

Feather Vane



MARCH, 2018



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

MARCH 17 – Branch Meeting – One Hundred Years at Sunsweet



Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Sunsweet Growers, Inc., 901 N. Walton, Yuba City. Please use the Sunsweet Entrance on Walton Road. Drive to entry stall and give your name to man inside. He will tell you where to park. You will come into the building on your right.

Speaker: Ana Klein, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Sunsweet Growers, Inc. will speak about One Hundred Years of Sunsweet.

Lunch: Catered by Sunsweet

Cost: \$10 – Thanks to Sunsweet's generosity, registration cost for this meeting will be just \$10.

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, Executive Council Leader

February 17, 2018 - It was good to see everyone at the Branch meeting after a two-month hiatus for other Branch events. Our speaker Katy Goodson, Community Policing Coordinator, Yuba City Police Department, was well received by the members. She answered many questions on a wide variety of safety and scamming subjects. A fresh tasty lunch with large portions was provided by Antonio Villagomez, the owner of Cilantro's Restaurant and Cilantro's Catering on Center Street in Yuba City. He's a gourmet chef who prepares many styles of food in addition to traditional Mexican food.

Election of officers will be held on April 21 at our branch's annual meeting. Current officers who are completing their terms are Sandy Davini, Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim, and Karen Tuttle. We thank them for their service to the Council. All have agreed to run for another term, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. (see story on page 2)

NOTICE: Regarding AAUW Convention - please check information on page 2 of this *Feather Vane* and on the AAUW CA website for more information about the California State Convention this year in Irvine, April 27-28-29. Twenty years of Tech Trek camp will be celebrated this year. Let me know if you can go, the branch will help you with arrangement. See you at the March Branch meeting. *Joann Nixon, ECL*



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, March 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, March 17, 2018, 11:30 a.m. meeting is at Sunsweet. Speaker is Ana Klein who will talk about 100 years at Sunsweet. We will meet at their plant at 901 N. Walton in Yuba City. Please use the Sunsweet Entrance on Walton Road. Drive to entry stall and give your name to man inside. He will tell you where to park. You will come into the building on your right.

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. Also up for re-election is Sandy Davini, 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.

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.



TEA BAG FUNDRAISER

by Karen Tuttle for Jeanne Schultz, AAUW Funds Chair

In February, each of our members received a tea bag and a letter explaining our annual Educational Opportunities Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations will 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 meeting.

Convention 2018-AAUW California is April 27-29 in Irvine, California.

The annual AAUW California Convention will be April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is "Educated. Reasoned. Active." A counterpoint to today's social media driven hysteria. There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Come celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend informative and revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year's Speech Trek competition: "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?" **The convention's grand finale will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek!** Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the California Perspective and on our [state website](http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/). Register now for reduced registration and hotel rates.

Here is a link to the convention registration page in case the embedded link does not work for you: <http://www.aauw-ca.org/register-aauw-california-convention-2018/>

February 3 in Paradise – IBC Report

by Jeanine Rounds

The annual Interbranch Council lunch for this year was held on February 3 in Paradise. Our branch members attending were Carol Clark, Joann Nixon, Linden Reynolds, Jeanine Rounds, and Janet Theiss and her husband Bill. Shown below are Janet, Linden, Jeanine, and Carol with John Nicoletti and Juleah Cordi. *Photo by Joann Nixon*



After a delicious lunch, the Marysville-Yuba City branch presented the program. We had thought it would be interesting to find out more about what our elected

representatives were doing for women, and so we had invited Juleah Cordi to speak for Assemblyman Gallagher and John Nicoletti to speak for Congressman John Garamendi; and they both attended.

Juleah Cordi spoke about the many ways in which Assemblyman Gallagher had sponsored bills that would give women more funding and/or more support and gave some specific detail. He has addressed the need to find ways to give women more funding support in various occupations. Some bills had passed and some had not. An enthusiastic question and answer session followed. Both speakers emphasized the need to improve pay for working women.

John Nicoletti spoke about many of the same type of issues related to Congressmen Garamendi, but he initially addressed a number of specifics related to federal support of the Oroville Dam and the levees in the area. He mentioned Garamendi's nomination of an outstanding Woman of the Year in each of the areas in his district. He also spoke strongly to the need for both political groups to work together on key items. It was encouraging to learn that Garamendi, LaMalfa, Gallagher, and Nielsen are making a point of working together at the federal and state levels to improve things in our district.

