



# FEATHER VANE, December 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, Dec. 14, 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 Gwyn Baker

**Nov. 18** - I'm sure you were all just as blown away with Jenna McKaye's story as I was! I will share her victim's resources info to our Facebook page. If you would like more info on Jenna's foundation, her webpage is <https://jennamckaye.com/> If you would like more info on this issue, Human Trafficking Awareness Week sponsored by the YCOE will be starting with a kickoff presentation by Jenna McKaye at **4:30 pm on Jan. 8th at the Five30 Event Center, 1104 J Street, Marysville.** I will share more info on our Facebook page.

Reminder that there will **not** be a branch meeting in Dec. or Jan., but we'll be back in action again on Feb. 17th to get an update from Dan Flores on redevelopment in Marysville.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Instead of a regular program branch meeting in December, our December social will be with other local service organizations at the Coalition Brunch, December 9, 9:30 to about noon, at Peach Tree Country Club. **If you missed today's deadline for reservations, please phone Sandy Davini, 530-713-1390, to see if space is available. Word is that reservations are slow coming in this year for the Dec. 9 Women's Coalition event and**

there may still be space. Don't miss it! (see information below)

**YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION  
AAUW RESERVATIONS**

## HOLIDAY BRUNCH

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Peach Tree Country Club**



**Tickets \$25**

**Music by the Marysville Charter Academy choir**

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. **After Nov. 18 please phone Sandy Davini, 530-713-1390 to see if space is available.**

## What is the Women’s Coalition?

by Artis Buerki

In 1993 when Barbara Palser was our branch President, she had the idea to put on a nice Christmas brunch but needed more than the current membership of AAUW to fill the Peach Tree facility, so she invited several women’s groups including Soroptimist. Together they organized what is now known as the Coalition Holiday Brunch. Over the years the membership of the event ‘sponsors’ has changed with AAUW perhaps the most consistent of the pack. This year Soroptimist, Delta Kappa Gamma, Bridges to Housing, and PEO VU joined AAUW to sponsor this fun networking event. Entertainment will be supplied by the Marysville Charter Academy Choir, and the outreach will be Hands of Hope. Remember to bring socks with you for women and children.

## Thank you branch speakers!



Thank you to our October speaker, Kelli Evans from Evans Farms who shared information about local farming and about the Monarch butterfly habitat. Kelli is shown here with Joann Nixon, TTAG Coordinator. Photo by Fritz Albrecht



Our November speaker was Jenna McKaye who spoke about human trafficking. Thank you, Jenna, for bringing this important topic to our attention! Photo by Joann Nixon



## Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in December:

**Christina Billeci, Barbara Douyon, Christy Estabrook,**

**Lee Jones, Donna Long, Sue Palm, Linda Zall, Martha Woods.** If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let us know right away.

**Did you know** that we have selected 3 scholarship winners at Yuba 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>

## BILL TRACKER - Did you know that you can track the progress of California government bills?

Since our last newsletter several bills have been approved. Here is the link to the Bill Tracker:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LdmkmUzkWpYeSo-q->

[ijLOGuKkpQNJSYB8zeSgw67QVYk/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LdmkmUzkWpYeSo-q-ijLOGuKkpQNJSYB8zeSgw67QVYk/edit#gid=0)

## Did you know that January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month?

Every year since 2010, the President of the U.S. has dedicated the month of Jan. to raise awareness about human trafficking and to educate the public about how to identify and prevent this crime, and raising awareness of human trafficking domestically and abroad, through U.S. embassies and consulates.

During January we celebrate the efforts of foreign governments, international organizations, anti-trafficking entities, law enforcement officials, survivor advocates, communities of faith, businesses, and private citizens all around the world to raise awareness about human trafficking.

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[mvyc-ca.aauw.net](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net)**

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH

**Did you know** that we have a novelist in our midst? Our Publicity Committee member, **Kathryn**



**Jankowski**, was a finalist in the 2023 Anne C. Barnhill Prize for Creative Fiction. She's also been published in Microfiction Monday You can read her story, Bothered and Bewildered, at

(<https://microfictionmondaymagazine.com/>) and at Sky Island Journal (<https://www.skyislandjournal.com/issues#/issue-26-fall-2023>). Way to go, Kathryn!

