

Feather Vane

**JUNE, 2017**

JUNE MEETING – *Bring a friend or potential member – Scholarship Winners speak*

WHEN: June 3, 11:30 am.

WHERE: Ruthy's Restaurant soon to be Hillcrest Landing, inside Hillcrest Plaza, 229 Clark Street, Yuba City

PROGRAM: This is our final branch meeting until September. Our Yuba College scholarship winners will speak about their plan for their futures.

MENU: Buffet lunch

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



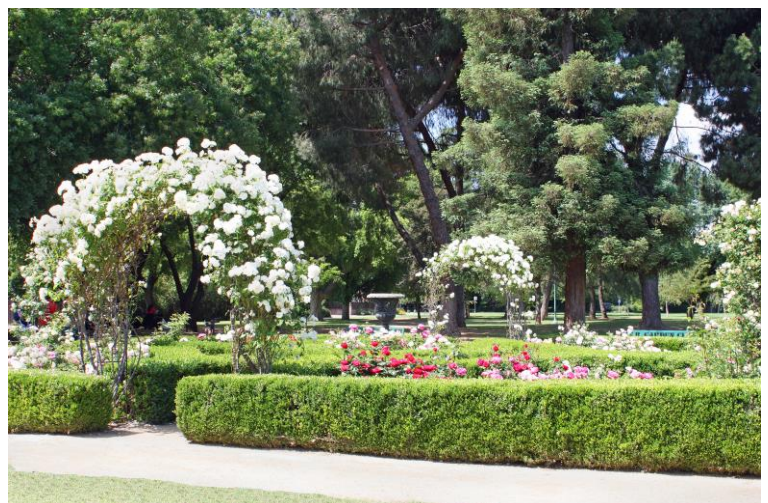
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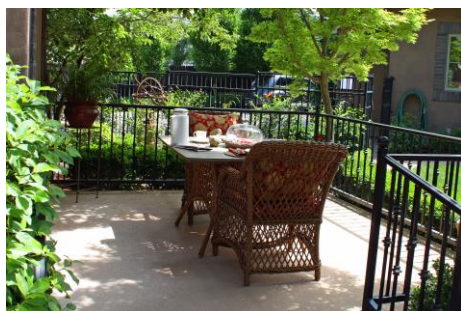


Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader, May 11, 2017

The May 6th Garden Tour was a big success. The gardens were beautiful and the roses were in their glory. Here are some of the pictures taken that day. Thank you to all of you who made this one of the best Garden Tours ever. I look forward to seeing all of you at the final meeting of the year, on June 3 at Ruthy's Restaurant in Hillcrest Plaza.





Photos by Joann Nixon



GARDEN TOUR 2017 SUCCESS STORY

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

The 25th Annual AAUW Garden Tour on May 6 was a big success! Hundreds of enthusiastic visitors enjoyed the six private gardens, two public gardens, a home garden workshop and a reception throughout the afternoon.

I want to thank the businesses, media, garden owners, City of Yuba City, Master Gardeners, Museum, artists, and AAUW members who made the 2017 Garden Tour a huge success. The weather cooperated beautifully – warm (not hot), breezy (not windy), and sunny (not rainy)!

Special thanks to the businesses which sold tickets from their locations: Sperbeck's Nursery, Yuba City Florist, Union Lumber, and the Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County.

Thank you to this year's Garden Tour Business Sponsors:

Orchid (\$500) – Recology in honor of Employee Owner Barbara Rutledge

Rose (\$300) –Nu Generation Lanes, Inc.

Azalea (\$100) – Anonymous, Art by Walt Zukas, Bald Mountain Nursery LLC, Bank of Feather River, and Harkey House Bed and Breakfast Inn

Iris (\$50) – The Brick, Cakes by Request, Cookie Tree, Davis Printing and Copying, Dr. Salina Chan-Yuba City Acupuncture, Hilbers, Inc., and Pete's Music Center

I want to gratefully recognize the members of the Garden Tour Committee. When I needed help they stepped up and made the tour happen. Thank you: Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Colleen Franklin, Jo Hilling, Janice Kendel, Lee Jones, Barbara Kenney, Joann Nixon, Barbara Palser, Yvonne Pierre, Jeanine Rounds, Jeanne Schultz, Barbara Solheim, Janet Theiss, Joan Young and Judy Zukas – plus numerous husbands, neighbors and friends! How I do appreciate you!

