



Feather Vane – FEBRUARY, 2023

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 **Feb. 9, Thursday, 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 – FEB. 18

When: Saturday, February 18

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)

Speaker: Robert Summa, Newspaper Editor

Menu: Lunch Buffet following speaker

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.

local journalism, and the struggles facing newspapers in an age of increased opposition to the media and a lack of media literacy among the general public.

URGENT: FACILITATORS NEEDED for STEM Conference

We need Facilitators for our STEM Career Awareness Conference for 8th-grade girls! The conference will be held **Monday, March 27th** at Yuba College in Marysville. Your time commitment would be 8:30 am to noon. The facilitator's role is to help the speaker's job go smoothly. Facilitators assist by keeping an eye on the time, encouraging girls to ask questions, and calling our contact person if technology help is required. Each facilitator stays in the room with the speaker for their three 30-minute presentations. Please ask your friends and family who might be interested! If you know of someone email Gwyn Baker at GDCARYL@yahoo.com or phone Mary Mayfield at 530-591-0336.

Program Notes



by Gwyn Baker

Robert Summa, editor of the Appeal-Democrat in Marysville and The Union in Grass Valley, will be our **February 18th** speaker. He moved to the area from Texas in August 2021 and his family soon followed in October 2021. A graduate of Hofstra University in New York, Summa grew up mainly on the East Coast in the Washington, D.C., metro area. He has worked for several publications and online outlets in places such as Oklahoma, New Mexico, New York City, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Texas and now here in Yuba-Sutter. He's interested in all things related to news and has a special affinity for basketball and politics. The Appeal-Democrat continues to support AAUW and its projects. Come find out the importance of

Council Chat

by Martha Bunce

I hope everyone is safe, warm, and dry after a remarkably stormy month. Our

January EC meeting was in person, and it was a wonderful New Year's gift to see everyone's smiling faces.



Two upcoming events to put on your calendars are the Interbranch Meeting on **February 4th** and the annual Women's Coalition Brunch on **December 9th**. Interbranch refers to interaction among the AAUW branches in our Northern California region. It meets several times year for

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH lunch, rotating among the branches. Marysville-Yuba City hosted the last meeting and Redding is the host in February. Liz is our official representative to Interbranch and would love to have several of our members carpool with her to Redding. It promises to be a very interesting program, and it's fun to hear what other branches are doing, to share ideas, and to brag a bit about our branch.

No Branch meeting in March. We will need all hands on deck for the STEM Career Awareness Conference on **March 27** (say yes when asked to help!). Be sure to plan to come to the April meeting, not only for the program, but also to vote on the slate of Executive Council officers that the Nominating Committee has presented to the Council.

IBC (Interbranch Council) - February 4 in Redding

Liz reminded everyone that the Redding Branch will be hosting on **February 4th, 11:30 am, cost is \$30**. Registration is solely online but Liz will take checks and handle registration for people who prefer that process. A speaker is not yet confirmed. The planners are hoping for an indigenous woman to talk about the status of missing women. **Contact Liz Skelly, 530-635-0821 right away if you plan to attend.**

Janet Theiss wrote this a few years ago about why to attend IBC (Interbranch Council) meetings:

1. It is REALLY interesting and informative to talk with members from other branches.
2. Sometimes they have ideas that we can use to enhance even our branch's very successful programs.
3. Sometimes we do the same for them.
4. We can attend other branches' events. Wine tasting, anyone? Antique appraisals?
5. The speaker sounds interesting.

**VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:
mvyc-ca.aauw.net**

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

by Joann Nixon, Christy Estabrook, Joyce Smith

January 12, 2023 - Executive Council members whose terms expire June 30, 2023, are Ellen O'Neal, Sandy Davini (treasurer), and Linda Zall.

The Nominating Committee has determined that all retiring Executive Council members are willing to stand for reelection and recommends that they be forwarded to the membership for election. The Treasurer is a one-year term, the other two nominees are three-year terms. Election will take place at our April branch Annual meeting.

For planning purposes, the following Executive Council members' terms are completed as follows:
June 30, 2024: Christy Estabrook, Lee Jones, Gwyn Baker, Sandy Davini

June 30, 2025: Martha Bunce, Liz Skelly, Sandy Davini

All Executive Council Members-at-Large are appointed annually for one-year terms by the Council.

