



Feather Vane – NOVEMBER, 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, Nov. 18, 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 an EC Member at Large for a year.

BRANCH MEETING—Nov. 20

WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2021 - bring a friend or potential member

TIME: Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Brunch served at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Hillcrest Catering, 210 Julie Dr, Yuba City (on the back side/east end of the Hillcrest Plaza Mall.)

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 (Gwyn Baker) 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 Gwyn Baker, GDCARYL@yahoo.com or 632-4336, to make sure you are on the list.

PROGRAM NOTES --Saturday, November 20

Our November speakers will be Doreen Osumi, Superintendent of Yuba City Unified School District and Dr. Fal Asrani, Superintendent of Marysville Joint Unified School District, They will update us on how the school districts are coping in regard to the pandemic. We will discuss the impacts to academics, attendance, enrollment, and teacher-retention that COVID-19 has had in our schools. We will also learn about how students, teachers, and families have been affected socially and emotionally by the pandemic. Questions, email: GDCARYL@yahoo.com.

Gwyn Baker, Program Leader



Council Chat

We are off to a great start this year!

September's branch meeting attendance was impressive and October's was even better, and we are hoping to increase attendance at our November branch meeting on November 20th. We also made (local) branch history and welcomed our first male branch member, Steve Clark, husband of Carol Clark. Steve has always supported our branch with annual donations but now has decided to join and be part of our membership. A big welcome to Steve!

The speaker for the meeting was Willie Whittlesey, General Manager for Yuba Water Agency. Willie was a dynamic and entertaining speaker and presented us with all kinds of information about the YWA, created in 1959 to provide flood risk reduction, ground water supply, and hydro power generation. I find it amazing that the founders were such forward thinkers to realize the future needs of the Yuba River and surrounding area. The New Bullards Bar dam is key to the agency not only for flood protection but also providing water flow for hydro power generation at the New Colgate and Narrows I and II powerhouses. The dam was completed in 1970 and is the 5th tallest dam in the US, 2nd tallest in California. As many of you know, PG&E paid for and operated the Colgate Powerhouse under a 50 year agreement with YWA. That agreement expired in 2016 and now YWA is benefitting from the revenue generated by hydropower and water sales and using that revenue to reinvest in the county via grants and projects. The Agency is now on track to build another spillway at Bullards and build a Yuba Watershed Experience Center, an educational center to promote STEM curriculum. There is much more to learn about Yuba Water Agency and a great place to start is on their website, yubawater.org.

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH

Our various branch committees are hard at work prepping for the next year and it looks like we may be back in business for the Garden Tour and the STEM Conference (fingers crossed). The special interest groups are meeting too so be sure to check them out. A big shout out to Gwen Baker for all the hard work obtaining our speakers at the branch meetings. I'm looking forward to finding out how our two biggest school districts have fared during the pandemic at our Nov. branch meeting, and don't forget to make your reservations now for the Dec. 4 Coalition

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Holiday Brunch. It is our only December branch meeting when we join with others to celebrate at the Peach Tree Country Club.

Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader

FIND AAUW ON FACEBOOK

Did you know?

COALITION BRUNCH -- The Women's Coalition began in 1993 with an idea from our long time member, **Barbara Palser**, who was 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 while enjoying some networking time together and learning about other clubs. 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**, along with Barbara Palser, coordinated the Coalition Brunch for many years and she 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 and we purchased women's history books for the libraries.

This year there are six local community organizations that make up the Coalition Committee (see flyer on last page this *Feather Vane*) who will put on the Holiday Brunch, a networking event, at the Peach Tree Country Club on Saturday, **December 4**. We will collect socks and toiletries for HANDS OF HOPE. Each group will hold a Raffle. This year will be the 27th celebration of the Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch. **Make your reservations now as space is limited.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our all of our members with November birthdays including **Joann Nixon** and **Miriam Root**.

What do you know that you'd like to share in the next Feather Vane? When is your birthday? Tell all. Contact Artis Buerki by 15th of the month, artisb@comcast.net



Thank you to our October 16 speaker, Willie Whittlesey, General Manager of Yuba Water Agency, for his excellent presentation. He is shown here with Program Chair Gwyn Baker. *Photo by Joann Nixon*



BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

**Coalition Holiday Brunch – December 4,
9:30, Peach Tree Country Club
\$25**

RESERVATIONS-AAUW MEMBERS: Reservations are limited to 40 from our group. Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992.

Check must arrive by Friday, November 19.

If you prefer, you may pay at the October 16 or November 20 AAUW meeting.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR COALITION BRUNCH RAFFLE TABLE – See page 7 of this *Feather Vane* for donation ideas.

