



FEATHER VANE, November 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.

The Executive Council meets Thursday, Nov. 9, 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 – NOV. 18

When: Saturday, November 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: Jenna McKaye

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) 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Instead of a regular program meeting in December, our December social will be with other local service organizations at the Coalition Brunch, December 9, at Peach Tree Country Club. Reserve and pay by Nov. 18.

YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION AAUW RESERVATIONS

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Peach Tree Country Club



Tickets \$25

Please bring new pairs of socks for women and children, deodorant, disposable razors, regular size shampoo, conditioner, or body wash as a donation to HANDS OF HOPE.

Sponsored by these local service organizations:

AAUW, Marysville-Yuba City branch

Bridges to Housing

Delta Kappa Gamma, Iota Sigma chapter

P.E.O. VU chapter

Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City

AAUW MEMBERS: Reservations are limited to 40 from our group. Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO Box 3031, Yuba City CA 95992. Checks must arrive by Saturday, November 18. If you prefer, you may pay at the November 18 AAUW meeting.

Program Notes by Gwyn Baker



We hope you can join us on Nov 18th to hear Jenna McKaye's powerful story. Jenna McKaye is a human trafficking survivor who has given presentations throughout the US. She trains hospital staff and

law enforcement to identify victims of sex trafficking and respond with trauma informed care. Most people don't realize that only 10% of trafficked people have been kidnapped. Traffickers usually lure their victims by gaining trust and then using coercion. It is important to be able to recognize the signs of trafficking, as they can often be happening right under our noses. She consulted on the award-winning documentary, Surviving Sex Trafficking, and her work to help pass SB 14 which provides harsher punishment for sex traffickers, was recently featured on the front page of the Appeal. In 2016, Jenna started a foundation to engage in a broader advocacy training model. Visit her website jennamckaye.com for more info.

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

World Teachers' Day is an international day held annually on **5 October** to celebrate the work of teachers. Established in 1994, it commemorates the signing of recommendation by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It celebrates teachers and reminds us of their power to transform education as well as the support they need. Valuing education is a core tenet of AAUW. Teachers are our people and we want more of them in our branches. AAUW has just launched a campaign to attract educators on LinkedIn and designed a "just-for-teachers" page on our website **HERE**. You are permitted to pass that note to a teacher friend.



Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in November:

**Betty Bonner,
Sandy Davini,**



Candice Fresquez, Joann Nixon, Diana McVicker, Rita Montejano-Guanzon. If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let us know right away.

Did you know that on December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 to declare **October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child**, to recognize girls' rights and the unique challenges girls face around the world. The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

<https://www.unicef.org/gender-equality/international-day-girl-2023>

Did you know that we have selected 3 scholarship winners at Yuba College. Martha will present them at the scholarship event at the college. Names and majors of the scholarship recipients are:

**Elizabeth Gonzales, biology, pre-med
Gracia Murillo-Vet Tech
Kimberly Rivera;Biology, forensics**

Did you know that you can sign up for the TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST and make your voice known? Just click here: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist>

Did you know? AAUW FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM awarded \$6.3 million in funding to 285 individuals through our Fellowships and Grants program this year – a new record! **From August 1 through November 15 applications for the 2024-25 award year will be accepted.**

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities>

Did you know that you can track the progress of California government bills at this webpage? <https://www.aauwca.org/documents/2023/10/public-policy-news-october-2023.pdf>

Did You Know that the Tech Teck program is 25 years old this year?

Let's talk about fundraising -

by Artis Buerki

Linda Zall and Kathy Nehl are now collecting items for the gift baskets for the Coalition Brunch event.



Think coffee baskets, tea baskets, wine baskets, etc for the **Dec. 9 opportunity drawing at the Coalition Brunch**. This is a significant fundraiser for our branch. They need empty baskets too.

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It's not too early to pass on your ideas, cash or collectibles/old and new to

lindazall66@gmail.com or katnehl@syix.com.

GARDEN TOUR SPONSORS - At this same time Artis Buerki, Joyce Smith, and Linda Zall are working on the **Garden Tour sponsorship** project. Let us know if you have a friend who owns a business that would benefit from being a Garden Tour sponsor. We're focusing on women-owned businesses, and we can post them on the *Feather Vane* pages and on our Facebook pages. Contact artisb@comcast.net with sponsor ideas. **Please thank our Garden Tour sponsors and use their businesses if you can.**

Aquamarine Contractors in Yuba City is our newest sponsor of the Garden Tour at the \$300 level. Thank you, Francesca Ehrk, for saying yes.

