



Feather Vane, APRIL 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 meets **April 13, 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 – APRIL 22

When: Saturday, APRIL 22

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: Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium

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.

in Ministerial Studies from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2021.

In addition to overseeing the work of the Consortium, Johnny sits on the board of directors for the Twin Cities Rescue Mission, and the Regional Emergency Shelter Team (REST), both congregate homeless shelters in the Yuba Sutter area. Johnny received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Sacramento State University in 2001.

When not helping people experiencing homelessness, or performing church activities, The Burkes can be found on the baseball diamond cheering on their daughter Cori, 11, and their son, James, 8.

STEM Conference was big success!

On Monday, March 27, we held our STEM Conference at Yuba College, with 780 students in attendance.



The girls all met together in the gym to get the information for the day and to hear a message from Dr. Tawny Dotson who is the President of Yuba College.

Program Notes

by Gwyn Baker

Johnny Burke is the Executive Director of the Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium. He and his wife Chelsea came to Marysville in 2015 to Pastor New Beginnings Wesleyan Church. Several weeks in, a van full of homeless men from the Twin Cities Rescue Mission visited and from then on, the Burkes became involved in helping people experiencing homelessness in the Yuba Sutter area. Chelsea began working for the Homeless Consortium in

2018 and is the Coordinated Entry/Data Manager who oversees the Homeless Management Information System, all referrals of clients to shelters and programs, and classes offered at the Coordinated Entry sites. Chelsea received her bachelor's degree



Three of our 2022 TTAG girls, Simrat Johal, Madeline Fedora, and Reylee Brown, were there.



The girls arrived from 25 different schools and made their way to the gym for the opening ceremonies before each girl went to her three sessions. The sessions were led by 21 working community women who use the STEM subjects in their careers.



Here are 4 friends who posed for the camera. Photos by Joann Nixon



On March 21 more than a dozen of us worked to prepare the packets for the March 27 STEM Conference. Photo by Mary Mayfield

Important Message:

Please do not pay a membership dues statement from National AAUW if you receive one. Sandy Davini, our branch treasurer, assures you that we will let you know when your dues are due.



Local stores are helping us. Now it's our turn.

by Martha Bunce, GT Chair

In March you got 2 Garden Tour tickets in the mail.

Here's our chance to make sure there is enough money to do the good work we do!

The Garden Tour is our ONLY public fund raiser (yay!), and 4 local stores (K. Roberts Gifts, Country Florist, Sperbeck's Nursery, and Union Lumber) are all selling tickets for us in their stores. Let's help them out! So PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE sell or purchase those 2 tickets and send a \$50 check in the addressed envelope provided. Or bring your money to the April 22 Branch meeting.

If you are not able to sell or buy these tickets please return them on April 22 at the branch meeting to Kathy Nehl, our ticket chairwoman, or mail them back to us. And if you want more tickets to sell, please call Kathy, (530-632-6050) and she will arrange to get more tickets to you.

(Editor's note: Go to page 9 of this Feather Vane to print out the Garden Tour flyer)

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

Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all our members who have **April birthdays** including Lorraine Ainsworth, Barbara Alves, Martha Bunce, Barbara Kenney, Janet Theiss, and Marcie Watts.



And did you know that the Cheerful daisies, like Shasta daisies, represent April birthdays? While they often symbolize beauty,

innocence, love or purity, they can also mean, "I'll never tell." Sweet peas are also birth flowers for April. And did you know that if Lee Jones, Linda Zall, Joan Young or Artis Buerki call you or email and ask for your birthday month, it isn't a scam or a hoax. We're asking because we'd like to recognize YOU when your special month comes around in this column, in the roster, and with a birthday card sent by Gretchen Cupp, our Sunshine chair, so please reply if you are asked.



**Message from AAUW California,
March 10, 2023 –**

The month of March is dominated by women, which is probably one of the few times that's true. March 1 kicked off **Women's History Month**. March 9 is **Harriet Tubman Day**; March 14 is **Equal Pay Day**, and March 20 is **National Rosie the Riveter Day**.

In 1918, the first-elected women entered the California State Legislature. There were four of them. The Associated Press wrote at the time: "California is perfectly willing that her daughters should vote, but she is somewhat dubious about the advisability of putting them in office."

Setting aside the irony that California is described as "she", we should think about how things have changed. At our **March 22-23 Lobby Days** event, 132 AAUW members and five Gov-Trek students will enter those same halls in person or virtually to meet legislators and advocate for the bills we support. The difference is that there will be 50, not four, behind those doors. AP will have to write something different this time.

