



Feather Vane – April, 2020

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

No STEM Conference this year

Council Chat *Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader*

March 13, 2020 -- As I write this, we were all looking forward to the annual STEM Conference on March 30 at the Yuba College campus. This year we would have had a record number of eighth grade girls attending. **However, life (and a concern about the Corona Virus) intervened, forcing us to cancel the STEM Conference this year. The two biggest school districts in our counties cancelled all field trips and the ability of the college to host us was uncertain at the time of this writing.** It is a shame that this year's group of eighth grade girls will not be able to have the rewarding experience of listening to women in STEM-related fields and see a college campus up close. (see STEM Report page 2)

Reminder: There was no branch meeting in March, but we look forward to the **April 18** Annual Branch Meeting to be held at Yuba College. (See information below) Rhonda Cameron will be speaking about protecting yourself in a cyber world. The April meeting is also our annual business meeting and you will be electing officers to fill openings in our Executive Council. Gwyn Baker was recently appointed by the Executive Council to complete the existing term of Bylaws Group Leader. I will unfortunately miss our April 18 meeting as Nancy Johnston and I will be attending the AAUW-CA Conference on behalf of our local branch that same weekend.

I had the honor of attending the Sutter County Board of Supervisors meeting on March 10 to accept a Proclamation from the Board on behalf of AAUW in recognition of Women's History Month (March) and Women's Suffrage Centennial. On March 24, Yuba County Board of Supervisors will also present AAUW a similar Proclamation.

The **May 2** Garden Tour is the major fundraiser for our branch and we have a great lineup of gardens on the tour. This is always a fun event enjoyed by many of our local citizens—they come by the carloads! If you are asked to volunteer, please say YES. And finally, the annual membership dues are due before June 6 to get a chance at the drawing for a free year of dues. (Dues are Due article is on page 3 of this *Feather Vane*.)



APRIL 18, 2020 -- BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION BRING A FRIEND OR POTENTIAL MEMBERS

WHEN: **Saturday, April 18, 11:30 a.m.**

WHERE: **Yuba College, Flavors Restaurant** – North Beale Road, past West parking lot, and after the Administration Building, turn right onto Sutter Street to Placer Street, Flavors is in Bldg. 300 at intersection of Sutter and Placer. **FREE** Parking.

PROGRAM: **Protecting Yourself in a Cyber World** with guest speaker **Rhonda Cameron**. Election of officers.

MENU: Prepared by Culinary Art students of Yuba College under the direction of Roy Hansen.

COST: \$18, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – **Respond YES or NO** to your email contact (Barbara Douyon), or to your phone contact (Joan Young, Colleen Franklin, or Donna Long) **by the Monday prior to the meeting**. Confirm with your contact person, but if you are unable to reach her by Tuesday, please call Janet Theiss (530-695-3159) to be sure that your name is on the reservation list. *If you reply YES, you owe for the meal, and will be billed if you do not attend.*

Branch Election is April 18 – New terms begin on July 1, 2020 The nominee is **Nancy Johnston** for the one opening on the Executive Council for a 3-year term. In addition, **Sandy Davini** has agreed to run for another 1-year Treasurer's term; and **Janet Theiss** has agreed to run for another 3-year term.

Jeanine Rounds has finished her current term and will become a Member-at-large on the Executive Council. We thank her for her service. If you wish to serve on the Executive Council as a members-at-large (annually appointed) please contact Liz Skelly. If you nominate someone for election from the floor on April 18, please be sure that person has agreed to be nominated. If you have any questions please contact one of us on the Nominating Committee.

Artis Buerki, 671-5665; Martha Bunce, 713-0663; Gwyn Baker, 632-4336

AAUW's 28th Annual Garden Tour
Saturday, May 2, 2020 *Art in the Gardens*

Self-guided garden tour
—10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Reception at Union
Lumber, Marysville
—Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets \$25 online:
<http://mvyca.aauw.net>

Tickets \$20 before; \$25 day of tour: Sperbeck's Nursery, Union Lumber, Yuba City Florist, The Country Florist, AAUW members



GARDEN TOUR – May 2

Dear AAUW branch members,

Please send in your **\$40** for the two tickets that you receive in the mail. Since 2007 (or earlier), our Garden Tour ticket price has been \$15 and in the past we have asked each member to buy or sell three tickets, but continued rising costs for everything else has convinced us to finally raise the ticket price to \$20, still lower than many other fund raising events. We are asking you to only buy 2 tickets this year. Please send in your \$40. If you need more



tickets to sell, ask Janet Theiss. We always have plenty!

