



Feather Vane – SEPTEMBER, 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, SEPT. 9, 1 pm. LOCATION TBD.** Contact is Liz Skelly, 530-635-0821. Tell Liz, or any EC member, if you want to attend Executive Council meetings and be appointed a Member at Large for a year.

BRANCH MEETING—Sept. 18

We're finally back in person!

PROGRAM NOTES --

WHEN: Saturday, September 18, 2021 - bring a friend or potential member

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Hillcrest Catering, 210 Julie Dr, Yuba City (Back side of Hillcrest Plaza building/ across the street from St. Isidore's School)

MENU: Brunch buffet (eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, toast, fruit salad, coffee, tea, water)

COST: \$20, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (pay at meeting-no cancellations) Tell your emailer (Barbara Douyon) or your caller (Joan Young/Donna Long/Colleen Franklin) if you are coming YES or NO by the **Monday prior to the meeting**. If you replied but didn't receive a confirmation of your reservation by Tuesday, please contact me, GDCARYL@yahoo.com or 632-4336 to make sure you are on the list. If you cannot attend but can do Zoom, there will also be a free Zoom option.

SPEAKERS: Our speakers will be branch members Dr. Baljinder Dhillon and City Councilwoman Grace Espindola.

Bal Dhillon came to the U.S. from India when she was 9 and she said the family came here because they knew the educational opportunities were best for their 5 daughters. She is currently the Superintendent/ Principal in a small school district in Sutter County, and has been in education for the last 30 years. Bal joined our branch in 2018.

Grace Espindola is currently the only woman serving on the City Council of Yuba City. Grace said she was born deep in the jungle mountains of Michoacán Mexico, and she legally immigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of 2. She has spent more than 35 years in the public education system. Grace joined our branch in 2019.

Because we have several new members, and it has been so long since we've gotten together, this meeting will also have activities for members to meet and get to know each other. We look forward to seeing everyone again on September 18th. Questions: GDCARYL@yahoo.com

Gwyn Baker, Program Leader

Council Chat—We're Back!

OK, I'll admit I'm having a hard time getting into gear for the new AAUW year ahead--summer was just too relaxing. But let's get back to business!

Our May branch meeting featured Julie Shuffield, Board president for Casa de Esperanza. Julie has had quite the work experience—first in the District Attorney's Office (where she first became interested in Casa) and now working for a California energy company. She provided some insight into how prevalent domestic violence is in our community and the statistics are not very pretty. We are hoping to support Casa in the future as an organization. Julie was also one of the founders of Back the Badge and is active in a number of community organizations. Hopefully when we get back to in-person branch meetings we can have Julie back. She's someone you can definitely listen to again.

I'm sure many of you are not aware of some of the benefits of AAUW membership, I know I wasn't. Here's a link to check them out: aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/discounts-and-perks/. You'll find discounts for car rentals, UPS and Geico, among others.

Big news! We will begin meeting in person (yay!!!) for our next branch meeting on Saturday, September 18. Check out Gwyn's Program Notes on this page for more details. I hope to see all of you there!

I don't like to end on a sad note but I'm sorry to say that a long time AAUW member, Barbara Solheim, has passed. She was an energetic supporter of all things AAUW and served on several committees--always willing to help. Her passing will leave a big hole in our organization. She will be missed.

Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader

New Council: The Executive Council term for the 2021-2022 year began July 1, 2021. Officers are:
 Leader – Liz Skelly
 Secretary --Nancy Johnston
 Treasurer – Sandy Davini
 Bylaws – Christy Estabrook
 Communications – Janet Theiss
 Membership – Lee Jones
 Program – Gwyn Baker
 Projects – Martha Bunce
 Executive Council Members-at-Large – Barbara Alves, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp, Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Joan Young, Linda Zall

WHY IS IT CALLED THE FEATHER VANE?

