



Feather Vane –DECEMBER, 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, Dec. 8, 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.

Program Notes by Artis Buerki

YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Peach Tree Country Club

This is instead of a Dec. branch meeting



Tickets \$25 RESERVATIONS-AAUW

MEMBERS: Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992. Must arrive by Friday, November 25. If later than that call Artis Buerki, 530-671-5665 to see if space is still available.

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Please bring new pairs of men and women's socks, Arrid Aerosol Spray deodorant cans, disposable razors, or regular size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash as a donation to Hands of Hope.
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Sponsored by these local women's clubs:
AAUW, Marysville-Yuba City Branch
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Iota Sigma
Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City
Bridges to Housing
P.E.O. VU Chapter

Instead of having a branch meeting in December all are invited to go to the Coalition Holiday Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club. The concept of the joint brunch with other women's groups began about 25 years ago as an idea from Barbara Palser who was the AAUW branch President at that time. She was soon joined by Barbara McCarty who helped coordinate the events of the Women's Coalition for many years. The two Barbara's invited other women's groups in this area to meet with them once a year for an elegant morning event to be held at the then-new local golf club, Peach Tree Country Club, where they could share their projects and events with other like-minded women. Therefore, the Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch was born, and has continued in December each year, except for 2020 when the recent pandemic caused everything to be put on hold.

But the Holiday Brunch was back in December 2021, and this year on **December 10** four other women's organizations have joined AAUW to sponsor the 2022 Holiday Brunch. We look forward to seeing our friends of Delta Kappa Gamma, Soroptimist, Bridges to Housing, and P.E.O. that day at the Peach Tree.

Each attendee is asked to bring socks and toiletries to be given to HANDS OF HOPE. This year's entertainment will be provided by the LIVE OAK HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR and an honorarium of \$2 from each of your reservations is donated to the high school choir.

The 5 sponsoring organizations will each hold drawings that morning, and this is a major fundraiser for our AAUW branch. Please contribute items for our AAUW drawing of gift baskets to Linda Zall and Kathy Nehl as soon as possible. They are currently putting

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH baskets together and would appreciate your donations.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR GIFT BASKETS

- As a fundraiser for our branch, we will be selling tickets for the drawing for gift baskets at the December 10 Coalition Holiday Brunch. 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 themes but feel free to use your imagination!

Local agricultural products: prunes, rice, nuts, wine, napkins, or a piece of serve ware,

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 at a local restaurant, a movie pass, a holiday item.

Call Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, or email her lindazall66@gmail.com. Linda says she can arrange to pick up basket donations from you.



Liz Skelly was awarded her past-president's pin by Sandy Davini at the November 19 branch meeting.
Photo by Mary Mayfield

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Thank you to Molly Bloom, Director/Curator of the Sutter County Museum who was our guest speaker at the November 19 branch meeting. *Photo by Gwyn Baker*

Council Chat by Lee Jones

Martha has asked me to write the Council Chat this month. It was good to see approximately thirty-five members and guests at our November 19 meeting called to order by Liz Skelly.

I introduced our new member Jeannie Morrissey, and other guests were introduced. Gwyn Baker shared information about future programs planned in upcoming months including Editor of the Appeal Democrat Newspaper Robert Summa, The Homeless Consortium, and Blue-Zone. Gwen mentioned the April meeting date has been changed to April 22nd.

Today's speaker, Molly Bloom, was introduced by Gwyn Baker. Molly is the Director & Curator of the Sutter County Museum and she told us about her educational background and talked about the current exhibit at the museum. It is called Beauty and the Beast, which is about wildflowers of Northern California and climate change. She stressed the need for museum volunteers. Coming events include Trees and Traditions fundraiser on Dec. 2. The museum displays history of Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties and over 20,000 items are included in the collection. On Saturday November 26 the gift shop will have a 20% off sale. Ettel Hall is available for rental for special events like weddings receptions, celebrations of life and other events. A grant funding is being used towards three new murals designed by local artists. Molly's talk was well received and followed with lots of interesting questions coming from our audience. The presentation was followed by a delicious soup and salad luncheon prepared by Hillcrest Catering. There will not be a branch meeting in December due to the December 10 Coalition Holiday Brunch. The next branch meeting is January 21, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP- If you have a friend who is interested in AAUW please invite them to a meeting and let Lee Jones know so she provide membership information. Contact Lee Jones, lee@harkeyhouse.com. Our current membership is 86. Two new members recently joined. They are:

Kathy Bertelsen was recruited by Sue Palm, a friend and former colleague at Yuba College. Kathy's interests are quilting, reading, traveling. Kathy: 3221 Kola St., Live Oak 95953; 319.360.6790; kbertie0306@gmail.com. Yuba College-AA

Jean Morrissey (goes by Jeannie) was recruited by Mary Mayfield. Jeannie and her husband showed their beautiful garden at our Garden Tour a few years ago. Jeannie's passion is learning--she's great at teaching children. Jeannie: 530.673.6256; 640.701.0551-cell; jeannie517@syix.com. UC Berkeley-BA, Anthropology; Fuller Seminary-MA, Theology.

NEW MEMBER STORY Rita Montejano- Guanzon



Born in Texas our family moved to California in 1964. I grew up in Northern California where my home is now in Marysville.

I worked for NVSRHP, a non-profit chain of medical/dental clinics for 10 years as Assistant Director. For two years I worked as an Executive Assistant for the President of an Advertising and Manufacturing Company in Omaha, NE. I also worked as Administrative Support for the Department of Nursing at Yuba College for 26 ½ years and retired in 2014.

I have served on the following Boards:

- President, Member, Board of Directors – Ampla Health
- Board Member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Board Member, Chicano Awareness Center
- Member, Chicano Democratic Caucus
- Member, CA Health Federation

I am happy to be part of AAUW and hope to bring innovative ideas and assist in any way I can. Thank you.

(editor's note: Rita joined in the summer and was recruited by Betty Bonner)

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.**


Garden Tour Committee - We are planning the next Garden Tour scheduled for **May 6, 2023**. We meet on the first Thursday of the month from 10 am to noon. If you are interested in joining this exciting committee, please contact Martha Bunce. **Next meeting is December 1, 10 am.**

Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all our members who have December birthdays including Barbara Douyon, Donna Long, Christy Estabrook, Lee Jones, Linda Zall, & Sue Palm.



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!



Did you know?

Women are still largely "tracked" to lower-paying fields, and are vastly underrepresented in 9 of the 10 college majors that lead to the highest-paying jobs.

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INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate PLEASE CONTACT YOUR GROUP TO CONFIRM DECEMBER MEETING DATE.



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 - The group continues to explore the culinary scene in the local area, and we haven't repeated a restaurant yet. For our **Wednesday,**

December 14 dinner we plan to go to Kenzo Sushi Restaurant, 1655 Colusa Highway, #300, Yuba City. Don't let the word Sushi in the restaurant's name keep you away! One of our members said they have wonderful salmon and a variety of items on the menu other than sushi.

To join us contact Linda Zall, lindazall66@gmail.com, or 530-713-0552.



AAT went to China Moon on Nov. 9. Shown L-R are Donna, Kathryn, Mary, Debbie, Katharine, Linda, Betty, Tanna, Sue. Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield



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. See MOVIE REVIEWS on the next page of the movies we've recently attended. To be on the Movie group email list email Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net or Mary Mayfield 530-691-0336.



Movie group met for discussion on Nov. 21 after seeing She Said. L-R are Jeannie, Gretchen, Artis, Janet, Joan, and Ellen. Photo by Mary Mayfield



RABID READERS – Our next book club meeting will be **Friday, December 16** at 10:00 a.m. at the Sutter County Library with the traditional book exchange. Each

of the members brings a wrapped book to be entered into the exchange. What fun to unwrap and find a treasure of a read (new or gently used) from one of the members. This is also a time to share information about some of the other books members are reading (and the list is extensive). For the January 20 meeting, the group will be reading *The Engineer's Wife: A Novel*, by Tracey Enerson Wood. If you are interested in joining us contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, lindazall66@gmail.com.



Rabid Readers met on Oct. 21 at the library. L-R are Mary, Lee, Marilyn, Pat, Judy, Helen, Linda. Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield



TALKING ON PAPER – Our writing group will meet on **Tuesday, December 13** at 10 am at the Sutter Co. Library. We read our writings aloud and keep them to a maximum of 2 page so everyone has a chance to communicate. Members

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who loves to write and need 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 or email Joan Young, 530-713-1279, jdyoung7557@att.net if you want to join us.