Our work opens doors to girls and women's futures! The Garden Tour makes this possible, funding the STEM Conference and Tech Trek, as well as the many other projects and ways we support our community. Thank you for your support,
Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

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, if you'd like to attend this month.

STEM Committee Report – by *Sandy Davini and Barbara Solheim, STEM co-chairs*

"With regret, AAUW Marysville-Yuba City is canceling the March 30, 2020 STEM Career Aware Conference for 8th graders at Yuba College.

Based on the Covid-19/Coronavirus March 12, 2020 guidelines the districts with over half of the registered, Marysville JUSD and Yuba City USD Districts, have confirmed the STEM Conference is considered a large gathering and a school field trip so their students would not be able to attend. Registration fees will be refunded.

We will not reschedule this year's conference due to the logistical difficulties, but will look forward to holding the annual STEM Conference (which has been offered to local 8th grade girls since 1985) during the 20-21 school

year. Please thank all the wonderful people who have contributed to this annual event.

Members of the STEM Committee will meet on **April 9, 10** am, Golden Pacific Bank for 20-21 initial planning meeting (looks like it will be in January)." *Sandy & Barbara*

PROGRAM NOTES

Barbara Solheim, Program Leader

Rhonda Cameron is the speaker at our **April 18** Annual Meeting. She is an IT Consultant. She is active in local service clubs and has presented at our STEM Conferences. Rhonda will share ways we can avoid scams and constant barrage of "opportunities" in this high tech world. She will talk about protecting yourself in a cyber world.



GARDEN TOUR ARTISTS

by *Lee Jones*

These 12 regional artists will be featured in the gardens on the May 2 Garden Tour.

Jan Frink/ Fused Glass; **Terri Foley**/ Mosaic and Acrylic; **Diane Funston**/ Mosaic Garden Art; **Cindy Gaven**/ Painter Watercolor; **Sue Graue**/ Photographer--Nature of Northern California; **Leslie Greenetz**/ Painter Watercolor; **Luisa Leger**/ Art on Travertine Tiles; **Nikki Pearson**/ Clay Hippy Ceramics; **Mayra Ramos Chavez**/ Painter Acrylic; **Wynell Reid**/ Hand crafted bracelets, pendants and earrings; **Janet Staser**/ Jewelry assemblage and eclectic styles; **Linda Trudgeon**/ Painter Watercolor

THEATER GALLERY ARTISTS

DONATE TO GARDEN TOUR *by Judy Zukas*

Saturday, May 2, the Sutter Performing Arts Association will donate 10% of all gallery art sales to AAUW's Garden Tour which takes place on the same day. This is a wonderful way to support our community, so visit the gallery on May 2. The gallery is located next to the Sutter Theater at 756 Plumas Street, downtown Yuba City. Hours: Thurs - Sat, 12 to 5 pm.

AAUW California Convention is April 17-19.

This year the AAUW state convention 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 Liz Skelly of the Executive Council if you plan to attend the Convention.

Interbranch Council (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

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

Dues are due – Pay before June 6 to enter the Free Membership Drawing --Annual dues



for 2020-21 year are due. Mail your check written to AAUW for \$92 (\$59 AAUW National + \$20 AAUW CA + \$13 branch) Send to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. Must be received by June 6 to enter into our

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Sandy Davini, 673-0930 or /c 713-1390.



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 a membership application.

NEW MEMBER BIO



Jennifer Jones joined our branch in November with her friend Linda Zall. Jennifer is a Physical Therapist at Adventist Rideout Hospital and she manages the Rehab Services. She got her training at CSU Sacramento and earned her Masters in Physical Therapy in 2010.

Jennifer was born in Fresno, and her family moved to Marysville when she was three years old. She lives in Yuba City and has two daughters, both of whom are in college. She is especially interested in our STEM Conference and is looking forward to learning more about the projects of our AAUW branch.

Feather Vanes are posted on our branch website:

<http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>

(ctrl+left click)

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, 674-0114. Meet at Lee Jones home on **April 17**. Book for discussion will be Visionary Women by Barnet.



TALKING ON PAPER

Our writing group usually meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. Next meeting is **April 7**. We will probably meet by email because of the Corona virus concerns. Contact is Joan Young, 713-1279.



Talking on Paper writing group is shown here at a special lunch on Feb. 18. L to R around the table are Donna Long, Barbara Douyon, Joan Young, Nancy Johnston, Artis Buerki, June Wilcox, Colleen Franklin, Miriam Hatamiya, and Gwyn Baker.

TRAVELING GOURMET  Coordinator is Priscilla Kerr, 645-7120. Sandy Davini is the host for **April 23** Traveling Gourmet. She has chosen Rio City Cafe, Old Sacramento Riverfront. Meet at the old Round Table Pizza parking lot on Gray Avenue to car pool. Please contact Sandy at ddavini@comcast.com or 530-713-1390 by April 17 if you plan to attend.



