

# Feather Vane

**December 2012**

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for women and  
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research.*



**WHAT: WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

**WHEN: DECEMBER 8, 2012, Saturday**

**TIME: 9:30 a.m. Social & Brunch**

**WHERE: Peach Tree Golf and Country Club,  
2043 Simpson Dantoni Road, Marysville**

**PROGRAM: Buffet Brunch; Marysville Charter Academy Choir**

**COST: \$20.00 in advance. Write your check to AAUW. Mail your check to P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. Checks must arrive no later than Monday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this the deadline may have passed. Contact Jeanine Rounds, 671-0588, or Sandy Davini, 673-0930, to see if there is still space available and time for you to mail a check.**

**Executive  
Council Meeting**

Thursday, **December 13, 2012**, 1:30 p.m. at Barbara Kenney's home, 1421 Peach Tree Lane, Yuba City. Call Barbara Solheim to confirm.

**LEADER'S CORNER** by Barbara Solheim, Executive Council Leader

The Holiday Season is underway. I hope everyone is enjoying it. The Coalition Brunch is going to be here before you know it. It is a great way to help you get into the spirit of the season. Hope to see all of you there!

Because we have had to move the Math-Science Conference to May, we have added a program for January. It is Tea at the Museum. Our program chair will give us more details. Our October meeting was well attended and was very informative. The voting issues were well

presented, Pro and Con. The presenters from The League of Women Voters were well informed and answered many questions. We thank them.

Hope to see everyone at the Coalition Brunch and Tea at the Museum.

### What is the Women's Coalition? by Artis Buerki

**DID YOU KNOW?** Did you know that the Yuba Sutter Women's Coalition has existed for almost 20 years? It was formed in 1993 with several other women's service clubs during **Barbara Palser's** first year as our AAUW branch President. And did you know that the purpose of the Coalition is to improve communications between women of different backgrounds, interests and cultures in our community? The Coalition meets socially once a year, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December at the Holiday Brunch, to learn about the various service projects of the individual organizations.

Did you know that the current members of the Women's Coalition include Delta Kappa Gamma's Iota Sigma Chapter; Soroptimist of Marysville-Yuba City; Nimble Thimbles Quilting Group; the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, and our own AAUW Branch? Did you know that **Jeanine Rounds** is our program representative on the Brunch Committee and that many AAUW members are on the committee helping with the details? And did you know that **Barbara McCarty** has been the Holiday Brunch Mistress of Ceremonies most of those years, making it all look so easy? **Did you know all that?**

### PROGRAM NOTES by Jeanine Rounds, Program Group Leader

Hope our members enjoyed the recent meeting on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** when author Mira Talbott-Pope talked about her books and describing the life she leads. **Our wonderful Coalition will meet again at the Peach Tree Country Club on December 8.** Lots of planning going ahead for this each year, and you'll find the Holiday Brunch flyer in the November issue of the *Feather Vane* and the details on the front page of this issue.

Because we have had to move our Math Science conference from January to May 2013, we are scheduling a general meeting in January, and we think this will be a unique and delightful gathering. **We'll be having Tea at the Museum at 2:00 on January 19<sup>th</sup>.** **Please notice the starting time.** Our meeting will include a tour of the Sutter County Museum on Butte House Road, its current exhibits, and the recent remodeling. We will also be delighted to hear from **Don Burtis**, long-time local resident, about some historical facts relating to Sutter County. And, ladies, we encourage those who so wish, to wear their hats and gloves to the Tea!! Cost will be just \$5.

## OUR BRANCH HISTORY THEN & NOW

by Artis Buerki

Our branch of AAUW was founded in 1955, more than 57 years ago. The 50s and 60s were a growth period for the American Association of University Women. By 1957 there were more than 140,000 members nationwide.

