



Feather Vane – JANUARY, 2022

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, JAN 13, 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 – JAN. 15

WHEN: Saturday, January 15 – bring a friend or potential member

TIME: Doors open at 9:30. Brunch served at 10 am

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

MENU: Brunch buffet

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, 530-632-4336 or GDCARYL@YAHOO.COM to make sure you are on the list.

PROGRAM NOTES – Saturday, Jan. 15th

Sydney Johnson and Mindi Reid from Hyatt McIntire and Associates will be discussing the importance of estate planning. Those who already have trusts can learn why it is important to periodically review them to account for changes in family status, new laws, personal wishes, tax codes, etc., and those who haven't yet created a trust can learn why they are important to avoid probate.

Mindi and Sydney are both associate attorneys whose focus is estate planning, trust administration and probate. Sydney joined the firm in 2021 after graduating from UC Davis, School of Law. Throughout law school, Sydney worked as a law clerk for an estate planning firm in Sacramento. As a law clerk, she enjoyed working with clients to personalize their estate plans. Mindi Reid joined the firm in 2017. Together with her husband, Cory, she operates a family cattle ranch. They are parents of a five-year-old daughter, Penny, and thirteen-month-old son, Price. Mindi is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Marysville.

Gwyn Baker, Program Chair



Council Chat

Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader

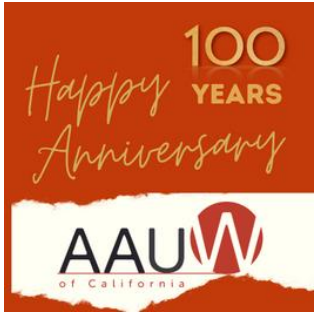
Well, by the time you read this, it will be a new year--one full of

hope for good health and prosperity. Our branch activities are back on track and we're looking forward to our monthly branch meetings, the STEM Conference, Garden Tour and Teck Trek. Yep, all of the above. We are also welcoming more new members. It's great to see new faces and I hope we can integrate them into our activities. I know STEM, GT and TT are in need of some helping hands—either from new members or “old” members. These projects are all in need of additional help so please contact Sandy (STEM), Martha (Garden Tour) or Carol (Tech Trek) if you can assist, especially in the computer area. Trust me, there's plenty to do.....

The Coalition Brunch was held December 4th at Peach Tree Country Club and it was very successful this year. They had to reduce the number attending to give a little more room to move around and I believe there was 90 or so folks there. Our branch raised \$800 on the many baskets that Linda Zall and Kathy Nehl put together. They did an outstanding job and this was the most money raised by our branch at this event, ever. A good time was had by all. See the photo in this *Feather Vane* taken by Joann Nixon.

We are happy to announce that our branch is declaring January and February as part of the Shape the Future Campaign. Invite your friends to join! New members will get half price on their national dues when they join these two months. See SHAPE THE FUTURE article by Lee Jones on the next page for more

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH details. Also, December was the 100th anniversary of AAUW of California. While the first branch in California



was established in San Francisco in 1884, it was 1921 when 13 branches in the state banded together and organized AAUW of California. Currently there are almost 10,000 members in 119 branches plus over 2,500 members at large. Something to be proud of.

Happy New Year to all!

Shape the Future: Exciting Opportunity for new members

by Lee Jones, Membership Chair

AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch is designating our Jan. 15 & Feb. 19 Branch Meetings as **Shape the Future** events to encourage new members to join. Please invite prospective members to attend one or both meetings. Membership is open to both women and men who have at least an Associate Degree or greater. If they join at a Jan. or Feb. meeting they will get a 50% (\$31) discount on national dues. That means they can join for \$64 (instead of \$95) for the rest of our branch fiscal year. Annual dues are due for everyone again in early June 2022.

TEM REPORT by Joann Nixon to Executive Council December 2021

TEM is our alumni group of girls who have attended Tech Trek camps in the past few years. This month I received an email from Science News Now (celebrating 100 years). This email was sent by: **Society for Science** 1719 N Street NW Washington, DC, 20036, US

The email offered a free Science Symposium, for career exploration on December 3, 2021. After registering, the sessions are available on video to watch anytime. The topics were: 1. Science of the Pandemic: What We Have Learned, Challenges that Remain; 2. Stress and Resilience: How Our Bodies, Brains and Communities Respond to Crisis; 3. Grappling with Climate Change Communication and Misinformation; and 4. What Black Holes Reveal About the Universe. I sent an email to the four years of TEM girls five

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days before the symposium, and followed up with a text a day before the symposium to ask if they had taken a look at the email. I received at least six replies and asked them to send me feedback after they watch the videos. If I get responses from them, I will include those comments in future *Feather Vane*s.

