



# FEATHER VANE, January 2024

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, Jan. 11, 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



## Council Chat

by Martha Bunce

### Let's celebrate AAUW 2023 and ring in the new year

In 2023 we accomplished a lot: a wonderful **STEM Conference** in January 2023; a successful **Garden Tour** in May 2023 which funds all we do; the **scholarships** we awarded (thanks to our member Jeannine Rounds); the **Tech Trek** girls we sent to UC Davis; the **TTAG** young women (former Tech Trekkers) some of whom are joining our Branch; the excellent programs at our **branch meetings**; the **Interest Groups** – books, lunches, suppers, writing, advocacy, movies; our support of **AAUW FUNDS**, allocated to women scholars nationwide; our **new members**, bringing us ideas and enthusiasm; and our **partnerships** with Yuba College and Blue Zone.

Most of all, **Let's Celebrate YOU!** You are the "DOERS!" You pay your dues, and you do the "do's." You work on the committees, and volunteer for events; you are the backbone of our branch, making AAUW Marysville-Yuba City effective, powerful, successful, and so much fun.



## Here's to you! CELEBRATE!!

## Program Notes

by Gwyn Baker



There will not be a branch meeting in January. Mark your calendar for these exciting speakers the rest of the year:

**February 17** - Dan Flores, the Community Development Director for the City of Marysville, will describe the positive changes being implemented in Marysville, including the renovation/restoration of existing buildings.

**March 16** - Gretchen Cupp, a board member of the Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance Team, will share information about the efforts to promote the safety and wellbeing of pets and farm animals affected by a disaster.

**April 20** -Claire Johnson, Executive Director of Girls on the Run, will describe this program which serves girls in 3rd-8th grade, combining life skills and physical activity.

**May 4** – GARDEN TOUR

**June 1** –Cynthia Fontayne will talk about living in a Julia Morgan designed home, and about the other historical Morgan homes in our area. Julia Morgan was the first woman to obtain an architectural degree in CA and she was the designer of the famous Hearst Castle and other historical buildings in California.

**June 1 is the final branch meeting of the year.** We are dark during the summer. Remember to pay your renewal dues unless you are a new member having joined this year. Members who renew by the June 1 meeting will be put in a drawing for a FREE membership. Bring your check for \$105 to the June 1 meeting or mail it to arrive no later than May 31 to our AAUW PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.

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**IBC LUNCHEON – FEBRUARY 3**

The annual Interbranch Council (IBC) luncheon will be held in Chico on Saturday, February 3, 11 am to 1:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Episcopalian Church, 2341 Floral Avenue, Chico. (Not to be confused with St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, also in Chico.) **Reservations are required. Phone Liz Skelly, 530-635-0821 and tell her you are coming. She will need your check before January 15** in order to hold the \$38 per person price, and so that she can mail a single check from our branch to the organizers. The IBC luncheon is a good way to meet members of the other AAUW branches in our IBC area, When you phone Liz to reserve please tell her if you would like to carpool to Chico on Feb. 3.

*Feather Vane, JAN. 2024*

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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. Our current membership in mid-November was 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 for a savings of \$36. More on that later. Contact Lee Jones, Membership leader, [lee@harkeyhouse.com](mailto:lee@harkeyhouse.com).

**TTAG Team Report**

The TTAG Team Advisors sponsored a “Getting to Know You” Pizza Party on Thursday, November 30, 2023, for the new 2023 team. Turan Welcome, Ravneet Pabla, and Mia Magallon were the 2023 TTAG members who were able to attend. Larissa Feceu, Latoya Green, and Abi Thompson from the 2018 TTAG Team also attended. Chloe Nguyen had a facetime call from UC Irvine to welcome the 2023 group. Donna Long organized the event and had crafts and activities for the girls to participate in which helped them to become a more cohesive group. This event was enjoyed by all who participated. It is the goal of the TTAG Advisors that these girls will keep in contact with each other throughout their high school and college journeys.

