



Feather Vane — JUNE, 2019



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

JUNE 1 – Bring a friend or potential member Scholarship Winners speak, New Officers introduced, Year End Reports

WHEN: JUNE 1, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

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

PROGRAM: This is our final branch meeting until September. Our three Yuba College scholarship winners will speak about their future plans. Read about them on page 3 of this *Feather Vane*.

MENU: Buffet lunch will be catered by Arturo from Cilantro's Restaurant in Yuba City.

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 (695-3159) to be sure that you are on the list. *If you reply yes, you owe for the meal.*

Here are our newest Tech Trekkers

This photo was taken at the get-acquainted Pizza Party on May 7 at the home of Barbara Douyon in Yuba City. Pictured (L-R) are Lauren Fowler, Madeline Covil, Joscelyn Robles, Allie Matsui, Selina Gharu, and Jasleen Bains. See more Tech Trek pictures on page 4 of this *Feather Vane*.



Council Chat *by Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader*

Hello, members. Yes, the 2018-19 AAUW year is wrapping up. It doesn't feel like the end because we are busy planning for next year 2019-20. Consider volunteering with a committee (STEM, Tech Trek, Garden Tour), or coming on board the Executive Council as a Member-at-Large. Committee and E C meeting dates and locations are available in the *Feather Vane* every month. **Just attend a meeting -- you are always welcome.** It is exciting and rewarding to participate on Committees and on the Executive Council, and we need everyone's help to keep moving our Branch forward. There are interesting speakers planned for Branch Meetings; do plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you. My three-year-term on the Executive Council is ending this year. I plan to continue on the E C as a Member-at-Large. Please accept my invitation stated in this *Council Chat*. Be sure to introduce yourself, and say, "Joann invited me." Thanks, have a wonderful summer, and join us in September. We will kick off the year in grand style with the Tech Trek girls telling us about their UC Davis Summer camp experiences. *Joann Nixon ECL*

GARDEN TOUR BIG SUCCESS! Thank you to all of our garden owners who made this event possible.

Photos by Joann Nixon



Danny & Stacy Munger



Lilo Rivas



Debby Hunt



Mike & Cathy Gibson



Gail & Frank Smith



Annette Roach



Deb Fahs



Carol Thomas

Executive Council Planning Meeting – Thursday, June 13, 10 am, at Jeanine Rounds’ home. All outgoing, continuing, and new EC members are asked to attend, and interested members are welcome to attend. Contact Jeanine to RSVP, 671-0588. Bring a salad. Plan to stay all day.

DUES ARE DUE BY JUNE 1--

Annual dues for 2019-20 are due now and **must be received by June 1, 2019 to enter into FREE MEMBERSHIP drawing.** Mail your check for \$92 (\$59 National+\$20 California+\$13 Branch) to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. Call Sandy Davini, with questions.673-0930 or /c 713-1390.

PROGRAM NOTES

Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader

Introducing our Yuba College Scholars --

Here is some information about the Yuba College women who have been awarded scholarships this year. Margarita, Tingxian, and Alyssa will be our guest speakers at the June 1 meeting.

Margarita De La Vara -- As a younger student, Margarita was in and out of foster care, but managed to earn a GED. She later completed a phlebotomy course and started working at a local lab, but has continued hoping to complete a nursing program. She completed an AS in Natural Science and entered Nursing; she has completed two of the four semesters. She has been volunteering at a dialysis center and hopes eventually to work in that field. She is also the parent of a special needs child and feels this scholarship will be very helpful in being able to continue her Nursing program.

Tingxian Liu -- Tingxian came from Shanghai China three years ago. She speaks fluent English as well as Chinese and even a bit of German. She has been a student at Yuba College since 2017 and is a straight A student. Prior to coming to America, she was enrolled in East China University of Political Science and Law. She served as a volunteer guide for Mao Zedong's Shanghai residence. While at Yuba she has been a math, physics, and chemistry tutor at the Marysville campus. She is nearly finished with her program at Yuba and hopes to transfer to UC-Davis fall of 2020. She hopes to get an internship with Cal Trans and eventually work for them.

