

Feather Vane



OCTOBER, 2018



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



OCTOBER 20 – League of Women Voters

Bring a friend or potential member to this meeting

WHEN: Saturday, October 20, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Adventist Health/Rideout Conference Room, 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City

PROGRAM: Carol Moon Goldberg from the League of Women Voters will talk about the November ballot issues. This is a good meeting to bring a guest. (see Carol’s bio in Program Notes)

MENU: Catering by Chef Salim of Café Collage. Menu will consist of: Persimmon salad w/toasted hazelnuts, argula, and feta cheese; Beef bourguignon braised in red wine and fine herbs with carrots & mushrooms; Egg noodles pasta; and Parmesan Cheese buttermilk-ginger panacotta topped with Raspberry coulis.

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, OCTOBER 11, 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 October 20

by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

Carol Moon Goldberg will be our speaker at the October 20 branch meetings. Carol is a member of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) and its related Education Fund. She is the Voter Service Director, a position that she has held since 2015. She oversees and coordinates the

LWVC publications Easy Voter Guide and the Pros & Cons of Statewide Ballot Measures. Carol has been a member of the League since 1994 and has served in a variety of board positions in her local Sacramento County League, including chair of high school voter registration projects.

Save the Date – NOVEMBER 17 - Branch meeting 11:30 am at Ting’s Refuge - Neelam Canto-Lugo shares her experiences while working with 3rd world women. Reserve by Monday before meeting.

VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:

<https://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>



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 in July.

If you are interested in joining this exciting committee, or are just curious about it, please contact the members of our Nominating Committee: Artis Buerki, 671-5665; Linden Reynolds, 674-3090; and Kelly Swanson, 674-7433. **We need nominee confirmations by February 15.** Elections will take place at our **March 16, 2019** annual meeting, and new terms begin on **July 1, 2019.**

Photo by Marie Lavoie



Thank you to our 2018 Tech Trek girls who were the speakers at our September 15 meeting: Trinity Gomez - Brittan School, Chloe Nguyen - Butte Vista School, Lydia Donaldson - Paragon Collegiate Academy, Abigayle Thompson - Barry School, Natalie Buzzini - Butte Vista School, Latoya Green - Paragon Collegiate Academy, Not Present: Larissa Feceu - Foothill Intermediate



Council Chat

by Joann Nixon,
Executive Council Leader

Our first Branch Meeting of 2018-19 was a great way to start the year. We met at the St. Andrew Ministry Center on September 15 with an outstanding program presented by six of the seven 7th grade girls that we sponsored to the U.C. Davis Tech Trek Summer Camp for a week in July. Every year the girls bring back a new message (with some repeats—the food was amazing!!). There were many profound messages from the girls, and we are glad they also had fun. Yes, we heard, “I will remember this for the rest of my life.” “Dissecting lamb lungs, hearts, and eyes, was kool.” “My popsicle bridge held seven water bottles.” “I really enjoyed the women that told us about their careers.” And much more from these outstanding girls, now 8th graders. I hope you were able to attend to hear the presentations.

The rest of the year’s programs appear to be outstanding as well. October will be important with League of Women Voters presenting information on the initiatives we will be voting on in November (very important!). November will be an amazing report from Neelam Canto-Lugo who travels to third world countries to help women establish means to support themselves. And in December the Coalition Brunch when we meet with other women’s groups from our community with Holiday Festivities. Such an exciting year to look forward to. See you at the Branch Meetings.





MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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).

Bernice Higdon remembered –

One of our long-time branch members, Bernice Higdon, passed away in July. She had celebrated her 100th birthday in February of this year. Her daughter, Krista Higdon, said right after her birthday that Bernice loved to dance, and there were pictures of her on Facebook, dancing at her birthday party. "Bernice was a teacher." Lee Jones said. "She taught Kindergarten for Marysville Joint United School District for many years. Bernice passed while visiting her home state of Tennessee."

GARDEN TOUR Committee

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

The Garden Tour Committee normally meets the first Thursday 11 am, at the home of Barbara Kenney. They will not meet in October. 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.

STEM Conference Committee

by Sandy Davini & Barbara Solheim

STEM Committee normally meets the second Thursday morning of the month. If you'd like to help in the planning of the next STEM Conference, please contact us so we can put you on the email list for meeting reminders. Sandy 673-0930, /c 713-1390; Barbara 674-3577, /c 751-6954.

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) NEWS

by 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, followed by leadership workshops. Then we will have our annual meeting followed by 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.

Mission

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

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and Intersectionality.

