



Feather Vane- NOVEMBER, 2019

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

November 16 branch luncheon – Bring a potential member

WHEN: Saturday, November 16, 2019, 11:30 am

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

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be Rick Rawson from Adventist/Rideout Hospital

MENU: Caterer is Chef Salim, of Café Collage, who will serve Greek salad, Oregano-lemon chicken, Roasted potatoes, and Baklava.

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 had a great vacation so unfortunately missed the September branch meeting but glad I was back in time to attend the **October 19** branch meeting. As always, Chef Salim from Café Collage served us a delicious lunch. After lunch our speaker was Betty Nelson, Deputy/Financial Director from Casa de Esperanza. Betty was very dynamic and informative providing us with a lot of information regarding the services Casa provides, future housing issues, how they're funded, etc. We had many questions from our members so it was evident that this was a "hot" topic. Casa was established in 1977 and was the second women's shelter in the state, 11th in the nation! I, for one, had no idea the depth and breadth of the various services they provide to our local population (three counties!). At times, it was disturbing hearing the nature of the cases Casa deals with. but we should be proud that we have such an organization serving and protecting our children and women.

Marth Bunce introduced Betty and said Casa de Esperanza is a perfect fit with our AAUW mission. She had the honor of presenting Betty with a \$1,000 check from our AAUW branch. In addition, we got to meet a board member from Casa, Lisa Buschmann-Kirchner. At the end of the meeting, Casa was also presented with a basket of donations from our members. Truly an inspiring meeting.

I look forward to the **November 16** branch meeting featuring Rick Rawson, CEO/President, of Adventist Health+Rideout. It will be interesting to hear the advances Adventist Health has made in our community and their plans for the future.

On another note, our Traveling Gourmet club will not meet in November but will do a combined November/December lunch on **December 5**. I will be the host and have selected Cirinos in Grass Valley as the restaurant. The food is very good and there's plenty of shopping downtown after lunch for those who wish to linger. Bon appetite!

Executive Council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1 pm. The meetings are open to all of our branch members, so come join us. We meet at the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools building, 970 Klamath Lane in Yuba City. Contact Liz Skelly, 635-0821, for more information.

Feather Vanes are posted on our branch website:
<http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 (ctrl+left click to follow link)

PROGRAM NOTES 
Barbara Solheim, Program Leader

Our speaker, Rick Rawson, CEO President of Adventist/Rideout Hospital will be our speaker on November 16. Come and hear about the advances that Adventist has made in our community and plans for the future.

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am except the December 14 Coalition Brunch which will begin at 9:30 am.

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

Find us on Facebook
AAUW.MVYC



Calling All Women . . .

*Here's a GREAT networking opportunity!
 All women of Yuba and Sutter Counties
 are welcome to attend!*

**YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION
 HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

Saturday, December 14, 2019

9:30 A.M.

Peach Tree Country Club

Music provided by Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Vocal Ensemble, Directed by Zenobia Brown



Tickets \$25

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED --

AAUW MEMBERS: Write your \$25 check to AAUW. Mail to **AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992**. Checks must arrive by Tuesday, December 3. If you prefer, you may pay at the November 16 AAUW meeting.

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

Sponsored by these local women's clubs:

- American Association of University Women, Marysville-Yuba City Branch
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Iota Sigma Chapter
- Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City
- Marysville Art Club
- Bridges to Housing
- Soroptimist International of Sutter-Yuba
- P.E.O. VU Chapter

Martha Bunce presented our branch donation to Betty Nelson at the October 19 branch meeting.



Casa de Esperanza – a new focus for our branch

“What I like about Casa is that we help our clients find their strength within so that they can shine,” said Betty Nelson, Deputy/Financial Director of Casa de Esperanza at the **October 19, 2019 Branch General Meeting**.

