



## *Feather Vane – March, 2021*

*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.*

**Executive Council Meeting is Thursday, March 11, 2021, 1 pm, via Zoom. Contact is Liz Skelly, 530-635-0821. Tell Liz, or any EC member, if you want to attend Executive Council meetings as a Member at Large.**

### *Program Notes*

*Gwyn Baker, Program Leader*

#### ***March 20, 2021-- 10 am via Zoom***

***Speaker--Colonel Shannon Juby, Beale AFB***

Our next branch meeting will be Saturday, March 20th, at 10am. Members will receive the Zoom link from Janet Theiss by email the week of the meeting. If you do not receive the link by Thurs., March 18, please email Gwyn Baker, [gdcaryl@yahoo.com](mailto:gdcaryl@yahoo.com) to receive it.



Our guest speaker will be Colonel Shannon Juby. She commands the 9th Mission Support Group at Beale Air Force Base and is a popular speaker at our annual STEM

conference. As Wing Commander she leads and supervises over 1,500 military and civilian personnel, manages a \$33.5 million budget, and oversees resources including more than 550 facilities. Before her current position, she was Chief of Staff for the Directorate for Policy, Strategy, Partnering, and Capabilities, U.S. European Command. She entered the Air Force in 1995 as an ROTC graduate with a degree in Computer Science. She is an F-16 pilot with combat time in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom. She and her husband have three children. We look forward to visiting with her via Zoom at our March 20 branch meeting.



### *Council Chat*

*Liz Skelly, Exec. Council Leader*

How is everything? Or as they say in Ireland “What’s the craic?” Yes, it’s almost time to eat some corn beef and cabbage (and maybe down a Guinness) to celebrate St. Patty’s Day. I’ve got some Irish in me so I feel I can say this. I had a cute T shirt for a picture but evidently I gave it away so you only get a clip art shamrock. But enough about me—let’s review our February 20 branch meeting first. We had 23 people Zoom in for our branch meeting with Dr. Tawny Dotson, the new Yuba College President. I found her to be very interesting and am looking forward to her re-vitalizing Yuba College (my old stomping grounds). I found it refreshing to hear that she talked to local community leaders *before* she was interviewed and purposely sought out the Yuba Sutter area for employment. She is now working to create community relationships by partnering with Yuba Water Agency, SayLove, YS Arts and Rotary to bring water projects, beautification projects and artwork to the campus.



Dr. Dotson came to Yuba College in the midst of a pandemic and had to focus on the day-to-day COVID-related issues and the resulting roller coaster challenges for students, faculty and staff instead of moving forward on her original agenda. What a trying time! She said there were many lessons learned by all but she continues to work on creating better community relationships, expanding dual enrollment (high school students taking college level classes), opening the campus, and reopening athletic programs.

Also on Dr. Dotson’s agenda is using some remaining Measure J bond funds to remove some old outdated buildings, remodeling some other buildings and modernizing classrooms. All sorely needed. Unfortunately for our branch, this will impact our ability to host our annual STEM conference for eighth grade girls on campus. Also, the college can’t host **any** gatherings until we reach

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH the orange tier for COVID-19. I found Dr. Dotson to be energetic and visionary. Maybe we can talk her into becoming a member?

It was good to see some new faces on our Zoom meeting—especially Dr. Jeanine Rounds who worked us into her busy schedule. March is a busy month so be sure to read the articles on the Tea Bag fundraiser and International Women's Day. Plus a new member—Miriam Root, a long time colleague of mine (and other members). I'll sign off with another Irish saying "Dia duit" meaning "may God be with you". Stay safe my friends.



## Tea Bag Fundraiser

In February, each of our branch members 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. Please participate in this event by writing a check for \$15 or more payable to: AAUW and write ET-#4450 in the memo line.

**Mail your check to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992, by March 15, 2021.** Total donations of \$750 will allow us to designate a branch member for the AAUW National Award for outstanding service: the Education and Training Opportunities Named Gift Honoree Award. If you have any questions please contact our branch Treasurer, Sandy Davini.



