

Feather Vane



FEBRUARY, 2018



Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

FEBRUARY 17 – Branch Meeting – Beware of Scammers

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Rideout Conference Room, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City

Speaker: Katy Godson, a member of the Yuba City Police Department, will speak on the dangers of getting scammed.

Lunch: Catered by Antonio

Cost: \$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 reservation 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.*



Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, ECL and Artis Buerki, Publicity/FV Editor

STEM Conference Big Success!

The STEM Conference could not have been better! We had 722 girls and 55 teachers at Yuba College on January 19th. All of our members participated to make it a wonderful event. A very special thanks to Sandy Davini and Barbara Solheim for chairing the event, and to the committee of more than a dozen women who worked all year to make it happen. Thank you to the many women who acted as Facilitators in the classrooms and to Lee Jones and Roberta D'Arcy for coordinating them. Thank you to Martha Bunce who recruited the 24 professional women, the Presenters, who took time out of their busy work week to come and talk to the girls at our STEM Conference, and to Jeanine Rounds who made the great arrangements with Yuba College. Thank you to Pat Jones for the Orientation, and Amanda Hopper for the keynote, and thanks to the Hospitality committee and supportive college staff & students who kept the girls from getting lost. Janet Theiss did an amazing job handling the computer work for the conference, as well as checking the schools in with the help of her husband, Bill. Then there were the dozens of women who helped make the packets and delivered them to the schools. We know all of this is very time consuming. The STEM Conference couldn't have happened without all of you. Sandy Davini said there were at least 73 women who participated to make this event happen. If we didn't mention your names, you know who you are. Thank you all so very much!



NOTE: More pictures from STEM Conference are on last few pages of this Feather Vane.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, February 8, 1:30 p.m., at Sutter County Schools office, 950 Tharp, Bldg. 300, Yuba City. Park in rear. Contact Joann Nixon if you are interested in attending EC meetings as a member-at-large.



PROGRAM NOTES

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader



Saturday, February 17, 2018, 11:30 am, meeting at Rideout Conference. Rm., 989 Plumas St., Yuba City, Program-Beware of Scammers. Speaker, Katy Godson, a member of the Yuba City Police Department. Lunch will be catered by Antonio--Cost 18.00.



INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

by Janet Theiss

Interbranch Council annual luncheon will be in Paradise on **February 3**, at 11:30 am. Contact Janet Theiss for more information.



STEM COMMITTEE

By Sandy Davini and Barbara Solheim

Wrap up meeting for STEM

Conference is February 8, at 11 am at Sutter County Schools conference room, 950 Tharp, Bldg. 300, Yuba City. Do not park in front of Bldg. 300 as that space is for tenants. More parking in rear.



TECH TREK COMMITTEE

by Carol Clark, EC Project Group Leader

The committee is organizing for the selection of our 2018 Tech Trekkers. Let Carol Clark, Donna Long, or Karen Chiechi know if you are interested in helping with Packet Day on **February 7**, call Carol for details, 672-5286.



GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

Next Garden Tour Committee meeting is **February 1, at 10 am**, at Barbara Kenney's.

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TEA BAG FUNDRAISER

by Karen Tuttle for Jeanne Schultz, AAUW Funds Chair

In February, each member will receive a tea bag and a letter explaining our annual Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations support opportunities for women that give them a chance for a lifetime of success. Please participate in this event by writing a check for \$15 or more to "AAUW" and write **EO - #4336 in the memo line**. Please mail your check to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992, by **March 15**.

Total donations of \$750 or more allow us to designate one or more branch members as an "AAUW Educational Opportunities Named Gift Honoree." We will be honoring our Named Gift Honoree at our April 2018 branch.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Leader

If you have a friend who might like to know more about our AAUW Branch, bring them to a meeting. Contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, for a membership application, or find the printable Membership Application on our branch website under JOIN: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/> (hover over link. Press Ctrl and left click to open this link).