Linda and Kathy

AAUW Support for Yuba College Re-Entry Students by *Sandy Davini*

For many years our branch has donated funds (\$250 to \$500 per year) to help Yuba College students pay for textbooks (Book Re-Entry Book Fund). Judy Dech, Workforce Investment Opportunity Act Dept., distributes about \$50 each to women who are struggling to stay in college. This fall Judy forwarded heartfelt thank you cards from six women who benefited from our donations. Emily, Heena, Isela, Natasha, Sara, and Xia--we are happy we helped you pursue your education!

Tech Trek Co-Chair is needed

URGENT -- Carol Clark is in need of a co-chair to help her with the computer work associated with Tech Trek starting in November. If you have computer skills and like to work with girls, this is a great opportunity. Contact Carol, 671-5286 or 530-301-2164, to find out more.

Garden Tour Committee

Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

WE ARE GOING TO DO THE TOUR!! Lots of garden owner interest, more gardens offers than we can fit in, lots of pent up excitement!!

If anyone wants to get in on the action, let me know — or just show up at Barbara Kenney's house for the next committee meeting, **November 4 at 10:30 a.m.**

Interbranch Council (IBC) – *Liz Skelly*

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. IBC is made up of Gridley, Oroville, Chico, Paradise and Marysville-Yuba City branches. The next IBC meeting is **November 3** at 6 pm. Contact Liz, 530-635-0821 for details.

STEM Career Awareness Committee

Sandy Davini, STEM Chair

The STEM Committee is still working on options to provide STEM Career Awareness to 8th grade students in our community. We are currently exploring options for a traditional spring 2022 AAUW STEM Career Conference or bringing info to 8th grade classrooms. The STEM Committee will meet on **Wed., Nov. 10, at 11:00 am via Zoom**. Please contact Sandy by email, ddavini@comcast.net, if you wish to participate on the STEM Committee.

Membership Report – *Lee Jones*,

Membership Leader, 530-674-1942, c/ 530-300-0214, or email lee@harkeyhouse.com

Currently we have 69 branch members. 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.

Roster change – Patti Agles – add cell #530-301-4814
Our newest member is **Steve Clark** who joined on Oct. 16. See his bio next page.

Memorial Gifts:

Whenever a branch member passes, we purchase books to be included in the library collection in their names. I recently received this nice letter from Sutter County Library:

Hi Lee, Just wanted to follow up with our purchases for Joan Buchan & Barbara Solheim.

For Joan we purchased a copy of [Dragonfly in Amber & Go Tell the Bees That I'm Gone](#) (released Nov 2021) both by Diana Gabaldon.

For Barbara we purchased [DK Eyewitness France 2020](#), [Rick Steve's France 2021](#) & [50 State Winery Guide](#).

All books will include a bookplate with their names.

Thank you again,

Wendy Rosales

Library Technician, SUTTER COUNTY LIBRARY

Meet our new member – Steve Clark

Steve Clark is our newest member, and the first male member of our branch. Welcome Steve!



Steve was introduced to us by his wife, Carol Clark, at the Oct. 16 branch meeting. Steve has been a long-time donor to our branch fund raising projects, and we think it is about time that he made it legal!



I was born in Wichita, Kansas, moved to CA while in senior high school, and attended USC. I was a CPA from 1976 until retirement in 2011. Worked for various CPA firms from 1972 until 2004 and then acquired my own accounting/tax practice in Sacramento.

On a personal note, I was working/living in Sacramento & basically commuting to see Carol on the weekends. Finally, after 10 years of that, we decided to

sell our respective homes & buy our own home together in Yuba City in 2005. I have one daughter who lives in Upland, CA.

I used to volunteer for the Yuba and Sutter county libraries and CHP. Currently my interests are primarily reading & taking OLLI classes in Chico. I like doing things around the house & am trying to get more interested in travel as Carol loves to travel. I'm a member of In-Shape and swim at their facility 5 days a week.

I am a member of SIRS (a retirement organization for men) and just recently joined the YC Senior Center Committee. I have a BS degree from the Univ. of Southern California (June, 1972) & a MBA in Taxation from Golden Gate University (September, 1979).

AAUW activities: At this point I am interested in The gourmet lunch group; writing a book review for the Feather Vane; helping with the May Garden Tour; and being part of a movie group.

Please add to your Roster:

Steve Clark, 1746 Corsica Drive, Yuba City, CA 95993; 530.671.5286; stephenclarkcpa@yahoo.com. Steve earned his MBA in Business from USC in 1972.

GLORIA BLACKWELL NAMED NEW CEO OF AAUW

10/13/21 -- On behalf of the Board of Directors of AAUW, I'm thrilled to announce that Gloria L. Blackwell will be the new Chief Executive Officer of the organization, effective October 18, 2021. Gloria currently serves as AAUW's Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer and has extensive experience leading within the organization. She's managed and expanded AAUW's esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and abroad. She's spearheaded innovative programs, including the award-winning salary negotiation workshops, which have reached more than 190,000 women nationwide.