Owens Ranch in Browns Valley is our recent Garden Tour sponsor. Thank you to Melody Creel and her company for this \$500 level sponsorship!

American Painters in Yuba City is a \$100 sponsor of our May 2024 Garden Tour. Thank you to Judi Gordon and her company for saying "YES" to Joyce Smith when she was asked.

Lowe's is a Garden Tour Sponsor. Lowe's in Yuba City donated a Craftsman edger. Value is \$150. We sold chances to win at the Sept. 16 branch meeting and \$500 was raised. Sharyl Simmonds won the prize!

2024 Davis Tech Trek has a leader!

Hi everybody...Good news!!

Rachel Kanowsky and **Deb Sabo** of the Auburn Branch have volunteered to be the co-directors of the 2024 Tech Trek @ UC Davis!!! Rachel is the Auburn Branch Tech Trek Co-coordinator and has been a dorm mom at the 2022 Davis camp and a core class teacher (Chemistry) at the second 2023 Sonoma State Camp. Deb is Auburn Branch President and was a dorm mom at the 2023 Sonoma State camp as well as helped at 2023 Davis Tech Trek camper arrival day. So they both have had at-camp Tch Trek experience and will bring new energy to the camp. We look forward to working with them through the transition year -- and we know they can count on you for your support as well.

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Also, **Gail Chesler**, who has been camp treasurer for Stanford Hopper Tech Trek, has offered to take over the UC Davis Tech Trek camp treasurer job on an interim basis from Gail Johnson. Gail Johnson has held that position for nearly as long as Tech Trek has been held at UC Davis. We can't thank her enough for everything she's done over the years to make sure everything runs smoothly on the financial side. More details will be forthcoming regarding payment logistics, etc. You'll be hearing more -- but we wanted to share this big news so you can all sleep a bit easier knowing Tech Trek @ UC Davis is alive and well!!

Martha Rees and Stephanie Facchini

2023 Co-directors, AAUW Tech Trek/UC Davis

Tech Trek Committee Meetings –

Carol Clark reported that our branch Tech Trek Committee will have regular meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 1:30 pm in the Sutter County Library. Next meeting is November 16th.

TTAG News – Joann Nixon, 2018 TTAG

Advocate, reported that she caught up with Abi Thompson (Team 2018) to present her with the AAUW recognition gift card from our branch. She also presented Chloe Nguyen's recognition to her parents. They were not able to attend the September Branch meeting.



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 welcome these new members and add them to your yearbook roster:

Natalie Buzzini, 1919 Heidi Way, Yuba City 95993; natalie.buzzini@comcast.net; 530.713.7122. Natalie is a Computer Engineering student at UC Santa Barbara and plans to receive her degree in 2027. Her goal is to intern at Yuba Water Agency, and she is active with our TTAG group.

Larissa Feceu, 3673 State Hwy 20, Marysville 95901; lfeceu24@gmail.com; 530.797.5377. Larissa is a Business Administration student at Yuba College and plans to receive her degree in 2025. Her

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH interests include aviation and finance, and she is active with our TTAG group.

Camille Green, 896 Mesa Verde, Yuba City 95993; wealthyme2020@gmail.com; 530.713.7331. B S in Occupational Safety & Health from Columbia Southern University. Camille is re-joining AAUW after a few years absence and she is a TTAG mom.

Elizabeth (Libby) Haraughty, 2225 Lincoln Road, Yuba City 95993, 530.301.1988 libbyanneh2@aol.com; Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from CSU Chico; her interests are many! She is active in the Sutter Buttes Garden Club. Libby heard about us from Joyce and Artis.

Yearbook/roster corrections:

Christina Billeci: cell phone number is 315-3979

Katy Coladarci: email is katycoladarci@gmail.com

Join a group

Branch group coordinators

If you aren't already in an AAUW branch group, here are some ideas. All members are welcome.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Martha Bunce

PROJECTS --

- Garden Tour Committee: Martha Bunce
- Scholarship Committee: Liz Skelly
- STEM Committee: Sandy Davini
- Tech Trek Committee: Carol Clark
- TTAG Committee: Joann Nixon/Julie Goldwyn

STANDING COMMITTEES & BRANCH PILLARS --

- Budget/Finance/Treasurer: Sandy Davini
- Bylaws: Christy Estabrook
- Coalition Brunch Rep: Artis Buerki
- Coalition Drawing: Kathy Nehl, Linda Zall
- Communication/Yearbook: Linda Zall
- Education & Training Fund: Jeanne Schultz
- Interbranch Council (IBC) Rep: Liz Skelly
- Library Liaison: Christy Estabrook
- Membership: Lee Jones
- Photography: Joann Nixon, Mary Mayfield
- Programs/Reservations: Gwyn Baker
- Publicity/Feather Vane/Website: Artis Buerki
- Social Media-Facebook: Gwyn Baker
- Sunshine: Gretchen Cupp