Melissa Ha, 1873 Big Oaks Drive, Yuba City, CA 95993. 413.461.6709 Cell/Text, mha@yccd.edu. CSU Chico-BS; Univ. Mass.-Amherst-MS Biology in 2014 Melissa found us on our branch website and attended the Sept. meeting. She joined at the Coalition Brunch and she was a presenter at the STEM Conference. Melissa is an Associate Biology Professor at Yuba College.

Gwyn Baker, 480 Wilder Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95993. 530.632.4336-Cell/Text, gdcaryl@yahoo.com. UC Davis-BS Biology in 1993. Gwyn was recruited by Jeanine Rounds, and she joined at the STEM Conference.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

No Report. There was no Executive Council meeting nor branch program meeting in January due to the STEM Conference.

Chamber of Commerce GALA – January 12 in Colusa

Priscilla Kerr and Joann Nixon represented our branch on January 12 at the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce GALA at Colusa Casino. They created the beautiful gift basket (shown below) and donated it to the Silent Auction in the name of our AAUW branch, publicizing our branch's involvement in STEM and Tech Trek.



AAUW of California Convention 2018 April 27-29 Irvine Marriott

Moving AAUW Forward

Donna Mertens, President AAUW California

statepresident@aauw-ca.org

Article quoted from Winter 2018 *California Perspective*

The holidays are over and hopefully all the fires are behind us. Time to think about renewal. That is what spring brings. We need to think about the four pillars of our current strategic plan and see how we are doing.

First, we have pay equity. On December 12th, the City and County of San Francisco held a press conference to announce their commitment to join with AAUW in training 20,000 women using the Work Smart program. That is a substantial commitment and I know that the branches will be involved in this step forward for AAUW.

Second, we have leadership. National formed a Student Advisory Council with representatives throughout the nation. This year we have two young women from California on the council. Rhiannon Tomtishen, attending Stanford University, cofounded a national environmental campaign at age 11. She continues to work today to empower other women to make their voices heard and create change in their communities. Maria Andrea Lucio attends fulltime at Glendale Community College. She describes herself as an ambitious leader and hopes to one day become a member of the U.S. Department of Education. Seeing our next generation of leaders gives us all hope.

The third pillar of our plan is Title IX. The fight for a strong Title IX regulation rages on and we need to stay on top of this issue and make our voices heard. As we did a year ago, we need to march, write letters to our congressional representatives, use social media and do everything we can to keep Title IX in the public eye. Remember, equal rights affect us all.

The last pillar is STEM. We offer AAUW California Tech Trek STEM camps each summer. With your help we reach over 900 girls each year. This spring we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the first Tech Trek camp. On April 29th, at the state convention in Irvine, we will hold a luncheon to celebrate this momentous event. The program will include a panel of past Tech Trek campers to tell us what the program meant to them. Tech Trek alumnae will be present at each lunch table. Meet them up close and ask questions. After the luncheon there will be a Tech Trek reunion for all past Tech Trek campers and camp personnel. I hope to see you all there. Come to convention and re-energize!

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.

To see how our AAUW branch is serving the community, click on our branch website <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net>



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers

Normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588.

Rabid Readers

Regularly meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Next meeting is **February 16** at Ethel's house. Book is Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann.



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 Movies group may appeal to you. First-run movie matinees, classics, and opera are all options at the Yuba City Cinemark. In January we saw World's Greatest Showman and The Post. February movies have not been planned by time of publication. 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, regularly meets at the Cookie Tree the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **February 6**. Meetings 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 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. On **February 26** Gretchen Cupp and her husband are speaking about their trip last fall to the 5 Stans: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, & Uzbekistan. Meeting is at Jeanine Rounds' house. Notify Jeanine if you plan to come, 671-0588.