EC Annual Planning Meeting - Thursday, JUNE 8 at 10 am will be held at the home of Jeanine Rounds, 572 Dale Ave., Yuba City. Call Jeanine, 671-0588, to confirm by June 3. Bring a salad. All branch members are welcome.



PROGRAM NOTES

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



June 3 is our final branch program meeting of the year. Come and hear our Yuba College Scholarship winners speak about their career plans. And **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING** – September 16, 10 am, on Corky Ulrey's lovely patio. Tech Trek girls will be our speakers. Hope you have a relaxing summer!



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)** 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.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 2017

by Jeanine Rounds, Branch Scholarship Chair

We have selected 4 Yuba College Students for branch scholarships. They will be the speakers at our **June 3** branch meeting. Here is a brief description of each of them.

Aberra Aziz, Nursing. - Aberra was born in Pakistan and when she came here with her parents she spoke no English. She worked hard to succeed, realizing she was having educational opportunities she never would have had in Pakistan. Unfortunately, in 2014 she was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and Celiac disease, but she has not let that stop her. After graduating from River Valley High School, she came to Yuba College. As a member of Yuba's Upward Bound, she has worked in Rideout and Sutter North hospitals and clinics. She will graduate with an AA in Natural Science and plans to go on to Chico become a registered nurse.

Andrea Richmond, Math -(YC Wm's Club scholarship) Andrea graduated from River Valley HS, where she was an

active member of CSF (California Scholarship Federation) as well as very involved in the school band, serving as lead Drum Major. She was also an AVID tutor. Since coming to Yuba College she has been on the college's Symphonic Band. Among other community activities she has been involved with Shady Creek Education Foundation. She plans to go to Sac State, getting her MA in Education and becoming a high school teacher.

Rosa Zuniga, Engineering -Rosa came to the US from Mexico when she was 17, and she attended Marysville HS. Although initially her English was limited, she graduated with honors in 2015. Her interests are in math and engineering, and she expects to graduate from Yuba in 2018 and transfer to a 4-year school, hoping first she might be able to attend UC-Berkeley. She hopes to become an engineer and is especially interested in design of mechanical equipment.

Ashley Johnson, Nursing -Ashley graduated from high school in 2009 and attended Kaplan College to obtain a Medical Assisting Certificate. She has worked at the Medicine Shop Pharmacy, taught a parenting class at the Sacramento Food Bank, volunteered at the Marysville Child Development Center, and spent time at Head Start on Live Oak Blvd. She has 2 toddlers of her own. She is at Yuba College working toward going on to eventually obtain an MA in Nursing.



Meet our New Tech Trekkers -

Do you want to visit on July 27th?

Six girls selected by our branch will go to Tech Trek AAUW science camp at UC Davis for a week in July. Representing our branch, they will join many other girls from other AAUW branches. Since 1998, when Tech Trek was founded in California, our branch has sent over 70 seventh-grade girls to this experience of a lifetime.

Would you like to visit the Tech Trek Camp on the 27th of July? This one day event is open to AAUW members and others who have a connection to Tech Trek. **If you are interested, please contact Carol Clark, 671-5286, before JUNE 15 to reserve.**



L-R Briar Hill, Muskaan Wadhava, Kaylee Duncan, Natalie Gonzales, Malena Childers, Tanya Castro-Oliver. Come meet the girls at our September branch meeting. Photo by Joann Nixon



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

Consider introducing your friends to AAUW by bringing them to a branch meeting. Since our current roster was published, 10 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, Pritam Brar, and Mary Ann Schleer.** 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://mvyv-ca.aauw.net/> (hover over link. Press Ctrl and left click to open this link)

Dorothy Jang is moving away. One of our branch's founding members, Dorothy Jang, is moving back to San Francisco. She will be missed. Since 1955, Dorothy has been a supportive members of AAUW and she was one of 16 women who started our Marysville-Yuba City Branch. Here is a story that I wrote about Dorothy in the January 2013 *Feather Vane*, and I've been encouraged to repeat it here.

by Artis Buerki, *Feather Vane* Editor

Dorothy Jang graduated from UC Berkeley in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. "At that time there were 10 times more men than women studying business administration at Berkeley," she said, "partially due to the re-entry of men to education after WWII."