*Submitted by: Joann Nixon, Julie Goldwyn Co-Chair*



2023 TTAG Team: Mia Magallon, Turan Welcome, and Ravneet Pabla created a Team plaque using the word SCIENCE to identify the

Team attributes. **Strong, Curious, Incredible, Efficient, Neat, Clever, Excellent.** Absent: Violeta Gentry-Morales, Olivia Marquez.



- **100** years ago, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was introduced to Congress. Together, we’re working hard to affirm ERA, which now meets all the requirements to amend the Constitution. But we must remove the remaining red tape to **make equal rights the law of the land.**
- **60** years ago, we spurred passage of the Equal Pay Act, **protecting women against wage discrimination.**
- Nearly **15** years ago, we led the fight for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, requiring employers to redouble their efforts to **ensure fair pay.**



# Thank you!



Here are some pictures from the December 9 Coalition Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club.



A special thank you to these local businesses who donated baskets or products for our fundraiser: Bald Mountain Nursery, Kevin DeHoff of K. Roberts, and the Country Florist. Our AAUW elves, Amy, Joyce, Kathy, and Linda, collected the items, wrapped the 36 gift baskets, and sold the drawing tickets at the Coalition Brunch. They earned \$1,200 for our branch projects. You go girls!



Thank you to the students from Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts Choir who sang fun and inspiring holiday music led by choir director Yuko McWhorter.



Thanks to the Coalition Committee for organizing our event. L-R Sue Wilson (Delta Kappa Gamma, Iota Sigma); Linda Zall and Kathy Nehl (AAUW), Chary Dunn (P.E.O. VU), Terrel Locke (Soroptimist), and Artis Buerki (AAUW). Not shown is Anne Fletcher (Bridges to Housing).



Attendees brought socks and toiletries that we donated to Hands of Hope. *Photos by Joann Nixon*





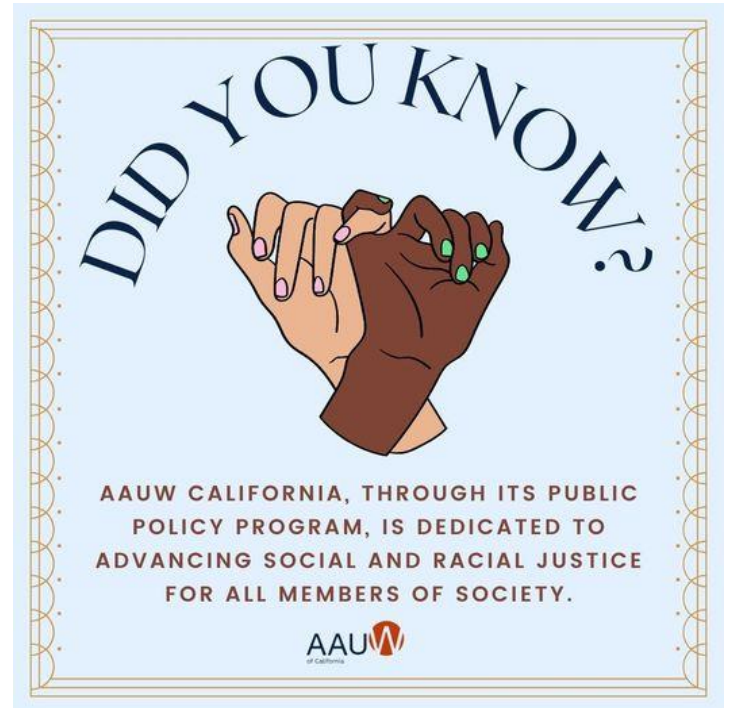
**GARDEN TOUR**  
**First Saturday in May**  
**AAUW**



The Garden Tour Committee is hard at work planning the May 4, 2024, GARDEN TOUR. (L-R) Artis Buerki, Betty Bonner, Kathy Nehl, Liz Skelly, Martha Bunce, Lee Jones, Linda Zall, Sandy Davini, Mary Mayfield, Joyce Smith, and Gwyn Baker. Photo by Sue Graue