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

## Let's talk about fundraising -

by Artis Buerki

**COALITION BRUNCH BASKETS - Linda Zall and Kathy Nehl** have collected items for the gift baskets they will make for the Coalition Brunch event. If you still have items or \$\$\$ for them, please contact them immediately.



**And please remember to buy tickets from all the groups for the opportunity drawings when you come to the Dec. 9 Coalition Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club.**

This is a significant fundraiser for our branch and for the other organizations that are part of the Women's Coalition planning committee. Each organization will be selling opportunity drawing tickets to raise money for their projects.

**GARDEN TOUR SPONSORS –** Currently **Joyce Smith, Linda Zall, Artis Buerki, and Joan Young** 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, but not exclusively, and we can post sponsors on the *Feather Vane* pages, on our Facebook pages, and in our publicity. Contact [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net) with sponsor ideas.

Levels of GARDEN TOUR sponsorships are Orchid - \$500, Rose - \$300; Azalea - \$100, and Iris - \$50

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Here are our Garden Tour sponsors so far: **Please thank our Garden Tour sponsors and use their businesses if you can.**

**Aquamarine Contractors** in Yuba City was our first sponsor of the 2024 Garden Tour. 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 sponsorship!

**American Painters** in Yuba City is a 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** in Yuba City donated a Craftsman edger. Value of \$150. We sold chances to win at the Sept. 16 branch meeting and \$500 was raised making Lowe's an ORCHID level sponsor. Sharyl Simmonds won the edger!

## Tech Trek Committee Meetings –

Carol Clark reported that our branch Tech Trek Committee will have regular meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 1:30 pm in the Sutter County Library. Contact Carol if you want to volunteer to help on this committee.

**TTAG Report -** November 9, 2023 EC report by Joann Nixon and Julie Goldwyn Co-Chair

A **November 30** get-together has been planned for the girls who attended the 2023 Tech Trek camp so they can get to know each other and work on a challenge to help them bond as a TTAG team.

The TTAG program has initiating the "evite ap" to invite parents and girls to attend the **November 18** branch meeting to hear Human Trafficking talk by Jenna McKaye.

**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. Our current membership in mid-November is 91 as per our branch Treasurer, Sandy Davini. We will have a membership drive, called Shape the Future, in Feb. and March 2024 with discounted AAUW National memberships. More on that later. Lee Jones, Membership leader, [lee@harkeyhouse.com](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com).

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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](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com) and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



**ALL AROUND TOWN – Dec. 13** We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The location TBD. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0552 or [email lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:marymay22@comcast.net);



**RABID READERS – Dec. 15** Book club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Sutter County Library. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0552, [lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto:lindazall66@gmail.com).



**TALKING ON PAPER – Dec. 12** Members who like to express themselves on paper (writing about travel, family, new experiences, memories, or poetry) are welcome. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday of each month, 10 am at Sutter County Library and have a good time sharing, laughing, and empathizing with each other. Call Donna Long for details, 530-671-4381.



**TRAVELING GOURMET – Dec. 28** Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City. 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.



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Traveling Gourmet went to the Clover Café in Oregon House in October. In November we went to The Union in Oroville. Photos by Mary Mayfield



### 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 Branch 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



**Executive Council Report  
November 9, 2023**

The Executive Council met on November 9, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Sutter County Superintendent of Schools offices. In attendance: Martha Bunce, Leader; Sandy Davini, Treasurer; Linda Zall, Communications; Liz Skelly, Projects; Gwyn Baker, Programs; Joann Nixon, Artis Buerki, Joyce Smith, Kathy Nehl, Carol Clark (MAL).

The meeting was called to order by Martha at 1:11 p.m. Minutes from the October 12, 2023 Executive Council meeting were approved as presented.

Job Descriptions: No report.