New Member Opportunities

by Lee Jones & Sandy Davini

Shape the Future: Exciting opportunity for new members - AAUW Marysville-Yuba City Branch is designating our Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 2023, Branch Meetings as Shape the Future events to encourage new members to join. Please invite prospective members to attend one or both meetings. Membership is open to both women and men who have at least an Associate Degree or greater. If they join at a Jan. or Feb. meeting, they will get a 50% (\$33.50) discount on their first-year national dues. That means they can join for \$66.50 (instead of \$100) for twelve months. New members would owe a full year's dues when they renew a year later.

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

Roster correction:

Sue Palm, 723 Toddwick Avenue, Marysville, 95901
Email: sue.palm@crc.losrios.edu

MEET A NEW MEMBER-Kathy Bertelsen



It's so very nice to be in the Yuba Sutter area again. I am thankful that my friends Sue Palm and Tanna Thomas told me about AAUW. After attending my first meeting with Sue Palm featuring the STEM graduates, I was very impressed.

Returned to the area after living in Southern Jersey for a couple of years and Iowa for over 20 years. Enjoyed the adventures I had and the people I met while I was gone but now it's great to reconnect with my friends and with my children who live nearby.

I was very fortunate to have worked at Yuba College for 18 years before I left. I received my AA from Yuba, and I am definitely a community college fan. While I was gone, I enjoyed working for the CFO in a manufacturing company; worked at an investment/insurance company; and lastly at a hospital. The experiences and the people I met were great, and I came back to this area finally retired. Some of the activities I enjoy are traveling, reading, quilting.

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 **Feb. 9**, 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 **Feb. 2**, 10 am, at Sutter County Library.

TTAG REPORT by Joann Nixon

The TTAG program met at the home of Joann Nixon on December 22, 2022, from 3 to 5 pm. Those attending were Tech Trek alumni Malena Childers (TT-2017), Texas A & M University, Zoe Rosalas, (TT-2016), George Washington University, Maya Rosalas, (TT-2012), Stanford University, and Natalie Buzzini (TT-2018), Senior River Valley High, and committee member Kelly Swanson. Unable to attend were Latoya Green, Joscelin Robles, Lydia Donaldson, Aemilia Thompson, Abigayle Thompson, Trinity Gomez, and Chloe Nguyen.

We reviewed the items outlined by The State AAUW for TTAG Programs (Post Camp engagement, Activities, Volunteerism, building inclusive community among all alumnae and branch members) and briefly discussed how MY-YC TTAG is meeting these goals. The members offered information about their current journey. Malena has a definite path to Fire Fighter Service which can lead to program and policy leadership at the State level. She worked as a firefighter on wildfires this summer and is currently working as a firefighter in the community during winter break from A&M. When she graduated from Fire Fighter School she was the only female. There are very few women in the field and Malena spoke of opportunities open in the profession.

Zoe is on a path to medical and human services for disadvantage populations. Her sister Maya started her education at Berkley, went to Washington D.C. and is now in a Master's Program at Stanford for Diplomat Service with Environmental Biodiversity.

Natalie spoke about the benefits of dual-enrollment with Yuba College all four years of high school which prepares students for enrollment in higher education. Students can be ready to enroll as Juniors in higher education when they graduate from high school. Also, financing higher education can be a free ride for first generation students as well as income eligibility families. She also spoke about the value of participating in clubs that are offered in high school. (Key Club, Interact Club, CSF Club, and community volunteerism, SayLove, etc.)

Discussion was held about pursuing an option of opening a Facebook Account for MYV-YC TTAG posts to offer information and contacts regarding a path to education and success.

Also, they were invited to attend a Branch meeting whenever they are available on a third Saturday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted, *Joann Nixon TTAG Chair*

Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all our members who have February birthdays including Edette Mills, Amy Molina-Jones, Edna Smyth, Joan Young, and Artis Buerki.

And did you know that the Birthday Flowers for February are primroses and violets?



If you didn't see your name here, but think you should, please contact 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!

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 -

This group of adventurous diners continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Our next dinner will be **Feb. 8** at a yet to be determined location. Some of our recent outings have been to Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, Fernando's Cali Kitchen, Dancing Tomato Caffe, and Kenzo's Sushi Restaurant (and, yes, they have much more than sushi). For more information, contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552 or lindazall66@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Despite earning more college degrees and making up half the labor force, women are still much less likely than men to rise to the highest paying and most prestigious leadership roles.



The dinner group went to Pasquini's Restaurant in Live Oak on January 11. Shown (L-R) are Betty, Debbie, Linda, Katharine, Mary, Tanna, Kathy, and Sue.



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 Monday matinees. To be on the Movie group email list contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net or Mary Mayfield 530-691-0336.