Dorothy was the first woman in her family to complete a Bachelor's Degree, and she achieved this goal by working and putting herself through college. Her parents had migrated from China before Dorothy was born, and they settled in San Francisco where her father went into partnership with his two brothers in a seafood business.

She met her future husband before completing college, and they were married soon after her graduation and moved to Marysville. Woodrow Jang already owned a business in Marysville, and he offered Dorothy an opportunity to put her learned skills of business management to work helping him run the business. She continued working with him at Jay's on D Street in Marysville until they sold the business in 1965 to pursue other interests.

When Dorothy came to this area she found that she missed the intellectual stimulation of university life and the San Francisco area. And when Mary Elizabeth Shedd, the organizing chair of the new AAUW branch, asked her to join the newly forming AAUW group, Dorothy recognized

this as an opportunity to encourage higher education for girls and to work with a like-minded group of women toward a common goal. The newly organized AAUW branch, called Marysville-Yuba City Branch #CA0058, was chartered mid-year 1955. Over the 62 years since Dorothy joined AAUW she has seen the membership of our branch grow from its original 16 members to what it is today, and Dorothy's enthusiasm and commitment to the AAUW philosophy continues to shine. Thanks Dorothy!

Editor's Note: That same year, 1955, that our branch was founded, AAUW supported the first federal legislative proposal for pay equity for women, and the AAUW Educational Foundation was established.

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Mary Ann Schleer
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Washington State University, 2 BA degrees-
Social Science & Human Development.

Mary Ann was invited to the April meeting by Phyllis Gaal, and she joined right away.

Hello, I am your newest member and as such I have been asked to introduce myself. I am from the Seattle area, born and raised in a diverse urban neighborhood. I came back to my family home after my first trip to college to care for my parents.

Twenty years and four children later I returned to school to finish two BA degrees while my children were in their teenage years. I served in student government while completing my degrees, working part time and volunteering in my community. I served on the founding Board of Powerful Schools where I spearheaded an arts in schools program bringing together stakeholders from the professional arts community, school staff and community members. I appreciated the program as a supplement to my children's home schooling curriculum.

Community service continued with Board duties at the Rainier Valley Historical Society and Alliance of People with DisAbilities (intentional sp). I currently serve as a volunteer with the San Francisco Federal Executive Board as a mediator in the federal community. I have worked in laboratory science at Washington State University and University of Washington in fields including primatology, immunology and pathology, although my degrees are in social science fields. Currently my official duties include providing services to veterans throughout Northern California. I came to Yuba City in August 2015 to serve as a trainer for the agency. My husband lives in the Boise

area where he is self-employed, and the rest of the family is mostly in the Seattle area. I have two granddaughters and one grandson.

My hobbies and interests include ongoing life-long learning, with subjects varying from time to time. I am currently studying Spanish and German. I enjoy appreciating all kinds of music, live theater with a special fondness for the music of Western Africa. While in Seattle I hosted friends from Peru Honduras, France and Kenya. I am an avid gardener (in Idaho) and fiber artist. Anyone want to sew, knit or craft? I look forward to participating in activities and getting to know all of you. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly



Here is a message from
AAUW State President,
Donna Martens, published
in the May Board to

Board e-newsletter. Donna is looking for your input by June 1. (see last paragraph)

TECH TREK IS COMING BACK – OR IS IT?

In 2013, AAUW National opened a pilot project for Tech Trek to be offered in other states. At that time, they trademarked the name “Tech Trek” and opened five camps in the first year. Each subsequent year, National added more camps until they had 11 camps nationwide. In 2015, the ten California camps moved under the National’s Tech Trek umbrella. It was still a “pilot project”. California still had responsibilities for the California camps, but National designated the structure, staffing and curriculum for the camps in every state. They also handled all the camp deposits and payments. Branch deposits for Tech Trek were counted as deposits to “Fund”.

