



# FEATHER VANE – September 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 Sept. 12 at 1 pm, at Sutter County Schools Office.** Tell Martha or any EC member if you want to attend Executive Council meetings and to be appointed as an EC Member-at-Large for a year.

## Council Chat *by Martha Bunce*

My younger sister and I went to *The Outlaws Concert* in August and, of course, Willie Nelson sang, "On the Road Again." I feel like we should be singing along with him -- as AAUW Marysville-Yuba gets going again for a fantastic, rewarding, interesting, and fun year.

Check out the programs (see article on page 2) that Gwyn and her team have scheduled, and don't miss one of them! And bring a friend sometimes, too.

Have you joined one or more of the Interest Groups? Know how to join? Well, you just show up. No waiting period, no form to fill out. So, you don't see a group that strikes your fancy or interest? Here's the way to get one going. You just get one going. Announce it, recruit and friend or two, plan a session and set the date. See who shows up! Talk has been bandied about for a walking or hiking group, a Brews and Boos group; maybe a gardening group can start up again? Bridge anyone? Board games, Bunko, Cooking (and eating).

But don't spend ALL your AAUW time on fun and games. The reward for being active on one of our projects is tremendous. Garden Tour, Tech Trek, TTAG, Executive Council, Publicity, Interbranch, Scholarship, Finance, STEM Conference. Each of these groups welcomes new members to help translate the mission of our organization from words into action.

I love this organization. It is so much fun to be around energetic, smart, talented, interested, funny, serious, hardworking, and interesting women. JOIN THE FUN!

## BRANCH MEETING – Sept. 21

**When: Saturday, September 21**

**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)**

**Speakers: Tech Trek**

**Menu: Lunch Buffet following speakers**

**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*



Come on September 21 to meet our 2024 Tech Trek team. They will be the speakers at the branch meeting. Shown here with Carol and Martha on visitation day are L-R: **Laila McRice**, Brittan Elementary; **Alianna Barrington**, Tierra Buena Elementary; **Audrey Marler**, Barry Elementary; **Analidia Coyazo Ochoa**, Riverbend Elementary; and **Amelia Larson**, Live Oak Middle School.

## Tech Trek, TTAG News –

by Carol Clark and Joann Nixon

Five students were selected this spring to attend the Tech Trek camp at UC Davis in July. The new Tech Trekkers, who are shown on page 1, will be our speakers at the September 21 branch meeting.

Before going to camp in July, the girls met for a pizza party in late May at the home of Kelly Swanson. This year’s Tech Trekkers were joined at the pizza party by four TTAG members who helped them anticipate what going to Tech Trek would be like. Shown (L-R) are Madeline Fedora (TT 2022), Yuba City High; Turan



Welcome (TT 2023), AeroSTEM Academy; Mia Magallon (TT 2023), Butte Vista; and Ravneet Pabla (TT 2023), Riverbend.

## Roster updates – Urgent

Do you have any new information or corrections for the upcoming Yearbook/Roster? (If your name is hyphenated, where do you want to be alphabetized in the directory? Corrected phone number? New email address?) **If you do, please contact Linda Zall by email as soon as possible. She is working on the roster now. [lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto:lindazall66@gmail.com).**

## Membership – Invite a friend to join!

Thank you to Lee Jones for the many years she was Membership Leader. Joyce Smith and Rosie Damboriena are going to be co-chairs for Membership. If you need membership application information or if you wish to help with the orientation and inclusion of new members, please contact Joyce, 530-674-9178 or Rosie, 530-514-2741.

## Officers for the new year are:

Treasurer -- Sandy Davini (one year term 2024-2025)  
Leader -- Martha Bunce (2022-2025)  
Secretary -- Ellen O’Neil (2023-2026)  
By Laws --Christy Estabrook (2024-2027)  
Communications -- Linda Zall (2023-2026)  
Program -- Gwyn Baker -- (2024-2027)  
Projects -- Liz Skelly (2022-2025)  
Membership -- Joyce Smith (2024-2027), and co-chair Rosie Damboriena

## 2024-2025 Programs - Mark your calendars!

by Gwyn Baker  
We have an exciting AAUW branch year planned. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.  
Sept. 21 -- Tech Trek  
Oct. 19 -- The Rideout Foundation. Project Hope and innovative technologies coming to Rideout  
Nov. 16 -- CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates providing support for foster youth  
Dec. 7 -- Coalition Holiday Brunch at Peach Tree  
Jan. 18 -- Dave Rubiales, local author and historian  
Feb. 15 -- Master Gardeners  
March -- No meeting because of April 1 STEM Conf  
April 12 (12th instead of 19th because of Easter) Dr Jasbir Kang, Sikh history.  
May – No meeting due to May 3 Garden Tour  
June 7 – California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls



## Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all branch members whose birthdays are in **SEPTEMBER** – Gretchen Cupp, Kathryn Medley, Kathy Nehl, Jeanine Rounds, Tanna

Thomas, & Claudia Chandler. If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let us know.