Alyssa Perez -- Alyssa has worked hard to be able to attend college; as the older offspring in a working family, she has been responsible for helping care for her younger siblings and had to take many night or online classes. She also cared for her ailing grandmother, a task which she says made her "fall in love" with nursing. She has done very well with her classes, having a near 4.0 GPA. She earned an AS degree in Natural Science and hopes to enter the Nursing program this fall.

GARDEN TOUR BIG SUCCESS!

Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

Thank you to all AAUW members and friends who talked up the tour, bought, sold, and/or gave away tickets -- we had a huge turnout. Almost 450 people enjoyed the gardens this year, 100 more than last year. WOW!

Now we start on next year's. No, it's not a chore it's fun. Want to join in? Come to a Garden Tour Committee meeting or contact me. You don't have to be a member of the committee to help -- one of the best ways is to suggest a garden to me or to any of the Garden Tour Committee. We follow up on all ideas; that's how we got the fabulous gardens this year.

And to the Committee members, THANK YOU! I do love working with you all. Onward and upward! *Martha*



Debby Hunt.s "South Butte garden" photo by Artis Buerki



This is why we fund raise. Here are the Tech Trekkers of 2018 and 2019. Photos by Joann Nixon taken on May 7, 2019



Here are the girls selected to go to Tech Trek camp this summer. Refer to page 1 for their names.



These TT committee members were at Pizza Party for Tech Trekkers on May 7. (L-R) Joann Nixon, Barbara Solheim, Barbara Douyon, Jeanine Rounds, Marilyn Warmee, Carol Clark, Manjit Jhutti, Donna Long, Laura Nicholson, Joan Young, not shown Christy Estabrook.

TECH TREK REPORT

Carol Clark, Tech Trek Coordinator

The annual Pizza Party Celebration to honor this year's Tech Trek Campers for UC Davis was held at Barbara Douyon's beautiful backyard on Tuesday, May 7th. All six girls from this year attended as well as the 2018 attendees of the camp. The older 8th grade girls spoke to the audience about their experiences and interacted with the 7th grade girls and everyone had a good time.

The next event is **Visitation Day at UC Davis** during the week our girls attend the camp. This year's Visitation Day will be held on **Thursday, July 25th**. It is an excellent opportunity to see the fantastic things that go on at the camp, and to see the results of all of our hard work in raising funds for the camp and selecting the girls. If you would like to go, please let me know by June 15 so I can get you on the list. Everyone who has ever gone enjoyed the experience immensely. Phone Carol, 671-5286.

Can you help us? At our recent meeting following the selection of this year's girls who will attend Tech Trek camp in July, we discussed the need to offer the nominated girls some guidance in how to write a successful essay and application. Many of the nominating teachers offer this assistance to their girls, and others do not. We thought that if some of our AAUW members might consider meeting with the girls at a particular school just to assist them with this, it would put all of our applicants on an equal footing. If you would be interested in helping with this, please contact Donna Long, 671-4381, c/218-9072, or another Tech Trek Committee member.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

If you have friends who might like to know more about our AAUW Branch, bring them to a meeting. Contact Lee Jones, lee@harkeyhouse.com, or phone 300-0214, for a membership application.

Meet our new member -- Katy Coladarci

Katy joined our branch in February, and she was recruited by Lee Jones.

"Hello, my name is Katy Coladarci. I am a retired teacher from the Marysville Joint Unified School District. I received my B.A. from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon in 1973, and my M.A. in Early Childhood Education from Stanford University in 1974. I spent my 37 year teaching career at Linda School and Covillaud School teaching first through third grades.

Hobbies and interests include quilting, sewing, cooking,

hula dancing and reading. I am an avid theatre goer including local, Sacramento, and San Francisco theatre. Travel is my passion and will continue to do so until I am incapacitated! When not traveling, my husband, Ron Ward, and I enjoy spending time at our home in Kauai.” Katy joined our branch in February and was recruited by Lee Jones.

Executive Council leader bios:

Here are two of our current Leaders of the Executive Council. Next time watch for information about the newly elected officer/leaders. Stay tuned! *Artis Buerki, Editor*

Barbara Solheim is Program Group Leader on the Executive Council and is responsible for planning our monthly branch luncheon meetings. She is also the co-chair of the STEM Conference Committee. She has served in many AAUW branch positions including President in 2007-2009 and Executive Council Leader in 2012-13.



