

Feather Vane



DECEMBER, 2017



When: **December 9, 2017** **COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Where: Peach Tree Country Club, 2043 Simpson Dantoni Road, Marysville

Program: Music provided by the Yuba College Choral, Directed by Tracie Barbieri, and accompanied by Dr. Robert Mathews.

Cost: \$22 - RESERVATIONS-AAUW MEMBERS: Deadline for reservations was Wednesday, November 22, 2017 as noted in the November Feather Vane. If you have not yet mailed a check contact Sandy Davini, 713-1390, to see if there is still room; then mail your check payable to AAUW immediately to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. *If you reply yes, you owe for the meal*

Donation: HANDS OF HOPE DONATION: Please bring new pairs of women's or children's socks, Arid Aerosol Spray deodorant cans, disposable razors, regular size shampoo, conditioner, or body wash as a donation to Hands of Hope.



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



Council Chat by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader
November 18, 2017

Nature gave us a beautiful day for our November Branch meeting. The sun was shining and the trees displayed in beautiful fall hues. We welcomed two new members, **Evie Toles** attended, and has a broad background in AAUW as a dual membership with Victor Valley and a life member with National. **Marie Lavoie** was not present but sent in her membership. Marie teaches at Brittan School and has been very supportive of our Tech Trek project. We had a strong attendance and members commented on how helpful the information was that we heard from our **speaker, Lisa Del Pero**, on "legal financial next step in ageing". It is important to meet with an attorney; do-it-yourself documents miss a lot of important information. Talking with an attorney about a trust is a lot less costly than ending in probate. ***It's a thoughtful gift to give to the next generation.*** If you name co-trustees, it is not their property-- you can ***fire the manager***. This is just a highlight of the presentation. Go see an **Estate Planning attorney**. Remember to update trusts every 5 to 10 years.

I hope you can attend the Coalition Brunch in December as it is a wonderful way to get together with the other women's groups in our community. Get your reservations to Sandy Davini by the day before Thanksgiving. ***Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.*** Joann Nixon ECL

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meeting - Thursday, December 14, 1:30 p.m. at Sandy Davini's home. Please contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in attending Executive Council meetings as a Member-at-Large.



PROGRAM NOTES

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



Here is what we have planned for the coming months. Please mark your calendars. Hope to see you there!

AAUW PROJECTED PROGRAMS, 2017-2018

Saturday, December 9, 2017--Coalition Brunch, 9:30 a.m. Peach Tree Country Club, Simpson Dantoni Ln., Marysville Cost \$22.00. (see article page 1)

Friday, January 19, 2018—STEM Conference, Yuba College

Saturday, February 17, 2018—Beware of Scammers, Speaker, Katy Godson, 11:30 a.m. Fremont-Rideout Conf. Rm. 989 Plumas St., Yuba City, Catered by Antonio--Cost 18.00

Saturday, March 17, 2018—One Hundred Years of Sunsweet, Speaker, Ana Klein, 11:30 a.m. Sunsweet, 901 N. Walton, Yuba City, Cost \$18.00

Saturday, April 21, 2018—Update of Fremont-Rideout, Speaker, V.P. Monica Arrowsmith, 11:30: a.m. Lunch prepared by Culinary Arts Students, Yuba College Marysville, Cost \$18.00

Saturday, May 5, 2018—GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 2, 2018—Year End Meeting—Reports—Scholarships, etc., 11:30 a.m., Ting's Refuge, 1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City—Cost \$18.00



Thank you to attorney Lisa Del Pero, our speaker at the November 18 meeting. We learned a lot about how to plan our wills and trusts to avoid probate.

Feather Vane Staff

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STEM COMMITTEE REPORT

by Barbara Solheim, & Sandy Davini, STEM Co-Chairs

The STEM Conference is on January 19, 2018. **Next STEM Committee meeting is Dec. 14, 11 am**, at the home of Sandy Davini. Contact Barbara, 642-3577, or Sandy, 713-1390 to find out how you can help.

To volunteer to be a Facilitator in a classroom on January 19, please contact Lee Jones or Roberta D'Arcy. (see Facilitator information on page 3)



GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE REPORT

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

If you would like to help plan the May 5, 2018 Garden Tour please come to a meeting. **Next meeting is Dec. 7, at noon**, at Barbara Kenney's. We need your ideas and your help in making this, our only public fundraiser, a success. Contact Martha at 743-0306.



TECH TREK COMMITTEE

by Carol Clark, EC Project Group Leader

The committee will organize soon for the selection of our 2018 Tech Trekkers. Let Carol Clark, Donna Long, or Karen Chiechi know if you are interested in being a part of this team. Carol's number is 672-5286.



INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

Many of you now have your 2018 calendars in progress so **note** the annual **IBC Luncheon, February 3, 2018, at 11:30 a.m. in Paradise** at the Paradise Center for Spiritual Living, at 789 Bille Road. We don't know the menu or cost. You need to get a check to me, Janet Theiss, by January 15, made out to "AAUW." I hope you attend! Our Maryville-Yuba City branch is getting the program.

The November 6, 2017, meeting was at Pete's in Yuba City. We were interested to see Career Trek vote to switch to handling the girls' session choices the way we (M-YC) have found so successful. . . . It was FUN to see the IBC members of Chico, Gridley, Oroville, and Paradise again. Such bright, creative women!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

We were happy to welcome two new members at the November 18 meeting; They are Evie Toles and Marie Lavoie. Watch for more information about them in the next *Feather Vane*. Do you have a friend who would enjoy being a member of our branch? Guests are welcome at all branch meetings. Membership is open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. RN), bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, for a membership application, or find the printable Membership Application on our new website under JOIN: <http://mvyca.aauw.net/> (hover over link. Press Ctrl and left click to open this link).



DID YOU KNOW That We Have Eight 50-Year Members?

What other local club can brag that nearly 10% of our membership is made up of people who have been members of the organization for 50 year?! The Marysville-Yuba City branch of AAUW is happy to say that we can! Our branch was founded in 1955, and two of our 50-year honorary members, **Beverly Balfour** and **Dorothy Jang**, are still members, though both have moved out of this area to be closer to their families.

Our other 50-year honorary members still residing in the Yuba-Sutter area are **Ruth Anthony, Pat Fournier, Marjorie Muck, Rosalie Pitt, and Corky Ulrey**; and **Beverly Paget** who lives in Sacramento. These women have each actively helped our branch to become what it is today, and we thank them for their excellent service!

Artis Buerki, Feather Vane Editor

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - Feather Vane mailing person

After doing this job for 5 years, Ethel Breyfogle is wanting to pass on the baton to a new person. We thank Ethel for being so faithful and efficient. It is not a huge job, but a very important one, and one that you can do at home. Can you help us by mailing the Feather Vane 10 times a year to about 35 people on our mailing list? Please phone Artis Buerki, 671-5665, if you are curious.

STEM CONFERENCE for 8th GRADE GIRLS – Calling all Facilitator Volunteers!!!

Greetings! It's that time again, and I'm writing to you about being a Facilitator at this year's STEM Conference (Science /Technology/ Engineering/ Math), which will be held on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018 at Yuba College. TIME IS 8:30AM TO 12:00 noon.**

LEE JONES and **ROBERTA D'ARCY** have volunteered to take over the responsibility of recruiting Facilitators. **Lee and Roberta** will be the people who will receive your responses, maintain contact with you, and organize and finalize the list of participating Facilitators.

The best course of action is to have Lee and Roberta officially in place from the get-go to insure that communications are in place.

HERE IS THE CONTACT INFORMATION:

EMAIL ADDRESS Lee:

lee@harkeyhouse.com PHONE: 674-1942; and
Roberta: rolanddrc@yahoo.com, PHONE: 743-8742.

As always, your participation would be greatly appreciated, and we'd like to get firm commitments from as many of you as possible as early as possible.

We anticipate another equally successful conference in 2018, and we are excited for you to be a part of it!

Please let us **BOTH** know what your plans are at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Lee Jones & Roberta D'Arcy, Facilitator Committee

Opportunity Drawings – If you wish to donate an item please contact Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120 or Colleen Franklin, 601-3170.

Carol Churkin remembered

Our branch of AAUW deeply regrets the passing of Carol Bjork Churkin on November 11. She had been a member since 2007. Carol grew up in Chicago, and she attended Northwestern University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa; she then received a Fulbright scholarship to do graduate work in mathematics in Munster, Germany. She would later teach math at high school and college levels in Chicago and California.

Carol met and married Mike Churkin while he was working on his graduate degree in Geology. They would eventually have two sons, Michael (who has passed away), and Lars. The family would travel all over the world for Mike's career, living several years in the Soviet Union, and a number of years in California, Alaska, and Texas before Mike retired and the family settled in Sutter County to become farmers. They built a lovely home along the Sacramento River near Meridian. Carol continued to do some teaching, including doing part-time Math teaching for Yuba College.

Carol was a wonderful, involved person; she loved fishing and hunting, her book clubs, her church groups and her life in general. She was a strong member of AAUW and will be greatly missed.

