



Feather Vane – SEPTEMBER, 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 Planning Meeting is **Thursday, SEPT. 8, 1 p.m.** Contact is Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663. If you want to attend Executive Council meetings and to be appointed as an EC Member at Large for a year, tell Martha or any EC member.

BRANCH MEETING – SEPT. 17

When: Saturday, September 17

Time: 10 am. Door opens at 9:30

Where: Hillcrest Catering, 210 Julie Drive, Yuba City (on the back side of the Hillcrest Plaza Mall)

Program: Our four newest Tech Trekkers will tell us about their July experiences at camp.

Menu: Brunch buffet

Cost: \$20. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED (pay at meeting/no cancellations) Tell your emailer (Gwyn Baker) or your caller (Joan Young, or Donna Long) if you are coming **YES or NO** by the Monday prior to the meeting. Not sure you have confirmed reservations? Contact Gwyn Baker, 530-632-4336.



2022 Teck Trekkers shown L-R:: Rylee Brown, Riverbend School; Simrat Johl, Butte Vista School; Eva Knee, Riverbend School; & Madeline Fedora, Butte Vista School

MORE PROGRAM NOTES - Mark your calendars:

September 17, 2022 - Tech Trek

October 15, 2022 - Recology

November 19, 2022 - Molly Bloom, Sutter County Museum Director/Curator

December 10, 2022 – COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH, PEACHTREE

Program Notes



by Gwyn Baker

We are excited to present the four outstanding new Tech Trekkers who will be the keynote speakers at our September 17 branch meeting. Come and hear the girls talk about their July week-long adventures at Tech Trek camp held at UC Davis. In the Spring when in 7th grade these girls competed against more than 2 dozen other girls from schools throughout Yuba and Sutter County for the opportunity to attend the AAUW Tech Trek camp with girls from all over northern California. Each AAUW branch selects attendees based on their writing and interviewing skills. We look forward to meeting Rylee, Simrat, Eva, and Madeline on September 17.



Council Chat

by Martha Bunce, ECL

Let's see if I can even remember June, much less a particular day! Anyone else having that "Tempus Fugit" feeling? Ah, yes, here comes the memory.

On June 9, your new Executive Council met at my house for several hours of planning, discussing, deciding. First task was to decide who does what job next year. Our governance structure requires the Executive Council to fill the various roles after each year's Branch election.

After 3 years under Liz Skelly’s stellar leadership, I am honored to take over as the “Leader of the Pack,” as it is a particularly smart, hardworking, organized, efficient and collegial group of women who are a lot of fun to work with. And, because everyone does her job, no one feels overworked. We welcome new member Ellen O’Neil to the Council as Secretary -- I promise to encourage everyone to speak clearly and not to over talk each other.

I particularly appreciate the *nine* MALs (Members at Large). This is a great way to get involved in the workings of the branch without getting overwhelmed. There’s always a way to help the elected Leaders make decisions and get the jobs done. We welcome more MALs – just let us know you are interested. It’s an appointed position of one year with no portfolio; you just help out in ways that match your time and interest.

We are off to another great year – engaging monthly meetings, exciting STEM Conference, beautiful Garden Tour, and good times with interesting and interested friends! Pick a way to be active and support the mission of AAUW – *Advance Equity for Women and Girls through Research, Education and Advocacy*

Neva Bright Remembered

by Martha Bunce

Oh, what a woman. I can see her in my mind’s eye – tall, strong and slim, her eyes shining and face grinning -- wearing a long colorful skirt and with her wild white hair shining in the sun. I’m sorry she’s no



longer with us to fight the fights!

Neva passed away on July 9th in Grass Valley. This is what some friends recall about her:

Sharon Beebee said “I knew Neva for 60 years! She was instrumental in the success of what was

then the Pregnant Minors Program, was a N.O.W. activist, and very much involved in Women’s

Movement. Our families camped and traveled together. Neva had a broad range of interests including an eclectic collection of books, art, and music. Her passion for the Women’s Movement took her to the UN Conference in China in 1995.” Carol Clark said “I met Neva in the 90’s when I joined a book club that she was in. I was a little intimidated. She was so smart and confident and articulate. After I got to know her better, I found out how gracious she was. We went to literary events and art museums, and I loved hanging out with her. She was such a smart, principled, and kind woman. And she was brave. For such an avid reader, I can’t imagine what it was like for her to get Macular Degeneration, but she handled it with dignity.”

