



Feather Vane — September, 2019



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

SEPTEMBER 21 -- Welcome Back!

Bring a friend or potential member. Come and meet our Tech Trekkers: Lauren Fowler, Madeline Covil, Joscelin Robles, Allie Matsui, Selina Gharu, and Jasleen Bains on September 21. *See more pictures on page 2.*



WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 10 am.

WHERE: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church,
1390 Franklin Road, Yuba City

PROGRAM: Tech Trek girls will tell us
about their experiences at Tech Trek Camp
this summer

MENU: Light Buffet brunch

COST: \$10 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.*



Council Chat *by Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

Welcome to a new and exciting year of our Marysville-Yuba City AAUW Branch!

First, I would like to introduce myself as your newly elected Executive Council Leader. I am replacing Joann Nixon who did a wonderful job of leading our EC for the past three years—thank you Joann! We have some new faces on our Exec Council and an exciting lineup of programs for the upcoming year so it should be a great year.

We will continue to support and empower young women by hosting the annual STEM Conference (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and the Tech Trek week-long summer camp at UC Davis featuring hands-on activities in STEM-related fields. Plus, as always, our main fundraiser the Garden Tour.

My goal for this next year as Executive Council Leader is to expand our AAUW membership and to promote a scholarship drive for our Yuba College students who are studying in a STEM-related field.

As always, our AAUW branch will continue to support and link with community organizations to provide young girls and women the opportunity to break education and economic barriers.

Our first Exec Council meeting is open to everyone so come join us. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Annex 1 room behind the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools building on 970 Klamath Lane, Yuba City.

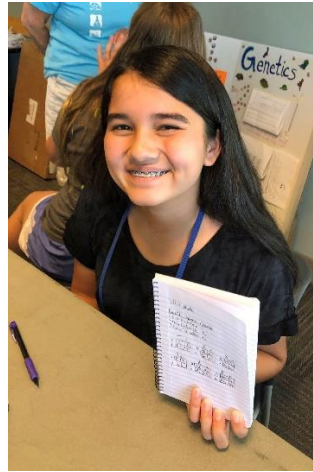
I look forward to continuing the great work our Exec Council and Committees have done and am honored to serve as your newly elected Leader!

Be sure to “Like” us on our Facebook page!

Tech Trek Visitation Day – Priscilla Kerr, Carol Clark, and Joann Nixon attended the Tech Trek Visitation Day on July 25. *Photos by Joann Nixon and Priscilla Kerr*



Madeline Covil with Carol Clark – Core Class: CODING



Allie Matsui and Jasleen Bains – Core Class: GENETICS



Lauren Fowler and Selina Gharu – Core Class: ANATOMY



Priscilla, Carol, and Joann went to Visitation Day.



Joscelin Robles – Core Class: ROBOTICS. She made a solar powered auto mobile and her auto won.

PROGRAM NOTES  *Christina Billeci and Barbara Solheim, Program Leaders*

PLAN FOR THE YEAR – MARK YOUR CALENDARS --
More details will follow in upcoming Feather Vanes.

September 21, 2019—Opening Brunch 10 am; Meet with Tech Trek girls and our Scholarship winners; meeting location is Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1390 Franklin Rd., Yuba City

October 19, 2019—Lunch 11:30 am, \$18.00; Topic: Casa de Esperanza; meet at Adventist/Rideout Conference room, 989 Plumas St., Yuba City

November 16, 2019—Lunch 11:30 am, \$18.00; Topic: Adventist/Rideout Hospital; meet at Adventist/Rideout Conference Room, 989 Plumas St., Yuba City

December 14, 2019—Coalition Holiday Brunch 9:30 am, \$22.00; meet at Peach Tree Country Club, Simpson Lane, Marysville

January 18, 2020--Lunch 11:30 am, \$18.00; Author, Jan Fischer-Her; meet at Adventist/Rideout Conference Room, 989 Plumas St., Yuba City

February 15, 2020--Lunch 11:30, \$18.00; Topic: What We Know about Space that We Didn't Know 50 Years Ago; meet at Adventist/Rideout Conference Room, 989 Plumas St., Yuba City

