



# Feather Vane – March, 2020

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

## AAUW STEM CONFERENCE -- MARCH 30, 2020 at YUBA COLLEGE

The STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls will be held at Yuba College on **Monday, March 30**. Last year's STEM Conference brought more than 800 students to the Yuba College campus to experience what college life might be like, and to learn from local women about their careers in fields that require science and math. The conference's purpose is to encourage girls to stay in school and not to avoid the 'hard' subjects. Studies have shown that girls are as proficient in science and math as anyone, and they can succeed. This year's STEM Conference will include women working in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Middle and K-8 schools in Sutter and Yuba Counties have been invited to attend, and many teachers bring their 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to the STEM Conference every year. Students will come to the STEM Conference with their math or science teachers in school busses as a school project. The girls leave with ideas about the career direction on which they wish to focus, and have a better idea of what classes to sign up for when they get to high school in the fall.

The STEM Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Yuba College gymnasium with keynote speaker, Preet Didbal, the former Mayor of Yuba City and Yuba City Planning Commissioner. Then they will break out into Sessions taught by local women in STEM careers. After each girl has attended her 3 sessions, all 800 or so girls will join together again in the school cafeteria for lunch. Girls who have signed up for a Campus Tour will do so following lunch. For more information contact the STEM Conference Chairs: Sandy Davini, 673-0930, /c 713-1390; and Barbara Solheim, 674-3577, /c 751-6954. If you haven't already volunteered to be a Facilitator in a classroom, please contact Gwyn Baker, 632-4336. She'd appreciate your help. *Artis Buerki, Editor*

**MARCH is National Women's History Month.** AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our nonpartisan, nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and more than 800 college and university members. Learn more at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)



## Council Chat *Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

As I write this, I am looking outside right now and it does not seem like winter. It's definitely spring-like weather but I'm hoping for rain in our future. I want to get out there and start pulling weeds!

Our **February 15** branch meeting was well attended, and we were fortunate to have five young ladies there who were prior Tech Trek campers. It was so nice to see such articulate and composed young women. Thank you to Joann Nixon for keeping the Tech Trek alumni together. Tingxian Liu was introduced as last year's scholarship recipient, and we also recognized our member, Karen Tam, who was named the "volunteer of the month" by the Yuba City Senior Center for her volunteer work at the Senior Center teaching people to use their cell phones.

The featured speaker for the February branch meeting was Dr. Abrar Shaukat, professor of physics and astronomy in the Yuba College system. What an interesting presentation! He went over the exponential explosion of information about space and our galaxies from 100 years ago to the present. We learned about planets, stars, galaxies, light years, dark matter, black holes and the impact of the invention of the Hubble telescope on astronomy. Fascinating. There were a LOT of very good questions from our group and he did a good job answering them.

The STEM committee is busy tackling the hundreds of details to put on the annual STEM conference for eighth grade girls at Yuba College on **March 30**. It looks like we will have a record number of girls attending—over 850 girls and still counting!

Reminder: There will not be a March branch meeting due to our STEM Conference at Yuba College, so I look forward to seeing all of you at the **April 18** meeting.

**Executive Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, if you'd like to attend this month.

## ELECTION APRIL 18

Nominating Committee Report by Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, and Gwyn Baker

The nominee for the one opening on the Executive Council is **Nancy Johnston** who joined our branch last year. Nancy has already become active on the STEM Committee, and her technical skills have benefited the branch as she computer-assists our speakers at branch meetings with their AV presentations. Nancy would replace **Jeanine Rounds** as EC Secretary as Jeanine finishes her term and moves into a member-at-large position on the Executive Council. Jeanine served as President of our branch in 2005-07. She has been a member of the Executive Council since then, and we thank her for her service.

**Sandy Davini** has agreed to run for another 1-year Treasurer's term. **Janet Theiss** will run for another 3-year term as Communication Leader.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at our Annual Meeting on **April 18** at Yuba College. If you nominate someone at that time, please be sure that they have agreed to serve. If you have questions, or wish to be on the Executive Council, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee immediately. Artis Buerki, 671-5665; Martha Bunce, 713-0663; or Gwyn Baker, 632-4336.