Jeanine Rounds



Donna Mertens, President,
AAUW, CA

November 2017 - As president, I am always looking into the future. I look to the future of AAUW as a national organization and we are searching for a new direction. The future of our state organization is also searching for where we fit in. This coming year we will have six vacancies on the board. That is half of the governing board. There are vacancies for five directors and one secretary.

This year the current board developed a mission statement for the state: *AAUW California facilitates California branches in meeting the vision and mission of AAUW by providing programs, education, and resources.* We will need all those vacancies filled in order to fulfill our mission.

Our branches are the core of AAUW and it is their leadership that keeps us from faltering. So, I am asking each of you to consider running for those vacant positions. We have not had a contested election for several years and with six openings, I am concerned that we won't have enough people to fill the vacancies. Most of the people reading this are already branch leaders and I'm sure you are already planning your own succession. Help us move in to 2018-19 with a fully "elected" board. Contact Donna Lilly at nominating@aauw-ca.org or check out the state website for [election information](#). Help us keep AAUW California moving forward.

This is the message from the AAUW CA online Book Club:

We are excited to launch the AAUW California Book Club selection, **I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai**. Malala reminds us by her actions why we are all passionate about AAUW. She so strongly believes in education for girls that she almost died for her beliefs. This may be your first online book club, so we've



provided additional information on how it will be structured for reading **I Am Malala**.

Remember to register through goodreads. You can do this via your email address or through social media sources such as

Facebook.

Go to this web address to find the bookclub.
<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/258240-aauw-ca-book-club> (Ctrl+Click)

The book club will begin on October 15th and there will be a discussion topic waiting for you. **You can start at any time.** Please feel free to chime into the discussion through the discussion feed and comment on member posts that spark your interests! Discussion postings will be made weekly on Fridays, so we encourage you to sign on at least once per week to remain active in the book club.

Editor's Note: I signed up for this book club, and it was easy to do, and is another opportunity for you to learn a new skill on your computer. Happy Reading.

Artis Buerki, Editor

INTEREST SECTIONS

All branch members are welcome to attend.



ADVOCACY & ACTION

Call Martha Bunce 743-0306 or email buncehall@yahoo.com to receive email advocacy and action alerts. To see how our AAUW branch is working for you, click here. <http://mvyca.aauw.net>



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers

Normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month, **December 15**. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone Paulette for details.

Rabid Readers

Meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840 or Pat Jones, 674-0114. Next meeting is **December 15**. Contact Marilyn or Pat for details.



BRIDGE GROUPS

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



MOVIES

Do you like to go to the movies, but hate going alone? If so, the Movies group may appeal to you. First-run movie matinees, classics, and opera are all options at the Yuba City Cinemark. Seven of us enjoyed seeing Murder on the Orient Express on November 10, and had a good discussion following at Starbuck's. We are hoping to see The Post when it comes out in December. Contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665, if you are interested in being on the email contact list and if you have ideas to share.



TRAVEL

AAUW Travel Group normally meets on 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. There is no December meeting. Contact Gloria Mullins, 674-3659 if you have taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it to the TRAVEL group.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. The group has decided to skip December because of the busy holidays.



TALKING ON PAPER

Talking on Paper, our creative writing group, usually meets at the Cookie Tree the first Tuesday of the month, but this month **will meet at the home of Barbara Douyon, 2911 Railroad, YC, on Tuesday, December 5**. We start promptly at 10 am and finish by 11:30 am. Bring a writing pad for notes and something that you have written and want to read to the group. Up to two pages of typewritten stories provide us a view into our member's hearts and activities. Call Joan Young 777-9215 for more information.



Talking on Paper members are shown here seriously writing during their meeting at the Cookie Tree on November 14. Each month they are given a different topic for the short impromptu timed writing. Today's topic was "personify being a pumpkin or a turkey at this time of the year." Many creative, sympathetic, and funny stories resulted. Shown L-R are Artis Buerki, Tessa Phillips, Barbara Douyon, Lisa Mikel, Joan Young, and June Wilcox. Not shown are members Colleen Franklin, Mariam Hatamiya, and Donna Long. *Photo by Joann Nixon*

CHICO AAUW BRANCH FUNDRAISER: The Art Boutique at the historic Bell home place, 12555 Meridian Road, Chico will be held on Friday, **December 1, 4 to 8 pm; Saturday, **December 2**, 10 am to 4 pm. This is a benefit for scholarship programs of the Chico branch of American Association of University Women. Proceeds will help provide scholarships to Tech Trek, the AAUW STEM camp at UC Davis for 8th grade girls; college scholarships for high school seniors; and fellowships and grants for women pursuing graduate studies. Donations will be accepted at the door. Questions contact Jana Lawton, 894-1843.**



