

Feather Vane



DECEMBER, 2018



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



December 8, 2018

Coalition Holiday Brunch

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

WHEN: Saturday, December 8 - **Bring a friend or potential member to this meeting**

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Peach Tree Country Club, 2043 Simpson Dantoni Road, Marysville

PROGRAM: Music provided by the Yuba City High School Chamber Singers, Directed by Linda Robinson

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

COST: **\$22, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** – Deadline for reservations was Wednesday, November 21, 2018, as noted in the November Feather Vane. If you have not yet mailed a check, please contact Sandy Davini, 712-1390, to see if there is still room; then mail your check payable to AAUW immediately to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. *If you reply yes, you owe for the meal.*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1 pm 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 an EC meeting, or if you wish to become a Member-at-Large on the Executive Council. Members-at-Large are encouraged to attend EC meetings and are voting members on the Executive Council. They are appointed for 1 year terms by the EC.



Thank you to our November 17 branch meeting speaker, Neelam Canto-Lugo. She is shown here with our member, June Wilcox, at the luncheon.

COMING SOON - JANUARY 19, 11:30 am
 Our January branch meeting will be held at the Sutter County Community Museum, Butte House Road, Yuba City. **Speaker will be Museum Director, Jessica Hougan.**
 Watch for more details in the next *Feather Vane*.

Council Chat

by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader

There has been a great deal of tragedy in our extended community that affects us all in various way. As we approach the holiday season the Executive Council extend to the membership a wish for health, happiness, and the joys of the season for all families.

I hope you were able to attend the November Branch meeting. Neelam Canto-Lugo brought an outstanding program, the venue was comfortable and spacious, and the lunch was very good. Ting and his staff were accommodating and available for any requests.

Important: AAUW California is asking us all to vote on our thoughts about the revision of our AAUW California Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021 by December 10. Please remember the deadline and let your voice be heard! Look for it in your email, and see more information about this on page 4 of this *Feather Vane*.

Many of us will be joining other local women’s group sisters to celebrate the season at the Coalition Brunch on December 8 at the Peach Tree for our December branch meeting. On January 19, our branch program meeting will be at the Sutter County Community Memorial Museum. This program will be presented by Jessica Hougen, Museum Curator. We hope you can attend and enjoy the comradery of membership and support our local Museum.



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 the end of January to be printed in our February *Feather Vane*. 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

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 **May 4, 2019 Garden Tour**, please contact Martha Bunce. The Garden Tour Committee will not meet in December or January unless necessary, and will communicate by email during that time.

VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:

mvyc-ca.aauw.net

STEM Conference Committee

The next STEM Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, **APRIL 2, 2019** at Yuba College. In December the STEM Committee will meet via email among committee members. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Sandy Davini or Barbara Solheim.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by 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).

Roster update: Marge Muck's address change 515 Harris Street, Apt. 222, Marysville, CA 95901, phone 741-4637



New Member bio- Meet Manjit Jhutti

Manjit joined our branch in October. She was recruited by Joann Nixon who is her neighbor. She received her Bachelor Degree at Punjab University, and Master of Science in School Counseling from University of Laverne. Manjit teaches middle school in Live Oak.

“I was born and raised in India, At the age of 22 I married my husband and we migrated to the United States of America. I have 3 adult children- two daughters and a son. I also have five beautiful granddaughters.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I am a wine connoisseur, love to travel and garden.

I have been a public school educator for the last 35 years. I have MS in school counseling and hold three different credentials. I have been highly involved in my teachers union at the state level and local chapter. I have also been involved with the Sutter County Democratic Central Committee in recent years.

Since I am a middle schoolteacher, I would really like to be involved in STEM Conference, TECH TREK. Because of my love for gardening and wine, I would also like to learn about the garden tours and gourmet lunches. I am a big supporter of empowering minorities so I am also very interested in leadership and advocacy.”



Women's March Update

by Kelly Swanson

The first Yuba-Sutter Women's March will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019. (Not Jan. 20) We will meet at the Yuba County Government Offices in Marysville at 1 pm and begin marching by 1:15-1:30 pm. We will

finish at Gauche Aquatic Park and have speakers from 3-4 pm. 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. (continued page 4)

If you'd like to help us plan our March, please join us as St. Andrew's 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.

PARADISE BRANCH - MESSAGE FROM AAUW CALIFORNIA ON FACEBOOK -

Most of the members of the Paradise Branch have lost their homes. As an organization, we cannot give them money, but we can help them as individuals. One of the members has told me that they would love to receive gift cards: "Should you hear of anyone wanting to help, gift cards are the easiest and most welcome. (The Davis branch is sending a bunch up). I would suggest Target, Penny's, Macy's, K Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Raley's etc. (We also have a Walmart, if anyone shops there)." Please send any gift cards that you have to our state office: AAUW of California, 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Our office manager will send them on to the Paradise members.



From: Nancy Mahr,
AAUW CA Public Policy
Chair 310-377-0735

In the November Board-to-Board communication, I outlined the Public Policy Committee's plan to solicit member participation in the revision of our AAUW California Public Policy Priorities for 2019-2021... Unfortunately, this timeline does not meet requirements to have the proposed revised priorities published in the winter edition of *California Perspective*, which comes out in January.