March – NO BRANCH PROGRAM MEETING due to Stem Conference

March 30, 2020 -- STEM CONFERENCE

April 18, 2020--Lunch 11:30, ANNUAL MEETING, \$18.00; Topic: Protecting Yourself in a Cyber World; meet at Yuba College Flavors, 2088 N. Beale Rd, Marysville

May – NO BRANCH PROGRAM MEETING due to Garden Tour

May 2, 2020 -- GARDEN TOUR

June 6, 2020--Lunch 11:30, \$18.00; Meet our Yuba College scholarship winners and bios from some members; meeting location TBD



Here are our three new Executive Council leaders who took office on July 1, 2019 (L-R) Joan Young, Liz Skelly, and Christina Billeci. *Photo by Artis Buerki*

Joan Young is the new **Projects Group Leader** of the Executive Council. Already an active branch volunteer, Joan leads the Talking on Paper writing group and the Meeting Callers. She is also on the Publicity Committee, and the *Feather Vane* Committee. She is a graduate of Yuba College in Business and Music. She has served on boards at Fremont Hospital, Barton Memorial Hospital (South Lake Tahoe), and Toastmistress International Training in Communication. Joan and her husband helped create and organize the Garden Tour with South Lake Tahoe's Historical Society during their 12 years at the lake, and she is an active member of our Garden Tour committee.

Liz Skelly is the new **Executive Council Leader**. She is also taking on the Scholarship Committee chair for our branch. Liz has recently retired from Yuba Community College District where she held the position of Interim Chief Business Officer. She had previously retired from YCCD in the capacity of Director of Fiscal Services. In the intervening years she worked as a consultant at Feather River College, Solano College and Sierra College. She has a Business Administration degree from CSU Chico.

Christina Billeci is the new **Program Group Leader** of the Executive Council. Christina was the Yuba County Public Guardian/Conservator for 31 years caring for the elderly, disabled, and mentally ill. Christina was on the Marysville City Council for 12 years until 2012. She graduated from Chico State University majoring in Social Work, and has been active with groups in the community, including President of the Friends of the Bok Kai Temple and Bridges to Housing.

Introducing the Executive Council –

Liz Skelly (2019-2022) – Executive Council Leader
Jeanine Rounds (2017-2020) - Secretary
Sandy Davini (2019-2020) - Treasurer
Barbara Solheim (2018-2021) – Bylaws Leader
Janet Theiss (2017-2020) – Communications Leader
Lee Jones (2018-2021) – Membership Leader
Joan Young (2019-2022) – Project Group Leader
Christina Billeci (2019-2022); - Program Leader; and
Barbara Solheim - Program Co-Leader

Executive Council (appointed) Members-at-Large are:
Barbara Alves, Gwyn Baker, Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp, Colleen Franklin, Kathryn Jankowski, Priscilla Kerr, Joann Nixon, Yvonne Pierre, Linda Protine.

THANK YOU to our outgoing Executive Council Members: **Joann Nixon, Carol Clark, and Karen Tuttle.** Joann and Carol will return to the board as Members-at-Large.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

If you have a friend who might like to know more about our AAUW Branch, bring them to a meeting. Phone Lee Jones, 300-0214, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com for an application.

Six new members joined our branch this past year between September 2018 and June 2019. They are **Manjit Jhutti, Katy Coladarci, Grace Espindola, Nancy Johnston, Karen Kam, and Camille Green.**



Camille joined at our June Branch meeting. She is also a 2018 Tech Trek Mom. Please add her to your roster. We'll write more about her in our next Feather Vane.

Camille Green, 1402 Meadow Ranch Street, Plumas Lake, CA 95961
530.713.7331; mommyqc@att.net; BS-Columbia Southern University; Major-Occ. Safety & Health *Photo by Lee Jones*

Sharon Adkisson remembered –

We are sorry that our long-time member, Sharon Adkisson, passed away on August 3. Sharon was a member of our branch from 1986 until mid-2017 when she resigned due to ill health. She will be missed. Please keep her family in your thoughts.



Meet our NEW MEMBER

KAREN KAM

Karen joined our branch in April, and was recruited by Jan Wallace.

Hello. My name is Karen Kam. My husband, Alex Rude, and I live in Marysville. We've been married for almost 3 years. We do not have any children yet, but we do have 2 adorable fur babies. Their names are Marley and Bowie.

