



# Feather Vane – OCTOBER, 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 is **Thursday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m.** Contact is Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663. Tell Martha or any EC member if you want to attend Executive Council meetings and be appointed as an EC Member-at-Large for a year.

## BRANCH MEETING – OCT. 15

**When: Saturday, October 15**

**Time: 10 a.m. Door opens at 9:30**

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

**Program: Brittni Inks, Waste Zero Specialist at Recology**

**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.

## Council Chat

by Martha Bunce, ECL

I hope you saw the wonderful photos (thank you photographer Sue Graue!) on our Facebook page.



They are marvelous photos from the September 17th branch meeting, which featured last summer's Tech Trek girls. They all (they're now 8th graders) reported similar experiences, but there were personal variations too.

All the Tech Trekkers: THE FOOD! THE DORM MATES! THE CAMPUS LIFE! THE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN GUESTS AND INSTRUCTORS! THE CLASSES AND EXPERIENCES! THE FUN! THE NEW FRIENDS! Individual girls focused on specific core classes or experiences, and they remembered and appreciated different women and girls. All were charming and so enthusiastic and appreciative of YOUR work to sponsor them!

Then the TTAG (Tech Trek Alumni Group) - these seven young women are now seniors or juniors in various high schools in our area. Although it's been four or five years since they went to Tech Trek, their enthusiasm matched the just-returned girls, AND they talked about the life changing/expanding effect of their one week at Tech Trek. I was amazed. They too thank YOU ALL for working to organize the program and to raise funds to send them. What I heard was the long-lasting effect of their (and therefore our) participation in Tech Trek.

Sometimes it seems a lot of work and a lot of money for so few girls. But I'm now convinced that every minute and every penny is worth it. I just wish we could do more. AND NEXT YEAR WE WILL! We will send six girls -- that's a 50% increase! Pretty good

## Program Notes



by Gwyn Baker

Do you bag up your recyclables before putting them in the blue totter? Are milk cartons recyclable? Which bin do napkins go in? If you've ever wondered how you could improve your recycling skills, then you won't want to miss our October speaker. Brittni Inks, Waste Zero Specialist at Recology, will be educating us about recycling as well as all the recent changes to what can go in the green bin. Brittni is a Yuba-Sutter native who studied at Chico State. She and her husband live in Nevada City and enjoy spending time outdoors with their miniature dachshund, Schnitzel. She also enjoys riding her horse, scuba diving, and reading.

Answers to the above questions can be found on the last page of this Feather Vane.

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bang for our bucks. Better than putting the money in a  
bank!

I want to be sure to thank Carol Clark and Joann  
Nixon for their dedication to this program and to the  
committee members who make it all happen. Want to  
share the joy? Join the committees!

Oh, and branch business meeting: the members  
voted to approve the 2022-2023 budget. You know,  
SIX girls to Tech Trek next summer!

**TECH TREK** - Thank you to our four 2022 Tech  
Trekkingers who, on Sept. 17, told us about their  
experiences at the Tech Trek camp at UC Davis this  
summer. Pictured L-R are Eva Knee, Raylee Brown,  
Madeline Fedora, and Simrat Johal.



Seven members of TTAG (TT 2018 and TT 2019)  
joined us on Sept. 17. L-R are Larissa Feceu,  
Joscelin Robles, Abigail Thompson, Chloe Nguyen,  
Natalie Buzzini, Latoya Green, and Lydia Donaldson.



Photos by Sue Graue

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**Jeanine Rounds** was our special guest on Sept. 17  
Jeanine now lives in Utah, and she attended our  
meeting with her daughter Kelly. Jeanine was our



branch  
president  
2005-2007  
and was an  
active  
member of  
our branch  
serving on  
the  
Executive  
Council  
and many  
other  
committees  
until she

moved to Utah. We were excited to see her, and to  
help her celebrate her birthday; and to thank her for  
the wonderful monetary gift which she recently  
contributed to the YCCD Foundation scholarship  
account for our branch. She is a 17-year teaching  
alumni and Dean of Yuba College. Pictured here with  
Jeanine in the middle are Martha Bunce (L) who is our  
current Executive Council Leader, and Liz Skelly (R)  
who is our past Executive Council Leader.