Nicoletti left several copies of 3 brief separate reports under the title: "Congressman John Garamendi's Women's Policy Agenda" covering the issues of money related to Caregivers, Healthcare, and Wage Discrimination.

He then gave our group a number of written reports, including a 20-page file titled "AAUW Action Fund: Congressional Voting Record, 114 Congress (January 2015-2016)". This goes into far more detail than anything Nicoletti addressed at the meeting. In later reading I discovered that the first page of this long report says: "Members of AAUW have a long history of lobbying Congress and holding their legislators accountable for how they vote on AAUW priority issues. The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record provides information about elected federal legislators though the votes they cast on critical issues...this voting record...is distributed to every member of Congress. Scored legislation was selected on the basis of the AAUW Public Policy Program, adopted by the AAUW membership in June, 2015. These priorities included education, economic, security and civil rights...For more information, contact the AAUW Action Fund at 202-785-7793 or VoterEd@aauw.org." Both speakers did an excellent job and provided valuable information to the Interbranch Council members present.



GARDEN TOUR – Ticket Sale Begins March 17

Garden Tour tickets will be available for pick up at our March 17 Branch Meeting. Our policy is to give each member three tickets to sell or buy and give away. We have been able to keep ticket price to \$15 again this year, and tickets will also be sold at Sperbeck's Nursery, Union Lumber, and Yuba City Florist. This year we will also sell tickets on our website, mvyc-ca.aauw.net. On line tickets sell for \$20 after March 15, and all tickets are \$20 on May 5, the day of the event.

If you do not attend the March meeting, your tickets will be mailed to you to sell. If this is a hardship for you, please let someone on the Garden Tour committee know, and return the tickets so that someone else can try to sell them for you. If you want additional tickets please contact Barbara Kenney or Janet Theiss after March 17 and arrange to pick them up.

This year the gardens are beautiful, and the reception location is exciting. You will receive the details at the same time that you get your tickets.

GARDEN TOUR – Business Sponsorships are available

The Garden Tour Committee is looking for BUSINESS SPONSORS of the Garden Tour and we need your help, so, if you have a friend in business please ask them if they can become a sponsor at one of these levels:

Iris - \$50, Azalea- \$100, Rose- \$300, Orchid- \$500

In return the AAUW Garden Tour Sponsors' names will be printed on the back of the Garden Tour booklet, listed in our Feather Vane newsletter, announced in our press releases, and posted prominently at the reception. If you need a Sponsorship Letter to give to your friends, call Artis Buerki and she will email a letter for you to print out and deliver to your friends. March 31, 2018 is the last day that sponsorships can be received.

This is the 3rd year that we have solicited advertisers for the Garden Tour, and both of the last two year we have raised enough money to send at least one additional girl to the week-long AAUW Tech Trek science camps at UC Davis. This year we are shooting for the moon!

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lee Jones, Membership Leader



Membership is up to 99 this month and we look forward to meeting all the new members during various events during 2018. 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** and **Gwyn Baker** are our newest members. See their contact information in the February *Feather Vane*. Please add them to your Rosters, and welcome them into your interest groups and your committees.

MEMBER NEWS

Address Correction: DOROTHY JANG'S correct address in San Francisco is 1602 19th Avenue, Unit 427, San Francisco, CA 94122. Her email address is still dorothy_26@comcast.net. For those of you who do not know Dorothy, she was one of our founding members when our branch was founded in 1955, and she moved to Cypress at the Golden Gate last year. When Artis Buerki talked to Dorothy this week, this is what she said: "Cypress is outstanding. Am blessed to be residing here. My brother joined me from Davis. Have dozens of relatives in the city. Would love hearing from other members of AAUW. "

100th Birthday of member: BERNICE HIGDON'S daughter, Krista Higdon, contacted us on our website saying that Bernice would have her 100th Birthday on February 26. She said that Bernice is still living in her home at 1264 Charlotte Avenue, Yuba City 95991 and she still loves to dance. I'll bet she'd enjoy getting a birthday card too. **HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY BERNICE!**

YOUR GIFT TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER PROGRAMS ENABLES WOMEN TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS THROUGH EDUCATION

Please send this form with your check(s) to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992

Donor's Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ In memory or honor (circle one) of: _____ \$ _____

_____ Yuba College Scholarship (Check to Yuba College Foundation-AAUW) _____ \$ _____

_____ Tech Trek Fund (Make check payable to **AAUW CA SPF**) _____ \$ _____

_____ Yuba College Book Fund (Make check payable to AAUW) _____ \$ _____

_____ Local Branch Operations /helps fund local activities (Check to AAUW) _____ \$ _____

_____ AAUW Educational Opportunities Funds (Make check payable to **AAUW. Note "Ed. Opp" on bottom**) _____ \$ _____

_____ Legal Advocacy Fund (Check to **AAUW. Note "LAF" on bottom**). _____ \$ _____

_____ Girls on the Run (Make check payable to Girls on the Run) _____ \$ _____

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.



