

Feather Vane



MARCH, 2017



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

MARCH MEETING - Bring a friend or potential member.

WHEN: **Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:30 am**

WHERE: Rideout Health Conference Center, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City (formerly known as Fremont Conference Center)



PROGRAM: WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR SENIOR YEARS - Yuba City attorney, Paulla Hyatt-McIntire, is our speaker. (Read more about her on Page 2 of this *Feather Vane*.)

MENU: Nicoise salad, potato gratin, beef bourguignon, and surprise dessert – will be catered by Chef Salim.

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 reservation by Tuesday, please phone Janet Theiss (695-3159). If you reply yes, you owe for the meal.*



Council Chat by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader
Message from the ECL –February 16, 2017

Our community is once again being vigilant as Mother Nature presents us with her pleasure. Years of drought to a year of above average rainfall put our community at risk of flood with high water storage in Oroville Dam and damage of both the main and the emergency spillways. We are grateful to the engineers and crews that are working diligently to keep us safe. On Sunday, February 12, the communities from Oroville to Yuba City were placed on either mandatory or voluntary evacuation, depending on location. As we started returning to our homes a decision was made to cancel the February 18th Branch Meeting. We will reschedule the speaker, Dr. John Walz, as soon as possible. The March 18th meeting will proceed as planned with Paulla Hyatt-McIntire as speaker. The information is available in this issue of the *Feather Vane*. Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 18.



PROGRAM NOTES



by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:30 am - BRANCH LUNCHEON at Rideout Health Conference Center, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City (formerly known as Fremont Conference Center), *Program: WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR SENIOR YEARS* - Paulla Hyatt-McIntire speaker, Attorney at Law.

Paulla is a Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law* and provides quality legal counsel for all levels of complexity in estate planning, trust administration, probate, special needs trusts, elder law, and business succession and tax planning. In addition to Paulla's experience in law, she spent nine years as an elementary and middle school teacher for the Yuba City Unified and Franklin Elementary School Districts. Paulla is married to Brad McIntire and their family includes daughters Jackie and Katie and son Zach.

*State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

Please mark your 2017 calendars:

Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:30 am – BRANCH LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING at Flavors at Yuba College. *Program: Making Our Community Safer*, Amanda Hopper speaker.

Saturday, May 6, 2017, GARDEN TOUR event, gardens are open 10 am-3:30 pm/reception is noon until 4 pm at Community Museum on Butte House Road.

Saturday, June 3, 2017, 11:30 am – BRANCH LUNCHEON, wrap-up meeting of the year at Ruthy's Restaurant, Hillcrest Plaza on Clark St., Yuba City, *Program: college scholarship winners will speak.*



MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH. Celebrate by bringing a friend to our March 18 meeting!

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, March 9, 1:30 pm** at Karen Tuttle's.

VISIT WITH THE CONGRESSMAN

by Joan Young, Publicity Committee co-chair

On a recent Monday Artis Buerki, our *Feather Vane* editor, received a call from the office of Congressional Representative John Garamendi in Washington DC, inviting members of our AAUW group to meet with him Friday morning at his Yuba City office. Eight enthusiastic ladies from Marysville-Yuba City AAUW attended, and with a bowls of nuts, packages of Sunsweet prunes and other products from District 3, (his large Nor-Cal agricultural district, part of which we call home) Congressman Garamendi expressed his feelings on several subjects. This meeting was held 6 days following the Women's March, the turnout with which he was greatly impressed, noting its "incredible energy." He hoped this fervor expressed in much of the U.S. and the world would grow and succeed with positive action for women's rights, immigration reform, health care reform, and other human rights issues.

He compared this march to previous marches, observing that other organizers had promoted issues only to fade into the sunset due to flagging interest. He urged us to concentrate on a few specific issues, to write and call our representatives in Sacramento and Washington DC, and let our feelings on subjects important to us be known to those who represent us. He appeared very relaxed and we benefitted from our meeting with him. He was well aware of AAUW, TECH TREK and STEM. In his early years his mother hosted AAUW meetings in their home. He was tasked with serving tea to the ladies!!!



Congressman John Garamendi hosted some of our branch leaders on Friday, January 27, at his Yuba City Office. Shown here with the Congressman are L-R Gretchen Cupp, Joan Young, Artis Buerki, Joann Nixon, Lee Jones, Miriam Hatamiya, Jeanine Rounds, and Martha Bunce.