Four of the charter members who started the Marysville-Yuba City Branch of AAUW in 1955 are still members of our branch. They are **Alice Dewey**, **Dorothy Jang**, and **Beverly Balfour** who remain in the area as active members of the Branch, and **Mary Margaret Purviance**, who has moved to Hays, Kansas, but maintains her membership in this branch. Over the next few months in Feather Vane I will tell you about these four talented ladies.

This month let me tell you about **Alice Dewey** who was one of the 15 founding members of our branch. Her daughter, Janet Theiss, an AAUW member initially because of her mother, tells us that supporting women's rights to use their strengths and skills has always been a part of her mother's life. Alice came from an educated family. Alice's mother, a Latin and Greek scholar, belonged to a women's college-graduate group in Berkeley. Alice's father was a mining engineer. Both were Cal graduates so Alice had her family's encouragement and support when she chose mathematics, a very unusual major for women in the 1930s. She graduated from UC Berkeley in 1939 and taught for several years in Fort Jones. Her next job was teaching mathematics at

Yuba City High School. Alice met her future husband, Martin, and settled in this area. Her third child was an infant when she joined the in-the-process-of-organization Marysville-Yuba City AAUW group. She was 38 years old when she joined AAUW and has maintained her membership in the Branch ever since. Alice was very humble during the 1990s when her fellow AAUW members called her forward to praise her for her dedicated insight and extra help which inspired a former YCHS student to first give hundreds of computers to local schools in her honor, and then to continue to give very generously twice every year to scholarships at both Yuba College and Sierra College.

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Next month – Dorothy Jang

## UPDATE: ADDRESS & PHONE by Sandy Davini, Treasurer

### CHANGES:

**Tessa Phillips'** new email address is [tessaphillips9971@comcast.net](mailto:tessaphillips9971@comcast.net)  
Please change it in your roster.

### NEW MEMBERS:

**Diane Jessee**, 1114 Marcia Ave., YC 95991, 673-1894. [djessee@pacbell.net](mailto:djessee@pacbell.net) Grad. CSUC English; UC Davis Juris Doctor

**Catherine Reinhardt**, 390 Evergreen Way, YC 95993, 455-8075. Grad. San Jose State Univ. MA Education/Learning Handicapped.

**Gayle Prager**, 2849 Eureka Drive, YC 95991, 674-3068 [gdprager@gmail.com](mailto:gdprager@gmail.com), Grad. Univ. of Connecticut MS Education.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Liane Carlsen, Membership Group Leader

We are happy to have three new members this month! Please make them feel welcome. (they are listed above). If someone that you know expresses interest in joining AAUW, please let me know and I will make sure that they receive the application and any follow-up needed. Phone 674-3912 or email [lianefay@att.net](mailto:lianefay@att.net).

Martha Bunce won the free membership in the Questionnaire Drawing at the October meeting, and she has donated it back to our Tech Trek project. Thanks Martha!

## IN MEMORY

We are saddened by the death of long time member **Mona Hess**. Mona was active in AAUW for many years. As many of you know Mona was a teacher. She was proud of the fact that for the last few years with the district she was the oldest active teacher in the district. Mona's family feels that she would like to have any donations made in her name designated for our Tech Trek fund. Thank you Mona. A book will be donated in her name to the public library.

We are sorry for the loss of our long time member, **Dorothy Ross**. Dorothy grew up in Live Oak and was the author of a history book about her early days on the ranch. Janet Theiss said that Dorothy was a good friend of her mom's, and she had a ready laugh and did thoughtful deeds for others. She majored in geography at UC Berkeley and was in AAUW since 1938! Dorothy will be missed.

## AAUW NEWS

by Martha Bunce, Advocacy & Action

[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org) and [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

November 6, 2012 was an historic election day for women. According to the National Women's Law Center ([www.nwlc.org](http://www.nwlc.org)), women broke new barriers in 2012 – and we should be proud:

- **A record number of women ran for Congress in 2012**, and while still far from equal, the number of women in the next Congress will be historically high –18% (up from 16+%). Both the House and the Senate will have more women than the previous congress.
- New Hampshire elected the nation's first all-female delegation to Congress, as well as a new female governor.
- We still have a long way to go. Four states have still NEVER sent a woman to Congress – Delaware, Vermont, Iowa and Mississippi. And of course we still wait for a female president.

