



Feather Vane – January, 2020

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



HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Jan Fishler, author - January 18, 2020 - Bring a potential member

WHEN: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 11:30 am

WHERE: Adventist/Rideout Conference Room at 989 Plumas Street, Yuba City (across from the old Fremont Hospital).

PROGRAM: Our speaker will be **Jan Fishler, author**, who will talk about writing and publishing a book. (see her bio page 2)

MENU: Catered by Marcello's - Menu is Bread Garden, Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressings, Chicken Giardino, Veggie Primavera, Fresh fruit Brownie.

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 *Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

The Coalition Brunch was Saturday, December 14, at the Peach Tree County Club. There were 48 AAUW members and guests in attendance with 126 total attendees. In addition to AAUW, Delta Kappa Gamma, Soroptimist Yuba-Sutter, Soroptimist Marysville-Yuba City, PEO, Marysville Art Club, Women's Creative art group, Bridges to Housing, Gudie's Friends, and Hands of Hope were represented. Our raffle drawing raised \$564 for our Tech Trek program at U.C. Davis. This was more than we raised last year so a big high five to Priscilla Kerr for her leadership in securing some great raffle prizes. The top prize was a wonderful gift basket donated by Lundberg Family Farms. Entertainment was provided by the Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts. What a nice way to start the holiday season! I even managed to win a big plate of cookies (which I shared!) and a raffle prize.

Looking forward to next month—yes, a whole new decade is approaching!—we encourage attendance at our January branch meeting on January 18. The location is the Adventist/Rideout Conference Center on Plumas Street, Yuba City. Our guest speaker is Jan Fishler, author, motivational speaker and writing coach. She should be a very entertaining speaker. As we approach the end of the year, take time to slow down and count your blessings. However you celebrate the holiday season, enjoy your family and friends and remember what the season means. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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. Contract Liz Skelly, 635-0821, for more information.

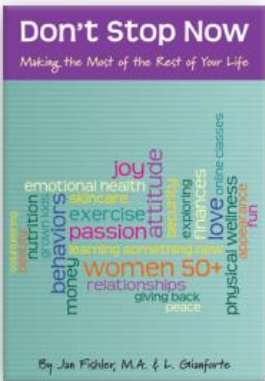
Feather Vanes are posted on our branch website:
<http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 (ctrl+left click to follow link)

PROGRAM NOTES

Barbara Solheim, Program Leader

On January 18 our speaker will be Jan Fishler.

Jan is the author of four books and an avid blogger who loves speaking to groups and organizations on topics that inspire and make people laugh. She also teaches online writing workshops and facilitates transformational retreats for mid-life women.



Her most recent book, *Don't Stop Now: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life*, was co-authored with Elle Gianforte and written especially for mid-life women who are in the process of figuring out what's next. The book covers eight important areas: Physical Health, Emotional Wellness, Finance, Relationships, Behaviors, Appearance, Learning Something New, and Giving Back.

Mark your calendars for the rest of the year. All luncheons will begin at 11:30 am.

February 15 –Yuba College science professor, Dr. Abrar Shaukat, will 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 tell 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.

Coalition Brunch. Priscilla Kerr thanks all the people who donated to our Tech trek fundraiser with silent auction items. We netted \$564 from the AAUW silent auction.



Music was provided by Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Vocal Ensemble, directed by Zenobia Brown.



Brunch was outstanding, provided by Peach Tree staff. Photos by Joann Nixon



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AAUW.MVYC

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.

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

TECK TREK ALUMNI REPORT

Barbara Douyon

The Committee met "online" last month to confirm and advance plans set forth at our previous meeting. A "Save the Date" invitation was sent to the TEM group (Team of Exceptional Minds), inviting the girls to the February Branch Meeting. It is at this meeting that Yuba College Professor Shaukat will address the subject of the "amazing things learned about space and our solar system." It will be an enticing subject for the TEM group. The girls will also be given an opportunity to connect with each other *after* the meeting, allowing them a chance to build on their relationships.



MEMBERSHIP

Lee Jones, Membership Leader

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.



Our two newest members are Linda Zall (L) and Jennifer Jones (R). Please add them to your Rosters.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF AAUW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Artis Buerki, Editor

Graduates of only a few universities were included in **1881**, when Marion Talbott, Ellen H. Richards, and 15 of their women friends, met in Boston to start the **Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA)**, an organization created to open doors of higher education to other women.