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. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **March 16** at Cookie Tree. Pat Jones is hostess. Book is Born a Crime by Trevor Noah.



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. In February we saw The Shape of Water, and the Churchill movie Darkest Hour. March 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

The creative writing group meets at the Cookie Tree the first Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **March 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. No meeting planned for March at the time of this publication. 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 in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue at 10:30 to carpool to the restaurant. On **March 22** they will go to Anatolian Table in Rocklin. Contact Hostess Sandy Davini to reserve.



On January 25 the **Traveling Gourmet** group carpooled to Lincoln to have lunch at Buonarroti Ristorante. Pat Jones was the hostess for the month. Those present were (L-R) Joann Nixon, Tessa Phillips, Pat Jones, Joan Young, Judy Zukas, Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Priscilla Kerr, and front row Jeanine Rounds, Gloria Mullins. Not pictured: Barbara Solheim and Judy's sister Gail Stevenson.

The group was given a large table in the back of the restaurant where they could enjoy visiting with each other. The owner of Buonarroti assured us that it was the best Italian restaurant in the entire United States, and the members ordered a variety of Italian dishes which proved to be delicious. A few even managed to follow up with one of the items from the dessert menu. *Photo by Joann Nixon/Story by Pat Jones*



GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

Garden Tour Committee will meet on **March 1, March 29, and April 30**. All meetings begin at 11 am, and they are all at the home of Barbara Kenney. There will probably be an additional meeting for proofing of Brochure in late April. Watch your email for updates from Martha.



TECH TREK COMMITTEE

by Carol Clark, EC Project Group Leader

The Tech Trek committee is working on the selection of our 2018 Tech Trekkers. Schools have been contacted and they have 26 teacher recommendations and are waiting for the applications from the students to come in. Interviews are scheduled for **March 24**. If you are interested in helping on Interview Day phone Carol Clark, 672-5286, for details.



At the end of our STEM Conference on January 19 each student was asked to comment on the **MOST IMPORTANT THING I LEARNED TODAY**. Here are the TOP 10 comments from the girls:

1. Women can accomplish anything men can
2. I learned about specific professions that interest me
3. Work hard, set goals, take education seriously
4. I can do whatever I want/dream big
5. There are many STEM career choices & opportunities (for women)
6. Don't let anyone stand in the way of your dream
7. You don't have to pick your profession early or stay with your original choice
8. I can take college courses while in high school
9. Have a passion for/enjoy whatever you do
10. I can be a strong, independent individual



Cheer of the Week, Feb. 9, 2018 - 2018 is the first year where more than a quarter of the country's state legislators are women. The number is just a slight increase from 2016, but represents a symbolic milestone for women's representation in government.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting February 8, 2018 - 1:30 a.m.at Sutter County Schools Facility

Attending were; Joann Nixon-Executive Leader; Carol Clark-Projects Leader; Sandy Davini-Treasurer; Lee Jones-Membership Leader; Jeanine Rounds-Secretary; Janet Theiss-Communications Group Leader; Members at Large: Artis Buerki. Patricia Kerr

Call to Order, 1:35 Minutes, Reports: Minutes of December 14, 2017, were approved as presented.

Council Leader Report:

There was discussion of the election of Council officers for next year. The four whose terms are finishing are Sandy Davini (every year), and Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim, and Karen Tuttle. All have agreed to remain for another term, and the March Feather Vane will provide more information. Voting will be done at the April meeting after opportunities for additional nominations.

Joann raised the question of having AAUW business cards available, and it was agreed that would probably be a good idea to have some general cards available with basic information. Janet and Sandy offered some ideas, and it was agreed the costs could be minimal and we will review again at the next meeting.

Joann raised the question of how much we want to support/connect with the Core Charter School in Marysville that provided a week-long STEM day camp last summer to some area students. Janet moved that we modify the budget to provide the group the same money as we did last year (\$500) provided they are having the program. Seconded and passed.

Joann and Priscilla Kerr had attended the Chamber Gala recently and had provided a very nice gift basket. AAUW received good recognition. Sandy moved and Artis seconded the motion that we compensate Joann and Priscilla \$100 for part of their expenses for the event.

