

Feather Vane



SEPTEMBER, 2017

Meet our Tech Trekkers - SEPTEMBER 16

Bring a friend or potential member

WHEN: Saturday, September 16, 10 am

WHERE: Corky Ulrey's lovely back yard,
587 Queensbury Way, Yuba City

PROGRAM: Our Tech Trek scholars will speak about their experiences at camp this summer.

MENU: Light buffet brunch



COST: There is **NO COST** to attend this meeting, but we must have a firm number so we will have enough chairs. 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.



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, September 2017

I hope you all enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to our next year of Branch and Executive Council Meetings; Interest Sections; STEM, Tech Trek, and Garden Tour Committees. As usual, we are looking forward to starting the year off with our brunch on September 16 in Corky Ulrey's back yard, and hearing the reports from the six girls that went to Tech Trek Camp this summer. (see pictures on page 2 of this Feather Vane) Keep your *Feather Vane* handy. It contains important information every month.

I'd like to draw your attention to an important matter - You will be contacted by State AAUW in September. It is a matter of changing a legal designation for State AAUW back to a public benefit corporation. **Without this change, we risk losing our National affiliation as well as jeopardizing our tax status.** All CA AAUW members will be contacted, with the opportunity to vote "YES" on this important issue. Please don't ignore this message from State AAUW when you receive it. If you don't know your membership number for voting, please contact Janet Theiss. Other questions E-Mail governance@aauw-ca.org or statepresident@aauw-ca.org. Thank You, Joann Nixon, ECL

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Meeting - Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:30 pm at Sandy Davini's home, 3353 Canfield Ct., Yuba City. Please contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in attending Executive Council as a Member-at-Large.



Attending the **Tech Trek Visitors Day** on July 27 at UC Davis were: (L to R) Joann Nixon, Baljinder Dhillon, (Sutter County

Superintendent of Schools), Sandy Davini, Marie Lavoie, (teacher Brittan Elementary) and Donna Long. Seeing the girls in their core classes is energizing. They were having a good time, could share what they had been doing all week, and expressed "Thank You" to our branch for giving them the opportunity of Tech Trek Camp. These photos will probably speak for themselves. Try to attend next year, it is an unforgettable experience. *Photos by Joann Nixon*



Kaylee in anatomy core class



Briar in anatomy core class



Malena and Donna in bridge building 3-D core class



Muskaan in genetics core class

Natalie explains engineering core class to Donna.



Tanya in computer core class

OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS – the Opportunity Drawing tickets will once again be available at the Sept. meeting to support Tech Trek as we listen to the young ladies who participated this year. Our continued support, through our ticket contributions, helps to support the important Tech Trek program. If you wish to donate an item please contact Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120.



PROGRAM NOTES

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



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 had a relaxing summer! Here is what we have planned for you this year – more details to follow:

- September 16 – at Corky’s, Program: Tech Trek
- October 21– Program: Dementia
- November 18– Estate Planning, Lisa Del Paro
- December 9 – COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH
- January 19, 2018 – STEM CONFERENCE
- February – Program: Scamming
- March– at Yuba College, Program: Rideout Hospital
- April – at Sunsweet, Program TBD
- May 5, 2018 – GARDEN TOUR
- June - at the Refuge, Program TBD



Abeera Aziz, Andrea Richmond, and Ashley Johnson were the Scholarship speakers at the June 3 branch meeting. Also honored was Rosa Aparicio Zuniga who was unable to attend. Abeera and Andrea are pictured here. *Photo by Joann Nixon*

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Jeanine Rounds graciously hosted the 2017 Annual Planning Meeting on June 8. The patio luncheon was moved indoors due to a spring rain. Left to right, back row: Janet Theiss, Sandy Davini, Jeanine Rounds, Priscilla Kerr, Karen Tuttle, Lee Jones, Carol Clark. Not pictured, Joan Young, Joann Nixon. *Photo by Joann Nixon*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

STEM COMMITTEE and GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE
If you are interested in helping plan the GARDEN TOUR please contact Martha Bunce, 743-0306.

Garden Tour meets on first Thursday at NOON.

To volunteer for the STEM COMMITTEE call Sandy Davini, 713-1390, or Barbara Solheim, 674-3577.

