



Feather Vane – December 2019

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



On Saturday, December 14, our branch will join with other community women for the Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch at Peach Tree Country Club. This is our December branch meeting. Hope to see you there.



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 have not yet mailed a check, please contact Sandy Davini, 713-1390 to see if there is still room, then mail your \$25 check payable to AAUW immediately to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.

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



Council Chat *Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

We've had a busy month with committee meetings of our Garden Tour, Tech Trek, TEM and STEM taking place and preparing for next spring's events. These events require a LOT of people time so if you can help, just give me a call (530-635-0821) and I'll get you in touch with the correct contact person.

We had our Executive Council meeting last week and there was a lot to discuss. Brenda Wong and Neelam Canto-Lugo presented some information of how their Women's Development Advocacy Center is working to mentor high school girls and prepare them for college. Girls on the Run North State was also discussed and they now have Yuba and Sutter county school participation but are in need of coaches. If interested, go to <https://www.gotrorthstate.org/> to get more information. I'm pleased to say that our branch was able to support both organizations this year.

Our Executive Council still needs to appoint a Bylaws leader, so please get in touch with me if you'd like to volunteer.

Our Coalition Brunch will be December 14 at Peach Tree Country Club. The last day to submit payment is December 3 according to Treasurer Sandy Davini. Priscella Kerr announced that we need more donations for the raffle. We need a full raffle table so let's get busy and donate!

The monthly branch meeting last Saturday was outstanding. Thanks again to Chef Salim from Café Collage for a delicious lunch. Our speaker was Rick Rawson, CEO/President of Adventist Health/Rideout. He was a dynamic speaker and very inspiring. Rideout is taking steps to improve their quality in many areas and I believe with Rick's leadership they can achieve their goals.

Don't forget that the Traveling Gourmet group will be having lunch at Cirino's in Grass Valley on December 5. Please join us! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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)

April 18 – ANNUAL MEETING, Rhonda Cameron will tell us how to Protect 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

PROGRAM NOTES

Barbara Solheim, Program Leader

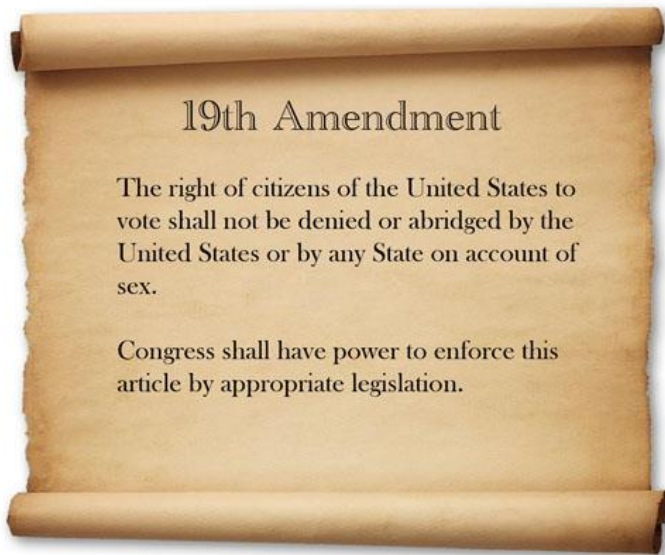
Mark your calendars for the rest of the year. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am except the December 14 Coalition Brunch which will begin at 9:30 am.

- 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**



Thank you to Rick Rawson, President/CEO of Adventist Health/Rideout Hospital, who was our guest speaker at the November 16 branch luncheon.

Find our branch on Facebook
AAUW.MVYC



The 19th Amendment was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920.

You earned it. Use it.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Dear Branch Members,

Have you ever been curious about how our AAUW branch is run? Did you know that our ‘board’ is called the Executive Council? Would you like to know more? Our branch members are all welcome to visit any Executive Council meeting.

Nominees are needed by MID FEBRUARY so that information can be printed in our MARCH Feather Vane. Election will take place on **APRIL 18, 2020 at our ANNUAL MEETING**. New terms will begin on **July 1, 2020**. If you are interested in joining the Executive Council as an elected officer or as an appointed Council member-at-large, contact one of the members of our Nominating Committee, and please say ‘YES’ if we contact you.

Sincerely,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE --
 Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, and Gwyn Baker

Tech Trek Alumni Report

Barbara Douyon

Joann Nixon hosted the November meeting of our committee which mentors the “Sensational Team of Exceptional Minds.” It was agreed that we would meet with the Tech Trek girls of 2017, 2018 and 2019, developing an annual plan to help keep them engaged in their STEM interests. The long-term goal remains to create a network of Tech Trek alumni, helping them to sustain and broaden their mutual interests in the various STEM fields. The committee meetings are scheduled monthly as needed. Contact Joann, 530-680-0356, with questions and suggestions.



INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY HAS UPDATED WEBPAGE

In the recent Board to Board AAUW CA newsletter, the International Advocacy Committee Chair, *Indrani Chatterjee*, reported that there is a revised and informative **International Advocacy page** on the AAUW California website. It has a new design and a new purpose: to provide you with the latest news and information on issues relating to women globally.

