

# Feather Vane



APRIL, 2017



Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

## APRIL MEETING - Bring a friend or potential member.

WHEN: **Saturday, APRIL 8, 2017, 11:30 am**

WHERE: Yuba College, Flavors Restaurant

PROGRAM: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER – Our speaker is Amanda Hopper, Sutter County District Attorney.



MENU: Chicken Marsala with Angel hair pasta, Green beans Almondine, Sweet Rolls. Dessert- Strawberry Cheesecake. Meal will be prepared by the Culinary Art students of Yuba College under the direction of Roy Hansen.

COST: \$18. **Tell your emailer or caller if you are coming YES or NO by the Monday prior to the meeting.** *If you replied yes, but did not receive a confirmation of your reservation by Tuesday, please phone Janet Theiss (695-3159). If you reply yes, you owe for the meal.*



**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Please volunteer, and sell tickets**

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

The Garden Tour Committee has done its job, the community is supporting AAUW with Garden Tour Sponsorships, garden owners have graciously agreed to open their gardens to the public, local businesses are selling tickets for us, the media is generous with its coverage, AAUW volunteers are ready to serve as hostesses, Master Gardeners are set to be on the tour, a reception is planned. And Spring has finally Sprung.

Now, we need YOUR help. Each AAUW member will receive 3 tickets for the tour, and your job is to sell them, or buy them and invite someone to enjoy the Garden Tour as your guest. **AND SEND IN THE MONEY** -- \$45 for the 3 tickets. This is our only fund raiser (aren't we glad of that!) and we use the funds for all the good work we do and the fun we have doing it. We wouldn't exist without the Garden Tour funds.

This has been a challenging year for gardens, gardeners and Garden Tour Planning. Regardless, we have a wonderful tour planned for the community, and with a successful tour AAUW will continue to be able to fulfill our mission to **ADVANCE EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS** in our community by:

- \* holding the STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls,
- \* sending 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to TECH TREK,
- \* providing scholarships for Yuba College women,
- \* donating to GIRLS ON THE RUN, CASA DE ESPERANZA, HANDS OF HOPE,
- \* buying textbooks for re-entry Yuba College women, & participating in AAUW Sections and Programs.

See you at the Garden Tour, and please send in your money. Thanks, *Martha*

## Garden Tour Artists

by Lee Jones



Currently we have 10 local artists volunteering for the Garden Tour, *Art in the Gardens*, on May 6, 2017.

Artists include a variety of media such as watercolor, acrylic, ceramic, jewelry, glass, and photography: Cindy Gaven, Sue Graue, Jan Frink, Janet Staser, Lynn Rose Light, Walt Zukas, Leslie Greenetz, Luisa Leger, Terri Foley, and Tamra Spoto. Contact me with any questions. Lee Jones, 674-1942, /c 300-0214.



## Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader  
Message from the ECL –March 18, 2017

Our branch has weathered the February storms, we had a change of speakers. Lee Jones brought us **Dr. Salina Chan** who is a **naturopathic doctor, acupuncturist, and Chinese herbalist. She is a wonderfully delightful person, so knowledgeable in her discipline, an excellent speaker, and so easy to follow. She stayed after the meeting to speak with members on a personal level. She has a local practice.**



We had a successful Opportunity Drawing, thanks to Priscilla Kerr, and members and guests who enjoyed the drawings.

The Executive Council talked about the importance of Members at Large for our successful Projects: STEM, Tech Trek, and the Garden Tour, our only fund raiser that is coming up May 6. Colleen Franklin shared with us how successful the campaign to ask for sponsors has been in its second year. Currently we already have enough sponsors to send a girl to Tech Trek. We were told how important it is for members to return \$45 for the 3 tickets we all received to help support our projects. Chief Salim served our lunch, always a favorite. Next month will be our Annual Luncheon at Yuba College, with lunch served by the Culinary Arts students. Our speaker will be the Sutter County D. A., Amanda Hopper. Remember to invite guests and spouses to this once a year meeting. See you all there.



