



Feather Vane – NOVEMBER, 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, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. via Zoom**. 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 – NOV. 19

When: Saturday, November 19

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: Molly Bloom, Sutter County Museum

Menu: 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.

in archaeological studies from Yale University. At the Sutter County Museum, Molly is responsible for daily operations of the Museum, exhibits, public education programs, the gift shop, marketing, finance, and more. She is excited to be a part of a great organization with a compelling mission and to bring her passion for sharing archaeology and material culture with the public.

YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH



**Saturday, December 10
9:30 a.m.**

**Peach Tree Country Club
Tickets \$25**

This is our branch's only December meeting shared with other community women

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 25. If you prefer, you may pay at the October 15 or November 19 AAUW meeting.

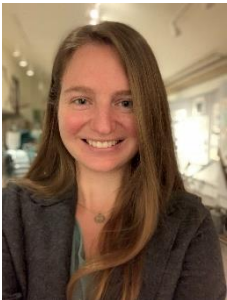
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Program Notes



by Gwyn Baker



Our November 19th speaker will be Molly Bloom. Molly began her position as the Director and Curator at the Sutter County Museum in Yuba City last December. She has spent the past ten years at art museums, natural history museums, a

children's science museum, and historic sites. Most recently, she worked at the University of Nebraska's natural history museum in Lincoln, Nebraska. Molly is originally from Massachusetts and studied archaeology, Latin, and art history at Oberlin College before earning a master's degree

Council Chat

by Gwyn Baker

Martha has asked me to write the Council Chat this month, and first of all I hope that you saw the photo



and story about our Tech Trek girls on page 1 of the Appeal Democrat on October 7. We are so proud of them and enjoyed hearing them speak to us

about their experiences at our September branch meeting.

At our October 15th branch meeting AAUW members and their guests were treated to an informative presentation by Brittni Inks, Waste Zero Specialist for Recology.

We learned about where our waste goes after it's picked up, and all the new changes to what can go in the green bin. For those of you who weren't aware, food waste, including meat, bones, even that pasta alfredo you left in the fridge for too long -- can all now go in the green compostable cart!



A big concern that members had was how to keep their green bin from getting yucky. I always have such a bed of lawn clippings in my cart, that it's easy to bury food waste in there, but if it's a concern you can put your food in a paper bag or wrap it in newspaper. It was interesting that as of this time, the new "compostable" produce bags should be kept out of the green bin. They might be biodegradable, but they don't currently get broken down in Recology's composting process. In other bag-related news, the bags you pay a dime for at the store, and then drop in the box that says "Recycle your plastic bags here" all end up in the trash for the most part. So bring a reusable bag when you go shopping! Brittni even handed out shopping bags. Those with more questions about what goes where are encouraged to

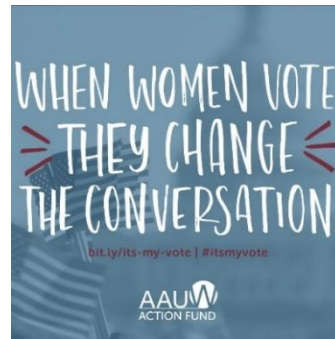
follow Recology on Facebook. It's one of the quickest ways to get your questions answered. By limiting the amount of trash sent to our rapidly growing landfills and composting our food waste to reduce methane emissions, we can all do our part to preserve the planet for the next generation.

Just a few reminders for November. Do you plan to go to the IBC luncheon on **Saturday, November 5**? If so, please contact Liz Skelly right away to confirm. This is an opportunity to meet with the women in the 4 or 5 other AAUW branches in our area, and this time it will be held in Yuba City and we want to be well represented.

Then come to hear Molly Bloom at our **Saturday, November 19th** branch meeting.

And November is the time to reserve your seat at the Coalition HOLIDAY Brunch at the Peachtree Country where our branch will meet with 4 other women's organization on **Saturday, December 10**. The Coalition Brunch will be our **ONLY** December branch get together and is a gala you won't forget.