Contact Gloria Mullins, 674-3659 if you have taken an interesting trip or tour and would like to talk about it in the TRAVEL group.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Carol Clark, 671-5284. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. We meet in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue at 10:30 to carpool to the restaurant. The Traveling Gourmet is headed to Bistro 211 in Nevada City on **February 22**. Contact hostess Joan Young, 777-9215, to reserve.

AAUW OFFERS WEBINAR – FEBRUARY 7



Join AAUW in celebration of **Black History Month (Feb.)** and **Women's History Month (March)** with an Adelante Webinar Book Discussion about

social justice allies Pauli Murray and Eleanor Roosevelt. Book is The Firebrand and the First Lady by Patricia Bell-Scott. See author interview now on AAUW website, or sign up for the **February 7, 2018 webinar, Time: 7:30 p.m. ET Location: Online** (You just need to **register** for the webinar.) **Cost: Free.**

<https://www.aauw.org/event/2018/02/adelante-webinar-pauli-murray-eleanor-roosevelt/>

Here are more STEM Conference photos.

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Below photo courtesy of Artis Buerki



The gym was filled to capacity on January 19 when 722 girls and 55 teachers attended the opening ceremony of the STEM Conference for 8th grade girls at Yuba College. They heard Sutter County District Attorney, Amanda Hopper, speak of having a career and a family too. Hopper is the mother of 5, she is an attorney, and she is the first woman District Attorney in the history of Sutter County. She talked to the girls about staying safe, being aware, staying away from gangs. She said **YOU CAN BE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO BE.**



Some of the conference session presenters are shown below: (L-R) Dr. M. Humphries, Vascular Surgeon; Dr. Kate Wilkin, Forestry, Fire, and Natural Resource Advisor; Melissa Ha, Associate Professor of Biology at Yuba College; Minden J. Reid and Paulla Hyatt-McIntire, Estate Planning Attorney, Certified Specialist.



Photos by Joann Nixon



Above photo courtesy of Barbara Douyon





Photo at left: Neena Gill, Counselor at Yuba College; Aman Kandola, Director of Counselors; Bal Dhillon, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools; and Sonja Lolland, VP Academic/Student Services at Yuba College

Photo below: Member Kay Gray and her niece, presenter Dr. Erika Ross, Cala Health, Stanford



Photo at left: Presenter Marisa Davini, CSU Chico Engineering Student, soon Civil Analyst, Kimley-Horan. Marissa is shown here with Jeanine Rounds and her grandmother, Sandy Davini

Photo below: Bill and Janet Theiss with their niece Michelle Dewey



(L—R) Jeanine Rounds with Yuba College's Chef Roy Hansen; Lee Jones with Yuba City Mayor Preet Didbal; Presenter Julia Green, Sr. Environmental Planner/Branch Chief, Env'tl. Mgmt. with members Judy Hale, Joan Young, and Artis Buerki.

Photos by Joann Nixon

STEM Conference 2018 - It's all about the girls!



Photos by Joann Nixon



Message from AAUW California Governance:

As of January 22nd, 2018 the vote to change AAUW California back to a Public Benefit Corporation failed due to four “no” votes. **Any member who cast a “no” vote has the opportunity to change that vote to a “yes” vote up until February 10, 2018, by contacting governance@aauw-ca.org and requesting that their vote be changed. After that date, AAUW CA will move into a complex and costly appeal process with the State of California.**



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AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/

AAUW National: www.aauw.org

Tech Trek: www.aauw-techtrek.org

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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 10 am Garden Tour committee	2	3 11:30 am IBC in Paradise
4	5	6 10 am Talking on Paper	7 time TBA Tech Trek Packet Day	8 11 am STEM Conf. Wrap up 1:30 pm Executive Council	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16 10 am Book Clubs	17 11:30 am Branch Meeting
18	19 	20	21 March FV Deadline	22 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	23	24
25	26 7 pm Travel	27 Bridge	28			

This calendar is also posted on the ACTIVITY CALENDAR page of our branch website, mvyca.aauw.net. You can print it out from there. Trouble, call Artis.

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