Advocacy & Action by *Martha Bunce*
Let's ratify the Equal Right Amendment.
The Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced in 1921. We have waited long enough. Our Senators support SJ res 4, which would remove the ratification deadline and recognize all the states' votes already on the books in favor of the amendment. Our local Congressmen do not. Call your Congressman to urge support of the Equal Rights Amendment. **AAUW TAKE ACTION LINK:** <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/era/>.

District 1 - All of Sutter County, plus Marysville and Yuba County west of highway 70 and south of Marysville **Doug LaMalfa**, 1585 Butte House Road, Suite D, Yuba City, (530) 645-6225

District 3 - Rural Yuba County, NOT Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst, Plumas Lake, Wheatland, Rio Oso, Nicolaus, Robbins Beale AFB.

Kevin Kiley, 6538 Lonetree Blvd, Suite 200 Rocklin CA 95765, (916) 724-3855
To confirm your district rep. here is website to district map: <https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-congressional-district-map-2021/>



Our branch member **Karen Villalobos** is the Superintendent and Principal at Twin Rivers School, and she was honored on March 10 when she received the Superintendent/Principal of the Year Award from Region 2 Association of California School Administrators. *Thank you, Sandy Davini, for this photo.*

VOTE for our branch officers at our Annual Meeting - April 22

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 22 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –



AAUW NATIONAL VOTING PERIOD IS APRIL 5 TO MAY 15.

ONLINE VOTING IS ENCOURAGED.

TTAG NEWS --Chloe Nguyen (2018) was Bok Kai Hostess in February parade.

by Joann Nixon, TTAG Coordinator



Chloe is a member of our TTAG (2018). She was the Bok Kai Hostess in the February 25 parade in Marysville.

I caught up with her at the start of the parade in the 2023 Bok Kai Hostess car and followed her to the parade reviewing stand where she had responsibilities to help score entries. Chloe was an outstanding representative for the Chinese community as you can see by her enjoyable waving to the crowd and her



engaging with the parade entries. We are pleased that Chloe is a member of the TTAG program and hope to keep in touch with her future goals and successes.

(Editor's note: Read interview by Joann Nixon with Chloe Nguyen in your March 2023 Feather Vane.)

TTAG Interview with Briar Hill (2017)

by Joann Nixon, TTAG Coordinator



On March 19 I interviewed Briar Hill who is TTAG class of 2017. Briar notified TTAG that she will be leaving for a mission to Santiago, Chili for her church and invited AAUW members to her farewell on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Briar was introduced by the woman that was her Sunday school teacher when Briar came to the area with her family when she was seven years old. The teacher reported that Briar was, "Outstanding since the first day in class and knew all the answers to the questions on the lesson."

Briar told us that she came to her decision to serve a mission last year when she was away at college, and without any urging from anyone. The first thing she did was call her mother. She told us she is very close to her family and, "That was the hardest part of making a decision to serve a mission for 18 months." Briar sees her mission as, "Service to others with kind words to spread happiness, joy and light through my belief in Jesus Christ." Her teacher's quote, "My words and actions reflect what is in my heart," fits Briar. She is joyful, engaging, articulate, and outgoing. Our best wishes go with Briar. We are on her newsletter list and hope to report to the *Feather Vane* from time to time.

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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. Please add these new members to your roster:

Ethel Jorgensen, 1410 Debbie Lane, YC 95993; 530.218.7533; etheljorg@yahoo.com. AA in Accounting from Yuba College. Ethel is a friend of Sue Palm and worked with Liz Skelly at Yuba College.

Bal Dhillon, 1515 Malta Drive, Yuba City, 95993, baljinderdhillon91@gmail.com; 530.632.9746. CSU Sacramento: Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. She was encouraged to renew by Artis Buerki.

Cynthia L. Fontayne, 725 F St., Marysville, 95901. 310.936.9001, cynthiafontayne@gmail.com; Vassar: BA, Sociology/Sociology/English/Art. Cynthia lists artist, writer, books, reading as her passions. She was recruited by Lee Jones.

Diana McVicker, 3206 Lilac Court, Live Oak, 95953 dilmcvicker2521@gmail.com; 909.532.2521. Diana joined AAUW in 2021 and is transferring from the Ontario/Upland/ Rancho Cucamonga branch after her recent retirement from the IT industry.

