

Feather Vane



JANUARY, 2017



Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

STEM CONFERENCE IS JANUARY 12 -720 Eighth Grade girls will attend.

The STEM Conference committee has been working hard, and they are ready to welcome 720 girls from 26 different middle and K-8 schools throughout Yuba and Sutter Counties to the Conference for 8th grade girls at Yuba College on Thursday, **January 12, 2017**. Our Branch of AAUW has been putting on this conference - formerly called the Math-Science Conference for 8th grade girls - once a year since the mid 80s. The event started out using local church facilities, but when more space was required they moved over to Yuba College where several buildings are used there during a time when the college is not in session.



This year 24 professional women have kindly offered to be session leaders and will be at Yuba College all morning on January 12th to talk to the girls about their careers in medical fields, veterinary science, and engineering (among others), and how the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) have been important to them in the workplace.

The 8th grade girls will participate as a group in an opening presentation with the keynote speaker, Sutter County District Attorney, Amanda Hopper. Then each girl will attend three different sessions in the interest areas that they have selected. The day ends as they once again all join together with their teachers for lunch in the college cafeteria and an optional tour of the college campus.

The Math and Science teachers who bring their students to the event find it very beneficial in helping the girls prepare for high school. The Conference helps them to begin thinking about future careers, and most teachers bring their 8th grade girls back year after year.

NOTE: If you would like to help on **Packet Day, it is January 5, 9:00 am**, at the Sutter County Schools Office, 970 Klamath Lane, Yuba City— meet in back parking lot portable. Contact co-chairs Sandy Davini or Barbara Solheim for more information.

IBC (Interbranch Council) Luncheon is February 4, 2017 by Janet Theiss, IBC Rep.

- *Why:* AAUW's strength is the joining together of strong, intelligent women. Come meet some from Chico, Paradise, Oroville, and Gridley.
- *Where:* In Oroville at the First Congregational Church, on the corner of Bird and Oak Streets, just west of historic Downtown Oroville.
- *Time:* 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon
- *Program:* CSU Chico President Gayle Hutchinson

- **Menu:** [Caesar salad, New Mexican rubbed pork tenderloin with bourbon Ancho sauce, sweet potato gratin, warm chocolate cakes with dulce de leche](#)

Cost: \$20.00

- **RSVP:** Call or email Janet Theiss (695-3159—say who you are—or wftjedt@syix.com). Make checks out to AAUW. Mail (Janet Theiss, 9631 Schroeder Rd., Live Oak Ca 95953/give checks to Janet Theiss by **January 14, 2017**. No refunds since, as usual, the caterer must be paid for the number reserved.
- **Rides:** **Alert Janet** Theiss (695-3159—say who you are—or wftjedt@syix.com) if you are willing to give a ride to another member (or more) OR if you would like a ride. Car poolers would meet at the Gray Avenue Round Table Pizza parking lot, but there’s no point in announcing this if no one will give or needs a ride.



Council Chat by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader
 Message from the ECL –Dec. 10, 2016

There is no regular branch Program Meeting in January due to the STEM Conference which most of us are involved in. The December 10 Coalition Brunch was great. We made over \$400 on the opportunity drawing which we can use for Tech Trek. A new member, Karen Chiechi, joined us. We enjoyed fun music provided by the Bear River Middle School in Wheatland, led by Jim Achilles. One of our members, Jan Wallace, brought several members of her family including her great granddaughter. It was nice seeing a child in our midst. On page 3 are some photos that I took today. I hope everyone enjoyed the Coalition Brunch as much as I did. *Joann Nixon*



PROGRAM NOTES



Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE IS MEETING BY EMAIL UNTIL FEBRUARY

– Contact Martha Bunce, 743-0306, if you are interested in participating on the Garden Tour Committee.