I am a first generation born Chinese-American. I speak fluent English, Cantonese and some Mandarin. I was born and raised in Florida. I graduated from University of Florida with a degree in Business and a major in Marketing.

I was working and living in Biloxi, Mississippi after college when Hurricane Katrina hit and destroyed everything I owned. The dislocation brought me to California 13 years ago. I run my own office in Marysville for Edward Jones on 1st Street. My job involves financial education, retirement planning, college planning, and investment goals.

Outside of work, I love to volunteer. I am a member of the Marysville Kiwanis. I am on the Bok Kai Committee. I run a walk team for the Alzheimer walk every September. I also volunteer my time to the senior center in Yuba City. The senior center and I partner together once a month to host a class for seniors on how to use their smartphones.

I am very excited to be a part of AAUW. I have already met some wonderful ladies in the club who have done so much for the community. I can't wait to get to know everyone else and do my part for the organization and the community. *Photo by Joann Nixon*



Thank you to our Yuba College Scholarship Winners who spoke at the June 1, 2019 branch meeting.

Pictured (L-R) **Alyssa Perez**, who has an AS degree in Natural Science, and now is majoring in Nursing; **Margarita De**

La Vara, who has an AS degree in Natural Science, and is working on her major in Nursing; and **Tingxian Liu**, who is majoring in Engineering. She has been in America three years and is from Shanghai, China. *Photo by Lee Jones*

Feather Vanes are posted on our branch website:

<http://mvyca.aauw.net/>

(ctrl+left click to follow link)

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The **Interbranch Luncheon** will be at 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the location to be decided by Gridley branch. Short drive for our branch members! Plan to attend! . . .The **November 4, 2019**, meeting will likely be in Chico since Paradise is the responsible branch. The **May 4, 2020**, meeting will be in Chico at 6:00 p.m.

The August 5, 2019, IBC meeting at Los Compadres in Oroville was well attended and well run by the new IBC President Sue Kuukka. Secretary-Treasurer is Chico 's Jana Lawton.

The Paradise branch is still in existence, but is mostly alive to allow girls to go to Tech Trek. Full branch activity has not been able to be resumed yet after the members' huge fire losses.

Oroville's Sue Kuukka, the super volunteer who helped out for Sonoma 's Tech Trek adult shortage, told us about being a room mother at both Tech Trek Davis and Tech Trek Sonoma. The differences were quite interesting. For instance, Sonoma costs \$1000 because they do off-site field trips. On the other hand, Sonoma 's girls don't get the dorm experience.

The 2020 STEM Adventure Committee (Career Trek before 2019) is starting to plan. The first step is to coordinate with Butte College to set a date in February.

GARDEN TOUR Committee – Martha Bunce

The Garden Tour Committee will meet on Thursday, **September 5** at 11 am at the home of Barbara Kenney. If you want to serve on this exciting committee and help plan the 2020 Garden Tour, please contact Martha by email, buncehall@yahoo.com.

STEM Committee-Sandy Davini & Barbara Solheim

Contact Sandy by email ddavini@comcast.net or Barbara at bsolheim@comcast.net if you want to be a part of the planning committee for the next STEM Conference. Watch your email for meeting reminders.



Secretary's Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

Executive Council Meeting/Planning Meeting – June 13, 2019

The AAUW Executive Council met at 10 am at Jeanine Round's home. In attendance were the following current Executive Council leaders: Joann Nixon, Sandy Davini, Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim, Karen Tuttle, Jeanine Rounds; new Executive Council Leaders beginning July 1, 2019: Liz Skelly, Christina Billeci, and Joan Young; and Members at Large: Artis Buerki and Priscilla Kerr

Call to Order, 10:10; Minutes/Reports

Minutes of May 9, 2019 Executive Council were approved.