Inside you’ll find these features and more:

- In the News - Recent articles about women around the world.
- Branch Events and Programs - Branch events related to women’s involvement in global issues.
- Important Dates in History for Women - Includes "this month in history," and other featured dates.
- Important Date - **November 25, 2019** was International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- The webpage is <http://www.aauw-ca.org/international-advocacy/> Check it out.

INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

I was sorry to miss the Monday night, **November 4, 2019**, IBC meeting.

The **Interbranch Luncheon** will be at **11:30 a.m.** on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, the location to be decided by Gridley branch. That's close so plan to attend! I don't know the menu, cost, and directions yet, but plan to get a check to me, Janet Theiss, by January 14, 2020, made out to "Janet Theiss" (9631 Schroeder Rd., Live Oak CA 95953). I will write one check for all of us to the Registration branch.

The **May 4, 2020**, meeting will be in Chico at 6:00 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

Two new members joined our branch in the month of November.

Please welcome **Linda Zall** and **Jennifer Jones**. Our branch now has 86 members. If you have a friend who might like to know more about our AAUW Branch, bring her to a meeting. Phone Lee Jones, 300-0214, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com for an application.

ADVOCACY & ACTION

Martha Bunce, A&A Chair

Governor Signs 14 AAUW-Supported Bills Into Law

The 2018-19 legislative season has come to a close, and by October 13, 2019 Governor Newsom had signed 870 bills out of the 1,042 bills that were presented to him. Among the most significant of these were twelve bills which will become law due to the advocacy and research support offered by AAUW California.

These new laws:

- add more clarity and extend the time line for victims of harassment and discrimination (6 bills)
- clarify women's rights in certain workplace situations (4)

- encourage measures to increase young voter turnout (1)
- clarify notice requirements for Title IX (1)
- simplify access to reproductive rights for women students at public colleges and universities (1)
- require that women subjects in medical research be compensated (1)

For more information about these AAUW CA supported bills follow the link below.

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/governor-signs-14-aauw-supported-bills-into-law/>

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.

STEM CONFERENCE Committee

This year our STEM Conference will be on a Monday, **March 30, 2020** at Yuba College. It wasn't the day we would have liked, but is the date that will work with all concerned. The committee has been working on all the tasks involved.

We are always in need of facilitators. If you are asked to be a Facilitator, give it some serious thought and say yes if at all possible. If you know other ladies that would be good facilitators, contact Gwyn Baker, 632-4336.

If you know of any ladies working in the medical field and you talk to them, and they are interested in presenting to our students, give Martha Bunce their phone number and e-mail address. The STEM Committee will not meet in December.
Barbara Solheim, Co-Chair of Stem Committee

GARDEN TOUR Committee -- My Christmas present to the Garden Tour Committee! No Garden Tour meeting for December or January. If problems come up, please notify me and we will meet if it is necessary. Happy Holidays! *Martha Bunce*

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 of the month. Contact is Paulette Almeida, 415-5588.

Rabid Readers normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840, or Pat Jones, 674-1942. Meet at Dee Ellen Day's house on **December 20** for a Christmas pot luck and book exchange.



Rabid Readers enjoyed visiting and discussing Women Rowing North at the home of Lee Jones on November 15. Photo by Lee Jones



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 Movie 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.

In November some of us went to see Harriet about Harriet Tubman, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. This is what Jeanine Rounds said about the movie:

“Just saw the movie Harriet. A truly incredible movie!!! I would encourage all our AAUW ladies to see this amazing piece of our history! And one so little told! Surely likely there will be some Academy Award nominations!!!”



TALKING ON PAPER

Our writing group usually meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. However, on **December 10** TOP members will meet at Barbara Douyon's home. 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, 713-1279



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr, 654-7120. November and December Gourmet Travels have been combined because everyone seems to get very busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas. On **December 5** Liz Skelly will host. She has chosen Cirinos at 213 W. Main St, Grass Valley, CA. We will leave from the parking lot of Gray Ave at 10:30 am. Please contact Liz directly if you are planning to attend and if you will be a driver. Her contact number is 635-0821 or lskelly47@yahoo.com. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.



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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CHICO AAUW BRANCH IS HAVING AN ART BOUTIQUE -- December 7 and 8 --

Jana Lawton, 894-1843, is hosting a boutique at 12555 Meridian Road in Chico with 8 other artists. The historic farm house will be chock full of hand-made worthy goods for any of your gift giving needs. The Boutique also raises funds for Tech Trek, local scholarships, and AAUW Funds. Come and shop. Hours are 10 to 4 on Saturday and noon to 4 on Sunday.

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Secretary's Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council, November 14, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. at Sutter County Schools Board Room

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

Call to Order by Liz Skelly, at 1:00 pm

Minutes of October 10, 2019 Executive Council were approved with the addition of information regarding potential of sending two members to the AAUW state convention in April, and the correction of the money received from Sutter County Superintendent of Schools for Tech Trek was not \$1,000 but \$900.

Information/Action Items

Replacement for Bylaws member is still in process.