Please mark your 2017 calendars:

- January 12, 2017, STEM CONFERENCE** at Yuba College.
- February 18, 2017, 11:30 am:** “Oriental Medicine and the Process of Healing” - John Walz, at Rideout Health Conference Center, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City, (formerly known as Fremont Conference Center)
- March 18, 2017, 11:30 am:** “What you Might Not Know about Your Senior Years” - Paula Hyatt-McIntire, at Rideout Health Conference Center, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City (formerly known as Fremont Conference Center)
- April 8, 2017, 11:30 am:** Amanda Hopper –“Making Our Community Safer,” meeting at Flavors at Yuba College.
- May 6, 2017, GARDEN TOUR**
- June 3, 2017, 11:30 am:** Branch wrap-up meeting of the year, at Ruthy’s Restaurant, Hillcrest Plaza on Clark St., Yuba City.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Contact Joann Nixon 530-680-0356, if you are interested in knowing more about being an EC Member At Large. Meets on **Thursday, January 19, 1:30 pm, at Barbara Solheim’s home.**

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS – THANK YOU to all of you who donated the nice items for the Opportunity Drawings this past year. If you wish to donate an item in 2017 please contact Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120.

WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING INFORMATION

By Artis Buerki, AAUW Publicity Chair
Photos by Joann Nixon.

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, 90 women of our community met at the Peach Tree Country Club to share information about their various projects and get into the Holiday spirit with music provided by local school musicians.

This year we were entertained by the Bear River Middle School Choir, Wheatland, led by Jim Achilles, in a fun and enthusiastic performance of new and old holiday songs.



Each year donations are brought to the Coalition Brunch, and

are given to assist women and children. This year socks and toiletries were donated to **Hands of Hope**.

The Coalition Brunch has been going on since 1993 when our member, **Barbara Palser**, then President of our Marysville-Yuba City Branch of AAUW, invited some other local women's groups to meet together for a December Party. 23 years later the event still goes on each year under the Coalition Committee which is made up of the local branches of AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma, Soroptimist International, the Marysville Art Club, and Bridges to Housing.

Our branch representatives on the Coalition Committee are **Barbara McCarty, Jeanine Rounds, and Artis Buerki**. Let us know if you know of another women's organization that would like to be involved.



Jan Wallace brought family members to the Coalition Brunch. L-R Joanne Wallace, Heather Foster, Priscilla Wurm, Jan Wallace, **Pat Roper**, and Georgia (Jan's great granddaughter)



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

We have 5 new members. Their information is listed below. Please add them to your roster and make them feel welcome. Consider introducing your friends to AAUW by bringing them to a branch meeting. If you have any suggestions contact Lee Jones, 674-1942 or lee@harkeyhouse.com. I would be happy to send a membership application to you.

Our newest members who joined in November and December are:

Joni Adams: 1570 Meadowlark Way, Yuba City, CA 95993; 530.755.3928; Loyola U. Rosary College, History/Library Science. Joni is a former AAUW member of our branch. Karen Tuttle recruited Joni.

Christina Billeci: 1603 Ellis Lake Drive, Marysville, 95901; christinabilleci@comcast.net; 530.741.3044; CSU Chico, BA-1977, Social Work. Lee Jones recruited Christina.

Jan Roberts-Haydon: 5474 Lincoln Road, Yuba City, 95993; 530.673.7638, [c/530.902.9882, janrh@succeed.net](mailto:janrh@succeed.net); USC, Masters in Music Performance-1984. Barbara Alves recruited Jan.

Liz Skelly: 1600 Hunter, Yuba City, 95993 lskelly47@yahoo.com; 530.635.0821. Jeanine Rounds recruited Liz.



Karen Chiechi, Ed.D.
1020 F Oswald Road, Yuba City, CA 95991, 530-320.1917, karenchiechi@gmail.com. USC, Ed.D.-Education Administration, 2000. Karen was recruited by Jeanine Rounds and Joann Nixon at the Coalition Brunch.

DIANE JESSEE MEMORIAL BOOKS - The Complete Works of Shakespeare; The Merchant of Venice book; The Merchant of Venice DVD; and a picture of Portia giving her speech to the court -"The Quality of Mercy is not Strain'd" - were donated by our AAUW branch and by Gloria Mullins in memory of Diane Jessee.

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 (formerly Avid Readers)

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

Rabid Readers

Meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am.
Contact is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840 or Pat Jones, 674-0114. Book title is Three Sister, Three Queens by Phillipa Gregory. Meeting at Ethel Breyfogle's home on **January 20, 2017**.



