

# Feather Vane



## NOVEMBER, 2017

### NOVEMBER 18 – Branch Meeting – Topic: Aging Intelligently

**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

**Location: Sopa Thai, 720 Plumas Street, Yuba City**

**Menu: Thai buffet**

**Speaker: Lisa Del Pero** - Lisa has over 40 years of experience as an Estate Planning attorney in the Yuba/Sutter Area. She conducts all facets of estate planning including simple wills and trusts along with advanced planning for large estates. Del Pero Law was established in 1951 by Renzo Del Pero following his retirement from the FBI. Lisa joined the practice in 1977. They are located on Live Oak Blvd. in Yuba City.

**Reservations: \$18 - We must have a firm number for our caterer. Tell your emailer or caller if you are coming YES or NO by the Monday prior to the meeting.** *If you replied YES, 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 must pay for the meal.*

**Needed: Attractive items to add variety and spark sales for our Silent Auction and Drawing money-maker at the Coalition Holiday Brunch on December 9  
Need ASAP. Contact: Priscilla Kerr (645-7120).**



*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, October 2017

Our October branch meeting speaker, Sherri Banford, in her presentation “Dealing with Dementia” gave us a lots of good information including the numerous kinds of dementia, how dementia is diagnosed, as well as, how to talk with people who are unable to recall and hold a conversation. Never argue, honor their choices and dignity, use a “best friend” approach, don’t correct their statements. Sherri told us screening tests and a lot of good information is available on the web site [www.aboutalz.org](http://www.aboutalz.org).

Our branch also voted on Bylaw changes and the changes were approved. We are gearing up for the Coalition Brunch in December and will be making a holiday basket to help with our fund raiser. We hope you will participate by getting a nice item to include in the basket (nuts, dried fruit, crackers, good wine and quality chocolate are always winners) give Priscilla or me a call and we’d be happy to pick up the items. -- Joann

***Remember to make your reservations for the December 9 Coalition Holiday Brunch before the November 22 deadline. Information is on page 2.***

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meeting - Thursday, November 9, 1:30 pm at Marchello's Restaurant.** Please contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in attending Executive Council meetings as a Member-at-Large.

**YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S  
COALITION  
HOLIDAY BRUNCH**



**Saturday, December 9, 2017  
9:30 A.M.  
Peach Tree Country Club**

**Tickets \$22**

**RESERVATIONS-AAUW MEMBERS:  
Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO  
Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992. Check  
must arrive by Wednesday, November 22,  
2017. If you prefer, you may pay at the  
November 18 AAUW meeting.**

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

*Music provided by the Yuba College Choral  
Department Directed by Tracia Barbieri*

**Sponsored by these local women's clubs:**

American Association of University Women, Marysville-Yuba  
City Branch  
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Iota Sigma Chapter  
Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City  
Marysville Art Club  
Bridges to Housing



**PROGRAM NOTES**

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



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

**AAUW PROJECTED PROGRAMS, 2017-2018**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017**—Aging Intelligently, Speaker Lisa Del Pero, 11:30 a.m., at Sopa Thai, 720 Plumas St., Yuba City—Cost 18.00

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**--Coalition Brunch, 9:30 a.m. Peach Tree Country Club, Simpson Ln., Marysville Cost \$22.00

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**—GARDEN TOUR

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



Thank you to our October 21 speaker, Sherri Banford, who is the Director of Prestige Assisted Living's Dementia unit in Marysville. Sherri is shown here with Pat Jones.



Corky Ulrey was honored at the October 21 meeting with a 50-year Lifetime Membership. Over the years Corky has served the branch in many ways, and most recently has hosted our September branch Tech Trek brunches in her beautiful back yard.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

Our treasurer, Sandy Davini, reported that our membership count stands at 94, as of 9/21/17.

Here is the breakdown:

8 - 50 Year-Honorary Life (MBHL)

2 - Life (MBL)

4 - Student (SAF)

80 - Regular (MOB)

**94 Total Members**

Do you have a friend who would enjoy being a member of our branch? Guests are welcome at all branch meetings. Membership is open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. RN), bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

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

**ADVOCACY & ACTION** - Email or phone Martha Bunce to find out how to become a Two-Minute Activist, 743-0306 or e-mail [buncehall@yahoo.com](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com),



As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. We'll provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more.

If you wish to reach California's Senior Senator Diane Feinstein in Washington D.C. she encourages us to call (202) 224-3841 or visit her website at [feinstein.senate.gov](http://feinstein.senate.gov). You can also follow her online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for her email newsletter at [feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter](http://feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter).



## BRANCH BYLAWS UPDATE

by Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader

The updated Bylaws were approved at our October branch meeting by a unanimous vote of those present. There are required mandatory sections and sections for our local branch that were changed to improve clarity.