AAUW's *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* campaign was part of the effort to get out the women's vote. Fifty-three percent of the electorate nationwide was female.

AAUW's newest research report *Graduating to a Pay Gap* reveals that one year out of college women face a pay gap that affects not only their life-long earning power, but also their ability to pay off student debt. Women still earn only 77 cents for each dollar earned by men. Equal Pay for Equal Work is a long held goal of AAUW. Copies of the report and of Lilly Ledbetter's book, *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and*

Beyond, are available on the AAUW website ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)). Another Christmas present idea!

Do you know a woman graduate student who could use a little help with education expenses. Remember that AAUW provides grants and fellowships. Deadlines are approaching.

### INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

by Janet Theiss, IBC Representative

The Interbranch Luncheon is **Sat., Feb. 9, 2013**, at 11:30 a.m. in Paradise. The exact location has not been decided yet. The program is not definite yet, but is always interesting. (Our branch is in charge of it. If you have an idea in case the one I am looking into falls through, PLEASE let me know.) All are welcome. Your RSVP to me, Janet (695-3159/wftjedt@syix.com), will likely be due around Jan. 20 for this luncheon.

### GARDEN TOUR NEWS

by Martha Bunce, Garden Tour Chair

I know, it's cold and Christmas is in sight, but the Garden Tour Committee is hard at work. YOU CAN HELP!

- We are identifying gardens to show next May. Do you, a relative, neighbor or friend have or know of a garden whose owner might be willing to be on the tour?
- We need someone to take over getting the tickets and brochure printed. The design is set; it will need to be updated, proofed and delivered/picked up from the printer.
- As always, we will need Garden Hostesses on the tour day (May 4, 2013). Please mark your calendars

NOW, so that when the chair of the Hostess group calls you, you will be able to say YES!

- Remember that each of us AAUW members will be receiving three tickets to sell for the Garden Tour. We are responsible for that amount of fund raising, so think about giving Garden Tour tickets as Christmas gifts! A note in a card promising a tour ticket or two in April would be a lovely Christmas gift to almost anyone.
- More committee members would be so helpful. We have enough to get the job done, but just barely. Please join us to see how this major project gets off the ground. It's quite a feat!

The next Garden Tour Committee meeting is at Yvonne Pierre's house on December 12 at 10:00 am. Please join us!

### MATH-SCIENCE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEWS

by Barbara Solheim, MSC Chair

By now most of you know that we have moved the Conference to May 23<sup>rd</sup> because of scheduling problems. The committee is working on date changes. We know May is going to be a busy month for us, but if everyone helps, we know it also be very rewarding.

### HELP WANTED – CALLER

**Needed – a pleasant, responsible person to make a few calls each month and accurately report the results. A great way to serve the branch with not much effort! If interested, talk to Joan Buchan or Janet Theiss.**

## INTEREST SECTIONS

ALL MEMBER ARE WELCOME AT THESE SECTIONS

### Advocacy and Action

Call Martha Bunce 743-0306 or email [bunce-hall@yahoo.com](mailto:bunce-hall@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Avid Readers

Meets the third Friday at 10:00 a.m.  
Call Paulette Almeida 695-3811. Next meeting is **Dec. 21** luncheon at a local restaurant.

### Books

Meets the third Monday at 1:30 p.m. Call Jo Hilling 674-2808. Next meeting is **Dec. 17** at the home of Joan Buchan

### Bridge

There are several different bridge groups. If you are interested in substituting, starting a new group, or learning to play, call June Bone 674-8470.