## **GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE -**

We met on September 1 at the newly renovated Sutter  
County Library at 10 am where we began planning the  
next Garden Tour scheduled for May 6, 2023. If you  
are interested in joining this exciting committee,  
please contact Martha Bunce. We meet monthly on  
the first Thursday of the month from 10 am to noon.



Shown here on Sept. 1 are (seated L to R) Linda,  
Sandy, Betty, Mary, Liz, Yvonne, Martha, Joan;  
(standing) Joyce, Kathy, Artis.

## Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all our members who have October birthdays including **Pat Jones, Louise Miller, Joyce Smith, Doreen Osumi, Jo Hilling, and Sara Sealander.** If you didn't get

mentioned but think you should, please contact us by email [artisb@comcast.net](mailto: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 flower for October is the Marigold?

And did you know that the **California Connection** arrives in our email each month, and it includes interesting articles about branches throughout CA? Like the following article. (Just control click on the highlighted areas and go directly to newspaper articles about other AAUW branches). Did you know all that?



AAUW? Huh? We admit sometimes people don't know who we are. There have been reports of confusion with another organization starting with the same two letters. So we need all the good press we can get, starting with this [article](#) about Tech Trek in the *Los Altos Town Crier* newspaper. Sure, it's a small paper, but a circulation size of 16,500 means 16,500 more people in California who know what we do. And that's not even counting how many people read it at Starbucks®.

There's more good press [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). All told, AAUW was mentioned in 18 national and international media in only three days in August. That might be more often than the words "heat wave." On second thought . . . maybe not.

## 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

Bridge: Jan Wallace

Movie Lovers: Artis Buerki & Mary Mayfield

Rapid Readers: Linda Zall

Talking on Paper: Joan Young

Traveling Gourmet: Carol Clark & Christy

Estabrook

**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](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com).

**Christina Billeci**, 1603 Ellis Lake Dr., Marysville, 95901, 530-741-3044, [christinabilleci@comcast.net](mailto:christinabilleci@comcast.net), CSU Chico, Social Work. Christina is a former member and has rejoined this summer. Welcome back Christina!

The Sutter County Library has reported that they have ordered these three books for our memorial to Neva Bright:

1. Dinners with Ruth - Nina Totenberg
2. Atlas of the Heart - Brene Brown
3. Great Book of Badass Women - Rachel Walsh

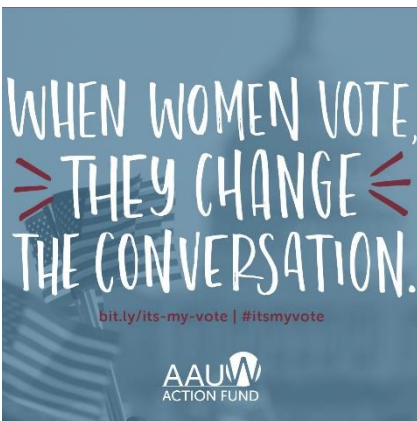
## MEET OUR NEW MEMBER – SUSAN SANTILENA



I moved from Phoenix to Marysville one year ago to be near my 3-year-old granddaughter. I was an AAUW member 25 years ago when I lived in Redding and am glad to be a member again. My career has been in banking, finance, hospitality, and nonprofits. Currently, I have my

own business serving as a Trusted Advisor to small companies whose work makes a positive difference in the lives of others. I love traveling, art, music, and continuous learning. I graduated from Chico State with a degree in Marketing, Economics and MBA in Business Administration.

**STEM Committee** – The STEM Committee met on September 8 at 10 am to begin planning for the next STEM Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, a career awareness ½ day event to be held at Yuba College in March. If you are interested in being a part of this important and exciting committee, please contact Sandy Davini. They plan to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 10 am.



Did you know that a **constitutional amendment** to protect **reproductive freedom** will be on the ballot?

**WHY YOU NEED TO ACT**

Prop 1 will amend the state constitution to ensure the state can never deny or interfere with an individual's right to make their own reproductive choices.

**TAKE ACTION!**

Learn more about Proposition 1 by scanning the QR code.

Learn More And Take Action

**GOTV**  
Get Out The Vote

AAUW of California



- Learn more about recently introduced legislation endorsed by AAUW, including the [LGBTQI+ and Women's History Education Act \(H.R. 8445\)](#), the [Ending Secrecy About Workplace Harassment Act \(H.R. 8618\)](#), and the [No Tax Deductions for Workplace Harasser Buyouts Act \(H.R. 8619\)](#).

