

# Feather Vane



MAY, 2017



*Marysville-Yuba City Branch*

*American Association of University Women Presents*

**AAUW's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# **GARDEN TOUR**

*Art in the Gardens*



**Invite a friend - Saturday, May 6, 2017**



Rain or shine the 25th Annual AAUW Garden Tour will feature 6 private home gardens and 2 public gardens from North Sutter County to South Sutter County. Master Gardeners will be on hand in one of the gardens to help with home gardening problems.

**10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Self-guided Garden Tour**

**Noon to 4:00 p.m.—Reception in the Courtyard at the Community Memorial Museum,  
1333 Butte House Road, Yuba City**

**Tickets available for \$15.00 before; \$20 day of tour at:**

**Community Memorial Museum  
Sperbeck's Nursery**

**Yuba City Florist**

**Union Lumber  
AAUW members**



## **Garden Tour Artists**

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, Tamra Spoto, and Carol Keesling. HARPIST for the reception is Alison Cleveland.



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



## Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader  
 Message from the ECL –April 8, 2017

Our April meeting, the annual meeting, was held at the Flavors Restaurant at Yuba College. This is the meeting when we invite spouses and guests to a Branch Meeting. Chef Hansen provided an excellent lunch, and our speaker - Amanda Hopper, Sutter County District Attorney - was an engaging speaker. Election of officers was held with Sandy Divini returning as Treasurer, Jeanine Rounds and Janet Theiss returning on the Executive Council. Priscilla Kerr held a successful Opportunity Drawing to raise funds for branch projects.

**Executive Council Meeting** - Thursday, **MAY 11** at 1:30 will be held at the home of Priscilla Kerr, 982 Skyline Drive, Yuba City. Contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in serving on the Council as a Member-at-Large.



Amanda Hopper, the Sutter County District Attorney, brought us information about what to do to be safe. Get to know your law enforcement officers and communicate with them. If you have any concerns in your neighborhood, use 911 - she does! She is emphatic about Children and Women's safety and supports Underground Railroad to stop sex trafficking. She is an outstanding presenter that we

can invite back time after time.



Chef Roy Hansen catered a tasty and attractive meal for us to enjoy including dessert options. Chef Hanson is a graduate of Yuba College and has been the Culinary Arts Instructor for 22 years. Flavors Restaurant is open Mon. Tues, and Wed to the public. Treat yourself to an outstanding meal including Surf and Turf and Prime rib on Thursday. photos by Joann Nixon

**THERE IS NO BRANCH MEETING IN MAY DUE TO THE GARDEN TOUR. NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 3, WHICH IS OUR FINAL ONE BEFORE SUMMER BREAK. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE: The AAUW National voting window is from early April until June 19, 2017, at 9 pm. REMEMBER TO VOTE!**



## DUES ARE DUE

Your 2017-2018 Annual Dues are due by **June 3**. If paid by that date you will be entered in our contest, and **one member will win a FREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP**. Drawing is at our branch meeting on **June 3**.

Your local dues and our fundraisers are used to help send girls to Tech Trek camp, AAUW STEM Conference, honorariums for speakers, *Feather Vane* printing, general expenses like insurance, donations to local museums and libraries and Legal Advocacy Fund. **Annual dues are \$82. (\$49 AAUW-National+\$20 AAUW-CA+\$13 Local Branch)**

Mail to: AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992 **for receipt by June 1 or bring to the June 3 meeting**. Questions, call Sandy Davini, 673-0930.

### *Feather Vane Staff*

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Our new branch website address is [mvyca.aauw.net](http://mvyca.aauw.net)

Refer to your April *Feather Vane* or phone Artis Buerki, 671-5665, for more information.



### INTERBRANCH COUNCIL At The Refuge on May 1

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

IBC is meeting at **The Refuge** at **6:00 p.m.**, on **Monday, May 1, 2017**. The Refuge is at 1501 Butte House Rd. When you get to the door, the room is straight ahead. We'll have separate checks. Contact me ([wftjedt@syix.com](mailto:wftjedt@syix.com)/695-3159) if you plan to come. Come check out the Interbranch Council without a long drive, especially if you missed the February luncheon.

