

FEATHER VANE - April 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, April 11 at 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.

Breaking news - March 24, 2024.

Yesterday 11 candidates were interviewed, and these 7th grade girls were selected to attend the July AAUW Tech Trek STEM camp at UC Davis. They are:

Aliana Barrington, Tierra Buena; Analidia Coyazo Ochoa, Riverbend; Amelia Larsen, Live Oak; Audrey Marler, Barry; Laila McRice, Brittan. The alternate is: Nyla Zwissig, Brittan.

If you want to volunteer to help at the July Tech Trek camp, please contact Carol Clark.

Council Chat - by Martha Bunce

Big items to share with you!

Our long-time member, Jeanine Rounds, now lives out of state and she has gifted our Branch a second \$50,000, so we will be able to provide scholarships for Yuba College women for many years to come. Currently we award three STEM scholarships a year through the Yuba College Foundation. IN ADDITION, Jeanine has gifted another \$50,000 to AAUW through the Foundation. The Executive Council, in discussion with Jeanine, is looking at several ways to further her desire to help local women continue their postsecondary education.

Another longtime member and charter member of our Branch, Dorothy Jang, bequeathed \$5,000 to us. We are considering several options that will honor her dedication to our community and our branch. The Finance Committee (Martha, Sandy, and Liz) will meet before the next Executive Council meeting to finalize recommendations to the Council for the 2024-2025 budget to include funds toward community involvement and mission-based programs. Our goal is for AAUW Marysville-Yuba City to work with other local organizations that share our mission to "Advance Equity for Women and Girls."

BRANCH MEETING - APRIL 20

When: Saturday, April 20

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: Claire Johnson, Girls on the Run of

North State

Menu: Lunch Buffet following speaker

Cost: \$20. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED (pay at meeting/no cancellations) Tell your emailer (Gwyn Baker) or your caller (Barbara Kenney) if you are coming, YES or NO, by Monday prior to the meeting.

Not sure you have confirmed reservations? Contact Gwyn Baker, 530-632-4336.

Program Notes - by Gwyn Baker



Claire Johnson, Executive Director of Girls on the Run of the North State, will be telling us about the important work her organization does to help girls gain confidence and learn important life skills. Girls on the Run (GOTR) is an after-school nonprofit organization that combines mentorship, physical activity, and character development to inspire young girls in grades 3-8 to be

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH joyful, healthy, and confident. Claire began her career with GOTR in 2011 thanks to her daughter participating in the program. She holds a degree in Communications/Public Relations from Chico State and under her leadership GOTR now serves nearly 1,000 3rd-8th grade girls each school year on more than 60 campuses in Butte, Glenn, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Tehama, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties.



Thank you to Gretchen Cupp who was our speaker at the March 16 branch meeting. Gretchen told us what YSDADA does to help animals in times of disaster.



Garden Tour Tickets - In March each of you were mailed two Garden Tour tickets for the May 4 Garden Tour. Please buy them or sell them and mail your \$50 check written to AAUW by May 1. Mail to: AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA

95992. There is a response envelope inside your ticket envelope for your convenience. As Martha Bunce says, "This is what we do to do the things that we do."

If you want more tickets to sell, please email Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net, or phone Joyce Smith, 530-674-9178 and they will arrange to get more tickets to you. (See the Garden Tour poster on the back page of this Feather Vane.)

A Day for Women - March 2



A Day for Women was held at Hard Rock Casino on March 2. Eight members of our AAUW branch attended along with women from other organizations and businesses.

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Our branch was represented by Joann Nixon, Kathy Nehl, Gwyn Baker, Roberta D'Arcy, Martha Bunce, Linda Zall, Mary Mayfield, and Lee Jones.

400 Women from all over Yuba and Sutter Counties participated in the Day for Women event at the Hard Rock Casino Event Center indulging in a wonderful buffet lunch and hearing the inspiring speakers. Women first responders were the honored guests.



The original purpose of A Day for Women was to honor women in our community. So many signed up that first year that now an award is given to an emerging woman business owner to help her get started. This is the first year AAUW has been a sponsor.