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 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. Executive Council meetings are normally held the second Thursday at 1:30 pm. Please consider accepting an appointment as a Member-at-Large. Contact any EC member, or Joann Nixon, 530- 680-0356, for more information.

**TECH TREK UPDATE**

by Marilyn Warmee, TT Committee Member

PLEASE JOIN US ON TECH TREK INTERVIEW DAY!!!! (See below for more information)

The Tech Trek Committee has initiated the process of choosing six 7th grade girls from Sutter and Yuba Counties to attend the week-long Tech Trek summer STEM camp at UC Davis, July 23-29, 2017.

This year, we've received 24 teacher nominations from 9 area schools, and have sent out application packets to the nominated girls, with a mid-February due date. The committee will be reviewing the applications and evaluating the students' essays in two meetings on February 22nd and 27th, with the aim of narrowing the field down to approximately 12 finalists.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON INTERVIEW DAY!!

The finalists will be interviewed by a panel at the YCUSD District Office on Saturday, March 25th, from 8:00 am to approximately 5:00 pm, **AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEWS.** It's a really exciting way to be involved in the Tech Trek process. You don't have to be a committee member to participate, and it's only a one-day commitment. Please consider spending the day with some of the most amazing and inspiring young women you could ever hope to meet!!!!!! If you're interested, or can suggest someone who might be, please contact me for the details at marilynwarmee@comcast.net.

One big change in 2017: Our longtime TT Branch Coordinator, Bonnie Curtis has relocated to the Grass Valley area; fortunately, she has agreed to stay on this year as our advisor, but as the committee is discovering, she's leaving some very big shoes to fill.

The 2017 Tech Trek Committee now appreciates more than ever how much work Bonnie did to make our branch Tech Trek program so successful for all these years. In fact, it does take a village (in the form of our entire committee) to duplicate her efforts! So thank you, Bonnie, for all your hard work and complete dedication to this wonderful program.

PLEASE JOIN US ON TECH TREK INTERVIEW DAY – MARCH 25 – 8 am - Contact Marilyn to confirm that you can help marilynwarmee@comcast.net or phone 673-1877.

**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 to AAUW, P. O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992, by **March 15.**

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.



**GARDEN TOUR
BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**
by Martha Bunce & Colleen Franklin

The GT Committee is looking for BUSINESS SPONSORS of the Garden Tour, so if you have friends in business please ask them if they can become an Iris-\$50, Azalea-\$100, Rose-\$300, or Orchid-\$500 Sponsor. In return the AAUW Garden Tour Sponsors' names will be printed on the back of the Garden Tour booklet, listed in our Feather Vane newsletter, announced in our press releases, and posted prominently at the reception. The Sponsorship information form and check, payable to AAUW, must arrive in our P. O. Box no later than March 31, 2017. Last year we raised enough money to send an additional girl to the week-long AAUW Tech Trek science camps at UC Davis and Stanford. This year we are shooting for the moon!

Note: Please contact Martha if you wish to be on the committee, 743-0306. Next meeting is **March 2**, 1 pm at the home of Barbara Kenney.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

If you would like to be an Artist in the Gardens on May 6 for our Annual AAUW Garden Tour, and you have not already spoken with Lee Jones, please contact her right away, 674-1942, or cell 300-0214 to see if space is still available.



INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The annual Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon on February 4, 2017, at the First Congregational Church in Oroville had fifty-five branch members and guests, an excellent audience for the speaker, CSU Chico's first female president, Gayle Hutchinson.

Gayle, who grew up in northern Connecticut, told us her interesting path to Chico and recent triumphs and successes for the university. She surprised her campus with her hundred-day listening tour, receiving constructive and important feedback. Gayle then touched our hearts with the amazing success of Chico engineering students who built a left hand for a badly-burned teen. Key in "Tito's Left Hand" and click on the link in the short article to read an inspiring story. Chico State has the nation's first accredited bachelor's degree program in mechatronics, a new discipline combining mechanical, computer, and electrical engineering.

Gayle captured us with her first sentences. When she was asked to speak and heard "AAUW," she said "Yes!" before she even heard when or where! Why? That is how much she believes in AAUW's goals and purpose.

