

# Feather Vane



APRIL, 2018



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

## APRIL 21 – Annual Meeting - Bring a friend or potential members



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

**Location:** Yuba College, Flavors Restaurant - North Beale Road, past West parking lot, and after Administration Building. turn right onto Sutter Street to Placer Street. Flavors is in Bldg. 300 at intersection of Sutter and Placer. Plenty of parking on Sutter and Placer streets/staff parking okay since it is Saturday. **FREE PARKING.**

**Speaker:** Guest speaker is Monica Arrowsmith, Chief Strategy Officer at Rideout Health (see her bio page 2 Program Notes)

**Lunch:** Catered by Culinary Art Students of Yuba College under the direction of Ray Hansen. MENU will consist of chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, green beans, cheesecake with strawberries.

**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.**



## GARDEN TOUR is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 3:30 pm – Please volunteer, and SELL YOUR 3 TICKETS

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour chair



The Committee has been working non-stop for the last 6 months finding desirable gardens for the tour, publicizing the event, looking for artists to be in the garden, soliciting business sponsors, and making sure that all of the details are in order. Now we are asking **YOU TO DO AN IMPORTANT PART AS A MEMBER OF OUR AAUW BRANCH:**

- (1) please sell or buy the three tickets that each of our members is responsible for, and
- (2) when you get a call asking you to be a hostess in a garden on May 5, please say YES.

This is our only AAUW branch community fund raising event. We must do well to send seven 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls to Teck Trek science camp this summer, and to put on the STEM Conference for more than 700 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Yuba College in January. (See Garden Tour poster on pg. 7 of this Feather Vane).

NOTE: Garden Tour Committee members - watch your emails for notices from me about next GT meetings.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, APRIL 12, 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



We are happy to announce that the following artists will be showing their work in the gardens:

- Terri Foley-Watercolor/Acrylic
- Cindy Gaven-Watercolor
- Sue Graue-Photography
- Carol Keesling-Watercolor
- Lana March-Colored Ink
- Jan Frink-Glass and Sculpture
- Tamra Spoto-Ceramics
- Janet Staser-Beaded Jewelry
- Linda Trudgeon-Watercolor
- Walt Zukas-Acrylic

We are pleased to announce these business sponsors – Deadline to contribute is March 31. At time of printing our sponsors are:

- BANK OF FEATHER RIVER**
- HARKEY HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST**
- HILBERS, INC.**
- SUNSWEEET GROWERS INC.**
- BALD MOUNTAIN NURSERY**
- PETE’S MUSIC**
- ART BY WALT ZUKAS**
- NU GENERATIONS LANES**
- LIPP & SULLIVAN FUNERAL DIRECTORS**



### Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader

Our March 17 Branch meeting was a very popular meeting with our members. We were guests of Sunsweet Growers, a grower co-op, that celebrated 100 years last year in our community. We were provided with a lovely setting, catered lunch, gift bags, and an interesting presentation by Ana Klein, CFO. Currently Sunsweet is branching out to another production site in Chili, which will enhance the status of the local production. A video emphasized including prunes in daily healthy eating choices.

Ana Klein told us about her childhood in the fields with her family and the encouragement of her mother to get an education. She has an impressive biography and has achieved great success in her work. We are pleased to meet this outstanding woman, and to celebrate the 100 years of Sunsweet, a co-op that strengthens our community. (see photos on page 6 of this *Feather Vane*)



### PROGRAM NOTES



by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

**Saturday, April 21, 2018, 11:30 a.m.** meeting is at Yuba College’s Flavours Restaurant. We will have Branch Election that day. Speaker is Monica Arrowsmith from Rideout Health.

**Monica Arrowsmith, JD, MSN, RN**, has served the healthcare industry for her entire career. She has held leadership positions that have allowed her to develop and implement various quality, safety, and regulatory initiatives. Although she is currently serving Rideout Health as its Chief Strategy Officer, she served Rideout as the VP of Quality and Patient Safety throughout the organization’s journey with its System Improvement Agreement, developing systems and processes to embed a robust, sustainable and compliant quality program into the organization.

Prior to Rideout Health, Arrowsmith served as chief quality officer and legal counsel for several hospital systems as well as an advisor in the formation of numerous non-profits. Arrowsmith earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law and her Master of Science in Nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to her professional career, she is committed to her faith, family, and friends, as well as to her favorite sport - Fly Fishing! Monica Arrowsmith and her family are in their fifth year of living in – and loving - Northern California.

### BRANCH ELECTION – April 21, 2018

Our yearly election will take place at the Annual Meeting and luncheon on April 21, 2018, 11:30 am at Flavors Restaurant at Yuba College. Three members of the 8 member Executive Council will end their 3-year terms in June 2018. They are Barbara Solheim, Lee Jones, and Karen Tuttle who completed the term of Kathryn Jankowski. Sandy Davini has completed another 1 year term as Treasurer. We thank them for their service.

**Sandy Davini** has agreed to run for another 1-year term as Treasurer, and **Barbara Solheim, Lee Jones,** and **Karen Tuttle** have all agreed to run for another 3-year term on the Executive Council. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Newly elected officers will be installed at our June branch luncheon.