A Day for Women found me at a delightful event at the Hard Rock Event Center. What an amazing day with 400 women gathered for an elegant brunch. The tables looked like they had been done by Martha Stewart. Several inspiring speakers made the day even more special. One of these speakers was Jennifer Mrozek Sukalo. I purchased her book Claim Your Swagger. I thought it a very catchy title and was grabbed by the idea of focusing on not just living, but truly thriving. Jennifer Sukalo's SWAGGER approach shows readers what not only unique, makes them extraordinary. Claim Your Swagger gives readers access to what companies have paid hundreds of MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH thousands of dollars for-Jennifer's expertise. It helps readers develop a new relationship with their self-worth and learn to appreciate their strengths and limitations. Jennifer Sukalo explains how to find gratitude for the way one's life experiences have shaped them and clarifies how to become grounded in your core values. Readers will learn to step into their power to overcome the self-limiting beliefs that hold them back and experience a sense of renewal through a greater focus on their passion and purpose. In Claim Your Swagger, readers will learn by doing. I found the book very challenging and introspective. I did, however, resent that in one chapter you are encouraged to go to a web site and purchase a talent assessment which I thought should have been included. I did not purchase the extra assessment but did so enjoy the book and its encouragement. It is designed to help you develop new knowledge and skills to respond to situations differently

Visit our event page on Facebook and invite your friends to the page: **AAUW Garden Tour**

and create lasting behavioral changes. photos and

story by Mary Mayfield

Membership Renewals (Dues)

If you receive an email from AAUW National asking you to pay online, please disregard it. **Please do not pay your membership renewal online.** Our branch has opted to continue collecting checks from our members at renewal time. Our new branch year will begin July 1, 2024.

Dues are due by June 1 for everyone except members who joined 2022 to present. They will be notified when it is time to renew.

Write your check to AAUW in the amount of \$105 and mail it to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992.

(2024-25 dues breakdown: \$13 branch/\$20 state/\$72 national=\$105) Please contact Sandy Davini or Linda Zall with any questions.

Feather Vane Staff

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Branch Election is April 20

by Nominating Committee: Christy Estabrook, Betty Bonner & Liz Skelly

Eight elected members sit on the Executive Council. Terms are staggered. Terms that are expiring at the end of June 2024 are Lee Jones, Gwyn Baker, Christy Estabrook and Sandy Davini. Gwyn, Christy, and Sandy have agreed to run for another term. Artis Buerki is a new candidate. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the election on April 20. Vote for four.

Executive Council candidates – Vote for four.

Gwyn Baker (3 yr.)

Christy Estabrook (3 yr.)

Artis Buerki (3 yr.)

Sandy Davini, Treasurer (1 yr.)

VOTE to change the AAUW bylaws by Sandi Gabe, AAUW California President

The AAUW California Board of Directors came together with one powerful voice, voting unanimously to champion inclusion by supporting open membership for AAUW. Now, it's your turn to join the movement and help us act during the AAUW national election from April 3rd to May 15th. Let's broaden our appeal and remove the degree requirement so everyone who's got our back can officially join our chorus!

We understand you might have questions. Here's how you can dive deeper:

- 1. Double check your inbox! In February AAUW California sent you more information about open membership.
- 2. Watch the webinar <u>Living our Vision of Equity for All</u>, which discusses dropping the degree requirement.
- 3. Ready to take action? Visit the Open Up AAUW website for details and add your name to the endorsement list. Let's show

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH the world we're united and ready for change!

Together, we're rewriting the future of AAUW-more inclusive, more powerful, and more united than ever before. The online election will be in April. Read the measure:

https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/2024-aauw-proposed-bylaws-changes.

AAUW California will hold its 2024 Lobby Days on April 2 and 3. The

Public Policy team is seeking members who are interested in meeting with their state representatives and/or their staff to inform them about AAUW and advocate for their support of priority bills. Meetings may be held in person at the Capitol or virtually via Zoom. Information go to

https://www.aauw-ca.org/learn-how-to-be-an-effective-lobby-days-advocate-2024/.