STEM meets the second Thursday each month at 10 am.
September 14 STEM meeting is at Sandy’s home.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – It is a brand new AAUW year

by Lee Jones, Membership Group Leader

Last year our 10 new members were: **Helen Strunk, Kay Cockrell, Liz Skelly, Christina Billeci, Jan Roberts-Haydon, Joni Adams, Karen Chiechi, Linda Protine, Pritam Brar.** and **Mary Ann Schleer.** Please invite them to your Interest Sections or committee groups. All branch members who are interested are welcome to join any of our groups.

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).



INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

IBC is meeting in our area at 6:00 pm on Monday, **November 6, 2017**. By October's *Feather Vane* we'll know the location.

The August 7, 2017, IBC meeting was hosted by the Gridley branch at the Butte County Library. Healthy salads that raised Tech Trek money were enjoyed by Joann Nixon and me (and guest Bill Theiss). It was great fun to see our other branch members again!

Our IBC Treasury is healthy so we voted to suspend our \$10 dues for this year. Gridley's Jean Curcuru is 2017-18 President and Oroville's Anna Devore is Secretary-Treasurer. Jean reported the Leadership Day in Sacramento was both valuable and inspirational. Our Joann Nixon and other IBC members attended Tech Trek's "Come See Us!" day July 27 at UC Davis and enjoyed greeting our girls.

Branch news: Chico is celebrating 95 years with a video. Gridley won the art board competition last year and will promote their branch again at the Butte County Fair. Oroville does many field trips and recommended the Orland Farm Sanctuary for any who have not seen it. Paradise had a member offer to host a wine tasting in her home! They'll continue presenting the stories of local historical women to 4th grade classes.

Career Trek is sponsored by several of the other AAUW branches in our IBC, and will be on February 24, 2018. This allows the **IBC Luncheon** to be on **its usual first Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018**. On August 14 I demonstrated my STEM Conference Excel program so branches could see if it looked useful for Career Trek. Attendees seemed impressed. It sparked some issues for them to think about.

OVER THE YEARS – How AAUW Membership Requirements Have Changed -



BUT NO CHANGES THIS YEAR

by Artis Buerki, *Feather Vane* Editor, June 20, 2017

AAUW members from all over the country had an opportunity to vote to decide if a college degree should be dropped as a requirement for AAUW membership, or if an "Advocate Membership" for non-degreed individuals should be established. **Because neither ballot issue passed, it was announced at the Annual Conference in June that the guidelines for membership have not changed. Here is how rules for membership have developed over the years:**

1881 - Graduates of only a few universities were invited to the meeting in November of 1881 when Marion Talbott and Ellen H. Richards, and 15 of their women friends, met in Boston to start an organization meant to open doors of higher education to other women. The charter institutions were Wesleyan Univ. (Conn), and the Massachusetts Inst. of Technology. Soon afterwards other colleges and universities were admitted as charter members. These were Vassar, Wellesley, Cornell, Smith, Oberlin, the Univ. of Wisconsin, and the Univ. of Michigan.

1882 - In January of 1882, 65 women officially formed the organization called the **Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA)**.

1884 - The first branch of ACA was established in Washington D.C., and in **1886** branches were also formed in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and San Francisco.

1889 - Another similar organization, the Western Assoc. of Collegiate Alumnae (est. 1883) merged with ACA, and they established this membership policy for educational institutions: Colleges and universities must display high academic standards, adequate provision for women students, women on faculties and administration, a sound basis of liberal education, and intellectual freedom.

1898 - ACA established an Educational Legislation Committee to promote further educational opportunities for women and girls. By the **1900s** it advocated child labor laws, compulsory education, juvenile courts, and funding for public schools and libraries. In **1913** ACA began Pay Equity efforts, and in **1914** it formed a committee to aid women students coming to the US from other nations.

1921 - Just one year after the 19th Amendment was passed giving women the Right to Vote, the ACA merged with the Southern Association of College Women, and the name was changed to the **American Association of University Women (AAUW)**.

1949 - In June of 1949 the bylaws were revised so that the only requirement for membership was a college degree, therefore reaffirming that women college graduates of all races are eligible for AAUW membership. Our branch was chartered in **1955**. In **1987** AAUW membership was extended to male college graduates.

2005 - With a growing population of women entering economically advantageous careers with community college educational backgrounds, AAUW's National Conference voted to include graduates who hold an Associate or equivalent degree (such as RN) from qualified educational institutions. There have been no further changes in membership requirements since that time. If you have other questions about branch membership, please contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, or see the Join page on our branch website mvyca-aaauw.net.