## Sunshine calls

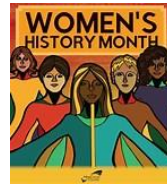
*Donna Long*

For several years I have been a caller for our AAUW chapter members who do not get their information about our happenings via the internet. I give them details about our general meetings and upcoming events. However, the most enjoyable part of the monthly calls is briefly chatting with my contacts, asking them how they are doing, and letting them know they are remembered and valued. Often, I just leave a friendly voicemail and my callback number.

In our current situation, these calls take on a new significance, as some members are not having as much social interaction as they normally would. It's a small thing to make these calls, but I feel that it's important for us all to stay connected. And it has allowed me to get to know some members that I had never had a chance to talk to before.

Do you know of a member who might appreciate a "sunshine" call once a month? Our present callers are Colleen, Joan and Donna. Are you interested in helping us? If so, please contact Joan Young, 713-1279.

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## 8 March International Women's Day

AAUW celebrates Women's History Month in March in conjunction with the March 8 International Women's Day, which is celebrated by women around the world. Since the early 1900s women have been joining together in the spirit of unity to celebrate their great accomplishments over the years. **The colors that symbolize International Women's Day are purple, green and white. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity.**

International Women's Day is not country, group, nor organization specific. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network, or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. The day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere and all who care about human rights. So make International Women's Day your day and do what you can to truly make a positive difference for women. **Please go to our branch Facebook page AAUW.MVYC often to read about great achievements by women. Don't forget to LIKE the page so you will get new post notifications.**

*Artis Buerki, Editor*

*If you would like to join a Webinar on **March 8, 11:30 to 12:45**, click here: [Webinar Registration Success - Zoom](#).*

Topic -- The Disproportionate Economic Impact of COVID on Women"

Speakers -- Trish Kelly, Managing Director for Valley Vision; Rachel Farrell, CEO Harmony Health; Dr. Tawny Dotson, President of Yuba College; and Carla Tweed, Executive Vice President of Yuba College

Sponsored by -- Yuba Sutter Arts, Yuba Water Agency, and E Center in Yuba City.

## Nominating Committee Report

*Martha Bunce, Gwyn Baker, Lee Jones*

**Branch Election is in April** --This year our election of Executive Council officers will be conducted by email as it was done in 2020. New terms begin on July 1, 2021.

Nominees for the 2021-2022 year are:

**Sandy Davini** – re-election 1 year term as Treasurer

**Lee Jones** – re-election for a 3 year term

**Gwyn Baker** – re-election for a 3 year term

**Christy Estabrook** – for a 3 year term

If you have any questions, or if you want to volunteer to be a part of the Executive Council, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Gwyn Baker, Martha Bunce, and Lee Jones.



## Equal Pay Day – **WEAR RED**

*Martha Bunce, Advocacy & Action chair*

**March 24, 2021 is Equal Pay Day**, the day of the year that symbolizes how far into the new year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. The National Committee on Pay Equity reminds us to **WEAR RED** to symbolize how far women and minorities are “in the red” with their pay.

On January 28, the bipartisan **Paycheck Fairness Act** was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. We’ve worked for 24 years to pass this critical bill, and this is the year we’ll succeed. We need to mobilize quickly to ensure we get it across the finish line. You will have received an email from AAUW telling you how to contact Garamendi, Feinstein and Padilla, your Congressional representatives in Washington, DC, encouraging them to support the bill. If you missed your email from AAUW, here is the link so you can **Take Action now: [Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act – AAUW: Empowering Women Since 1881](#)**