## Education & Training Tea Bag Fundraiser

Sandy Davini for Jeanne Schultz, AAUW Funds Chair

In February, each member received a tea bag in the mail, and a letter explaining our annual Education and Training Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations support opportunities for women that give them a chance for a lifetime of success. Please participate in this event by writing a check for \$15 or more to "AAUW" and write ET- #4450 in the memo line. Please notice that the fund number for the memo line has been changed. Please mail your check to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992, by **March 15**.

Total donations of \$750 or more allow us to designate one or more branch members as an "AAUW Education and Training Opportunities Named Gift Honoree." We will be honoring our Named Gift Honorees at a future branch meeting.

# PROGRAM NOTES

*Barbara Solheim, Program Leader*

**There is no branch luncheon in March due to the STEM Conference.**

**SAVE THE DATE -- April 18 is our Annual Meeting, 11:30 at Yuba College.**

Thank you to our speaker at the Feb. 15 branch meeting, Physics Professor Abrar Shaukat Ph.D. He is shown here talking with his student, Tingxian Liu, who was also one of our Yuba College scholarship winners this year.



Guests at Feb. 15 branch meeting (from left to right): Dr. Shaukat, Physics teacher who spoke about discoveries in space; Tingxian Liu, Yuba College Scholarship winner; and members of TEM (our Tech Trek Alumni group): Natalie Buzzini, Butte Vista (2018); Chloe Nguyen, Butte Vista (2018); Abi Thompson, Barry (2018); Madeline Covil, River Meadows (2019); and Joscelin Robles, Twin Rivers charter (2019). *Photos by Joann Nixon*

## Patricia Fournier remembered

Our long time AAUW branch member, Patricia Fournier, passed away on January 19, 2020. Her memorial service was on February 15, at St. Isadore Catholic Church. Pat was a 50 Year Member of our AAUW Branch. As is the procedure of our AAUW branch, we will donate \$50 to purchase books dedicated in Pat's name at the Sutter County Library.

***Our Pat*** -- There are several of us who considered Pat a true friend. She was one of our bridge players, Casino visitors (she loved the buffet!), Moose Lodge Birthday Night goers (her prime rib had to be rare!), loyal D.O.L.S. member, Marysville Art Club member, and AAUW member. Pat was an all-around "up for anything" gal.

Pat was a devout Catholic who attended mass regularly, even if she had to walk with her walker to church. She happily volunteered at the church food locker. Several of us would pick her up when she no longer could drive her car.

Pat had a large family and she cherished every one of them. I remember her making Valentines for her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and they always contained a message of love. Family photos had a prominent place in her home.

We will miss you Pat! Rest in Peace!

### 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](http://www.aauw.org) and search e-students.





## 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](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com) for a membership application. Please welcome our new member, Kathy Nehl, and add her to your Roster:

**Kathleen (goes by Kathy) Nehl**

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530.743.6050; [katnehl@syix.com](mailto:katnehl@syix.com).  
CSULA - BS in Recreation Education

## NEW MEMBER STORIES

**Kathy Nehl** – Kathy re-joined our branch in January.



I contacted Lee Jones... I had been a member 20 plus years ago and wanted to join again, as I am newly retired (7.28.2019) and will now have enough available free time for the meetings.

I graduated from California State University in 1975 with a BS in Recreation Education.

I worked initially in Public Parks and Recreation and then moved into the therapeutic field. (Mental Health and then Rehabilitation). I have been happily married nearly 43 years. I became a Recreation Therapist in 1978. My husband Joe and I have 4 daughters and 4 grandchildren. I worked at Oroville Hospital for 25 years.

I chose to be a stay at home mom after my first child was born. My second child has Downs syndrome and it seemed best to use my Recreation Therapy skills for my own family. I volunteered at their schools, also with 4H and was a member of the Yuba County Teen Parent advisory committee prior to returning to work in my profession. My husband and I have a vintage (1973) GMC motorhome and belong to the GMC Forty Niners Motorhome Club.