Janet Theiss said that “Neva was great to work with on Bylaws. I was her eyes and hands for changes.” Artis Buerki said “I met Neva in Avid Readers in the early 2000s. She was a fierce supporter of women’s rights, and we had some interesting discussions whenever Neva was in the room. She had a great sense of humor and always had a ready smile.”

Photo of Neva Bright and her late husband Tom Robbins is courtesy of Lee Jones.

Celebration of Neva’s Life - Stuart Gilchrist, who purchased her loft and What Not Shop, is hosting a celebration of Neva’s life on **Aug. 28 at noon**, 101 C Street in Marysville. In lieu of flowers, donations to Planned Parenthood would be appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – If you have a friend who is interested in AAUW please invite them to a meeting and let Lee Jones know so she can get membership information to them. Contact Lee Jones, lee@harkeyhouse.com.

Welcome to Rita, Katy, and Susan who joined this summer:

Rita Montejano-Guanzon, 6285 Dantoni Road, Marysville 95901; 530-218-6391 leona1775@gmail.com. Yuba College-Associate Degree in Business. She was recruited by Betty Bonner.

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH
Katy Coladarci, 541 Millfront, Yuba City, CA
95991. katycolada@comcast.net. Linfield
College, Stanford Univ. MA Early Childhood
Development. Katy has been an AAUW National
member and is a former branch member, and she
has now re-joined our branch--welcome back,
Katy!

Susan Santilena, 9859 Butte View, Marysville, CA
95901; 602.689.8844; sk.santilena@gmail.com.
Chico State MBA-Business Administration.

The Sutter County Library has notified Lee Jones that
these 3 titles have been ordered with the memorial
donation we made in the name of Marianne Heenan:

RBG Way by Rebecca Gibian

My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Conversations with RBG by Jeffrey Rosen

HISTORIAN NEEDED - If you are interested in
keeping the branch's history records up to date,
please contact us. After 6 years Karen Tuttle is
ready to pass on the record keeping to someone
else. Please contact Karen at 530-755-4405 to
find out what the job entails.

DEAR NEW MEMBER

We long-time members look forward to introducing the
many enlightening facets of AAUW Marysville-Yuba
City to you. In doing so, we hope you will become
involved in our activities... the serious ones, and the
fun ones.

Attend an EC meeting to see how our organization is
run, and maybe you'll become a MAL. You will love
working on the GT committee -- your skills will be very
helpful, and it's our main fund-raising event of the
year.

On a more serious note, consider joining the STEM
committee, the TT, or the TTAG committee, all of
which work in the interest of young girls with programs
that guide them toward their life's technical skills.

Feather Vane, SEPT., 2022

You should check out the IGs. If you enjoy movies,
you'll want to join the ML for Monday movie matinees.
If you like dining out, join the TG group for out-of-town
lunches or the AAT in-town evening dinner group.
There are Bridge groups, and creative writing with
TOP, or RR and BEx if you prefer reading and
discussion groups. The AA keeps you up to date on
advocacy and action of current events.

"Now, if the words sound queer and funny to your ear,
a little bit jumbled and jivey", try this:

EC= Executive Council

MAL= Member at Large

GT= Garden Tour

STEM= Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

TT= Tech Trek summer camp at UC Davis

TTAG=Tech Trek Alumni Group

AA= Advocacy and Action- to keep up to date on
current events

IGs= Interest Groups

ML= Movie Lovers

TG= Traveling Gourmet - monthly out of town lunches

AAT= All Around Town - monthly local evening meals

TOP= Talking on Paper writing group

RR= Rabid Readers book club

BEx= Book Explorers book club

BRIDGE= Card group

FV= Feather Vane

FB= Facebook

Come and see what it's all about. And don't forget,
you can read it in the FV and on FB. *Joan Young*

