



# *Feather Vane – May/June, 2020*

*New Branch Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through education and networking within our diverse community.*

**June 6 branch meeting has been canceled. Next branch meeting is September 19.**

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

May 18, 2020 -- I don't know about you but I have missed the personal social interaction with our AAUW members at our branch meetings—as well as our Executive Council meetings, Traveling Gourmet, Garden Tour, STEM conference and so on. We've been holding the Executive Council meetings, as well as STEM and Garden Tour, via Zoom but it's not the same—although we've had some interesting times on Zoom. If you want to see a fun Zoom video, go to YouTube and watch SNL Mt. Methuselah. It's pretty funny.

We've had to cancel so many of our AAUW functions such as the STEM conference, the Garden Tour (our big fundraiser) and now Tech Trek was the latest victim. It's disheartening to have our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls miss out on such great activities. We plan on showcasing the Tech Trek and TEM girls plus the two scholarship recipients at our September branch meeting—which we anticipate holding at this point in time. Fingers crossed! In addition, we've canceled the June 6th branch meeting too. Everyone felt it was still too soon for any kind of social interaction.

At our May Exec Council meeting, we selected Dorothy Jang and Beverly Balfour, both founding mothers of our local branch, as the Named Gift Honorees. Congratulations to both! I would also like to congratulate Sandy Davini, Janet Theiss and Nancy Johnston for their election to the Executive Council Board with a unanimous vote. Jeanine Rounds has opted to not seek re-election to the EC Board as Secretary but will remain a member-at-large. Jeanine has been, and will remain, the heart of our group and has been my mentor since she introduced me to AAUW. Truly a dynamic woman!

As many of you may know, Priscilla Kerr is off to a new adventure in her life leaving a hole in a couple of key slots. Carol Clark has graciously offered to take over the Traveling Gourmet group but we need someone to step up for the Coalition Drawing. Any volunteers? Joan Young will co-chair Tech Trek with Carol.

This is the last Feather Vane until September so here's hoping that everyone stays healthy over the summer and that our economy rebounds quickly. Remember to help those in need, buy local, stay well, and wear those masks!

**Executive Council Planning Meeting with social distancing is Thursday, June 11, 10 am – It will be held in Jeanine Rounds' back yard. Bring a salad. Contact Jeanine (671-0588), or Liz Skelly (635-0821) if you can come. All branch members are welcome.**

## **Dues are due – Postmark by June 5 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 postmarked by June 5 to enter into our FREE

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING. Winner's name will be drawn at June 11 Executive Council Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Sandy Davini, 673-0930 or /c 713-1390.

## **Branch Election Results & Thanks:**

**Nancy Johnston** (3-year term), **Janet Theiss** (3-year term), and **Sandy Davini** (1-year Treasurer's term) have been elected unanimously for new Executive Council term beginning July 1, 2020. Thank you to Janet Theiss and Gwyn Baker who handled the voting by email and phone since we were unable to have the April 19 annual meeting. Thank you to the Nominating Committee: Artis Buerki, Gwyn Baker, and Martha Bunce. Thank you to Jeanine Rounds, for her many years of service on the Executive Council; she was President of our branch in 2005-07. Thank you in advance to these Executive Council Leaders who will be our Executive Council leaders next

year: Liz Skelly, Sandy Davini, Gwyn Baker, Janet Theiss, Lee Jones, Barbara Solheim, Joan Young, and Nancy Johnston. Members-at-Large are also a part of the Executive Council and are appointed a year at a time. Please let Liz Skelly know via email, if you would like to be a Member-at-Large of the Executive Council in the upcoming year.

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## Interbranch Council (IBC)

*Janet Theiss, IBC Representative*

The Monday, **August 3, 2020** IBC meeting is to be hosted by the Paradise branch at 6:00 p.m., but, at this point, no one knows if that meeting will take place. Contact Janet Theiss, 695-3159, for information.