Artis Buerki, Feather Vane Editor

What’s in a name???? – The Feather Vane gets called lots of things, including the Weather Vane, which DOES make sense as it keeps us aware of the local conditions of the branch, and it slips easily off the tongue. So when I took the editor’s job of the *Feather Vane* back in the fall of 2012, I inquired about the real reason that we call it the *Feather Vane* instead. I received these thoughtful (and well written) replies then, and for the benefit of our new, and not so new members, I’d like to repeat them here:

Janet Theiss said “I always thought (no one told me this) the name came from the Feather River which connects the two towns and from AAUW’s trying to point the way the winds of change should blow for women.”

Martha Bunce said “I always assumed the ‘Feather’ referred to the Feather River, since this is the Marysville-Yuba City Branch and the Feather River runs through it! And ‘Vane’ is then a pun for the *Vane* in weather vane and the *Vanes* in feathers.”

Barbara Palser said “I remember that **Opal Gauche Dietzel** was the person who spearheaded the name change of the newsletter to *Feather Vane*. It probably happened during the year she was president of the branch in 1987-88. Feather refers to the Feather River which runs between Marysville and Yuba City, as in the name of the branch, Marysville-Yuba City Branch.”

Linden Reynolds said that an early AAUW *Feather Vane* editor was **Geraldine McKnight** who did the cut and paste newsletter, pre-computer style, and then **Laura Nicholson** took on the computer part as co-editor with Geraldine. **Janet Theiss** followed them as editor/publisher serving until fall of 2012.

Since then, I have been trying to keep the *Feather Vane* fresh without changing the format too much. If you notice anything that you don’t like, or something that you love, please let me know.

Thank you Janet, Martha, Barbara, & Linden, for your interesting insights about the *Feather Vane* name!

Did you know?

Dorothy & Woodrow Jang's son, Michael, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for his photography!

Kelly Swanson has completed her Master’s Degree in School Counseling (2020), and will be joining the staff at Riverbend School this fall.

Cindy Gaven created the Feather Vane logo of the feather and the inkwell you see on page 1 of every *Feather Vane*.

Donna Long has been leading a writing workshop at the Senior Center.

Karen Kam helps people with their cell phones at the Senior Center.

Did you know that the birthday flowers for September are the Aster and the Morning Glory?



Happy Birthday to **Jeanine Rounds** and to **Kathy Nehl** whose birthdays are in September. When is your birthday?



What do you know that you’d like to share in the next Feather Vane? Contact Editor, artisb@comcast.net

Find AAUW on Facebook

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Artis Buerki, Editor and email distribution, artisb@comcast.net
 Joan Young, Mailing and Proofing
 Joann Nixon, Photographer
 Janet Theiss, Communications Leader

Joann Nixon received the AAUW Education & Training Award

Sandy Davini, Treasurer

Last spring our members contributed over \$1,000 to the AAUW National Education & Training Opportunities Fund (Teabag Fundraiser). Your generous donations allowed us to honor one of our own members. Our 2021 honoree is Joann Nixon.

Joann joined in 2009, and before long she was involved in most of our committees and groups. She uses her talents as a photographer to capture memories of Garden Tours, STEM Conferences, Traveling Gourmet lunches, new members, and committees at work. She co-chaired the Coalition Brunch fundraiser for several years. Joann was a Member at Large before she became our Executive Council Leader in 2016. During her three-year term she maintained a presence on nearly every committee while leading our branch. After her term concluded Joann continued on many committees: Program, Budget, Garden Tour & STEM to name a few. Encouraging Tech Trek girls to follow their dreams is one of her passions and led her to work with alumni girls. She now chairs the Tech Trek alumni Committee (TEM). Joann has embraced AAUW fully and we are pleased to name her as our 2021 honoree.

Membership Report -- *Lee Jones, Membership Leader, 530-674-1942, Cell 530-300-0214, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com*

If you have a friend who is interested, please invite them to attend a branch meeting, and contact me for an application. We always welcome new members, and if a prospective member joins at a meeting they will get a discount on their national dues.