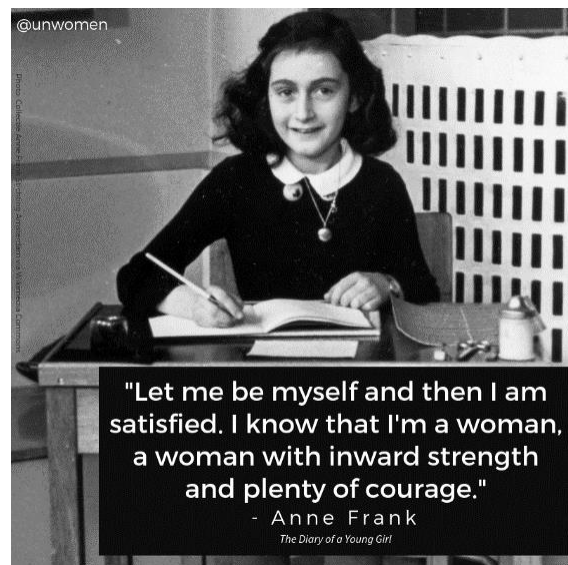
## PAYCHECK FAIRNESS WEBINAR

*Gwyn Baker, Program Leader*

February 2, 2021 -- Today I attended the webinar hosted by Kate Nielson from AAUW who discussed how the new administration hit the ground running on advancing opportunities for women, helping working families, ending workplace discrimination, protecting DACA recipients, and ending the sub-minimum wage for people with disabilities. They are in support of AAUW's mission to raise the minimum wage and pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. AAUW has been working for about 25 years to help pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

**The Paycheck Fairness Act** would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to ensure that it provides effective protection against sex-based pay discrimination in today’s workplace. The bill takes several important steps, including: • **Guaranteeing Non-Retaliation:** The bill prohibits retaliation against workers for discussing or disclosing wages. Without the non-retaliation provisions of the Paycheck Fairness Act, many women will continue to be

silenced in the workplace—that is, prohibited from talking about wages with coworkers without the fear of being fired. This is an issue that keeps women—like it kept Lilly Ledbetter—from learning of the pay discrimination against them. • **Prohibiting Reliance on Prior Salary History:** The bill prohibits employers from relying on salary history in determining future pay, so that prior discrimination doesn’t follow workers from job to job. • **Requiring Job-Relatedness:** The bill closes loopholes that allow employers to pay women less than men for the same work without a business necessity that is related to the job. • **Equalizing Remedies:** The bill ensures women can receive the same robust remedies for sex-based pay discrimination that are currently available to those subjected to discrimination based on race and ethnicity. • **Providing Additional Assistance and Resources:** The bill also provides technical assistance to businesses, requires wage data collection, and supports salary negotiation skills training programs to give women the tools to advocate for higher wages. This might finally be the year it gets passed!



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." -- Anne Frank. [#HolocaustRemembranceDay was January 27.](#)

## Only a few more days to vote for the AAUW Art Contest – **VOTE Feb. 10 to March 3**

The art contest winners are chosen by AAUW members. The images that receive the most votes will appear on note cards that are mailed to tens of thousands of AAUW members across the country. **The voting period is February 10 – March 3, 2021.** Use this link to vote: [Art Contest – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#) You can vote only once, but vote for your 10 favorite images. This year our member, **Marilyn Warmee**, has entered this beautiful nature collage.





## Membership Report

Lee Jones, Membership Leader, 530-674-1942, Cell 530-300-0214, or email [lee@harkeyhouse.com](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com).

We are sorry to hear of the passing of our long time member, Joan Buchan. Joan was an important part of our branch for a long time, and we will write more about her in the next *Feather Vane* as many of our members want to contribute their memories of her life.

Our branch membership now stands at 76. If you have a friend who is interested, please invite them to attend a branch meeting, and contact me for an application. Currently everyone with an AA or higher degree is eligible to join our AAUW branch. We welcome new members even during this time of holding our meetings by Zoom, and we look forward to in-person meetings sometime soon. Our newest member, Miriam Root, joined last month. She was recruited by Liz Skelly. Please add this contact information to your Roster:

**Miriam Root**, 1620 Jennifer Lane, Yuba City CA 95993, 530.218.8900; [mbroot1@gmail.com](mailto:mbroot1@gmail.com).

University of Phoenix, Masters Degree in Organizational Management

### Meet our new member, Miriam Root



I was born in Santa Clara, CA. I moved to the North State after high school to attend college at Chico State. At Chico, I received my BA Degree in Information and Communication studies with a Public Relations emphasis. While I was a working mother, I went on to get my Master of Arts Degree 18 years later in Organizational Management.

I came to the Yuba-Sutter area after my husband got a job with Sutter County as a firefighter; when he retired, after 30+ years, he had obtained the rank of Battalion Chief. After we moved to the area, I was hired by then Yuba College President, Patricia Wirth, to serve as the college spokesperson and marketing/public relations director. I remained at the college and the district until 2017 when I retired after working there for 31 years. When I retired, I had taken on numerous other roles including Director of Campus Life and Community Education in addition to being the Public Information Officer. It was while working at the college that I met Liz Skelly who recruited me for AAUW.