Therefore, we have revised the plan for member input.

We are going to use an electronic survey to solicit every member's input on the proposed priorities before they are presented for final approval in Spring 2019. This survey will be sent out shortly. It lists the priorities and asks members to agree with the current statements or to offer suggestions for changes. Responses are due by December 10. Please encourage your branch members to participate in the survey and add their voice.

Members who do not use electronic communication are welcome to send me their comments by phone, 310-377-0735.

Based on input from the online survey and on any comments received from branch discussions, the Public Policy Committee will formulate a revised set of action priorities which will be published in the winter edition of *California Perspective*. The full membership will vote on approval of the revised priorities in April/May of 2019. The new priorities will go into effect beginning in July 2019.



OUR BRANCH WAS RECOGNIZED!
PROGRAM Kathleen Harper, Director, Program Committee
Chair, program@aauw-ca.org

This Month's Program Spotlight Is On....
19 Branches who held a GOTV event in October!
With such a critical election this November, many branches were working hard in October to urge their members and their communities to get out there and vote and to educate them about the issues.

This month we recognize those who presented an election-related program or hosted a community event, such as candidate forums, community/college tabling, and partnering with the League of Women Voters to educate members on the propositions: Antelope Valley, Atascadero, Benicia-Vallejo, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, Chico, Citrus Heights-American River, Half Moon Bay, La Mesa-El Cajon, Long Beach, Mariposa, **Marysville-Yuba City**, Oroville, Palm Springs, Poway-Penasquitos, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clarita, Santa Cruz, and Sunnyvale-Cupertino.

AAUW Programs gets its information from branches who submit their newsletters. If your branch held a GOTV program or event and is not included above, we congratulate you, but we are sorry we missed hearing about it. If you'd like to "be in the spotlight" in the future, make sure you send your newsletter to branchnewsletters@aauw-ca.org.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting-November 8, 2018

Attending were Joann Nixon, Sandy Davini, Barbara Solheim, Janet Theiss, Karen Tuttle, Jeanine Rounds, and Members-at-Large Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Liz Skelly, and Joan Young. Officers absent were Carol Clark and Lee Jones.

Call to Order, 1:05. October 11th EC minutes were approved.

Executive Council Leader: Joann Nixon and Executive Council appointed Liz Skelly as a new Member-at-Large.

Joann deferred to Artis Buerki **Nominating Committee Report**. Artis reported that she, Kelly Swanson, and Linden Reynolds had made many phone calls to various members. They had received positive response and will be starting follow-up in time to present more specific information prior to the January meeting.

Artis also referenced the concept presented at previous meeting about our branch getting some kind of a "banner"

to post at our meetings. Instead she recommended printing signs to be inserted in existing sandwich board holder and the group agreed.

Joann discussed need for "thank you" notes with our logo, and the group agreed that she should get at least 25 printed. Barbara Solheim has envelopes she could provide.

Joann led discussion on how we could recognize and support our new members. Barbara donated "happy face" stickers that we could put on the name tags of these members as they attend their first year functions. It was suggested that Lee Jones and/or Joan Young could identify these people at the meetings and use the sticker so ongoing members would be more aware of who is new.

Correspondence: Sandy Davini said we received thank you from League of Women Voters for \$100 donation.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Davini said that we received \$450 from Yuba County Superintendent of Schools and \$900 from Sutter County toward our Tech Trek program costs. Reservations and checks for December 8 Coalition brunch meeting must be to her by November 21.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce reported that over 200 women have just won their campaigns at the recently finished election; that we need to provide more information about national AAUW activities; and that our branch supports AAUW Fund for Fellow Grant Recipients and we should consider inviting a Grant recipient to one of our branch programs (see [AAUW Fund](#) article page 4 of this *Feather Vane*)

Membership: Lee Jones was not present, but Sandy indicated that our current membership number is 84.

Bylaws: Karen Tuttle said that there is one item in the current by-laws with an incorrect sequence number, and this will need to be corrected. Janet said she would send out the specific information to members, and the correction can be formally voted on in June.

Communications: Janet Theiss said *Feather Vane* deadline for the December issue will be November 12. Sandy said that the Girls on the Run section on Donations form in the *Feather Vane*, needs to be removed as only AAUW funding activities should be listed. Joan Young indicated that the meeting callers are doing a good job.

Programs: Barbara Solheim: The November meeting, at the Refuge, will feature Neelam Canto-Lugo talking about her work with Asian-area women. The December meeting, the Women's Coalition is on December 8, and our January

meeting will be at the Museum. Jeanine Rounds will contact Chef Salim about the menu.

Projects: Barbara Solheim reported **STEM:** No new information. Things are going well. **Garden**

Tour: Martha Bunce reported that date will be May 4. She has 6 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 was out of the country, but Janet Theiss said that National is trying to push for a non-interview procedure; we must absolutely resist such a change. **Scholarship:** Jeanine Rounds reported no news.