Did you know?



Did you know that our member, **Kathryn Jankowski's** Young Adult fantasy short story, **THE FORGOTTEN DEAD**, received

Honorable Mention in the 3rd Quarter 2021 Writers of the Future contest? "This is a national contest, and it's nice to have the recognition," Kathryn said of her story which is set in the Mission Dolores Cemetery in San Francisco. See her website: kathrynjankowskibooks.com or buy her book on Amazon.

Happy Birthday to all our January birthdays including **Carol and Steve Clark**--did you know they were born just 4 days apart in the same year?



And did you know that the flower for the month of January is the Snowdrop? Commonly known as *galanthus nivalis*,

the snowdrop is a bulbous flower, among the first to announce the end of winter and the arrival of spring. A



symbol of renewal and the month of January, its small pure white bells, often piercing the last snow, appear from January to March, from a naturalized ground-cover carpet, a lawn setting, a light undergrowth, the foreground of a driveway edge, a rockery, or a flowerpot.

What do YOU know that we can share in the next *Feather Vane*? When is your birthday? Tell all. Contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net, by 15th of the month prior to YOUR birthday month.



\$800 was earned at the Coalition Brunch drawing.



Good times were had by all!

Thank you Ayke Agus. The music was spectacular!



Photos by Joann Nixon

Do you recognize yourself in this group?



We donated a lot to Hands of Hope.



Jan Wallace brought the women of her family to the Coalition Brunch.



Membership Report –Lee Jones, Membership

Leader, 530-674-1942, c/ 530-300-0214, or email

lee@harkeyhouse.com

Doreen Osumi and **Ellen O’Neil** joined at the Coalition Brunch! You can read more about them in the next *Feather Vane*. Please add this information to your Roster:

Doreen Osumi, 1838 Lorraine Way, YC 95993; 530.713.3163-cell; 530.822.7600-work; doreenosumi@gmail.com. BS & MS: CSU Sac

Ellen O’Neil, 745 Andrew Drive, YC 95991; 916.439.2831; oellen013@gmail.com. Please note that’s letter "o" at beginning & number 0 in the middle. BS-Univ. of Santa Clara; MSW-CSU Sacramento.



Jennifer Jones is renewing after a 1-year break. Here’s her info from 2019: 1700 Del Lago, Yuba City, CA 95991; 530.713.6234; jenbjones33@gmail.com; CSU Sacramento-Masters of Physical Therapy. Jennifer is at Adventist Rideout Cardiac Rehab. Center. She rejoined at our November meeting, and was recruited by Linda Zall. Welcome back, Jennifer!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER -- BETTY BONNER



I was a member of AAUW briefly back around 2000. At that time I accepted an administrative position at Yuba College and just did not have time for anything else, so I dropped out. I’m happy to be a member of AAUW again. Reading Steve Clark’s bio in the November Feather Vane provided an “Aha” moment, since I too, was born in

Wichita, Kansas. It really is a small world after all! I have lived in several places but have been in the Yuba-Sutter area since 1977.

I have 2 children and 2 grandchildren, all who live close by. I also have a significant other who lives in Auburn.

Consequently, I spend a couple of days each week there. My degrees are from the University of Arizona, Tucson and CSU, Chico, both in Nursing. For several years I worked in acute care hospitals, then Yuba College for nearly 30 years, teaching and in administration.

I have volunteered for many organizations over the years, most recently (prior to Covid) at the Auburn hospital and Hands of Hope in Yuba City. Other memberships include DKG, Iota Sigma and CalRTA (retired teachers).

Some of my favorite things in life, not necessarily in order, are food, wine, gardening, reading and cats. Is there a cat fancier group??

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Please add this information to your Roster:

Betty Bonner, 920 Brentwood Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991; 530.301.2265; bettyboo6419@att.net;

Univ of Ariz Tucson-Bachelors of Nursing (BSN); CSU Chico Masters of Nursing (MSN). Betty joined our branch at the November meeting, and several people say that they recruited Betty!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER -- MARY MAYFIELD



I came to the Yuba City area as a 5-year-old when my Dad mustered out of Camp Beale in 1946. (Beale Air Force Base used to be an Army facility). I graduated YCUHS and did one year at Yuba Jr. College and then transferred to San Jose State College; but, dropped out when I married my high school sweetheart, Russell Mayfield.