Some of my accomplishments that I am most proud of include an early high school registration program that I developed and coordinated called Quick Reg and the work that I did with AAUW to assist, from the college side, with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls STEM Conference. When I was the advisor for the Associated Students the college mascot was brought to life with a name, Dusty Niner and a customized costume making him a very popular attraction at many sporting and community events, including AAUW's Stem Conference. I also orchestrated many commencements and campus wide community and college events, and I was able to help make the campus a tobacco free site before I retired. Since retiring in 2017 I have volunteered for Junior Achievement and, prior to COVID, was a regular presenter in the local junior high schools teaching 6-week classes on Careers and Goal Setting and basic finance and budgeting. I was also a Road to Recovery driver for the American Cancer Society and I volunteered at the Cancer Center's wig bank. I served for many years on the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce in various capacities and in 2015, I was the Chair.

I am happily married with two grown children and this past May, I became a Grammie to my daughter's daughter, Andie.

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## AAUW National Election APRIL 7 to MAY 17



EVERY VOTE COUNTS -- Voting will open on April 7 and close May 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. ET.

AAUW members will vote on a long-standing membership requirement which creates a barrier to potential members who do not hold a college degree. By eliminating this requirement, AAUW can become a more diverse and inclusive organization, better aligned with the needs of women today. Every vote counts. For additional information go to [Open Membership Toolkit – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881](#). All voting will take place online April 7 to May 17 unless a member sends a specific request to AAUW for a paper ballot. **All members without an email address on file with AAUW national will receive notification of the vote by mail.** Look for more information in the April *Feather Vane*.

### AAUW California Annual Meeting -- April 17

Plan to attend (via Zoom) the **AAUW California Annual Meeting** on April 17th to hear AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown as she brings us all the news from AAUW National and the latest about the proposed bylaws change. Registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**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) and ask her to add you to her email contact list.

### BOOK CLUBS



**Book Explorers** normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. **Contact Paulette Almeida, 415-5588.**

**Rabid Readers** normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. **Contact Pat Jones, 674-0114, or Marilyn Elliott, 673-2840.**



**BRIDGE** As our AAUW bridge group has gotten older we have morphed into more of a community bridge group. We play at the Marysville Art Club twice a month. **Anyone interested in playing please contact Jan Wallace, 743-1060.**



**TALKING ON PAPER** – normally meets the first Tuesday of the month. We're all about having fun, sharing and inspiration. **Call Joan Young, 713-1279, if you like to write and want to be a part of this group. For now we are exchanging our stories by email.**

### TRAVELING GOURMET



Traveling Gourmet normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month but is not meeting now because of COVID 19. **If you want to be on the Traveling Gourmet phone list, please contact Carol Clark, 301-2164, or Joan Young, 713-1279, and we will notify you when we meet again.**



**Tell us about a book or an author that you like, or send us your story or poem and we'll include it in the Feather Vane. This is just one more way that we can stay in touch with each other during this time apart.**



Email to **Feather Vane** editor, [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of any month.

## THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF THE MISSING GREEN WALLET....or.... THE CAT DID IT!

*Story by Joan Young*

Wednesday: Daughter Sherry took me to an appointment for a procedure on my eyes. I wore my jacket and carried my wallet in with me, in case I needed to update insurance information. After the procedure I picked up the wallet and jacket and went out to the waiting car. Sherry brought me home. I rested awhile, my eyes quite blurry after the procedure, then I did a few chores and retired early.

Thursday: With no errands to run I didn't need to drive the car, so I didn't reach for my purse or wallet. At home I worked on projects and attended a Zoom meeting in my dining room regarding the annual Garden Tour. We decided, because of Covid, that the GT would be postponed....again.... until 2022. That was a disappointment but it couldn't be helped.

Friday: I had a free morning so I was ready to place a phone order for some Cougar Cheese from Washington State University Creamery. I reached into my little black purse for my wallet and credit card and WHAT? WHERE IS MY WALLET? IT'S ALWAYS IN MY PURSE! I told my son Pete about my problem. He also wanted Cougar Cheese so I asked him to place the order, since my VISA card was hiding with other valuables in a mysterious place.