JOIN A GROUP

BRANCH GROUP COORDINATORS

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Martha Bunce

PROJECTS --

Garden Tour Committee: Martha Bunce

Scholarship Committee: Liz Skelly

STEM Committee: Sandy Davini

Tech Trek Committee: Carol Clark

TTAG Committee: Joann Nixon

STANDING COMMITTEES & BRANCH PILLARS --

Budget/Finance/Treasurer: Sandy Davini

Bylaws: Christy Estabrook

Coalition Brunch: Artis Buerki

Coalition Drawing: Kathy Nehl, Linda Zall

Communication/Roster: Linda Zall

Education & Training Fund: Jeanne Schultz

Historian: open

Interbranch Council (IBC): Liz Skelly

Membership/Library Liaison: Lee Jones

Photography: Joann Nixon
Programs/Reservations: Gwyn Baker
Publicity/Feather Vane/Website: Artis Buerki
Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp

INTEREST GROUPS --

Advocacy & Action: Martha Bunce
All Around Town: Linda Zall
Book Explorers: Pauline Almeida
Bridge: Jan Wallace
Movie Lovers: Artis Buerki & Mary Mayfield
Rabid Readers: Linda Zall
Talking on Paper: Joan Young
Traveling Gourmet: Carol Clark & Christy Estabrook

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.



ADVOCACY & ACTION

To receive advocacy and action alerts by email, contact Martha Bunce email buncehall@yahoo.com and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



ALL AROUND TOWN – On the second Wednesday of the month

the group continues to sample foods found in our local restaurants. On Wednesday, September 14 we will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Dancing Tomato Caffé. If you are interested contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, lindazall66@gmail.com.

Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all our members who have July, August and September birthdays including **Jeanine Rounds, Terri Burroughs, Tanna Thomas, Mary Mayfield, Ellen O’Neil, Katharine Klevinskas, Julie Goldwyn, Janet Staser. Gretchen Cupp, Kathy Nehl, Lisa Mikel, Corky Ulrey,**

If you didn’t get mentioned but think you should, please contact us by email artisb@comcast.net and tell us your birthday month. Just the month, please, not the year or the date. We don’t care how old you are. We just want to say Happy Birthday when yours comes around again!

And by the way, did you know that the birthday flowers for July are Larkspur and Water Lily? And did you know that the birthday flowers for August are Gladiolus and Poppy, and the September flowers are Aster and Morning Glory? Did you know all that?



In July the AAT Dinner group went to Justin’s Kitchen in Yuba City. In August they went to Fernandos. Here they are in July. *Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield*



BOOK CLUBS

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


RABID READERS - This reading group continues to meet at 10:00 a.m. on the **third Friday of the month.** If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Linda Zall, lindazall66@gmail.com.




Things to Know


On April 15th AAUW National

awarded **6 million dollars** to 320 deserving scholars and community programs focusing on our mission. 49 of these are in California!

 **BRIDGE** -- As our AAUW bridge group has gotten smaller we have morphed into a community bridge group. If you and a friend are interested in playing bridge, 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? We prefer but are not limited to Monday matinees. To be added to the Movie group email list contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net or phone Mary Mayfield 530-691-0336 if you have a movie idea.

 **TALKING ON PAPER** - Writing group meets **second Tuesday of each month** at the Sutter County Library. We are thrilled that T.O.P. can gather in the smaller meeting room in the newly refurbished library for our monthly meetings. Our enthusiastic group of writers fill the chairs at the table; we may need to move to a larger room as more members join us. If interested come listen to members' stories of personal memories, travels, poems, and a variety of other subjects and bring your own story to share. Limit it 2 pages so everyone has a chance to participate. We are not professionals, we will not critique your work, and we do enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship at our meetings. Meeting time: 10 a.m. to 11:15-11:30. Contact Joan Young 530-713-1279.

 **TRAVELING GOURMET** goes to lunch on the **fourth Thursday of the month**. On September 22 we will go to High Hand Nursery. Reserve by the Monday prior to the lunch. We carpool and meet in the Bridge Street Raley's Shopping Center parking lot (at the east end between Wendy's & Huckleberry) no later than 10:30. Joan Young will hostess. Call co-chairs Carol Clark 530-301-3126 or Christy Estabrook 530-713-5223 if you want to be added to the contact list for future meetings of the Traveling Gourmet.