MEET NEW MEMBER – Diana McVicker

I'm a native Californian born and raised in San Francisco. I have two girls and they were raised in San Mateo. My early adult life was as a homemaker raising the girls and volunteering at their school and as a "pink lady" at our local hospital. Post high school education began later in my life with an AS degree in drafting transferring to SFSU for a BA in Industrial Technology and work as an electro-mechanical drafter. I returned to CSU, Chico, for a teaching credential in conjunction with an occupational credential allowing me to teach



ROP. I moved to San Bernadino County and taught Drafting/beginning Architecture/CAD/ROP at Nogales HS in Los Angeles County for 10 years only to return to school for another credential, SpEd/RSP and a MA in education. I continued teaching for another 10 years mixing in department chair and summer school. During the first 10 years, I became involved with CITEA and LACITEA. California Industrial Technology Educators Assoc and the Los Angeles branch. I've been the secretary/treasurer for the past 8 years for LACITEA. Other volunteer work has included TSA, Ontario Airport, and as a lunch server for the Upland Senior Center. Other organizations include EPT and Mended Hearts, LLU Chapter 34.

I love the outdoors and traveling. I've completed a marathon and several century bike rides. Both of which I no longer do although I still bike and walk. Lap swimming in also in this mix. I sew heart pillows for LLU and crochet baby blankets for "new mom" layettes. I helped make wood toys (EPT) that went to under-served local (LA) charities.

My girls are both in their 50's and granddaughter 23. My grandsons are all four legged, furry and a whole lot younger.

(Editor's Note: This picture of Diana was taken on a Road Scholar Trip to Bryce Canyon.)

MEET NEW MEMBER - Ethel Jorgensen



Hi, I'm Ethel Jorgensen. I was born & raised in the Y-S area & spent most of my time living in Marysville. I graduated from Marysville grammar & high school & Yuba College. I have worked for B of A, Yuba County, Rideout Hospital, Sutter County & 22 years for Yuba College in the business services accounting department.

I have 2 daughters, 2 adult grandchildren, 1 crazy cat & 2 grand dogs. I am divorced & share a home with my younger daughter & son-in-law in Yuba City. I enjoy traveling, meeting new people, eating out & spending time with friends & family. After retirement I joined a travel group & have gone to many places in the US & Canada. I have met some AAUW Members at the lunch & dinner get togethers & look forward to meeting more & finding out what projects & events are supported by AAUW.

MEET NEW MEMBER - Diane Funston



Diane Funston graduated with a B. A. in Literature and Writing with a minor in Sociology from CSU San Marcos. She has worked in the field of mental health serving adults with Developmental Disabilities in both her native Rochester New York and in San Diego County and with children at risk in school district in Tehachapi CA.

Diane is a published poet and has a book, Over the Falls, published by Foothills Publishing in July 2022. She belongs to many poetry groups online and served for two years as Poet-in-Residence for Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture. Diane is also a visual artist who works with mosaics, collage, and needle felting.

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 - Join us on Wednesday, **April 12**, at 5:30 p.m. for an entertaining evening at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Linda Zall,

530-713-0552, lindazall66@gmail.com.

On March 8 we enjoyed dinner at Oya's in Marysville.

We like trying different restaurant in the local area at dinner time.

Come join us! *Photo by Mary Mayfield*



MOVIE LOVERS - Would you like to go to a daytime movie in Yuba City about once a month with some friends?

In March we saw Champions, a heartwarming and entertaining story about a special Olympics basketball team. Send us your movie ideas. To be on the Movie group email list please contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net or Mary Mayfield 530-591-0336.



RABID READERS - Join us on **April 21**, 10:00 a.m., at the Sutter County Library. Contact is Linda Zall, 530-713-0552 or email 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 **April 11**. 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 on the 4th Thursday of the month and will meet on **April 27**, 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) at 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.



Here we are on March 23 at Rio City Sacramento. Do you see yourself in this picture? *Photo by Mary Mayfield*

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Executive Council Report

On March 9 the Executive Council met at the SCOE at 1 pm. In attendance were Martha Bunce, Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Linda Zall, Communications; Liz Skelly, Programs; Gwyn Baker, Programs; Joann Nixon, Artis Buerki, Joyce Smith (MAL). Liz Skelly recorded today's minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Minutes from the February 9, 2023, Executive Council meeting were approved with the following correction: correct spelling for Liz Skelly's last name.

Job Descriptions: No report.

Action: Betty Bonner was appointed as a member at large (MAL).

Exec Council Leader Report: Martha will not be available for the April EC meeting. The next meeting is April 13 and it will be at the Sutter Co. Supt. Of Schools with Liz filling in for Martha. The May meeting will be at the Sutter County Library.

Correspondence: Local flyers, a thank you from SayLove, a letter from Umpqua Bank indicating they will be merging with Columbia Bank.