Gloria initiated and built partnerships with major funders, local governments and institutes of higher education. And she has significantly expanded the organization's outreach to girls and women of color. But most of all, Gloria has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to AAUW's vision of achieving equity for all. Before joining AAUW 17 years ago, Gloria worked at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Washington D.C., leading and managing girls' education programs in Africa and mid-career fellowships for global professionals. She began her career as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon and was the Country Desk Officer at the D.C. headquarters for five Sub-Saharan countries.

Talented, thoughtful and passionate about AAUW's mission, Gloria is the right leader at the right time. The Board has complete confidence in her ability to steer the organization through rapidly changing and challenging times in our country and to tackle new (and age old!) obstacles to gender equity.

We feel grateful and privileged that such an exceptional executive has accepted our invitation to lead our organization into the future. Please join us in congratulating and warmly welcoming Gloria Blackwell to her new role as AAUW CEO.

Thank you, Julia T. Brown, Esq. AAUW Board Chair

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

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

Rabid Readers Book Club meets on the third Friday of each month. The next meeting is November 19 at 10:00 a.m. The October read was *The Premonition* by Michael Lewis, an illuminating (and true) book about the dynamics of the pandemic response at the local, state, and national level. The November book we will be discussing is *When the Apricots Bloom: A Novel of Riveting and Evocative Fiction* by Gina Wilkinson. At our November meeting we will be also be determining the books we will read in the new year. Please call Linda Zall at 713.0552 or email lindazall66@gmail.com with any questions and for the location of the November meeting.



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 Writers of every genre are welcome to join our enthusiastic writing group, usually the first Tuesday of each month, to share what they've written. It may be a poem, a family gem, humor, a travel story, reminiscences, or even an historical event that intrigues you. We limit our writings to 2 pages so everyone has an opportunity to shine. We meet from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Senior Center. Ask at desk for directions to the room.

In the new year we'll be gathering in a meeting room at the newly refurbished Sutter County Library. Come visit, listen, and hopefully you'll be 'lured' into the fold. **Call Joan Young 713-1279.**



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. We carpool. If you want to be on Traveling Gourmet phone list, **contact Carol Clark, 301-2164, or Christy Estabrook, 673-3599.** Everyone is welcome.



Secretary's Notes

AAUW Executive Council Meeting
October 14, 2021, 1 pm, via ZOOM

Those in attendance: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Christy Estabrook, Bylaws; Linda Zall, Communications; Lee Jones, Membership; Gwyn Baker, Program; MAL: Carol Clark, Debbie Naylor, Kathy Nehl, Joan Young.

Call to Order, 1:10 p.m. via Zoom. The September 9, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

Information/Action Items: _Nancy Johnston has moved and has resigned from the position of Secretary on the Executive Council and members were asked if anyone could serve the remainder of her term. There were no takers and Liz agreed to do the October minutes and will ask Artis if she can recruit someone.

It was MSC to appoint Joyce Smith and Debbie Naylor as MAL.

Reports from Executive Council

EC Leader's Report: Liz had no new news to report.

Correspondence: Sandy said she had received some thank you notes from students at Yuba College who were beneficiaries of the Re-Entry Book donation we make. She will do a Feather Vane comment about the thank you notes.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported that the most current Treasurer's report was sent out via email but there has not been much activity and that we have maintained our minimum bank balance.

Public Policy, Advocacy: No report.

Membership: Lee received information from Carol Clark that her husband Steve was joining our branch. He will be the first male member in our branch history. Men have been allowed to join AAUW since 1987.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee of Lee, Artis and Christy have asked Liz, Sandy and Martha if they will stay on Executive Council for another term. Liz and Sandy indicated they would serve (Martha was absent).

Bylaws: There were discussions at the beginning of the meeting as to what constituted a quorum. Sandy indicated it was 9 members of EC (per an older copy of the bylaws) but Christy will review the most current bylaws copy and confirm.

Communications: Feather Vane: Linda reported that Artis said October 20 was the deadline to submit articles to the Feather Vane. Meeting Callers: Sandy pointed out that the correct title for this section should be "Reservations". Joan reported that she and her helpers have made contact with members regarding the Branch meeting on Saturday. Roster: All the rosters have been handed out or mailed to the members.

Programs: Gwyn said Willie Whittlesey, General Manager of Yuba Water Agency, will be speaker the Branch meeting on Saturday. We currently have 29 members signed up. Our November Branch meeting will feature the Superintendents from Marysville Unified School District and Yuba City Unified School District. The next Program Committee meeting will be November 4 at 1 p.m.