## PROGRAM NOTES



by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

**Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:30 am – BRANCH LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING** is at Flavors , Yuba College. Lunch will be prepared by the Culinary Art students. *Program: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFER* - Amanda Hopper, Sutter County District Attorney, is the speaker. There will be no luncheon in May due to Garden Tour.



## DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for 2017-18 are due. Mail your check for **\$82** (\$49 National+\$20 California+\$13 Branch) to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992 by June 1, 2017. Must be received before June 3 to enter into **FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING**. Call branch Treasurer, Sandy Davini, with any questions. 673-0930 or /c 713-1390. If you joined mid-year ask Sandy how much you owe.

The **Executive Council Meeting** on Thursday, **April 13**, at 1:30 will be held at the home of Priscilla Kerr, 982 Skyline Dr, Yuba City. Contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in being a Member-at-Large.

## Feather Vane Staff

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Our new branch  
website address is  
**mvyc-ca.aauw.net**

In November our branch's Membership Chair-Lee Jones, Garden Tour Chair-Martha Bunce, and Publicity Chair & Newsletter Editor-Artis Buerki, met to discuss the possibility of having a branch website, and how it would benefit the marketing of our AAUW branch. Since 2012 we have had a Facebook page for our branch, and a simple webpage hosted through our Chamber of Commerce membership, but never a website. Our recent research showed AAUW National could host a branch website for us for only \$10 a month. We took the proposal to the Executive Council in December and got the go ahead to go forward with the idea.

In January Martha made the initial contact with AAUW National to get the process started. In early February AAUW put up the bare-bones site for us with the dashboard labels, and then the fun began. As website editor, Artis has been working for most of February and March with site management people at AAUW, submitting information and photos to be used on the new website, editing it, tweaking it, and finally has developed a site that is both pleasing to look at and contains information that we want the world to know about us. Our committee chairs have each edited their own sections to their satisfaction, and we can update that information anytime as needed. Anyone can visit the website and read about the opportunities that our branch offers - including the monthly meetings, Garden Tour, STEM Conference, Tech Trek, and Scholarships.

**There is also a MEMBERS ONLY section** which includes the *Feather Vane* newsletter, contact information for our Interest Sections, list of the current Executive Council members, and a list of the Charter Members of our branch. To get into that section you will need to have the **password** which is simply **mvyc-member**. Please give the website a try, and contact Artis, 671-5665 or [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net), with your questions or comments. We'd enjoy having your feedback!

## BRANCH ELECTION - April 8, 2017

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader

Our yearly election will take place at the Annual Meeting and luncheon on April 8, 11:30 am, Flavors Restaurant at Yuba College. Completing their terms in June 2017 are Jeanine Rounds, Janet Theiss, and Sandy Davini, and we thank them for their service.

Sandy Davini has agreed to run for another 1-year term as Treasurer. Jeanine Rounds, and Janet Theiss have both agreed to run for re-election for 3-year terms. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Newly elected officers will be installed at our June 3 branch luncheon.

Continuing officers of the 8 member Executive Council are Joann Nixon, Karen Tuttle, Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim, and Carol Clark.

The Executive Council also consists of Members-at-Large. These members are representatives from the general membership who wish to attend Executive Council meetings and assist on tasks as needed. They are appointed by the ECL for a 1 year period.

Executive Council meetings are normally held the second Thursday at 1:30 pm. If you would like to be a Member-at-Large please contact Joann Nixon, 530-680-0356.



## Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser

by Karen Tuttle for Jeanne Schultz, AAUW Funds Chair

In February each member received a tea bag and a letter explaining our annual Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations support opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success.

Please participate in this event by writing a check for \$15 or more payable to "AAUW " and **write EO-#4336 in the memo line. These instructions are new for 2017.** Please mail your check today to AAUW, P. O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.

Total branch donations of \$750 or more allow us to designate a branch member as an "AAUW Educational Opportunities Named Gift Honoree." For 2016, our branch members donated a total of \$1,765 to AAUW Funds. We will be honoring our Named Gift Honoree at our April 8, 2017 branch meeting.



## INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Monday, **May 1, 2017**, IBC meeting is in our Marysville-Yuba City area, at 6:00 p.m., venue to be determined. Contact me (wftjedt@syix.com/695-3159) if you plan to go.

## **Sutter Buttes Garden Club Plant Sale** **Fund Raiser supporting the Community**

### **Gardens and Scholarship Programs**

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 9 AM to 4 PM, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds Flower Building, 442 Franklin Road, YC



\*Fairy Gardens-Bouquets  
\*Home Baked Goodies  
Master Gardeners on site to answer questions.  
Sutter & Yuba County High Schools will bring their plants.  
The Girl and Boy Scouts will help with the sale!

## ADVOCACY & ACTION

If you haven't heard about House Bill H.R.610, you might want to take a look at this and make up your own mind. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/610/cosponsors>. This is a bill that could affect all of us, our children, and grandchildren. The future of public schools may be at risk. AAUW has provided us with a lot of information to think about. Please read about it (CLICK HERE) <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/vouchers/>

Martha Bunce is the Advocacy and Action chair for our branch. If you'd like to be on the email alert list from AAUW National, please let her know with an email, [buncehall@yahoo.com](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com)

**March 10, 2017 Take action now. Tell Congress we shouldn't give our tax dollars to unaccountable private schools. Ctrl and Click on TAKE ACTION below.**

**TAKE ACTION!**



March 3, 2017

## AAUW Cheer of the Week

The Nevada State Senate **voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment this week**. The resolution will head to the State Assembly for a final vote. If ratified, Nevada would be the 36th of 38 states needed to put the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

## AAUW Jeer of the Week

The White House **handpicked news outlets to attend Press Secretary Sean Spicer's question and answer session on Friday**. News organizations such as CNN and the Los Angeles Times were blocked from attending, raising concerns about freedom of the press.



## Board to Board

A Communication from the

AAUW California Board to Branch Boards

March 8, 2017 – A change that was announced recently involves Tech Trek management moving back to California after the 2017 camps have been completed. The move to National in 2015 was called the National Tech Trek Pilot Project. It was intended as a two year pilot to see if it was feasible for National to handle the management of the 21 camps nationwide. Recently, the National board reviewed the core mission of AAUW in order to decide where to focus their efforts. As a result, all Tech Trek camp management will be returned to the states involved. National believes that the states can better manage the camps while National can still recruit corporate donors for the nationwide program. In California our branches work very hard to raise the funds for our camps. That will continue no matter who manages the camps. As more information is available regarding the details, I will make sure you have them. If you have any questions at this time, please contact Linda Stinebaugh, [lstinebaugh@verizon.net](mailto:lstinebaugh@verizon.net) or Harriet Tower, [htower.techtrek@gmail.com](mailto:htower.techtrek@gmail.com).



## INTEREST SECTIONS

All branch members are welcome to attend.



### ADVOCACY & ACTION

Call Martha Bunce 743-0306 or email: [buncehall@yahoo.com](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com) to receive email advocacy and action alerts.



### BOOK CLUBS

#### Book Explorers

Meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am.  
Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone  
Paulette for details about the **April 21** meeting.

#### Rabid Readers

Meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am.  
Contact is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840 or Pat  
Jones, 674-0114. Next meeting is **April 21**,  
hosted by Stephanie at the Cookie Tree. Book  
is United: Finding Common Ground and  
Advancing Common Good by Cory Booker.



### BRIDGE GROUPS

Normally meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. If  
you are interested in substituting, starting a new group,  
or learning to play bridge, call Jan Wallace, 743-1060.



### PLAY READING

Normally meets the first Friday of the month at  
1 pm. Contact is Barbara McCarty, 671-1275. Meeting  
on **April 7** at the home of Barbara McCarty.