“My education was a long process,” Barbara said. “I went to Yuba College for 32 semesters

before I really got serious about a degree. I transferred to Chico State and earned a degree in Social Science. Along the line I worked at the Bank of America, Yuba, Colusa and Sutter Counties in the Clerk’s Office. For six years I was the Assistant County Clerk in Yuba Co. From there, I was the director of Disaster Relief Interfaith for a year. We worked with people that were hurt in the 1986 flood in Linda.”

“From there I went to work for Yuba College as the Director of the JTPA (Job Training Partnership) Program. We were the liaisons between the counties and the college. We helped clients get an education to be able to get back in the work force. I retired in 2001 and have been active in AAUW since.”

Lee Jones is currently the Membership Leader on our Executive Council.

“I was born and raised in Southwestern Michigan, a rich agricultural area much like Yuba Sutter and moved to Marysville when my first husband was stationed at BEALE in 1967 during the War in Vietnam. The proud mother of two sons, I was employed with the Marysville Joint Unified School District over the span of 34 years as a teacher, developmental examiner, vice-principal, then as the first woman to become principal in the district until retiring in 2002.”



“After this I put on my volunteer hat and served for 12 years as commissioner for the Community Memorial Museum, two of those years as the president; served 12 years on the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce Executive Board within the Tourism and Government Affairs committees; served on the board of the Yuba Sutter Arts Council for nine years’ and am currently serving on the Yuba Sutter Lodging Association Board; and the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Committee. Promoting Tourism in our area has become a passion. Following retirement, I also worked for Chico State University supervising student teachers in our area for nearly two years.”

“Hobbies include traveling and especially river cruises, reading, walking, and yoga. I especially enjoy the AAUW Book Club and our many discussions. This month I will travel to Oregon for an overdue visit with my one grandson Nick.”

“In 2013, following cancer surgery and complications, I discovered a “new normal” in my life and a greater appreciation for each day. Life is fragile.”

“Living in and maintaining an 1874 Victorian home for 48 years and counting, at the Harkey House Bed and Breakfast, there are no two days the same. Many days begin with breakfast conversations with guests from all over the world. When I moved to Yuba City in 1971, I was the youngest woman on my street, and today, I am the oldest woman on the street. How did that happen?”

“I have volunteered on the AAUW Garden and Art Tour committee, which was recently the Best Ever! I also serve on the board as New Member Chairperson, which offers new challenges. AAUW presents an opportunity to be involved with important issues facing women of all ages, both at the national and local levels.”

Historian Report -- *Karen Tuttle*

In the last three years, 10 scrapbooks and several binders of the AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch dating back to 1959 have been transported and safely archived at the Yuba County Library. In prior years, historians for our branch were keeping decades of our history wherever it would fit in our homes. With possible flood and fire threats, it was considered prudent to store our history in a safer environment at the library. Many thanks go out to Regina Zurakowski, the Yuba County librarian. Please contact the Yuba County Library if you would like to peruse the history of the branch.

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Monday, May 6, 2019, IBC meeting at The Italian Cottage in Chico was well worth the trip. Not only was it

deeply interesting to talk with members from the five branches, but as my last meeting as President, I led the group into making decisions about our lost-in-the-Paradise-fire minutes, copies of filed state forms, and our cash treasury. We decided to reconstruct what we can from our computer folders, I'll write drafts of the minutes for each meeting this fiscal year, and we'll collect dues to start a new treasury base.

There was much interest in our 827-girls STEM Conference, especially since their conference had trouble stirring up interested girls, As one committee member said about the girls, "They don't know what they don't know."

With Butte College's help, the Butte County event grew to a hundred girls this year. Those hundred had a great time! Formerly called Career Trek, it became STEM Adventure this year. The new format of having the speakers do five-minute talks to introduce themselves and their fields and then having the girls choose which three speakers' tables to join was a big success.

Jana Lawton, Chico, attended State Meeting (State Convention is next year). She said the Speech Trek winners were amazing.

The Monday, **August 5, 2019**, IBC meeting is in Oroville, at 6:00 p.m. Carpooling is always a possibility. Contact Janet Theiss to RSVP, 695-3159.