**Mark your calendars. And just say “YES” if you are asked to help.** The 30<sup>th</sup> annual AAUW GARDEN TOUR will be held on May 4, 2024. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at [mvyc-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour). Garden Tour tickets can be purchased after mid-March at these local businesses: K Roberts Gifts, Country Florist, Sperbeck’s Nursery, Digs on D Street, and from AAUW members. Each of our members will receive two or more tickets to buy or sell. Ask Martha about the VIP preview showing. Outstanding gardens in the Yuba City area will be open from 10 am to 3:30 pm. A drop-in reception will be held at the historic McCampbell Mansion on 2nd Street in Yuba City from 11 am to 4 pm with light refreshments. Local artists will sell their creations. The Blue Zone will have information, demonstrations, and samples of garden-fresh foods. For more information about the Garden Tour go to our branch website: [mvyc-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour) and our Facebook pages. *Artis Buerki*

**VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE: [mvyc-ca.aauw.net](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net)**  
**For Members Only page - password is FMO2022**



**Did you know?**  
 Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays in January: **Carol Clark, Kay Cockrell, Grace Espindola, Sharon Wonder, Ethel Jorgensen, Larissa Fecue.** 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>

**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.

**Correction:** Our Publicity Committee member, Kathryn Jankowski, was a finalist in the 2023 Anne C. Barnhill Prize for Creative Nonfiction. You can read her story



at <https://longridgereview.com/kathryn-jankowski/>. She's also been published in Microfiction Monday (<https://microfictionmondaymagazine.com/>) and Sky Island Journal (<https://www.skyislandjournal.com/issues#/issue-26-fall-2023>). Congratulations Kathryn!

## Let's talk about fundraising!

**GARDEN TOUR SPONSORS –** Currently Joyce Smith, Linda Zall, and Artis Buerki 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

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

McCampbell Mansion, Mike & Stephanie Jauron  
Aquamarine Contractors in Yuba City  
Owens Ranch in Browns Valley  
*American Painters in Yuba City*

*Lowe's in Yuba City  
Davis Printing in Yuba City  
Kay & Ross Cockrell  
Harkey House, Lee & Bob Jones  
Chuck & Artis Buerki  
Plumas Bank*

## 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

### VISIT OUR BRANCH WEBSITE:

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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 – Jan. 10**



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)

On Dec. 13 Linda, Kathryn, Jennifer, Cynthia, Dean, Christy, Betty, Ethel, Joyce, and Sue went to the City Café. *Photo courtesy of Joyce Smith*



**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 – Jan. 19** 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)



Rabid Readers went to the library on Dec. 15 for a fun gift exchange and book talk. *Photo by Mary Mayfield*



**Eat. Travel. Eat!**

**TRAVELING GOURMET – Jan. 25** 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.



**TALKING ON PAPER – Jan. 9**

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.

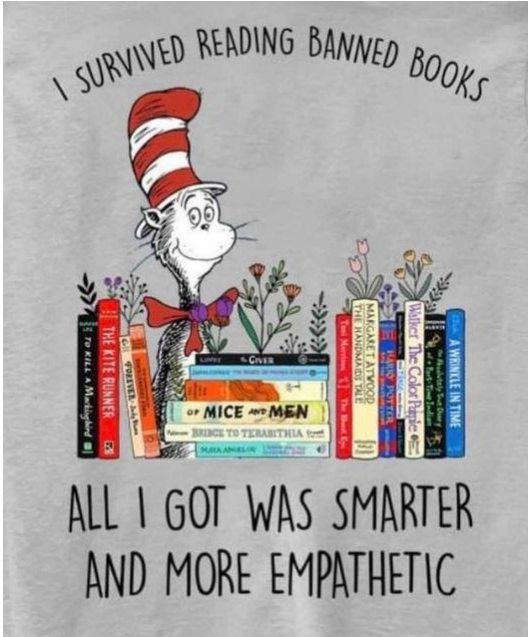


On Dec. 12 Joan, Artis, Barbara, Cynthia, Gwyn, and Donna had fun hearing each other's stories, exchanging gifts, and re-writing the 12 Days of Christmas. Not shown Edette, June, Diane, Mary H. *Photo by Mary Mayfield*

**JUST WRITE** by Donna Long

Set your thoughts free. Let them fly  
Out into the world, up into the sky.  
Don't be so stingy that you hold them tight.  
Turn loose of them and they will take flight!  
How do you do it? You could write.  
Send your words off. Just let them go!  
They serve no purpose  
Locked inside, you know.  
Give them the power to move someone  
To mourn a sorrow, to have some fun.  
How do you do it? Just start to write.