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT - November 9, 2017

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting November 9, 2017 - 1:30 a.m. at Sandy Davini's

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Barbara Solheim, Program; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary. Members at Large present were: Priscilla Kerr, Joan Young, and Artis Buerki

Call to Order, 1:40 Minutes of October 11, 2017, were approved as presented

Council Leader Report: Joann announced that the December Executive Committee will meet at 1:30 on December 14 at the Davini's, and the STEM group will also meet there, starting at 11:00. Members are encouraged to bring "brown bag" lunches. Joann said she had written the Sutter County and Yuba County superintendents of schools regarding their scholarship donations for our Tech Trek girls. Artis responded to Sandy's comments about seeking donations for our STEM projects by saying that she will contact Soroptimist of Marysville-Yuba City new president, Diane Warnock, to see if they have budgeted the exchange of donations as we usually do and she will arrange the exchange and report back to the EC next month.

There was also considerable discussion over the failure of AAUW members of California to approve change of incorporation to comply with AAUW National. There were 3,160 votes cast and all but 26 were "yes," but

those 26 'no' votes will deny AAUW California the legally required change from being a mutual benefit organization to being a public benefit organization to match the classification that AAUW National already has! A second vote will be conducted, and there was considerable discussion about the need to assure that all our members vote "yes," as failure to pass this will result in significant costs because of change in state status.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out correspondence, which included a number of requests for donations; anyone who was interested could take the information. We also received a "thank you" letter from the Alzheimer's Association for our \$100 donation.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy gave a brief budget report, saying very little had changed since her last report.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce has regularly sent out information via email, and this information will also be presented in the monthly Feather Vane.

Membership: Sandy said current membership, including scholarship winners, is 94. There are some potential members considering joining.

Other reports from Executive Council

Historian/Bylaws Update: As indicated above, the change that was to have been made to the state bylaws failed because there were some who voted against. Not sure what will happen next, or whether our tax level will be affected.

Communications: Janet Theiss ; Feather Vane: Artis reminded us that 11/20 is deadline for information to her. Janet noted we will continue to look for a replacement for Ethel Breyfogle, who mails the Feather Vanes, rosters, and Garden Tour tickets; Meeting Callers: Joan Young reported callers will complete their calls this weekend.

Programs: Barbara Solheim said that Lisa Del Pero, a lawyer, will talk on "Aging Intelligently," which has largely to do with various legal choices and related activities; and the meeting will be at Sopa Thai. Members who attend that meeting will be encouraged to pay at that time also for the December 9th Coalition

meeting at the Peach Tree if they plan to attend it. There was a brief discussion regarding next year's schedule, as we will not be able to hold our September meeting at the Ulreys' or at Lee Jones' homes.

Projects: Carol Clark was out of state, but the following presentations were made:

STEM: The committee had met earlier today, and things are going well. Martha Bunce has identified 22 excellent speakers. Jeanine has arranged for facilities at the college. Lee Jones, working with Roberta D'Arcy is identifying the facilitators and needs several more. Barbara Alves has sent out a "Save the Date" email to the schools. June McJunkin has sent out the registration packets and has arranged for Packet Day to be held again at the Sutter County Schools facility, on January 11. Barbara Solheim and Carol Clark will manage the Hospitality Room on campus.

Garden Tour: Brief meeting was held recently. Martha has located several gardens, but we need more private gardens. The garden tour and reception will be held at the Agriculture program at Marysville High School under the direction of Bonnie Magill, the instructor, and the garden will include a wide variety of high school ag programs. Janet Theiss and Judy Hale will be the hostesses.

Tech Trek: Joann announced that a good meeting had recently been held and several will be going to the state meeting. Karen Chiechi is also going to assist the committee. Carol will be the state contact.

Scholarships: No current report.

Other Business

Interbranch: Janet reported on the recent IBC meeting at Pete's in Yuba City; Joann and Jeanine had also attended. IBC was very interested in our Coalition event, and Janet will invite them. A major item of discussion was our responsibility to provide a speaker for the annual IBC meeting, which will be in Paradise. After considerable discussion, we agreed to see if we could get Gallagher or his representative and a representative of Garamendi to be our speakers and to talk about what they are doing to help women. Jeanine will contact a Garamendi representative. Joann Nixon will contact Gallagher's office.

Opportunity Drawings: There was considerable discussion about how many raffles we want to include at our meetings. It was agreed that we will limit it to 3 for this year: the September meeting, the December coalition, and the April meeting at the college. Priscilla Kerr indicated that she needs some substantial items for the Coalition Raffle.

New Business: Nothing introduced. Meeting adjourned at 3:25.

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.

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 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org Tech Trek: www.aauw-techtrek.org

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

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