## *Named Honorees Selected – Dorothy Jang and Beverly Balfour*

Each year our branch has a Tea Bag Fundraiser, with the money earned going to AAUW National for Education and Training to support opportunities for women that give them a chance for a lifetime of success. When our donations reach a specific amount we can select women in our branch to honor with an AAUW National award. **We are pleased to announce that for the 2019-2020 years our two Named Honorees are both Charter members of our branch.** Both women lived and worked in the Yuba-Sutter area until they retired out of the area to be closer to their families. They will each receive an award certificate from AAUW National. **Dorothy Jang** is now living in San Francisco. **Beverly Balfour** now lives in Thousand Oaks. Several years ago I interviewed both of these wonderful women, and this is what they told me about themselves:

**Dorothy Jang** lived and attended college in the bay area. She graduated in 1949 from UC Berkeley with a degree in Business Administration. “At that time there were 10 times more men than women studying business administration at Berkeley,” she said. “partially due to the re-entry of men to education after WWII.” Her parents had migrated from China before Dorothy was born, and settled in San Francisco where her father and his two brothers had a seafood business.

Dorothy was the first member of her family to achieve a bachelor’s degree. She soon married and moved to Marysville where she and her husband, Woodrow Jang, owned a department store. They ran Jays at 520 D Street until 1965, always working together. But Dorothy missed the intellectual stimulation of University life, and when **Mary Elizabeth Shedd** started the new AAUW branch, Dorothy recognized it as an opportunity to work with like-

minded women toward a common goal of encouraging higher education for girls.

The newly organized AAUW Marysville-Yuba City branch, was chartered mid-year 1955. That same year AAUW supported the first federal legislative proposal for pay equity for women, and established the AAUW Educational Foundation. Over the 65 years, Dorothy has always been an active member of our branch attending monthly meetings and supporting our fundraisers. Even though she lives away from us now, Dorothy always keeps in contact each time when she receives the *Feather Vane* by email.

**Beverly Balfour** is a graduate of Carleton College in Minnesota, where she earned a degree in Sociology in 1949. She grew up in Grand Haven, Michigan, in a family that placed great value on education. Her father was a doctor, and her mother a nurse. Her brother became a doctor, and all of her sisters completed their college education and two chose medical careers.

Beverly moved to Yuba City in 1953, and was invited by **Virginia Pierce** to become a member of the new AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch. At the time Beverly had 2 young children and was expecting another. Then the flood came.

“Our home in Yuba City was under six feet of water in the flood,” Beverly said, “and my graduation information got wet. I needed either a transcript or a diploma to join the new AAUW branch, so I had to rely on my mother to send to me what I needed from home.”

With due diligence and an attitude to go forward with the plan, Beverly located the necessary paperwork and joined as a founding member of the branch. Until her move to Thousand Oaks, Beverly was always active in our branch as a garden hostess for the Garden Tours. She enjoyed the Bridge groups, and Traveling Gourmet.

*(Note - Story compiled by Artis Buerki)*



## MEMBERSHIP

*Lee Jones, Membership Leader*

Dues are now due (\$92). Must be postmarked no later than June 5 (see article page 2 this *Feather Vane*.) 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.

There are currently 86 members in our branch. This year we have four new members: **Preet Didbal**, **Linda Zall**, **Jennifer Jones**, and **Kathleen Nehl**. We were sorry to lose member, Priscilla Kerr, who has recently moved to Idaho. Priscilla was active on Executive Council, and she coordinated Traveling Gourmet and the December drawing fund raisers. Three members--Rosalie Pitt, Pat Fournier, and most recently Marjorie Muck, have passed away this year.

## Remembering Marjorie Muck

Marjorie Muck passed away February 19, 2020. Marge had been an AAUW member since July 1, 1961. A lady of many talents and interests, many of you may have known her as a Master Gardener or from seeing her with her son at Farmers' Markets.

Marge was President of our AAUW branch in 1985-86, and again in 1991-92. Her name is on the 50 years Members list in our roster. When she retired from active membership she maintained her interest in AAUW through receiving of the *Feather Vane*.

Marge attended a monthly lunch group led by Jo Hilling, also attended by Kathryn Medley, Jean Jacuzzi, Joan Young. Marge, Jo, and Kathryn were all Master Gardeners, and they had been members of the Sutter Buttes Garden Club with Ruth Anthony. Maintaining beautiful gardens was their pride and joy.