Now that I'm retired I look forward to: Increasing my level of fitness. Arts and Crafts. Gardening. Travel. Reading. Becoming more engaged in our community.

I have volunteered to help with the STEM conference in March.

As I have so recently retired and have family on the east coast I don't yet know how active I will become with AAUW. It will be an adventure as I enter this new phase of self-actualization!



**Linda Zall** – Linda re-joined our branch in November. Ask her what AAUW was like in the late 1970s when she was President of our branch.

I was an active member of AAUW many years ago and decided I wanted to rejoin the organization because I believe so strongly in the mission and values of AAUW. I saw an article about a meeting and followed the directions about joining and within a day or two, Lee Jones was at my door personally delivering all the documents I needed to rejoin.

I was born in New York and, like so many others in the community, was brought here by the Air Force following some travels throughout the United States and Asia. I attended California State University, Sacramento, then known as Sac State. I received a Bachelor's degree in home economics and psychology as well as a secondary teaching credential.

After teaching for a year in Fall River Mills, I joined my parents in Yuba City and began looking for other jobs. I became a probation officer for Sutter County. About that time, I met Terry and we later married. During the early years of our marriage, we were very active members of Friends of Old Marysville (FOOM), a group dedicated to preserving the architectural history of Old Marysville. Following the birth of our son, I left the Probation Department and had the opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities.

I was invited to join the United Way Board, the Bok Kai Festival Committee (chairing the Festival two years), and served on two grand juries (chairman the second year). I also sat on the School Attendance Review Board in Yuba County and was asked to develop and implement the first drug, alcohol, and tobacco education programs by the County Superintendent. I worked with schools and school districts to help them develop policies and programs for students and staff.

After our son graduated from high school, I began working for the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) where I helped develop a program centered on educational achievement for youth in foster care. I worked with the COE, school districts, Child Protective Services, foster family agencies, foster families, and the courts to develop policies, procedures, and trainings to ensure the timely transfer of school records and provide educational supports to foster children and foster parents.

I retired in 2014 and am now active in P.E.O. a philanthropic education organization for women and Fortnightly, a book club formed by a group of women in approximately 1904 that continues to meet every two weeks to share information about a non-fiction book. I look forward to being in AAUW again.

**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](mailto: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 Phyllis's home on **March 20**. Book for discussion will be The Only Woman in the Room by Benedict



**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](mailto: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 usually meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. Meet on **March 3** 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, 713-1279



**TRAVELING GOURMET** Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120. Pat Jones will our hostess on **March 26**. She has chosen Buonarroti Ristorante, 460 Lincoln Blvd in Lincoln. Please call Pat, 674-0114, with reservations by the Monday before. We meet at the parking lot on Gray Ave. at 10:30 am.

**Equal Pay Day is March 31 – Wear Red**

By Karen Jackle, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee

The next Equal Pay Day (EPD) is Tuesday, March 31, 2020. This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The **National Committee on Pay Equity** <https://www.pay-equity.org/day.html> reminds us to wear red to symbolize how far women and minorities are “in the red” with their pay.



**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](http://aauw-ca.org) for more conference information, and contact a member of the Executive Council if you plan to attend the Convention.

**Sutter Buttes Garden Club Plant Sale**

April 4, 2020  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Palmer Hall (near Franklin Hall at the Fairgrounds)  
Free admission  
The proceeds fund scholarships and Community beautification

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<http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/> (ctrl+left click)

## TEM Committee Report *by Barbara Douyon*

The Tech Trek Alumni group, now called TEM, held the First Wednesday-of-the-Month meeting at the home of Committee Chairperson, Joann Nixon. It was confirmed that the TEM girls had been invited to the February Branch Meeting. Professor Shaukat's topic—discoveries in space--was of great interest to the five girls attending. The Committee laid out tentative plans for the rest of the year's activities. The TEM will be offering their services at the STEM Conference in March and at the Garden Tour in May. We continue to explore opportunities to embrace past Tech Trek campers, continuing to strengthen TEM.