21-22 Dues

61 Branch members have renewed their 21-22 membership, but 11 ladies have not yet paid! If you haven't renewed, please **Mail a \$95 check payable to "AAUW" to: AAUW, P. O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Pathway of Stepping Stones

by Christy Estabrook

I interviewed Cami Thomas when I called Habitat for Humanity. She is very enthusiastic, knows her business and has left us with an offer I hope we don't refuse!

She says there are "many stepping stones from homelessness to home owner". Some of the 'stones' or access points folks may use are the Life Building Center; Hands of Hope; REST and more.

Our Habitat affiliate is NOT mostly geared toward building new housing by volunteers. There exist (or will) four venues that can house up to 62 individuals/couples, elderly veterans, those with mental health issues or young families. There are converted motels, duplexes, houses and a trailer park.

So very many entities are involved in this work. The individuals and families benefitting are still involved in sweat equity, of course. I specifically asked, and she said one way we can help is with our 'unrestricted funds' donations.

Habitat's executive board is so excited about their progress that they are considering giving tours. Cami offered to set a special one up for our bunch! Maybe we can be their 'test group'. She can only accommodate eight in their van, so let me know of your interest soon!

I had to leave SO much out of this interview that you really need to hear from Cami what all is going on, where and how it is interconnected.

Editor's Note: There are many worthy projects happening all around us in the Yuba-Sutter area, and they all need volunteers. Habitat is one of them. We plan to tell you about others as the year goes by. Contact Christy to find out more about Habitat for Humanity.

December 4 Coalition Brunch AAUW Opportunity Drawing items are needed -- Kathy Nehl and Linda

Zall are in charge of the Coalition Brunch drawing this year. They will let you know soon what items are needed.

Tech Trek Committee --Carol Clark and Nancy Johnston, Tech Trek Co-Chairs

We have reserved 6 places for the 2022 Tech Trek selections from our branch. The Committee will begin meeting soon. Please contact Carol if you want to be a part of this important committee.

Garden Tour Committee --*Martha*

Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

Garden Tour RETURNS May 7, 2022!!!! (Good Lord willing and enough people get vaccinated against Covid 19.)

The GT committee will meet at Barbara Kenney's on Sept 2 at 10:30, and the first item on the agenda is to choose the target location. We had several gardens committed in the South Sutter and Yuba areas, but a lot of time has passed and we will need to see if all are still interested and willing to participate. We always welcome AAUW members to help out -- we have short, easy tasks and more complicated ones too. Contact me to see what's needed and we will fit you in!

STEM Committee --- *Sandy Davini, STEM Chair*

We sincerely hope to bring the AAUW STEM Conference back in 2022. The STEM Committee will meet on September 9 at 10 am to discuss the possibilities for a March 2022 Conference. Please contact Sandy by email, ddavini@comcast.net, if you wish to participate on the STEM Committee.

Interbranch Council (IBC)

Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Interbranch Council meets quarterly, and all members are welcome to join us. There are three evening meetings and one lunch time meeting during the year. The Interbranch Council is made up of Gridley, Oroville, Chico, Paradise and Marysville-Yuba City branches. Contact Janet or Liz to find out when the next meeting will be.

AAUW National Election Results

Martha Bunce, Public Policy Chair

In April AAUW held a national election to elect board members, vote on public policy priorities, and consider a change in the bylaws to allow persons who do not hold an AA or higher degree to become members of AAUW. Of eligible members 22.85% voted.

Julia Brown was re-elected to serve as board chair for three more years.

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Malinda Gaul was re-elected as board vice chair, and **Elizabeth Haynes** and **Joseph Bertolino** will also retain their board seats. All are three-year terms.

AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters.

The ballot initiative to eliminate the membership requirement received 63% of the vote, which was just below the two-thirds majority needed to enact a bylaw change.

California AAUW voted 60% yes on the ballot measure.