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate. Check with your Section coordinators to find out about summer meetings.

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 normally meets at 10 am the third **Friday** of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott or Pat Jones. Meet on **June 21** at Kay Gray's home. Book is The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs. A New History of a Lost World, which was published in 2018 by paleontologist Steve Brusatte. **July 19** book is Where the Crawdad's Sing by Owens, Artis

Buerki is hosting at Cookie Tree. **August 16** is Potluck at Judy Hale's home (no book).



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, artisb@comcast.net, 671-5665, if you are interested in being on the email contact list, or if you have ideas to share.



TALKING ON PAPER AAUW's writing group, Talking on Paper, usually meets the first Tuesday of each month. Except!! **June 4** some of our members are traveling to Placerville to share their writings with members of the South Lake Tahoe AAUW Talking on Paper group. They and their sister group will enjoy lunch together at Sweetie Pie's, a quaint café in a Victorian home. JUNE: There will no meeting in Yuba City. JULY's revised meeting date, due to the July 4th holiday is Tuesday, **July 9**, 10-11:30 am. AUGUST's regular meeting date will be Tuesday, **August 6**, 10-11:30 am. All meetings are held at the Cookie Tree unless otherwise noted. Contact is Joan Young 713-1279.

TRAVEL



AAUW Travel group is in need of a coordinator.

TRAVELING GOURMET



Coordinator is Karen Tuttle, 755-4405. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. **Thursday, June 27**, we will be traveling to **Cafe' Collage** in Oregon House. This is one of the Traveling Gourmet favorites. Please meet at the Round Table Pizza parking lot by 10:30 for carpooling. **Contact hostess Christy Estabrook at 673-3599 or Karen Tuttle at 755-4405 by June 21 if you will be attending and tell us if you can drive.** We will need at least 12 attendees for this event.

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Secretary's Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

Executive Council Meeting – May 9, 2019

Those in attendance were the following: Joann Nixon, Executive Council Leader; Carol Clark, Projects; Lee Jones, Membership; Janet Theiss, Communications; Barbara Solheim, Program; Karen Tuttle, Bylaws Leader; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary. Members-at-Large: Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Christina Billeci, Priscilla Kerr, Joan Young, and new member: Gwyn Baker

Call to Order, 1:05. Minutes of April 11th meeting were approved as submitted.

Council Leader Report: Joann Nixon reported on the recent successful (May 7) pizza party for the new Tech Trek students scheduled for 2019, the 2018 students, and parents of both groups. It was held at the home of Barbara and André Douyon, and everything went very well. She reminded members to be sure and vote for the new state officers. Joann thanked all members for the extremely successful Garden Tour (see below). She raised the question of our consideration for acquiring an AV projector, and it was agreed that she will set a committee to pursue this.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Davini was absent but had sent information regarding the Garden Tour (see below).

Nominating Committee: Artis Buerki reported that Christina Billeci, Liz Skelly, and Joan Young were unanimously voted in at the March 16 Annual branch meeting as the new members of the Executive Council effective July 1, 2019. Those leaving the official counsel will be Carol Clark, Joann Nixon, and Karen Tuttle. Carol and Joann will remain as Members-at-Large.

Public Policy: Martha Bunce commented on information about Governor Newsom and some of the things he is doing to support the women of the state. Considerable discussion followed on the Casa da Esperanza organization that we are looking to support. Martha requested that we have them identify the items they most need, so we can publicize that to our members. There was also considerable discussion about how to interact with Casa on our Facebook page. Our branch is hoping to have a presentation from Casa at our October meeting, and Barbara Solheim is pursuing that.

Membership: Lee Jones reported on new members this year. Jeanine raised the question of our previous indication of having new members speak briefly at our branch meetings, and she hoped that we could have some as part of our June program. New members include Manjit Jhutti, Katy Coladarci, Grace Espindola, Nancy Johnston and Karen Kam. Lee said she would contact some of these ladies, asking if they would be comfortable introducing themselves at the June meeting.

Bylaws: Karen Tuttle had no new information

Communications, Janet Theiss Feather Vane: Artis Buerki would like information by 5/13. Callers: no meeting in May, but Joan Young will soon call for the June meeting. Janet will soon start working on the Roster.