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 at Judy Hale's home on **January 6, 2017**.



TALKING ON PAPER

Our writing group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 am., usually at The Cookie Tree. Next meeting is **January 3, 2017**. We'll sip a cup of New Year's tea or coffee at The Cookie Tree to ward off the January cold. Come early with your creative writing and be ready to celebrate a new beginning. In December, seven imaginative writers met at Tessa's home, for we found stacks of cookie boxes had commandeered our meeting room at the "Tree". Back to normal in January, we'll happily welcome aspiring writers into our fun and gregarious group. We can hardly wait to see who will join us. Questions? Call Joan Young 777-9215.

TRAVEL The Travel group normally meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Contact is Gloria Mullins, 674-3659.



LET'S GO TO CUBA!

Join Gretchen Cupp, her husband Steve Greenstein, and Candy Mac Donald as Candy shares photos of their one week Sail Cuba Tour May 21-28, 2016. Meeting is **January 23, 2017** at Jeanine Rounds home. This exciting cultural exchange included interactions with artists, musicians, a tobacco farmer, an elementary school visit, an international dive center, a sea turtle breeding farm, a National Park, UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Museum of Rum, etc.



Gretchen and Candy were in Havana at Revolution Square.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Traveling Gourmet normally meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. We usually meet in front of Round Table on Gray Avenue, YC at 10:30. From there, we carpool to the restaurant. On **January 26, 2017** we will go to Fats Asia Bistro, 1500 Eureka Road in Roseville. Barbara Solheim is the hostess, 674-3577. Hope to see you there.



In December the Traveling Gourmet went to Michael Christian in Chico. L-R are Sandy Davini, Barbara Palser, Judy Hale, Judy Zukas, Pat Jones, Katherine Medley, Jeanine Rounds, Barbara Solheim, Carol Clark, Jo Hilling, Priscilla Kerr. Photographer Joann Nixon is not shown.

**THANK YOU’S FROM OUR
TECH TREKKERS:**



Each of our six 2016 Tech Trek winners sent thank you notes. Here are the final three letters for your enjoyment.
photo by Artis Buerki

Dear AAUW Marysville/Yuba City Branch,

Thank you so much for choosing me to come to Teck Trek. It is such an honor! I think if I had not been chosen I would have missed on so much and I wouldn't be able to make so many friends! It was such an amazing experience to go through the nomination, interview and everything afterwards. Again, thank you so much for choosing me.

Sincerely,
Kassie Gillming
(Kassandra is 3rd from right)

Dear Marysville/Yuba City Branch,

Thank you so much for taking the time to present me with the opportunity to come to Tech Trek. This has been a great experience, one in which I've learned insightful lessons, made new friends, and developed a further passion in STEM subjects. I will carry this information with me everywhere I go, and appreciate your choosing me to do so.

Sincerely,
Zoe Rosales
(Zoe is first from right)


Dear Marysville/Yuba City AAUW Members,

Thank you so much for selecting me to attend Tech Trek. I have really enjoyed being here. My core class, Anatomy, has been extremely interesting. We've dissected eyes, brains, bones, hearts, and even lungs! I actually got to hold the heart!

Every afternoon, we usually participated in three different activities. So far, my favorite was the trip to vet school. There, we learned about different body systems. I even saw an elephant skull!

Once again, thank you so much. I truly appreciate all that you ladies have done for me. Thank you for giving me this spectacular opportunity of attending Tech Trek.

Sincerely,
Emi Thompson
(Aemilia is first from left)



Leadership Bite:

“Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different currents of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

Robert F Kennedy, formed US Senator

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December 11, 2016 - If you

wonder what your AAUW membership does in the big picture, take a look at just two of the items in today's AAUW report by Lisa M. Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy.

If you are not receiving regular reports by email from Lisa, contact Martha Bunce, buncehall@yahoo.com, to get on the list.

6 states passed new equal pay laws in 2016.

AAUW members played a key role in achieving **new equal pay laws** in California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and Utah. Yes, those are red, blue, and purple states taking action to close the gender pay gap — thanks to you and AAUW.

AAUW leaders in 18 states helped demand better data on harassment in schools.