Except for another doctor's appointment Friday afternoon, to which Sherry drove me since I no longer had a driver's license, I spent the rest of the day searching the house, checking with the eye appointment office to be sure I hadn't left the green wallet there; and.... dreading the thought, wondering if I had dropped it on the pavement when Sherry brought me home the day before. That would be the worst scenario, if someone had picked it up from my driveway, had "stolen" my I.D., including driver's license, VISA card, bank card, Medicare and other important cards, for their personal use. The rest of the day I was calling, calling, calling all the cards' numbers to stop their use. Most of these customer service numbers are found on the backs of

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the cards, so without the cards I had to Google-search each missing phone number. I finally completed my calls, satisfied I had reached everyone, but still mighty concerned about my I.D. that by now someone must be using. Lesson: Photo copy front AND back of every valuable card you own...and update!

Sherry made a second thorough search and Christy came over to check also. They looked in their cars, and even though I hadn't driven my car the day before (therefore not needing my purse or driver's license), Sherry searched my car, too. She did find some missing dark glasses....a bonus!

The girls went home. We were discouraged, and we were tired. I was hungry, so I pulled out foods to warm on the stove and ate my evening meal. No, the wallet wasn't in the refrigerator, although years ago I did leave my car keys in the lettuce bin after grocery shopping. I have learned that's a joke in other families, as well!

After dinner I decided to change to a larger purse. The new purse had been hanging on the back of my chair waiting for me to make that decision - when to change purses. It's now 2021.....it's a good time to make that change! The little black purse has served me well but it's just a bit too tiny to hold all I need to carry with me. I reached for my little black purse, and VOILA! My green wallet is sitting front and center in that purse.

OK!! WHO put it there? WHO put it back in my little black purse? It wasn't there when Sherry and I both looked earlier in the day. Really! We both swear to it! The purse is so small you can't miss a green wallet....it's the item that takes up most of the space. SOMEONE had to put it back in, and no one has confessed!

One week later: STILL no one has confessed! A ghost had to be standing behind me, but I don't believe in ghosts! All I can figure is .....The Cat Did It!



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## **BOOKS I've enjoyed –**

Looking ahead to March Women's History Month, I've read a **Hazel Gaynor** novel that was published in late 2020 in the US and Canada under the name **When We Were Young & Brave**.

It begins in China during the earliest years of WWII, just following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and during the Japanese occupation of China; and it continues through the liberation in 1945. It is a story, based on fact, about how a British missionary school in China, and its 125 American and British children and their teachers, survived in the prison camp under Japanese suppression in that remote area during a terrible war. This book was published under two names; the other title, **The Bird in the Bamboo Cage**, was used in the UK, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. I like that title better, what do you think?



This is the 9<sup>th</sup> novel by Hazel Gaynor. I have found her books, including the **Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter** (2018), to be engaging, and well researched. She is a native of

Ireland, and lives in Kildare with her husband and two children. If you haven't read anything by Hazel Gaynor, give her a try.

Another new book about outstanding women in history is **The Doctors Blackwell** by Janice P. Nimura. Just published in January 2021, it is about America's first woman to receive a medical degree in 1849, and her less known younger sister, Emily, who also became a doctor. Together they opened and ran a hospital for indigent women and children in New York City. I haven't read it yet as my copy just arrived yesterday.

Please let me know what **YOU** are reading, and I will print your review here in the *Feather Vane*.

*Review by Artis Buerki*



## **Secretary's Notes**

*Nancy Johnston, Secretary*

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting  
February 11, 2021 – 1:00 p.m**

Those in attendance: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Gwyn Baker, Programs; Sandra Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Janet Theiss, Communications; Martha Bunce, Projects; Nancy Johnston, Secretary. Members at Large: Joann Nixon, Carol Clark, Linda Zall, Joan Young, Christy Estabrook, Kathy Nehl

**Call to Order, 1:12 p.m. Information/Action Items:** Last month's minutes were approved by all. Janet Theiss will send out a reminder for the Branch meeting on Tuesday and Friday, the week prior to the branch meeting.

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**Reports from Executive Council Leaders**

**EC Leader's Report:** Liz reported on the Interbranch meeting she attended. One of the topics discussed was Diversity, which kicked off a discussion on looking at how we can expand the diversity of our AAUW branch. Multiple ideas were discussed, and books listed. Books included White Majority and Caste (authors not noted)

**Correspondences:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report/Proposed 20-21 Budget:** Sandra Davini reported very little change to the Treasures Report. Nothing to report. Thank you to Steve Clark for his generous donation.

