



FEATHER VANE – November 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 Nov.14, at 1 pm. Contact Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663.

BRANCH MEETING – NOV. 16

When: Saturday, November 16

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: Nicole Rubio, Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Advocates for Court Appointed Special Advocates of Placer and Yuba Counties.

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.



This is our AAUW branch’s December gathering. Register now.

AAUW reservations YUBA-SUTTER WOMEN’S COALITION **HOLIDAY BRUNCH**

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

**Peach Tree Country Club
Tickets \$30**

Networking, Brunch, Entertainment, Drawings

RESERVATIONS-AAUW MEMBERS:

Reservations are limited to 50 from our group. Write your check to AAUW. Mail to PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. **Reservation payment must arrive by Saturday, November 16.** If you prefer, you may pay at the October 12 or November 16 AAUW Branch meeting. Artis Buerki is Coalition Chair this year. She will let us know after Nov. 20 if there is room for more.

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.

Program Notes *by Gwyn Baker*

Our speaker on November 16 will be Nicole Rubio, Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Placer and Yuba Counties. Nicole was part of the LEAD Yuba-Sutter class of 2022 where she learned that CASA wanted to open an office in Yuba County. Her connections as both a realtor and Chamber of Commerce Ambassador made her the right candidate to get a CASA office started in Marysville. CASA trains volunteers to become court appointed special advocates to help at-risk foster youth navigate the court system and provide support and stability for children who have been placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. Come learn about this organization helping the most vulnerable in our community.

OTE *Non-Partisan* **voter information**

Voter education, advocacy, and engagement are important parts of AAUW's mission. These informative sources can help you make decisions in the upcoming election. Your ballot should be arriving soon. If you need to check your voter registration status, you can do so here <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

Here is the **AAUW Voting guide**. This nonpartisan guide will help you learn about key issues supporting gender equity and includes a **Congressional Voting Record** so you can check how your Representative's voting record aligns with your values. <https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-issue-guide/>

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights. Here is their guide to the California ballot measures. <https://cavotes.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/09/EVG-Nov2024-Eng.pdf>

And last but not least, here is the **CalMatters Voter Guide**. CalMatters is a nonpartisan and nonprofit news organization. They are dedicated to making government more transparent and accountable by keeping Californians informed. The Propositions section of this guide has quizzes and one-minute videos showing all the important pros and cons of each proposition. <https://calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2024/>

Women's Coalition Holiday Brunch – Donations are needed for baskets.

Contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552 or Kathy Nehl, 530-632-6050

The Holiday Elves are working industriously to prepare baskets for the drawing at the brunch. Please bring any donations you have to the October or November meeting. In addition to items for the baskets, we are also in need of large baskets. Some suggested items for the baskets:

- **Local agricultural products:** prunes, rice, nuts, wine, serve ware, napkins
- **Wine:** a bottle of wine, wine glasses, cocktail napkins, crackers, chocolate
- **Specialty coffees/teas:** mugs, biscotti, cookies, candies, teacups
- **Books:** a just released novel, a gently used book
- **Can't think of something?** How about gift cards, Christmas ornaments or decorations, candles.

What is the Women's Coalition?

Networking, brunch, entertainment, drawings.

The Yuba-Sutter Women's Coalition was organized by our own Barbara Palser who was our branch leader in 1993. When Barbara came into office, she wanted to be able to put on an elegant holiday party for our members, and she invited other women's organizations to join her for a festive holiday party at the Peach Tree Country Club. That quickly morphed into a promotion of women through women's history book donations to the two local libraries, visits to local classrooms during women's history month, and children's art competitions held at the local shopping mall.

Today the Women's Coalition puts on a single annual event and organizes donations of women's and children's socks and toiletries for Hands of Hope. You are invited to attend the Coalition Holiday Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club on Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. and guests are welcome. Be sure to make your reservation soon. \$30. Prepayment by Nov. 16. No walk ins. For questions contact Artis Buerki, 530-632-7052.

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Thank you to our Oct. 12 speakers - by Gwyn Baker

Lisa Lindman, Executive Director of the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust presented on both the conservation her organization does and their upcoming Swan Festival event. The SBRLT is an accredited land trust that protects parcels from development by purchasing conservation easements, which help both farmers and wildlife. Their work covers Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa counties. We also learned about the Middle Mountain Interpretive Hikes, their sister organization in charge of hikes in the Buttes. If you missed the presentation and want to learn more about the Swan Festival, an annual event with something to interest people of all ages, check out their website, sutterbutteslandtrust.org.



The meeting started with a presentation by TTAG student, Turan Welcome, TT 2023 member. Turan told us how she had been made fun of for being interested in science, but after attending Tech

Trek gained newfound confidence and an interest in bones. She now wants to become a forensic anthropologist and has started her own business bringing her collection of bones to schools to educate students. It was heartwarming to hear how much the Tech Trek experience helped her grow and she was grateful to AAUW for their support.

Tech Trek committee - We will meet at Sutter County Library on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. Come join us if you are interested in being a part of this exciting project. For more information, contact Martha Bunce, Liz Skelly, or Carol Clark.

STEM Team Needs Your Help

Thanks to many of you who signed up at the October branch meeting to help the STEM Team present the popular April 1, 2025, STEM Conference for 850 eighth grade girls!