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

December 15th we will go to Paul Martin's American Grill in Roseville, hosted by Carol Clark. We will carpool and will 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 530-301-2164 or Christy Estabrook 530-713-5223 if you want to be added to the contact list for future meetings of the Traveling Gourmet.



On November 17 the Traveling Gourmet went to Camden Spit and Larder in Sacramento hosted by Christy Estabrook. Shown here L-R are Dean Estabrook, Gloria, Mary, Liz, Sherry, Joan, Carol, and Christy. *Photo courtesy of Mary Mayfield*

MOVIE REVIEW - Ticket to Paradise

Review by Mary Mayfield

This is a romantic comedy that pits two screen legends against each other - George Clooney & Julia Roberts. Just watching these two is a delight. Their chemistry and comedic timing are spectacular. This is a movie that will give you a couple of hours of joy, although at times it is a bit contrived.

The movie is about a divorced couple who race to Bali (Beautiful scenery) to try to sabotage their daughter's marriage. It is a lighthearted movie with a light moral

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message that there are three things needed for a decision to marry. These three things are time, place, and circumstances. These lessons are on a collision course that leads to a great finale.

MOVIE REVIEW – She Said

Review by Artis Buerki

The book She Said by investigative reporters Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey is a detailed story about what eventually led to the newspaper articles in the New York Times and earned a Pulitzer Prize. The movie by the same name brings it to life.

Their work has brought down one of the men in the movie industry who was finally charged and sentenced for what he'd done to women and quietly covered up for years through payoffs and threats. The book is not a novel, and the movie is not a salacious tell all, nor does it glamorize the crimes of more than one man mentioned in the movie and book. After due diligence finally in 2017 Jodi Kantor (played in the movie by Zoe Kazan) and Megan Twohey (played by Carey Mulligan) found women who were willing to talk about the movie producer's sexual abuses in an effort to save others from the degradation that they had experienced, and to protect other women from having to endure the same. The book is not an easy read, and the movie was hard to watch, but it shows the power in numbers and the effort of doing the right thing to protect others from being victimized.

MOVIE REVIEW – Till

Review by Gretchen Cupp

This is a movie about racism and violence in America, specifically in Mississippi in the 1950s. A young boy leaves his Chicago home to visit his relatives down south. His interactions with a white woman are mere childish bravado, the opposite of how his mother told him to behave. While the attack on the boy takes place off screen, the consequences are shown quite vividly. The boy's mother insists that everyone should see what has happened to her son, and it is shocking. So shocking, in fact that the assault and the mother's fruitless efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice galvanized not only the black community, but the country as a whole. The boy is played by Jalyn Hall, and the mother by Danielle Deadwyler, who makes her anguish real and moving.



Executive Council Report

by Secretary Ellen O'Neil

Executive Council met on November 10, 2022 at 1 pm via zoom as the usual meeting room was unavailable. Attendees: Martha Bunce, Sandy Davini, Liz Skelly, Gwyn Baker, Lee Jones, Linda Zall, Ellen O'Neill, and MAL Kathy Nehl, Joann Nixon, Carol Clark

Minutes from October were approved with one change: Martha is the Branch Leader, not the president. General Information: Martha will be unavailable for the Nov. 19th General Branch meeting. Liz will chair the meeting and Lee will take notes for a report to be sent to the Feather Vane. Martha will take the computer to Liz.

Communication: Deadline for the Feather Vane is Tuesday, November 22nd at noon.

Job Descriptions: are still needed regarding Leader, Secretary and Treasurer. The latter is awaiting decision as to whether it will be a shared position or divided into Treasurer and Membership Treasurer. It was suggested that Job Descriptions be developed for the large projects such as STEM and Garden Tour. The committee agreed with Martha's suggestion that the "Task Lists" for each project are sufficient.

Nominating Comm: Sandy responded to Martha's query regarding what the by-laws state regarding the Nominating Committee. It needs to be appointed by the Executive Council and there must be three members. One as a chairperson. The members serve one year or a maximum of two consecutive terms. A report must be sent to the general membership 30 days prior to the April meeting.

Change of meeting date: Given Spring Break times, the committee decided to change the April branch meeting from April 15th to the 22nd. Sandy will check with Hillcrest catering as to whether the change can be accommodated.