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.

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 **September 15, The Lemon Tree**, by Sandy Tolan. Hostess is Pat at Cookie Tree.



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, or opera are all options at the Yuba City Cinemark. On **October 7** Metropolitan Opera's **NORMA by Bellini** will be playing at 9:55 am. Come alone, bring a family member or a friend. Contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665, if you are interested.



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, meets the first Tuesday of the month, **September 5** 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

AAUW Travel Group will meet on Monday, **September 25**, at Jeanine Rounds' house 7 pm. Gretchen Cupp will give the presentation on Northern Italy. Have you taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it to the TRAVEL group? Contact is Gloria Mullins, 674-3659.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Normally meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. Will meet on **September 28** in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue in Yuba City to carpool leaving at 10:30 am going to the Cheesecake Factory in Roseville. Contact hostess Barbara Solheim to reserve, 674-3577.



Traveling Gourmet May 26 Report by Joann Nixon- One of our largest Traveling Gourmet lunch groups gathered at Café Collage on May 26, 2017. Chef Salim is well known to our Branch and members looked forward to the wonderful lunch and quaint restaurant in the foothills. Of those attending, the following are pictured: Jo Hilling, Priscilla Kerr, Barbara Solheim, Jeanine Rounds, Jan Wallace, Lisa Mikel, Gloria Mullins (Gloria brought two guests including the gentleman behind her) Sandy Davini, Joan Young, Gayle Prager, Pat Jones, Steve Clark. *Photo by Joann Nixon*

Traveling Gourmet June 22 Report by Tessa Phillips This day turned out to be one of the hottest for this month for many years. It was a record breaker. Nevertheless we had air conditioned cars and the restaurant was cool. 14 gallant AAUW members met and carpoled to The New Moon in Nevada City. Their menu changes each new moon. It is an excellent restaurant using local healthy produce and the atmosphere is minimalist and calming. There are small royal blue light shades and small royal blue vases that are set off beautifully by the individual white table clothes. They set us up for our group on a dais and we could see down and over the restaurant giving us a good feeling of importance. We had 5 special members and guests with us: Neva Bright of Grass Valley, Bonnie Curtis of Grass Valley, Lee Jones, Cheryl Hare and Jan Wisner. We had 9 of our regular group attending: Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Pat Jones, Gloria Mullins, Joann Nixon, Tessa Phillips, Jeanine Rounds, Barbara Solheim and Judy Zukas. We had a very pleasant server and a good time was had by all.



Shown above on June 22 at The New Moon L-R seated are Neva Bright and Bonnie Curtis. Standing are Gloria Mullins, Sandy Davini, and Tessa Phillips. Photo by Joann Nixon



**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2017**

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Planning Meeting was on June 8, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jeanine Rounds. Members brought delicious salads for their lunch.

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 and Joan Young.

Call to Order, 10:20 am **Minutes, Reports:** Minutes of May 11, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Counsel Leader Report: Joann said that we had well met our goals for the past year: membership, visibility, and collaboration. Membership is up, Artis Buerki is doing particularly well with community visibility, and we continue to collaborate with IBC, our other branches, and Soroptomists. We need to review our year's activities and plan for the year to come. She was requested to please email our meeting agendas 5-7 days in advance and she agreed. Members said they could review and update as needed at the time of the meeting.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy gave a substantial report of the expenses of the past year and recommendations for the year to come. She said we should have a reserve of nearly \$12,000 at year's end. Members then discussed changes we could make in our budget planning. They include: 1) increasing what we pay to our annual auditor from \$50 to \$100; 2) increasing the honorarium we give to our speakers from \$50 to \$100; 3) keeping the amount requested for lunches to \$18; 4) comping the lunch cost for a first time visitor who may become a member; 5) increasing the number of girls we send to Tech Trek from 6 to 8; and 6) not charging for the opening meeting in September. There was considerable discussion on the feasibility of being able to send additional girls, as we were not allowed to increase the number for this year. Janet said she would contact Carol Holsgrafe to explore possibilities.