Over twenty states had higher approval percentages than California. The states with the highest (80-90+%) were Kentucky, Puerto Rico, Utah, Iowa, Virginia, Maine, Vermont. States with less than 50% voting yes were Oklahoma, Nevada, Wyoming, Ohio, Georgia, New Hampshire, Florida, and Maryland.

Although the ballot measure failed, the percent YES vote was significantly higher than previous efforts to change the membership rules.

AAUW-CA Election Results

California's newly elected leaders for the upcoming term:
President-Elect: Sandi Gabe of the Mariposa and California Online Branches

Chief Financial Officer: Roli Wendorf of the San Francisco Branch

Director: Carol Holzgrafe of the Chico & Paradise Branches

Public Policy Priorities -- In addition to electing new leaders, 1,980 of California's members voted a resounding YES to approve the Public Policy Priorities.

Bylaws Amendments --The California membership passed two amendments to the AAUW California bylaws with the required $\frac{2}{3}$ approval. Both are intended to streamline and simplify the operation of the Board of Directors. The first amendment added a one-year director position to serve opposite the president-elect position in order to balance the number elected in odd and even years. The second amendment reduced the number of elected directors from 12 to 11 to establish an odd number for voting purposes and for budget efficiencies. These bylaw changes will take effect immediately.

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



BOOK CLUBS



Rabid Readers Book Club normally meets at 10 am the third Friday of the month. Contact is **Linda Zall, 713-0552**.

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



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 on the first Tuesday of the month to share our personal writings: creativity, travel, poetry, humor. We engender fun, inspiration and camaraderie. . In Sept. we will meet on **September 14th** at 10 a.m., due to Labor Day weekend. Come at 9:30 to socialize. **Call Joan Young 713-1279 if you enjoy writing stories (anecdotes, family history, poems, travelogues, etc.) to share with other members. No special talent is required.**



TRAVELING GOURMET normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month to go out to lunch. These lunches are a great way to get to know other members better. If you want to be on the Traveling Gourmet phone list, please contact **Carol Clark, 301-2164**, **Joan Young, 713-1279**, or **Christy Estabrook, 673-3599**. Everyone is welcome.



Rabid Readers Book Club: **Dee Ellen Day, Judy Hale, Pat Jones, Helen Strunk, Linda Zall and Lee Jones** discuss Visionary Women, author **Andrea Barnet**, at their recent meeting at Lee's home. *Photos by Lee Jones*

Books I've Enjoyed:

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

One of the most fascinating books that I've read this summer is Code Name Verity. This World War II thriller by Elizabeth Wein is written from the perspective of two women who are best friends. The story begins in October of 1943 when their 2-passenger British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. The passenger, who is a British spy, parachuted out, and she landed in the hands of Gestapo interrogators. The pilot crash-landed the plane in a group of supportive French resistors. And the plot thickens. I don't want to give too much away, but I recommend this book if you like mysteries, historical novels, or enjoy reading stories about smart women doing interesting things. I could not put it down.

Author Elizabeth Wein has lived in England, Jamaica, Pennsylvania, and now lives in Scotland with her husband and two children. She is an avid flyer of small planes, and is a member of the Ninety-Nines, the international women pilots organization. Her knowledge of flying and interest in World history are evident in her writings. Elizabeth Wein published Code Name Verity in 2012. Some of her other books are Black Dove-White Raven, and Rose Under Fire. The Enigma Game is her latest book published in 2020. You can find out more on her website:

www.elizabethwein.com

Review by Artis Buerki

Books about women Olympians: With the Tokyo Olympic Games in our immediate rear view mirror, this information was published by Mighty Girls, and it is worth repeating: "A century ago, only 65 women competed in the Olympics, making up only 2.5% of Olympic athletes; at this year's Tokyo 2020 summer games, almost 49% of competitors are women, setting a new record for women's participation at the Olympics. It's never been a more exciting time for women in sports or for girls who dream of going to the Olympics someday."