It is always interesting to attend these luncheons. One of the women at our table had attended the 750,000 participants' Women's Rights March in Los Angeles on January 21. In spite of the depths of feelings, it is impressive that everyone remained peaceful. The Monday, **May 1, 2017**, IBC meeting is in our Marysville-Yuba City area, at 6:00 p.m., venue to be determined.

PUBLIC POLICY REPORT

by Martha Bunce, Advocacy & Action Chair

This information was received on Feb 3, 2017 via email message from AAUW National. If you don't already receive Washington Update by email, please ask Martha Bunce, 743-0306, buncehall@yahoo.com, to add you to the Advocacy & Action email list.



Feb 3, 2017 - This month,

Congress' phones and inboxes have been flooded by energized AAUW members and supporters nationwide. You may be among the hundreds of thousands of Americans who recently called, emailed, or even [faxed](#) members of Congress. AAUW's momentum is growing stronger each day, and we're seeing results.

After receiving dozens of messages from AAUW members in their states, Republican U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) [announced](#) they planned to vote against Betsy DeVos' confirmation as secretary of education.

Last week, AAUW members sent nearly 5,000 messages to Congress to make it known that repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), especially without a viable replacement, is a bad idea. Congress listened, as [key lawmakers](#) now say they aim to repair the ACA rather than repeal the entire law. To put it simply, your advocacy is working.

Over the next 100 days, you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of this momentum by taking action on 10 items important to AAUW. For over 135 years, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls – and thanks to members like you, we aren't backing down now.

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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

Meets the third Friday of the month at 10 am. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone Paulette for details about the **March 17** 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 **March 17**, Marilyn Elliott is hostess at her home. Book title is America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray.



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 **March 3** at Jeanine Round's home.



TALKING ON PAPER

Meets on Tuesday, **March 7**, 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

The Travel section normally meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Coordinator is Gloria Mullins, 674-3659. Contact Gloria to find out about the next Travel group meeting, and let her know if you wish to tell us about your travels.

IMPORTANT – If you have taken an interesting trip or tour and would be able to talk about it to the TRAVEL group, Gloria would like to hear from you. At this publication time there is no speaker for the rest of the year. Please call Gloria Mullins if you have any ideas, 674-3659. She'd love to hear from you.



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.

2-16-17 Joann Nixon, Joan Young and I have made a decision to switch destinations for the next two months. There are two reasons we are doing this. One is Joann is scheduled to host in March, but will be out of town, and Joan is scheduled in February, but there is some concern about going to Oroville next Thursday. So this is to let you know that on **February 23**, we will be going to Johnny Garlic's in Roseville, and on the 4th Thursday in March, **March 23**, we will be going to the Miner's Alley Brewing Company in Oroville. Please contact me if you plan to attend either meeting. Carol Clark, 671-5284



On January 26 our Traveling Gourmet section went to Fats Bistro in Roseville. Pictured are: Jeanine Rounds, Carol Clark, Barbara

Solheim, Judy Zukas, Gayle Prager, Sandy Davini, Priscilla Kerr, Jo Hilling, Not pictured: Tessa Phillips, and Joann Nixon. Barbara Solheim was the hostess. *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

We have a brand new member. Linda Protine was recently recruited by Carol Clark. Welcome Linda. Please add her to your Roster:

Linda Protine, 2963 True Road, YC 95993
ldprotine@gmail.com; 530.674.0451 or c/632.8172 CSU
 Chico, B.S. in Ag Business, 1981

We now have 95 AAUW branch members, and our goal is 100 or more. Consider introducing your friends to AAUW by bringing them to a branch meeting. If you have any suggestions, contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com. I would be happy to send a membership application.

MEET SOME NEW MEMBERS:



Helen Strunk

Helen was recruited to our branch by Jan Wallace. Her contact information was in our *October 2016 Feather Vane*.

Helen and Jan met while playing bridge. Helen is a graduate of College of San Mateo with an AA degree in education. She is a voracious reader, and she has already joined our Rabid Readers book club. Please welcome Helen to our branch.



Roberta D'Arcy

Roberta was recruited by Lee Jones. Her contact information was in the *May-June 2016 Feather Vane*.

Roberta spoke to our branch as guest local author in November 2015 and has written a book, Browns Valley (Images of America). She is a 4th generation Browns Valley resident and cattle raiser, she said. She graduated from Samuel Merritt School of Nursing 1963 as a Registered Nurse and graduated in 1979

from CSU Chico with a BS in Nursing and a Public Health Certificate.