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RABID READERS – The book group meets on the third Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Sutter County Library. Our next meeting will be **Feb. 17**. At the January meeting we discussed *The Engineer's Wife: A Novel*, by Tracey Enerson Wood, historical fiction about the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge. For the February meeting we are reading *When Women Lead: What They Achieve, Why They Succeed, and How We Can Learn from Them* by Julia Boorstin. For more information, contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552 or lindazall66@gmail.com.



TALKING ON PAPER – Our writing group meets on the 2nd Tuesday morning, 10 am of each month at the Sutter County Library. New members are welcome who like to express themselves on paper (writing about travel, family, new experiences, memories or poetry). We have a good time sharing, laughing, and empathizing with each other. See you there on **Feb. 14**. Call Joan Young for details at 530-713-1279.



TRAVELING GOURMET goes to lunch once a month to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City. We are returning to the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet on **Feb. 23**, location TBD. We will 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 530-301-2164 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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BOOK REVIEW – The Engineer's Wife

Review by Mary Mayfield

Our book club recent selection was The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood.

The book is based on a true story of a little-known American Icon. EMILY ROEBLING refuses to live conventionally. She knows who she is and what she wants, and she is determined to make changes. But then her husband, Washington Roebling, (chief Engineer on the Brooklyn Bridge) asks the unthinkable

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(in those days): to give up her dreams and make his dream possible.

Washington Roebling is injured on the job and proceeds to train and guide Emily to assume the responsibility of completing the Brooklyn Bridge. She faces much resistance and overwhelming obstacles and with no formal education in a field where women have never entered; but she perseveres.

As the monument rises, Emily's marriage, principles, and identity threaten to collapse. The story gains interest with the freewheeling temptations of P.T. Barnum which threaten the stability of her marriage. Also included in the book are the facts of the Suffragettes and Emily's contribution to that cause.

Our book club has found many women in History that have made great contributions with little recognition.

MOVIE REVIEW – The Fabelmans

Review by Gretchen Cupp

One definition of a fable is a fictitious statement; another is a narration enforcing some useful truth. I believe Steven Spielberg, co-writer of this film, means the latter. In his long career, this is only the third film he has both directed and written. It is the story of his youth, detailing how early he began making films and his reasons for doing so. Reviewers have long commented on the fractured families in his movies; in *The Fabelman* we see young Sam encouraged by his pianist mother and doubted by his computer engineer father. Through his camera lens, he sees a secret relationship that will change family dynamics. The cast has Paul Dano as the father, Michelle Williams as the mother, Seth Rogan as Uncle Ben and cameos by Judd Hirsch and David Lynch. If you are interested in Spielberg's work or simply enjoy an interesting family story, I would recommend it- available on demand.

MOVIE REVIEW – A Man Named Otto

Review by Mary Mayfield

When you go to a "Tom Hanks" movie you always have high expectations. He has played so many beloved roles, but never a curmudgeon.

A Man Called Otto is a comedy/drama about a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and son. He only sees bad in the world and is clinically depressed. This all starts to change when an abrasive and overly optimistic Marisol and family become new neighbors. Marisol attempts to break through his

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH hardened exterior and does so in such a becoming way with her children. As the movie unfolds with multiple thwarted suicide attempts, one begins to forgive his grumpiness as her friendship turns his life around.

The movie shows flashbacks of tragedy which makes one understand why Otto has morphed into a grump.

He begins to soften underneath his abrasive exterior when a former student of his wife's and a dying neighbor needs his help. His love for a stray cat also come into play. All in all, it was a very enjoyable movie (as I expected), but I forgot to bring Kleenex as it is hard to not tear up. If you missed it, you missed a good one.



Executive Council Report

by Secretary Ellen O'Neil

Executive Council Minutes January 12, 2023

In Attendance: Martha Bunce, Betty Bonner, Linda Zall, Mary Mayfield, Liz Skelly, Ellen O'Neil, Sandy Davini, Joann Nixon, Gwyn Baker, Kathy Nehl

The meeting was called to order at 2:04p.m.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved with no corrections or changes.

Martha handed out minutes from the September Branch Business meeting during which the budget was approved by the membership. There was a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept minutes and the budget.

Sandy had a list of duties for the Branch Meeting Assistant Treasurer. This person will be responsible for the registration fees from members and payment to caterer. She also has assembled a calendar. Liz has agreed to take on the duties for the rest of this year.

Liz is still formatting a job description template for Executive Council positions.