INTEREST SECTIONS --

- Advocacy & Action: Martha Bunce
- All Around Town: Linda Zall
- Movie Lovers: Mary Mayfield
- Rabid Readers: Linda Zall
- Talking on Paper: Joan Young & Donna Long
- Traveling Gourmet: Carol Clark & Christy Estabrook

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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 – We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next dinner out will be **Nov. 8** at 5:30 p.m. The location is to be determined. For more information and the location, contact Linda Zall,

530.713.0552 or email_lindazall66@gmail.com



MOVIE LOVERS - Would you like to go to a daytime movie in Yuba City about once a month with some friends? To be on the Movie group email list contact Mary Mayfield, marymay22@comcast.net;



RABID READERS – The book club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on **Nov. 17** at the Sutter County Library. For more information, contact Linda

Zall, 530.713.0552 or email_lindazall66@gmail.com.



TALKING ON PAPER – Members who like to express themselves on paper (writing about travel, family, new experiences, memories, or poetry) are welcome. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and

have a good time sharing, laughing, and empathizing with each other. See you there on **Nov. 14** at 10 am in the meeting room at Sutter County Library. Call Joan Young for details, 530-713-1279.



TRAVELING GOURMET, our lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City. On **Nov. 16** we will meet to carpool 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. Location TBD. 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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Executive Council Report

Submitted by Ellen O’Neil, Secretary

AAUW-MVYC

**Executive Council Meeting Minutes
1 pm, October 12,2023**

In Attendance: Liz Skelly, Martha Bunce, Linda Zall, Gwyn Baker, Christy Estabrook, Sandy Davini, Joann Nixon, Carol Anderson-Clark, Ellen O’Neil

The meeting was called to order by Martha at 1:20p.m.

One correction to the minutes was requested by Liz regarding the spelling of her last name.

Martha gave the EC Report. The budget was approved unanimously at the September Branch meeting. A drawing for a weed eater, donated by Lowe’s, a Garden Tour sponsor, netted \$500. Nancy Aaberg (sp?) donated \$250 to Tech Trek.

Correspondence: Arts Council postcard was passed around by Sandy.

Treasurer’s Report

Given there will be no STEM conference this year, the line items for income and expenses are “zeroed out”. The TTAG line item of &1750 needs to be increased to \$2000 for their activities. \$1750 was allocated for past and current TTAG girls to receive \$250 toward college when they graduate high school. Liz made the motion/Carol seconded and vote was unanimous.

After discussion, it was determined that the budget will reflect funding college students’ national and state dues.

Public Policy

Voter registration drives have been undertaken by some branches. While AAUW cannot endorse candidates, members can work to ensure that issues important to the organization are addressed in debates. Issues currently raised during school board elections on which AAUW has policies are book bans and curriculum.

Membership

National AAUW developed a survey to find out why people do not re-join. Linda is modifying it to learn why members join, what do they want from the organization. It will be anonymous, and the answers will be collated through the software utilized. It is necessary to reach the 1/3 to 1/5 of the members that do not attend Branch meetings.

There are currently 86 members in the Branch.

Nominating Committee

Christy reported that she, Liz Skelly and Betty Bonner are the Nominating Committee and they are prepared to complete their assignment.

Communication

Linda reiterated that Artis would like to separate the Feather Vane and webmaster duties. The issue was tabled until Artis can return.

The yearbook is published, distributed, and beautiful.

Gwyn indicated that there are only 20 reservations for this month’s Branch Meeting. She will send out a reminder e-mail tomorrow. Those that do not have e-mail will be called by Joan. The speaker is Kelly Evans, a local farmer.

The speaker for November will be Jenna McKay, on the subject of sex trafficking.

Gwyn said that she received a call regarding an offer to donate a basket for a drawing at the meeting and was unclear as to how it should be handled. She was encouraged to accept offers in the future. Having a monthly drawing was too time-consuming to continue, however, an occasional donation is appreciated.

Projects

Since the STEM conference is canceled for this January, the committee will meet again in February to plan for next year. Input on ways to improve it are welcome.

Garden Tour

It is the 30th Anniversary of the Garden Tour. One garden in the northwest area of town and one in the southwest are needed. There will be a "Pre-tour" for Greeters, Committee members and owners. There is a subcommittee of Joyce, Linda and Kathy looking at how the Greeter process and information is organized and could be more efficient.