Release your stories. Unlock the cell.  
 There are so many stories  
 That only you can tell.  
 Let them speak of sights you've seen,  
 Things you've done, places you've been.  
 How do you do it? You must write!  
 Chase out your fear. Throw it far!  
 It has no right to define who you are.  
 Insecurity and doubt keep your words in jail.  
 They gleefully convince you that you will fail.  
 How do you silence them? Continue to write!  
 So pick up a pen, those dragons to slay!  
 Show the world.  
 You have something to say.  
 Write any old thing that crosses your mind!  
 Don't let your words be lost for all time.  
 Write what you think, or imagine, or plan.  
 Write all those thoughts that no one else can.  
 How do you do it? Write and Write and Write!  
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**Thought for the month: “Your imagination is your preview of life’s coming attractions.” Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**



**Executive Council Report**

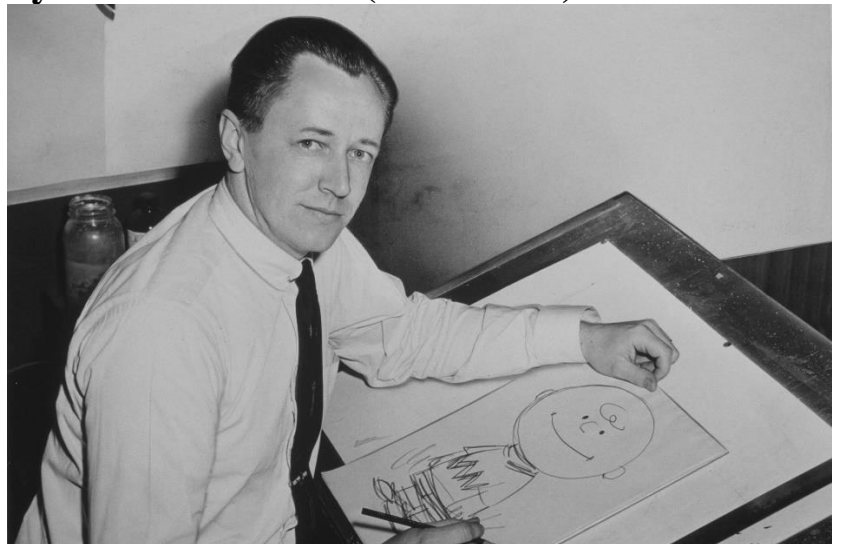
The Executive Council did not meet in December. Happy Holidays!

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

**Thought for the day -**



**by Charles Schultz (1922-2000)**





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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); **Art in the Gardens** (open group page)

## JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>New year's day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10 am <b>Talking on Paper</b> (writing)	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm <b>All Around Town</b> (dinner)	<b>11</b> 10 am <b>Garden Tour Com.</b>  1 pm <b>Executive Council</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Martin Luther King Jr. day</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm <b>Tech Trek Committee</b>	<b>19</b> 10 am <b>Rabid Readers</b> (books)	<b>20</b> <i>No branch meeting this month</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:15 am <b>Traveling Gourmet</b> (lunch)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



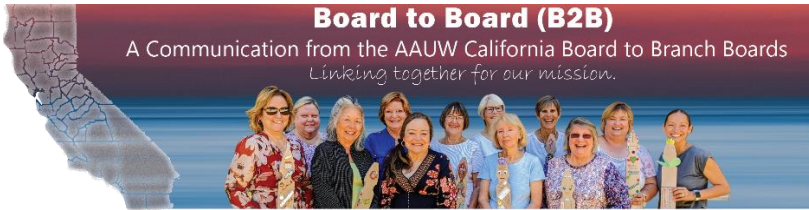
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***We are all wonder women!***



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