

Feather Vane



NOVEMBER, 2018



Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy

November 17, 2018 - Bring a friend or potential member to this meeting



WHEN: Saturday, November 17, 11:30 a. m.

WHERE: TING'S REFUGE, 1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City

PROGRAM: Neelam Canto-Lugo speaks about her experiences working with women in under-developed countries (see more information in *Program Notes* below)

MENU: Buffet luncheon at Ting's Refuge Restaurant.

COST: \$18, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - 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.*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1 pm (NEW TIME) at Sutter County Schools office, 950 Tharp, Bldg. 300, Suite 302, Yuba City. Park in rear. Contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you are interested in attending EC meetings as a member-at-large.

PROGRAM NOTES November 17

Neelam Canto-Lugo was a professor at Yuba College teaching English, Speech, International Studies, and Punjabi from 1973 until 2010. Now she is retired but still teaches communications and Punjabi there. She created and coordinated the cultural speakers series at Yuba College, Crossing Borders Building Bridges since 1998.

Neelam grew up and was educated in India, and earned her two Master Degrees at UC Davis, San Diego State, and CSU Sacramento. She has done work in Nepal, Nigeria, Myanmar, and Bangladesh and is a volunteer for the Women Development Advocacy Center where she assisted youth and women by providing training on technical proposal writing, career development, and effective communication. She was named Volunteer of the Year in

2016 by VEGA, Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance among other awards and honors. In a recent article in the Appeal Democrat, written by Rachel Rosenbaum, it said that "she partnered with Hungry-Free World to train volunteers on community based entrepreneurship development and creating business plans...guiding them towards small entrepreneurship, and she agreed to award them each \$500 seed money if their ideas were approved. Out of four business proposals, three were approved." Neelam has spent more than 40 years working in education, communication, and global business consulting. She will be talking to our branch on **November 17** about her experiences while working with women in under-developed countries. *Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader*

SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 8 Coalition Brunch, 9:30 am at Peach Tree Country Club - \$22 - Reserve before Wednesday, November 21, 2018. See details on next page of this Feather Vane.

Calling All Women . . .

Here's a *GREAT* networking opportunity! All women of Yuba and Sutter Counties are welcome to attend!

YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 8, 2018

9:30 A.M.

Peach Tree Country Club



Tickets \$22

Please bring new pairs of men and women's socks, Arid Aerosol Spray deodorant cans, disposable razors, or regular size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash as a donation to Hands of Hope.

RESERVATIONS-AAUW

MEMBERS: Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992. Check must arrive by Wednesday, November 21, 2018. If you prefer, you may pay at the November 17 AAUW meeting.

*Music provided by the Yuba City High School Chamber Singers
Directed by Linda Robinson*

Sponsored by these local women's clubs:

American Association of University Women, Marysville - Yuba City Branch
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Iota Sigma Chapter
Soroptimist International of Marysville - Yuba City
Marysville Art Club
Bridges to Housing
Soroptimist International of Sutter-Yuba



Council Chat

We thank Carol Moon, (pictured here) who is the Director of the League of Women Voters of California. Carol provided a very informative program at our October 20 branch meeting on the pros and cons of Propositions that are on the November Ballot. **BE SURE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.** If you were unable to attend the meeting, type LWV California in search engine and choose "Ballot Recommendations LWVC.org" Also "California Quick Guide to Propositions" was informative. A new member joined our Branch, Manjit Jhutti, who is a middle school teacher. See her contact information under Membership in this *Feather Vane*, watch for her new member profile in next month's *Feather Vane*, and welcome her the next time you see her.

On **November 17** we will have a wonderful program about working with **women in other countries**, and **December 8** will be the **Coalition Brunch** that we have been celebrating for with other women's organizations in our community since the mid-1990s. It is important to **send your Coalition Brunch reservation in by November 21**. Thank you for being part of this wonderful organization providing support for girls and women in our community.

Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader

50 Year Members

When a member reaches 50 years of continuous membership in an AAUW branch they are recognized as a "50 Year Member" by AAUW National, and by our branch. Over the years we have recognized many of our members as such. Most recently Corky Ulrey was recognized with this achievement.

We have eight current members who have this status, and we wish to thank them again for their long-time service to our branch. They are: **Patricia Fournier, Marjorie Muck, Audrey Ohlson Smith, Beverly Paget, Rosalie Pitt, Corky Ulrey, Beverly Balfour, and Dorothy Jang.** **Beverly Balfour and Dorothy Jang are also Charter Members of our branch (1955).** Thank you ladies. It is an honor to know you! *Artis Buerki, Feather Vane Editor*



WHY BECOME A BOARD MEMBER?