### COMMUNITY CHEST COMPETITION

by Artis Buerki, Editor

Our AAUW branch was nominated in April by the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce as one of 7 of the most outstanding service organizations in our area.



Janet Theiss sent an email blast to

our membership alerting you that you could vote during the month of April for one of the following: **AAUW Marysville-Yuba City branch, Allyn Scott Youth & Community Center, Le Tip of Yuba City, Punjabi American Heritage Society, Youth in Ag, Disabled American Vets, and North Yuba Grown.** We are honored to have been nominated as part of this outstanding group of local service organizations.

On **May 5** the winner who received the most votes will be announced, and **one of these organization will be presented with a \$500 check** sponsored by Fletcher & Associates Insurance Service. Joann Nixon and I will attend the May 5 event and I will let you know who the winner is in next month's Feather Vane.



### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

Welcome to our newest member, **Mary Ann Schleer** who attended our April meeting with **Phyllis Gaal**. Watch for more information about Mary Ann in the next Feather Vane.

Consider introducing your friends to AAUW by bringing them to a branch meeting. Since our current roster was published, 9 new women have joined our branch. They are: **Helen Strunk, Kay Cockrell, Liz Skelly, Christina Billeci, Jan Roberts-Haydon, Joni Adams, Karen Chiechi, Linda Protine, and Pritam Brar**. Please welcome them, and invite them to your Interest Section or committee.

Do you have a friend who would enjoy being a member of our branch? 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)



### Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser Report

Through our Tea Bag Fundraiser our branch raises money each year for the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. For each \$750 raised we can name one outstanding person from our branch.



Member **Carol Clark** is the Named Gift Honoree this year in recognition of her many years and endless hours of service to our branch at all levels. Carol was surprised with the engraved-traveling-tray and framed certificate at the April 8 Annual Meeting. She was presented the award by Karen Tuttle.

# Tech Trek Report



## 2017 TECH TREK CAMPERS CHOSEN

by Marilyn Warmee, Acting Tech Trek Branch Coordinator  
marilynwarmee@comcast.net

The Tech Trek Committee is happy to announce that our six 2017 Tech Trek Campers have been chosen. We conducted interviews of 12 seventh-grade finalists from schools in both Sutter and Yuba Counties in an all-day session on Saturday, March 25, at the Yuba City Unified District Office. (Thanks to YCUSD Superintendent Doreen Osumi for making the space available to us.)

Our 2017 Tech Trek Campers are **Tanya Castro-Oliver** (from Anna McKenney Intermediate School); **Malena Childers** (Meridian); **Kaylee Duncan** (Butte Vista); **Natalie Gonzalez** (Butte Vista); **Briar Hill** (Brittan); and **Muskaan Wadhava** (Butte Vista).

As always, the interviews were inspiring; the maturity, poise and accomplishments of all these young women are beyond impressive. Narrowing the field down to six was difficult, but having insightful input from all our panel members did make the decisions easier. And we are grateful that the funds made possible by the Garden Tour and other branch fund-raising activities have enabled us to send as many girls as we do.

Our interview panel consisted of six members, including myself. Thanks so much to all our interview panelists: veterans **Carol Clark** and **Bonnie Curtis**, and our "rookies" **Patti Agles**, **Judy Hale** and **Laura Nicholson**, who were recruited just for the day. Everyone did a wonderful job. Also many thanks to **Jeanine Rounds** and **Barbara Solheim** for doing their usual terrific job with the parent interviews. And finally, a special thank you to our "super-facilitator" **Linden Reynolds**, for timing the interviews, escorting the candidates, developing and providing all the interview questions, evaluation forms and rubrics, and giving us valuable feedback.