In July four of us went to the Cheesecake Factory in Sacramento.
Photo courtesy of Joan Young



In June the Traveling Gourmet went to Scott's by the River in Sacramento. *Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield*

Movie Review *by Mary Mayfield* **WIZARD OF OZ**

Nostalgia is what this was all about. Seeing this film on the big screen was a delight. When some of us attended the showing this summer of the Fathom Prod. presentation of the 1939 movie, I was so surprised to see the theater with so many patrons. There were lots of children with parents or grandparents all seated and anxious for the movie to start. I was fearful that the children would get antsy and be a distraction, but I was pleased that they were totally enthralled. In today's world where most children are used to animation and special effects, I was expecting a different reaction.

The movie itself, of course, I had seen before. But, never on the big screen. I had not remembered so much of Kansas in black and white at the beginning. Dorothy (played by Judy Garland), and her dog Toto, are swept up and plonked down in a magical and mysterious land known as Oz. Desperate to get back home to her farm in Kansas, and under the threat from a wicked witch, she is advised to seek out the great Wizard of Oz for assistance. As she sets off, she meets and befriends Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion who also have something to ask of the fabled wizard.

The Wizard of Oz seemed to send great messages. First and foremost is “There is no place like home”. But, in addition Dorothy’s friends who were seeking help received the messages that Courage, Brains, and Heart are within everyone if you believe in yourself. Dorothy, in her youth and innocence, was enjoyable to watch and I enjoyed hearing that great voice of Judy Garland in the early days of her career.

of officers is: Executive Council Leader–Martha Bunce; Secretary–Ellen O’Neill; Treasurer–Sandy Davini; Bylaws–Christy Estabrook; Communications–Linda Zall; Membership–Lee Jones; Program–Gwyn Baker; Projects–Liz Skelly. Members at Large: Barbara Alves, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp, Mary Mayfield, Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Joyce Smith, and Joan Young.

Several members have submitted their EC position descriptions. Hard copy should be sent to Liz Skelly and digital copy to Linda Zall.

Reports from Executive Council:

EC Leader’s Report: No report.

Correspondences: Sandy Davini reported that we received a postcard from Arts Council.

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy reported that the Budget Committee (Sandy, Liz, and Joann) had met to review/revise the current 2021-22 budget to project an ending fund balance of \$12,751. MSC to approve the revised 2021-22 budget as submitted. The tentative 2022-23 budget was discussed and is basically “business as usual”. The Chamber of Commerce membership was discussed but not approved. However, we are interested in supporting their Women in Leadership event in some way; STEM budget will support 800 girls; Tech Trek will support six girls for next year’s camp; the monthly branch meeting will remain at \$20 per person; the TTAG May branch meeting was deleted; and \$150 was added to pay for Zoom. The 2022-23 budget was approved to be sent to the full membership for approval in September.

Public Policy, Advocacy: Martha said that AAUW National was sending information out about Title IX.

Membership: Lee Jones suggested that it would be nice to have a new member luncheon. There are still issues with the National AAUW membership website. Membership renewal dates are now 12 months from the date membership is submitted—not July 1 for everyone.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

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Executive Council Report

**AAUW Executive Council Meeting
 June 9, 2022– 10:00 a.m.
 Martha Bunce’ home**

Those in attendance were Liz Skelly, Executive Council Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Lee Jones, Membership; Christy Estabrook, By-Laws; Martha Bunce, Projects; Linda Zall, Communications. Members at Large present were Carol Clark, Joan Young, Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Artis Buerki, Barbara Alves; new MAL: Ellen O’Neil, and Mary Mayfield (via Zoom)

Call to Order, 10:12 a.m. There were no corrections or additions to the May 2022 minutes.

Information/Action Items:

First order of business was to select the new Executive Council officers for 2022-23. The new slate

Feather Vane: There was discussion about privacy of our members information (name, address, phone number, email) being in the Feather Vane and subsequently available through our website. It was decided that Artis will make the link to the Feather Vane as a “members only” and will require a password. The last Feather Vane featured the Garden Tour pictures. Artis said other branches do not include the Executive Council minutes in their newsletters but after discussion it was agreed that we will continue to include the minutes in the Feather Vane.

Meeting Callers: Joan Young had no report.

Roster: All changes to the roster for next year must be sent to Linda Zall by August 20.

Programs: The next branch meeting will be in September and will feature the Tech Trek and TTAG girls.

