



Feather Vane – OCTOBER, 2019



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

October 19 branch luncheon – Bring a prospective member

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 2019, 11:30 am

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

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Betty Nelson, Deputy & Financial Director of Casa de Esperanza.

MENU: Caterer is Chef Salim of Café Collage serving Nocoise Salad, Potato Gratin, Beef Bourguignon, Yogurt with caramelized peaches in blackberry honey.

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.*



Council Chat *by Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

I look forward to a busy year of AAUW branch meetings, Tech Trek, Garden Tour and the STEM conference. I'm new in my role as Executive Council Leader and am learning about the amount of work required "behind the scenes" to put these projects on.

Behind each branch meeting program, Garden Tour, etc. there is an enormous amount of human effort and women hours put forth to accomplish the finished product. I urge all AAUW members to help our Executive Team complete the tasks at hand. It can be overwhelming when we try to do it by ourselves so please contact one of us to offer some assistance or don't be surprised when we give you a call and ask for help. We always need Facilitators for our STEM conference and I know I can use some help this spring when I have to stuff envelopes!!!

The branch meeting schedule featured in the September *Feather Vane* showcases the variety of programs we'll be offering throughout this fall and spring. Don't miss the October 19 meeting featuring Casa de Esperanza. This should be an informative meeting with insight into their mission. Also, we want to surprise Casa with a "house warming" to celebrate their move back to their prior location. More on that topic later in this newsletter.

Alas, Christina Billeci has submitted her letter of resignation from her position on Executive Council leaving an opening on the Executive Council. Christina plans to stay active in our other branch activities. Barbara Solheim will resume the Program Leaders position that she's done so ably for years, leaving the Bylaws Leader position open. If that sounds like you, please let me know.

Lastly, we want to welcome Nancy Johnston to Executive Council as a new Member at Large. She will be providing some much needed computer/tech skills to our branch meetings and we are now the proud owners of a new laptop. A big thank you to Nancy!

I was unable to attend the September branch meeting and want to thank Joann Nixon for subbing in for me. Looking forward to meeting everyone at the next branch meeting! *Liz*

Executive Council meets on Thursday, October 10 at 1 pm. Our Exec. Council meeting is open to everyone so come join us. We meet the second Thursday of each month. October 10 meeting is in the Conference Room at the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools building on 970 Klamath Lane, Yuba City. Park in back and enter front entry of building. Contact Liz Skelly for information.

PROGRAM NOTES

Barbara Solheim, Program Leader

Our speaker on **October 19** will be Betty Nelson. Betty is the Deputy & Financial Director of Casa de Esperanza. She has been at Casa for over 30 years providing assistance to members of our community that need assistance reference domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking to regain control over their own lives. We look forward to hearing about the program that Casa provides to our community and an update on the construction of the building that burned a few years ago.

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am. The December 14 Coalition Brunch begins at 9:30 am. Watch for more details in upcoming *Feather Vanes*.

November 16 – speaker from Adventist/Rideout Hospital

December 14 – Coalition Brunch at Peach Tree

January 18 – Author, Jan Fischer-Her will talk about writing and publishing a book

February 15 – Science professor from Yuba College we tell us What We Know About Space That We Didn't Know 50 Years Ago

MARCH– NO PROGRAM LUNCHEON DUE TO March 30 STEM CONFERENCE

April 18 – ANNUAL MEETING, Rhonda Cameron will speak about Protecting Yourself in a Cyber World

MAY–NO PROGRAM LUNCHEON DUE TO May 2 GARDEN TOUR

June 6 – Meet our scholarship winners from Yuba College and hear from some new members

Feather Vanes are posted on our branch website:

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

(ctrl+left click to follow link)

Let's have a HOUSE WARMING PARTY FOR CASA – October 19

Dear Members – You may have heard that Casa de Esperanza's Yuba City house was destroyed by fire some time ago, and they have been in temporary quarters since then. Now it is being rebuilt, and we are excited for them. A representative from Casa will be our featured speaker at our October 19 branch meeting.

Their Executive Director, Marsha, told me that they are always in need of some basic items. Here are a few practical ideas – baby diapers, tampons, children and women's socks. We will get her full list to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we'd like to surprise Casa with a House Warming gift at our October branch meeting. Gift cards from Target or Walmart are always useful allowing them to purchase whatever they need. I will put a basket on the check-in table for you to place your gift cards in. If you wish to include a personal greeting card from you with the gift cards that would be fine.