**Public Policy, Advocacy:** Martha Bunce: Martha will write up voting instructions for the AAUW National elections for the Feather Vane.

**Membership:** Lee Jones reported no change.

**Nominating Committee:** Martha Bunce: Sandy Davini agreed to be a candidate for the Treasurers position; Lee Jones agreed to be a candidate for the Membership position; Gwyn Baker agreed to be a candidate for the Programs position; Christina Easterbrook agreed to be a candidate for the Executive Council. Our annual meeting in April is where members will vote, so notification to membership will be in the March *Feather Vane*.

**Bylaws:** No report

**Communications:** Janet Theiss will send out first reminder for Saturday's branch meeting. Check your Junk mail if you don't find it. Artis Buerki reported the deadline is February 22nd for articles to appear in the March 2021 *Feather Vane*.

Joan Young reported the members they call are not interested in coming to the branch meetings, but do enjoy chatting with our callers. Donna will write up something for the *Feather Vane* asking for volunteers to call and keep in touch with these members. Discussion around perhaps creating a new support group called Connections, and perhaps a monthly write up for the *Feather Vane* on our older members; what they've lived through, experiences they've had in their lives, changes they've seen etc.. More discussion needed.

**Programs:** Gwyn Baker reported she will send Dr. Dotson, our February speaker, an email with questions the group collectively is interested in. March speaker is the Wing Commander from Beale Air Force Base.

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**Projects:** Martha Bunce

STEM conference. Sandra Davini reported she will send out an email to the schools notifying them the STEM conference was cancelled for 2021, and we were unable to provide additional STEM resources for the girls/boys to use.

**GARDEN TOUR:** Martha Bunce reported the Garden Tour is cancelled for 2021.

**TECH TREK:** Carol Clark reported nothing new.

**TEAM OF EXTRAORDINARY MINDS:** Joann Nixon reported nothing new.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Nothing to report.

**Other Reports:** **Interbranch**— Diversity was the topic of the Feb. 6 IBC midday meeting. For more details refer to today's EC Leader's Report, and the Feb. 6 Zoom meeting report by IBC Rep. Janet Theiss (attached). **Historian**—Karen Tuttle: No report. **Sunshine**—Gretchen Cupp: Joan Buchan, a former member, passed away.

Other Business – Next EC meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.

**Future Agenda Items:** Update on the path forward for the calling group; Monthly Credit card payments for dues.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Johnston, Secretary

<i>Editor's Note: Please contact Executive Council Secretary for the final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting.</i>
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## **Interbranch Council (IBC)**

### **February 6, 2021 Zoom meeting report**

*Janet Theiss, IBC Representative*

The Annual Interbranch Council (IBC) 'Luncheon' was on Saturday, **February 6, 2021**, by Zoom at 1:00 p.m. All branches: Chico, Gridley, Marysville-Yuba City, Oroville, and Paradise, participated. Our branch Zoomers included Liz Skelly, Joan Young, Gwyn Baker, Linden Reynolds, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Pat Jones, and Janet Theiss.

*(The following is from Carolyn Nelson's minutes)*  
The meeting was conducted by **Satsie Veith**, IBC President, Paradise Branch; **Jan Britton**, Chico Branch, arranged for the presenter, **Kathleen Harper**, AAUW State Public



MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH Policy Director. She spoke (by webinar) on State and National Public Policy in regards to the Civil Rights movement and Racial topics. **Liz Skelly**, Marysville-Yuba City Branch, monitored and directed Chat questions to the presenter, following Kathi Harper's presentation.

**Pre-meeting Chat Room:** The following websites were recommended: [www.showingupforracialjustice.org](http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org); [aauwpublicpolicy.org](http://aauwpublicpolicy.org); [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org); (paycheck fairness act), <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/paycheck-fairness/>. Check Public Policy for additional ideas and information. **Past webinars are posted on [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org). Type webinar in search box, and same in the box to the right.**

**Presentation by Kathi Harper:** (This year, the webinar focus was primarily on black women because of Black History Month. Details can be found on the AAUW public policy website.)