NEW AAUW STRATEGIC PLAN

has been created through an inclusive process involving the AAUW Board of Directors and staff. The goals, indicators of success, and strategies reflect an integrated approach to fulfilling our mission, vision, and value promise. As AAUW continues to move forward in a changing world, so have our Strategic Plan and our Vision Statement.

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To read the Strategic Plan on line, go to www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/

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.

Rabid Readers Regularly meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **October 19**. Hostess is Phyllis Gaal and the meeting is at her house. Book is Dawn Watch by Maya Jasanoff.



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 meetings are normally the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month at 2 PM. There is no meeting in October. Contact Gloria Mullins about the next Travel group meeting, 674-3659.



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 **October 9**. 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.



There are now ten members in the Talking on Paper group. In the photo above L-R are Joan Young, Lisa Mikel, Barbara

Douyon, Miriam Hatamiya, and June Wilcox. In the photo below L-R are Gwyn Baker, Tessa Phillips, Donna Long, Colleen Franklin, and Artis Buerki. We enjoy reading our writings to the group and are getting to know each other in the process.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Karen Tuttle, 755-4405. 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 am. to carpool to the restaurant. Next meeting is **October 25**. Tessa Phillips is our hostess. We will be traveling to Cirino's in Grass Valley. Please contact Tessa at 673-0427 to reserve.

GET READY – HERE COME THE BALLOTS!

by Martha Bunce, Public Policy Chair

I read a couple of Op Ed pieces in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday, September 9 that started me thinking seriously about the ballot we will be receiving in a few days.

Jim Wunderman in his column warned of the negative and divisive ad campaigns that are going to hit the airwaves and our mailboxes. He notes that the abysmal turnout at the polls is arguably linked to the confusion and contempt that voters may feel, as well as to the sheer volume of attacks in the media which can paralyze and overwhelm voters.

Chet Hewitt focuses on the huge number of candidates and their proposals. He notes the difficulty of evaluating the ideas of the candidates and of finding reliable information that will help us assess proposals.

OK – what to do to inform ourselves, sort through the noise, and make well founded decisions?

Wunderman:

- Don't wait until the mailbox fills with campaign ads before getting informed about issues and candidates.
- Identify sources of good, objective information that you trust.
- Set limits on how much you can take in, but do consider both sides of each issue.
- Decide whether you have enough information to vote on *every* ballot proposition and candidate, or want to focus on fewer.

Hewitt:

- Look beyond a candidate's initial ideas to ask, what are his/her core values and world view?
- How have those values shaped past behavior – especially when a candidate has made mistakes.
- Is the world view one that seeks a return to a former time -- or one that believes that our best society still needs to be created? Each will result in dramatically different policy positions on a range of issues – even if the candidates' core values are the same.

WOMEN'S MARCH UPDATE

by Kelly Swanson

The first Yuba-Sutter Women's March will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019. We will march from Marysville to Yuba City, more details to follow. Our March has been inspired by the positive energy of the global and national Women's Marches and local women and their daily efforts to protect and promote women's rights in our community.

Our Yuba-Sutter Women's March Mission/Vision Statement follows:

- Our hope is to unite and share core values and advocate for the rights and safety of all women and youth.
- Our vision is to provide a forum for women of our Yuba-Sutter community to share their diverse and valued attitudes and beliefs.
- Our mission is to hold the Yuba-Sutter Women's March and celebrate the freedoms we hold dear and empower advocacy for continued justice at home and beyond.

If you'd like to help us plan our March, please join us as St. Andrew Presbyterian Church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-7 pm. The AAUW Executive Council approved donating \$200 for printing posters and postcards, thank you members! Like us on Facebook at Women's March Yuba Sutter.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT – September 2018

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council September 13, 2018

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

Call to Order, 1:30. Minutes, Reports: Minutes of June 14th meeting were approved. Special Report: Kelly Swanson. Kelly requested some financial support for the upcoming Yuba-Sutter Women's March, to be held in 2019, possibly January, to celebrate and advocate for women's rights and the safety of all women and youth, and to unite folks who share core values. Martha Bunce moved and Priscilla Kerr seconded that AAUW donate \$200 to this cause. Unanimously supported. Sandy will work with Kelly on the funding process.

Council Leader Report: Joann Nixon reminded the group that Artis Buerki, Linden Reynolds, and Kelly Swanson are the nominating committee for next year's elections. Carol Clark and Joann Nixon's 3-year terms will expire, as will Sandy Davini's annual term. She urged the committee to make a major effort to bring some potential new participants to the executive committee. The group agreed that current members whose terms are filled with new people can then become Members at Large.

