

# Feather Vane



MAY, 2018



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

## THERE IS NO BRANCH GENERAL MEETING IN MAY DUE TO GARDEN TOUR ON MAY 5.



### Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader



Thank you to all who attended our Annual Meeting at Yuba College's Flavors on April 21. Officers were elected for Executive Council, and Sandy Davini, Barbara Solheim, Karen Tuttle and Lee Jones were all re-elected to serve another term. Corky Ulrey and Judy Zukas were announced as Named Gift Honorees for their service to our branch. Our speaker was Monica Arrowsmith, Chief Strategy Office at Rideout Health, who spoke about the advantages that the affiliation with Adventist Health will bring to the community. Monica is shown here with Jeanine Rounds.



Several men attended our annual meeting including Dave Davini and Don Solheim who are pictured here. Ray Hansen and his Culinary Art Students prepared a wonderful luncheon for us. Isabella, Martha Bunce's granddaughter, came with Martha to the meeting. They are pictured with Janet Van Alstyne. Lisa Mikel, Dee Ellen Day, Edna Smyth, Tessa Phillips, and Barbara McCarty enjoyed each other's company. See you at the **GARDEN TOUR** on May 5! Joann

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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, May 10, 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

There will be no branch general meeting in May due to our time commitment to the **May 5 Garden Tour**.

The final meeting of the year before summer break is on **JUNE 2**. This is earlier in the month than usual so be sure to **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR JUNE 2, 11:30 AM, AT THE REFUGE**.

**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.

**TECH TREK UPDATE**

Thank you to our Tech Trek Committee who read and evaluated all of the applications. They interviewed the semi-finalists on March 24, and we are pleased to announce that seven girls have been selected by our branch to attend the week-long AAUW Tech Trek STEM science camp at UC Davis this summer. They are:

Natalie Buzzini - Butte Vista School  
 Lydia Donaldson - Paragon Collegiate Academy  
 Larissa Feceu - Foothill Intermediate  
 Trinity Gomez - Brittan School  
 Latoya Green - Paragon Collegiate Academy  
 Chloe Nguyen - Butte Vista School  
 Abigayle Thompson - Barry School

**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/695-3159) if you plan to go.



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 [mvyc-ca.aauw.net](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net) after March 15, 2018**

Rain or shine, **May 5 bring your online receipt or 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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**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING:** Priscilla is collecting items for baskets to be used for opportunity drawings. If you have items to donate please contact her as soon as possible. Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** To head media relations for Garden Tour, STEM, and Tech Trek, or any part of this job, beginning in September. This person would replace Artis Buerki in that capacity. Kathryn Jankowski, Joan Young, and Joann Nixon are other members of the Publicity Committee at this time.

Artis will continue in Communications as Editor of Feather Vane, Administrator of branch Website, and Administrator of Facebook page communications. Please contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665, for details.



## 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 Member Application on our branch website <http://mvyc-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.

Correction: Yvonne Pierre prefers getting her emails at this address: [yvonne\\_pierre@comcast.net](mailto:yvonne_pierre@comcast.net). Please change it in your roster.

## BRANCH BYLAWS CHANGE – Vote June 2

by Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Group Leader

Our branch bylaws change to be voted on at the June 2 general meeting is as follows: See (blue font)

### ARTICLE XI. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**Section 4. Quorum.** The quorum of the Executive Council shall be a majority of the **elected officers voting members**. Voting members of the Executive Council are the elected officers and the appointed Members-At-Large. IBC Representatives vote only if they are not elected officers or Members-At Large. Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member of the council.





## AAUW SPECIAL ELECTION

by Karen Tuttle, Bylaws 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)

**What Do You Owe National?** As an affiliate of AAUW, each branch has an obligation. Part of that obligation involves supporting the national programs, like AAUW Fund. That support can include donations to specific endowments, Tech Trek or donations to “unrestricted” funds to support the ongoing operation of the organization.

Recently, I have been involved in discussions about using branch fundraising proceeds to support other outside programs which have some of the same goals that AAUW supports. We should always support our own organization (AAUW) first and, of course, we know that branches are not allowed to make donations to or fundraise for other organizations, even if they are worthy. But branches can use their fundraising proceeds to enable participation in a specific program that another like-minded organization offers. For example, branches can use fundraising proceeds for scholarships or to send girls to educational camps or programs like Girls State. That is not the same as making an outright donation to another group or raising money for another group and handing it to them to use as they wish. The key is making sure that the donors understand where

their donations are going. The IRS requires that the donor must be aware of how their money will be used.

Keep in mind that building these bridges with other organizations can also help make us more visible in the community. Visibility can help build support.



### Cheer of the Week

**Women are making history in Congress.** This week, Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant (R) appointed state Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) to the U.S. Senate, making her the first woman from her state to serve in Congress. Hyde-Smith will fill the seat retiring Sen. Thad Cochran (R-MS) is vacating on April 1. And at 35 years of service, [Rep. Marcy Kaptur](#) (D-OH) is now the longest-serving woman in the U.S. House of Representatives. AAUW congratulates Rep. Kaptur and soon-to-be Sen. Hyde-Smith on these milestones!

### Jeer of the Week

**A survey of more than 65,000 full-time physicians by Doximity found a 27.7 percent gap between men's and women's earnings in the field.** This represents a growing pay gap for physicians, as the field's pay gap was 26.5 percent in 2016.

Our fellow AAUW group in Oroville is having the following Fundraiser in May. We share their information as they share our Garden Tour information to their members.

### *AAUW Oroville Garden Party*

*Sunday: May 20, 2018*

*2:00 - 5:00*

*82 Data Way, Oroville*

*\$25 entrance*

*Benefiting Tech Trek*

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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 **May 18**, hostess is Phyllis Gaal at her home. Book is Secret of Magic by Deborah Johnson.



