



Feather Vane

JANUARY, 2019



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

WHEN: **Saturday, January 19, 2019** - **Bring a friend or potential member to this meeting**

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Sutter County Memorial Museum, Butte House Road, Yuba City

PROGRAM: Speaker will be Museum Director, Jessica Hougan.

MENU: Chef Salim of Café Collage will caterer the luncheon. Menu includes Caesar salad, Mixed seasonal vegetables, Lasagna Bolognese, and Tiramisu.

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 reservation by Tuesday, please phone Janet Theiss (530-695-3159) to be sure you are on the list. *If you reply yes, you owe for the meal.*

OUR NEW MASTHEAD LOGO - When I asked our talented member, artist **Cindy Gaven**, if she could help me by redesigning the logo for our masthead of the *Feather Vane*, Cindy didn't hesitate to say yes. And by early December she'd produced the beautiful rendering of the feather, the ink well, and the river squiggle that I'd requested. It is shown at the top of this page. The very detailed and beautiful designs in the feather are called zentangle, Cindy said. I wish that I could run it larger so that you would see the detail of the designs. If you are getting your Feather Vane by email you can zoom in to see it better, and in future *Feather Vanes* I may run it larger or smaller, so keep your eye on the feather. *Artis Buerki, Editor*

PROGRAM NOTES



by Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

COMING SOON – February 16, 2019

Our speaker will be **Preet Diabel**, Past Mayor of Yuba City. Meeting will be at the Adventist/Rideout Conference Center on Plumas Street in Yuba City. Watch for details in next month's *Feather Vane*.

Council Chat *by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader*



Forty-one of our AAUW branch members met on **December 8** at the Peach Tree Country Club to network with other local women's groups in celebration of the season at the Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch. Almost 100 women were present representing Soroptimist, Delta Kappa Gamma, Bridges to Housing, and the Marysville Art Club.

This event started in 1993 and was spearheaded by Barbara Palser who was Co-President of our branch that year. Barbara McCarty has also been actively involved in this event for many years and she represents our branch along with Jeanine Rounds and Artis Buerki on the current Brunch committee.



Entertainment this year was provided by the Yuba City High School Chamber Singers, Directed by Linda Robinson.

To kick off 2019, our branch will meet on Saturday, **January 19**, at the Sutter County Community Memorial Museum. The 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. I wish all of you the best for a very merry holiday, and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 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.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED:

by *Nomination Committee - Artis Buerki, 671-5665; Linden Reynolds, 674-3090; and Kelly Swanson, 674-7433.*



We need at least 2 nominees for the Executive Council by the first of February to fill the two positions that will be open beginning July 1, 2019. So far only one of our members, Liz Skelly, has stepped up in spite of the many phone calls made by our nominating committee. **If you are interested in joining the Executive Council, or if you have been asked and haven't quite decided, please call Artis, Linden, or Kelly by the end of January.** Election is **March 16, 2019** at Annual Meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

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 January unless necessary, and will communicate by email during that time.

STEM Conference Committee

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Sandy Davini or Barbara Solheim. STEM Committee members will receive meeting announcements by email, and ALL of our members will be needed on the day of the event, so please mark your calendars for APRIL 2, 2019 at Yuba College. The next committee meeting is **January 10, 11 am** at the Cookie Tree.

TECH TREK Committee

by *Carol Clark, Project Leader*

The Marysville-Yuba City Branch's Tech Trek Project is ready to get started choosing our next six girls for University of California at Davis Tech Trek Science Camp. If you would like to help us select these amazing girls, please let me know, 671-5286. We are having our first Planning Meeting at my house on **January 7th at 1:30.** We have already sent out applications to teachers. When we get them back, we will be contacting the nominated girls, and begin the process of selection. It's very rewarding to be involved in this project and we could use a few extra hands.



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. Our membership is currently at 83. Contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, for a membership application.

Sadly we have lost another member. Jean Jacuzzi passed away on November 29. The following story is a remembrance written by her long-time friend, Joan Young.

JEAN JACUZZI - DEC. 13, 1929-NOV. 29, 2018

LIFE IS A ONE TIME OFFER. USE IT WELL. This quote is a reminder that our time is limited. Jean Jacuzzi had no chance to say 'goodbye' to her family and friends, and that is our loss. Jean died the day before we were going to trade persimmons for lemons. It never happened. Jean and Dan were excited about their flight to Hawaii where they would celebrate her 89th birthday. It will not happen.

What did happen is a long life of love and fun with her 4 grown children Roseann, David and Gloryanne, Danny and Nan. They lost Gail several years ago to Cancer. David and Gloryanne have a son and daughter, Danny and Nan have two sons. When they were little, those grandchildren helped Grandma make cookies in her spacious kitchen. Jean's sister Mary from outside Seattle, her brother Alan from Walnut Creek, and her beloved husband Dan will miss their family anchor, for so many activities centered around Jean's caring nature.