Betty spoke passionately about the roles Casa plays in helping domestic violence and sexual assault victims. These range from accompanying a rape victim to the hospital and through the legal system, to providing shelter, translators, food/clothing, counseling and support groups, workshops, and community education. Here’s a bit of what I took away from Ms Nelson’s remarks:

Casa is open to clients 24 hours each day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If someone needs help there is always a person at the other end of the telephone, the other side of the door – a counselor, advocate, advisor, supporter, whatever role is needed. About one thousand women and children find shelter and support at Casa every year.

The more education and status an abuser has, the more subtle, hidden and devastating the abuse. Why doesn’t a woman leave an abuser? Fear. Reasonable fear for their and their children’s safety. The most dangerous time for an abused woman is right after she leaves her abuser.

Domestic Violence is a perpetrator problem, not a victim problem. Most abusers are men (95%), but most

men are not abusers. Though the focus is on services to the victim, more needs to be done to identify the causes of domestic violence and its prevention. Human trafficking is a big and growing problem in our area. Casa provides services to victims. AAUW supports women and girls at the national and state levels through advocacy, research and education. Here in our own community we can make a difference for women and children who experience domestic and sexual violence. Our budget now includes a donation of \$1,000 per year. In addition, we can as an organization and as individuals, speak out for Casa. And we can contact them if we hear negative reports so that they know how they can improve -- or can debunk a false story.

Thank you to Betty Nelson and to Casa board member Lisa Buschmann-Kirchner for an eye opening and inspiring program.



Gloria Mullins, Lisa Bushmann Kirchner, Martha Bunce, and Betty Nelson show some of the gifts given to CASA by our members. *Photos by Barbara Douyon*

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The **November 4, 2019** meeting will be at **6 p.m.**, probably in Chico. Contact Janet Theiss, 695-3159, if you’d like to attend.

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.**

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.



MEMBERSHIP

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

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.

Preet Didbal joined last month. Please add this information to your roster: 1130 Lancaster Way, Yuba City, CA 95991; 530.415.8543; preetdidbal@yahoo.com.
Bachelors: Sacramento State-Physical Therapy/Exercise Physiology; Masters: USF-Public Admin/Health Admin

Ann Mc Dougal remembered –

Ann McDougal passed away on October 21, 2019. Her service will be November 2, at 11 a.m. at Ulrey’s Chapel. Ann was a long-time AAUW Branch member but had to drop several years ago as her health continued to deteriorate. Her many friends in our branch will miss her.

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. Watch your email for meeting reminders.

GARDEN TOUR Committee – Martha Bunce

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 by email, buncehall@yahoo.com.



Secretary’s Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

Executive Council meeting – October 10, 2019 - Sutter County Schools Board Room

Those in attendance were the following: Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Janet Theiss, Communications; Joan Young, Projects; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; Members at Large present, Carol Clark

In the absence of the Executive Leader, Janet Theiss conducted the meeting. There were four members of Executive Council present, which constituted a quorum.

Call to Order, 1:10, Minutes of September 12, 2019 Executive Council were approved.

Information/Action Items. Replacement for Bylaws Leader is still in process.

Reports from Executive Council

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

Treasurer’s Report and Proposed Budget - Possible budget item for Girls on the Run still pending and needing more information.

A check from Sutter County Schools Office of Education for \$1,000 for our Tech Trek program had been received.

\$500 has been added to the STEM conference budget for the Yuba College students who provide much assistance. Liz will be determining how to process these funds.

Sandy and Nancy Johnston have purchased the PC for our program speakers to use when it is needed. We need to determine the best process for assuring our speakers know it is available.

Public Policy Report: No report.

Membership: Lee Jones was absent but had reported we have 84 members.

Nominating Committee: Gwyn Baker is now on the committee, assisting Artis Buerki and Martha Bunce.

Bylaws. No report. Position yet to be filled.

Communications: Janet Theiss. Janet indicated that the **roster** has had many recent changes and will be available for the October branch meeting.

Artis had reported information is needed for the November Feather Vane by October 21. A copy of the calendar was shared and it was requested we should check to see if there are any changes.

At the request of Artis Buerki - at the October branch meeting Barbara Douyon will take pictures of the \$1,000 check we are giving to Casa and other highlights of the meeting.