Joan Young hosted lunch at the Cliff House in Folsom on Feb. 27. Her daughter, Sherry, attended and took the photo. Pictured are Joann Nixon, Joan Young, Gloria Mullins and Bev Paget.



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. We recently enjoyed seeing Call of the Wild and Emma.

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

NOTE FROM THE PROFESSOR

Jeanine Rounds received this nice note from our **February 15** speaker, Professor Abrar Shaukat:

Thank you for inviting me. You guys were a great audience! Great questions were asked. I quite enjoyed spending time with all of you and getting to know many of the AAUW members. I will try to check out the Science channel you mentioned, as it sounds very interesting. Good luck to all of the Tech Trek girls!! You are doing a fabulous job in promoting the science and technology awareness. Regards, Abrar

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AAUW.MVYC**

ADVOCACY & ACTION -- Reproductive Health for All in 2020 by Claire Noonan, AAUW Public Policy committee, 3/6/20

As American women consider action to ensure reproductive health rights in 2020, it is useful to recall that in the 17th and 18th centuries pregnancy termination was legal under common law before ‘quickening’ (fetal movement) that occurs approximately 16 weeks after conception.

After 1850 the crusade in the U.S. against voluntary pregnancy termination stepped up. According to Lauren McIver Thompson (author of “Battle for Birth Control ...”) physicians, known for irregular practice and lack of training, in order to “establish their place as respected members of society” argued about the ‘rights of the unborn’ – sound familiar? *New York Times*, December 15, 2019.

By 1900 in accord with the Comstock Act of 1873 most states had passed laws restricting termination and contraception. As a consequence, by the 1930s one report

estimated that 681 thousand abortions led to 8 to 10 thousand maternal deaths.

It took a decision by the Supreme Court in 1973 to change the numbers, but the struggle continues. On Friday, January 24, 2020, at the March for Life rally, the president threatened to take away California’s federal funding in accord with the Weldon Amendment because of California law that ensures private insurers provide abortion and contraception coverage. The HHS department gave the state 30 days to lift the regulation, saying that the state is not compliant with the amendment. Note that four years ago federal opinion confirmed California’s compliance to not discriminate against a health care facility. Yet, Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) on February 21, 2020, emailed support for health care entities that don’t want to supply equal legal health services to all.

After the February 4 president’s State of the Union speech there is no doubt women must continue to advocate for reproductive health rights – especially for black and Native American women who have far higher pregnancy-related mortality rates than white women. Of 15 policies suggested by the [National Partnership for Women](#) the most important: access to all forms of abortion care and contraception regardless of where you live.

Last, keep track of the U.S. Senate vote on two bills at the end of February: 1) to institute a 20-week abortion ban and 2) to require medical care be delivered to infants that survive abortions, a misleading bill given that infanticide is already a crime.

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MESSAGE FROM AAUW CEO, KIMBERLY CHURCHES – March 14, 2020

Dear AAUW members, Like all of you, we at AAUW are deeply concerned about the spread and the impact of COVID-19 on the nation and the world. As you know, the effects from a widespread health issue can be severely crippling economically, too.

We in the national AAUW office are taking several precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and with all we engage on behalf of our AAUW mission. As the situation is evolving rapidly, we've put in place operational changes to ensure AAUW can continue to move forward on its mission. **We want to share that AAUW is closing the physical office and moving all employees to mandatory telework status through Friday, March 27.** All of our employees are also encouraged to follow CDC recommendations and take precautions which can be effective at helping the spread of the virus, as well as the flu and colds. Information and guidance is available from the [World Health Organization](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).” (To receive emails directly from Kimberly Churches, send your request to connect@aauw.org)



Secretary's Report – March 12, 2020, 1 pm

The AAUW Executive Council met on March 12, 2020, at 1 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: Martha Bunce, Nancy Johnston, Joann Nixon

Call to Order, 1:03. **Minutes** of Meeting of February 13 were approved as read.

Projects: Joan Young (Agenda revised to address Projects report first.)