**What is Public Policy?** Included was a definition of a policy shaped by individuals, groups and government policies.

**So What Is AAUW California Doing About It?** Kathi just met with those on National level. All bills (around 50) must be received by February 21 and are weeded out until a few are chosen to be the most important to adopt. Child Care has a primary focus.

#### **Three Pillars of AAUW California Public Policy Priorities (2019-2021)**

1-To Achieve Economic Security for All Women

2-To Support a Strong System of High-Quality Public Education

3-To Guarantee Equality, Individual Rights and Social Justice for a Diverse and Inclusive Society

#### **Here's What Branches are Doing**

- Helping homeless women and families
- Working on human trafficking
- Hosting joint presentations with League of Women Voters; ballot measures, candidate forums
- Hosting "Get to know your legislators"; program speakers, arranging office visits
- Staging or joining pro-choice events
- Walking in Women's March events
- Connecting with local colleges to table for Equal Pay day, GOTV education
- Suggesting Book Groups include a selection on white ally-ship (understanding role we play and how we can help)

#### **Why Racial Injustice Matters**

—Understand it—Recognize it—Talk about it

**Kathi** discussed definition of "white privilege"; the Hierarchy in right to vote, economics, access to power. A video to watch to give ideas on how AAUW branches can help is available for viewing—"Five Ways to be an Ally."

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**Question and Answer Time** (open to members; directed by **Liz Skelly**)

**Jan Britton**, Chico, commented on what their branch has been discussing locally to add diversity to their membership. Chico shares their monthly Grapevine Newsletter with branches; including an informal focus group, "Conversations About Diversity." For more information, contact **Kathy Sweet**, [kathyisweet@gmail.com](mailto:kathyisweet@gmail.com), Chico Branch.

**Carol Holzgrafe** stated that **all members are urged to vote on membership requirements in April**. See Chico and Paradise Newsletter for updated information.

#### **Branch Reports:**

**Marysville-Yuba City:** has cancelled their biggest fund raiser, the May Garden Tour. Other plans are being discussed as monthly meetings continue by Zoom.

**Chico:** the 2020 Tech Trek girls and alternates are being contacted to attend the 2021 Virtual Tech Trek meeting. They have set up a CSUC Scholarship and are addressing diversity in their membership, homelessness (**Safe Space-** Feb. 20th Zoom meeting, 3:00 p.m.), and evictions. For fun, monthly Trivia Games are being held.

**Oroville:** has issues with the number of members who cannot join by Zoom. Fund raising is difficult at this time but their Book Club has revived; 2020 TT girls have been invited to attend, and a minority student has received their Butte Co. scholarship with plans to attend UC Davis.

**Gridley:** has had sporadic Zoom meetings, but encourages members to check in on one other. The 2020 TT girls are being contacted; skipping 2021. Plans are for a future outdoor meeting.

**Paradise:** recommended an AAUW CA webinar "**She Who Thrives, Survives,**" Wed., Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. The 90 min. production will cover secrets of successful branches. Their Zoom meetings have been good as has been their 40-year Couples Evening Book Group. Their Walking & Talking Group meets three times a week. TT 2020 girls and alternates are being sent (\$400 per girl); and schools are sending names so 2021 TT girls can be nominated. For ideas on how to keep in touch with present/past TT girls, contact **Carol Holzgrafe**, [carol@holzgrafe.com](mailto:carol@holzgrafe.com).

**Note:** It has been helpful that branches have been notifying/inviting other branches of future speakers, projects, etc.

Next IBC meeting will be on **May 3, 2021, Virtual or in Gridley; 6:00 p.m.** either way.

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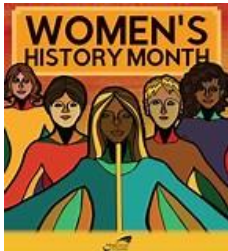




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## MARCH, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>March is Women's History Month.</i>	<b>2</b> Via email Talking on Paper	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>March</b> International Women's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1 pm, Zoom Executive Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Via email Book Clubs	<b>20</b> 10 AM Zoom <b>BRANCH MEETING</b>  <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>DEADLINE NEXT FEATHER VANE</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>EQUAL PAY DAY</b>	<b>25</b> TBD Traveling Gourmet	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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