Council Leader Report: Joann Nixon spoke to how successful our current year has been; she reminded our members that we will continue to work with the media for our publicity and with Delta Kappa Gamma (for STEM conference), Soroptimists, Girls on the Run, and now Casa.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out correspondence and quickly moved on to the budget report.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy gave us a budget printout, as well as a detailed written discussion of the various categories. For specific details, members should review the comprehensive discussion. Sandy recommends that we not increase cost of the Branch meetings or cost for girls to attend STEM, as we have enough surplus for additional costs. We have three major donors: Yuba County Schools (\$450), Sutter County Schools (\$900), and Soroptimists (\$500), as well as the sponsors for our Garden Tour. However, we then donate \$500 to Soroptimists for Girls on the Run. This past year, we donated \$1,000 to Casa de Esperanza, and she raised the question of whether we wanted to continue this. It was agreed to do so. Lee Jones moved and Liz Skelly seconded to present the budget

to members for ratification at the Branch meeting on September 21. Approved.

Public Policy: No report as Martha Bunce not available to attend.

Other reports from Executive Council

Bylaws Update: Karen said she had provided the updated bylaws report as of February 14, but members asked if she would again email that report, and she agreed to do so. There was some discussion about whether the term “gender” had been officially added to the term “equity” in the Purpose section, but Karen said she had not received that information officially.

Communications: (Janet Theiss was not present) Feather Vane: Artis said that the deadline for the September FV will be August 15, but to send any material as soon as it is available. Meeting Callers: Joan Young has been doing a good job of this task. She is assisted by Donna Long and Colleen Franklin. Roster: The group was reminded that Janet needs any new information for ROSTER by mid-July.

Membership: Sandy said Camilla Green has just joined. Lee said we currently have 85 members, but Sandy added that about 20 have not yet sent in their 2019-20 dues; some are objecting to increase in national dues. Artis Buerki offered to help with phone calls to those not yet enrolled.

Programs: September meeting: Barbara Solheim is contacting St. Andrew Church to see about using their community room, and it is now tentatively reserved for September 21. There was some discussion about location for other branch meetings, as well as the request of some presenters for a projector. Sandy said she and Nancy Johnston, a new member, will review the options for purchase or other access.

Projects: Carol Clark was absent but chairs of the projects reported. **STEM**—will be March 30. Charge to students will be the same. Jeanine said that, as requested, she had contacted Preet Didbal to speak again. We were very pleased with the help we had last year from Delta Kappa Gamma for assistance with the classroom support. **Garden Tour:** No report as Martha Bunce was absent. Date will be May 2. Committee will resume meeting in September. **Tech Trek:** Joann reported that Carol very much needs additional support for this committee and program. Visitation day this year will be July 25. **Scholarships:** This year’s 3 new young ladies spoke at the June meeting. We do not have the money we had thought we did in our scholarship fund. Liz Skelly and Jeanine Rounds are working with Yuba College’s new Foundation leader, Jay

Lowden. More information will be forthcoming. Jeanine said she has requested that Liz Skelly take the leadership regarding scholarships, as she is very knowledgeable. Jeanine will be pleased to stay on the committee.

Other reports - Interbranch: The next meeting will be on August 5 at 6 pm at Pete’s restaurant in Yuba City. Please let Janet know if you plan to attend. **Sunshine:** No reports

New Business: Assignments for next year were updated, as follows:

Our 2019-2020 Executive Council – effective July 1, 2019 are:

Executive Council Leader: **Liz Skelly** (2019-2022); Secretary: **Jeanine Rounds** (2017-2020); Treasurer: **Sandy Davini** (2019-2020); Bylaws Group Leader: **Barbara Solheim** (2018-2021); Communications Group Leader: **Janet Theiss** (2017-2020); Membership Group Leader: **Lee Jones** (2018-2021); Program Group Leader: **Christina Billeci** (2019-2022); co-leader **Barbara Solheim** (2018-2021); Project Group Leader: **Joan Young** (2019-2022);

Members-at-Large (appointed): Barbara Alves, Gwyn Baker, Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp, Colleen Franklin, Kathryn Jankowski, Priscilla Kerr, Joann Nixon, Yvonne Pierre, Linda Protine.

THANK YOU to our outgoing Leaders who have completed their terms: Carol Clark, Joann Nixon, and Karen Tuttle. Members thanked Jeanine for providing her lovely garden area for the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: These are meeting briefs. Contact EC Secretary for final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting.

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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, **September 20**. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588.

Rabid Readers normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840, or Pat Jones, 674-1942. Meet on **September 20** at the Cookie Tree. Book is Maisie Dobbs by J. Winspear (first one of the series)



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, if you are interested in being on the email contact list, or if you have ideas to share.