**Did you know** that Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance sets up shelters for dogs in the event of an OES declared disaster. They are a 501(c)3, EIN #55-0830073. If you wish to

volunteer or to donate, send to P.O. Box 3563, Yuba City, CA. 95992 or see the website <https://ysdada.org>. You may contact our member, Gretchen Cupp. Her number is in our roster.

**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 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. Explore the opportunities for the coming year. <https://bit.ly/3CUriQR> to learn how to apply.



**This is our AAUW branch's  
December meeting.  
Register now.**

**YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION**

# **HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

**Saturday, December 7, 2024  
9:30 a.m.  
Peach Tree Country Club  
Tickets \$30**

**Limited seating – Reservation Deadline is  
November 20, 2024. Bring your check to the  
AAUW branch meeting Nov. 16 or sooner  
or call Artis to say that your check has been  
mailed to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031,  
Yuba City, CA 95992.**

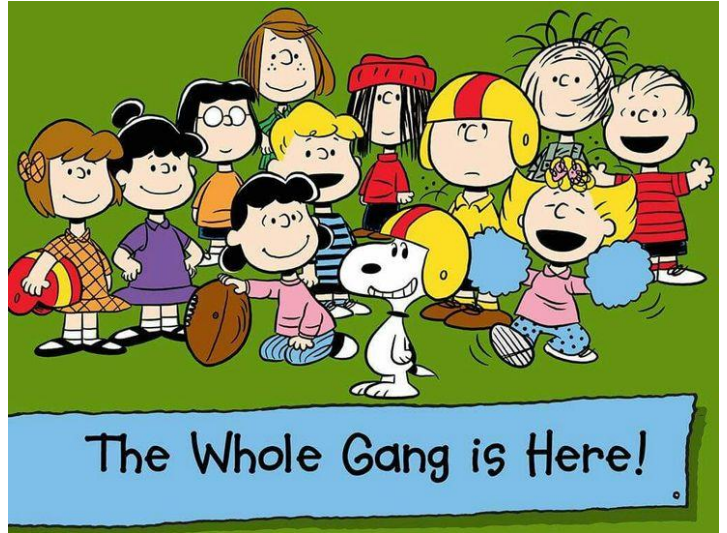
**Questions, text or phone Artis Buerki, 530-  
632-7052 or email [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net).**

**HANDS OF HOPE DONATIONS:**

**Please bring new pairs of women and children's  
socks, roll-on deodorant, disposable razors,  
regular size shampoo, conditioner, or body wash.**

**This event is open to all women in our  
community. Invite a friend.**

**We're back!  
Welcome back to AAUW.**



**YOUR VOICE IS CRUCIAL  
TO STRENGTHENING  
OUR DEMOCRACY.**



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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** - Dinner group normally meets **2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. monthly at 5:30 pm** at a local restaurant. Contact Betty Bonner, 530-301-2265.

*We went to Mariscos El Capitan, Franklin and Garden Highway on August 14. Photo courtesy of Christy Estabrook*



**TRAVELING GOURMET** - Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month**. To carpool we meet at the Yuba City Raley's Shopping Center

parking lot (at the east end between Wendy's & Huckleberry Restaurant} at about 10:15 and leaves 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.

**PUBLIC POLICY TOPIC** - Amy Hom and Melissa Maceyko, Directors, Public Policy Committee Co-chairs, [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org)

**PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES AND THE ELECTIONS**

Welcome to another presidential election year in the United States! We have you covered with all the resources.

In September, the Public Policy Committee will:

- Present a webinar on Get Out the Vote. More details to follow soon.
- Provide information on the California ballot initiatives that we are supporting.
- Provide Candidate Comparison Guides for competitive Congressional races in California.

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that **three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!**

**AB 1955** will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronoun or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

**AB 1790** will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports



**MOVIE LOVERS** - Would you like to go to a daytime movie in Yuba City with some friends? To be on the Movie group email list, contact Artis Buerki, [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net) or phone Diana McVicker, 909-532-2521.



**RABID READERS** - Book Club meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 10 am** at the Sutter County Library. Contact Linda Zall, 530.713.0552, [lindazall66@gmail.com](mailto: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 **2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Tuesday of the month, 10 am** at Sutter County Library. Contact Donna Long, 530-671-4381.

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH  
from CSU on the status of their implementation of  
the State Auditor recommendations.

