



Feather Vane – September, 2020

AAUW National Mission: *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Our Branch Mission:* *To advance equity for women and girls through education and networking within our diverse community.*

Welcome Back! SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

WHAT - Branch program meeting, first meeting of the new AAUW year - **via ZOOM**

WHEN - 10 am, Saturday, September 19, 2020

PROGRAM –

Meet our Scholarship winners: Brisa Barriga and Tessa Chartock
Read about them on page 2.



Council Chat by Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader

We are off and running with our next branch meeting on September 19 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. We moved the meeting time up to earlier in the morning since there will be no brunch, although you are welcome to Zoom and eat at the same time in the comfort of your own home, fuzzy slippers and all. This meeting will feature our new scholarship recipients – Tessa Chartock and Brisa Barriga—and hopefully some of our current Tech Trek girls and maybe some prior Tech Trek girls. It's a good way to start off the year meeting some of our young women and seeing how they plan to navigate the new school year. In addition, we hope to meet our new AAUW branch members, such as Amy Molina-Jones who was recently recruited by Linda Zall.



Unfortunately, we have to say good bye to one of our long time members, Jeanine Rounds, who is moving to Utah to be close to family. She was a colleague of mine at Yuba College for many years and a mentor to me in AAUW. She was definitely a force to be reckoned with and will be sorely missed. I wish her the best.

Our Program Leader, Gwyn Baker, has been busy wrapping up the details of our series of speakers for the rest of the year with the League of Women Voters for our October branch meeting (via Zoom) and the Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu speaking (via Zoom) at our November branch meeting.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, there's still time. Remember, if you aren't a member we won't include you in the branch Zoom meetings or the Roster, so be sure to get those checks to Sandy Davini soon. We will also be voting on approval of our budget for the new branch fiscal year in September. Watch for the proposed budget in your email.

Well, it's been such a crazy year to say the least—we've missed our STEM conference, the Garden Tour and our Tech Trek girls were not able to attend camp. But thank goodness for Zoom, although it doesn't replace the person-to-person interaction that's so important to all of us. We want you to know that AAUW is active locally and we remain committed to supporting the mission of AAUW. There are many issues on the national level we need to be aware of, especially the Title IX issue. So stay tuned..... and stay well.

Scholarship Winners

Our branch scholarships were awarded in May, 2020 to two outstanding Yuba College students. Let me introduce you to BRISA BARRIGA and TESSA CHARTOCK.



Brisa Barriga plans a career as a pediatric nurse practitioner. She is a first generation college student who took advantage of college courses while enrolled in high school. She was a member of the California Scholarship Federation all 4 years of high school and received the state seal for her academic achievements in Spanish. She was a National Honor Society Scholar, played violin in the orchestra, and played Soccer in high school. She is currently playing Soccer on the Yuba College Team. She was selected to be a part of the Rideout Teen Leadership Council where she discovered her love for medicine as a career. Here is part of what Brisa wrote about herself:

“I graduated High school with a 4.1 GPA and I currently have a 3.8 GPA while attending Yuba College. Even though I have developed my character through my involvements, my life has always had this label of limitation permanently stuck on it. I am an undocumented student who has been in a constant struggle to show that my capabilities are more valuable than a paper declaring my residency. As a DACA recipient, I am able to continue my education yet so much of my future still remains an unknown. I can be stripped of my opportunity and be left with only the dreams of making the most out of what my parents provided for me. My parents were never financially stable, however, they taught me consistency. My residency or money was never an excuse that stopped me from preparing myself and taking advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves to me. Yet, so many will still only be able to see me as someone who is undocumented. The word itself is so identifying, that no matter what you say, it’s the part that will always stick out. My goal is to strip that label off, to be able to say that, yeah, I am an undocumented student, but I am one who took every possible opportunity available to be where I am today as a pediatric nurse practitioner.”



Tessa Chartock is a busy full-time mom, and a committed student in the nursing program. Here is what Tessa wrote about herself:

“I started volunteering in the special education preschool program at Champion Mine School from 1997 to 1999. This led to my being hired as a teaching assistant during summer school once I was 15; I continued to go back each summer after. The summer following my senior year I was recommended to a nice couple with an extremely autistic child and I began working as an in-home tutor for their little boy. The fact that I had earned the trust of this student and had a history with the

County led to my being hired as a full-time teaching assistant, (TA) by the Superintendent of Schools, in order to help this child transition smoothly into kindergarten. This job was intense, I had not realized that I would also be working with medically fragile children and would find so much joy in it. The ability to help my students and the enjoyment that it brought me, has been a guiding force in my wanting to pursue Nursing as my career. The only thing stopping me was the fact that I would have to go back to school, so I put it off.