TRAVEL AAUW Travel group is in need of a coordinator.



TALKING ON PAPER meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. On **September 3** we will meet at the Cookie Tree. The meeting begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 11:30. Bring something to write on and no more than a two page story you have written to read to the group. Contact Joan Young, 777-9215.

This motley crew is the group of TOP (Talking on Paper) members who assembled in Placerville on June 4 with the South Lake Tahoe TOP group. Only Nancy and I were there from MV-



YC. Because I was then going to continue on to Tahoe with my sister Annie (center, on the steps), Nancy and I had to take two separate cars and drive solo. Only a few of us read our stories, so most of it was chatter. Those in the photo are (L-R) Denise, **Joan, Nancy, Annie, Mary Jo, Nonie, and Karen**. Denise took this photo. Karen was the organizer of this trip while Denise and her husband were traveling. It was good to see my old friends again. *Joan Young, Talking on Paper chair*



TRAVELING GOURMET Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. On **September 26**, please meet at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Avenue in Yuba City for carpooling by 10:30 am. We will be going to Chef's Table in Rocklin. Contact hostess Barbara Solheim, 674-3577 or /c 751-6954, by the Monday before if you are attending, and tell her if you can drive.

MORE THAN ENOUGH - "A LITTLE GEM IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE" by Joan Young - Traveling Gourmet's month of June host, Christy Estabrook, worried that not enough members had signed up for the luncheon in Oregon House. She had arranged it with Chef Salim months prior: He said, "If you bring 12 ladies to my cafe, I will prepare your lunch." For the upcoming luncheon, however, the small head-count looked bleak; until Karen Tuttle, then coordinator, and Christy started promoting the Thursday luncheon, and out of the woodwork came husbands, a son, new member Nancy with her husband, and several long time members. After a pleasant drive up, a welcoming Chef Salim served 18 of us around his banquet table. We had the dining room to ourselves where we enjoyed happy chatter, laughter, renewed camaraderie and great food! Who were the men? Steve Clark, Don Solheim, Steve Solheim, Jack Johnston, and Jeff Tuttle, along with Barbara, Carol, Christy, Gloria, Jeanine, Jo, Joan, Karen, Lisa, Liz, Nancy, Pat and Sandy.

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SEPTEMBER, 2019

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 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 10 am Talking on Paper	4	5 11 am Garden Tour Committee	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Executive Council	13	14 OCTOBER FEATHER VANE DEADLINE
15	16	17	18	19	20 10 am Book Clubs	21 10 am Branch Meeting
22	23	24	25	26 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	27	28
29	30					



Here is the picture taken at camp of our 2019 Tech Trek scholars.



University of California Davis 2019
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp

Here are all of the girls who attended the Tech Trek camp at UC Davis this summer.

FAMOUS WOMAN IN HISTORY – Virginia Apgar created the Apgar Score test in 1953 to assess infant health.



Born in Westfield, New Jersey in 1909, Virginia Apgar developed an interest in medicine by high school, where she performed poorly in her mandatory home economics classes but thrived in science and math. Apgar went on to attend Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (CUCPS) as one of nine women in a class of ninety students, and in 1949 she became the first female full professor in CUCPS' history.

Her position allowed her to conduct research at the affiliated Sloane Hospital for Women with laboring and new mothers. She soon realized that medical personnel had no standardized way to assess the health of newborn babies. Although mortality for children under a year old had been going down in the U.S. between the 1930s and 1950s, the rate of death among newborns had remained constant, in part because doctors weren't identifying babies who were at risk. In a 1953 paper, Apgar proposed a test to assess infant health on five criteria: heart rate, respiration, color, muscle tone, and reflex irritability. Within a few years, the test was becoming broadly adopted and had become known as the Apgar Score, a mnemonic learning aid based on its inventor's last name which stands for Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, Respiration. Due to its effectiveness and simplicity, the Apgar Score was widely used by hospitals throughout the United States by the 1960s, and is now used by doctors throughout the world. *Info from Mighty Girl website*

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_____ Yuba College Book Fund (Make check payable to **AAUW**) _____ \$ _____

_____ Local Branch Operations /helps fund local activities (Make check payable to **AAUW**) _____ \$ _____

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