**AB 2608** will require the California Community  
Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of  
California, to provide educational and preventive  
information on sexual violence and harassment,  
including how to recognize if someone is at risk of  
drug-facilitated sexual assault.

A school board candidate questionnaire is now  
available, courtesy of the AAUW Fallbrook Branch.  
This is an excellent vetting tool. If a candidate  
approaches you for an endorsement or other  
support, ask them to complete this questionnaire,  
which also can be found on the Public Policy  
website in the School Project toolkit.

### B2B Bonus: Quick Tips for Things to Try

Learn how to reduce polarization through talk.  
Check out THIS GUIDE, written by Missy, to learn  
more about how you might approach difficult  
conversations during election season.

## THANK YOU LETTERS FROM OUR TECH TREKKERS



University of California, Davis

Dear Marysville-Yuba City,  
I have many thanks for you. First of all,  
you sponsored me with a once-in-a-  
lifetime opportunity. I have had so much  
fun since I've been here. I have fun  
since I've been here. I have only been  
here 2 days and I already love it!  
With making new friends and exploring  
new types of science it has been amazing.  
I absolutely love all the activities here.  
Again I just want to thank you for the  
amazing you gave me!

Sincerely  
Amelia Larson

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University of California, Davis

Dear Marysville-Yuba City Branch, July 19, 2024  
I would like to thank you so much for providing me,  
along with the other girls, this amazing opportunity here  
at Tech Trek. Alongside that, I'd also like to thank you for  
providing this wonderful camp for me. Here at Tech Trek, we've  
met so many inspiring women in STEM related jobs, some  
who've attended Tech Trek and gone on to have extremely  
interesting and successful careers, and even a few who  
were like us. I know most girls here didn't have a clue on  
what they wanted to do in the future, and Tech Trek  
has really helped us with that. Tech Trek has also  
helped me learn about all types of STEM, including  
robotics, coding, engineering, microbiology, and anatomy, among  
many more. Being here has been so incredibly interesting. I've  
learned so many valuable things and have made lovely  
new friends who are just as nerdy and curious as I  
am. Once again, I'd like to thank you for giving me  
this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Alison Burroughs

Tech Trek Camper 2021



University of California, Davis

Dear Yuba city branch  
Thank you for this amazing opportunity! I  
have really enjoyed my core class, going  
to the Ucs and trying new stuff! This week  
has been great. I am very thankful that I get  
to go to an amazing program. I am in the  
robotics/computer core class in the program and  
it has been cool and I loved it! This  
week has been super fun and great! This  
week I learned to build robots and core  
them

Thank you! - Audrey Marler



University of California, Davis



**Executive Council Meeting  
August 8, 2024**

Ellen O'Neil, Secretary

Dear Yuba Marysville Branch,  
Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. So far I have learned more in the past 6 days here at camp than I would in a year at my regular school. In my core class, Anatomy, we dissected a sheep's eye, heart, and lungs. We also dissected a frog, and bone. I have gotten more interested in being a vet and going to school here at UC Davis. My dorm mate and I have grown very close and want to both stay in contact and go to school here and build our own vet office. All of the people that here and help set up this organization are extremely nice and caring both about me and my education. This camp has opened up my mind more about going to vet school and other jobs similar to being a vet. Overall, this camp was a wonderful experience. Thank you again for letting me have this opportunity.

Sincerely  
Laila Mchice



University of California, Davis

Dear Marysville-Yuba City Branch,  
Thank you for allowing me to come to Tech Trek. It has been an experience that, even though not as expected, has changed my perspectives on career and jobs. I had moments of breaking down some of my behavior and times where I was having the time of my life. There were days about future of adult living. Those were the hardest for me, but the staff (more specifically the nurse, Lauren) helped through that issue. There were days where we'd be dancing and I had plenty of fun. Trinity (I think she's the counselor for the Yuba City-Marysville Branch) got really into it, chanting some directions on Timber by Kesha and doing the worm twice! And there were also days where I'd think of a new career path. One time, the color groups (our lanyards have a colored dot) were taken to three veterinary hospitals/labs that taught us many different things. I was mostly intrigued by the skeletons of many different animals which made me consider taking veterinary focusing on skeletons. I met a lot of kind people who are fun to hangout with! My dorm group is filled with girls with differing personalities that are fun to talk to. I love hearing their stories from back in their home towns/cities and here at Tech Trek. Once again, thank you for allowing me to come here!

Sincerely  
Analidia Coyazo Ochoa

**In Attendance:** Gwyn Baker, Martha Bunce, Sandy Davini, Carol Anderson-Clark, Christy Estabrook, Artis Buerki, Joyce Smith, Ellen O'Neil, Linda Zall

The meeting was called to order at 1:05p.m. The minutes of the June EC Planning Meeting were approved with no changes.