A Day for Women: Martha spoke to Marni Sanders and Laura Nicholson to find out what “A Day for Women” was about to see if it was a good fit for our AAUW mission. This is the third year for the event and they recognize and provide a mini grant to a local woman-owned small business. To be a sponsor would cost \$1,000 for a table for eight. Benefits for our branch would be name recognition, good “press” and some new member outreach. It was MSC (Artis/Carol) that our branch pay \$1,000 to be a sponsor for “A Day for Women”. The eight seats would initially be for the EC leaders and Members at Large, depending on who is able to attend.

Exec Council Leader Report: Martha spoke to the California AAUW initiative regarding school board candidates. As AAUW, we cannot promote a specific candidate but we can ask candidates to be clear about their policies.

Correspondence: Local flyers and monthly mailings.  
Treasurers Report: Sandy reminded the group that she provides quarterly reports with the next one scheduled for the January meeting. We do have a healthy bank balance as of this date and can afford the sponsorship previously approved.

Public Policy: Artis will send us a link to the California AAUW site for a list of the bills that were signed into law (19), vetoed (2), or remain a 2 year bill (19). Linda will work on getting some copies for each table at this month’s branch meeting so members can see what our California dues support.

Membership: We currently have 91 members. Lee was not in attendance but has indicated that she will abdicate her position next year so we will need to find a replacement. Sandy gave information about another Shape the Future membership drive for next spring. Members who sign up at this time will receive half off the national dues. Since we will not have a January meeting, it was MSC (Liz/Linda) that the event will be promoted at the February 17 and March 16 branch meetings as well as the “Day for Women” event on March 2, 2024. Also, we will be encouraging DKG members to join our branch at the Coalition Brunch in December. Linda has been working on a survey of the current members that can be done anonymously online.

Nominating Committee: No report (no Christy).

Bylaws: No report.

Communications:

Feather Vane: The Feather Vane due date is November 20 for articles.

Webmaster: The November Feather Vane is available on our website. The password is FMO2022.

Social Media: Gwyn will send out another reminder for the November branch meeting. Currently there are 31 who are attending. She will again post information about our speaker, Jenna McKaye, on our Facebook page and encourages us to “like” the pages posted on Facebook.

Yearbook: Linda has been updating the roster on a monthly basis.

Programs: Jenna McKay will be the speaker at the November 18 meeting and 31 people has responded “yes”. There will not be a January branch meeting.

Publicity: Artis said that the Garden Tour announcement will be in the Explorer 2024 booklet put out by the Appeal Democrat. She also thanked Kathryn Jankowski for her connection to the Appeal’s editor. Our branch gets great publicity.

Projects:

STEM: Sandy is planning a February 8 planning meeting for the 2025 STEM Conference. Her contact

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH at Sutter County Schools asked district superintendents/principals if our STEM conference was still relevant. Yuba City Unified was not fond that they had a quota but the small districts love it. Garden Tour: Martha said Sue Graue has volunteered to assist the committee, even though she is not a member. Blue Zones' Marni Sanders was at the last meeting to see what Blue Zones can do for the reception. We want Blue Zones to be mentioned in our press releases. Artis said the bookmarks are done for the Coalition Brunch and the IBC luncheon. Sandy received a check from last month's speaker, Kelli Evans, but wasn't sure if she wanted to be a sponsor. Gwyn will follow up with Kelli to see if she wanted the check to go towards funding a Tech Trek girl for camp or as a GT sponsor. Tech Trek: Carol said there was new leadership for Tech Trek at UC Davis. She has not received any new information from the state yet for the upcoming year. UC Davis' vaccination requirement has been an issue before and we are not sure if that is still a requirement. TTAG: Joann handed out a TTAG report. They are planning a pizza party for November 30 for the 2023 Tech Trek girls so they can bond as a team.

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Scholarships: Martha was unable to attend the October Yuba College scholarship program. Inter-branch (IBC): Liz said they had a meeting last Saturday, November 4, in Oroville. The next meeting will be the IBC Luncheon on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Chico. Our branch is responsible for the table decorations. Coalition Drawing: Kathy and Linda said they welcome cash or items for the baskets at the Coalition Brunch (December 9).