In celebration of this year's Olympic Games, Mighty Girls.com is sharing a selection of [biographies about female Olympians](#), past and present! "These determined athletes often faced discrimination in their quest for the podium, but their courage and grit made them heroes around the world. From the women of the early modern Olympic Games to today's athletic greats, their stories will inspire young readers to stand up, fight hard, and play like a girl."



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. Email to Feather Vane editor, artisb@comcast.net before the 15th of any month.



Secretary's Notes

Nancy Johnston, Secretary

AAUW Executive Council Meeting - May 13, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Those in attendance were: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Gwyn Baker, Programs; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Artis Buerki, By-Laws; Janet Theiss, Communications; Martha Bunce, Projects; Nancy Johnston, Secretary. Members at Large present were: Joann Nixon, Christy Estabrook, Joan Young, Carol Clark, Kathy Nehl

Call to Order, 1:06 p.m.: The April 8, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

Information/Action Items: The location for the June 10 EC planning meeting was discussed. Martha Bunce has offered her home as a meeting location and the meeting time will be 10:30 a.m. Everyone should bring their own lunch and Martha will provide refreshments and possibly a dessert! We will also do Zoom for those members who are unable to attend in person.

Reports from Executive Council

EC Leader's Report: Liz mentioned to the group that it was really great to be in Hawaii instead of the mainland.

Correspondence: Sutter County Museum Annual Report received.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported that the Finance Committee (Sandy, Joann and Liz) had met and proposed that we revise the 2020-21 budget to not include any further donations for this FY, other than Casa and Women's Development Advocacy, so that we can have a projected ending fund balance of \$5,042. Sandy also presented the 2021-22 proposed budget for the group's review and approval. The proposed budget has a projected ending fund balance of \$6,400 and was approved. The budget will be published in the August/September Feather Vane and will go to the full membership for approval at the September branch meeting.

Water Talks by Donna Long

You've taken me for granted long enough, people-
Thinking that I'm easy, convenient and cheap.
You think that I'll be around forever
That I'm no big deal.
Well I'm here to warn you
You might want to think again.

Of course, we've had a lot of fun together.
You and I have cavorted and made a splash together.
We've kicked up some fun in our day.
You have totally immersed yourself in me at times.

I have sustained you, refreshed you,
Given you life. You called me delicious, beautiful
And inspiring. But lately, I'm beginning to notice
Our good times seem to be coming to an end.

Because, you use me up, people.
Without a thought you drain me dry,
Too comfortable with having me in your life,
You thoughtlessly waste me.

So, now, you'd best take notice, people!
I might be running out on you soon.
Perhaps you've noticed I'm gradually slipping away.
And my lovely lakes are drying out.

You may soon come to appreciate my charms
And regret the way you've treated me.
And when I go, you'll have only memories
Of how beautiful your life was with me in it.

Signed, Water

MARYSVILLE–YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH
Public Policy, Advocacy: Martha Bunce discussed the need for our members to show support for Dr. Luu, Bi-County Health Officer. Members wishing to send Dr. Luu a supportive email should address it to rosenbaum@co.yuba.ca.us.

Membership: Lee Jones reported no new members have joined.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Communications: Artis said the deadline for articles for the August/September Feather Vane is August 15. Joan Young said that she would like to start a “sunshine” program to send birthday cards or calls to some of the members who don’t do email. There are about 25 members on her list and she suggested that each of us “adopt” a couple of these members. Artis offered to help Janet with the roster but Janet indicated she would like to continue with the roster.

Programs: Gwyn Baker reported that her Program Committee had met and the suggestion was to ask AAUW members Bal Dhillon and Grace Espindola to speak about their “stories” for the September branch meeting. It was felt that since the September branch meeting will be the first in-person meeting our focus should be on getting re-acquainted with each other. Linda will do some ice-breaker activities. It was approved to have the September, October and November branch meetings at the Hillcrest location. The October speaker will be from Yuba Water Agency and November will be someone from our local school districts to give us an update on the impact COVID has had on the local schools.