In 2011 I became a mother! What an adventure and, also a real motivator. It was after the birth of my daughter that I decided I was going to go back to school. I knew that with school I could become the best version of myself and that eventually it would help me reach a place where I could better provide for my family. I became a full time stay at home mom and a part time student. I started with the classes that I struggled with the most in high school (English and Math). At the end of my first semester (and after many tears) I decided to get tested for learning disabilities, of which I have a few. The DSPS staff helped me overcome and embrace my learning disabilities by providing the right tools and accommodations to help me succeed. Halfway through my math requirements, I became pregnant with my second daughter, I was able to complete Math D three weeks before my due date (that was nerve wracking). I took a year off to be with my family, then it was back to the grindstone. I have now completed all my prerequisites for the Yuba College Nursing program and have been accepted in to the ADN program.”

“Throughout all my struggles I have watched, taught and helped my children grow and have been working hard at being the best role model that I can be. This way the young women I am raising, who are presently 6 and 8 years old, will someday grow up to be successful, compassionate, free thinking members of our society.”



Dues are Past Due – but you can still rejoin and get in the roster, if you act fast

Annual dues for 2020-21 year were due in July 2020, but National AAUW will still accept renewals in September to avoid a lapse in membership. Although we still cannot meet in person, our officers and committees are still making a difference for women and girls! And we need your support.

18 of our members have not yet renewed. If you have not already done so, **please 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.** Forgot if you have already renewed? Contact our Treasurer, Sandy Davini, 673-0930 or /c 713-1390.



IBC - Interbranch Council

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

Liz Skelly and I represented our branch on Monday at 6:00 p.m., August 3, 2020, when IBM met via Zoom from our homes, set up by new IBC President Satsie Veith, Paradise branch.

Chico's Jana Lawton, Secretary-Treasurer for 2019-2020, volunteered to do the minutes today as she had started note-taking before everyone had joined the meeting. Gridley's Carolyn Nelson, the new Secretary-Treasurer, accepted her offer.

The experience was different and I missed not meeting face to face, but the meeting was productive. We decided to postpone the collection of the \$10 dues until we could meet in person.

We hope (one can always hope) the **Interbranch Luncheon** will be at 11:30 a.m. at a restaurant on **Saturday, February 6, 2021**, the location to be decided by our Maryville-Yuba City branch. However, we will do whatever the current COVID-19 guidelines recommend. Regardless, we will have the meeting and speaker Zoomed for those who are not comfortable attending. (This meets the new AAUW-CA guideline.)

It looks unlikely there will be a 2021 STEM Adventure (Career Trek before 2019) due to COVID-19 limitations' impact on the schools, the girls, and Butte College. (Of course, this is true for our STEM Conference as well.)

Paradise and Chico member Carol Holzgrafe reported the very latest for Tech Trek. UC Davis plans to allow Tech Trek to go ahead for 2021! This is great news and quite a difference from Stanford's decision to not hold Tech Trek there in 2021. Of course, much planning must be done, especially with several nonparticipating colleges.

AAUW-CA will be sending the 2020 Chosen-But-Couldn't-Go Tech Trek girls the promised T-shirts soon. . . . Chico has done some reaching out to their girls, including a Zoom meeting where they put together birdhouses provided by the branch. . . . Gridley had a great idea. They gave each girl a journal, explaining they are living through unique times and their memories and notes will interest them when they are much older.

The **November 2, 2020**, meeting will also be a 6:00 p.m. Zoom meeting.

The **May 3, 2021**, meeting will be in Gridley or Zoomed at 6:00 p.m.

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Tech Trek *by Carol Clark, Tech Trek Chair*

Some positive things have happened to recognize the six girls that our branch had selected to attend the July 2020 Tech Trek camp at UC Davis. Sadly all Tech Trek California functions were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and school closures.

The week that the girls were scheduled to go to Tech Trek camp, Tech Trek CA sent scientific videos and links to science programs that we were hoping would interest the girls. I forwarded those to our six.

Also Tech Trek CA had a ZOOM Meeting featuring a speaker from NASA. I sent a video of the Zoom meeting to them afterward, just in case they had missed it.