(Holiday Brunch Reservation deadline is November 25. See Flyer and donation request on page 9-10)



And don't forget to vote on (or before) **November 8**.

STEM Committee – STEM Committee plans are well underway for our **March 27, 2023** STEM Career Awareness Conference for 800+ 8th grade girls at Yuba College. We are still recruiting Presenters for morning sessions. If you know a STEM professional who loves to share her experiences, please talk with her, then send contact info to Martha Bunce. If you'd like to help plan the conference, please contact Sandy Davini. Next meeting is December 8, 10 am. (November 10 meeting is canceled.)

Garden Tour Committee -We are 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.

Advocacy & Action

by Martha Bunce

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 HOW TO FIND INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BALLOT

The League of Women Voters, long a reliable source of unbiased voter information, as well as an organization that takes positions on measures (not candidates) that meet its public policy priorities, was not able to come out to speak to us this October. On the plus side, it is not a very complicated ballot year. LWV has ballot recommendations on their website, and although they don't take a position on some of the measures, they provide insights as to why a measure might be well-meaning but flawed.

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>

If you are looking for in-depth non-partisan information about the candidates and measures on the ballot *specific to Voter's your address or zip code*, you can go to:

<https://votersedge.org/ca>

The AAUW CA page says:

"Congressional races are particularly important this November. Redistricting after the 2020 Census has changed the boundaries of many Congressional districts. In the current partisan climate, we need to be aware of what is at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. Your current member of Congress may no longer represent you – be sure to become informed soon on the candidates for Congress in your district. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters, and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues."

The best source of info Gwyn Baker (thank you!) found for determining your new district is on the CalMatters page. Most of us will no longer have Garamendi as our congressman.

Most of Yuba County has Dr. Kermit Jones (D) and Keith Kiley (R) as candidates,

Sutter County, Marysville and Yuba County "District 10" have Doug LaMalfa (R) and Max Steiner (D) on the ballot.

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2022/01/california-election-new-districts-lookup/>

Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all our members who have November birthdays including Betty Bonner, Sandy Davini, and Joann Nixon.

If you didn't get mentioned but think you should, please contact us at 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 November is the chrysanthemum? And did you know that election day is NOV. 8? Read CA Prop. 1 and take action.

Did you know that **Proposition 1** includes a "right to contraceptives"?

WHY YOU NEED TO ACT
The Dobbs decision called into question whether states can deny the right of women to use contraceptives. If Prop 1 is passed, that can never happen in California.

TAKE ACTION!
Make sure your **friends** are aware that this important right is at stake - **share** this message on your social media.

Learn More And Take Action
GOTV
Get Out The Vote

AAUW of California

Did you know that the Washington Update regularly arrives in your email box filled with news from AAUW National in Washington DC? Here are some of things you might like to know:



Act — Take action on the most pressing policies

Pregnant Workers Can't Wait!

Since 1978, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act has been the best defense for pregnant people

who face discrimination on the job based on pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions. But many people who are pregnant still risk being forced out of the workplace simply for following doctors' orders. **The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act** would close the loopholes in the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and provide much-needed clarity to employers and workers to ensure workplace safety for pregnant workers.

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act passed the House of Representatives in May 2021. However, despite bipartisan support in both chambers, the bill has stalled in the U.S. Senate ever since. Pregnant workers should not have to wait any longer for protection. No one should face discrimination in the workplace because of a pregnancy. **Urge your senators to [pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#) before the midterm elections!**

Learn — *Dig deeper into the issues that matter*

Use AAUW resources to ensure you're informed on Election Day!