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Projects: STEM: Sandy is hopeful that we can have a STEM conference next March 28 or 29. Martha, Miriam and Liz will set up a meeting with Dr. Dotson to see if either the Marysville campus or the Sutter campus will be available. The next planning meeting is August 12.

Garden Tour: Plans are progressing for hosting a Garden Tour in 2022.

Tech Trek: Carol will request six reservations for girls in anticipation of summer 2022 UC Davis Tech Trek camp.

TEM: Joann said they are having discussions on college pathways.

Scholarships: Liz went over a brief history of the scholarship funds at Yuba CCD. The District staff are still working from home so she has not met with the Foundation Director.

Other Reports: Interbranch— No report. Historian— Karen Tuttle: No report. Sunshine—Gretchen Cupp: Liz will ask Gretchen to send a get well card to Barbara Solheim. Coalition Drawing – Kathy/Linda: The December event is currently being planned.

Other Business – Next EC meeting and Planning Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at Martha’s.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Skelly for Nancy Johnston

Editor’s Note: Please contact Executive Council Secretary for the final approved minutes after the next Executive Council meeting.



Secretary’s Notes

Nancy Johnston, Secretary

AAUW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING --Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:30 a.m. Via Zoom and in person at the home of Martha Bunce.

Attending: Liz Skelly, Lee Jones, Sandy Davini, Christy Estabrook (zoom), Gwyn Baker, Martha Bunce, Janet Theiss (zoom); Members at large: Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Carol Clark, Artis Buerki

Organization of Executive Council for 2021-2022 and Assignment of Portfolios -- Leader: Liz Skelly; Secretary: Nancy Johnston; Treasurer: Sandy Davini; Bylaws: Christy Estabrook; Communications: Janet Theiss; Membership: Lee Jones; Program: Gwyn Baker; Projects: Martha Bunce; Members at Large: Barbara Alves, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp, Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Joan Young and Linda Zall

Regular Business

Call to Order, Approval of the Agenda, Minutes

- Call meeting to order at 10:40
- Check in – Janet Theiss offered to resign from Ex Council. Council refused her offer. **Communications** roles/tasks will be covered as follow: Janet will continue to produce the Roster; Barbara Douyon (emails) and Joan Young (phone calls) will continue with Reservations and relay the information to Janet; Artis will continue doing the FV and Website; **GT** -- Nancy will work on the computer aspects. GT committee will carry the other tasks as usual; **STEM** – June and Sandy will work on the computer aspects and will pursue replacing Janet if needs be.
- Minutes of the last meeting approved as corrected
- Agenda – additional items/approve agenda
- Christy Estabrook reported that Casa sent her a Thank You on behalf of our AAUW branch for the two \$50 gas cards she sent in. (Thank you, Christy)

Information/Action Items

NEW members who JOIN AT A BRANCH meeting will receive a discount on National Dues. Liz will include a link to National AAUW Discounts in the next Council Chat and Lee will mention the half price National AAUW dues for new members in her FV report.

Back up for Council members --

COMMUNICATIONS – The committee provides back up: Gwyn Baker, Joann Nixon, Artis Buerki, Colleen Franklin, Barbara Douyon, and Kathy Nehl are Janet’s committee

GT – the Task List is complete enough for someone to step in.

STEM – the Task List is complete enough for someone to step in.

TREASURER – Sandy will update her Treasurer’s calendar. It has all the forms, reports land dates due.

TECH TREK – The Co-Chair provides back up. State sends a binder out every year that details what to do and the timeline.

LEADER – Liz needs to write a description of what she does.

MEMBERSHIP – Lee needs to write up a brief description and show where to find needed forms

PROGRAMS – Gwyn will write up a description, timeline and share contact information for Branch meetings with Treasurer and Leader.

Reports from Executive Council

Executive Council Leader’s Report --See above re: back up of roles and tasks.