Have you ever wondered if you should become a board member? ***Do you know that our AAUW branch board is called the Executive Council?*** Have you ever been curious about attending a meeting?

First of all, our branch members are all welcome to sit in on any Executive Council meeting. Meetings are not always at the same location, so please contact Joann Nixon, 680-0356, if you plan to attend. We meet one time a month, usually on the second Thursday afternoon of the month, to support all of our branch functions. Our eight elected officers are voted in for three-year terms, with the exception of the Treasurer, which is a one-year term. The three-year terms are staggered so that only two or three terms end each year. Two current members are completing their 3-year terms on July 1, 2019.

We need at least 2 nominees by February 15.

Elections will take place at our **March 16, 2019**

Annual Meeting, and new terms begin on **July 1, 2019.**

If you are interested in joining this exciting committee, or are just curious about it, please contact one of the members of our Nominating Committee and say 'YES' if we contact you.

Artis Buerki, 671-5665; Linden Reynolds, 674-3090; and Kelly Swanson, 674-7433



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

We now have 84 members in our branch. 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).

NEW MEMBER: Please welcome our newest member, Manjit Jhutti, who was recruited by Joann Nixon. Manjit is a middle school teacher. Here is some information about her to be added to your roster:

Manjit Jhutti, 1426 Tori Lane, YC 95993. 530.777.9563; c/ 530.751.6376. Email manjitjhutti@gmail.com; Universities: Bachelors at Punjab University. Master of Science in School Counseling from Univ. of Laverne.

Ruth Anthony remembered –

“We called her Martha Stewart of Yuba City”, Jo Hilling said. “Ruth did everything so well, especially entertaining. She had a spatula Christmas tree each year covered with memories of people, places and events of their lives. I say ‘their’ because Howard was such a big part of Ruth's life. She had a devilish sense of humor. She loved to win at any game and she played them all. She will always be smiling in my memory,” Jo said.

“Ruth was a member of our branch for over fifty years. When I first joined in the eighties, she was one of the Historians, faithfully making scrapbooks for our AAUW activities and related items,” Janet Theiss said. “Those of us who knew her enjoyed her quiet common sense, her happiness in greeting us, and her ready sense of humor. Parkinson’s disease was a hard battle, but Ruth faced it with courage. We will miss her deeply.”

Ruth was President of our AAUW branch in 1986-87. Lee Jones said that Ruth was principal of Jack and Jill Preschool for over twenty years and devoted her career to supporting children's literacy. A donation from our AAUW branch has been made to the Sutter County Library for the purchase of books that will reflect that interest.

GARDEN TOUR Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Garden Tour planning committee and/or have ideas for home gardens that you'd like to see considered for the 2019 Garden Tour, please **contact Martha Bunce, 743-0306, /c 713-0663.** They normally meet on the first Thursday morning, but not every month. Watch for email meeting reminders from Martha.

STEM Conference Committee

The STEM Conference Committee has been busy gearing up for the 2019 Conference. This project takes many workers to make it a success. One thing we need volunteers for is facilitators. The job is not hard and each facilitator will get extensive instructions. If you are contacted and asked to be a facilitator please say yes. The Conference is not until April 2nd 2019. Please put it on your calendar. NO November committee meeting is planned, but watch for email meeting reminders from Sandy Davini.

Barbara Solheim, STEM Co-Chair

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) NEWS

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

IBC is meeting in Oroville at **6:00 p.m.** at **Los Compadres** on **Monday, November 5, 2018**. Los Compadres is at 771 Oro Dam Blvd., the right (south) side of the road, right after Jack in the Box and 10th St.

At this time, the Interbranch Luncheon appears to be on Saturday, **February 2, 2019**, definitely in Chico. Monday, **May 6, 2019**, will be in Paradise.

Save the Date! - AAUW CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEETING - April 6, 2019

AAUW California will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, **April 6, 2019**, at the Handlery Hotel in San Diego. The day will start with breakfast and leadership workshop, lunch, and the Speech Trek state competition. The day will end with a workshop or an Open Space Activity. The next issue of the California Perspective will have more details, including the price and luncheon selections and a link for the hotel.



Martha Bunce, Advocacy & Action chair, shared the following articles from AAUW-CA

AAUW CA Positions on NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT MEASURES

There are 11 measures on the November ballot. They cover a variety of issues. The Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures and determined that most do not address issues in our

Public Policy Priorities. We have classified those as "No Position." Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on our principles, but they include elements that undermine some of our priorities along with elements that support our priorities. The Committee adopted a "Neutral" position on Propositions 1, 4 and 5.

Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond – NEUTRAL

Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to build and preserve affordable homes for veterans and aid veterans in purchasing a farm, home or mobile home. While AAUW priorities do not address issues specifically related to veterans, we do support affordable housing for low income families. And many veterans are women. A negative aspect of the measure is that general obligation bonds are paid for from the state's General Fund, where money is needed for schools, health care, other housing programs and state services.

Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond – SUPPORT No Place Like Home Act of 2018

Over 130,000 Californians are homeless. A great number of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Women comprise a significant percentage of the homeless. This measure does not involve a new state bond.

Prop 4: Children's Hospital Bond – NEUTRAL

Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in general obligation bond money to support 5 children's hospitals in the University of California system and other public and private hospitals that serve children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. On the one hand, this measure supports health care services to children. On the other hand, the use of state funds to support private facilities diverts money from public projects, such as schools.

Prop 5: Property Tax – NEUTRAL

Proposition 5 would amend Proposition 13 (1978) in the State Constitution to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer the tax-assessed value from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home's market value; (b) the new home's location in the state; or (c) the number of moves. This measure would assist some older or disabled women when they change residences. However, seniors already are able to retain their property tax base when they move within set parameters – Prop 5 expands that program. The Legislative Analyst states that this would reduce state revenues from property taxes by up to \$1 billion per year. Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services.

NO POSITION on the following measures:

Prop 3: Water Bond – \$8.8 billion in general obligation bonds for managing and developing water resources in ways that benefit the environment.

Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal – Repeals the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, removing \$4.7 billion in annual funding earmarked for transportation.

Prop 7: Daylight Saving Time – Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government changes the law.

Prop 8: Dialysis – A complex measure that would regulate the cost of dialysis treatment by establishing a cap on certain costs.

Prop 10: Repeal Costa Hawkins/Rent Control – Gives local communities the authority to make decisions on rent control based on the housing needs of their communities.

Prop 11: Ambulance Drivers – Allows ambulance providers to require their workers to remain on call during breaks paid at their regular rate.

Prop 12 : Farm Animals – Bans the sale of meat from animals that are confined in spaces below specific sizes.

NOTE: Prop 9 (division of the state into 3 parts) was removed from the ballot by the State Supreme Court.

For additional information on ballot measures, go to the Ballotpedia website.

AAUW California 2018 Legislative Year Update

If you've been tracking AAUW California legislation in the last few years, you'll note the number of bills related to closing the gender pay gap. We've made tremendous headway since 2015 working with the Stronger California coalition. The Fair Pay Act has been improved ([SB 358](#)–2015, [SB 1063](#) - 2016) and California now limits the use of one's prior salary to establish a new salary. Just this year, an additional refinement was made ([AB 2282](#) – Eggman) so there is no doubt, an employer cannot inquire or use one's prior salary.

There are still [other areas to be addressed](#), including pay data transparency so that employers and the public can better understand a company's pay practices. Unfortunately our cosponsored bill on this issue ([SB 1284](#)– Jackson) was stalled in the legislative process this year.

Momentum on the equal pay bills was assisted by the #MeToo movement and awareness that sexual harassment is fueled by disproportionate power dynamics, as is the gender pay gap. Many bills made it to the Governor's desk, with [mixed results](#). Most importantly, Governor Brown signed [SB 1300](#) (Jackson), a bill addressing discrimination and harassment in the workplace - also known as the "no free grope" bill.

Our work is not done. To quote a former Governor, "we'll be back," to work with the new Governor to accomplish all that needs to be done to make California a bastion of equity and fairness for women.

For a full list of our bills in 2018 and final outcomes, go to the state website, www.aauw-ca.org
Shannon Smith-Crowley, AAUW CA Legislative Advocate

IT'S MY VOTE

 I WILL BE HEARD 
A A U W A C T I O N F U N D

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.



ADVOCACY & ACTION

To receive advocacy and action alerts by email, contact Martha Bunce 743-0306, or buncehall@yahoo.com. To see what our branch is doing, go to 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. November they are reading When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins.

Rabid Readers Regularly meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **November 16**. Meeting is at the home of Kay Gray. Book is The Girls of the Atomic City by Kierman.



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. We are watching for Operation Finale, A Star is Born, Mary Poppins Returns, and On the Basis of Sex to come to Yuba City.



TRAVEL AAUW Travel Group normally meets the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 2 PM. Contact Gloria Mullins about the next Travel group meeting, 674-3659. **There is NO November meeting.** On **December 4** Gretchen Cupp and her husband, Steve Greenstein, will speak about Mongolia



TALKING ON PAPER The creative writing group meets at the Cookie Tree on the first, or sometimes the second, Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **November 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. Joan Young, 777-9215, is coordinator.