In 2017, National received the results of a two-year study on how they were allocating their resources and the National board decided that many changes needed to be made. One of those changes was to move management of the Tech Trek camps back to their states or other “organizing entity”. So, that explains part of the title for this article, “Tech Trek is Coming Back”. Tech Trek is a National program now. That is not changing. They own the name (Tech Trek), they have adopted a logo and other trademarks. They control the curriculum.

AAUW California is being asked to take responsibility for implementing and validating compliance with the AAUW Tech Trek Toolkit. The state is also responsible for monitoring the curriculum and reporting compliance with AAUW guidelines. So in essence, Tech Trek isn’t coming back to California in the same way it left. We can still have the camps if we are willing to accept National control. The state board has to make a decision by the end of July. We are trying to look at all the options while considering the California branches at the same time.

The AAUW California board would be interested in your comments and concerns. **Please send them to statepresident@aauw-ca.org by June 1, 2017.** Please include “Tech Trek” in the subject line. I look forward to hearing from you about this important decision. **Donna**



INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Monday, May 1, 2017 IBC meeting at Ting’s Refuge was well worth our time, as Donna Long, attending for the first time, discovered. Regulars Jeanine Rounds, Carol Clark, and Janet Theiss (and her guest/driver Bill Theiss) agreed. Although Joann Nixon was out of town, five branches’ reps loved the appetizers she arranged for the group to enjoy.

Carol Holzgrafe, who belongs to both the Paradise and Chico branches, talked about the latest on Tech Trek. (In March AAUW CA announced Tech Trek management would be moving back to California after the 2017 camps had been completed, but they later amended it to report that National is not releasing control of Tech Trek so much as allowing the states to provide the management of the program.) Carol reported AAUW CA will go back to handling the money for our girls, but it will go through an improved process to eliminate the check-cashing delays we experienced before. At this time, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is in progress between National and AAUW CA. If National doesn’t sign it by January 2018, AAUW CA will not be able to use the Tech Trek name for our camps! However, all is in flux and negotiation and an oversight committee is being formed. Carol, who has worked at the state level on Tech Trek, hopes to be on that committee.

There was also discussion about the upcoming AAUW election. **With two bylaws amendments regarding membership requirements, it is critical all members read their *Outlook* magazine and vote by June 15, 2017.**

IBC’s Career Trek grew to 235 girls, partly because this year Colusa County girls participated. Although it was another very successful event, with this number of girls, Career Trek needed a better way to sort girls and their session choices. Janet offered to share and train them on her STEM computer program and procedures. This should take place this summer.



COMMUNITY CHEST COMPETITION

by Artis Buerki, Publicity

In April our branch was nominated by the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce as one of 7 of the outstanding service organizations in our area. You had a chance to vote for one of them during the month of April. Joann Nixon and I attended the award ceremony on May 5 when the Chamber of Commerce announced that **Youth in Ag** won the \$500 April award generously donated by Fletcher Insurance. Watch for future Community Chest competitors-I understand SB Garden Club is on the May list.

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.



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers

Normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone Paulette for details about the summer meetings.

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 **June 16** at Judy's house - book is Under the Tuscan Sun by Mayes. In July the meeting will be at Dee's house - book is Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Connor and H Alan Day. August TBD.



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.



PLAY READING

Will not meet this summer. Contact is Barbara McCarty, 671-1275. Watch for information in the fall.



TALKING ON PAPER

Talking on Paper, our creative writing group, will continue to meet during the summer, but on the 2nd Tuesday (instead of the usual first Tuesday) of the

month. We will meet **June 13, July 11, & August 8**, at the COOKIE TREE. Up to two pages of typewritten stories provide us a view into our member's hearts and activities. We look forward to welcoming you. Come early so we can start promptly at 10 am and finish by 11:30 am. Bring a writing pad for notes. Call Joan Young 777-1279 for more information.



TRAVEL

Have you taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it to the TRAVEL group? Please call Gloria Mullins if you have any ideas, 674-3659.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Normally meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. On **June 22** we are going to the New Moon Café in Nevada City. **Call hostess Tessa Phillips, 673-0427**, to confirm if you are going. 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.

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

UPDATE ON THE BRANCH BYLAWS: We will not be able to vote on the revised branch bylaws at the June 3rd branch meeting as was stated in the May *Feather Vane*. There may be more changes made to the AAUW bylaws at the national conference in June, and we will not know until after June 15th. This information was identified in the AAUW Outlook that arrived after our May *Feather Vane* was completed.