Thanks also to **Barbara Alves**, **Donna Long** and **Linden Reynolds** for organizing and administering all the forms and communications pertaining to the nominations and applications process in January and February. (This was made even more difficult and nerve-wracking because the deadline we set for submitting applications fell smack dab in the middle of the flood evacuation!) And thanks to all on the committee who participated in the application/essay evaluations. We couldn't have gotten this far without everyone working together on all aspects of the program.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm, Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Donna Long's house, to review how the process is going so far, and to schedule and plan our next big task, the Pizza Party in May, which **Liane Carlsen** and **Joann Nixon** are in charge of organizing. The party will be a great opportunity for the entire committee to meet these remarkable girls and their families, and for the girls to get to know each other and celebrate their achievement.

Editor's Note: date is confirmed for Pizza Party, May 4, 5:30 pm.



## BRANCH ELECTION

Reported by Artis Buerki, Publicity Committee

**Sandy Davini** has been re-elected for a 1-year term as Treasurer, and **Jeanine Rounds** and **Janet Theiss** have both been re-elected to 3-year terms. At the April 8 Annual Meeting our Executive Council Leader, Joann Nixon, called for but received no additional nominations from the floor. Thank you to these three talented ladies for their previous service. We are fortunate that they can continue in their positions which they do so well.

Our present Executive Council also **includes Joann Nixon, Karen Tuttle, Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim,** and **Carol Clark**, as well as numerous members-at-large who serve 1 year appointments by the Executive Council. Contact Joann if you'd like to be a member-at-large, can attend the monthly Executive Council monthly, and want to learn how the Council works. The commitment is just 1 year, and, who knows, you may want to be an elected officer in the future.

**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**

Normally meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone Paulette for details about the **May 19** meeting.

**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 **May 19** at Phyllis Gaal's home. The book is The Tortilla Curtain by Boyle.



**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 **May 12** at the home of Tessa Phillips.



**TALKING ON PAPER**

Normally meets on first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **May 2**, 10:00 to 11:30 am 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. On **May 25** we are going to Café Collage in Oregon House. It is run by Chef Salim who sometimes caters our branch luncheons. He is opening his restaurant especially for us as he doesn't usually serve lunch. It is always a fun experience to go up there. We will meet in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue in Yuba City to carpool, leaving at 10:30 am. Please join us. Carol Clark is hostess. Contact her if you plan to attend.



**Show your support for the Equal Rights Amendment.** On March 22, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). The ERA first passed Congress in 1972, and was last approved by a state—Indiana—in 1977. The amendment fell three states short of being adopted into law nationwide by Congress' arbitrary deadline. We've waited over 40 years for the ERA to be fully ratified. Tell your representative and senators you won't wait any longer!

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

## Our branch bylaws are being updated:

Our branch bylaws are in the process of being updated to comply with the AAUW National model.

Karen Tuttle (By-Laws Chair), and Janet Theiss (Communications Chair), are diligently working on them, and will email them to members at completion for final branch approval. Please watch your email for this information in early May.

If you do not receive the email blast from Janet, or if you do not have an email address, please contact Karen, 755-4405, for a hard copy of the document.



### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting April 13, 2017  
1:30 p.m. at the home of Priscilla Kerr**

Those in attendance were the following:  
Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary  
Members at Large: Artis Buerki, Colleen Franklin, Priscilla Kerr, and Joan Young  
**Call to Order, 1: 35**

#### Minutes, Reports:

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

Counsel Leader Report: Joann requested information about whose terms will expire after the 2017-18 meeting, and it was agreed it will be for Karen Tuttle (Bylaws) and Lee Jones (Membership), plus Sandy Davini (Treasurer).

For the coming year, Jeanine Rounds, Janet Theiss, and Sandy Davini had been elected at the Branch meeting on April 10.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out some brief correspondence. Joann indicated she had been contacted by the Core Charter School in Marysville, which is planning on offering a week's workshop this summer, in conjunction with UC-Davis, on robotics and coding. The course will be

free to about 20 girls from grades 6-8, but the Charter school is requesting AAUW donate \$1000 for two student mentors. It was agreed we should notify the parents of the girls who had applied but not been accepted the AAUW Tech Trek program about the opportunity. Information is available at <http://c-stem.ucdavis.edu/students-parents/girls-camp/>.