## Interbranch Council (IBC) *by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative*

I was forced to miss the annual Interbranch Council (IBC) Luncheon on **February 1, 2020**, at the Moose Lodge in Gridley, but other attendees' quotes give you the flavor of the event.

From **Joan Young**: We had a good showing, as you know. Lunch (chicken and veggies) was good, and because the chicken wasn't done in time we ate our salad and bread (someone suggested we eat dessert first!), then went back for the main course. The speaker from TURN was enthusiastic, with lots of questions from audience.

From **Artis Buerki**: Good meeting today. 7 from our branch were there. Speaker was Mark Toney, ED from TURN, (the utility reform network), who talked about the difference between public owner utility suppliers (i.e. SMUD, TVA) and companies run by stock holders (i.e. PG&E, which is PCG on the stock exchange.). [Artis has his 8 pg. newsletter if anyone is interested.]

From **Linden Reynolds**: It was a good turn-out and interesting speaker. He seemed truly surprised at how informed many of the women were (I do not include myself) by the questions they were asking. This was his first presentation, so I guess we set high standards for expectations of other groups.

From **Carol Holzgrafe**, Member AAUW Paradise and Chico and Director, AAUW California: Members unable to attend the recent IBC (Interbranch Council) lunch in Gridley missed a terrifically interesting talk by Mark Toney, the Executive Director of T.U.R.N. (The Utility Reform Network\*, a consumer advocacy organization headquartered in San Francisco). Toney was clear about the pros and cons about "community" utility projects—like SMUD in Sacramento and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP); Gridley and Redding have one too. The two takeaways are that, whether or not the non-PG&E energy company works for its rate payers depends largely on how competent and honest its board is. See SMUD and LADWP for examples at the opposite end of that spectrum. He said to put "LADWP" and "corruption" in a Google search and see what you come up with: An unending list. One other contrast between the two is that SMUD directors deal only with utility issues; LADWP is directed by the LA City Council, a body with other issues to consider. One thing I remember most is that the CEO of the TVA (remember the Tennessee Valley Authority?) headed that crumbling, corrupt Federal project. He (Bill Johnson) left the TVA and came—where?—to PG&E, also a company with crumbling infrastructure and out-of-control administrative costs. And, now, a huge debt. There was more, of course, but TURN seems to be a worthy organization offering insights and details as we all contemplate our future with PG&E. [www.turn.org](http://www.turn.org) Facebook:/TheUtilityReformNetwork. Two Paradise/Chico members, Sue Griffin and Satsie Veith, are members of TURN, Sue for decades. They and Toney tried to get PG&E to send a representative to provide another perspective but were unsuccessful. \*TURN represents consumers before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), because they feel it was overly focused on the interests of its regulated industries at the expense of consumers.

The next IBC meeting is Monday, **May 4, 2020**, in Chico, at 6:00 p.m., venue to be determined. Contact Janet Theiss, 695-3159, for reservations.

## Advocacy & Action *by Martha Bunce*

AAUW is proud to announce its gender policy agenda, which outlines our priority issues for the 2020 election season. As a non-partisan organization, AAUW does not endorse specific candidates, but throughout our 140-year history, we have been a staunch advocate for policies that improve the lives of girls, women and their families. Here's what AAUW would like to see implemented to advance gender equality in education and the workplace:

### Economic Security

1. Ensure Equal Pay for Equal Work
2. Implement Paid Leave and Paid Sick Days
3. Stop Harassment in the Workplace
4. Raise the Minimum Wage and Eliminate the Tipped Minimum Wage
5. Close the Retirement Gap
6. Protect Pregnant Workers

**Education** -- 1. Defend and Strengthen Title IX; 2. Reduce Student Debt; 3. Expand Opportunities for Women and Girls in STEM

**Foundational Rights** -- 1. Expand and Protect the Right to Vote; 2. Ensure Access to High-Quality Healthcare; 3. Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment

See more details at: <https://www.aauw.org/article/aauws-2020-gender-policy-agenda/>

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## Secretary's Report – Feb. 13, 2020, 1 pm

*by Jeanine Rounds, EC Secretary*

The AAUW Executive Council met on February 13, 2020, 1:00 pm at Sutter County Schools Annex. Those in attendance were Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader, Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader; Janet Theiss, Communications; Joan Young, Projects; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary: Members at Large present were Gwyn Baker\*, Martha Bunce, Carol Clark, Nancy Johnston, Joann Nixon

**Call to Order, 1:06** Minutes of January 9, 2020, Executive Council were approved.

### Information/Action Items

\*Bylaws Chair: Executive Council unanimously approved the appointment of Gwyn Baker as Bylaws Chair.

Potential Yuba College AAUW Club: Discussion continued on the possibility of an AAUW organization at Yuba College. There would not need to be a separate club organized if Yuba would pay an annual fee, and a college staff member would assume responsibility for working with our AAUW organization. Liz agreed to speak to one of the staff members who works with us on the STEM conference to see how she feels about this. Then students would be eligible to join the AAUW. Many California community colleges provide this opportunity. Jeanine was asked to speak to Carol Holzgrafe at Paradise and Chico branch to see how this works.

Women's Right to Vote: The statement that we developed reminding all that this is the 100 year of women's eligibility to vote and how strongly we support this has been sent to both Yuba and Sutter County boards. We can attend the Yuba County March board meeting to share this declaration. We have not yet heard from Sutter County. It was also suggested that we send our statement to the Chairs of the two county Boards of Education.

Gift Tray: Artis is assuring that the AAUW gift tray for members we honor is being updated. Members approved spending up to \$125 on the engraving and then using the tray at our branch meetings.

AAUW Annual state conference. Liz will be attending the April conference in the Bay Area, but Martha will not be able to. Nancy Johnston will take her place. Members voted to increase funding for conference up to \$2,000 since we have not sent anyone in some time.

## **Reports from Executive Council**

Executive Council Leader Report: Liz wished the Council a happy Valentine's Day and indicated that the new mike is working very well.

Correspondence: Sandy passed out limited correspondence, and Jeanine shared some handouts from the IBC meeting regarding their future events.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Budget for the year looks good. We will increase our lunch costs for Branch meetings to \$20 next year, and we will postpone purchase of new projector as one might not be needed. We still have not yet received donation funding from Soroptimists group or Yuba County Office of Education, but Yuba sent two checks (each \$450) last year; perhaps one was to be for this year. Sandy will follow up.

Public Policy Report: Martha said the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) is coming up again in Congress. She also suggested that we establish a "change jar" at our Board meetings, encouraging members to drop in any pocket change to go to Casa de Esperanza. The group agreed to do so, and Liz said she would look for an appropriate jar.

Membership: Lee Jones was absent.

Nominating Committee: Artis provided the statement, somewhat edited, following: while there are 3 offices to fill for next year, one is the Treasurer (which must be elected every year), and Sandy will be nominated to continue in that. A second is Communications, now held by Janet Theiss, and she plans to stand again; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be for the replacement of Jeanine Rounds, who does not plan to run again. (Jeanine served as President of our branch in in 2005-2007 and has been a member of the Executive Council since then and we thank her for our service). This information will be printed in March Feather Vane and nominations from floor will be accepted at the April Branch, and elections will follow. Artis reminds us that if someone nominates a member, they must be certain that person has agreed to the nomination. She also adds that anyone with questions to please contact one of the members of this committee: Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, or Gwyn Baker.

Bylaws: Gwyn has accepted the position. All were delighted!

Communications: Janet Theiss reported all seems to be going well. Feather Vane information needed by 2/17. Joan indicated calls about branch meeting have gone well.