In **1921**, (just one year after the 19th Amendment was passed giving women the Right to Vote), the **Association of Collegiate Alumnae (ACA)** merged with the **Southern Assoc. of College Women**, and together they became the **American Association of University Women (AAUW)**.

In June **1949** the bylaws were revised so that the only requirement for membership was a college degree, therefore reaffirming that women college graduates of all universities and races would be eligible for AAUW membership.

In September **1955** our branch was chartered.

In **1987** AAUW membership was extended to male college graduates.

In **2005**, with a growing population of women entering economically advantageous careers with community college educational backgrounds, AAUW's National Conference voted to include graduates who held an Associate or

equivalent degree from qualified educational institutions. There have been no further changes in membership requirements since that time. The current membership requirements are on our website page, mvyca-aauw.net/JOIN, or contact Lee Jones, Membership Leader, for an application to give to a friend.
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FACILITATORS NEEDED for MARCH 30 STEM CONFERENCE --

Are you looking for a simple way to volunteer for AAUW? We need at least 30 facilitators to help at the STEM Conference for 8th-grade girls which will be held on **March 30, 2020, 8 am to noon at Yuba College**. Facilitators stay in the room with the speakers and make sure things run smoothly. Please contact me right away if you would like to help. Gwyn Baker, email GDCARYL@yahoo.com, or call/text 530-632-4336

STEM CONFERENCE Committee

Barbara Solheim, STEM Conference Co-Chair

STEM Conference will be on **March 30, 2020**. The Stem Conference Committee is working on all the details for the Conference. There are many. We still need presenters in the medical field. If you know someone that would be a good presenter please ask them if they could be available for the Morning of March 30. We are also looking for facilitators. If you are asked, please say yes. It is not a hard job, but it is an important one. If you know someone that you think would make a good facilitator, get their phone number and e-mail and give it to Gwyn Baker. Committee's next meeting will be on **January 9 at 10:00**. If you have any questions call or e-mail Sandy Davini or Barbara Solheim.

TECH TREK Committee will meet on **January 15, 3:30 pm** at Carol Clark's home. Earlier that week she and Nancy Johnston will attend the Northern CA Tech Trek planning meeting in Sacramento and will report to the committee. Anyone interested in joining the Tech Trek Committee should contact Carol Clark, 671-5286.

GARDEN TOUR Committee will not meet in January. Martha Bunce will contact Committee by email if necessary, and they will resume meeting the first Thursday in February. Contact Martha, 743-0306, if you have questions.

Coalition Holiday Brunch - Here are more pictures of the Coalition Brunch on **December 14**.



Jeanine Rounds represented our group on the planning committee. We collected socks and toiletries for Hands of Hope as the service project. *Photos by Joann Nixon*



**INTERBRANCH LUNCHEON
 February 1 in Gridley –**

The annual Interbranch Luncheon will be on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at 11:30 am. The location will be determined by the Gridley branch which is close by, so plan to attend!
Contact Janet Theiss, 695-3159, by January 14, 2020 if you want to attend and to get cost and location. Then mail your check (written to Janet Theiss), to Janet Theiss, 9631 Schroeder Road, Live Oak, CA 95953. Janet will then write one large check for all of our branch reservations.

AAUW California Convention – April 17-19, 2020

This year the annual AAUW CA Convention will be 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.

Fred Rogers who created and starred in the long running Mr. Rogers children’s television show. It was well played by Tom Hanks as Mr. Rogers and Mathew Rhys as Lloyd, the reporter. The story is loosely based on the friendship between Rogers and the real life Esquire Magazine reporter, Tom Junod, who wrote the Esquire cover story (Heroes) about Mr. Rogers in 1998. Other movies attended recently were Good Liar, Harriet, and Knives Out. Contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net, if you are interested in being on the email contact list, or if you have ideas to share.

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 Judy Hale’s house on **January 17** to discuss the book Where Did You Go Bernadette by Semple.



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, and classics are all options at the Yuba City Cinemark. Some of us went to see A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, on November 25. It was about



TALKING ON PAPER

Our writing group usually meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am On **January 7** TOP will meet at The Cookie Tree. The meeting will begin at 10 am and end 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 for information.



Here are the Talking on Paper women at the December meeting at Barbara’s home.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr, 654-7120. On **January 23**, the Hostess is Nancy Johnston. Please contact Nancy, 695-1955, by the Monday before the lunch. Plan to meet at Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Ave. in Yuba City by 10:30 to carpool to the Mad Pie Café in Sacramento.