Martha announced that Joyce Smith has graciously accepted the Membership Chair portfolio, vacated by Lee Jones. The vote to appoint Joyce to the Executive Council was as follows: Sandy/Liz/U.

Martha noted that Member-At-Large positions need to be appointed annually. The following persons have agreed to be new Members-At-Large: Ethel Jorgensen, Cheryl Hoke, Debbie Naylor, Libby Haraughty, and Mary Harris-Kasuba. Returning Members-At-Large are Betty Bonner, Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Gretchen Capp, Kathy Nehl, and Joann Nixon. Liz will check with Tana Thomas and Kathy Bertelsen regarding their interest.

**Tech Trek:** Carol has informed the women mentoring this summer's attendees that they need to prepare for the September Branch meeting. TTAG meets on August 29th. Martha will contact Joann to discuss the plans.

**Correspondence:** Thank you letters from the Tech Trek attendees were passed around for everyone to enjoy. There was also one from Sue Graue, who created the brochure for the 2024 Garden Tour, thanking AAUW for her honorarium.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy distributed the Final Treasurer's Report for 23-24 combined with the 24-25 Recommended budget. She noted some changes: Speaker honorariums have increased. Annual donations to Casa de Esperanza and Girls on the Run have increased. The 24-25 Budget and Narrative will be recommended to General Membership for adoption at the September branch meeting. A copy will be included in the 24-25 yearbook. Additionally, there is a budget line item: "Award to Support Women" which will most likely occur at the Day for Women event. Money was also budgeted to secure a table at the event. The Recommended Budget will be printed in the 24-25 yearbook, to be distributed at next month's meeting.

**Public Policy:** The EC is considering assisting with a Voter Registration Drive. Materials would be provided by another group with a history of doing them. AAUW would register voters.



MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH

California State AAUW announced that three pieces of legislation that they initiated passed during the previous session.

**Membership:** Joyce hopes to contact members who have not renewed to find out why and encourage them to do so. Discussion occurred regarding expanding interest groups to motivate more members to become involved.

It may be necessary to find a new person to handle the Membership Treasurer role. Joyce will do some checking with possible interested women.

**By-Laws:** Christy reminded EC that they have been completed and passed.

**Nominating Committee:** Liz, Martha and Linda are members with Linda as Chair. Terms up this year will be Liz, Martha and Sandy. A proposed slate from the committee is due to the EC at the February meeting.

**Communication:** August 15th is the deadline for September's Feather Vane. EC members appreciated that Artis sent out a summer newsletter which wasn't the norm. She pointed out that there was a lot of news and it's important to keep members informed and interested.

Regarding the webpage, she is listing Executive Council Officers but not Members-At-Large, which is a change.

Facebook is monitored by Gwyn. She is concerned about people unintentionally reposting scams and is willing to do a brief Inservice if members would find it helpful. Perhaps, the page would get more interest if Interest-Group photos were utilized.

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**Programs:** Gwyn distributed the year's schedule. All dates and speakers have been confirmed. She will work closely with the TTAG reps to insure Sept. reservations are accurate and the program finalized. Linda said the Yearbook will be complete by the September meeting and the programs will be listed.

**STEM:** Sandy will make a brief presentation regarding the conference (scheduled for April 1st) at the October Branch meeting. A new Assistant Chair and Facilitator Recruitment Chair are needed.

**Garden Tour:** The first committee meeting is next month. However, there are already gardens available.

**Scholarships:** Liz will be getting her committee ready as the applications will be reviewed in a month. Artis suggested that recipients attend the June Branch meeting and talk about their plans.

**Interbranch:** Carol and Liz attended last night and there were 19 people at the gathering. Liz turned over her Presidential gavel to an Oroville representative.

**Coalition Brunch:** It is scheduled for December 7th. Peach Tree Country Club has agreed to a cost of \$28 for attendees, and we will sell tickets for \$30, with \$2 per ticket being given to the youth group who perform. Artis is chair of Coalition Brunch planning committee, and Martha will be the Mistress of Ceremonies.

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



Quote of the month: "Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint at it that you can." -- Danny Kaye, American actor, comedian, singer, dancer (1911-1987)



**This is our AAUW branch's December meeting. Reserve now.**

**YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN'S COALITION**

**HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

**Saturday, December 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.**

**Peach Tree Country Club**

**Contact Artis Buerki, 530-632-7052**



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**We are all Wonder Women.**

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 Our Branch Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.MVYC/>  
**AAUW--MVYC Group** (open group page); **Art in the Gardens** (open group page)  
 Our branch website: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>

### SEPTEMBER 2024

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