AAUW California Governance Update - In 2008, during AAUW CA reorganization, an error was made affecting the standing of AAUW CA under California nonprofit law, the tax exempt status with the IRS and the affiliation with AAUW National by changing from the original "public benefit" organization to a "mutual benefit" organization. This error can potentially lead to AAUW CA losing affiliation with AAUW National and eligibility in participating in AAUW programs including Tech Trek. Every member with AAUW CA was requested to vote by October 1st to change AAUW CA back to a "public benefit" organization from a "mutual benefit" organization to align with the status of AAUW. The current status is that a unanimous approval did not occur and therefore a "fairness determination" process with the Secretary of State by AAUW CA legal counsel will begin with a considerable financial impact on AAUW CA.

Thank you, Karen

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**GARDEN TOUR** - contact Martha Bunce, 743-0306.  
**STEM Conference** - contact Sandy Davini, 713-1390,  
 or Barbara Solheim, 674-3577.  
**TECH TREK** – contact Carol Clark, 671-5286



**INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)**  
 by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

**IBC Will Meet in Yuba City on Nov. 6**

IBC is meeting at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, November 6, 2017, at Pete’s Restaurant and Brewhouse, 866 West Onstott Road, Yuba City. Please join us!! RSVP if yes to Janet (wftjedt@syix.com or 695-3159).

The **IBC Luncheon** is on its usual first Saturday, Feb 3, 2018.



**STEM COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Barbara Solheim, STEM Co-Chair

The STEM committee has been busy. Our STEM Conference will be January 19<sup>th</sup>. There is much to do and wonderful people stepping up to the plate and getting it done. We are still in need of facilitators. If you are asked to be a facilitator, please answer yes. All the instructions will be sent to you. It is not a hard job, but it is an important one. Once you make the commitment, please follow through.



**GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

Garden Tour Committee will meet at Barbara Kenney’s on **Thursday, November 2 at NOON**. If you would like to help plan the May 5, 2018 Garden Tour please come. We need your ideas and your help in making this, our only public fundraiser, a success.

**TECH TREK COMMITTEE REPORT**

by Carol Clark

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

**STEM CONFERENCE for 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GIRLS – Calling all Facilitator Volunteers!!!**

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

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

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

**HERE IS THE CONTACT INFORMATION:**

EMAIL ADDRESS Lee: [lee@harkeyhouse.com](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com) PHONE: 674-1942; and Roberta: [rolanddrc@yahoo.com](mailto:rolanddrc@yahoo.com), PHONE: 743-8742.

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

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

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

Thank you,  
 Lee Jones & Roberta D’Arcy, Facilitator Committee

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

## 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. To see how AAUW is working for you, click here. <http://mvyca.aauw.net>



### BOOK CLUBS

#### Book Explorers

Normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month, **November 17**. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. Phone Paulette for details.

#### Rabid Readers

Meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840 or Pat Jones, 674-0114. Next meeting is **November 17**, at Marilyn Elliott's home. Book is Thank You for Being Late by T. Friedman.



### BRIDGE GROUPS

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



### MOVIES

Do you like to go to the movies, but hate going alone? If so, the Out to the Movies group may appeal to you. First-run movie matinees, classics, and opera are all options at the Yuba City Cinemark. Contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665, if you are interested in being on the email contact list and if you have ideas to share.



### TALKING ON PAPER

Talking on Paper, our creative writing group, meets the first Tuesday of the month except in November when we will meet on **November 14**, 10 pm at the COOKIE TREE. 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 and something that you have written and want to read to the group. Up to two pages of typewritten stories provide us a view into our member's hearts and activities. Call Joan Young 777-9215 for more information.



### TRAVEL

AAUW Travel Group normally meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Gloria Mullins, 674-3659 if you have taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it to the TRAVEL group. Contact Gloria to inquire about plans for November. No November program has been announced at time of publication.



### TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. The Traveling Gourmet is meeting on the 5th Thursday in November because of Thanksgiving. Barbara Solheim is hosting the luncheon on **November 30** at the Firehouse Restaurant in Old Sacramento. Please let Barbara know if you would like to attend.

Also the group has decided to skip December because of the busy holidays.

## Board to Board

A Communication from the

AAUW California Board to Branch Boards

**GOVERNANCE** *Sue Cochran, Governance Committee Chair, [governance@auw-ca.org](mailto:governance@auw-ca.org)* The motion put before the membership to change AAUW CA from a Mutual Benefit to a Public Benefit Corporation did not pass due to a small number of no votes. The voting closed at midnight on September 30th. As a result of this vote, we are now working with our legal counsel to determine our next course of action. Updates will be posted on the AAUW CA website and in future Board to Board communications. Questions should be directed to [governance@auw-ca.org](mailto:governance@auw-ca.org).