Dan and Jean traveled frequently, went on many cruises with Holland America and other ships; they went to Elderhostels in the Southwest with Dolores and Ed Hobbs, Dick and me. We six traveled to the coast, renting a house for several days. Jean loved our summer cabin, sleeping outdoors under the trees and starry skies. She and Dan bought a cabin on the Marysville-Laporte Road where for many years they entertained family and friends. The Hobbs and Youngs celebrated New Years Eves there, and with Dick and me went on cross country treks at night. Jean entertained the quilting group Stitch and Bitch there. She was the congenial host, generous and always welcoming.

During her working years Jean taught Home Ec classes, then substitute taught after retirement. She loved her garden, her home, and all the people in her life. We will all miss her warmth and friendship. *Joan Young*



New Member bio - Meet MARIE LAVOIE

As a first grader in San Jose, California, I was amazed by my teacher. She was able to make stressful situations calm with a little humor. She made such an impact on

me that I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up! After high school, I still really wanted to be a teacher. For the next five years, I always took a full load in college. I was able to student teach in many different schools and grade levels.

My first teaching job was in Doyle, California. It is a very, very small town. The school had 100 students in preschool through 8th grade. I taught all of the 5th and 6th grade students. I enjoyed living there for four years. However, I wanted to be closer to my family where I grew up in Placer County. Brittan Elementary School in Sutter seemed a perfect fit. I have loved my years at Brittan. Two years in they asked me to move up to the junior high level. I am amazed at how much I enjoy teaching mathematics to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

In 2016, one of our students was selected to attend Tech Trek. When I visited Tech Trek at UC Davis, I was impressed that young ladies can be part of such an eye-opening experience. Currently, thanks to Joann, I am helping with getting some of the former Tech Trekkers together. I am looking forward to seeing these young ladies continue to explore all their potential and future possibilities!

TECH TREK ALUMNI

By Barbara Douyon

That's right, the Tech Trek Committee is reaching out. A subset of the committee has been meeting to establish plans and ground rules for an *alumni* group. Joann Nixon, who spearheads this committee, is working with Barbara Douyon, Marie Lavoie, and Karen Chiechi in this endeavor. The plan is to start close to home. We are initiating this venture by contacting the Tech Trek girls from 2017 and 2018, and offering them the opportunity to be interactive with each other.

The Tech Trek Alumni will meet periodically throughout the year. The idea is to help the girls build friendships and to offer service to various AAUW activities. We also plan

to present STEM activities—field trips, experiments, etc. in an effort to keep the girls moving forward in these fields. The first meeting—a pizza party in January—will bring together the girls and their parents. We will organize and set priorities for the year. This promises to be exciting and productive for all involved.

Note: AAUW has been offering the Tech Trek camp to girls since 1999!

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

Luncheon in Chico on Saturday, February 2, 2019

Why: The fun and stimulation of meeting AAUW members from other branches: Chico, Paradise, Oroville, and Gridley.

Where: In Chico, Shelley's Creative Catering, 2565 Zanella Way - Turn off Highway 99 at Skyway exit and turn right. Travel several blocks along Skyway and turn right at Zanella. Shelley's is at the corner of Zanella and Morrow and the entrance to the parking lot is off Morrow.

Time: 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon

Program: The program will be Maureen Kirk, Butte County Supervisor

Menu: Caesar salad, garlic bread, broccoli salad, lasagna (with vegetarian option), dessert, iced tea and coffee.

Cost: Usually around \$20.

RSVP: Call or email Janet Theiss (695-3159—say who you are—or wftjedt@syix.com). Make checks out to Janet Theiss. (I'll write one check for the branch). Mail check to Janet Theiss, 9631 Schroeder Rd., Live Oak Ca 95953 or give check to Janet Theiss by **January 19, 2019**. No refunds since, as usual, the caterer must be paid for the number reserved.

Rides: Alert Janet Theiss (695-3159—say who you are—or email wftjedt@syix.com) if you are willing to give a ride to another member (or more) OR if you would like a ride. Car poolers would meet at the Gray Avenue Round Table Pizza parking lot, but there's no point in announcing this if no one will give or needs a ride.

The next meeting, Monday, **May 6, 2019**, was to be in Paradise, but this could change.

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 usually meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588. For January we chose a topic, rather than a specific book. Books suggested are: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, and Growing Up in Other People's Houses by Paula McLain. Discussion will concern orphaned or foster children.

Rabid Readers Regularly meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Next meeting is **January 18** at Lee Jones home. Book is Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.



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, but NO meeting is planned for January.



TALKING ON PAPER On **January 8** T.O.P. will meet at the Cookie Tree. The meeting begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 11:30. 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. Traveling Gourmet will meet for lunch at La Provence in Roseville on Thursday, **January 24**. Jeanine Rounds will be our hostess. We will meet by 10:30 at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Ave. in Yuba City for carpooling. Please contact Jeanine or Karen if you will be attending.

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 California Perspective will have more details, including price and luncheon selections and a link for the hotel.