We will invite them to join TEM (our branch's Tech Trek Alumni club), and I hope that they will want to be a part of that. I have sent their teddy bears to them, and I just received their t-shirts which I will get to them. The back of the T-shirt says: Not even a pandemic can stop our love for STEM!

Editor's Note: The new Tech Trek logo is shown at the top of this article.

Membership *by Lee Jones, Membership Leader*

Please welcome our new member, Amy Molina-Jones, and add her to your Roster. She joined in August and was recruited by one of our newer members, Linda Zall. If you have a friend who wants to know more about AAUW please contact Lee Jones, 674-1942, or call 530-300-0214, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com.



Amy Molina-Jones, 2115 Sampson St., Marysville, CA 95901. 530.301.3602-Cell. EM: amajo2@gmail.com. Amy completed her Bachelors in Business Management through University of Phoenix in 2015.



Program Notes

by Gwyn Baker, Program Leader

Even though we can't meet in person we have some exciting speakers lined up for the fall. Due to COVID-19, all programs will be held via Zoom until further notice. Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool that can be done on your phone or computer. Zoom log-ins will be sent to your email prior to each meeting. The September meeting will be at 10 am.

For those unfamiliar with using Zoom, please contact Nancy Johnston prior to the first meeting –her email is NancyDixon5345@yahoo.com

AAUW PROJECTED PROGRAMS, 2020-2021

For questions regarding Programs please contact Gwyn Baker at gdcaryl@yahoo.com

As there will be no lunch provided with the 2020 meetings, they will be free to current active members

9/19/20 – 10am –via ZOOM. Opening Meeting. Scholarship winners and former Tech Trek attendees

10/17/20 –Speaker: League of Women Voters

11/21/20 –Speaker: Dr Luu, Bi-County Health Officer

12/12/20 – Women's Coalition Brunch -TBD

For 2021, the dates are **1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, and 6/5.** The list of likely speakers and topics includes: the President of Yuba College, Beale Air Force Base, Bok Kai, Geology, and Protecting Yourself in a Cyber World

Garden Tour

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair



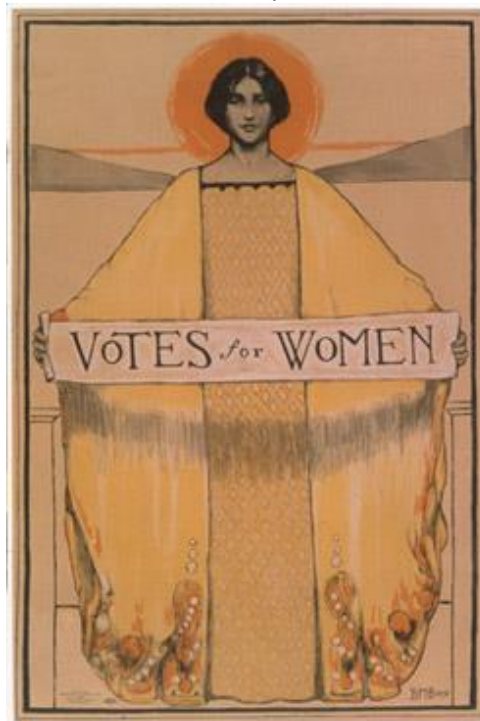
The Garden Tour committee will meet **via ZOOM on Thursday, September 3, at 11 am.** Committee members please watch for email feom Martha with link to the meeting. If you are not already on the Garden Tour Committee, but wish to be, please contact Martha Bunce, 530-743-0306, call 530-713-0663, or Email buncehall@yahoo.com before the Sept. 3 meeting.



STEM Committee

by Sandy Davini, STEM Chair

The STEM Committee will meet **via ZOOM on Thursday, September 10, at 10:00 am.** Contact Sandy by email ddavini@comcast.net if you want to be a part of the committee to plan STEM Career Awareness outreach to 8th graders. Watch your email for meeting reminders.



Did you know that women in California had the right to vote 9 years before the 19th Amendment was passed?