Programs: Barbara Solheim: The June meeting will be at the Adventist/Rideout Conference Center on Plumas Street. We will install our new officers and meet our scholarship winners and possibly some of our new members. Committee has completed a tentative 2019-2020 program that looks very good.

Projects: **STEM**—Barbara Solheim said that the date selected for 2020 is March 30. Jeanine Rounds said Preet Didbal had agreed to be the keynote speaker again, but she will be talking louder and focus more on recommendations to the students as they prepare to enter high school. **Garden Tour:** Martha Bunce reported that we had 8 gardens on May 4 Garden Tour, in Sutter County with the reception at the Munger Winery. There were artists in all the gardens. We had many very supportive business sponsors. We had extremely good publicity, especially in the local paper, and well over 400 attended, so we ran out of our brochures. Our brochure map developer was unable to work with us this year, but Martha found someone who provided a tentative map, and Janet enhanced it; nevertheless, because we ran out of brochures, some of the final purchasers ended up taking a photo of the map on their cell phones! Income to date has been over \$7,000, but additional funds are expected. We are starting to work on gardens to use next year. There was some

discussion about allocating a certain percent of Garden Tour earnings to CASA and perhaps to our scholarship fund. **Tech Trek:** Carol Clark reported that, as indicated above, this week all 6 of the girls and their parents attended our AAUW pizza party for them, and last year's Trekkers also attended and provided a lot of information. **Scholarship:** Jeanine Rounds reported in detail that she and Liz Skelly are working with the new scholarship managers at Yuba College to better understand the status of our AAUW scholarship fund there. Discussion. She will report further when this is resolved. **Other Business: Interbranch:** Janet Theiss reported that on May 6 she was the only one from our branch to attend. Much information, including some funds were lost in the Paradise inferno - as a result IBC may resume asking for dues for a while. **Historian:** Karen Tuttle indicated she has been able to take most of materials to the Yuba County Library, and we are working with the head librarian, who has been helpful. **Sunshine:** No report. **Coalition Drawing:** Priscilla Kerr reported she will start working on items for the Christmas brunch.

Next Executive Meeting: The Executive/Planning meeting will be June 13 at Jeanine Rounds' home. The meeting will be from 10:00 to approximately 2:00 and will include a potluck salad luncheon. ALL members are invited to attend. Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: These are meeting notes. For final approved minutes please contact EC Secretary after the next Executive Council meeting.

Two-Minute Activist: Paycheck Fairness Act -- Act now to show your support: (ctrl + click) http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25795

If you wondered if anyone pays attention when you send a Two-Minute Activist, Diane Feinstein does. This is the letter from Senator Feinstein that I received on May 6, 2019. (*bold markings are mine, Artis Buerki, Feather Vane Editor*)

Thank you for writing to express your support for pay equality. I appreciate hearing from you, and I welcome the opportunity to respond. I understand you support pay equity between men and women. I share your belief that wage disparities are an issue of great seriousness and importance.

The Equal Pay Act of 1963 (Public Law 88-38) and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88352), collectively prohibit wage discrimination in the United States on the basis of race, color, religion, and gender. Our society has made great strides in combating discrimination over the past few decades, **but there is still a long way to go. It has been more than fifty years since the Equal Pay Act and Civil Rights Act were signed into law, and yet women in America still earn only eighty-three cents for every dollar earned by men in America.**

I strongly believe we must do more to combat discrimination in the workplace. **I am a co-sponsor of the "Paycheck Fairness Act" (S. 270), introduced by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) on January 30, 2019.** This legislation **would strengthen the standards of the Equal Pay Act to better help employees who take action against workplace wage discrimination on the basis of gender. S. 270 would also prohibit employers from retaliating against employees who share salary information with their coworkers. S. 270 currently awaits consideration by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, of which I am not a member.**

Please know that I have made careful note of your thoughts, and will keep them in mind as I continue to fight to close the wage gap.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at **(202) 224-3841** or visit my website at **feinstein.senate.gov**. You can also follow me online at YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter, and you can sign up for my email newsletter at feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter.

Sincerely yours, *Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator*