### TALKING ON PAPER

Meets on Tuesday, **April 4**, 10-11:30 a.m. at The  
Cookie Tree. Contact is Joan Young, 777-9215. Come  
to our meeting and bring a story you have written,  
about 2 pages long, and share with our enthusiastic  
gals.....or just sit and listen for the pleasure of it. We  
welcome new-comers who will soon feel right at  
home.



### TRAVEL

**Have you taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it to the TRAVEL group?**

The Travel section normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm, but at this publication time there are no speakers scheduled for the rest of the year. Please call Gloria Mullins if you have any ideas, 674-3659.



### TRAVELING GOURMET

Traveling Gourmet normally meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. Jeanine Rounds is hosting the Travelling Gourmet on **April 27**. We will be enjoying the fine cuisine at Seasons 52 in the Arden Way Mall. We will leave by 10:30 on that date. We meet in front of the Round Table before 10:30. Please join us. Seasons 52 is truly a gourmet experience.



In February, right after the evacuation, the Traveling Gourmet traveled to Johnny Garlic's. This was our smallest group ever with only 5 women present. Traveling in one car, we had fun sharing stories with each other. Joann Nixon was the hostess, with Jo Hilling, Jeanine Rounds, Sandy Davini, and Carol Clark attending. Jo shared an unusual desert with everyone. (see photo) *Photo by Joann Nixon*

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS** –If you wish to donate an item please contact Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

Consider introducing your friends to AAUW by bringing them to a branch meeting.

Contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, or email [lee@harkeyhouse.com](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com) for a membership application.



Joni Adams brought her neighbor, Pritam Brar to our March 18 meeting. Pritam has joined our branch as a 15-month member.

Pritam is a retired teacher who worked in MJUSD schools for many years. Here is her information. Please add it to your Roster and welcome her to our branch.

**Pritam Brar:** 1738 Meadowlark Way,  
Yuba City 95993; 673-6048.

BA & MA from Punjab University. Most recent MA is from San Jose State-Counselor Education, 1982.



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting March 9, 2017  
1:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Tuttle**

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader;

Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; Members at Large: Priscilla Kerr

**Call to Order, 1: 35**

### Minutes, Reports:

Minutes of February 9, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out some brief correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy indicated a slight amendment regarding the amount to send for Tech Trek girls as we have been approved for 6 not 7. We discussed the annual Branch dues for next year. Sandy said that National would be increasing the 2018 dues by \$10. It was moved and approved to keep our Branch dues at \$13 for the coming year; however, we will increase the cost for our monthly Branch meetings from \$18 to \$20 to cover costs.

Membership: Lee was not present, but Sandy said our active membership is now 92.

Public Policy, Advocacy – No Report

### Other reports from Executive Council

Bylaws Update—Karen Tuttle indicated that she had received an update from National regarding Bylaws, and that quite a few changes are being made. It was agreed that Janet Theiss would look over the changes, review them with Karen, and they would update Council via email and discuss information at next Executive Council.

Communication: Janet Theiss

Feather Vane and Website. Artis is still working on getting all the “bugs” out of the new system. Group agreed that the password (mvyc-member) should be printed in the Feather Vane.

Meeting Callers: All appears to be going well for calling.

Roster: No changes.

Programs. Our February meeting was canceled because of the flood emergency. Barbara Solheim reported that our intended speaker for the March meeting had just had to cancel her presentation. After some quick and intensive search, Barbara said that Lee Jones had contacted her acupuncturist, Dr. Chan, and she has agreed to be our speaker. Artis will try to get a publication in the local paper, and Barbara Douyon will be informed regarding the change before she sends out the emails. As previously indicated Amanda Hopper will do the April program at Yuba College. For the program, with food provided by the Culinary Arts program, we should all consider bringing guests.

Projects: Carol Clark

**STEM:** It was agreed that all had gone well and that we plan to try to keep our maximum at 700 girls. The date of conference for spring 2018 needs to be established as soon as possible. Unfortunately, YCUSD doesn't start classes

until January 16, which is the start of Professional Development Days at the college, and which might conflict with campus activities. Jeanine will check information as soon as possible.