NOTE: The Executive Council also consists of several members-at-large who are appointed. If you are interested in attending branch meetings as a MAL contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, or a member of the Executive Council for details.



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Leader

Welcome to our newest member, Gwyn Baker (shown here, *photo by Joann Nixon*). Gwyn was recruited by Jeanine Rounds, and she has already volunteered to



help with the Tech Trek program.

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 Member Application on our branch website <http://mvyv-ca.aauw.net/join> (hover over link. Press Ctrl and left click to open this link).

If you brought a new member into our branch recently please take them out to coffee or tea and discuss AAUW and the many opportunities to join interest groups and activities with you this year. For example we will be needing many volunteers for our only public fund raiser, the **Garden Tour, Art in the Gardens on May 5** which is a great way to get active in our Branch.

## Gayle Prager remembered -

We are sad to hear that our member, Gayle Prager, passed away last week after a bout with cancer. Gayle was an active member of our branch since she joined in 2013, often seen on a Traveling Gourmet outing. From Bristol, Connecticut, Gayle was a semi-national merit scholar in high school, and graduated from the University of Connecticut. After college she moved to San Francisco to work as an import specialist at the U.S. Customs House before she changed careers to teaching in the late 70s. She taught second grade at King Avenue and Tierra Buena School. She was the mother of two successful sons. An avid reader and film enthusiast, she was a member of several book groups and a huge fan of independent and foreign films. Gayle will be missed by her friends in our branch.



## DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for 2018-19 are due. Mail your check for **\$92** (\$59 National+\$20 California+\$13 Branch) to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. **Must be received by June 2, 2018 to enter into FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING.** Call branch Treasurer, Sandy Davini, with any questions. 673-0930 or /c 713-1390. If you joined after December ask Sandy how much you owe.

## TEA BAG FUNDRAISER RESULTS

by Karen Tuttle for Jeanne Schultz, AAUW Funds Chair

We are happy to report that \$2,195 was donated by our branch to the Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations will support opportunities for women that give them a chance for a lifetime of success. Total donations of \$750 or more allow up to designate one or more branch members as an "AAUW Educational Opportunities Named Gift Honoree. You will learn who our Honoree is at the April 21 branch meeting.



## AAUW SPECIAL ELECTION

by Karen Tuttle, By Laws branch leader

The AAUW National Board of Directors will put three proposals before the AAUW membership for vote **beginning April 25, 2018-June 9, 2018** (online voting) and April 2018-May 21, 2018 for paper ballot voting. The proposed amendments for vote include creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to non-AAUW members, and eliminating the degree requirement for AAUW membership. Voter PINS will be sent to the membership in mid-April.

## REFLECTIONS FROM DONNA...

*Donna Mertens, President, AAUW CA*  
[statepresident@aauw-ca.org](mailto:statepresident@aauw-ca.org)

### Convention and More...April 27-29 in Irvine

Everywhere you look you read about the AAUW California Convention. I guess it is because it is going to be so great. There is the Leadership Brunch on Friday to share and prepare new branch leaders. We have Kim Churches, AAUW's new CEO, kicking off the weekend on Friday evening. She is a great speaker and will tell us about all the changes going on at National. The program of the Quarter recognition will be held on Friday, after Kim Churches' speech.

Saturday brings the Speech Trek Finals as well as all the exciting workshops. Bring your questions and issues to the Open Space session on Saturday afternoon. The gala on Saturday evening will be headlined by Lisa Maatz, former AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy. The evening will also include recognition of branches identified through the [2017-2018 Program of the Quarter](#).

On Sunday, we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our own Tech Trek program with a luncheon and a reunion for our campers and staff. Join us the last weekend in April and prepare to be inspired and energized.

## TECH TREK UPDATE

Interviews will take place on March 24 and the seven selected Tech Trekkers will be announced in the next *Feather Vane*.

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:** Priscilla is collecting items for a basket to be used in the opportunity drawing at the April 21 branch meeting. The theme is 'Breakfast Basket' so there are lots of possibilities. If you have items to donate for the basket please contact her as soon as possible. Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120.

## INTERBRANCH NEWS

by Janet Theiss, IBC Branch Rep.

The Monday, **May 7, 2018**, IBC meeting will be in Oroville, at 6:00 p.m., venue to be determined. Contact me ([wftjedt@syix.com](mailto:wftjedt@syix.com)/695-3159) if you plan to go.

## THINGS TO DO:

### Invitation from Rep. John Garamendi-

On **May 19, at 10 am**, John Garamendi will have a Town Hall Meeting in Marysville, 630 E Street, Lee Barrows Theater. Interested AAUW members are invited to attend. That is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month which would normally be our branch program meeting day, but due to the Garden Tour there will be no AAUW meeting in May. Some of us are interested in going to The Brick for lunch afterwards. Contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665 or Joann Nixon, 680-0356.

### Sutter Buttes Garden Club Plant Sale & Fund Raiser - April 14, 9 am to 2 pm, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds Flower Building, 442 Franklin Rd., Yuba City.