Roberta has worked in Public Health, Case Management, Labor and Delivery, Correctional Health, and in many Drug and Alcohol Treatment programs. She has volunteered in many community agencies ranging from hospice to United Way to Pathways and others. After retiring as a Nursing Director of Yuba County Health Department, she has volunteered as a Parenting Instructor to women in Yuba County Jail and transitional living. She has retired from nursing but is now working for Sutter County part time, addressing the needs of the homeless. Please welcome Roberta to our branch.



**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
 February 9, 2017**

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting February 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; Lee Jones, Membership; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Members at Large: Priscilla Kerr, Joan Young
Call to Order, 1: 35 -Minutes, Reports: Minutes of January 19, 2017, were approved as submitted

Executive Council Leader: Joann indicated the mike has been repaired. She also discussed procedure for identifying board member costs, such as stamps, labels, printing, etc. She was encouraged to turn this information into our Treasurer. She said she had sent thank you letters and photos to the 2 county superintendents who had briefly attended the STEM conference.

She indicated things appear to be going well with Artis' work on our branch web site. Sandy said she still needed information about PayPal.

Joann indicated considerable need for assistance for major events such as STEM conference, Garden Tour, and Tech Trek. Members were encouraged to help recruit additional support.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out some brief correspondence, including a letter from the Sutter County

Library thanking us for the \$150 our branch has donated for books in remembrance of 3 members who passed away.

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy indicated there was no new report. We are doing well. We do need to decide soon whether to increase local dues for next year. Currently \$13.

Public Policy, Advocacy – No Report

Other reports from Executive Council

Bylaws Update –Karen Tuttle indicated that the deadline for submitting changes has been extended to June, 2017.

Communications – Janet Theiss: Janet indicated she has been working with Davis printing on getting the new AAUW envelopes, with our logo, printed. There have been some difficulties, but Janet thinks she has resolved them.

Feather Vane. Artis Buerki was not present but indicates things are going well with web site. Feather Vane deadline for articles will be Sunday after Branch meetings. Artis had also emailed out a list of months in which specific articles should be submitted, and this was appreciated.

Meeting Callers: All is going well. Barbara Douyon, who does the email, will continue with this task although she has many family responsibilities. She will be asking for people to respond to a request to possibly assist with set up and clean-up of branch meetings.

Janet has created a large-print roster for our new member, Joni Adams.

Membership. Lee Jones indicated things are going well, and we currently have 95 members. We will continue to look for ways to have members participate in our activities.

Programs. Barbara reported that plans are made for John Walz to present on health care at the February meeting at Fremont-Rideout conference room; Salim will provide the meal. Paula Hyatt-McIntyre will provide the March program related to doing estate planning, also at Fremont-Rideout, and Amanda Hopper will do the April program at Yuba College. For the April meeting, with food provided by the Culinary Arts program, we should all consider bringing guests.

Projects: Carol Clark was not present:

STEM: Sandy Davini reported on the **STEM** meeting held earlier today. There had been a number of last-minute

problems, but we managed to handle them all. A major need is a dependable “bank” of facilitators, and Council agreed to assist in various ways to building this bank. The committee had decided to hold the speaker number at 22, and aim for 700 students.

Garden Tour: Meeting was held 2/2. Martha is still looking to finalize all the gardens. Jeanine Rounds will begin sign-ups for hostesses at the March meeting, and she will do calling follow-up. Priscilla Kerr offered to help with the calling.

Tech Trek: Application packets have been received from 24 girls from 9 schools, a smaller number than usual. We can send 6 girls. Marilyn Warmee indicated a major need for members to do the interviews on March 25. Lee Jones indicated she would help and she would contact one or two others. Barbara Solheim and Jeanine Rounds will split the interviews with parents. We are fortunate in being able to use the Yuba City District Office facilities.

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 described an excellent meeting in Oroville, with Dr. Gayle Hutchinson, the new woman president of CSU-Chico as the speaker. Janet, Joann Nixon, Jeanine Rounds, and Linden Reynolds attended. Janet said that our branch is responsible for the May dinner meeting, and we must determine where we want to meet.

Sunshine. A card will be sent to Barbara Douyon for family illness.

Opportunity Drawings: Priscilla Kerr will be providing them for the February and April meetings, and she has enough for February but could use something besides wine for April meeting. Meeting dismissed at 3:10.

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

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

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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.

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