**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](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com) and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



**ALL AROUND TOWN** - Our group of adventurous diners have chosen Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, 885 Richland Road, Yuba City, for our next venture onto the local dining scene. We

will meet at 5:30 p.m. on **October 12** (the second Wednesday), so if you'd like to join this entertaining new group, contact Linda Zall (530-713-0552) or [lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto:lindazall66@gmail.com)



**RABID READERS BOOK CLUB** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10 am. On

**October 21** the group is reading *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. Although not a new book, the author has written an illuminating book about the women (little noticed by history) who tirelessly fought the Revolution and helped create a new country—the United States of America. The group is considering reading her book *Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation* following the holidays. For more information, contact Linda Zall (530-713-0552) or [lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto:lindazall66@gmail.com).



**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 daytime movie 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](mailto:artisb@comcast.net) or phone Mary Mayfield 530-691-0336 if you have a movie idea.



**TALKING ON PAPER** – Our writing group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 am. On **October 11** we will gather in the

smaller meeting room in the newly refurbished Sutter County Library. 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 is 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. Contact Joan Young 530 -713-1279.



Traveling Gourmet went to High Hand Nursery on Sept. 22. Shown here L-R are Gloria, Edette, Betty, Joyce, Mary, Sandy, Sherry, Ellen, Christy, Sue, and Joan who was the hostess. Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield



**TRAVELING GOURMET** goes to lunch once a month to restaurants within about 50 miles radius of Yuba City. On Thursday, **October**

**20**, we will go to The Lemon Grass Restaurant in Sacramento. Kathryn Medley is hostess. **Note this is a week earlier than usual, and the group will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (not the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) each month through December.** 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) about 10:15 and leave at 10:30. 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.

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# **Executive Council Report**

*by Secretary Ellen O'Neil*

The AAUW Executive Council met at 1 pm on Sept. 8, 2022 at the Sutter Supt. of Schools office.

Attending were Martha Bunce, ECL; Linda Zall, Communications; Christy Estabrook, By-Laws; Gwyn Baker, Programs; Liz Skelly, Projects; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Ellen O'Neil, Secretary; and EC Members-at-Large Carol Clark, Joyce Smith, Kathy Nehl, Joan Young.

1. ACTION ITEMS - June E.C. Minutes were approved. E.C. Members were asked to give Liz Skelly a hard copy of their job description and a digital one to Linda Zall. Liz and Sandy's job descriptions have been received. There doesn't appear to be a current one for secretary. Sandy thinks that Artis may have a job description for the secretary position. Martha suggested that the secretary send minutes to one or two members of the council before they are distributed. They need to be ready by the Tuesday after a full branch meeting.

2. WELCOME AND LEADERS REPORTS - Christy stated that there is a quorum for today's meeting. Sandy sent around mail: two flyers, one from the Yuba Sutter Arts Council and one from the Sutter County Museum. She also shared a solicitation letter requesting sponsorship of the Veterans Parade in Olivehurst. Martha reiterated that AAUW supports organizations that fit its mission.

3. Treasurer's Report - Sandy sent it out through email. Pointed out that the Budget Narrative is pages 33-34 of the Roster and will require approval at the September 17 Branch meeting. She asked for approval of a \$50.00 donation to the local library in memory of Neva Bright. It was approved. Liz suggested that there be no more donations to the Woman's Development Organization. It is an international organization, and she hasn't been able to ascertain any local activities. Sandy explained that this item is a "place-holder" with TBD in the budget and the council agreed to leave it as it is listed.

4. Public Policy - Other than Prop 1, Martha hasn't found any AAUW recommendations on the propositions on the CA November ballot. Linda will

share a link to the League of Women Voters that has pros and cons. The link will be posted in the Feather Vane.

Linda started a discussion of a "Get Out the Vote" strategy. Martha suggested that an AAUW member can write a letter to the editor as a member. Linda will ask the local editor to write an editorial on the importance of voting.

5. Membership - Sandy reported in Lee's absence. We had 86 members last year and 82 have paid dues this year. Two have said they plan to pay and two are dropping their membership. With the help of Yuba College staff, we were able to certify and register Edette Mills as an eligible member. Martha mentioned that the discussion will likely come around again as to whether membership should require a degree. CA voted down the idea that anyone interested in advancing AAUW's mission of Advancing Equity for Women and Girls should be allowed to become a member. Gwyn said that the vote came at a particularly divisive time and perhaps the outcome will be different next June.