Please come to the October 19 Branch Meeting at the Adventist/Rideout Conference Room, 929 Plumas in Yuba City, to hear an update on Casa, and bring a gift if you are able.

Thanks,

Martha Bunce, Advocacy & Action chair



MEMBERSHIP

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

Welcome to our newest member, Preet Didbal who joined at our September meeting. Our branch now has 84 members. 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.

Who can be an AAUW Member?

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY Regular membership is available to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (e.g., RN), baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified educational institution.

Student affiliation is available to undergraduate and degree-seeking graduate students attending a qualified educational institution.

FREE e-STUDENTS: Undergraduates/Graduates attending AAUW member schools may join nationally for free. Visit www.aauw.org and search e-student.

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The **November 4, 2019** meeting will likely be in Chico at 6 p.m.

The Interbranch Luncheon will be at **11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the location to be decided by Gridley branch. Plan to attend!

The **May 4, 2020** meeting will be in Chico at 6 p.m.

NEW MEMBER BIO –Preet Didbal



Preet joined our branch at the September 21 branch meeting. She has been the keynote speaker for our branch’s STEM Conference.

Preet Didbal, MPA, is the former mayor of Yuba City, CA. She was elected in 2017, and was the first Sikh female mayor in the United States. Prior to serving as mayor,

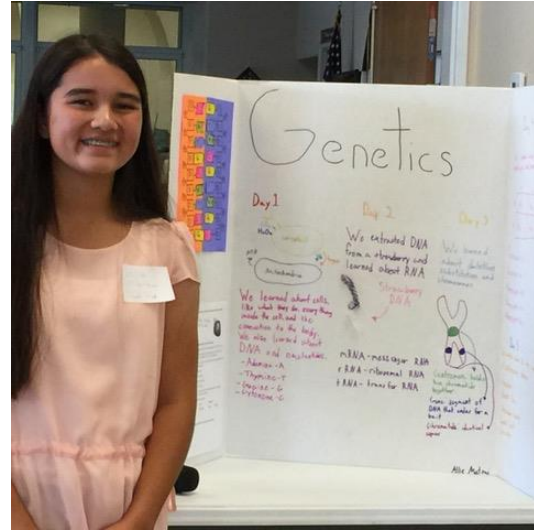
Preet served on the Yuba City Planning Commission for many years and was elected to the Yuba City Council in 2014. In 2015, California Congressman John Garamendi celebrated Didbal as one of the Women of the Year in his district for her work in women’s health and youth programs. For Preet, the desire to pursue a career in local government grew out of a desire to give back to the community she credits with having given her family such rich opportunities. Didbal’s parents immigrated to America from India’s Punjab region before she was born. Preet received a bachelors degree from California State University, Sacramento and a masters degree in public administration (MPA) from the University of San Francisco. Preet, is also the founder and transformational leader of Redefine and Empower inspiring and empowering individuals to achieve more by living and leading with true purpose <https://redefineandempower.com>

STEM Committee-Sandy Davini & Barbara Solheim

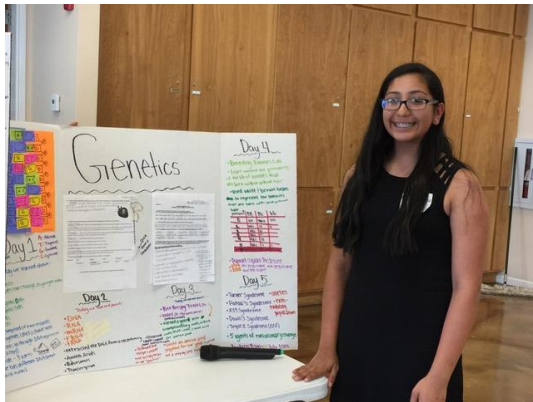
Contact Sandy, ddavini@comcast.net or Barbara, bsolheim@comcast.net if you want to be a part of the planning committee for the next STEM Conference on March 30, 2020. The committee will not meet in October. Watch your email for meeting reminders.

