

# Feather Vane



**JUNE, 2018**



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

## **JUNE MEETING – Bring a friend or potential member – Scholarship Winners speak.**

**When: June 2, 11:30 am**

**Where: The Refuge**

**PROGRAM:** This is our final branch meeting until September. Our three Yuba College scholarship winners will speak about their future plans. They are: Ashley Arroyo, Jordan Brooksand, and Lisa Burkhart.

**MENU:** buffet lunch

**COST:** \$18. Tell your emailer or caller if you are coming YES or NO by the Monday prior to the meeting. If you replied 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 owe for the meal.



## **Council Chat – Well Done! See you on June 2**

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader

WOW, our Branch is wrapping up another successful year, a joint effort by all the members. Thank You's all around! Try to come to the last meeting of the branch year, June 2, 11:30 at The Refuge to hear the reports of our projects:

**STEM Conference** which hosted 724 eighth grade girls at Yuba College in January;

**Tech Trek**, where we are able to send SEVEN (one more than last year) amazing seventh graders to this life changing summer camp experience at U.C. Davis in July; and

**Garden Tour**, our only public fundraiser. Again the committee found outstanding gardens, the weather was perfect, and the community supported our efforts to encourage girls and women towards a brighter future.

On June 2, at the luncheon at the Refuge, our speakers will be the three outstanding Yuba College women who are our Scholarship Winners. In addition, three of our newest AAUW branch members will tell us about themselves so that we can get to know them better.

We always take the summer off from our regular branch meetings, to come back with renewed energy, ready set go on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Now it is time to pay your dues to be part of these exciting events, and plenty of leisure activities too. (See Dues Are Due article for breakdown) Mail your check in the amount of \$92 to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. If you have your dues to our Treasurer, Sandy Davini, by the June 2 meeting, that will qualify you to be in the drawing for a Free Membership. See you on June 2. **Joann**



## Beautiful Gardens greeted us at the May 5<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour



The beautiful flowering entry in Karen Koch's front yard in Plumas Lake was designed by Sperbeck's Nursery. Bob & Ron's garden in Yuba City showed good use of all spaces while allowing open pathways for easy movement around the garden.



The Richcreek garden in downtown Marysville included meandering paths and detailed surprises along the way. The Marysville High School Ag Department Demonstration Garden featured plants native to America behind this beautiful entry arch. Plants were for sale in their two greenhouses, animals were in the barn, and students were showing their art projects for sale. Our afternoon Garden Tour reception took place just a short distance away.



McBride's Yuba City Suburban Sanctuary gave us ideas for elevation of garden plantings, and Morissey's Garden on the other side of Yuba City featured many beautiful bonsai plants. *Photos by Joann Nixon*



**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING** – Thursday, **June 14, 10 am** Executive Council planning meeting at Jeanine Rounds home. Please bring a salad to share. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Jeanine if you plan to attend. Contact Joann Nixon if you are interested in attending EC meetings as a member-at-large.



The Buddhist church's garden on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Marysville near the levee featured a Koi pond. It was a tranquil spot on the very busy and warm Garden Tour. Visitors enjoyed feeding the Koi fish.  
*Photo by Judy Zukas*



The Garden Tour included a unique feature this year - tours through the 100 year old home designed by Julia Morgan, the first licensed California woman architect, who is best known for her design of the Hearst Castle. "Our Julia Morgan house, on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Marysville, was built in 1918. It was purchased by my family in the late 1970s and renovated back to its original state. It has been the business place of Helder's Photography for the past 40 years," Vanessa Helder said. *Photo by Joann Nixon*



## PROGRAM NOTES

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

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**. All 3 of our Yuba College scholarship winners have said that they will attend, and they are our June speakers.



## DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for 2018-19 are due. Mail your check in the amount of **\$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.



## GARDEN TOUR

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

### Another Great Year – Many Thanks

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Garden Tour on May 5 was a big success! Hundreds of enthusiastic visitors enjoyed the five private gardens, two public gardens, an historical home and a reception throughout the day. Thank you, AAUW members, for selling tickets, hostessing gardens and talking up the tour. Without you we wouldn't have a fundraising Garden Tour.

I'd like to thank the businesses, media, garden owners, City of Yuba City, and artists who made the 2018 Garden Tour a huge success. The weather cooperated beautifully – warm (not hot), breezy (not windy), and sunny (not rainy)!

Special thanks to the businesses which sold tickets from their locations: Sperbeck's Nursery, Yuba City Florist, and Union Lumber. Thank you also to Sandy Davini, who spent hours creating the on-line ticket sales platform.