Jeanine moved and Sandy seconded that Joann contact Marilyn Warmee with the information; and if it is agreed we should participate, we will fund \$500. Motion passed.

Artis Buerki reported that she and Joann had been contacted by Rachel Rosebaum of the Appeal Democrat regarding an article the paper is doing about AAUW. She is not sure when it will be published (*note: the article was published on 4/15*).

Treasurer's Report: Sandy said balance is good, and that we have received \$1,354 from sponsors for the Garden Tour and about \$1,000 from membership sales of tickets. She also said that, with the help of Priscilla, our branch has raised \$708 for our "opportunity drawings."

Public Policy: Martha not present.

Membership: Lee was not present, but Sandy said our paid membership is now 96.

#### Other reports from Executive Council

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle said she needs to take quite a few historical things to the Yuba County Library and requested someone go with her. Joann said she would do so.

Next Karen Tuttle said Janet had reviewed changes from National regarding Bylaws. Initial information had been sent to the Council, but an improved format will be e-mailed immediately. Members are asked to vote by phone to Karen by May 2, and we will review comments at the May 11 Executive Committee meeting. If possible we will do a membership vote at the June 3 Branch meeting.

Communication: Janet Theiss

Feather Vane & Website: Artis said the deadline for the May issue is April 20. Artis provided an overview of the website and said things are going well.

Meeting Callers: There will be no Branch meeting in May. We will be needing a new Caller Chair for the coming year as Edna Smyth will be retiring from the assignment; Joan Young volunteered to be that person.

**Roster:** No changes.

**Programs:** Amanda Hopper did an excellent presentation at the meeting at Yuba College on April 8. There were quite a few guests. Our last Branch meeting for the year will be at Ruthy's on June 3.

Barbara Solheim has scheduled a Program Planning meeting at her house on April 25 at 10:00.

The Planning Meeting for next year will be a salad potluck at the home of Jeanine Rounds beginning at 10:00 on Thursday, June 8. All members are welcome to attend.

**Projects:** Carol Clark was not present but the following information was provided:

**STEM:** Jeanine said Yuba College will allow us to offer the conference during the campus semester break on **Friday, January 19 2018.**

**Garden Tour:** All seems to be going well. There are 5 private gardens plus the Gauché area garden and the Museum. Jeanine and Barbara Kenney are contacting hostesses.

**Tech Trek:** Six girls have been selected, and Marilyn Warmee is working on getting the date for the Pizza Party, with the help of Liane Carlsen.

**Scholarships:** Jeanine said the college's new computer process is underway, and it is a pain in the neck. She and the others (Leslie Williams, Martha Bunce, and Barbara Alves) will meet at the college on April 24 to determine the 4 winners.

**Other Business**

**Interbranch:** Joann said that the May 1 meeting will be at the Refuge, and Janet Theiss urged as many members as possible to attend and have a chance to meet some of our area AAUW members.

**Sunshine:** A card will be sent to Sharon Adkisson who has recently been moved to a care facility.

Priscilla Kerr indicated the Council can meet for the May meeting at her home. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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**). \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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
	<b>1</b> 6 pm <b>Interbranch Council</b>	<b>2</b> 10 am <b>Talking on Paper</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Noon <b>Garden Tour Mtg.</b> 5:30 pm <b>Tech Trek party</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am <b>Chamber of Commerce Community Chest Mtg.</b>	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1:30 pm <b>Executive Council</b>	<b>12</b> 1 pm <b>Play Reading</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>June Feather Vane Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10 am <b>Book Clubs</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> TBD Travel	<b>23</b> <b>Bridge</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 am <b>Traveling Gourmet</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



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