Women's Coalition: Priscilla Kerr was not present but sent report that Lundberg will provide us with a gift basket worth about \$100, and she has some other things for our drawing at the Brunch on December 8. She would like to have two baskets, each with two bottles of wine, one white and one red wine. Sandy said she will provide the white, and Karen and Liz the red.

Other Business: Interbranch: Janet Theiss attended the November meeting, and she said a lot of interesting things were discussed. She will write an article for next *Feather Vane*. **Historian:** No report. **Sunshine:** No report. **Ruth Anthony bench:** Joan Young reported that the Garden Club is hoping to get some donations for a bench to honor Ruth Anthony. More details later. **Travel Group:** Jeanine Rounds said there is an effort to reorganize Travel group, and Gretchen's husband Steve will present a program on Tuesday, December 4 about trip to Mongolia. Sandy will do a Spring travel report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm. Executive Council will meet again on December 13 at 1 pm.

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

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC) NEWS

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The IBC meeting in Oroville at Los Compadres Monday, November 5, 2018 was full of surprises and new possibilities. Our beloved, hard-working Gridley rep Jean Curcuru has moved to Natomas! Jean was key in Career Trek and was an excellent IBC President.

Chico rep Jana Lawton told us about her **Career Trek** meeting with Butte County Superintendent of Schools, Mary Sakuma. From this meeting and Butte College came startling new suggestions. The Career Trek name may even change to STEM Adventure! The reworking would include moving the classroom tour from last on the schedule to first. Since seeing the college excites the girls, they would then come to lunch ready to hear eight speakers (presumably the most effective from last years' many presenters) talk five-eight minutes on their professions. From there, the girls would go to a large room where these eight speakers each had her own table. Chairs around the table would allow the girls to participate in hands-on activities and hear more from the speaker about the field, the speaker's preparation for her career, and education requirements for the job. Girls could participate at several stations during the afternoon. AAUW members would keep the movement from table to table orderly.

Because so many women are earning less than they are worth, Oroville rep Pat Koskinen wanted us to look into paying for an **AAUW Work Smart** salary negotiation seminar at Chico State, but we were surprised and pleased to learn that CSU Chico has become an AAUW college member and now holds this training for seniors each year. Discussion branched into ways to reach other women who need this training. This will be thought about more, but one possible group is the mothers bringing girls to Career Trek. They could have a session on salary negotiation while their daughters were attending speaker sessions. We were further amazed to learn that our own Jana has completed the Work Smart training, but she is trying to recruit others to take it so they could do such training as co-leaders.

We talked about holding IBC during the daytime, but one key member is still employed. However, if we met the second week of November, she could make a 5:00 p.m. meeting which would help. It is so difficult to spot an unfamiliar meeting place after dark!

The **Interbranch Luncheon** is on **Saturday, February 2, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. in Chico at Shelley's Creative Catering.** The program will be **Maureen Kirk, Butte County Supervisor.** The menu, cost, and directions will be announced in a future *Feather Vane*. You will need to get a check to me, Janet Theiss, by January 14, made out to "Janet Theiss" (9631 Schroeder Rd., Live Oak CA 95953). I will write one check for all of us to the Registration branch.

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://mvyca.aauw.net>



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers Normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. The December meeting is the annual holiday book exchange. Each person brings a wrapped book from her library that she has enjoyed and then when the book is chosen by another member tells a bit about the book.

Rabid Readers Regularly meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **December 21**. Meeting is at the home of Dee Day for pot luck and book exchange.



BRIDGE

As our AAUW bridge group has gotten older we have morphed into more of a community bridge group. We now play at the Marysville Art Club twice a month. Anyone interested in playing should contact me for further information. 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.



TRAVEL

AAUW Travel Group normally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. On **December 4** at 2 pm Gretchen Cupp's husband, Steve Greenstein, will speak about trip to Mongolia. Travel Group will meet at the home of Jeanine Rounds, 572 Dale, Yuba City. Contact Jeanine if you plan to attend.



TALKING ON PAPER

On **December 4** T.O.P. will meet at the home of Barbara Douyon, 2911 Railroad Avenue, Yuba City. The meeting begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 11:30. Our thanks to Barbara for her warm holiday hospitality. Future meetings will be held as before, at the Cookie Tree, first Tuesday of each month, or as otherwise noted. Contact Joan Young, 777-9215, for additional information.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Karen Tuttle, 755-4405. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, but this month, because of Christmas holiday, we will meet a week early. On **December 20** we will meet in front of the Round Table Pizza on Grey Avenue, Yuba City, at 10:30 am to carpool to **The Firehouse in Sacramento**. Please contact hostess, Barbara Solheim, 674-3577 to reserve.

Save the Date! April 6, 2019

AAUW CALIFORNIA ANNUAL MEETING

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.

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CHICO AAUW FUNDRAISER - ART BOUTIQUE

December 1 (10 am to 4 pm); **December 2** (noon to 4 pm) at the historic Bell home place 12555 Meridian Road in Chico
A benefit for scholarship programs of the Chico branch of American Association of University Women.



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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.

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