Projects:

STEM: Sandy said the date for next year’s conference is March 27, 2023, and will accommodate 800 girls. There is a need for someone to replace Gwyn as the facilitator chair and we still need help with IT,

Garden Tour: Martha had a wrap up meeting for Garden Tour committee on May 19th at Barbara Kenney’s house. Martha is already starting to call for gardens for next year’s tour. Sponsorships were up

and we received \$455 from the artists. Martha wants to archive a list of all the past gardens. We need to involve our new members more next tour.

Tech Trek: Carol said the pizza party went well. The state AAUW has implemented new software that was challenging this year. This year there will be no visitation day at UC Davis for Tech Trek.

TTAG: Joann wants to include more TTAG girls in next year’s Garden Tour.

Scholarships: Liz said the scholarship subcommittee (comprised of Liz, Martha and Sandy), needs to meet.

Other Business:

Interbranch—No report.

Historian—Karen Tuttle can no longer act as our historian. Artis will put a notice in the Feather Vane and it was agreed that we need to keep a digital history.

Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp – Gretchen is on vacation for most of June and Artis will fill in for her.

Coalition Drawing – Kathy/Linda: Amy Molina-Jones and Jennifer Jones will help at the Brunch. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Skelly

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



See Tech Trek thank you notes and group photo on pages 9, 10, 11.



FEATHER VANE, Artis Buerki, Editor

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 Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 LABOR DAY	6	7	8 1 pm EXECUTIVE COUNCIL	9	10
11	12	13 10 am TALKING ON PAPER	14 5:30 All Around Town	15	16 BOOK CLUBS	17 10 am BRANCH MEETING
18	19	20	21	22 10:30 am TRAVELING GOURMET	23	24
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Here are the thank you notes that our four Tech Trek girls wrote.



July 22, 2022

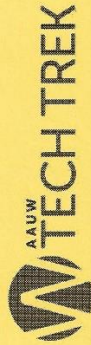
Dear AAUW Yuba City-Marysville crew members,
Thank you for the opportunity to go to tech trek. It was the best experience ever! We did fun workshops like solving a crime, learning about what paramedics do, and astronomy night. We took a field trip to the mondavi center and the veterinarian hospital, doing hands-on experiences! We had core class where we built solar powered cars and ovens in engineering! Overall it was the funnest and most exciting experience ever! Thank You.

Sincerely,

Eva Kinee

Tech Trek 2022

Tech Trek @ UC Davis



7-21-2022

Dear Marysville - Yuba City Branch,
Thank you for providing me this opportunity to meet new people and learn new concepts. This experience is invaluable and will be with me forever. I have gotten to meet women in fields that I never knew about until now. Professional Women's Evening opened my eyes to the field of a combat nurse. I learned how difficult their physical and mental training can be. Even after all that training they can have some traumatic experiences that can change them forever, I also learned about how some fields have less male dominance than other fields. Once again thank you for this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,

Simrat Johal

Tech Trek @ UC Davis

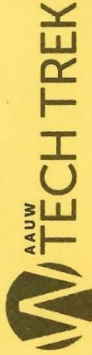


22 July, 2022

Dear Marysville - Yuba City Branch,
I cannot express how thankful I am to be selected to go to Tech Trek. This camp is everything and more than I expected. I have done so many diverse activities that are all fascinating and unique on so many levels. Doing chemistry experiments, behind the scenes of the Mondavi Center, understanding the responsibilities of a credit card, talking to inspiring women, seeing how Forensics work, and learning self-confidence have all been so memorable for me. Dorm life has been a huge liking of mine as well. But most of all, the friends I've made have made this...
With Gratitude,
Madeline Fedora

Experience so much more exciting.

Tech Trek @ UC Davis



7/21/22

Dear AAUW Marysville - Yuba City Branch
Thank you for sponsoring me so I can go to Tech Trek. I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to experience STEM subjects. In my genetics class I learned about cells. I really enjoyed meeting women in STEM, meeting the vets and what they do to save people. One activity that really inspired me was the vets. The behind the scenes of the Mondavi Center. This experience has shown me how amazing STEM fields can be. Thank you.

Best wish
Rilee TechTrek 2022

Tech Trek @ UC Davis

These are all the girls who attended Tech Trek UC Davis July 17-23, 2022.



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We are all wonder women!



Linking together for our mission.