One member described Marge as 'such a delightful lady' and said she was her son's preschool teacher his first year at Jack and Jill Playschool. Barbara Palser echoed many of us saying she will be missed. She loved knitting and always had a project in hand. She loved going to the Jack Slough area with Jo Hilling to see the swans, snow geese, terns, and other birds resting in the ponds during their long flight down the Pacific Flyway. Jo added that Marge was one of several local AAUW branch members who was a former resident of Sacramento. Marge graduated from Sacramento High in 1956. She went on to the University of Nevada where she majored in Home Economics.

Her family provided a spirited obituary in the Appeal Democrat that painted a picture of Marge as the vivacious woman she was, always fun to be with. Sandy Davini contacted her daughter, Chris McCormick, to express our condolences and to tell her we will honor Marge with a donation of books to Yuba County Library, and Chris is pleased that we will honor her mom with books on gardening. (*Note – story compiled by Joan Young*)

## *Our Branch – Then & Now*

*Artis Buerki, Editor*

When people think about our AAUW branch, they might think of the Garden Tour – or the STEM Conference - or Tech Trek – or Women's Coalition, but do you know what those four projects have in common? They all started in the mid-80s and 90s! In fact, when you look at that period of time you'll see that it was a very dynamic period in our branch's history. I've talked with several of our branch members about that period of time, and have learned the following:

The **Garden Tour** began in 1992. The late **Marge Muck** was branch president that year, and she told me several years ago that the branch decided to do a Garden Tour instead of the Fashion Show because it was thought to be easier to do. **Jo Hilling** and **Kathy Medley** lent their Master Gardener talents to the project and **Barbara Kenney** and a lot of other talented women made it happen. The Garden Tour was a hit, and 2020 would have been the 28<sup>th</sup> year, but unfortunately it had to be canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **Martha Bunce**, who chairs the Garden Tour Committee, has said that plans are going forward for the next Garden Tour on May 1, 2021.

The **Women's Coalition** began in 1993 with an idea from **Barbara Palser**, who was our branch president that year. The idea was that we have a joint event with other local women's service clubs sharing the expense and the planning of a nice holiday brunch... Thus the Coalition was born. Other Coalition projects followed, **Linden Reynolds** said, including the Women's History Month program for the schools and an International Women's program. **Barbara McCarty** said that there was a Children's Art Contest at the Yuba City Mall in the early years of the Coalition that local schools were involved in. **Barbara McCarty** is still on the W.C. brunch committee along with **Jeanine Rounds**, and **Artis Buerki**. This past December was the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the Holiday Brunch when more than 125 women attended the event at Peach Tree County Club on December 19, 2019!

**Tech Trek** began in 1998 and our branch sent its first girl to science camp at Stanford University that year. **Linden Reynolds** was branch president that year when the Tech Trek program began in California. **Bonnie Curtis** organized Tech Trek for years for our branch before she moved away. **Carol Clark**, our current Tech Trek branch organizer, reported that unfortunately our selected girls will not be able to go to UC Davis this summer due to the pandemic as Tech Trek camps have been canceled all over CA. We are looking for other ways to recognize them.

The **STEM Conference** (formerly the Math-Science Conference) was started in 1985. In the early years the Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls was held at local churches until it was determined that we needed more space and moved to Yuba College. **Sandy Davini** remembers that in the late 1980s, when she was the Assistant Superintendent of Business for the school district, that she was a presenter at the Math-Science Conference. **Sandy Davini** and **Barbara Solheim** are current co-chairs of the STEM Committee. More than 900 girls were registered this year, but unfortunately the March 30, 2020 STEM Conference was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Watch for more information about STEM after September.

It is amazing that these four projects all began within such a short period of time, and that they have continued to get bigger and better each year; thanks to those who had the initiative to get them started, and to those many people who work so very hard each year to keep them going!

*(Note - this is an updated reprint from April 2019 and Sept. 2013 Feather Vanes)*



**Secretary's Report –AAUW  
Executive Council met on April 9,  
2020, 1 pm, online via Zoom**  
Jeanine Rounds, Secretary

Those in attendance were: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Gwyn Baker, By-Laws; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader; Janet Theiss, Communications; Joan Young, Projects; Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; and Members-at-Large present were: Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Nancy Johnston, Joann Nixon, and Carol Clark.