Advisor Supports TTAG Participant by Joann Nixon



The purpose of TTAG Advisors is to continue contact with their Team through high school and beyond. Joscelin Robles, a 2019 TTAG participant, who is now a Senior at Yuba City High School, came to my home to discuss her future. Joscelin was applying for a scholarship and needed a letter of recommendation which I was happy to provide.

Since her participation in Tech Trek, Joscelin has been very active in Branch events over the past four years. She was the first camper to demonstrate a solar car at the September Branch meeting following her week at UC Davis. Joscelin volunteered to help with the May Garden Tour in 2023. There was a torrential downpour for much of the day. Many others would have cancelled, but Joscelin upheld her commitment with a smile on her face and had a great attitude. She has shown great leadership during high school and in her commitment to help younger peers before and after they attend Tech Trek camp.

Joscelin shared that she is looking forward to voting for the first time in the general election in November. She has applied to colleges both in and outside of the University of California system. I look forward to Feather Vane APRIL 2024

keeping in touch with Joscelin and wish her the very best.

Remembering Dorothy Jang

Our Charter Member Dorothy Jang passed away in late January. Dorothy will always be remembered for her



happy smile and her alligience to our Marysville-Yuba City branch. Dorothy grew up in San Francisco and was a first-generation American. She completed her education at UC Berkeley with a business degree. Shortly after she married Woodrow Jang they opened Jay's Department Store in downtown Marysville, and Dorothy's business degree helped them to make it a successful venture until their retirement. Several years ago Dorothy moved back to San Francisco to be near her family, She was always proud to have Marysville her home, she told Artis Buerki in a 2012 interview with each of the five surviving Charter Members of our branch. Dorothy remained a member of our AAUW branch until her death

"Dorothy was a lovely, gracious woman. I was honored to have met her. And such a loyal member." Martha Bunce said.

Carol Clark said she enjoyed Dorothy and went to her going away party. "I wish that I could have gotten to know her better."

"Dorothy always sent a return email to me when she received her Feather Vane each month, even after she had moved back to San Francisco." Artis Buerki said. "She was a warm, friendly person and Dorothy will stay

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH in our hearts and minds forever as one of our Founding Mothers."

Remembering Lisa Mikel



We are saddened to learn that Lieselotte Mikel has passed away. She died in Willows on December 3, 2023. Her only survivors are a niece and nephew in Germany. Lisa joined our branch in 2012. She was known for her quiet voice and her beautiful accent.

Carol Clark said that "Lisa enjoyed going out to lunch with the Traveling Gourmet group for years. I always enjoyed her unusual and unique jewelry," Carol said.

Jan Wallace said "Lisa was a special friend of mine. I got her to join AAUW as well as the Marysville Art Club and Retired Teachers. She enjoyed being with people. She wanted to learn to play bridge and had never played cards, so we started from scratch, and she continued to play at the Senior Center and the Marysville Art Club."

"She loved attending branch meetings and the Traveling Gourmet," Sandy Davini said." Lisa was very friendly in her quiet way...and showed us how to dress fashionably!"

"I remember that Lisa grew up in Germany and she met and married an American serviceman who brought her to America," Artis Buerki said. "After her retirement from Yuba College, she and a friend enjoyed traveling, and she especially liked going to Hawaii. When she was in our writing group at AAUW she talked about feeding the many stray cats at the college. She didn't like to talk about the WW2 years in Germany but said that they always had a picture of Hitler on their wall. Her mother didn't like that, but her father said that it was necessary. When Lisa came to America she studied at USC Sacramento and earned an MS in Psychology-Counseling. She worked at Yuba College and made a successful life for herself here. Lisa will be missed."

MEMBERSHIP – We have lost three members recently and will put books in the county libraries to commemorate Lisa Mikel, Dorothy Jang, and Janet Theiss.

If you have a friend who wants membership information, please invite them to a meeting and contact Lee Jones, 530-300-0214.

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New Member — Berniece (Bunny) Parcher, 11138 Bixler Place, Grass Valley 95949; 530.272.3895, bunny@parcherfamily.net.
Bachelor's degree, education CSU Chico. Invited by Joyce Smith.



New Member —Stephanie
Stancil, 859 Jones Rd. #21, Yuba
City 95992; 530.300.0255
stancil.stephanie@gmail.com.
Samuel Merritt University, MSN
degree. Nurse Practitioner, Sutter
North Dematology. Invited to join by
Lee Jones at Day for Women event.