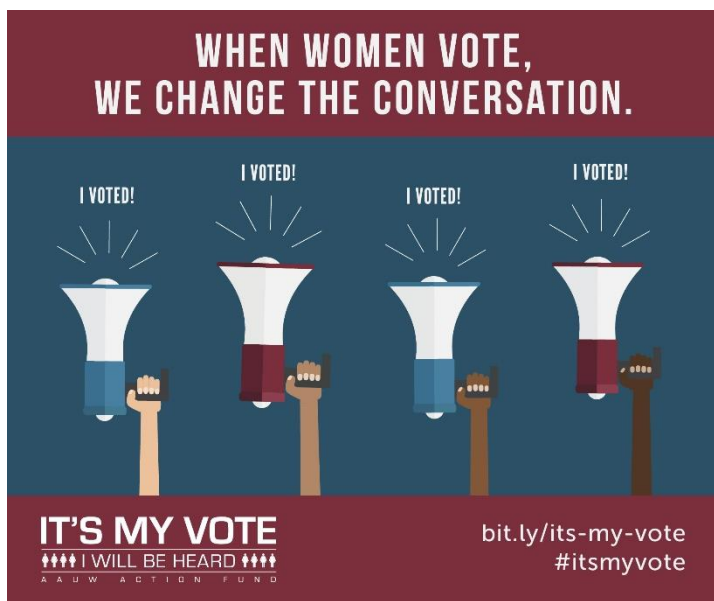
By Artis Buerki, Editor

On **October 10, 1911** the citizens of The Great State of California voted to give women of CA the right to vote. California was just the 6th state to pass this law. Louise Wall, Elizabeth Watson, John Hyde Braly, and Clara Foltz are four of the people in CA who worked so hard to make this happen. This poster was used in that campaign. Do you see the Golden Gate in the background?

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified nine years later, on **August 26, 1920**, making it possible for women in America to vote. But the 19th Amendment, widely thought of as giving women the right to vote, did not fully deliver on its promise. Native Americans and Asian American women were not granted voting rights. And, due to Jim Crow laws and other voter-suppression tactics, Black women and Latinas couldn't cast their ballots until the Voting Rights Act was passed 45 years later prohibiting racial discrimination in voting. It was signed into law by U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson during the height of the civil rights movement on **August 6, 1965**, and Congress later amended the Act five times to expand its protections.

This year we celebrated the Centennial of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on **August 26, 2020. That date is called EQUALITY DAY.** Read more on this website:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/celebrating-womens-suffrage/california-women-suffrage-centennial>



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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. Watch for Emails from Martha Bunce.



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is **Paulette Almeida, 415-5588**. We have not been meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please continue to monitor our newsletter for startup information.

Rabid Readers normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is **Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840, or Pat Jones, 674-0114**. We have not been meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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**.



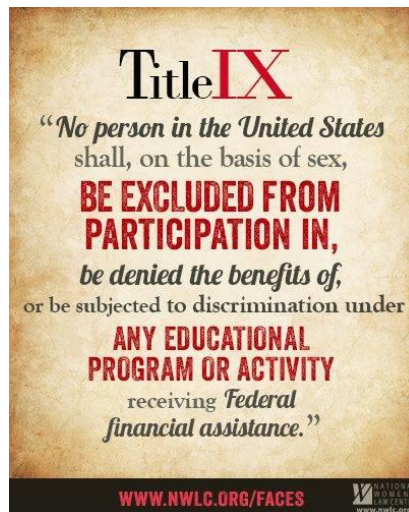
TRAVELING GOURMET Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. However, we have not been meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions. Contact **Carol Clark, 301-2164 or Joan Young, 713-1279** to find out about next **Traveling Gourmet** outing.



TALKING ON PAPER Writing group normally meets the first Tuesday morning of each month, at 10 am. Contact is Joan Young, 713-1279. Watch for **Emails from Joan Young**.



Some of our Talking on Paper members were able to meet outside at the end of June to celebrate the 90th birthday of our member, June Wilcox. Shown here with June are Barbara Douyon, Artis Buerki, Joan Young, Donna Long, and Gwyn Baker.



Title IX was enacted 48 years ago, on June 23, 1972, prohibiting sex discrimination in any education program or activity that receives federal funds. **Now it is being weakened.**

ADVOCACY & ACTION

by Martha Bunce, Public Policy/Advocacy & Action chair

On August 14, 2020, all schools and colleges will have to implement harmful rules designed to weaken Title IX, reversing important protections for student survivors of sexual harassment and assault. Locally, all k-12 and Yuba College students are affected. It will be harder for victims to come forward and get the help they need, because:

- * Sexual harassment is redefined in an inappropriate way that is narrower and more stringent.
- * Schools can subject victims to drawn-out investigations; coerce victims into participating in mediation with their assailant; and allow victims to be cross-examined in live proceedings. All these are not actions consistent with civil laws such as Title IX.