Election Day is November 8. With so much at stake, it's more important than ever to identify the candidates who represent our values and those who would roll back our rights. **The AAUW Action Fund produces nonpartisan voter-education materials each election cycle to give voters all the information they need to cast their ballots.** To ensure you're fully informed:

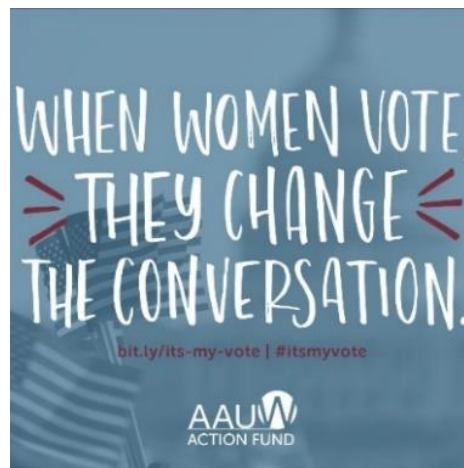
- Review the AAUW Action Fund's [2022 Voter Issue Guide](#). This resource covers seven issue areas that are critical to consider this election season and includes useful questions to ask candidates.

- Trying to decide who to vote for in a specific race? The AAUW Action Fund offers [Head-to-Head Voter Guide](#) templates for both federal and state/local races, to help you assess where candidates stand on key issues.
- If a candidate is running for reelection, you can also check out the [AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voter Record](#) to see how they acted on your behalf the past two years. Each member of Congress is scored based on their record on AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, which are adopted by AAUW members.
- Share all you're doing to [energize voters](#) around you!

Our democracy works when everyone can fully participate. [Motivate voters](#) in your community today!

Engage — *Share the important work we're doing*

- As a member of the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Coalition**, AAUW continues to push for a Senate vote on **S.J. Res. 1/H.J. Res. 17, which would remove the deadline to ratify the ERA.** Join us in urging your senators and Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer to call for a vote to pass the ERA and support equality for all!



Membership – Our current membership is 84. 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.

Audrey Ohlson-Smith Remembered

by Artis Buerki

Audrey Ohlson Smith was born in Chicago in 1931 and was 2nd generation American from Sweden. She attended Northwestern University on a full scholarship, and taught elementary school in Illinois, California, and Michigan before being asked to ‘retire’ because she was pregnant with her first child (as was the custom of the time). While staying at home to raise her 4 children Audrey developed an interest in writing and politics. In Ann Arbor and in San Mateo she contributed to local papers and joined the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee which led her to a career with the California Teachers Association where she represented teachers and their interests in the CA State Legislature.

Audrey passed away on July 16. She has had a dual membership with our AAUW branch and the Grass Valley branch since she moved from Browns Valley to Eskaton Retirement Village. Audrey was our branch President in 2004-2005, the year that I joined, and she came back to play the piano at the Coalition Holiday Brunch for many years. What a talented and fine lady she was.

MOVIE REVIEW – “See How They Run”

This movie is for fans of murder mysteries, Agatha Christie, theatre, film, and fine acting ensembles. It stars Sam Rockwell as Inspector Stoppard, Saoirse Ronan as Constable Stalker, David Oyelowo as the playwright Mervyn Cocker-Norris, and Adrian Brody as Leo Kopernick as a film director. As you can tell from the names, a bit of fun is being had with the Metropolitan Police. The film director wants to make a film of the country house murder mystery which has played endlessly in London. The only problem is the film can't be made until the play ends its long run. We see from short flash-back scenes that many people gathered in the theatre for the closing party have motive to murder the victim. The Inspector must devote some of his time and energy to keep the young Constable from trying to arrest anyone and everyone who fits her preconceived notion of an incriminating verbal threat or action.

Review by Gretchen M. Cupp

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 - Our group of adventurous diners will be meeting on **November 9, 5:30 p.m.**, to share a meal at the China Moon Chinese Restaurant at 315 Third Street in Marysville. One of

our members said the restaurant is under new ownership and the food is great so join us as we venture out to another local restaurant. For more information, contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, or lindazall66@gmail.com.



