | |
| PO Box Rental Expense | \$ 170 | \$ 180 | \$ 182 | \$ 185 | Increase |
| Convention State Expense | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ | \$ 500 | Convention Bi-Annually |

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| Administrative/Finance Expense | \$ 50 | \$ 50 | \$ 67 | \$ 50 | |
| Program Expense | \$ 200 | \$ 200 | \$ 52 | \$ 200 | |
| Publicity Expense | \$ 50 | \$ 25 | \$ | \$ 25 | |
| Community Organization Expense | \$ 50 | \$ 25 | \$ | \$ 25 | |
| Membership Expense | \$ 200 | \$ 100 | \$ 169 | \$ 100 | |
| Communication/Phoneite Expense | \$ 30 | \$ 30 | \$ | \$ 30 | |
| Contingency | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 46 | \$ - | |
| | \$ 3,050 | \$ 3,862 | \$ 3,355 | \$ 4,045 | |
| <i>Project Expenditures</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Fundraising Expenses</i> | | | | | |
| Scholarship Wine Social Exp | \$ 5,000 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,060 | \$ 6,077 | |
| Funds Paid (net) | | | | | |
| AAUW Funds | \$ 2,250 | \$ 2,250 | \$ 2,300 | \$ 2,300 | 3 Name Honorees @ \$750/Memorials |
| Tech Trek | \$ 6,000 | \$ 5,400 | \$ 5,400 | \$ 6,000 | 6 camperships @ \$1000 |
| HS Scholarships | \$ 6,750 | \$ 6,750 | \$ 6,750 | \$ 6,750 | 7 scholarship - 6 @\$1000 & 1 @\$750 |
| NCCWSL Convention | \$ 585 | \$ - | \$ | \$ - | Reinstate when CSUS has a branch |
| | \$ 20,585 | \$ 20,400 | \$ 20,510 | \$ 21,127 | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 23,635 | \$ 24,262 | \$ 23,865 | \$ 25,172 | |
| Excess Revenues Over Expenses | (5,402) | 0 | 5,238 | - | |

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