Programs: Barbara Solheim was absent, but she earlier indicated she had contacted Salim as the caterer for the October branch meeting, which will be a presentation regarding Casa de Esperanza. Janet had earlier sent out an excellent reminder to our members about the encouragement for them to purchase a gift card for items needed for the reopening of the Casa facility. Barbara Douyon is also emailing information, and Joan Young said she would have her callers emphasize the same.

Projects: Joan Young.

STEM. Sandy said there was no meeting this month. Packet date will be March 20 at the Sutter County Annex. The conference will be Monday, March 30, and there was some discussion regarding the best way to get service information to our facilitators. Martha seems to have a good selection of presenters.

Garden Tour: Date will be May 2. Sandy said she and Martha and Liz had been checking out a number of gardens, and it is going well.

Tech Trek. Carol Clark reported that some of our new members will be working on this year's committee, and she is hopeful that the state will be getting out information sooner than in the past. She was pleased that a former TT member, now a high school student, is interested in being a junior counselor. We will again be sending 6 girls to the Davis program.

Scholarships: The amount of money available is very uncertain, and we need additional information, which Liz had 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.

Historian. No report

Sunshine. Gretchen Cupp had sent a sympathy note to Linden Reynolds following the death of her husband. She had also sent a note to the Magill family related to the tragic murder of Margery Magill, as her younger sister had been one of our Tech Trek participants. She had also forwarded the memorial and donations list to members.

Coalition Drawing: Priscilla was absent, but she has completed arrangements for the Lundberg gift basket for the Christmas meeting. There was some discussion about adding some other items for the raffle table.

Future Agenda Items; Replacement for Bylaws leader; Girls on the Run—decision on donation; Scholarship funding

Meeting adjourned at 2:15. Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: These are meeting notes. Contract Executive Council 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 email buncehall@yahoo.com.



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers normally meets at 10 am the third Friday, **November 15**. 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 **November 15** at Lee Jones house. Book is Women Rowing North by Pipher.



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

Our writing group meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. On **November 5** 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, 713-1279



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr, 654-7120. The Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, but they will not meet in November because of Thanksgiving, and have rescheduled to **December 5** for their combined November/December meeting. Liz Skelly, 635-0821, will be the hostess on **December 5**. Meet at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Avenue in Yuba City at **10:30 am** to carpool to **Cirinos in Grass Valley**. All branch members are welcome to attend. Contact Liz or Priscilla by Monday prior if you plan to come.



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.

Feather Vane Staff
 Editor and email distribution – Artis Buerki
 Mailing and Proofing – Joan Young
 Photographer – Joann Nixon
 Communications Leader – Janet Theiss

HERE ARE THE THANK YOU NOTES FROM OUR TECH TREK GIRLS --



July 26th, 2019

Dear Yuba City AAUW Branch,

Thank you for selecting me to have this once in a lifetime opportunity to attend Tech Trek! I had so much fun building and racing solar cars, visiting and learning about sound in the Modani Center, and doing so much more. Tech Trek has also allowed me to expand my knowledge of STEM careers. I have always wanted to be a doctor because it was one of the few careers I knew about, but Tech Trek has exposed me to many more on Professional Women's Night, my core class (engineering), and taking trips to real job facilities. Now I am thinking about a career in astronomy. I am so grateful for you giving me this amazing experience.

Sincerely,
Joscelin Robles



7/26/19

Dear AAUW Yuba City branch,
Thank you so much for this opportunity and being able to go to Tech Trek. Ever since I could remember, all I wanted was to be successful in life and this boost of confidence was just what I needed. I learned so many new things beyond my perception and I am so thankful for this new life experience. I had a great time at Tech Trek. Thanks to your kind consideration. Thank you again so much for inspiring me along with other girls to pursue their dreams.

Sincerely,
Selima Ehanu



July 26, 2019

Dear AAUW Yuba City Branch,

Thank you for this amazing opportunity to be surrounded by other young women that are just as passionate in the same topics as me. I really enjoyed the experiments, workshops, and places we got to visit on the UC Davis campus. Such as the Modani art center and the Shrem. The Silent Witness: Forensic Science was a great workshop. I also really loved the Making Space: Where Art Met Physics workshop because the teacher was very enthusiastic and it was very interesting to watch. My genetics core class has also helped me understand and gain knowledge on DNA, RNA, diseases, and many other things that go on in your body.