Thank you to this year's Garden Tour Business Sponsors: Orchid (\$500) – Lipp & Sullivan Funeral Directors  
Azalea (\$100) – Art by Walt Zukas, Bald Mountain Nursery LLC, Bank of Feather River, the Cookie Tree, Harkey House Bed and Breakfast Inn, Hilbers, Inc., Nu Generations Lanes and Sperbeck's Nursery and Landscape  
Iris (\$50) – The Brick, Davis Printing and Copying, Pete's Music Center, and Sunsweet Growers, Inc.

As I am not a gardener (I'd say I'm more of a "yardener"), my contribution to the tour is minimal. I just organize the meetings, and the work is done by the committee. They are all Garden Seekers in addition to the subcommittee responsibilities they take on. Thank you: Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Colleen Franklin, Jo Hilling, Lee Jones, Barbara Kenney, Barbara McCarty, Joann Nixon, Barbara Palser, Yvonne Pierre, Jeanine Rounds, Jeanne Schultz, Barbara Solheim, Janet Theiss, Joan Young and Judy Zukas – plus numerous husbands, neighbors and friends! How I do appreciate you! *Martha*

## INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) NEWS

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Monday, May 7, 2018, IBC meeting at Los Compadres in Oroville was well attended and lively. Only I, Janet, and my driver Bill were able to attend from our branch.

Much of the discussion was about Career Trek, the Butte County members' version of our STEM Conference. IBC's Career Trek shrunk to 75 girls this year. IBC discussed possible changes to try to attract more girls to this wonderful opportunity. Since a key idea was to try having it on a weekday, as our branch does, I gladly answered their many questions. They were amazed that we do not set our date with choices from the schools, but instead mesh Yuba College's availability with the Sutter and Yuba Counties' school-in-session schedule. They were also amazed that even with over seven hundred girls attending, we are popular enough to make it first come, first served. The Career Trek Committee has much to review so the new Career Trek plan will be announced later.

The Monday, **August 6, 2018**, IBC meeting is in our Marysville-Yuba City area, at 6:00 p.m., probably at Pete's (IBC's request). Contact me ([wftjdet@syix.com](mailto:wftjdet@syix.com)/695-3159) if you plan to go as I'll be making the reservation.

## TECH TREK NEWS - Do you want to visit the Tech Trek camp at UC Davis this summer?

Visiting day is **Thursday, July 26** while our girls are in session (no parents of Tech Trekkers please). Contact Joann Nixon before June 15 if you are interested in going.



Our newest group of Tech Trek girls has been selected to attend the week-long AAUW Tech Trek science camp at UC Davis in July. All seven girls attended a get-acquainted party on Thursday evening, May 3, at the home of Tessa Phillips. They are (L-R)

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



They were joined at the party on May 3 by their parents, Tech Trek committee members, and four Tech Trek Alumni who are pictured (L-R) Jade Daniel, 2016; Kasandra Gillming, 2016; Aemilia Thompson, 2016; and Muskaan Wadhava, 2017. *Photos by Joann Nixon*





## 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://mvvc-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.

## 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.



## Executive Council Report – May 10, 2018, at Sutter County Schools office

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

Those in attendance were the following; Joann Nixon, Executive Leader; Carol Clark, Projects Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership Leader; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; Barbara Solheim, Program; Janet Theiss, Communications Group Leader; and Karen Tuttle, Bylaws. Members at Large: Artis Buerki, Priscilla Kerr, Joan Young  
**Call to Order, 1:45**      **Minutes** of April EC meeting approved with corrections.

**Council Leader Report:** Joann announced that Priscilla will not be continuing to do the opportunity drawings, and Priscilla moved that we do drawings only at Coalition Brunch; Barbara Solheim seconded and motion passed. Priscilla agreed to work with Barbara Solheim on the Coalition Brunch drawing. One suggestion was made that we explore the possibility of donations by Lundberg Rice farm.

Joann also raised the question of who will lead the Traveling Gourmet group, and it was suggested that this be discussed within that group. Joann raised question of agenda for the June 2 meeting. It was agreed that the 2018-19 officers will need to be installed. We will have personal appearances of our three Scholarship winners (see Projects list 2e below). In addition we will have the personal comments of three new members of 2017-18: Gwyn Baker, Bal Dhillon, and Marie LaVoie. We also need to have a review of year's achievements and



## AAUW SPECIAL ELECTION

by Karen Tuttle, Bylaws leader

The AAUW National Board of Directors will put three proposals before the AAUW membership for **vote 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 were sent to the membership in mid-April.

### Garden Tour publicity help needed:

Responsibilities include writing press releases and delivering information via email to local print and broadcast media. This person would be working with Joan Young and Artis Buerki who have done this function in the past. This job does not require experience, but it does require a love of writing and good English skills, a people person who can communicate with the local reporters and newspaper editors, and give interviews when necessary. Contact Artis Buerki, 671-5665, if this sounds like a good job for you.