Member Grown Plants, Fairy Gardens, Bake Sale, Master Gardeners to answer questions. Sutter & Yuba County High Schools will sell their plants. Girls Scouts will help again this year!

**Amador AAUW Branch Home Tour- April 21, 2018** in Jackson, 11 to 4, benefit Amador Branch scholarship program for local girls and women. Tickets on their website \$25. [amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour](http://amador-ca.aauw.net/home-tour). Phone 209-245-6052 with questions.

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**INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.**



**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 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. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **April 20**, hostess is Judy Hale, meeting at Judy's house. Book is Under the Wide and Starry Sky.



**BRIDGE**

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. 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**

The creative writing group meets at the Cookie Tree the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **April 3**. 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 meetings **have been changed to the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 2 PM**. On **April 3** Edna Smyth will be telling about her trip to Dubai. Meeting is at Jeanine Rounds. 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, 671-5286. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue, Yuba City, at 10:30 to carpool to the restaurant. On **April 26** they are going to the NEW MOON CAFÉ, NEVADA CITY. Call hostess Gloria Mullins, 674-3659 to reserve.



Thank you to our March 17 speaker, Ana Klein from Sunsweet Growers, Inc. Ana is in this photo with our member, Judy Hale.



AAUW members Yvonne Pierre, Martha Bunce, Lee Jones and her husband, visit at Sunsweet luncheon. Photos by Joann Nixon



On Feb. 22 the TRAVELING GOURMET group went to Bistro 211 in Nevada City. Attending were (B. Row) Joan Young (hostess), Audrey Olson-Smith, Gloria Mullins, Judy Zukas, Carol Clark, Neva Bright, (F. Row) Tessa Phillips, Jeanine Rounds, Jo Hilling. Not pictured, Joann Nixon who was taking the picture.



**Executive Council Report – March 8, 2018**

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

**Executive Council Meeting Notes - 3/8/18**

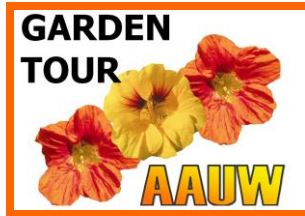
Those present were Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Joann Nixon, Jeanine Rounds, Barbara Solheim, Janet Theiss, Karen Tuttle, and Joan Young.

It was determined by Executive Council Leader Joann Nixon, and the members present today, that the Executive Committee meeting, scheduled for March 8, could not be officially opened because we lacked an “official” quorum (9 of 16, which currently includes Members at Large), having only 8 members there. However, those present shared information on various areas and also discussed ways to modify our procedural guidelines to avoid this kind of a problem. Those ideas will be shared elsewhere, as a vote will be required. Karen Tuttle, our branch By Laws Leader, is working on this.

Jeanine Rounds informed the group of the Tech Trek activities. The committee had received 20 applications, had reviewed and evaluated those, and had selected the top 12 to be interviewed on March 24. Of those young ladies, 7 will be selected to attend the Tech Trek camp at UC-Davis.

Sandy Davini and Barbara Solheim shared the thank you cards they had received from two Yuba College students who had benefited from the book money we provide each year.

Janet Theiss handed out Garden Tour tickets and postcards to those attending, and she will be handing out their tickets and postcards to those at the March 17 meeting at Sunsweet. At that same meeting, members will be asked to sign up for hosting if they can be available.



*Marysville-Yuba City Branch American Association of University Women Presents*

**AAUW's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# **GARDEN TOUR**

*Art in the Gardens* 

## **Saturday, May 5, 2018**

Self-guided garden tour—10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Reception—Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Reception is at Marysville High School Ag Department Demonstration Gardens, corner of Chestnut & East 17th Streets, Marysville (southwest corner of the campus)

**\$20—Buy Tickets at [mvyca.aauw.net](http://mvyca.aauw.net) after March 15, 2018**

Rain or shine, **May 5 bring your online receipt or bargain ticket to our brochure central location at Wilbur Avenue & C Street, Yuba City, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to receive your wristband and brochure with map.** (We are located in the parking lot with solar panels next to Gauche Aquatic Park.) After 12:30 p.m., brochures are available at our reception site.

**Bargain Tickets** \$15.00 (check or cash) March 15 to May 4; \$20 day of tour at: Sperbeck's Nursery Union Lumber Yuba City Florist AAUW members

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 AAUW California: [www.aauw-ca.org/](http://www.aauw-ca.org/)      AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)      Tech Trek: [www.aauw-techtrek.org](http://www.aauw-techtrek.org)

## APRIL, 2018

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	3 10 am <b>Talking on Paper</b>  2 pm <b>TRAVEL</b>	4	5 11 am <b>Garden Tour Meeting</b>	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 1:30 pm <b>Executive Council</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 10 am <b>Book Clubs</b>	21 11:30 am <b>BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING at Yuba College</b>
22	23 <b>May FV Deadline</b>	24 <b>Bridge</b>	25	26 10:30 am <b>Traveling Gourmet</b>	27	28
29	30					



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