Call to Order, 1:10 pm. This meeting was uniquely held on-line via ZOOM because of national restrictions due to the Coronavirus issues.

### **Information/Action Items:**

At the Executive Committee meeting on March 12 we discussed if we might have to cancel the annual STEM conference because of Coronavirus problems, despite the fact that we had over 900 girls registered to attend. Area schools were closing. The decision was made the following day, on March 13, to cancel the STEM Conference and members were notified. At the time we agreed to continue with plans for the May Garden Tour. However, on March 26 the Executive Council held a special meeting via ZOOM, and decided that it was prudent to cancel the Garden Tour

and all April branch meetings in light of the stay at home guidelines.

We need to identify replacements for the two tasks Priscilla Kerr had, since she has moved out of state. Those are leader of Traveling Gourmet and person in charge of the Coalition Drawing at the Christmas Brunch.

### **Reports from Executive Council**

Correspondence: Sandy: None of significance

Treasurer's Report: Sandy: Major changes are necessary to the existing budget due to the cancellation of both the STEM conference and the Garden Tour, as well as some branch meetings. We had expected to have approximately \$10,000 reserve, but we are down to having approximately \$6,000. While we will not have the costs of STEM, our major fund raiser is our Garden Tour, which was just cancelled. Sandy asked anyone with outstanding expenses to send them in. One major issue is the funds that our Garden Tour sponsors have donated to AAUW. Letters have been sent to all agreeing to refund their donations if they wish, or to use the money as a donation for next year, or even just to consider it a donation to AAUW. None have yet requested their money back. One major cash return will be for the AAUW state conference that Liz and Nancy had planned to attend, and which has now been cancelled. Jeanine moved and it was seconded and passed that Sandy provide a revised 2019-20 budget at our May Executive meeting.

Public Policy. No report

Membership. Lee reported no new members, and we will be losing Priscilla Kerr.

Nominating Committee Branch Election: Artis reported that the Nominating Committee has completed its task. Janet Theiss has already sent out an email blitz to members with emails for their votes. Those without emails will receive their ballots by mail. Janet reported that many members have already responded very positively, but voters have until April 18 to respond. The candidates are return of Sandy Davini, return of Janet Theiss, replacement for Jeanine Rounds. The new candidate is Nancy Johnston.

Bylaws: Gwyn Baker: no report

Communications: Janet Theiss. No report this month as so much has been cancelled.

Programs: Barbara Solheim. No report this month; however, we remain hopeful that we will be able to have a

June Branch meeting. AND there is planned to be a June Executive Committee lunch meeting to be held at the home of Jeanine Rounds.

Projects: Joan Young

**STEM CONFERENCE:** Sandy reported that a ZOOM meeting had been held earlier in the day, and that it appears we hope to hold the conference and it would need to be in January because of the school schedules. Everyone with responsibilities for the recent cancelled conference has taken care of necessary contacts, cancelling speakers and other activities.

**GARDEN TOUR:** Martha reported that she held a Garden Tour ZOOM meeting on April 2. Again, everyone with responsibilities has been notified that the Garden Tour was cancelled, and there were many to thank.

**TECH TREK:** Carol Clark indicated that UC Davis has cancelled the summer program for AAUW's selected young ladies. There had been a suggestion made that we arrange to send this year's 6 winning girls to next year's conference, and the concept had been unanimously accepted by our members. However the state's AAUW programs must accept the idea, and that is yet to be determined.

**TEAM OF EXTRAORDINARY MINDS:** Joann indicated she recently sent an email to 2017-2019 STEM girls explaining the rest of the AAUW activities for this year were cancelled, however we'd like to get them together for a gathering after the restrictions are lifted. She mentioned to Carol that perhaps the 2020 girls could join us and Carol indicated let's wait until we hear what the state says about whether the 2020 girls will go to STEM next year. Should hear within the next week.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Liz sent an email to Yuba College to see about the applications for scholarship. Yuba College said it will send them later than normal.