**Garden Tour:** Meeting was held 3/2. Martha is still looking to finalize all the gardens, and there is a problem in getting enough gardens. Several people will pursue it as soon as possible. Jeanine Rounds will begin sign ups for hostesses at the March meeting, and she and Barbara Kenney will do calling follow-up. Priscilla Kerr has also offered to help with the calling.

**Tech Trek:** The committee met 3/8 and selected 12 girls to be interviewed. Donna Long will make the calls for the interviews set for March 25 at YCUSD District Office. We can send 6 girls. We have a good interview committee for the girls, and Barbara Solheim and Jeanine Rounds will split the interviews with parents.

**Scholarships:** Jeanine indicated that Barbara Alves will be joining the committee, which also consists of Martha Bunce and Leslie Williams (former Biology teacher at Yuba College.) AAUW will be awarding 3 scholarships from our funds and one from the Yuba City Women's Club funds. The college is working on a new procedure, using the internet, so we'll see how that goes. Decisions to be made in April.

### Other Business

**Interbranch:** Janet Theiss will be gathering information about the best place to hold the May meeting in our area.

**Sunshine.** A card will be sent to Kathryn Medley

**Opportunity Drawings:** Priscilla Kerr will be providing them for the March and April meetings.

**Meeting with John Garamendi:** Jeanine announced that she and Carol Clark, Lee Jones, Martha Bunce, and Sara Sealander had attended a Women's Issues meeting held in Marysville by Congressman John Garamendi. It was a very interesting meeting, with women from several counties.

**Next meeting:** Karen Tuttle will not be able to host the Executive Committee meetings for April and May, and we will locate another place. Joann and Sandy will explore options.

Meeting dismissed at 3:20

Respectively submitted,

Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: This report will be approved at next EC meeting. For final approved minutes please contact EC Secretary following the next EC meeting.

### YOUR GIFT TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER PROGRAMS ENABLES WOMEN TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS THROUGH EDUCATION

Please send this form with your check (s) to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory or honor (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yuba College Scholarship (Check to Yuba College Foundation-AAUW) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tech Trek Fund (Make check payable to AAUW) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yuba College Book Fund (Make check payable to AAUW) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Branch Operations /helps fund local activities (Check to AAUW) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AAUW Educational Opportunities Funds (Make check payable to **AAUW. Note "Ed. Opp" on bottom**) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Legal Advocacy Fund (Check to **AAUW. Note "LAF" on bottom**). \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Girls on the Run (Make check payable to Girls on the Run) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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Our new branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>

Our Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC](http://www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC)

AAUW California: [www.aauw-ca.org/](http://www.aauw-ca.org/)

AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)


Tech Trek: [www.aauw-techtrek.org](http://www.aauw-techtrek.org)

Call me if you have any questions. Artis Buerki, 671-5665.

## APRIL 2017



Please get in touch with your committee chairs to confirm meeting details/locations.  
 For more information about **Interest Sections**, see page 5 of this Feather Vane.

| Sunday  | Monday              | Tuesday                           | Wednesday | Thursday                               | Friday                       | Saturday   |
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| 2   | 3                   | 4<br>10 am<br>Talking on<br>Paper | 5         | 6<br>1 pm<br>Garden<br>Tour Com.       | 7<br>1 pm<br>Play<br>Reading | 8<br>11:30 am<br>Branch<br>Annual<br>Meeting       |
| 9   | 10                  | 11                                | 12        | 13<br>1:30 pm<br>Executive<br>Council  | 14                           | 15   |
| 16<br> | 17                  | 18                                | 19        | 20                                     | 21<br>10 am<br>Book Clubs    | 22<br><b>MAY<br/>FEATHER<br/>VANE<br/>DEADLINE</b> |
| 23  | 24<br>TBD<br>Travel | 25<br>Bridge                      | 26        | 27<br>10:30 am<br>Traveling<br>Gourmet | 28                           | 29   |
| 30  |                     |                                   |           |  |                              |  |



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