TRAVELING GOURMET Coordinator is Karen Tuttle, 755-4405. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, but in November they will meet on **November 29**, the 5th Thursday because of Thanksgiving. Meet in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue, Yuba City, at 10:30 am to carpool to the restaurant. We will go to **Season 52** in Arden Fair Mall. Please contact hostess, Carol Clark to reserve.

VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:
<https://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>



Here are our current Executive Council leaders at the October 11 EC meeting. Standing L-R Sandy Davini, Jeanine Rounds, Lee Jones, Joann Nixon; sitting L-R Carol Clark, Barbara Solheim, Karen Tuttle; Janet Theiss is not shown.

If you would like to be part of the Executive Council, please contact Nominating Committee members Artis Buerki, Linden Reynolds, or Kelly Swanson to volunteer. We need 2 nominees by Feb. 15 for our March election. New terms begin July 1, 2019.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT –October 2018

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting-October 11, 2018

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Carol Clark, Projects Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Barbara Solheim, Program; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary. Absent: Janet Theiss. Members at Large: Martha Bunce, Priscilla Kerr, and Joan Young.

Reports: Minutes of September 13th meeting were approved. **Council Leader Report:** Joann Nixon said she had written a letter to Chris Kaufman at the *Appeal Democrat*, thanking him for recent photo and information on AAUW.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Davini. Sandy emailed the budget report to EC members and the revised budget has been approved by Executive Council today. Budget is in the rosters which were mailed to all members on Oct 10 and they may or may not arrive before the Oct 20 meeting, so Karen Tuttle said she would email a copy to all members and tell them to review it as it will be voted on at the meeting on October 20th. It was agreed this was a good solution.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce. Martha said that the AAUW California Policy person is becoming more active. She reminded the group that our October meeting will be from the League of Women Voters, and they will be discussing the proposed initiatives for the November election. They will not be taking pro/con positions for the presentation, but that they do have that as printed information if attendees so request after the meeting.

Membership: Lee Jones helped lead a discussion on possible ways to increase our membership, as Sandy indicated we now have only 83 paid members for this year. There was also considerable discussion about ways we can make the community more aware of our organization and the benefits we offer for our community. One suggestion was that we obtain a banner and put it outside of our meetings and activities. Joann will contact Artis about obtaining such a banner. We also talked about possibly improving the content of the articles that Kathryn Jankowski does for the local paper, as well as assuring that notice of our meetings is included in activity information in the paper.

Other reports from Executive Council:

Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle told us that

AAUW-CA has updated our category from Mutual Benefits Corporation to Public Benefits Corporation, which is to our advantage. Karen reminded us that we must modify our by-laws so they fit national guidelines. She will send out information to Bylaws committee members to see suggested changes.

Communications: *Feather Vane* deadline for the November issue will be October 22.

Programs: Barbara Solheim. Barbara reminded the group that the year's meetings are set, with the October meeting discussing voter initiatives and the November meeting, to be held at the Refuge, will feature Neelam Canto-Lugo talking about her work with women. Lee Jones suggested as one of the possible program activities next year could be a meeting/lunch at Rideout Hospital.

Projects: STEM - Barbara Solheim and Sandy Davini held meeting earlier today for the April 2, 2019 meeting, and things are off to a good start. Martha has 8 speakers lined up. **Garden Tour** - Martha Bunce. Date will be May 4. She has 5 private and one public garden lined up, but will continue to get a couple more. One interesting garden will also serve as the Reception site, and should be quite delightful. **Tech Trek** - Carol Clark remains concerned over leadership of this program, as she will be working in the spring, and Donna Long continues with personal issues. Some suggestions were given to Carol, on which she will follow up.

Other: Women's Coalition: Holiday Brunch is December 8. Jeanine Rounds attended the meeting this week, and all seems to be going well. Sandy Davini has our branch flyer ready. Cost will be the same as last year. Priscilla Kerr said that Lundberg will provide us with a gift basket worth about \$200, and she will be lining up a few other things for our drawing. **Interbranch:** Next Interbranch meeting will be November 5 in Oroville.

Note: These are meeting briefs. For final approved minutes contact EC Secretary following the next EC meeting.

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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 Com.	2	3
4	5 6 pm IBC- Oroville	6 10 am Talking on Paper	7	8 1 pm (NEW TIME) Executive Council	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 10 am Book Clubs	17 11:30 am Branch Meeting
18	19	20	21	22  Eat TONS and take a nap.	23	24
25	26	27 Bridge	28	29 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	30	

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