**Other Business:** Interbranch—Janet Theiss indicated she is assuming the May 4 Interbranch meeting will be cancelled; Historian—Karen Tuttle: no report; Sunshine—Gretchen Cupp: no report; Janet will send a condolence card to Joan Buchan regarding the death of her husband but we won't be making a group announcement.

Next Executive Council meeting is May 14<sup>th</sup>. The next *Feather Vane* should come out after the next Executive Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanine Rounds, Secretary and Nancy Johnston



**Secretary's Report –AAUW Executive Council met on May 14, 2020, 1 pm, online via Zoom**  
Nancy Johnston, Secretary pro-tem

Those in attendance: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Gwyn Baker, By-Laws; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Barbara Solheim, Program Group Leader; Janet Theiss, Communications; Joan Young, Projects; and Jeanine Rounds, Secretary; Members at Large present were: Artis Buerki, Martha Bunce, Nancy Johnston, Joann Nixon, Barbara Alves

Call to Order, 1:08. This meeting was held on line via ZOOM.

### **Information/Action Items:**

Liz signed up for Zoom that will allow our meetings to run longer than the time limitation enforced by the free app.

April 9 EC minutes were approved by all.

Carol Clark and Joan Young agreed to lead the Traveling Gourmet. May's Traveling Gourmet is cancelled. Beverly Paget is host for June, Judy Zukas is host for July and Carol Clark is host for August.

Coalition Drawing: need someone to lead since Priscilla has moved out of state.

Mission statement: Our branch bylaws allow us to change our branch Mission Statement. The Executive council unanimously voted to accept the new Mission Statement. *To advance equity for women and girls through education and networking within our diverse community.*

Named honoree: Beverly Balfour and Dorothy Jang are our only surviving Charter Members. Liz will write a letter to each honoree. If we decide to engrave their names on the silver platter, we need to engrave 6 names to bring it current. We can wait until September to decide. Artis will write something for our honorees' in the *Feather Vane* and Appeal Democrat. Follow up at June EC meeting.

June's EC meeting will be at Jeanine's house on June 11, 2020, 10am-1pm. Bring a salad.

### **Reports from Executive Council**

EC Leader's Report- - Liz-comment on where do we go from here/how do we plan future with Covid-19-issue will

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be discussed at June EC meeting. We need short and long term plans so we can reserve locations and have caterers lined up.

Treasurer's Report/Proposed 20-21 Budget: Sandy: Major changes are necessary to the proposed 20-21 budget due to the cancellation of both the STEM conference and the Garden Tour, as well as some branch meetings. We had expected to have approximately \$7,000 in reserve, but we are down to approximately \$5,391. Donations were downgraded, since we need an ending balance greater than \$5,000 in our checking account. We'll drop Casa de Esperanza to \$250, totally drop Legal Advocacy Fund and move their \$250 to Casa de Esperanza, for a total of \$500. Martha moved and it was seconded and passed that the budget be approved with this change plus all others Sandy made, and be presented to the September Branch meeting.

Public Policy, Advocacy: Martha report to Contact your congressman/woman regarding the new regulation the US Dept of Education recently passed that affected sexual harassment in schools. It will require legislation to change. Fall election may see even more efforts for voter suppression. Be aware.

Membership. Lee reported that three member recently died. Marjorie Muck died in Feb. and Rosalie Pitt and Pat Fournier died in Jan.

By-laws: Gwyn Baker: no report

Communications: Feather Vane deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup> noon.

Programs: Barbara Solheim. After discussion Exec. Council agreed to cancel June 6 Branch meeting. Sept. 19 meeting is scheduled at Refuge Event Center and will focus on Scholarship women and TEM/Tech Trek girls. Joann and Carol will coordinate program.

Projects: Joan Young

STEM CONFERENCE: Sandy reported we will plan the conference and it would need to be in January because of the school schedules. The STEM committee will meet in August/September timeframe and see what the situation is with Yuba College and K-8 schools for January.

GARDEN TOUR: Three of this year's owners said they'd like to be included in next year's program. Still waiting on response for the rest of the owners.

TECH TREK: Carol Clark said the decision was made by State AAUW to not allow the 2020 Tech Trek girls to

attend Tech Trek camp next year. Our girls were obviously disappointed. Carol still needs some assistance.