Neelam Canto-Lugo and Brenda Wong came as guests to provide us with additional information about their newly formed Women's Development Advocacy Center, which intends to offer support to young women who need help to continue attending school. They plan to provide financial support, mentorship, books, etc. to assist "young aspiring women." They had previously requested some possibility of support from AAUW. We thanked them and indicated we would strongly support their program with articles in our Feather Vane and possible participation in activities they develop. We would review their request later in the meeting.

Girls on the Run: Artis Buerki brought updated information about what is happening with the Girls on the Run now that Soroptimists are no longer involved. The North State Girls on the Run is expanding to include Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. It was moved and seconded that we continue to provide \$500 to this organization. Motion passed.

It was moved, seconded, passed that we provide up to \$1,000 for Liz and Martha to attend the AAUW state conference on April 17-19.

Reports from Executive Council

Executive Report: Liz reported that she and Jeanine had attended the recent IBC meeting in Chico; Janet was not able to attend. Each group discussed their STEM and other activities.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget

Sandy provided an updated report on our budget, and we remain well-funded.

A check from Sutter County Schools for \$900 for our Tech Trek program had been received but nothing yet from the Yuba County office.

Liz has not yet been able to arrange the process for which \$500 was added to the STEM conference budget for the Yuba College students who provide much assistance. Jeanine plans to visit the college soon and will see what she can find out.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to provide \$150 to the Women's Development Advocacy Program who had presented earlier in the meeting.

There are major problems with our microphone, and Joann Nixon will check with Pete's Music to get a replacement.

Public Policy Report: Martha gave a brief updated report, indicating there will be information in the Feather Vane. She expressed a concern that the legislation to enforce the national Violence Against Women Act is struggling with problems between the House and Senate.

Membership: Lee Jones reported we have 86 members. Linda Zall will be the newest member. It was requested and agreed that we make a library book donation in honor of Ann McDougal, a longtime member who recently passed after a long-term illness.

Nominating Committee. Artis Buerki, Gwyn Baker, and Martha Bunce are now the committee, and it is going very well.

Communications: Janet Theiss was not able to attend, but she had recently completed the roster and mailed it to everyone. There was concern that she may have taken some of expenses out of pocket. Sandy will pursue. Joan Young indicated that the phone contacts are being taken care of. Artis reported information is needed for the December Feather Vane by November 18.

Programs: Barbara Solheim said Salim will be the caterer for the November meeting, in which Rick Rawson, President/CEO of Adventist Health/Rideout Hospital, will be the speaker. About 30 will attend. Barbara expressed concern about the location of our June meeting. We had hoped that the new Hillcrest Landing would be available for a reasonable price, but it would appear that it would cost us about \$27 each. There was considerable discussion about the possibility of locating other local facilities that might be used as a meeting/lunch place. The December program will be on December 14 combined with the usual Coalition Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club. Tickets this year are \$25.

Projects: Joan Young

STEM: Sandy Davini and Barbara Solheim reported on a good meeting held earlier today. Conference will be Monday, March 30. One key job is recruitment and tasks of facilitators, and Gwyn Baker has agreed to take on recruitment; Barbara Alves and Janet Van Alstyne will provide information and schedules for the facilitators. Martha has done a good job of recruiting speakers, but more are needed, especially in the medical/dental area. Packet date will be March 20 at the Sutter County Annex. Jeanine needs to confirm our contract with Yuba.

Garden Tour: Martha Bunce reported: date will be May 2. There will be no January committee meeting. Sandy said she and Martha and Liz had been checking out a number of gardens, and it is going well. The reception will be at the Union Lumber company in Marysville.

Tech Trek: Carol Clark said that she had just learned that some of the major schools are costing \$1,000 a girl this year. Our cost is still \$900. Carol will need additional help, and Nancy has said she will help. We need to approve an MOU for our branch participation in the program. It was moved, seconded, and passed to do so. We will again be sending 6 girls to the Davis program.

Scholarships: Jeanine Rounds reported that the AAUW funds and the YC Women's Club funds have been combined, but amount of money available is still very uncertain, is possibly only \$500; and we need additional information, Liz is continuing to work on this.

Other Business: Interbranch: The annual luncheon will be on February 1, hosted by Gridley. **Sunshine:** Ann McDougal has recently passed, as has Linden Reynolds' husband. Gretchen Cupp is handling cards. **Coalition Drawing:** Priscilla Kerr has completed arrangements for the Lundberg gift basket for the Christmas meeting and several other items are being requested. Joann Nixon reported on her work with the **TT Alumni** ladies, and the name may be shortened to TEM (Team of Extraordinary Minds). She plans to encourage them to attend our February branch meeting, which will be on Space. Artis Buerki requested we **explore possibility** of College AAUW Membership at Yuba. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: Contract Executive Council Secretary for final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting.



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 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

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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	2	3	4	5 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	6	7
8	9	10 10 am Talking on Paper	11	12 1 pm Executive Council	13	14 9:30 am HOLIDAY BRUNCH
15	16 JANUARY FEATHER VANE DEADLINE	17	18	19	20 10 am Book Clubs	21
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29	30	31 				

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