RABID READERS BOOK CLUB - The next meeting of this group will be **November 18, 10:00 a.m.**, at the Sutter County Library. For this meeting, the group is currently

reading *My Remarkable Journey: A Memoir* by Katherine Johnson. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama for her work on NASA's first flights into space. For more information, contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, or 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 about 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 – Our writing group meets on **November 8 at 10 am** at the Sutter Co. Library. Monthly we share our

writings. At the last Talking on Paper meeting members wrote about their early life experiences, interesting new events in their life, a poem about the changing seasons, and a poem about a trip that had to be aborted. We keep our writings to 2 pages, so everyone has a chance to communicate. Anyone who

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH loves to write and needs someone to listen, is welcome to join us. We inspire each other. We are not professionals, and most of us don't desire to publish. We enjoy a casual environment with friendly camaraderie. Call Joan Young, 530-713-1279 or email jdyoung7557@att.net for further information. See you there.



Traveling Gourmet went to the Sierra Nevada Brewery on Oct. 20. Pictured L-R are: Sue, Gloria, Carol, Kathryn, Mary, and Debbie.



TRAVELING GOURMET goes to lunch once a month to restaurants within about a 50 miles radius of Yuba City. Next meeting is Thursday, **November 17** hosted by Christy Estabrook location TBD. In December we will go to Paul Martin's in Roseville hosted by Carol. Note these dates are a week earlier than usual. **The group will meet on the 3rd Thursday (not the 4th Thursday) each month through December.** We carpool and meet in the Yuba City Bridge Street Raley's Shopping Center parking lot (at the east end between Wendy's & Huckleberry) **about 10:15 and leave at 10:30.** Reserve by the Monday prior to the lunch. 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.

MOVIE REVIEW - "Amsterdam"

This film is weird but wonderful. It slides back and forth between slapstick humor, romance, and political thriller. The story concerns three people who meet during WW I and become friends, (Bale) and lovers (Washington & Robbie). They move to Amsterdam after the war and try to regain some joy in their lives. Christian Bale plays a doctor, J.D. Washington plays a lawyer, and Margot Robbie plays their muse. Back in New York, where they reconnect with Robbie, the two men's lives are upended by a murder that leads them to political currents and conspiracies. The cast is amazing; in addition to the three main characters, the

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film has: Rami Malek, Anya Taylor-Joy, Zoe Saldana, Mike Myers, Michael Shannon, and Robert De Nero.

Review by Gretchen M. Cupp

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Executive Council Report

by Secretary Ellen O'Neil

The AAUW Executive Council met at 1 pm on **October 13, 2022** at the Sutter Supt. of Schools office. Attending were:

Martha Bunce, ECL

Sandy Davini, Treasurer

Ellen O'Neil, Secretary

Christy Estabrook, By-laws

Linda Zall, Communications

Gwyn Baker, Programs

Lee Jones, Membership

Carol Clark, Tech Trek Chair/MAL

Kathy Nehl, Member-At-Large

The meeting was called to order at 1:05. Approval of Agenda. Regarding last month's minutes, a question was resolved regarding whether Live Oak has an AAUW Branch. Sandy checked the California list of branches and they do not. Minutes of Sept. 8 Executive Council were then approved unanimously.

2. Information/Action Items - Reminders to everyone to send their job descriptions digitally to Linda Zall and hard copy to Liz Skelly.

3. Reports from Executive Council

Executive Council Leader: Martha pointed out that there was a great photo in the newspaper of the Tech Tech girls who attended and spoke at the last branch meeting. Gwyn commented that cell phone photos don't come out well in the meeting room so it makes a big difference to have a professional photographer.

The next meeting of the Executive Council cannot be held in the usual spot as the room is not available. A Zoom meeting will be conducted.

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH

Treasurer: Sandy let the group now that a past-president of the branch has died, and she needed approval to send a check to the library. Audrey Ohlson-Smith was 91 and lived in Grass Valley. She lived in Yuba County for a time so the check will be sent to their library. Lee Jones passed around an impressive and lengthy obituary from the Grass Valley paper.