Nominating Committee: Joanne reported for the chair, Christy Estabrook. The committee has determined that all retiring Executive Council members are willing to stand for reelection and recommends that they be forwarded to the membership for election. These are:

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Ellen O'Neil, Linda Zall and Sandy Davini (Treasurer). The Treasurer is a one-year term and the other two are three year terms.

The EC voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

Correspondence: The Branch received a thank-you card from the Live Oak High School choir for our donation made in response to their performance at the Coalition Brunch in December.

Treasurer's Report: There is still money allotted in the budget for a Women's Support Organization. The actual organization is yet to be determined. Previously, it went to the Re-entry program at Yuba College, however, that program is not functioning at the current time.

The Tea Bag Fundraiser happens in February. Joann and Linda will work on address labels and Sandy will work on the letter. They will speak with Jeanne Schultz, who usually handles it to see what help she might need following a recent health challenge. Nominations for two AAUW members to be honored need to happen in April.

Public Policy: No report

Membership: Per Lee Jones, Martha states that there are no new members. January and February will be "Shape the Future" months. New members will get a \$33.50 discount on their first year of membership, paying \$66.50.

Communications: Linda plans to add birthdays, as well as Member Numbers to the Roster. She reports that Artis needs Feather Vane articles by the 15th and that she has made some changes to the Facebook page.

Linda participated in the state Tech Group Meeting. There was a question as to whether local branches can use the pictures posted by the state for Tech Trek publicity. EC is eagerly waiting the answer.

The next Coalition Brunch is already booked at Peachtree Country Club for December 9, 2023. AAUW will get two tables for the raffle prizes. Attendance will be capped at 100 women. The Branch collected \$638 from the 2022 gathering.

Programs: The January 21st meeting will feature a speaker the Blue Zones Project. About 14 more registrants are needed to meet the required 35 at Hillcrest Catering. The Homeless Consortium has

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH agreed to send a speaker in April and Gwyn is awaiting confirmation of a representative from TriCounty Diversity for June's meeting.

Projects:

STEM Conference: 20 speakers are lined up; need five more. The committee was able to get new members who are helping with registration, and interaction with Yuba College. The next meeting for STEM is February 9th and they can always use members. Additionally, more facilitators are needed for the March 27, 2023 event.

Garden Tour: It can happen with the current number of gardens promised but Martha is trying for 2 more. The reception will be held at a venue so, unlike previous years, it will be necessary to put down a deposit and sign a contract. The money will be returned, however.

Brochure will definitely indicate no dogs are allowed and note a \$250 penalty if that rule is ignored. Garden owners will submit their own pictures and descriptions of their gardens for the brochure.

Joann will ask some TTAG girls to volunteer as hostesses at the Gauche Park registration site.

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Tech Trek: No report. Committee is meeting this evening.

TTAG: Joann had a meeting with some of them over the Christmas break. She would like to invite some to the Branch meetings, as a guest, just to update the membership on their current educational pursuits.

Scholarships: No report

Interbranch Meeting: Liz announced that it will be held on February 4th at the McConnell Foundation in Redding. The speaker will talk about the serious issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Artis will send out a notice so members can register. Redding only allows online payments but Liz will collect checks from members who cannot pay in that manner.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.

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

As you know, California has gone through redistricting. As Congressman John Garamendi leaves our district, he emailed this information to his constituents. Here is what he said about the progress that has been made over the last 10 years on **EDUCATION** – 'I believe all students, from pre-kindergarten to the post graduate university levels deserve every opportunity to advance and prosper. I am honored to represent



several leading K-12 schools and top-tier universities in Congress. Over the last 10 years, I have

Secured **\$11 million** in federal assistance for local college and university students who were struggling financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Secured over **\$4.7 billion** in federal research funding for UC Davis

Introduced the 'Student Loan Refinancing and Recalculation Act' (**H.R.1918**) to allow student loan borrowers to refinance their loans at a significantly lower rate.

Fought against efforts in Congress to cut jobs for K-12 teachers in California

Voted for **\$15 billion** for California's K-12 schools as part of the American Rescue Plan (H.R. 1319)"

Congressman Garamendi reads to Head Start students in Marysville for Read Across America Day.

(Editor's Note) To read more about nation-wide achievements in past 10 years for Veterans Services, Fight for Seniors, Healthcare, Water Control, and Farmers go to our website mvyca.aauw.net FOR MEMBERS ONLY page (password FMO2022)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10 am Garden Tour Com.	3	4 11:30 am IBC luncheon in Redding
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