Joann announced that our long-term member, Bernice Higdon has just had her 100th birthday and is doing well. It was agreed to ask Gretchen to send her a card from us.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy: 1) We are doing very well. We had to pay an extra \$120 on our insurance coverage for the STEM conference, as we had more than 500 attending. Our STEM conference expenses exceed the income we bring in from our charging each faculty and girls \$6, which amount goes to cover their lunches, but it was agreed that we can manage and do not need to raise the schools' cost. 2) We have money in the budget to attend the state AAUW conference (Southern Cal this year), but no one has expressed an interest in going. 3) We will be sending 7 girls to Tech Trek this year. Yuba County Superintendent has not responded regarding the \$450 they usually donate. Joann will follow up. 4) National dues are going up to \$59; the state will stay at \$20; Sandy suggested we maintain ours at \$13, as our budget is good. Janet moved and Carol seconded that we do not raise our fees. Total membership cost will be \$92.

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

Membership: Lee Jones reported Gwyn Baker as a new members, and Sandy said our total is currently 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. Possibilities of developing a Yuba College Branch was discussed. Artis said she has been in touch with Melissa Ha and they are discussing this possibility. (Minutes are continued on page 9 of this Feather Vane.)



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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 11 am Garden Tour committee	2	3
4	5	6 10 am Talking on Paper	7	8 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 April FV Deadline	20 	21	22 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	23	24 Tech Trek Interviews
25	26 TBD Travel	27 Bridge	28	29 11 am Garden Tour committee	30	31

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Other reports from Executive Council

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle was absent, so there was no report.

Communications: Artis said the information for March FV will be 2/21.

Programs: Barbara Solheim was absent, so Jeanine reported some Program information. The February meeting will be held at the Fremont/Rideout conference room and will be “Beware of Scammers,” with Katy Godson, a member of the Yuba City Police Department. It will be catered by Antonio. The March meeting will be at Sunsweet, and they will be hosting our lunch. It was moved and seconded that we charge members for this program, but at only \$10.

2018-19 meetings: Jeanine provided some information regarding meetings for upcoming year and said she had been able to reserve the Fremont facility for October, February, and March. April will be at Yuba. That leaves September, November, and June. She had made reservations for November at the Hillcrest Landing, but that would require a \$250 deposit, which would be refunded if we had at least 40 attending. We will have an outstanding presenter in November, Neelam Agarwal, who travels to Nepal, Africa, etc. to meet with women, so we should get a large enough facility. It was also indicated that we can get Preet Didbal, Yuba City’s mayor, for another presentation. So, work is going on for the coming year.

Projects: Carol Clark and members reviewed the various activities.

STEM: Sandy reported on how successful the program was, with about 740 girls attending. All went very well. Members at the STEM meeting earlier today had indicated a recommendation that we look beyond our organization to recruit women who would make good facilitators. Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers, and Soroptimists were among those suggested.

Garden Tour: Brief meeting was held recently. Martha has located several gardens, but we need at least 2 more private gardens. The garden tour reception will be held at the Agriculture program at Marysville High School under the direction of Bonnie Magill, the instructor, and the garden will include a wide variety of high school ag programs. Janet Theiss and Judy Hale will be the hostesses.

Tech Trek: Carol said she had received 26 recommendations, and the packets will be delivered. Interviews will be March 24th, and will be held here at the Sutter County School facility. Joann raised the question of whether we should do more in an attempt to involve our former Tech Trek students in activities. It was suggested that we asked Karen Chiechi to check on options. One might be to encourage our former students to participate in the large Chico Branch TT picnic. Jeanine indicated that it has been quite difficult in the past to follow up on the girls once they graduate from high school.

Scholarships: Jeanine said she had just been informed that there will be no Yuba City Women’s Club funds this year, so we will be giving just three \$500 scholarships.

Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp will send cards to members who are ill.

Other Business: Interbranch: Janet and Bill, Carol, Linden, Jeanine, and Joann attended the meeting in Paradise; and Juleah Cordi and John Nicoletti did a very good job speaking on what their representatives are doing for women in our communities. John also left a number of printed items for our branch, including a 20-page report on what responses the Congress has given to the national AAUW lobbying. A copy of this report was given to Martha Bunce for her committee, and the second copy will be sent to Chico. A larger report on IBC specifics will be available in the next issue of the Feather Vane. **Opportunity Drawings:** Priscilla said she and Joann are working on baskets for the drawings at the April meeting at Yuba College.

New Business: Nothing introduced. Meeting adjourned at 3:25.

Respectively submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

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