Lee suggested we might consider increasing our donation to the Mary Aaron Museum from \$25 to \$50, to the Yuba Sutter Arts Council from \$50 to \$100, and to the Sutter Museum from \$35 to \$100. Carol Clark moved and Lee Jones seconded that we approve the budget including the changes as we discussed. It will need to go to the membership for approval in September.

Public Policy: No report.

Other reports from Executive Council

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle said we will need to wait until after 6/15 for the information about the by-laws changes until national voting is completed; October will probably be the voting time for us. Among the major potential changes are the guidelines for membership. College degree requirements may be dropped.

Communications: Janet Theiss reported. **Feather Vane:** Next one will be early September; **Roster:** Janet needs update info by August 1. **Calling:** Joan Young will begin this task in the fall.

IRS Election: We have been warned that there may be possible changes in AAUW's IRS category, with a vote to be taken in the fall. It will be very important for all our members to register to vote, and they will need their AAUW ID number. Sandy provided several copies of the list of members with their ID numbers, urging us all to copy down our number. Janet said it should be advertised in FV that those needing to know their numbers could contact her.

Membership: Lee Jones said things are going well; members spent some time discussing ways in which we might expand our membership. One strong suggestion was that anyone bringing in a new member should be sure to phone and contact the person, offer to drive her to a meeting, and do other things to maintain contact.

Programs. Barbara Solheim was out of town, but Sandy provided much of the information. Most have been arranged, including an October one on dementia, a November one by Lisa Del Pero on estate planning, February will be on Scamming. March will be at Sunsweet, and the April meeting will be held at Yuba College, with a vice president from Rideout Hospital. Our June meeting will be held at the Refuge. There was some discussion of augmenting the program with something beyond the scholarship winners and an intensive review of previous year's activities. Possibility of local olive oil tasting or wine tasting was brought up. Not sure how Refuge will feel about that, and Jeanine may look into it. We did have an olive oil tasting at Ruthy's a number of years ago.

Projects: STEM: Carol said the date of January 19 has been approved by the college.

Garden Tour: All went very well. We made over \$6,000.

Tech Trek: The annual pizza party was held at the home of Marilyn Warmee, and organized by Liane Carlsen. Joann, Sandy, Carol, and a teacher will visit the Davis program on July 27 on guest day. The issue of the chair for TT is still being discussed, with one possibility being to have a tri-chair leadership.

Scholarships: Jeanine said the college's new computer was difficult to use, and the group of 3 who selected the winners will be sending revised guidelines to the college.

Other Business - Interbranch: No recent news. The summer meeting will be in August and will be in Chico or Gridley. **Sunshine.** No requests.

New Business

Goals for 2017-18: Membership, Visibility, Advocacy (new) and Collaboration with other organizations.

Officers for 2017-18 are:

Executive Council Leader: Joann Nixon (2016-2019)

Secretary: Jeanine Rounds: (2017-2020)

Treasurer: Sandy Davini (2017-2018)

Bylaws Group Leader: Karen Tuttle (2015-2018)

Communications Group Leader: Janet Theiss (2017-2020)

Membership Group Leader: Lee Jones (2016-2018)

Program Group Leader: Barbara Solheim (2015-2018)

Projects Group Leader: Carol Clark (2016-2019)

Dates and Locations for next year's Project Planning meetings: At the end of the Executive Council meeting, there was some discussion of next year's Projects meeting schedule. Traditionally we have STEM meetings in September, October, November, and December on the same day as the Executive Council Meetings. Sandy would like to host the Sept. 14 STEM meeting at 10:00 am, at her home, followed by Exec. Council at 1:30 pm (brown bag lunch for those attending both meetings). Joanne, Priscilla and Sandy will be out of town October 12 and Sandy will also be out of town October 5. Sandy recommends we schedule our Executive Council meeting on Oct. 19 (3rd Thursday), 1:30 pm at the location to be chosen, with the STEM meeting at 10:00 am at Sandy's house. We will need to confirm these arrangements.

Joann thanked Jeanine for graciously hosting the Annual Meeting at her home with an indoor patio party due to a spring rain. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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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Please get in touch with your committee chairs to confirm meeting details/locations.
For more information about Interest Sections see page 5 of this Feather Vane.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 10 am Talking on Paper	6	7 NOON Garden Tour Com.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 10 am STEM Committee 1:30 pm Executive Council	15 10 am Book Clubs	16 10 am Branch Meeting
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Travel	26 Bridge	27	28 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	29	30

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