The next 20 years were spent being involved in the community of Sutter with our 3 children. I started Substitute Teaching and that led me to go back to college to finish my degree. I graduated Chico State in 1988.

My husband took an early retirement and we loved to travel. We visited all 50 states and then started our adventures abroad. I love photography and have over 50

albums of all of our trips. I discovered Duplicate Bridge and loved competing in tournaments prior to the pandemic. My family consists of three grown children, seven grown grandchildren, and the delight of my life two great grandchildren. Unfortunately, none of them live nearby. We all try and get together at VRBO's; the most recent one was in Bodega for my 80th birthday last August. There were 14 of us.

My family lives in Alaska, Oklahoma, Virginia, Massachusetts, Kyrgystan, and a few still in California. Watching my offspring become amazing young adults has been my greatest joy.

Volunteering has become important to me, particularly since I moved back to Yuba City. I joined Trauma Intervention Program after I lost my husband; and more recently helping with the feeding and housing for the homeless. I have never been a club joiner, but look forward to what AAUW has to offer. I was impressed with my first look at AAUW with excellent company, great food and terrific speakers.

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Please add this information to your Roster:

Mary Mayfield, 1338 Hunn Road, #17, Yuba City, CA 95991; 530.755.0116 or c/530.591.0336

marymay22@comcast.net; CSU Chico-Bachelor of Arts.

Mary joined our branch at the November meeting and was recruited by Joyce Smith.

Interbranch Council (IBC) --Liz Skelly, IBC Rep.

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. **Contact Liz, 530-635-0821 about February IBC luncheon date and location.**

Tech Trek Committee – Carol Clark, Chair

Please contact Carol, 530-301-2164, if you want to be a part of the Tech Trek planning committee.

Garden Tour Committee –Martha Bunce, Chair

Please contact Martha, 530-743-0306, or email buncehall@yahoo.com if you want to be a part of the Garden Tour planning committee.

STEM Career Awareness Conference --

Sandy Davini, STEM Committee Chair

Please contact Sandy by email, sdavini@comcast.net, if you wish to participate on the STEM Committee.

INTEREST SECTIONS- All branch members are welcome to participate.

ADVOCACY & ACTION

To receive advocacy and action alerts by email, contact **Martha Bunce, 530-743-0306, or email buncehall@yahoo.com** and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



BOOK CLUBS

Book Explorers Book Club normally meets on the **third Friday of the month.** Contact is **Paulette Almeida, 530-415-5588.**

Rabid Readers Book Club -- Interested in books? The Rabid Readers continue to meet on the **third Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** for a lively discussion about a book (and maybe more). For more information, contact **Linda Zall, 530-713.0552 or email lindazall66@gmail.com.**



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, 530-743-1060.**



MOVIE LOVERS --Would you like to go to a movie matinee in Yuba City at least once a month with some friends? Contact **Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net** if you want to be on the movie email list. Thank you to **Steve Clark** who has agreed to co-chair this group, and who will research first-run movies in Yuba City. And thank you to **Joan Young** for tracking Fathom Events older movies for us. To protect both yourself and others, please have your COVID vaccines and booster shots before attending the indoor movie theater. We prefer **Monday matinees** at the Yuba City Cinemark Theater.



TALKING ON PAPER, the writing group of Marysville-Yuba City branch, welcomes new members who like to write (poetry, personal experiences, historical items, humor, travel stories, etc.) two typed pages (for brevity) to

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH share their stories with our T.O.P. members. We have changed to the **second Tuesday of the month**, and meet at Yuba City's Senior Center on Ashley Avenue, arriving around 9:30 for socializing with meeting beginning at 10 am. Questions? Call **Joan Young, 530-713-1279**.



TRAVELING GOURMET

Travelling Gourmet is back. We are meeting on **Thursday, January 27**. We will be contacting the Gourmet Lunch group in the beginning of January to see how many are willing to go to Fat's in Roseville for the luncheon that day. As I said before, we would like all who join us to be fully vaccinated and we will wear masks in the cars.

We will meet at 10:30 for carpooling. We meet in front of the old Round Table Pizza on Gray Avenue.

Let me know if you want to be added to the list. Even if you're not ready to join us this month, let me know if you want to be added to the Gourmet Lunch Group's List.

Carol Clark, 530-301-2164

ALL AROUND TOWN – new Interest Group

Don't feel like cooking, interested in meeting new people, can't get away for lunch? If you are interested in exploring our many local restaurants while meeting other members of our branch, **think about joining this new group**. We would meet for dinner about 5:30 p.m. or so.