Other Business: Named Gift Honoree: Sandy said the Education and Training Fund committee (Jeanne, Sandy, Liz, Joann) will meet to select an honoree for the Tea Bag fundraiser. Suggestions are welcome.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 14 at SCSOS, patio room. Garden Tour will be held at the Sutter County Library December 7.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m

Submitted by: Liz Skelly (for Ellen O'Neil)

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

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## **AAUW-CA November 2023 PUBLIC POLICY NEWS**

### **California Enacts Law Prohibiting Book Bans and Curricula Censorship**

Kathi Harper, Chair Public Policy School Board Project

**On September 25, 2023, Governor Newsom signed AB 1078 into law, officially preventing school districts from banning books and censoring curriculum based on the materials' depiction of inclusive and diverse perspectives. Specifically, the new law:**

- Reaffirms, in the Introduction, that:
  - California supports accurate and inclusive education.
  - The California Constitution guarantees pupils equal protection under the law.
  - California schools have an obligation to combat bias against pupils within their schools.
  - and accurate and inclusive education are essential to ensure the educational success of all pupils.
- Requires the Department of Education to develop guidance and public educational materials to ensure that all Californians can access information about educational laws and policies that safeguard the right to an accurate and inclusive curriculum.
- Requires all school districts to have sufficient instructional materials for all students that align with approved content standards.

- Adds to list of included topics in social sciences textbooks: the role and contributions of people of all genders, Latino Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, and members of other ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic status groups.
- Reduces a school district’s funding formula allocation if the district does not provide sufficient instructional materials pursuant to these provisions.
- Prohibits governing members of school districts from refusing to approve or prohibiting the use of any book or instructional material on the basis that it contains inclusive and diverse perspectives.

It is not certain at this point how school districts will respond to the new law. We anticipate that most will comply but suspect there are some that will not. Please note that the script in the School Board Project (SBP) Toolkit has been modified to reflect the new law, and please keep your SBP liaison apprised if your district is in violation (you can find your liaison in the Toolkit). You can find the text of AB 1078 [here](#). You can find the SBP ToolKit [here](#).

## AAUW-CA November 2023 PUBLIC POLICY NEWS



### **Claudia Goldin Wins Nobel Prize in Economics for AAUW Aligned Research** by Nancy Major

[One of AAUW California’s Public Policy Priorities](#) is to promote women in Leadership positions, so it is a pleasure to report that Claudia Goldin, 77, is the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Economics without men as collaborators and the third woman to win overall. She was also the first woman to be offered tenure in Harvard’s economics department, in 1989.

Dr. Goldin’s Nobel-winning study focuses on causes of the gender wage gap, the evolution of women’s participation in the job market over the past 200 years, and the implications for the future of the labor force. [In a paper in the National Bureau of Economic Research](#), Goldin writes that, “the golden era of American women’s rights lasted from 1963 to 1973.” Of the 155 important moments for advancement of women, 45% took place in those years during which women changed from having jobs to pursuing careers. [This one factor is “among the grandest advances in society”, according to Dr. Goldin.](#) However, her work also focuses on the work that we still must do to continue to advance.



***Thought for the day – “Every day is a little life.”***  
**by Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)**



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 Our Branch Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC/> (org page);  
[AAUW--MVYC Group](#) (open group page); [Art in the Gardens](#) (open group page)

### DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 10 am Garden Tour Com.	8	9 9:30 am Coalition Holiday Brunch at Peach Tree Country Club
10	11	12 10 am Talking on Paper (writing)	13 5:30 pm All Around Town (dinner)	14 1 pm Executive Council	15 10 am Rabid Readers (books)	16
17	18	19	20	21 1:30 pm Tech Trek Committee	22	23
24 	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 10:15 am Traveling Gourmet (lunch)	29	30
31 Happy New Year						



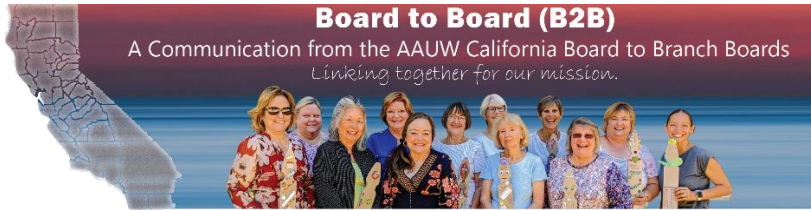
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