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

### AAUW Executive Council Meeting - October 19, 2017 1:30 a.m. at Marcello's Restaurant

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Carol Clark, Program; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Janet Theiss, Communications Leader; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary. Members at Large: Priscilla Kerr. Visitors: Ethel Breyfogle, Christina Billeci

#### Call to Order, 1:30

**Minutes, Reports:** Minutes of September 14, 2017, were approved as corrected.

Council Leader Report: Joann requested we identify the date of the December Coalition Brunch, which was identified as December 9. Sandy said there will be information on payment costs and dates published in next Feather Vane. Callers will receive separate calls for the November and December meetings. Joann also said she will be contacting the Sutter County and Yuba County superintendents of schools regarding their scholarship donations for our Tech Trek girls.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out correspondence, which included a number of requests for donations; anyone who was interested could take the information.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy gave a brief budget report, saying very little had changed since her last report. We are hoping to spend down some of our balance and finish the year with about \$11,000 reserve. The budget went to the membership and was approved at the meeting on September 16. A major reason that we are doing so well relates to the sponsorships we have obtained for the Garden Tour in the past couple of years.

It had earlier been approved that AAUW would pay for the cost of the meal at a branch meeting attended by a potential member. The group wanted to modify this, and Sandy Davini moved that the cost would be paid for the first meeting attended by a new member. Janet Theiss seconded, and motion was approved.

Public Policy: No report.

Membership: Sandy said current membership, including scholarship winners is 94. She said that Corky Ulrey had just qualified as an "Honorary" Life Member for her 50 years in AAUW, and Joann will honor her at the branch meeting on Saturday.

#### Other reports from Executive Council

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle said the Yuba County Library is running out of space for any more historical materials until it discards some that are not connected to Yuba County. Karen will continue to keep our materials in her containers and hope that there will be space developed.

Bylaws: We will need to vote on Saturday for the fairly minor revisions to our own bylaws, and Karen will present information to the members.\* The change that was to have been made to the state bylaws failed because there were some who voted against. Not sure what will happen next, or whether our tax level will be affected.

Communications: Janet Theiss reported. Feather Vane: Reminded us that 10/23 deadline for information to Artis. Ethel Breyfogle, who has been handling our mailing, was asked to report. She said that the costs of mailing the roster were higher this fall, and she presented several ideas, such as purchasing envelopes that fit the current USPS criteria for a lower postage rate, and the Council approved this. Although the Council agreed that it was important to mail the leftovers after distributing the rosters at the September meeting, we could reduce the numbers to be mailed if interest groups would pass out the specific rosters to their members at their October meetings. Then Ethel told us that she will be retiring from the mailing job, and we will need to find a replacement!! Artis and Janet will work to do this, and Janet said that Ethel has done a "fabulous job."  
Meeting Callers: Joan Young has been doing a good job of this task.

Programs: Barbara Solheim was absent, but the October program speaker will be Sherri Banford, talking on "Dealing with Dementia." The November speaker will be Lisa Del Pero, a lawyer, talking on "Aging Intelligently," which has largely to do with various legal choices and related activities.

Projects: Carol Clark

**STEM:** The committee had met earlier today, and things are going well. Martha Bunce has identified 18-20 speakers. Jeanine has arranged for facilities at the college. Lee Jones, working with Roberta D'Arcy will identify the facilitators. Barbara Alves has sent out a "Save the Date"

email to the schools and will be responsible for assigning and assisting the facilitators. June McJunkin will be helping with various activities and has arranged for Packet Day to be held again at the Sutter County Schools facility, on January 11. Barbara Solheim and Carol Clark will manage the Hospitality Room. The STEM meeting November 9 will be at the Cookie Tree at 10:00 and at Barbara Solheim's house on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Garden Tour:** Brief meeting was held recently. Martha has located several gardens, but there is much yet to be done, including identifying the location and schedule of the reception. Janet Theiss and Judy Hale will be the hostesses. Lee Jones will locate the artists.

**Tech Trek:** Carol Clark said she and Donna Long are working on details. Karen Chiechi is also going to assist. Carol will be the state contact. Sandy said that the "payee" for checks related to Tech Trek has been changed and will be AAUW-CA-SPF.

**Scholarships:** No current report.

**Other Business**

**Interbranch:** The next meeting will be on November 6 at 6 pm at Pete's restaurant in Yuba City. Please let Janet know if you plan to attend.

**Sunshine.** Ruth Anthony has moved to The Fountains. Carol Churkin has returned to home and is continuing to recover from her stroke.

**Opportunity Drawings:** Priscilla Kerr said she needs items for the December Coalition Brunch. It was suggested that we ask members for donations, and that we possibly try to fill a new basket.

**New Business:** Nothing introduced.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40.

Respectively submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

NOTE \* At Branch meeting 10/21/17 members were asked to vote on bylaws, and all approved the changes.

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**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yuba College Book Fund (Make check payable to AAUW) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOVEMBER, 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 NOON Garden Tour Com.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 10 am STEM Committee  1:30 pm Executive Council	10	11
12	13	14 10 am Talking on Paper	15	16	17 10 am Book Clubs	18 11:30 am Branch Meeting
19	20 DEC. FV Deadline	21 Bridge	22 Reserve Coalition Brunch Deadline		24	25
26	27	28	29	30 10:30 Traveling Gourmet		



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