If you are interested, **contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, or lindazall66@gmail**. This would be a new group so you have an opportunity to help create the structure.

COALITION BRUNCH BASKETS -- Thank you

Thank you to our very generous members for your gifts to create baskets. From your contributions, we were able to create nine lovely baskets for our drawing. Additionally, we received donations of beautiful baskets from the following local businesses: Bald Mountain Nursery, the Harkey House Bed and Breakfast Inn, A Better Look Beauty Salon, and K. Roberts Gift Store. Through the generosity of our members and business supporters, we were able to generate \$800 at the Coalition Brunch.

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Would you like to write a book review or a short story or poem (no longer than 1 column long) for the *Feather Vane*? If so please contact us by email artisb@comcast.net the first of any month. Let's stay away from political and sexist topics, and keep it positive and uplifting. This is just one more way that we can stay connected.

Women who have helped change the world



American woman, Serena Williams (b-1981), has been an unstoppable force in tennis. She learned to play when she was 4 years old. Known as Queen of the Court, she holds 23 Singles Grand Slam and 14 Doubles

Grand Slam titles with her sister Venus. Serena has won the most Grand Slam singles; second only behind Australian player, Margaret Court, who had 24 in the 1960s.



J. K. Rowling (b-1965) has changed children books forever. The Author of Harry Potter's wizardry world has fascinated

children with 7 books, 9 movies and 5 more movies based on her Fantastic Beasts book. Rowling's imagination has made her the world's first billionaire author.

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Secretary's Notes

AAUW Executive Council Meeting
December 9, 2021 – 1:00 p.m., via Zoom

Those in attendance: Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Martha Bunce, Public Policy; Linda Zall, Communications; Gwyn Baker, Program; MAL: Carol Clark, Debbie Naylor, Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon.

Meeting was called to order at 1:09 pm. The November 18, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus.

Information/Action Items: Miriam Root was appointed to the position of Secretary effective January 2022. Discussion ensued about each Council position providing a calendar and duties of their respective position. This was previously discussed at the June planning meeting but we need to keep it on our agenda as a reminder.

Reports from Executive Council

EC Leader's Report: Liz (and Carol) were without internet so they phoned in to Sandy who multi-tasked and was able to get the Zoom meeting going.

Correspondence: Sandy said she received a sponsorship request from the Arts Council.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported that we raised \$800 at the Coalition Brunch—the highest amount ever; we have received additional sponsorship monies for the Garden Tour and we are breaking even on our branch meetings.

Public Policy, Advocacy: Martha said there is discussion at the national level about paid family leave in the Build Back Better bill.

Membership: Lee said our membership is growing and said we have four new members. Sandy has researched the Shape the Future Campaign from National and we need to declare January and February as part of the campaign so any new members joining those months can save \$31 in national dues. It was MSC to declare January and February as Shape the Future Campaign. Furthermore, if anyone joins after March 15 they get membership through June of 2023.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

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Communications: Feather Vane: Linda reported out that Artis said December 15 was the deadline to submit articles to the Feather Vane. Reservations: No report. Roster: No report.

Programs: Gwyn said programs are lined up for the remaining months: January is Estate Planning; February is Marysville History; April is falconry and June is the Arts Council.

Projects:

STEM: Sandy reported that the committee is cutting down the size of the conference to about 500-600 girls with 25 schools invited. Speakers and processes are being worked on.

Garden Tour: Martha said we have six gardens for sure and The Brick patio is booked for the reception, noon to 3:30 p.m. Gwyn needs hostesses for each garden.

Tech Trek: Carol is still in need of someone to co-chair Tech Trek. She also needs a computer person to assist her plus help with grading essays and applications. She is still waiting for information and forms from the State.

TEM: Joann said she had sent information to TEM four year students to watch seminars and has made contact with some to watch the seminars and give feedback to her. There will be a committee meeting in January to set up expectations.

Scholarships: Liz selected one applicant for the \$500 Yuba City Women's Club scholarship. She met with Jay Lowden, Yuba College Foundation Director, and he will attend our January meeting to apprise the Council on the status of our Foundation accounts.

Other Reports: Interbranch Council—Liz reported that she has requested information from the IBC President but has not heard anything back. Historian—Karen Tuttle: No report. Sunshine—Gretchen Cupp: No report. Coalition Drawing—Linda and Kathy reported that they had multiple baskets for the Coalition drawing & it was very successful. Other Business—None. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 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.




FEATHER VANE, Artis Buerki, Editor

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