### 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 **May 1**. 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. Contact Gloria Mullins about the next program, 674-3659.



### 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 **May 24** they will travel to Christian Michaels at 192 E. 3 rd. Street, Chico, Ca. They will meet at the Round Table Pizza Parking lot as usual at 10:30. Please contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you plan to attend and if you can drive by Monday May 21 so she can notify the restaurant with a final count.

**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.

**Executive Council Report – April 12, 2018**

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting April 12, 2018 - 1:30 a.m. at Sutter County Schools Facility**

Those in attendance were the following; Carol Clark, Projects Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; Barbara Solheim, Program; Janet Theiss, Communications Group Leader; Karen Tuttle, ByLaws; Members at Large: Joan Young, Patricia Kerr

**Call to Order, 1:35 Minutes, Reports:**

Meeting Report of March 8, 2018, (in lieu of minutes as there was no quorum) was approved as presented.

Council Leader Report: Carol Clark functioned as Council Leader pro tem in Joann's absence.

Correspondence: Sandy: Several items were passed around, including a thank you from Hands of Hope for our donation.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy: We are doing very well, but we have not yet received the usual annual \$450 Tech Trek donation from Yuba County. Carol and Sandy will follow up on this.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce continues to send out information via email.

Membership: Sandy said our current total is 99. Lee is developing a form to request specific information from each new member, and she said she would help Artis develop an article for the FV for each new member.

Total cost for membership for the coming year is \$92.

Our member, Gayle Prager, has passed, and there was a nice article in the Feather Vane.

**Other reports from Executive Council**

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle presented a proposed revision to our by-laws to resolve the issue of the quorum that does not rely on the attendance of our Members at Large. The quorum would be defined as "a majority of elected officers" instead of "voting members." Voting members are those elected and those appointed Members-at-Large. Janet Theiss moved and Jeanine Rounds seconded the motion that we accept this wording. We will need a membership vote to finalize this, and Janet will notify members and it will be voted on at the regular meeting on June 2.

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Communications: Artis said the information for May FV will be due by 4/23. There was considerable discussion about the changes in procedure for receiving it, with several members complaining they had given up trying to download it and new procedures are too complicated. The group agreed that we want to make it easy for our members to read the newsletter, and Janet Theiss will take this up with Artis.

Janet has just sent out the email announcements for our 4/21 meeting, and Joan Young will see that the phone calls are made this weekend as needed.

**Programs:** The committee was reminded that our April meeting will be at Yuba College, with the speaker from Rideout Hospital. Regular costs will be \$18. Barbara Solheim will be having a meeting at 10:00 on April 20 to plan the 2018-19 year. Lee Jones had some suggestions for speakers.

Jeanine said she had been able to reserve the Fremont facility for October, February, and March. April will be at Yuba College. That leaves September, November, and June. Jeanine asked Barbara if she could check to see if we might be able to have the November meeting at the Refuge. It is not ordinarily open on Saturdays, but Ting is opening it for our June meeting this year. The old Ruthy's is getting very expensive in its demands for using the conference room. A particular issue is the location needed for our September meeting, when we bring our Tech Trek girls and their families to the meeting. Some suggestions were Carlito's, Ruthy's, Tessa's.

**Projects:** Carol Clark and members reviewed the various activities.

**STEM:** Jeanine reported there is a major problem with dates, as YCUSD doesn't come back from Christmas break until the same time the college starts spring semester. There is a possibility in April, as the college break is the first week, and the schools will be taking their break in mid-month, but the college is only open for 2 days that week (April 2,3), and Jeanine has not been able to get a response as to whether AAUW can hold STEM one of those 2 days. Sandy reported that 4/3 will be a short day for the school, which leaves April 2 as our only option, unless we would try to go to May, which is very difficult.

**Garden Tour:** We now have EIGHT gardens, one of which is the Julia Morgan home. Jeanine says she now has hostesses for all locations.

**Tech Trek:** Interviews were held and 7 girls were selected. Tessa Phillips has offered her home for the May 3 get-together of the girls and their families, starting at 5:30. We anticipate around 30. Barbara will bring the pizzas, Sandy will bring the drinks; Jeanine will provide ice chests and ice. We will see if Donna can provide the cake. We still need plates, silverware, and salads.

**Scholarships:** Jeanine said the candidates have been narrowed down to about 5, and she will be meeting with Martha Bunce, Barbara Alves, and Leslie Williams to select our 3 winners.

**Sunshine:** A card will be sent to Donna Long as her husband is ill.

**Other Business:**

**Interbranch:** Janet said the next meeting will be Monday, May 7, in Oroville.

**Opportunity Drawings:** Priscilla provided information about the items she has for the drawings at the April meeting at Yuba College and the September meeting, but says she doesn't really have enough for baskets. She says that she does not plan to continue with this assignment after this year.

**New Business:** The June Executive meeting on June 14, which include a bring-your-own salad lunch, will be at Jeanine Rounds' house, starting at 10:00. This is a very important meeting, as the offices will be filled and 2018-19 plans will be discussed, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectively submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

**UPDATE:** Regarding STEM Conference, 4/2/19 has been confirmed at Yuba College for next year's STEM Conference.



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AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

Tech Trek: [www.aauw-techtrek.org](http://www.aauw-techtrek.org)

## MAY, 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 10 am Talking on Paper	2	3 5:30 pm Tech Trek Party	4	5 GARDEN TOUR 
6	7 6 pm Interbranch Meeting in Oroville	8	9	10 10 am Garden Tour Debriefing  1:30 pm Executive Council	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 10 am Book Clubs	19 10 am Town Hall w/ Garamendi
20	21 JUNE FV Deadline	22 Bridge	23	24 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	25	26
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