Projects:

STEM: The STEM Committee met earlier in the day via Zoom. Sandy said we are looking at two possibilities—either at Yuba College (if permitted due to vaccine mandates) or taking the program/presenters to the classroom at maybe ten schools. It looks like field trips are being permitted at this time except in Yuba City Unified.

Garden Tour: Martha was not in attendance but the Garden Tour is scheduled to happen May 7, 2022 with the

committee working on gardens. Artis and Sandy have updated sponsorship list/letters for Nov. mailing. Lee asked what the process was for adding a new business to the list. Linda will check with Martha.

Tech Trek: Carol reported that there was a state AAUW Tech Trek meeting on Oct. 10 but she does not know the outcome of that meeting yet. There is a webinar on Oct. 26 regarding Tech Trek but she will not be able to attend so Liz will attend.

TEM: No report.

Scholarships: No report.

Other Reports: Interbranch— Liz reported that Nov. 3 is the next IBC meeting. It will be held in Gridley at a location TBD. Historian—Karen Tuttle: No report. Sunshine— Gretchen Cupp: No report.

Coalition Drawing – Artis, Kathy and Linda attended the Coalition meeting yesterday. For our branch's raffle there will be several themed baskets. Kathy will check with Sperbeck's Nursery about a garden themed basket and Lundberg about the rice basket. There are 40 slots available for our branch. Anyone wanting to donate items for the basket should bring them to the branch meeting on Saturday.

Other Business – The next EC meeting is scheduled for November 11 but Liz will be babysitting her granddaughter and would not be available. She asked the members if they would be able to meet the following Thursday, November 18. The members in attendance agreed to the change in date. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Skelly, substitute Secretary

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

Women who have helped change the world



Malala Yousafzai is the youngest ever Nobel Prize recipient. She was author of I Am Malala about her experiences in a near fatal Taliban attack while advocating education for girls. She is now studying in Britain where she lives with her exiled family.



Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was an Albanian Indian Catholic Nun and missionary who worked with the poor people on the streets of Calcutta. She is honored in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and was canonized by Pope Frances in 2016.



Helen Keller (1880-1968), was an author and a disability rights activist. Born in Alabama, she became blind as a very young child. She went on to attend Radcliff College of Harvard University and was the first deaf and blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. During her lifetime she toured the U.S. and 35 countries advocating for those with vision loss.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR AAUW RAFFLE TABLE AT COALITION BRUNCH --

As a fundraiser for our group, we will be selling raffle tickets for a chance at one of the lovely baskets to be found on our table at the Coalition Holiday Brunch on Dec. 4. Although we are soliciting donations from some local vendors, we will also be assembling some baskets with items donated by our members.

Kathy Nehl and Linda Zall are requesting you bring items to the November 20 branch meeting with the following themes and we hope you will use your imagination to think of the things one might find in one of these baskets. In our agricultural products basket we expect to find some olive oil, prunes, rice, nuts, and wine. We might also find an attractive plate or board on which to serve some of the items. In our wine basket, we might place some glasses, cocktail napkins, crackers and wafers, chocolate, and again, some type of serving plate or a wine cooler. We thought we could prepare a basket with specialty coffees and teas. For that basket we thought we could include some mugs, some china cups, biscotti, cookies, candies, and, again, some attractive serve ware. Maybe you frequent a local restaurant and find they would be willing to donate a coupon for a percentage off or even better, two meals. If you can't think of anything you think could be used in one of our baskets, we also welcome gift cards and cash. Perhaps a gift card to Target in the coffee basket, perhaps some cash to be used for cellophane wrapping paper and ribbons to wrap our lovely baskets.

Remember, this is a fundraiser for our organization; we want to showcase lovely baskets for which those in attendance will buy many, many blue tickets. Questions? Contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552

YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 4, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Peach Tree Country Club



Tickets \$25

Please bring new pairs of children, women and men's socks, Arrid Aerosol Spray deodorant, disposable razors, or regular size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash as a donation to Hands of Hope.

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Sponsored by these local clubs and organizations: American Association of University Women, Marysville-Yuba City Branch; Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Iota Sigma Chapter; Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City; Marysville Art Club; Bridges to Housing; P.E.O. VU



FEATHER VANE, Artis Buerki, Editor

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We are all Wonder Women!

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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 am TALKING ON PAPER	3 6 pm IBC MTG.	4 10:30 am GARDEN TOUR COM. 1 pm PROGRAM COM.	5	6
7	8	9	10 11 am STEM COM.	11  Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 1 pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	19 TBD BOOK CLUBS	20 10 am BRANCH MEETING
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