### Garden

Meets the third Tuesday, times vary. Call Jean Jacuzzi 674-5039 or Ruth Anthony 673-3741. Next meeting is **Dec. 18** at the home of Ruth Anthony.

### Play Reading

Meets the first Wednesday at 6:30. For more information call Barbara McCarty 671-1275. Next meeting is **Dec. 5** at the home of Jeanine Rounds.

### Travel

Meets the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. except **NO DEC. MEETING**.  
Call Candy MacDonald 301-0936 or Jeanine Rounds 671-0588.

### Traveling Gourmet

Usually meets the fourth Thursday except this month will meet **Dec. 20** at 10:30 a.m., carpool to Awful Annie's in Lincoln. Hostesses Beverly Balfour 673-1607 and Gretchen Cupp, 674-5754.

## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

by Kathleen Stewart, Exec. Council Secretary

I have gathered the November 8th, 2012 Executive Council meeting notes and selected highlights for all to read. Detailed minutes are archived and available if you wish to read them! Many, many thanks to Barbara Kenney who generously hosts our executive council meetings at her home. Ten members were present.

The minutes were read, typos and minor errors were noted and approved as corrected. Correspondence included a lovely thank you note from Howard Johnson, and invitations to community events of interest for inclusion in the Feather Vane. Sandy Davini reported a total year-to-date balance of \$20,832.69, Barbara Solheim's Leader report gave us details of memorial service for Mona Hess, 11:00 a.m., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, and a report of donations made to Trek Tech in Mona's memory. Communications included Janet Theiss' report on callers and Artis Buerki said that the per-person cost of mailing the Feather Vane is \$13.00 annually. Liane Carlson reported three new members to our branch who will be introduced at our next meeting.

Jeanine Rounds reported on the Program changes and updates as follows: Donations are needed for the December Coalition Meeting drawing. The January 19th Tea at the Sutter County Museum at 2 p.m. will include a speaker and dainty refreshments provided by the Executive Council. It was suggested \$5.00 be charged at the January meeting. Details regarding the wonderful 2013 Programs line-up were discussed.

Neva Bright reported on Projects, which included updates for the

Math-Science Conference (scheduled to be held in May in 2014 as well as this year), Garden Tour fundraiser, and Bonnie Curtis reported that Trek Tech dates at UC Davis will be from July 7-13, 2013. Tuition has increased to \$900.00 this year and we will be seeking additional donations or fundraisers.

Other Business included an Interbranch reminder from Janet Theiss that we are responsible for the Interbranch program in February 2013 and ideas for possibilities were discussed. No other New Business! Please know that all of our members are welcome to attend the Executive Council meetings. Next meeting is Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Kenney.

**TRI-COUNTY CONCERTS**

**Mon., Jan. 28, 2013, Axiom Brass**  
**Mon., Mar. 18, 2013, Poulenc Trio**  
7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Hwy. 20 & George Washington Blvd., YC. Tickets: Janet Theiss (695-3159) or at the door 6:30-7:30.

**Veridian Symphony Orchestra**  
[www.veridainsymphony.org](http://www.veridainsymphony.org)  
**530-713-0991**

**Jan 19/Jan 20** – History of Rock & Roll through the Eyes of a String Quartet  
**Feb. 16/Feb. 17** – Valentine Soiree: An Exploration of Love Songs from Around the Globe  
**April 27/April 28** - With Jubilant Song! A Collaboration with the Yuba Sutter Master Chorale  
Tickets available at Pete’s Music Center or online.

**Butchie’s Pool**  
**The Community Pool for the Handicapped**  
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\_\_\_ Tech Trek Fund (Make check payable to AAUW CA SPF) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yuba College Book Fund (Make check payable to AAUW) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Local Branch Operations (helps fund local activities) (Check to AAUW) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Legal Advocacy Fund (Check to AAUW—AAUW Funds. Note “LAF.”)\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Girls on the Run (Make check payable to Girls on the Run) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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