### Feather Vane Staff

Mail Distribution – Joan Young  
 Photographer – Joann Nixon  
 Communication Leader – Janet Theiss  
 Editor – Artis Buerki, 530-671-5665

proposals for our key activities, including STEM, Garden Tour, Tech Trek, Membership, Feather Vane, and Treasury. Those in charge of each of these will be requested to report.

There was a reminder that we must vote on 6/2 on our by-laws' definition of Quorum.

**Correspondence :** Sandy: Several items were passed around, including thank you notes written by Violet Birdsong, a Tech Trek applicant. Judy Zukas also sent a thank you for her selection as a Named Gift Honoree.

**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. Joann and Carol will follow up on this. The Garden Tour had gone very well, with current receipts of \$8,277, which had thus far netted AAUW \$7,300. Sixty five AAUW members had purchased tickets.

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

**Membership:** Currently 99. We have lost three members in recent years: Diane Jessee in 2016, Carol Churkin in 2017, and Gayle Prager in 2018.

**Other reports from Executive Council** **Historian/Bylaws Update:** Karen Tuttle led a discussion of the three bylaw amendments presented by National, for which it is urging all members to vote by June 9. The items are 1) option to allow membership to those without college degrees; 2) option to allow Board membership to those who are not members of AAUW; and 3) assuring that there are staggered terms for Board members.

**Communications:** Artis said the information for June **Feather Vane** will be due by 5/15; the September FV due date will be August 15. Joan Young asked Janet to handle the **phone calls** for the June meeting as neither Joan nor Donna Long is able to do so this month. John Garamendi will be giving a presentation on May 19 at the Arts Council in Marysville. Janet urged if there are any changes to the 2018-19 **roster**, members should be sure to let her know soon.

**Programs:** Barbara Solheim will be having a meeting at 10:00 on May 16 at the Cookie Tree to try to finalize plans for the 2018-19 year. Much has already been done. We were reminded that the STEM conference next year will be April 2, and the Garden Tour will be May 4. As a result of the major demand on our members, we will NOT have a regular branch meeting either of those months. Our usual April lunch at the college, to which we are encouraged to bring spouses and friends, has been rescheduled for March. We have the Fremont facility for October, February, and June. We are still hoping to have the November meeting at the Refuge. There is considerable consideration of holding our September meeting at Jeanine Rounds' house. We hope this issue can be resolved at our June 14<sup>th</sup> planning meeting, which will also be at the Rounds' house.

**Projects:** Carol Clark and members reviewed the various activities: **STEM:** As indicated above, next year this will be on April 2 at Yuba College. **Garden Tour:** A very successful Garden Tour was held this year. We were lucky to have 8 different locations, and the Reception held at Maryville High School's Agricultural Center went very well. Union Lumber in Marysville has requested that we have the Reception there next year. Martha is urging that ALL AAUW members help search for gardens for next year and that we have them identified by early fall. It was reported that we will add the phrase "No dogs please" on our tickets next year to avoid some problems of the current year. **Tech Trek:** Seven girls will be going. Tessa Phillips offered her home for the May 3 get-together of the girls and their families. Activities went very well, and the young ladies had a good chance to get together to get acquainted. Several alumnae from earlier years also attended. **Scholarships.** Jeanine reported the three girls selected were Ashley Arroyo (Nursing), Jordan Brooks (chemistry degree, eventually medical degree); and Lisa Burkhart (Family Nurse Practitioner). They will be attending the June meeting.

**Other Business:** **Interbranch:** Janet reported that attendance at the Butte College STEM type conference Career Trek, which is held on Saturdays, was quite low; and the branches involved are seriously considering trying to move to the model that we use, in which the schools participate and send the students on a school day. She also said that she will be serving as IBC president next year. The next meeting will be in our area the first Monday in August (the 6<sup>th</sup>) and the ladies have requested they meet again at Pete's.

**New Business:** The June Executive planning meeting on June 14, which includes 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 3:20.

Respectively submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: This report will be approved at next EC meeting. For final approved minutes please contact EC Sec'y following the June 14 meeting.

## 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 **June 15**, hostess is Dee Ellen Day at Dee's home. Book is Follow the River by James Thom.



### 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 except in June when they will meet a week later. Next meeting is **June 12**. 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. Nothing is planned for June. 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 **June 28** Christy Estabrook will be hostess. Location to be announced. Meeting at the Round Table Pizza Parking lot on Gray Avenue as usual at 10:30. Please contact Christy Estabrook, 673-3599, if you plan to attend and if you can drive, by Monday, June 25, so she can notify the restaurant with a final count.



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

## JUNE, 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 11:30 am Branch Meeting at the Refuge
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 10 am Talking on Paper	13	14 10 am Executive Council Planning Mtg. at Jeanine's	15 10 am Book Clubs	16
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