Discussion of focus for the Branch 2021-2022. We will try to coordinate more effectively with other Women’s Groups in our community. The history and role of the Women’s Coalition was discussed by Artis. The Feather Vane will feature articles about selected groups that have missions similar or overlapping ours. Ideas included Soroptimists, Hands of Hope, Casa de Esperanza,-Habitat for Humanity-and others. Christy and Artis volunteered to do interviews and write articles.

Correspondence --Thank you from the Sutter County Museum for our support.

Treasurer’s Report --There may be some revision to the May proposed budget. Only 40 members have paid their dues to date. Discussion and sign up for contacting members who have not paid 2021/2022 dues.

Public Policy, Advocacy -- Discussion of failure to reach 66.66% to change National Bylaws to allow all to join AAUW. An article will be in next FV.

Membership -- Barbara Kenney was the lottery winner of free 2021-2020 dues. Attendees signed up to contact members they know who have not sent in dues.

Nominating Committee --No report

Bylaws --National will send updated language resulting from the election.

Communications --Feather Vane – August 15 is the deadline for the September FV.

Meeting Callers – No report

Roster – the plan is to have it ready for the September General Meeting. The due date is mid-August for any changes.

Programs --A location for our brunch meetings has been secured. Programs for September through November are set, and others will be organized in coming months. The idea is to allow flexibility in scheduling programs to allow for unfolding events or news. Sept – Meet and Re-meet new and “old” new members; Oct – Yuba Water Agency; Nov -- School district representors to discuss Post Pandemic plans; Dec – Coalition Brunch

Projects –

STEM Conference --Tentative plans for March 28 or 29, 2022. Place has not been determined. The Committee meeting in August will try to finalize plans.

Garden Tour --Goal is May 2022. First Committee meeting will decide on the focus location

Tech Trek --Nothing final from State. We have paid for six Trekkers for 2022

Team of Extraordinary Minds --It's hard to keep in contact due to Covid restrictions and plans are to try for a fall gathering

Scholarships --No report

Other Business

Interbranch: Liz will continue to represent us for in-person meetings and Janet will continue as long as they hold the meetings via Zoom.

Historian: Karen Tuttle is still on the job

Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp

Coalition Drawing: Kathy Nehl, Linda Zall

Other Business -- When will Interest Groups start up again? Talking on Paper and the Reading groups have been meeting. Travelling Gourmet probably in the fall.

Discussion of merging the two Reading Groups or changing the meeting dates of one group since both groups meet at the same time. Lee will look into it.

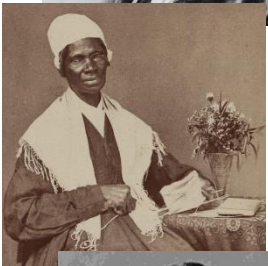
Future agenda items --Sep 9, 2021. Place to be determined. Meeting will have Zoom option.

Submitted by Martha Bunce for Nancy Johnston

Women who have helped change the world



Jane Addams, the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize -- For her extensive contributions in housing reform, women's suffrage, and social work, Addams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.



Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and women's rights advocate -- escaped slavery with her infant daughter in 1826. In 1828, Truth brought a case to recover her son to court and won the filing — and was the first black woman to achieve such a victory over a white man. She became an outspoken advocate for civil rights and women's rights until her death in 1883.



Clara Barton, Civil War Nurse and founder of the American Red Cross -- Barton played a pivotal role during the American Civil War by operating hospitals on the front lines of Virginia. In 1881, she established the American Red Cross, which continues to operate and provide humanitarian aid across the world today.



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We are all Wonder Women!

To find us on line just CTRL+LEFT CLICK on any of these underlined links
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 Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10:30 am Garden Tour Committee	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 10 am STEM Com. 1 pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	10	11
12	13	14 10 am TALKING ON PAPER	15	16	17 TBD BOOK CLUBS	18 10 am BRANCH MEETING
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