Programs: Barbara Solheim reported that there appear to be about 43 people planning to attend the February 15 meeting when Dr. Abrar Shaukat will speak on what we learned about space in the past century. Five of those coming are from the TEM Alumna group, whose lunch we are paying for. Some will bring their parents, who must pay for their own lunch. Salim Ben Mami of Café Collage will provide the lunch. Joann indicated that she has asked an AAUW member to be a contact person for each TEM student at the meeting. Sandy said she will not be there but has asked Kelly Smurthwaite, Jeanine's daughter, to handle the checking in.



There is no March meeting because of STEM. The April meeting will be at Yuba College, and the speaker will be talking about technology and avoiding fraud. Unfortunately, a number of the Executive Committee will not be attending, so we need to encourage members to come and to bring guests.

There is no May meeting because of Garden Tour, but the June meeting will be held at the Refuge. Jeanine and Sandy met with the young lady who is now handling Events, and she is interested in having us use the facility and to providing the food and electronic equipment that we need. We have also tentatively scheduled holding our September meeting there.

For the October meeting, the group agreed we need to have someone from the League of Women Voters as our speaker. We need to identify our contact person.

**Projects:** Joan Young

**STEM:** Sandy reported the committee had an excellent meeting earlier this morning. There are 868 girls scheduled to come. There was concern about the ability of the gym to handle this number, but Liz indicated that is room for about 900. We will notify teachers that only students will be able to sit on the benches. Packet date will be March 20 at the Sutter County Annex. The conference will be Monday, March 30. Martha has 21 confirmed speakers and several other probable ones. June McJunkin has been very helpful in getting initial information out to the schools. Gwyn Baker has been working to obtain facilitators and has nearly enough. We will need a couple over 30, as we use several in a variety of ways on campus. Barbara Alves and Janet Val Alstynne will be responsible for providing all the appropriate information to those identified both initially and after they arrive on campus. We need to assure that we use the same procedure for seating students in the gym, as it worked very well last year. Preet Didbal will be the keynote speaker again.

**Garden Tour:** Date will be May 2. Martha Bunce reported that we have 7 sites all in Yuba County. The reception will be at Union Lumber Company. We cannot hand out tickets to members as there is no March meeting, but Janet will be mailing them out. The price has risen this year to \$20, so each member will be asked to be responsible for just 2 each. We had discussed using the TEM girls to assist at the reception or possibly the distribution of programs. Joann said this would work in the morning, so it was agreed we would use 2 of them from 9 to 11:00. Jeanine will be handing out clipboards at branch meeting on Saturday asking members to indicate if they could serve as a hostess.

**Tech Trek:** Carol Clark reported that while we received 28 nominations, only 17 essays came in. We will be reading these on February 19 and 26 at the home of Donna Long. Interviews will be held at Boyd Hall, but so far we have only 4 women to serve on panel. We very much need one more. We will again be sending 6 girls to the Davis program.

**Team of Extraordinary Minds--TEM:** Joann Nixon reported that the TEM girls will help to get the new winners to the pizza party we have every spring for the girls to get acquainted. Thus far we are still planning to have the event at the home of Barbara Douyon. Some spouses will be willing to help with set up and other needs. .

**Scholarships:** Liz indicated there are still serious questions about the scholarship funds. AAUW's fund is very low, but we would be allowed to provide two \$500 scholarships this year. The defunct Yuba City Women's Club fund is no longer allowed to be spent, but we could possibly modify that if we could reach at least 2 of the former members, so we will pursue that.

**Other Business:** Interbranch: Meeting on Feb. 1 went very well; several in our branch attended; No reports from Historian, Sunshine, Coalition Drawing, or other. Meeting adjourned at 2:50

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

<i>Note: Contract Executive Council Secretary for final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting</i>
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## MARCH, 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
1	2	3 10 am Talking on Paper	4	5 11 am Garden Tour Committee	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 10 am STEM Comm.  1 pm Executive Council	13	14
15	16 <b>APRIL FEATHER VANE DEADLINE</b>	17	18	19	20 9 am - noon STEM Packet Day  10 am Book Clubs	21  Tech Trek Interviews
22	23	24	25	26 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	27	28
29	30 STEM CONFERENCE	31				

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