Thank you, Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Chair

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting
May 11, 2017, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Priscilla Kerr

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

Call to Order, 1: 35 pm, Minutes of April 13, 2017, were approved as submitted.

REPORTS:

Council Leader Report: No specific information.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out some brief correspondence, including a Thank You from Restoration Railroad, which had received the AAUW fund for Amanda Hopper's presentation, and the invitation from Delta Kappa Gamma for the presentation to be given by Neelam Agarwal on May 18. Janet said she had emailed the membership regarding the DKG presentation.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy said balance is good, and that we will have received over \$6,000 from the Garden Tour, about the same as last year; funds are still coming in.

Public Policy: Martha not present.

Membership: Lee indicated paid membership is now 97.

Other reports from Executive Council:

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle said she will bring **historical items** to the June 8th meeting, and will later take items to the Yuba County Library. Next Karen indicated that we will need to wait until after 6/15 for the information about the by-laws changes until national voting is completed, so October will probably be the voting time. Among the major potential changes are the guidelines for membership. College degree requirements may be dropped.

Communications: Janet reported it is time to send in lists of members on committees for the Roster and reminded the group that Joan Young will be the Calling Chair starting September 2017. Artis said the Feather Vane deadline for submission of materials to the June issue is May 15.

Programs. Barbara Solheim indicated the committee has held the first meeting to plan next year's program. Among probable programs are an October one on dementia that will probably be a luncheon at the Refuge, which is ordinarily closed for lunch on Saturdays, but has agreed to open for a buffet for us. Another will be held at Sunsweet. Jeanine

said she has been trying to reach AARP for a presenter on Scamming of seniors, but has not had any luck; she requested help from the committee. She said the April meeting at Yuba College will probably have someone from Rideout to update us on their programs.

PLANNING MEETING for **this year** will be a salad potluck at the home of Jeanine Rounds beginning at 10:00 on **June 8**. All members are welcome to attend. Artis will put that in the Feather Vane, and request that those interested let Jeanine know.

Projects: STEM: Carol said the date of January 19 has been approved by the college. Members indicated they would like Amanda Hopper to speak at the opening session if possible.

Yuba College will be celebrating its 90th anniversary, and our meeting should recognize that.

Garden Tour: All went very well. The gardens were beautiful. The reception held at the Museum, while it went well, will have to be relocated because of the parking and other problems associated with the Museum.

Tech Trek: The annual pizza party was held at the home of Marilyn Warmee, and organized by Liane Carlsen. It went very well. Donna Long handled the program. The Tech Trek committee had agreed with the idea of AAUW providing \$500 to the CORE summer week-long program in Marysville this summer, and letters have been sent to our local candidates who were not selected for the Davis program, urging them to apply. Sandy was asked to send the \$500 to the program. Joann and Sandy will visit the Davis program on July 27 on guest day.

Other members are encouraged to join them. Carol will send a letter to the teachers and principals of those who will be attending, encouraging them to participate.

Scholarships: Jeanine said the college's new computer was difficult to use, but that she, Martha Bunce, and Leslie Williams had selected the 4 girls.

Other Business – SUNSHINE: No requests.

INTERBRANCH: Janet said May 1 meeting at the Refuge was well attended by the various branches, and Joann, who was out of the area and not able to attend, had pre-ordered appetizers for the group, which were well appreciated. Janet said that the other branches, which hold a Career Tech on a Saturday, have included Colusa in their group, which is helpful, since Yuba-Sutter cannot expand further.

JUNE 3 MEETING: This will be the final branch meeting of the year, and our scholarship winners will be asked to introduce themselves. It was suggested that Jeanine suggest a 5-minutes presentation with some specific items. It was also suggested that **all** the members attending take a couple of minutes to introduce themselves with a few specifics about their lives/careers.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING: Priscilla reminded members that she will need items for the September meeting for the drawings. Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully 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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Garden Tour - Editor's Choice
 Photo by Joann Nixon

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC

AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/

AAUW National: www.aauw.org


Tech Trek: www.aauw-techtrek.org

JUNE, 2017

There will be no Feather Vanes in July and August.

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

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