GARDEN TOUR Committee – Martha Bunce

The Garden Tour Committee will not meet in October. Watch your email for meeting reminders from Martha. If you want to serve on this exciting committee and help plan the May 2, 2020 Garden Tour, please contact Martha buncehall@yahoo.com.



Thank you to our Tech Trekkers who talked to us on September 21 about their experiences at the AAUW Tech Trek camp at UC Davis this summer. Shown L-R are Josleen Bains, Selina Gharu, Allie Matsui, Jocelyn Robles, and Madeline Covie. Absent is Lauren Fowler. Thank you for photos taken at September branch meeting by Joann Nixon and Barbara Douyon





Secretary's Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

Executive Council meeting – September 12, 2019 – 1 pm
at Sutter Schools Annex

Those in attendance were: Liz Skelly; Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Barbara Solheim, Program; Janet Theiss, Communications; Joan Young, Projects; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary
Members at Large present: Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Carol Clark, Priscilla Kerr, Joann Nixon; Guest: Nancy Johnston

Call to Order, 1:10 pm Minutes of June 13 Executive Council Planning Meeting were approved.

Information/Action Items.

Liz indicated that Nancy Johnston is interested in becoming a Member at Large, and Jeanine moved, and it was approved that she become one.

Liz also indicated that we have received a letter from Christina Billeci that she will not be able to continue on the Executive Committee, but will stay in AAUW. As a result Barbara Solheim will continue as Program Chair, and we will need to locate a replacement on the Executive Committee for Bylaws. Recommendations were made and Liz will pursue this.

The Girls on the Run program will move from being supported by the local Soroptimists to being affiliated with the new Girls on the Run of North State, and it was approved that will make our annual donation of \$625 to that group. Liz will write a letter to Soroptimists indicating the change and whether this will make a difference to their support of our Tech Trek program.

The question was raised as to whether we have an interest in a new Books for College Students program being developed by Brenda Wong and Neelam Canto-Lugo. However, we already budget for such a program ourselves.

Priscilla Kerr announced that she will be the new contact person for Traveling Gourmet.

Our Executive Committee meetings will continue to be in the Sutter County School buildings, either in the annex or the Board Room. Members will be informed. The October meeting will be in the Board Room.

Sunshine: We were reminded that a long-term member, Sharon Adkisson, who had dropped out because of health,

has passed and it was agreed it would be appropriate for our branch to purchase a library book in her name. Lee Jones will follow up. We were also reminded that Margery Magill, a young lady who had been murdered in Washington DC was the sister of one of our Tech Trek girls and the daughter of Bonnie Magill, a teacher who has been very supportive of AAUW. Gretchen Cupp will be asked to send a card to the family.

It was announced that the annual California AAUW Convention will be in the San Francisco area April 17-19, and that we have funding set aside for attendance. Several members have indicated a possible interest in attending, so we will follow up again at the next meeting.

Reports from Executive Council

Executive Chair Report: Liz shared a letter from Christina Billeci.

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

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget

Sandy shared the new budget, approved by the committee at June meeting, which shows a strong carry-over. She requested that Joann Nixon, who will be substituting for Liz at the September meeting, provide the information to the group and request ratification as required by our bylaws. All members will later receive a detailed report when the rosters are mailed.

Martha announced that the Garden Tour Committee had voted to recommend that the cost of tickets purchased in advance be raised from \$15 to \$20; those purchased online or the day of the event would cost \$25, and members would only be asked to assure purchase of 2 tickets instead of 3. (Last year the tour netted \$8,000). Sandy moved to support this and it was approved.

The Yuba College student support for the STEM conference was discussed, as much assistance has been provided, but the college had to pay the students who worked to help. Janet moved we provide \$500 to the college to support this work, and this was approved and will be added to the budget.

Sandy also provided information about the group's purchase of laptop and projector to be used by our Program presenters. She and Nancy Johnston had reviewed possibilities and agreed that the equipment cost would run to about \$1,500. Martha moved we add this to our budget, and it was approved.