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Here is an artist's drawing of the new memorial to American suffragists that broke ground on November 14, 2019 in Lorton, Virginia, **near the site where women involved in the struggle for the right to vote were brutally imprisoned in the late 1910s.** Called the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, it is scheduled to open in August, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's official certification. Read more on the website: suffragistmemorial.org



Secretary's Notes

Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary

AAUW Executive Council, December 12, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. - Sutter County Schools Annex

Those in attendance were the following: 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, Carol Clark, Nancy Johnston; Priscilla Kerr, Joann Nixon

Call to Order, 1:05; Minutes of November 11, 2019 Executive Council were approved as submitted.

Information/Action Items.

Replacement for Bylaws member is still in process.

It was requested we put the TEM activity (Team of Extraordinary Minds) in the Projects category from now on.

Joann Nixon demonstrated her purchase of our new program mike. It has been purchased for \$198, including taxes. The group is pleased with the new equipment.

Reports from Executive Council

Executive Report: Members commented on how effective our November Adventist/Rideout Hospital program was.

Correspondence: Sandy indicated we had received a very nice thank you letter from the Casa de Esperanza program for the \$1,000 donation we made to the organization

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy provided an updated report on our budget, and we remain well-funded.

Public Policy Report: None.

Membership: Lee Jones reported we have 86 members. Linda Zall and Jennifer Jones are the newest members. Lee provided a list of the books that the Sutter County Library will purchase with our donation of \$50 each in honor of Ann

McDougal and Sharon Atkinson. Lee said we have received communications from the state's Membership chair encouraging all branches to communicate in a variety of ways with members and possible membership.

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

Bylaws: still vacant

Communications: Janet Theiss was not able to attend, but she had recently completed the **roster** and mailed it to everyone. It was moved, seconded, and passed that AAUW support Janet with \$100 for all her publication expenses. Joan Young indicated that there are no **phone contacts** for December, as we have the Coalition Brunch this year. Over 130 community women from various organizations will be attending. Artis has indicated the deadline material for the January **Feather Vane** is December 16.

Programs: Barbara Solheim indicated that the January program will be Jan Fishler, an author. There will be more specific information in the January Feather Vane. The February meeting will be on Space. Concern was expressed about the location of our June meeting. Sandy indicated that she, Barbara, and Jeanine will visit the new Hillcrest to see if it is possible to get a price that would be appropriate for our group.

Projects: Joan Young.

STEM. Sandy Davini reported that things are going well, but we're still in need of speakers related to medical careers. The next meeting will be in January. Conference will be Monday, March 30. Packet date will be March 20 at the Sutter County Annex. Jeanine said she and Liz recently met with Yuba staff to confirm facilities and procedures.

Garden Tour: Martha was not available, but procedures seem to be going well.

Tech Trek. Carol indicated that she is working on getting initial activities together. State information arrived the end of November, and with the help of several other AAUW members she has been able to acquire the essential information regarding school personnel. She will be sending nominating information to 30 schools. Nancy Johnston, our new member, has also been very helpful.

TEM: Joann says she has sent information out to the TEM group (former Tech Trek girls) encouraging them to attend the February branch meeting on SPACE. She encouraged the group to consider funding the lunch costs for those attending.

Scholarships: Liz is continuing to work on this.

Other Business: Interbranch: The annual luncheon will be on February 1, hosted by Gridley. No reports from **Sunshine.**

Coalition Drawing: Priscilla has completed arrangements for the Lundberg gift basket for the Christmas meeting. Several other items are being added. Donations were encouraged, but it appears we have quite a number of items collected. It was reported that Artis had requested we again explore possibility of **College AAUW Membership** at Yuba, and we will discuss this at our January meeting. We have explored it before but it requires a staff member at the college to assume responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00. Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

[Post Meeting Report]: It should have been reported that, as requested, Jeanine had arranged for the appropriate Yuba College management of the \$500 that was added to the STEM conference budget for the Yuba College students who provide much assistance.]

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



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 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org Tech Trek: www.aauw-techtrek.org

JANUARY, 2020

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
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5		7 10 am Talking on Paper		9 10 am STEM Comm. 1 pm Executive Council		
			15 3:30 pm Tech Trek Committee		17 10 am Book Clubs	18 11:30 am Branch luncheon
	20 FEBRUARY FEATHER VANE DEADLINE			23 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet		
						FEB. 1 11:30 am IBC luncheon, in Gridley

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