Treasurer: Having spoken to Christy, Sandy stated that she has been calling other branches to ask if they split the role of Treasurer. So far she has not found any branch that has a membership treasurer. She will suggest to Christy that she contact AAUW California for advice regarding splitting duties.

Correspondence: The Branch received the regular update from the Arts Council and an invitation to Trees and Traditions from the museum Treasurer's Report: A copy of the report was emailed to all EC members.

Public Policy: There is nothing new from state or national AAUW. Proposition 1 passed. There was a discussion as to Martha's consideration of writing an article for the Feather Vane regarding abortion being a personal decision. Discussion followed as to the possibility of creating dissension within the membership. She will continue to consider the idea.

Membership: Lee is anticipating that one or two new members are "in the works". Ethel Jorgensen, Kathy Bertelsen and Jeannie Morrissey joined since the last meeting and will be welcomed at the November Branch meeting.

Nominating Committee: Martha will ask Christy Estabrook to be a member. Joyce Smith and Joann Nixon have agreed to be on the committee. There was a question as to how many officers will need to be nominated. Linda and Ellen agreed to stand for a new term. The treasurer must be elected every year. Sandy is willing to be an officer but not as the current duties demand. She and Liz will meet about a solution. If Liz becomes a "co-treasurer", a new Projects Chair will have to be recruited.

Rosters: Discussion ensued regarding the Executive Council getting regularly updated digital rosters of the membership. Linda will provide that after the holidays. Sandy gets a number of calls from members asking what their member number is, therefore, the idea was floated to include membership numbers in the 2023-2024 roster.

Programs: There may be a \$100 or so cost if the general meeting doesn't get 35 attendees. Gwyn reported that 32 members have given their RSVP for the meeting on the 19th. She has asked Molly to speak about things that people might not know about the museum. Many members are very familiar with it and go regularly. Future Programs: January-Blue Zones, Feb.- Robert Summa from the Appeal April-Homeless Consortium, June-Tri-Counties Diversity Projects.

STEM: Sandy said planning is on target, but facilities and registration details will need work before the meeting. Presenters are still needed. Liz will ask Dr. Dotson, YC College president to be the keynote speaker as she has already agreed to be a presenter.

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Martha and Liz met with the new VP of Student Services who is very familiar with the needs of the day.

Garden Tour: Martha said that good progress is being made. A few more gardens are needed but there is time to do so. She states that she has a great committee with 2 new members.

Tech Trek: Branch Coordinators are meeting virtually on Monday. We need to know about cost and numbers of girls. Carol is awaiting the state manual.

Martha will be sending letters to the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools regarding a sponsorship for Tech Trek.

Scholarships: Liz was notified that 63 applicants needed review. There is usually little notice from the college for the timeline needed. More members are necessary due to the rapid turnaround often required with little notice. One on her committees couldn't help at all and the other was only able to review the last 6 that stood out to Liz. Bhavna Mahi is majoring in bioengineering, is president of the Jakarta Students, coaches high school basketball, has an outstanding GPA with a full load of science classes. The scholarship is \$500 for the Fall Semester. Though we

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received a donation in August, it had to be based on the previous fiscal year balance. The Woman's Club scholarship was not available this year.

Other Business: Interbranch Council Meeting: Eleven people came on Saturday the 5th for the Yuba City lunch. Planning is ongoing for the annual luncheon which will be held in Redding on February 4th. Jan Britton from the Chico Branch is looking for someone to speak on Indigenous women and possibly, the ongoing tragedy of missing women.

Sunshine: Martha and Sandy mentioned that they are concerned for Janet Theiss. Gretchen Cupp is efficient with sending out the appropriate greeting cards to members. She's never requested reimbursement though it is covered in the budget. Sandy was asked to send her some stamps.

Coalition Drawing: Linda requests everyone to bring raffle items to the General Meeting, however, she is willing to accept them at home or even, to come to get them.

Other Business: Sandy suggested that members look for the CA. AAUW monthly webinar. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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

Quotes of the month:

“It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.” *Confucius*

“The Secret to getting ahead is getting started.” *Mark Twain*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 10 am STEM Com. 1 pm Executive Council Meeting	9	10 9:30 am COALITIAN HOLIDAY BRUNCH at PEACH TREE COUNTRY CLUB
11	12	13 10 am Talking on Paper	14 5:30 pm All Around Town	15 10:15 am Traveling Gourmet	16 10 am Rabid Readers	17
18	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 Happy New Year!

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