We still have some vacancies, so please see what piques your interest. Call/text/email Sandy Davini, Chair, 530-713-1390, ddavini@comcast.net for more info.

- Facilitator Recruiter (Jan.-Feb.) -Contact your friends and organizations, to recruit 25+ ladies to host/help presenter in 3 morning sessions. Gwyn can train you.
- Registration Spreadsheet Understudy (Feb.-Mar.) - Work with Computer Chair to learn how to merge files to register all the girls into their sessions.
- Co-Chair STEM Team - Work with Sandy to coordinate event.

There are several April 1 (day of) activities at Yuba College that would benefit from your enthusiasm. Join us!

You're also invited to attend the **Nov. 14, 10 am STEM meeting at Sutter Co. Supt. of Schools Annex**. We meet on the 2nd Thursday morning most months. April 1 will be here before we know it. We need your help.

Membership – Invite a friend to join!

If you need membership applications or if you wish to help with the orientation and inclusion of new members, please contact Joyce Smith, 530-674-9178 or Rosie Damboriena, 530-514-2741.



Lilly Ledbetter, whose fight for equal pay changed U.S. laws, dies at 86 –

Lilly Ledbetter passed away on October 12 in Alabama. She is shown here in 2014 speaking at the White House on Equal Pay Day. She was a woman who could not join AAUW, who did not benefit from her extreme efforts, and whom AAUW championed. She made a difference in achieving equal pay for equal work. In 2009 the Fair Pay Act was passed. Here is her obituary in the New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/10/14/obituaries/lilly-ledbetter-dead>.

Our branch website is
mvyc-ca.aauw.net.
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Did you know?



Happy Birthday to all branch members whose birthdays are in NOVEMBER: Betty Bonner, Sandy Davini, Candice Fresquez, Cheryl Hoke, Joann Nixon, Diana McVicker, & Rita Montejano-Guanzon. If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let me know. Artis Buerki, 530-632-7052.

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, post-doctoral research, or who are preparing research for publication. Explore the opportunities for the coming year and learn how to apply. <https://bit.ly/3CUriQR>

INTEREST SECTIONS - All branch members are welcome to participate.

Did you know? – WE ARE ORGANIZING A NEW INTEREST GROUP. If you are interested in an evening social group please contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552.



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

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, or phone Diana McVicker, 909-532-2521.



RABID.READERS - 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

TALKING ON PAPER -- Members who like to express themselves on paper are welcome. We meet on the **2nd Tuesday of the month, 10 am** at Sutter County Library. Contact Donna Long, 530-671-4381.



TRAVELING GOURMET - Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City normally on the **4th Thursday of the month** with the exception of holiday months. 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.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 3, 2024
1:00 pm, Sutter County Library

In attendance: Martha Bunce, Liz Skelly, Linda Zall, Ellen O'Neil, Candy Michielsen, Joann Nixon, Kathy Nehl, Debbie Naylor, Carol Anderson-Clark.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

EC Leader's Report: Martha announced that the three legislative bills that California state AAUW

supported at Lobby Day last spring were passed and signed by the governor.

She also referred people to the email that Gwyn sent recommending websites where one can access voters' guides for the upcoming election.

Tech Trek was congratulated for the excellent presentation by the 2024 campers. Cheryl Hoke's work in preparing them for their talk was noted.

No Correspondence.
No treasurer's report due to her absence.

Nominating Committee: meets after this meeting.

Communications: Items for the Feather Vane are due on October 15th.

Social media: Gwyn sent an email listing what she has put on the Facebook page and encouraging members to "like" the posts. It enables them to be seen by more people.

Branch meeting announcements are sent to the Appeal-Democrat.

Programs: There are 23 reservations for the October meeting. This month is traditionally not well-attended. The November meeting will have a speaker from CASA. It will be requested of members to bring a monetary donation, a toy or book to the meeting for the children/teens served by the volunteer organization.

Projects:

STEM: No report
Garden Tour: Plans are underway.
Interbranch: There is a meeting on November 2nd.

Tech Trek: Martha has been actively recruiting Tech Trek volunteers as Carol will no longer be handling the workload as chair. She will be part of the committee. Liz will attend the Zoom meetings scheduled by state AAUW. Two other new members will be helping.

TTAG: Joann advocated for TTAG girls to be invited to Branch meetings. The committee will do

MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA, AAUW BRANCH that and the money for the luncheon will come from the TTAG budget. If parents come, they will need to pay for their lunch. One young lady was not able to speak at the September luncheon as she was hospitalized. Joann will work with Gwyn to give her a five-minute slot in October.

The Day for Women: Martha put forth a recommendation from Gwyn. Rather than developing a new award to present, AAUW could invite the Yuba College scholarship recipients to lunch and present them with a certificate. EC members supported this plan.

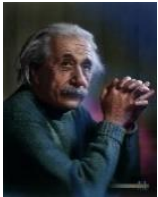
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Coalition Brunch: We have 50 slots. Flyers will be available at the Oct 12th Branch meeting and Kathy will be taking reservations. We have been allotted three tables for raffle baskets this year.

Yearbook: Congratulations to Linda for a great yearbook. Liz is willing to autograph page 8.

Next meeting: November 14, 2024, at 1:00, Sutter County Schools office.

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



“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”
Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Find us on Facebook: AAUW Marysville Yuba City, and AAUW-MVYC group page.



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We are all Wonder Women.

NOVEMBER 2024

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