



# The December Montage

## The Wine Social Scholarship Fund Raiser!



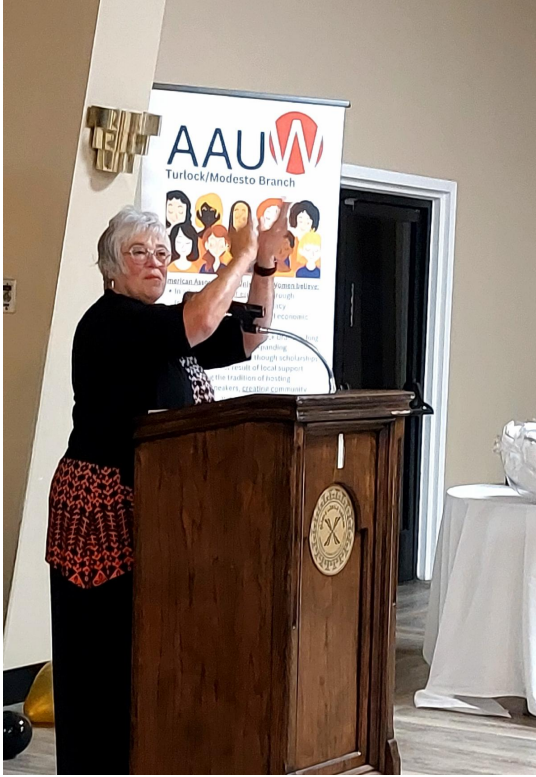
Amid black and golden cascading balloons and streamers, the Modesto/Turlock AAUW gathered at the Assyrian/American Social Hall to celebrate our work to raising money to honor the efforts of young women in our community as they pursue their dreams to succeed as students at the high school and college levels.

As we enjoyed our meal, we were able to hear from several of the girls as they shared with us their experiences at Fresno State University as they participated in the week long experience of Tech Trek; and we also heard from girls in college who had received scholarships to help them with college expenses from AAUW.

We also had opportunities to bid on the many wonderful baskets of various kinds from golf days and spa days to wine and random dinners to treats for your kitty donated by members and merchants to help in the raising of scholarship money. If you could think of it, there was a basket for it.

Activities finished off with a Fund a Need led by Nancy Turner which added to our overall accomplishments for the evening. Net Profit thus far for this year's effort was \$16,000.

The committee in charge of this event was chaired by Valerie Doherty. She was assisted by Dave Menshew, Wanda Bonnell, Gail Benge, Nancy Turner, Bjorg Johannsdottir, Sue Baldwin, Mary Allen, Sophie Nemeth, and Nedra Voorhees. With an extraordinary flourish added by Mary Heilman with all her balloons and glamour!



Nancy adding up those bucks for scholarships



Bjorg and Mary enjoying the balloon arch

## A Message on Leadership Opportunities from Your President- Wanda Bonnell

The AAUW Turlock/Modesto Branch is seeking dynamic, passionate members to step into leadership roles as current members complete their terms on June 30th. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the continuing legacy of advocacy, support and empowerment that defines our branch.

As a leader of our local branch, you'll play a crucial role in advancing the AAUW's mission to break down barriers for women and girls through education, advocacy and philanthropy. We are looking for volunteers who are committed to fostering a vibrant community and expanding the reach of our initiatives.

We are seeking individuals to fill various leadership positions, including: President, Vice-President, Secretary, committee chairs, and other leadership roles.

Whether you have experience in non-profit leadership or are just looking for a way to get involved, we welcome your interest and enthusiasm. If you are interested in nominating yourself or some one else, please send your nomination to [wanda.bonnell@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.bonnell@gmail.com).

For more information, or to learn more about the specific responsibilities of each position, feel free to reach out to current board members or visit our website. Let's continue to make

a difference together. Join us in ensuring the Turlock/Modesto Branch thrives for years to come.

Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season! Wanda Bonnell, AAUW President.

## December Soup Supper

Continuing a tradition of giving and celebration, the annual Turlock/ Modesto Branch Holiday Soup Supper will be Friday, December 13 at the home of Valerie Doherty. Every one is to bring packaged food or an unwrapped toy to be donated to Turlock Together. Another part of the tradition is to bring a tree ornament to exchange.

To reserve a spot at the table you must call Valerie (209-765-7196) by December 10, 2024. We like to have three soups, some breads and some cookies for dessert. When you call your reservation, you will tell what you wish to bring. Festivities start at 6:00 PM. (Bring a bottle of wine , if you'd like to share some.)

The address is. 1420 N. Quincy Road  
Turlock, CA 95382

## Funds Luncheon With Oakdale/ Riverbank/Escalon AAUW

We have the pleasure of dining with the Oakdale/Riverbank/Escalon Branch as we listen to a young graduate student who has had the benefit of a fellowship to help in her research of her graduate program. It will be on February 22 at a place to be determined at 11:30 AM. The cost of the luncheon and the speaker will be shared at that later date,

## Board to Board information:

1. The Fund List and the application form are available Also available is the speaker request form. [aauwfund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aauwfund@aauw-ca.org)
2. Individuals no longer need to enter their educational background when joining or renewing membership.
3. The NCCWSL is in transition and will be outsourced starting in 2025
4. Updating of websites will be done by AAUW National
5. Applications are available for CA-Board positions, voting will take place in April.

More information on each of these items can be found on the AAUW-CA website.

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