AAUW's **analysis of federal data** showed that 67 percent of U.S. school districts reported zero allegations of sexual harassment or bullying during the 2013–14 school year. AAUW state leaders in 42 states sent letters to governors asking for the state to correct the zeros. A reported zero usually indicates that a school failed to recognize, address, and report the sexual harassment that we know students — especially girls and LGBT students — struggle with every day. To date, members have received responses from 18 states.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING, Dec. 8, 2016

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting December 8, 2016 - 1:30 p.m. at the home of Karen Tuttle

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Carol Clark, Projects Leader; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader, Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary. Members at Large: Artis Buerki, and Martha Bunce

Call to Order, 1:35.

Minutes of October 12 were approved as corrected, adding Joan Young to attendees and Tessa Phillips to the Citizenship group.

Executive Council Leader:

Branch Web Site: There was considerable discussion related to the possibility to our branch adding a website. Apparently 89 branches in California do have a website utilizing AAUW resource template. Our branch currently has a site at the Chamber of Commerce, but it is not very useful. AAUW has a website service available to all branches, and the setup looks easy. AAUW will manage it for a fee of \$120 a year, and our branch could possibly drop membership in the Chamber and spend that amount of money on the management of our website. National would provide a template and we could develop our site in a variety of ways. There was considerable discussion.

Carol Clark moved that AAUW Marysville-Yuba City set up a website using the AAUW resources and contract to have AAUW manage the website; we would authorize spending up to \$100 for local assistance in getting just what we want. Barbara Solheim seconded the motion, and it was approved.

There was some discussion about the desirability of maintaining Chamber membership, and this issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council also discussed the possibility of adding PayPal, and Janet moved that we include PayPal in our site, realizing we can easily cancel if need be. Barbara Solheim seconded, and motion passed.

Support for Tech Trek. Joann and Carol met with the new Yuba County Superintendent of Schools and received \$450, and then they and June McJunkin met with the new Sutter County Superintendent and received confirmation of a full scholarship.

The **January Executive Council meeting** is rescheduled for **January 19** because of STEM. It will be 1:30 at the house of Barbara Solheim.

New members: Joni Adams (sponsor Karen Tuttle), Christina Billeci (Lee Jones), Jan Roberts-Hayden (Barbara Alves), and Liz Skelly (Jeanine Rounds) are

all new members. Details about them will be published in the Feather Vane.

Garden Tour: No meeting this month. Martha is still looking for gardens.

Coalition Brunch. Priscilla Kerr is handling the drawing prizes and has quite a few items.

Tech Trek. Several people attended the meeting this week at Donna Long’s house, including Bonnie Curtis. Marilyn Warmee conducted the meeting and she had prepared an excellent task list. Assignments were made

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy Davini was not present but sent a report indicating we are doing well.

Scholarships: Jeanine. No news.

Public Policy, Advocacy – No Report

Other Business

Other reports from Executive Council

Sunshine. No news is good news

Bylaws Update –No report.

Communications – Janet Theiss. Artis Buerki reported that the deadline for December issue will be December 19.
Meeting Callers: All is going well.

Historian: Karen Tuttle has been organizing all our historical materials. She has many scrapbooks as well as other information. She would like to take most of the scrapbooks, dating from 1959 to 2004 to the Yuba County Library. Joann and Barbara have agreed to help her. Karen will keep the materials dating 2014-16. She also has Feather Vanes dating June 1994 to 2005. Not all of these collections are complete, and members who have any historical information are encouraged to get in touch with Karen to help her fill out our records.

Programs - Barbara Solheim reminded members that the Coalition Brunch is this Saturday. Because of STEM there will be no regular program meeting in January, but the February meeting will be on Oriental medicine. Janet reminded members that the IBC meeting will be **February 4** in Oroville; she was requested to put out a notice encouraging members to organize car pools to attend.

Meeting dismissed at 3:05.

Projects - Carol Clark:

Respectfully submitted,

STEM Conference 1/12/17. There will be a meeting Friday 12/9/16 at Sandy’s house to begin finalizing details.

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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For details//locations of Special Interest Groups, go to page 4 of this Feather Vane.
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