A store on D street has been added as a location for ticket sales. Tickets are still \$25. Union Lumber is no longer a ticket sale site.

Sue Graue has volunteered to design the brochure and tickets.

The artists will not be spread among the gardens but all will be at the reception site. Blue Zones will also be at the reception site, close to Harkey House, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Tech Trek

Carol currently has no one working as a Co-Chair. The committee is meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the library at 1:30p.m. Given the challenges of reaching teachers through e-mail, this year the schools will be visited by members to recruit nominations.

TTAG

Joann announced that the Co-Chair is Julie Goldwyn. Debriefing regarding the presentation at the September Branch meeting is welcome. The committee meets on Wednesday, the 18th at 1:00p.m.

She mentioned that there was a pizza party with the 2023 girls and the TTAG girls, when the camp

was finished this year. It seems to bond them as they worked on a project to name their group.

She was also pleased to report that the 2018 girls are responsive to her when she contacts them.

Scholarship Committee

The software proved challenging for the Yuba College staff who were new to the process. Eventually, the committee members were able to get access to the applications. The application states that transcripts were optional, however, AAUW requires them. Therefore, a number of students were not in the running. Liz did research on the description of STEM fields, from Congress and Homeland Security. They don't all match the goals of our local branch. (i.e. Nursing is not considered STEM but Accounting is) The EC and/or Scholarship committee will need to finalize a list of acceptable majors before next year's applications.

Names and majors of the scholarship recipients are:

Elizabeth Gonzales, biology, pre-med
Gracia Murillo-Vet Tech
Kimberly Rivera;Biology, forensics

Martha will represent AAUW at Yuba College on the 18th where a scholarship dinner will be held to celebrate the recipients.

Interbranch

Liz Skelly will serve as the incoming president. On November 4th, there will be a preparation meeting for the annual luncheon in February. The responsibility for our branch will be decorations.

Coalition Drawing

Linda reminded everyone that collection has begun for baskets for the December Coalition luncheon. Members can also donate cash.

Dare to Dream

This event is sponsored by community organizations and the Chamber of Commerce. It is a day to honor local women and women-owned businesses. Martha is going to speak with Lee to get more information as to whether attendance will be of value to AAUW.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15p.m.

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



Woman of distinction: Edith Wharton (1862-1937)

As a novelist and writer, Edith Wharton was known for her portrayal of New York's upper class and the lives and morals of the Gilded Age. Her parents were George and Lucretia Jones, who made their money through real estate, and it is said that the expression, “keeping up with the Joneses” referred to them. Edith bought her first home, Land’s End, at age 35, located in Newport, RI, and redesigned and renovated it. Later she designed and built her home, The Mount, in Massachusetts and was known for her interior and garden designs. In 1904 she wrote and published a series of magazine articles called Italian

Villas and their gardens.

She published her first poem at the age of 15 under the pseudonym of E. A.

Woodburn, her father’s friend’s name, as it was not acceptable for a woman to write or receive payment for doing so. She received \$50 for this achievement.

She published her first Novel at age 40, and In 1921, at the age of 59, she became the first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize, for her novel *The Age of Innocence*. She was also nominated for the Nobel Prize in literature in 1927, 1928, and 1930, and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1996, almost 30 years after her death.

Among her other well-known works are *The House of Mirth*, the novella *Ethan Frome*.



Quote of the month: “Toughness doesn’t have to come in a pinstripe suit.” Dianne Feinstein

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[AAUW--MVYC Group](#) (open group page); [Art in the Gardens](#) (open group page)

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 10 am Garden Tour Com.	3	4
5 <i>Daylight savings time ends.</i>	6	7	8 5:30 pm All Around Town (dinner)	9 1 pm Executive Council	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>
12	13	14 10 am Talking on Paper (writing)	15	16 10:15 am Traveling Gourmet (lunch) 1:30 pm Tech Trek Committee	17 10 am Rabid Readers (books)	18 10 am Monthly Branch Meeting (brunch)
19	20	21	22	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

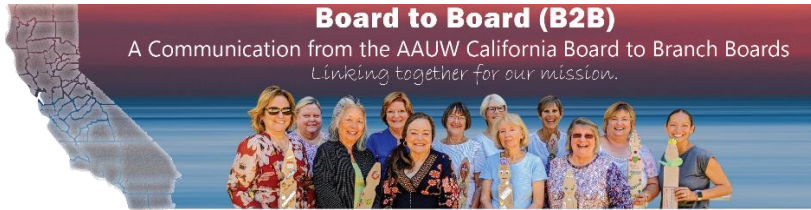
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