New Member – Monica Quilty, 2134 Greely Drive, Marysville, 95901, 530.301.9293,

monica4262@gmail.com, Chico State Liberal Arts/teaching. Invited by Linda Zall and Amy Molina-Jones.

New Member – Tonya Flores, 867 Murray Court, Yuba City 95991, 530.701.4137, tonyagrayflores@gmail.com, Baldwin Wallace University and CSU San Berdaino, Business Administration. Invited by Linda Zall.

New Member – Rose Damboriena, 6160 E. Butte Road, Live Oak, 95953, home 530.695.2741, cell 530.514.2741, <u>Rdamboriena@aol.com</u>, UC Davis, Ag Science & Management. Invited by Joyce Smith.

Garden Tour Sponsor Update

by Artis Buerki, Joyce Smith & Linda Zall



This year we focused on womenowned businesses, but not exclusively, and we posted sponsors on the *Feather Vane* pages, on our Facebook pages and website, and in our publicity. Levels of GARDEN TOUR sponsorships

are Orchid - \$500, Rose - \$300; Azalea - \$100, and Iris - \$50. To date a total of \$3,750 has been raised from Garden Tour cash sponsorships. In addition, in-kind donations and donated items for opportunity drawings were accepted. Sponsorships deadline is **March 31**. Contact Artis Buerki artisb@comcast.net if you have a friend who would like to be a Garden Tour sponsor.

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Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all branch members who have April birthdays: **Martha Bunce**, **Barbara Kenney**, **Marcie**

Watts, Ann Weiler, Leslie Williams, Sharyl Simmons, and Helen Strunk. If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let us know right away.

Did you know that March 8 was International Women's Day?

Did you know that March 12 was **Equal Pay Day**? It was to raise awareness that women working full time still only make 84 cents per dollar paid to mena pay gap that is significantly worse for many women of color and for women working part-time or seasonal, said AAUW National in the March AAUW Washington Update. The Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 17/S. 728) would address several components of pay equity including ending the use of salary history to determine wages, pay data collection, and retaliation protections for discussing wages. Help us urge Congress to support the Paycheck Fairness Act: Contact your member of Congress today by going to the Two Minute Activist: https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minuteactivist/paycheck-fairness/

Did you know that as the oldest non-institutional provider of graduate funding for women in the United States, AAUW American Fellowships empower women scholars engaged in full-time dissertation completion, postdoctoral research, or preparing research for publication. Candidates, evaluated for scholarly excellence and a commitment to advancing women and girls, contribute not only to their academic fields but also through active service in their communities and professions. Explore the opportunities for the coming year and consider joining impactful scholarship. Visit this legacy of https://bit.ly/3CUriQR to learn how to apply..

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

Did you know that it is ART CONTEST TIME?

Watch for your AAUW notecards mailed to all members this spring. The back of each card will include the winning artist's biography, a fact about AAUW and a

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highlight of the artist's local branch affiliation when applicable. You are invited to use these cards for your personal correspondence. Look at all the talent, and vote for 10:

https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art -contest/



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 – April 10
Dinner group normally meets 2nd Wed.
monthly at 5:30 pm at a local restaurant.
Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0562

On March 13 the dinner group went to the Refuge in Yuba City. *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? To be on the Movie group email list contact Mary Mayfield, marymay22@comcast.net.



RABID.READERS – April 19 Book Club meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10 am at the Sutter County Library. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0552, lindazall66@gmail.com

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TALKING ON PAPER – April 9

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 the month, 10 am at Sutter County Library and have a good time sharing, laughing, and empathizing with each other. Contact Donna Long, 530-671-4381.



TRAVELING GOURMET – April 25Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City on the **4**th **Thursday of the month**. 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 cochairs Carol Clark 530-301-2164 or Christy Estabrook 530-713-5223 if you want to be added to the contact list for future meetings.