Public Policy Report: Martha Bunce. Martha reported she had reviewed all the items being explored by the California Senate that seemed relevant to the interests of AAUW. She said there were 17 supported by California AAUW, many related to EEOC, or gender discrimination of various kinds in the job market. In October our meeting will be an update on what is happening with Casa de Esperanza, the facility for women who are threatened and homeless. It was agreed that we encourage members to each provide a gift card to Walmart or Target for materials needed by the home. We may consider the gifts a “house-warming” of sorts and even bring a cake. Executive Committee members thought that these were great ideas and asked Martha to help Artis provide an appropriate article for the next *Feather Vane*.

Membership: Lee Jones. Lee indicated our current membership is 83, and we need to continue trying to recruit new members. Artis shared a page of information about us that will be given to every new member, and this was well received by the committee.

Nominating Committee: According to the Bylaws we must select a committee of 3 members. Artis Buerki has agreed to stay on, and Martha Bunce will also assist. The third member must be determined.

Bylaws: No report.

Communications: Janet Theiss. Janet indicated that the roster has had many recent changes and won't be available for the September meeting, but will be mailed soon. Artis said the *Feather Vane* is going well, but she needs October information as soon as possible and before September 23. We have fewer members needing a mailing, so Artis can cut some costs. Our Social Media is doing well and quite a few non-members are checking our web page. Joan Young said **meeting callers** will be starting soon for 9/21 meeting.

Garden Tour brochures: Janet Theiss. Janet said she will continue to assist with this but will need additional help. It was suggested that Nancy Johnston, who has strong tech skills may be a good assistant.

Programs: Barbara Solheim. Barbara indicated that Antonio, who was to handle food for September and October meetings, has sold his business and is no longer available. This is a particular problem for the September meeting, as we will not have a breakfast casserole as planned. This is a major issue, as we have the Tech Trek girls and their family members attending. We will need a lot more bread and fruit salads. Barbara will see what she can do about it. In addition, a new caterer will be needed for the October meeting.

Projects: Joan Young.

STEM: Sandy indicated that the committee had met earlier this morning, and that many of the tasks had been assigned and reviewed. Jeanine said that Preet Didbal will be keynote speaker again. The procedure for seating students in the gym had worked extremely well last year and will be followed again, using the college assistants. The conference will be Monday, March 30.

Garden Tour: Date will be May 2. Martha is interested in focusing on Yuba County, including the Plumas Lake area in south county, and she is getting a good start on possible gardens.

Tech Trek: Carol had some difficulty in contacting this year's students, but 4 will probably be at the September meeting, and several family members will be attending.

Alumni team: Joann Nixon. Joann is continuing to maintain a group of Alumni Tech Trek girls and may especially encourage them to attend the February Branch meeting on Space.

Scholarships: Liz Skelly will take the leadership regarding scholarships, as she is very knowledgeable. Jeanine will be pleased to stay on the committee. The amount of money available is very uncertain, and we need additional information, which Liz said should be available soon.

Other Business:

Interbranch: Janet Theiss. Janet said the November 4 meeting location is still being determined but will probably be in Chico. The annual luncheon will be on February 1, hosted by Gridley.

Coalition Drawing: Priscilla said she has been in contact with Lundberg about the gift basket for the Christmas meeting, and all is going well.

AAUW Tea Bag procedure: Liz Skelly, Barbara Solheim, Jeanne Schultz and Sandy Davini are being asked to work on this project.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

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

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, **October 18**. 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 **October 18** at Phyllis Gaal's house. Book is Nicholas and Alexandra by Massie.



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.



TALKING ON PAPER meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. On **October 1** we will meet at the Cookie Tree. The meeting begins at 10 am and ends at approximately 11:30. Arrive 15 minutes early to

purchase your coffee or tea. 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.

TRAVELING GOURMET



Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Please meet at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Avenue in Yuba City for carpooling on **October 24** by 10:30 am. We are going to La Provence in Roseville, and Jeanine Rounds is hostess. Let her know no later than October 21st if you are planning to attend, and if you can drive.



AAUW California Convention is April 17-19. This year it is being held in Northern California at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel in Millbrae. Go to aauw-ca.org for more conference information, and contact a member of the Executive Council if you plan to attend.

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Please get in touch with your committee chairs to confirm meeting details/locations.
 For more information about Interest Sections see inside this Feather Vane.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 am Talking on Paper	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 1 pm Executive Council	11	12
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20	21 NOVEMBER FEATHER VANE DEADLINE	22	23	24 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	25	26
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