My favorite part was when we made "proteins" or rice krispy treats by decoding other codes, turning them to amino acids, and finally writing out our steps which led us to making our treats. I am so thankful for this opportunity and I greatly appreciate the time and effort you put in to helping me to be in this position.

Greatfully,
Jasleen Bains



July 26, 2019

Dear AAUW Yuba City,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. Your generosity made it possible for me to do new things that not every girl my age gets to do. At camp I felt more independent and started to understand the life of a college student because of activities that gave me a glimpse into my future. The reality fair and getting advise from amazing women on how to get into college and get a career prepared me for the challenges that I will soon be facing. One of my favorite seminars was Forensic Science. It was fascinating to me how those women were able to use technology to solve crimes, identify fingerprints, DNA, and so much more that would otherwise be impossible.



7-25-19

Dear Marysville AAUW,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend Tech Trek. I enjoyed my core class. It had a lot of fun opportunities. My favorite part was learning to code, starting easy but progressively getting harder as it progresses. The many workshops provided a fun way to learn. My favorite was Space Mission. Tech Trek was an amazing time to make friends and learn much more than school could have taught us! Thank you again for giving us this chance!
Sincerely,
Madeline Covil



Anatomy was also an amazing experience because I enjoyed being able to go deeper into how our body works by dissections and detailed lectures. I also built amazing friendships and feel like I have made a new family here at Tech Trek, and will never forget this experience.

Sincerely,
Lauren Fowler



7-26-19

Dear Yuba City AAUW,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2019 tech trek program. We got to choose our core classes which made the activities more fun because something I was interested in. After the core class, we attended hands on workshops. Some of my favorites were physics, forensics, and the vet school. Please continue to recruit and support girls to go through the same empowering camp that I went to.

Sincerely,
Allie Matsui, 2019 UC Davis
Tech trek

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS BY WOMEN – Find these stories and more on our branch Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC



Elizabeth Aceveda – Carnegie Medal award for her children’s novel The Poet X. She is the first Latina and very first writer of color to ever win this award. (June 2019)



Frances H Arnold – Nobel Prize in Chemistry goes to a woman only the 5th time in history, for her work conducting the directed evolution of enzymes. (October 2018)



Dame Jane Goodall – Luxenberg Peace Prize for her Outstanding Environmental Peace renowned for her innovative community centered approach to conservation. (June 2019)

YOUR GIFT TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER PROGRAMS ENABLES WOMEN TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS THROUGH EDUCATION
Please send this form with your check(s) to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992

Donor’s Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ In memory or honor (circle one) of: _____ \$ _____

_____ Yuba College Scholarship (Check to **Yuba College Foundation-AAUW**) _____ \$ _____

_____ Tech Trek Fund (Make check payable to **AAUW CA SPF**) _____ \$ _____

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

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

_____ AAUW Educational and Training Fund (Make check payable to **AAUW/ Note ET-4450 on memo line**) _____ \$ _____

_____ Legal Advocacy Fund (make check payable to **AAUW/note “LAF” on memo line**) _____ \$ _____



empowering women since 1881

FEATHER VANE
 Artis Buerki, Editor
 P.O. Box 334
 Sutter, CA 95982

SAVE THE DATE: AAUW State Convention – APRIL 17-19, 2020 -- Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel

To find us on line just CTRL+LEFT CLICK on any of these underlined links -
 Our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC
 Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org Tech Trek: www.aauw-techtrek.org

NOVEMBER, 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
3	4 6 pm IBC	5 10 am Talking on Paper	6	7 11 am Garden Tour Com.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 10 am STEM Committee 1 pm Executive Council	15 10 am Book Clubs	16 11:30 am Branch Meeting
17	18 DECEMBER FEATHER VANE DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30

Do not print. This page is blank.