* Schools can ignore victim complaints if the harassment occurred at the wrong place — outside of a campus-controlled building or activity such as an away game — or was reported to anyone, such as a teacher, or coach instead of one of the two designated persons to be named by the schools.

Title IX, the landmark civil rights law, was enacted on June 23, 1972, prohibiting sex discrimination in any education program or activity that receives federal funds.

The new rules reverse policies that were put in place to make it more likely that survivors report sexual misconduct. They stack the deck against survivors (students already at risk), making it too onerous for many to come forward. In short, the rules are antithetical to the fundamental promise of Title IX: that all students deserve access to an education free from sex discrimination.

Please join AAUW Marysville-Yuba City in demanding the new rules be rescinded. Contact your Representative and Senator. Protect our children.



AAUW CA Strengthens Commitment to Increasing Equity for Black Women and Girls

by Melissa Maceyko, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

In 2020, a widespread protest movement has emerged, clearly and loudly demanding greater racial equity through systemic change. This protest movement is in line with the core mission of AAUW: “To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.” How are these two aligned? AAUW’s central mission statement implies a focus on ALL women and girls. To achieve this mission, we must demand greater equity for black women and girls.

At the national level, AAUW has acknowledged that the organization has historically fallen short of this goal, as it has lacked diversity and inclusion in leadership, membership, and focus. AAUW has taken concrete steps to create organizational change, to better address their mission of serving all women.

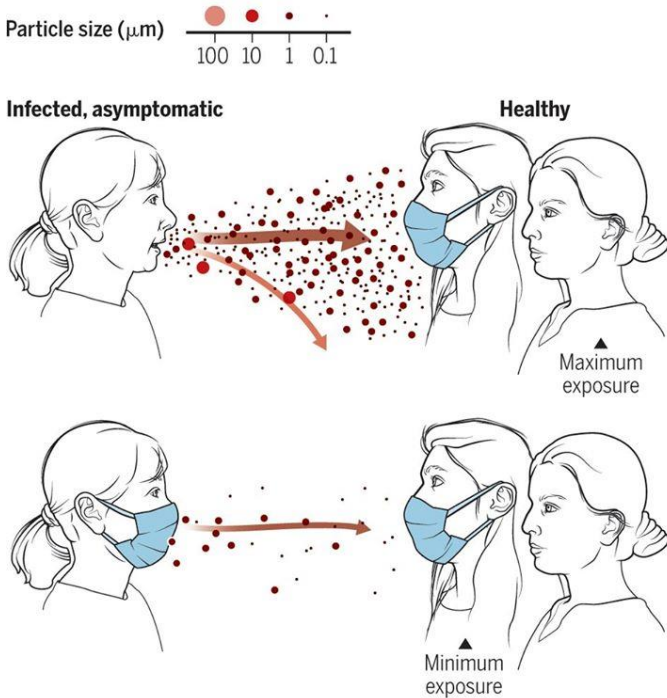
Individual AAUW members can also take concrete steps to make sure that the inclusive mission of AAUW is made into a reality—here with a specific focus on racial equity for black women and girls. One way this can be done is through white members learning about and engaging in anti-racism and white ally-ship.

Anti-racism is the active practice of calling out racism when it is encountered, which may include having uncomfortable conversations about race and racism in everyday life. Non-racism, the internal and often silent opposition to racism, is positive, but it is not enough to create necessary change. Related to anti-racism is white ally-ship. White allies are people who make the long-term commitments and efforts necessary to recognize their racially based privilege and who continually work in solidarity with oppressed groups engaged in institutional and political struggles for justice.

We hope you will join AAUW CA’s webinar on August 26th to learn what concrete steps you can take to ensure that the inclusive mission of AAUW will someday become a reality. *Editor’s Note: After that date you may be able to view the webinar on aauw-ca.com.*

Masks reduce airborne transmission

Infectious aerosol particles can be released during breathing and speaking by asymptomatic infected individuals. No masking maximizes exposure, whereas universal masking results in the least exposure.



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Please stay in touch with your committee chairs and Interest Section leaders to confirm meeting times/locations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Via email Talking on Paper	2	3 Via Zoom 11 am Garden Tour Committee	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10 Via Zoom 10 am STEM Com. Via Zoom 1 pm Executive Council	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 TBD Book Clubs	19 Via Zoom Branch meeting
20	21 October Feather Vane Deadline	22	23	24 TBD Traveling Gourmet	25	26
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