On Feb. 29 the Traveling Gourmet went to Fats Asian Bistro in Roseville. *Photo by Mary Mayfield*



Executive Council Report March 14, 2024

Ellen O'Neil, Secretary

In attendance: Martha Bunce, Linda Zall, Sandy Davini, Liz Skelly, Gwyn Baker, Ellen O'Neil, Christy Estabrook and Kathy Nehl.

Call to order at 1:08p.m. Agenda and Minutes were approved with no changes.

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Information/Action Items:

Task lists from EC members must be turned into Liz Skelly by the June ECC meeting.

AAUW received a \$5000 bequest from the estate of Dorothy Jang who was a charter member of this branch when it was started in 1956. Martha requested suggestions as to the best possible use of the funds. Under discussion:

Yuba College Emergency Fund for students needing help with rent, utilities, books, and transportation.

An award to be presented at next year's Day of the Woman.

These suggestions and others will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and presented to the Executive Council at the June planning meeting.

Donations of \$150.00 were made in honor of Janet Theiss. Use of these funds will also be on the Finance Committee's agenda.

Sandy mentioned that a process to acknowledge these gifts is needed; families should be notified and thanked.

EC Leaders Report:

The Branch election will be held at the April 20th meeting. The slate of officers was in the March FV. Information regarding the election will be announced at this Saturday's Branch meeting.

Martha asked that EC begin a discussion soon about succession plans.

Martha described the different awards that were given by organizations attending the Day of the Woman event. Gwyn brought in a copy of the lengthy article in the local newspaper describing the event and the awards.

Correspondence

Sandy received a request from the Master Chorale for a donation.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy suggested that a budget adjustment be made next month to give money to the Yuba

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College Emergency Fund. The issue will be taken up by the Finance Committee.

Public Policy

Martha and Lee Jones will be attending "Lobby Day" in Sacramento. They plan to meet with Assemblyman James Gallagher and anticipate that members of other branches in his district will join them.

National AAUW sent out a release describing their consultive status with the UN. They will shortly be providing information to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Membership

Five women joined during the February branch meeting. Currently there are 95 members.

Nominating Committee

Christy reported that Gwyn Baker and Artis Buerki are willing to stand again for the Executive Council Sandy Davini will run again for Treasurer. Nominations can also be taken from the floor at the Branch meeting.

Communications

Deadline for the Feather Vane is March 20,2024. Linda is still planning to invoice members for their dues renewal. Most members' dues need to be paid in June.

Programs

Gwyn requested a short meeting with her committee prior to the next EC meeting.

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October meeting will welcome Adventist Rideout staff to discuss plans for the old Fremont Hospital building.

STEM Conference

April 1, 2025 is the target date for the next STEM conference. Liz and Sandy have been in discussions with the Yuba College staff regarding locations. The buildings used for many years are undergoing extensive remodeling.

Garden Tour

Sponsorships have reached \$3500, which is a record. Gardens are determined, though one may be added. If so, there will be 8 gardens. Tickets will be sold at Saturday's meeting. TTAG girls will help at the reception site.

Scholarships

Liz and Martha met with the Yuba College Director of the Foundation. We will still choose three STEM students for \$1500 each.

Jeanine Rounds has donated another \$50,000. Being considered is awarding \$1000 each to a student majoring in English, which Jeanine taught, and Art.

Interbranch

No updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55p.m.

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

Quote of the month:

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself say I'm possible." Audrey Hepburn





American Association of University Women, Marysville-Yuba City Branch presents

AAUW's 30th Anniversary

GARDEN TOUR

Art in the Gardens Saturday, May 4, 2024

Self-guided Garden Tour—10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reception—11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McCampbell Mansion located at 422 Second Street, Yuba City

\$25 - Tickets online: mvyc-ca.aauw.net/garden-tour/ and from these local merchants beginning mid-March: The Country Florist, K. Roberts Gifts, Sperbeck's Nursery, Digs on D Street, and from AAUW branch members

Rain or Shine on May 4 bring your ticket or online receipt to our <u>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.</u> (We will be in the parking lot with solar panels next to Gauche Aquatic Park.) For late arrivals tickets and brochures will also be available at our reception site at the McCampbell Mansion after 12:30 p.m.



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We are all Wonder Women.

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AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

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); AAUW Garden Tour (event page)

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

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