TEAM OF EXTRAORDINARY MINDS: Joann indicated she still wanted the Pizza party to include the 2020 Tech Trek girls

SCHOLARSHIPS: The deadline has moved to May 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll award 2 scholarships at our September Branch meeting. Students need the money before semester starts in August. We do invite them to September meeting, but they need to be notified by June.

**Other Reports:** Interbranch—Janet Theiss indicated the meeting was cancelled for May 4<sup>th</sup>. They may meet in August; Historian—Karen Tuttle: no report; Sunshine—Gretchen Cupp: no report

**Other Business:**

Next Executive Council meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Jeanine Rounds house. 10am – 1pm. Bring a salad.

AAUW Dues must be postmarked by June 5<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the drawing.

**Future Agenda Items:** Coalition Drawing lead.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Johnston, Secretary pro-tem

*Editor's Note: Please contact Executive Council Secretary for the final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting. Meeting notes may have been slightly edited to fit in space available in this Feather Vane.*

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

**Find our branch on Facebook**  
**AAUW.MVYC**

**INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.**

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 for the Movie Group, or if you have ideas to share. **This group is inactive until further notice.**



**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 is Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840, or Pat Jones, 674-0114. Books are Murder on a Bad Hair Day (by Anne George) and The Gown (by Jennifer Robson) **The May meeting has been canceled, but plans are still on to meet at Lee Jones' home in June. Watch for emails from Pat Jones to confirm.**



**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. Contact is 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.



**TALKING ON PAPER**

Writing group normally meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. Contact is Joan Young, 713-1279. **Meeting by email until further notice.**



**TRAVELING GOURMET**

Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. **Traveling Gourmet is not meeting in May or June because of COVID 19. However, we are tentatively setting a date in July for the fifth Thursday, July 30th. We will eat at Lucca's in Sacramento if that is possible with them. Bev Paget is going to be the host. If July does work for Lucca's, then Carol will host the luncheon on August 27th at La Provence in Roseville.** Since there won't be a *Feather Vane* in July and August, Contact Carol Clark, 671-5286 or cell 301-2164, and she will send updates to those who let her know that they might be interested in trying to make a July luncheon work. It may not be possible this summer. We aren't going to take any risks. But we will see.

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*This is the last Feather Vane until September.*

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## Support the Gender Equity in Education Act

May 11, 2020 -- Last week, the Department of Education issued a long-anticipated but extremely harmful rule designed to substantially weaken Title IX, rolling back important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

AAUW has vigorously opposed this change for more than a year, but this heartless administration chose a global pandemic as the time to finalize it, adding to the confusion and unrest already felt within the education community.

Now we're launching a multi-pronged campaign in response and we need your help. While we're determined to stop this rule from ever going into effect, we also need to ensure that there are resources in the right hands to help students and survivors.

**That's why we need you to speak up. We need proactive responses to provide schools with resources to fully realize Title IX's promise of equity in education. [Click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA)!**

GEEA would help to reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital, on-the-ground work of Title IX coordinators through additional resources, training, and technical assistance. It would also authorize competitive grants to K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies, or states to support their gender equity work.

AAUW advocates were key to the passage of Title IX, and we continue to fight today to realize the full promise of the law, despite the recent announcement of this harmful rule.

**Urge your members of Congress to build on the legacy of Title IX by cosponsoring GEEA today! Ctrl+click to TAKE ACTION now.**

**Take Action**

**Our representatives in Washington are:** CA Sr. Senator Diane Feinstein: 202-224-3841, email [Feinstein.senate.gov.net](mailto:Feinstein.senate.gov.net); CA Jr. Senator Kamala Harris, 202-224-3553; and CA Rep. in House, John Garamendi, 530-753-5301 (Davis office).



**Note from Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, May 15, 2020** -- Dear AAUW members, In this time of uncertainty, when we cannot come together in person with our regular events and regional and state conventions, I hope that being a part of the AAUW community and our virtual programming can be there as a mainstay for you. **In that spirit, I invite you to watch a new video message: ["The State of AAUW."](#)** (Ctrl+click to connect)

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