Treasurers Report: No donation yet from Yuba County Office of Education (Sutter County has donated); Linda will follow up with YCOE. Everyone liked Sandy's abbreviated format for the Treasurer's Report.

Public Policy: The ERA has been ratified but is up for a vote in the House, the Senate has approved it.

Representative LaMalfa has a local office now in Yuba City. It was suggested that we meet as a group with the local office staffers to support the ERA. Martha will write an article on the ERA for the Feather Vane.

Membership: Lee was not in attendance but Sandy said we have eight new Shape the Future members plus a transfer from another branch. Total membership is now 90. AAUW National has been sending renewal letters directly to the 2022 new members and it is causing confusion. Linda has drafted an "invoice" letter to the new members explaining the situation.

Nominating Committee: Christy was not in attendance but Artis will put a notice in the next Feather Vane and the vote will take place at the April 22 branch meeting.

Bylaws: No report.

Communications: The Feather Vane due date is March 22 for articles, but March 28 for STEM pictures.

Garden Tour sponsors are listed on our Face Book page and a TTAG page will be added. Our AAUW website has all Garden Tour sponsors and artists listed.

Roster: Linda had a suggestion for listing the birth months with a list of names as a separate page in the roster. Names would be listed under each month rather than the birth month by their name.

Programs: Yuba Sutter Homeless Consortium will present at our April 22 branch meeting. Gwyn will have a Program Committee meeting sometime after Garden Tour.

Projects:

STEM: Sandy said there are 780 girls going from 25 schools with 21 presenters. She said everything is on track for the conference.

Garden Tour: Martha said there are some challenges with a one lane garden that requires we transport garden attendees. There is a lot of enthusiasm from the Nicolaus community for the GT. We will have ticket sales available at the reception site. A gift basket has been donated and will be presented to the top ticket seller at the June branch meeting. The owner's questionnaire has been sent out and Linda is working on the brochure now. The next GT meeting will be March 31 at Sandy's house.

Tech Trek: There are 11 applicants for Tech Trek camp. We will be sending five girls. A subcommittee has met to break out the tasks involved with Tech Trek since Carol Clark will be stepping down as the leader. They are almost there and will continue to work on it.

TTAG: Joann has girls that will be in attendance at the STEM conference and be recognized at the opening session. There will be a pizza party in May and hopefully a Facebook page will be set up. We had hoped the TTAG girls would assist with traffic control at the Garden Tour brochure central but they declined.

Scholarships: No report.

Interbranch (IBC): Liz said the next IBC meeting is in May.

Historian: Artis said that Lee has someone in mind. Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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

Quote of the month:

"If everyone is thinking alike, then no one is thinking." Ben Franklin

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 Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 Our Branch Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC/> (org page);
AAUW--MVYC Group (open group page); and **AAUW Garden Tour** (event page)

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 EASTER SUNDAY	10	11 10 am Talking on Paper	12 5:30 pm All Around Town	13 1 pm Executive Council Meeting	14	15
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American Association of University Women, Marysville-Yuba City Branch presents

AAUW's 29th Annual

GARDEN TOUR

Art in the Gardens



Saturday, May 6, 2023

Self-guided Garden Tour—10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Reception—11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 2121 Ranch,
located at 2121 Catlett Road, Pleasant Grove, CA**

**\$25 - Tickets online: mvyca.aauw.net/garden-tour/
and from these local merchants beginning mid-March:**

**The Country Florist, K. Roberts Gifts, Sperbeck's Nursery, Union Lumber
and from AAUW branch members**

Rain or Shine on May 6 bring your online receipt or ticket to our brochure central location at Wilbur Avenue and C Street, Yuba City, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to receive your wristband and brochure with map. (We will be in the parking lot with solar panels next to Gauche Aquatic Park.) Brochures and tickets will also be available at our reception site, the 2121 Ranch, located at 2121 Catlett Road, Pleasant Grove, CA after 11 a.m.

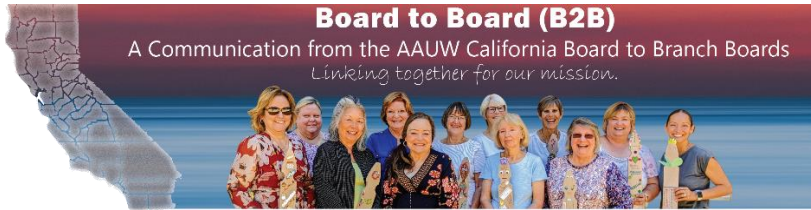
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Program Notes

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