STEM: Sandy Davini reported at length about the morning meeting of the STEM committee, dealing both with tasks that need to be done (such as preparing packets, etc) as well as how to handle the issue if the schools determine that, because of the Coronavirus, we need to cancel the March 30 STEM conference. There are approximately 900 eighth grade ladies planning to attend the conference. There are also many women who have volunteered to be facilitators, college staff involved, and much else to be dealt with in the event we have to cancel the conference. *(3/13: STEM has just been cancelled.)*

Garden Tour: Martha Bunce reported all seems to be going well with the May 2 event. We have 8 locations of various gardens and/or related activities,

Tech Trek: Motion was approved to pay for Tech Trek students and 1 parent per girl for September Branch meeting. Joan Young read a memo from Carol Clark reporting that the student essays had been read by March 1, and 12 young ladies were selected for interviews on March 21. There are now four women doing the student interviews, and Carol is hoping we can have at least one more. Barbara Solheim and Donna Long will do the parent interviews. One of the students will be out of town, but her father is arranging for an active video to allow her to be interviewed! The Pizza Party is scheduled for May 7 at Round Table Pizza, and young ladies who had previously attended the Davis program will be invited. Because Carol is working during the months when most of the TT activity occurs, she is strongly requesting that we help locate a co-chair to work with her.

TEM: Joann Nixon spoke about the role of the previous TT young ladies. There was considerable discussion about how often AAUW should pay for the lunches when TEM students attend our activities. Joann has a budget of \$500, but argued that if we invite the TEM students to a meeting, we should host them. This would include attendance at the September meeting. Related discussion occurred to AAUW paying for the lunches for parents at the September meeting. It was moved that when we invite students to attend branch meetings, we should pay for their lunches, and that for the September meeting, we would cover the cost of one parent for each girl. Motion approved.

Scholarships: Liz Skelly indicated that we will be giving two \$500 scholarships this year, and the date for submission is March 20. Selections must be made by mid-April. Those involved with the selections are Liz, Jeanine Rounds, Barbara

Alves, and Leslie Williams. Jeanine will double check with Leslie. Council approved paying for (comping) scholarship winners for the June and September Branch meetings (as we request them to attend those meetings).

Information/Action Items: Yuba College

AAUW Club: Liz will follow up and see what other branches who have this affiliation are doing.

Annual AAUW Conference in April: Liz and Nancy Johnston both plan to attend, and each has sent in their \$495 registration money. However, given the uproar in the country over the virus, there was concern expressed that the conference might be cancelled. It is assumed that Liz and Nancy would get their funds back if that is the case; however, in the event that is difficult to do, our branch will support them.

Nominating Committee: The information has been provided at the last branch meeting and in the Feather Vane; voting will take place at April meeting.

Public Policy Report: Martha said that this is Women's History Month, and told the group that, despite the 1920 vote option provided for women, African American women were not fully able to vote until after 1965, and American Indian women also find much difficulty.

Reports from Executive Council

Executive Council Leader Report: Liz Skelly reported that she had spoken at the Sutter County Board of Supervisors to indicate appreciation of their recognition of our branch's honoring Women's History Month and the Centennial passage of Women's Right to Vote. She was able to say a few things about AAUW and our goals, and members were very impressed to learn that we have about 900 young eighth grade ladies planning to attend the STEM conference. She will present at the Yuba County Board later in March. Correspondence: Sandy passed out limited correspondence, including an impressive thank you from CASA for our assistance.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget: Sandy Davini reviewed various budget revisions. Yuba County Office of Education has indicated they will support a full scholarship for our Tech Trek program. We purchased a pc and mike and software but will not buy a projector this year. Our annual Tea Bag donation to AAUW E&T Fund request brought in \$855 to date. Motion to accepted Revised Budget as presented was approved.

Membership: Lee Jones was absent, but membership remains the same.

Bylaws: Gwyn Baker is our new Bylaws member.

Communications: Janet Theiss reported all seems to be going well. Feather Vane information needed by 3/16.

Programs: Barbara Solheim reminded members there will be no March meeting because of STEM. The April meeting will be at Yuba College, and the speaker, Rhonda Cameron, will be talking about technology and avoiding fraud, staying safe in cyber space! Unfortunately, a number of the Executive Committee may 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. We have also tentatively scheduled holding our September meeting there. The Program Committee has met and begun planning for the 20-21 year. Gwyn Baker, Nancy Johnston, Sandy Davini, and Jeanine Rounds met with Barbara. For the October meeting, Jeanine has been in contact with the League of Women Voters and they have agreed to provide someone for our branch meeting.

Other Business: Interbranch-Things are quiet. No reports on Historian, Sunshine, Coalition Drawing, or other. Meeting adjourned at 3:00. Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Note: Please contact Executive Council Secretary for final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting. Meeting notes are unapproved at time of printing, and may have been slightly edited to fit in space available in Feather Vane.



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 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 11 am Garden Tour Committee	3	4
5	6	7 10 am Talking on Paper	8	9 10 am STEM Comm. 1 pm Executive Council	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17 10 am Book Clubs AAUW-CA Convention Begins	18 11:30 am ANNUAL MEETING
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