6. There is no Nominating Committee report at this time.

7. By-Laws - Martha had a question as to Ellen's appointment as Secretary but was able to clarify it. She was appointed by the EC to serve the rest of a term that ends in June. Christy had no other issues regarding by-laws for discussion.

8. Communication - Linda asked that articles for the Feather Vane keep to Artis' deadline, the Tuesday after the Branch meeting. The secretary will need to give her the minutes of the EC. The website: [mvycc-a.aauw.net](http://mvycc-a.aauw.net) has been updated to include a For Members Only section for the Feather Vane. Artis is continuing to add stories regarding the achievement of women on the Facebook page. Gwyn said there seems to be two Facebook pages for the local group and will ask Artis to clarify. The Rosters are finished, and all are encouraged to put their names on the front. They will be distributed at the Branch meeting. Martha and Liz will be meeting regarding marketing and publicity terms in preparation for updating the Garden Tour Task List.

9. Programs - Reservations so far for the Branch Meeting are 20 members and 13 Tech Trekkers. Many will be including family members so Gwyn will be in communication with Carol regarding that number. A discussion ensued regarding acknowledging birthdays at the meeting. Jeanine Rounds, a 20-year member

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who now lives in Utah will be at the meeting. Liz will introduce her and speak to her generous gift to the Yuba College Scholarship. Martha will introduce the Executive Council. It was suggested that each one sit at a different table and introduce the members of the table. That would take too much time at the September meeting but might be implemented at subsequent meetings. The budget will require approval. Business will need to be done before the time with the Tech Trek girls. Liz and Martha will have the computer and overhead ready in case it is needed.

10. Projects - STEM conference is on target. Committee is meeting on the 2nd Thursday. Date is reserved at Yuba College, March 27th, 2023. The college president will be asked to be the keynote speaker.

Garden Tour committee had its first meeting. Due to current weather, no gardens have been determined yet.

Scholarships -An announcement from the YC Foundation should have been made by the end of August about this year's scholarship application and award process, but no news at this time. Liz has left numerous messages through phone and e-mail. It was decided that it would be helpful to have donation sheets available on the place settings at the

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upcoming Branch meeting. There are funds in the Women's Club Scholarship fund that our AAUW branch administers. Tech Trek & TTAG – Carol reported that they are on track for the branch meeting with all 4 of the Tech Trekkers coming and 7 members of the TTAG as well.

**OTHER REPORTS -**

Interbranch Council - This consists of reps from here, Chico, Redding, Oroville, Gridley, and Paradise. On November 5th we will be hosting. Liz is checking with Marcello's for a location. We will need to get a speaker for the February meeting in Redding.

Historian -There is currently no historian and no information from the Sunshine rep.

Coalition Drawing - Women's Organizations gather at a Dec.10 Holiday Brunch. Linda and Kathy are accepting donations for basket drawing. Branch members should be asked to do so. Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

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

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## YOUR GIFT TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER PROGRAMS ENABLES WOMEN TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS THROUGH EDUCATION

Please send this form with your check(s) to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Scholarship: Payable to YCCD Foundation/Memo line: AAUW Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In memory or in honor of (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Tech Trek Tuition: Payable to AAUW CA SPF \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ AAUW Educational and Training Fund: Payable to AAUW/ Memo line: ET-4450 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Local Branch Operations /helps fund local activities: Payable to AAUW \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information about donating to our branch AAUW Scholarship fund go to <https://yccdfoundation.org/>

Answers to Recology questions:

1. *Recycling can be bagged before it goes in the blue cart as long as the bag is not tied. If the bag is tied, then employees working on the sorting line are not able to open it. If the bag is untied, then the employees are able to empty the bags as they come down the sorting line.*
2. *Milk cartons are wax-lined cardboard which makes them garbage. Plastic milk jugs are recyclable.*
3. *Paper napkins can now go in the green organics only cart.*



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Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>

AAUW California: [www.aauw-ca.org/](http://www.aauw-ca.org/) AAUW National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

### OCTOBER 2022

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9	10	11 10 am <b>Talking on Paper</b>	12 5:30 pm <b>All Around Town</b>	13 10 am <b>STEM Com.</b>  1 pm <b>Executive Council</b>	14	15 10 am <b>BRANCH MEETING</b>
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