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mvyca.aauw.net



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting - December 13, 2018

Those in attendance were Joann Nixon, Carol Clark, Sandy Davini, Barbara Solheim, Janet Theiss, Karen Tuttle, Jeanine Rounds, and Lee Jones was absent. Members at Large attending were Priscilla Kerr, Liz Skelly, Joan Young.

Minutes of November 8th meeting were approved with a typo correction.

Council Leader Report: Joann Nixon- began with the written report from Artis Buerki on the Nominating Committee, with a final report expected in January. Joann commented on how well everything went at the Coalition Brunch. Priscilla Kerr reported that we had made \$492 on our drawing at the Brunch and thanks all who helped, including the donation of the Lindbergh basket. This drawing will be the only one we offer at our meetings this year. There was discussion about the possibility of limiting our offerings to baskets that feature food and wine.

Joann showed the new “thank you” note cards with our logo that she had printed. She talked about the Tech Trek Alumni event scheduled for January 16. One suggestion is that we invite current and Alumni TT girls to help with the Garden Tour. Barbara Solheim moved and Carol Clark seconded that we provide a Garden Tour ticket to each girl who helps at the event. Motion Passed.

Joann said she will be away in January during Executive Committee meeting, and Janet offered to prepare the agenda and run the meeting.

Correspondence: Sandy Davini passed around some recent information.

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy Davini,- reviewed the report she had emailed. Said we are doing well. We have received this year’s \$450 from Yuba County Superintendent of School and \$900 from Sutter County toward our Tech Trek program costs. Joann requested we augment the Tech Trek budget by \$100 for activities related to Alumni activities (line 55 in budget). Janet moved and Sandy seconded the motion, Motion passed.

There was considerable discussion about a need for a computer and projector for our branch. We would have to have someone knowledgeable about the appropriate one,

someone to bring it to meetings, and someone who knows how to operate it. Both Liz Skelly and Janet Theiss indicated they can obtain good information about what we should get and what the costs might be. A team effort will be needed; it was agreed we should return to the discussion when we get more information.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce, chair was not present

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

Other reports from Executive Council

Bylaws Update: Karen Tuttle - no business this month.

Communications. Janet Theiss - Feather Vane: a reminder that Artis would like any information by 12/17. Phoners: Joan Young indicated that the meeting callers are doing a good job.

Programs: Barbara Solheim - The November meeting, held at the Refuge, went well. Our January 19th meeting will be at the Museum. Jeanine said she contacted Salim about the menu, and the main dish will be lasagna.

Projects: Carol Clark - **STEM**— Things are going well. There will not be a December meeting. Martha is continuing to get speakers. Our keynote speaker is Preet Didbal. The Conference is scheduled for April 2 due to the late holiday return of YCUSD. **Garden Tour-** Date will be May 4. Janet will have Garden Tour tickets for Joann to provide to the mothers of Tech Trek girls who agree to serve as young hostesses. **Tech Trek:** Carol said there is information needed by State, and she is working on that. She will attend a coordinating meeting in Sacramento on January 6, and Dr. Karen Chiechi has sent the preliminary information to the teachers. The recommendations are due from the teachers by February 8, and the following week we will need to meet and select the students by February 11. All branches will be allowed to send no more than 6 students. Because Carol must start her work at the schools on February 1, a great deal of support is needed. UC Davis is also looking for a mature young lady to serve as Junior Counselor for the week at Davis; this person must have attended the Tech Trek summer program and be at least a junior or senior in high school. Carol will be holding a planning meeting for Tech Trek the week after the January 6th Branch Coordinators' Meeting, and hopes that anyone volunteering to help us out will be able to join us.

Scholarship: Jeanine Rounds reported she had been contacted by the college to indicate that some changes in

procedure are being made, and they will be getting back to her.

Other Business: Interbranch: Janet Theiss, IBC Rep. said the meeting will be in Chico on February 2. She will write an article about the event for the upcoming Feather Vane. Concern was expressed about AAUW members who were seriously impacted in the disastrous fire in Paradise.

Historian: No report. **Sunshine:** Gretchen Cupp was not present, but the group was saddened to hear about the unexpected passing of Jean Jacuzzi, and Gretchen is aware of this. Meeting adjourned at 2:50. The next meeting is January 10, 2019

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

LOCAL WOMEN’S MARCH CANCELLED

Kelly Swanson

It is with much disappointment that we must announce that due to the exorbitant amount for the required insurance to hold a March, we must cancel the Yuba-Sutter Women's March scheduled for this month. The Organizing Committee would like to embrace the enthusiasm and momentum that this event has garnered by meeting and walking together in solidarity at the Sacramento March. As details unfold, we will continue to post. Thank you to everyone who have been so supportive of this endeavor.



Here is our new Feather Vane masthead logo just a little bit larger so you can appreciate the detail. See story page 1. *Illustration by Cindy Gaven.*

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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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6	7 1:30 pm Tech Trek Committee	8 10 am Talking on Paper	9	10 11 am STEM Committee 1 pm Executive Council	11	12
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