Correspondence: Sandy Davini. Sandy indicated that we have received requests from our Chamber of Commerce for new members for their board of directors. We also got a thank you from Girls on the Run for our donation to their activity. She reminded the group of the upcoming hearings re AAUW-CA structure to meet IRS rules.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Davini. Sandy provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report and indicated we are doing well.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce. Martha referenced the revised AAUW Mission statement adopted by National: It reads: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." The word "gender" has been added to the former mission, and the word "philanthropy" has been eliminated. Martha also 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 was not present, but Sandy indicated that 9 of our current members have not yet renewed, and renewals must be completed by 9/25. Several of our board members will make personal contact with those who might still be planning to renew. We know that at least 3 of these will be attending the meeting on Saturday or are in process of getting the funding approved.

There was also considerable discussion about ways we can welcome and involve new members. One suggestion was that we welcome them more warmly to our meetings. Martha Bunce and Barbara Solheim volunteered to look into the possibility of getting some type of name tags to represent themselves as "warm greeters" and also to identify the person as a new member. We were all encouraged to interact with our new members.\

Other reports from Executive Council - Historian/Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle. Karen indicated that she thought we need to separate the two tasks of Bylaws and Historian.

The group agreed to pursue that idea. Karen indicated she will be giving us the updated copy of recent revisions as soon as she has reviewed the data with Janet Theiss.

Communications: Janet Theiss. Janet reminded us that the Feather Vane will be a bit later than usual this next month, and the deadline for information is 9/30. A draft of the flyer for the Coalition Brunch has been sent out, but Sandy needs to know when it is finalized before she makes the revisions for AAUW; this flyer must be included in the November Feather Vane issue.

Janet indicated that the 2018-19 ROSTER is not yet available for the opening meeting on Saturday, but it will be ready soon, and she will be mailing it out. Joan Young indicated that the meeting callers are doing a good job.

Programs: Barbara Solheim. Barbara reminded the group that the year's meetings are set, with the October meeting discussing voter initiatives. The November meeting will be held at Ting's Refuge and will feature Neelam Canto-Lugo talking about her work with Asian-area women.

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. **Garden Tour:** Martha Bunce. Date will be May 4. Meeting was last week, and good progress is being made. **Tech Trek:** Most of the girls will be at the Saturday meeting **Scholarship:** Jeanine—no news. None of our scholarship winners will be at the Saturday meeting.

New Business: The STEM committee meeting time is changing to start at 10:15 instead of 11:00, and members requested we start our Executive Council meeting at 1:00 instead of 1:30. This was readily agreed on.

Other Business: Interbranch: Janet Theiss. Next meeting will be November 5 in Oroville.

Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp was not present.

Opportunity Drawings: Priscilla Kerr. She is getting information about a possible basket from Lundberg Farms for the Coalition Brunch meeting, and she has a few other things for our only opportunity drawing for the year. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectively submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

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New member bio – Meet Dr. Bal Dhillon

Bal Dhillon had visited our STEM Conference for the past two years as Sutter County Superintendent of Schools; and she traveled to UC Davis for Tech Trek Visitors Day last year learning about our branch projects prior to becoming a member at the end of 2017.

Dr. Bal Dhillon moved to this country from India in 1973 when she was 9 years old. The main reason her family moved from India was so that she and her four sisters could get the best education possible. Her parents were her biggest advocates for getting higher education. Dr. Dhillon went through the Yuba City Unified School system.

Dr. Dhillon’s professional experience includes serving at every level from Migrant Education Aide, Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, District Superintendent and currently, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Dhillon led major efforts resulting in higher student achievement and significant improvement in teaching and increasing school status. Her Elementary School in Plumas Lake was nominated for the Blue Ribbon Award for increasing test scores for all students in her school.

Dr. Dhillon serves on many local and national boards. She believes in giving her time through community service to help improve the lives of all students. Along with receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, she also received her Masters of Education degree in Education Leadership and her Doctorate of Education from California State University, Sacramento.

Her core belief is that everyone deserves the opportunity to get the best education possible because it opens doors to the future. Especially empowering young women to go into the STEM careers is a passion and vision that Dr. Dhillon wants to see through.

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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	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 10 am Talking on Paper	10	11 10:15 am STEM Committee 1 pm (<i>NEW TIME</i>) Executive Council	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 10 am Book Clubs	20 11:30 am Branch Meeting
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