Sandy handed copies of the budget. It was approved at the Sept. branch meeting.

Public Policy: For the branch meeting on Saturday, Martha will provide educational voting materials from the state AAUW. She will not include the material that suggests a yes or no vote.

Membership: Lee and Sandy said that there are currently 84 local members.

By-Laws: Christy had nothing new to report.

Nominating Committee: There is no report. However, Martha requested that Christy research the By-Laws for the dates that the committee is required to meet. Sandy and Martha brought up the need for a "Membership Treasurer" and that may require a change in the By-Laws. Lee is currently chair of the Nominating Committee and has served two years. She would like to resign the position.

Communication: Tuesday the 18th is the deadline for Feather Vane entries. There are no website changes. Our branch has 3 Facebook Groups: AAUW Marysville-Yuba City (organization page), AAUW-MVYC (open group page) and Art in the Garden (open group page about Garden Tour). Rosters that are not given out at the meetings will be mailed to recipients who have not received them.

Programs: Gwyn reported that speaker at this week's branch meeting will be from Recology. A

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representative from Blue Zones is scheduled for January. Other speakers planned or being contacted are: Robert Summa, editor of the local newspaper, Molly Bloom, Director of the Sutter Museum and a rep from the Homeless Consortium.

Projects: Sandy said that the STEM committee met this morning. All schools will be invited. The superintendents of Marysville and Yuba City will be encouraged to increase the number of students they send from last year's numbers. Martha said about 1/3 of the needed speakers have committed and encouraged everyone to approach any women they know in a STEM field to consider speaking. Diversity in speakers is a goal.

Garden Tour: Martha let us know that the tour would be emphasizing the south county.

TechTrek: Carol is waiting for the manual from the state to finalize the lengthy task list. So far, we have budgeted for 6 girls at \$1200 each.

TTAG: No information
Scholarships: No report

Coalition Drawing: Linda said that Marysville Art Club is not participating so AAUW may be able to get more luncheon tickets. She will have flyers at the branch meeting and will plea for donations. The raffle brings in a significant amount of money.

Other Business: Lee suggested that a membership form be put on the website and Facebook. Sandy said that one could be on the net that would need to be printed and mailed. Meeting adjourned at 2:05

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

Quotes of the month:

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." *Walt Disney*

"You only live once, but if you do it right once is enough." *Mae West*



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 AAUW California: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National: www.aauw.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10 am Garden Tour Com.	4	5 INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
6 <i>Daylight savings time ends</i>	7	8 10 am Talking on Paper <i>Election Day</i>	9 5:30 pm All Around Town	10 1 pm Via ZOOM Executive Council Meeting	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17 10:15 am Traveling Gourmet	18 10 am Rabid Readers	19 10 am BRANCH MEETING Buy Coalition Brunch tickets today
20	21	22	23	24 <i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</i>		26
27	28	29	30			

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Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch – DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR GIFT BASKETS

As a fundraiser for our branch, we will be selling tickets for a drawing for baskets at the December 10 Coalition Holiday Brunch.

The Executive Council is hopeful you will contribute to the baskets by bringing an item or two to the November 19 meeting to help fill the baskets.

Choose a theme from one of the following ideas and bring something that might go into the basket. We have provided some ideas along with the theme but feel free to use your imagination!

- **Local agricultural products:** prunes, rice, nuts, wine, napkins, or a piece of serveware,
- **Wine:** a bottle of wine, cocktail napkins, crackers and wafers, chocolate,
- **Specialty coffees/teas:** mugs, biscotti, cookies, candies,
- **Spa:** luxurious hand or body cream, shampoo, conditioner, bath bomb or salts, candle
- **Books:** a just released novel, a gently used book with a note describing why you liked it
- **Can't think of something?** you might like to purchase a gift card at Target or a local restaurant, a movie pass, a holiday item

If you have any questions or want more information, contact Linda Zall at 530-713-0552 or lindazall66@gmail.com

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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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