



# FEATHER VANE – January 2025

AAUW National Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.  
Branch Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through education and networking within our diverse community.

The Executive Council meets Jan. 9 at 1 pm. Contact Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663 if you would like to be a member.

**BRANCH MEETING – JAN. 18**

**When: Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**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: Dave Rubiales, retired professor and local author and historian**

**Menu: Lunch Buffet following speakers**

**Cost: \$20. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Reservations made are reservations paid.** (pay at door/mail in check if you cannot attend) Tell your emailer (Gwyn Baker) or your caller (Barbara Kenney) if you are coming. Please reply **YES or NO**, by Monday prior to the meeting.

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

## Council Chat – by Martha Bunce

Our Mission is to **Advance Equity for Women and Girls**, and opportunities abound for active, interesting, meaningful, engaging, and positive participation in our AAUW! We participate in committees, volunteer, pay dues, engage with each other and with other organizations, spread the word about AAUW.

AND ---- Here's something you can do right now.

**HELP GET THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO BECOME PART OF THE CONSTITUTION.** We have the power, and if hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, of us urge President Biden to act, he may just do it. This would enhance his legacy.

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**Call President Biden at (202) 456-1111 Ask him to PUBLISH THE EQUAL RIGHTS ADMENDMENT now!!**

It's been ratified by the required number of states. It's done. It just needs to be published by the Archivist.

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At the same time mail the same message to [www.whitehouse.gov/contact](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact). Your voice counts!

## Program Notes – by Gwyn Baker

The January 18 program will be **John Muir on the Yuba River, January 19, 1875.**

We'll hear John Muir's first-hand account of how Marysville was almost destroyed on this date. Our speaker will be Dave Rubiales, Yuba College Professor Emeritus. Mr. Rubiales has an extensive background in California history. He has written several publications on local history topics and is a frequent lecturer at the Sutter County Museum. You don't want to miss this!

### Coalition Brunch – It’s a wrap!

Dec. 7, 2024 – Today’s Holiday Brunch at the Peach Tree Country Club was a big success. More than 70 women from various volunteer organizations met for our annual networking event. This was an opportunity to learn about the projects and programs of other service groups in this area.

Attending along with AAUW were Bridges to Housing, Sutter Buttes Garden Club, P.E.O. VU, Blue Star Moms, American Red Cross, DKG Alumni, and Hands of Hope. Hands of Hope was the beneficiary as we collected a large box full of socks and toiletries for their program to help the unhoused people in our community.. We were excited to hear that they will soon be moving to a new larger facility in Yuba City. We loved hearing the middle school mariachi band play for us. There were many lovely items won in the AAUW, P.E.O. VU, and Sutter Buttes Garden Club opportunity drawings. AAUW Basket Elves spent hours creating our gift baskets and selling tickets today. Thank you to Martha for keeping us on schedule as MC extraordinaire and Sandy for keeping track of the money. And especially to my wonderful committee members Betty, Joyce, Kayleen, Linda, Anne, Chary, Kathy and Sue who are pictured below. Here are some pictures taken by Mary, Betty, Sandy, and Jennifer. Thanks to all of you for making this a perfect morning! Sincerely, *Artis Buerki*

These are some of the Basket Elves.



Coalition Committee



Arbogas Amigos de Oro youth mariachi band



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money by joining our branch between January 18, 2025, and February 15, 2025.

In January and February, please invite prospective members to come to branch meetings with you to see what AAUW is about. Membership is open to both women and men who have at least an associate degree or greater. If a new member joins at our January or February branch meeting, they will save \$36 on their AAUW National portion of dues for the first year. That means they can join for a full twelve months for just \$69 (instead of \$105). New members would owe a full year's dues when they renew their membership a year later.

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.

## Who is on the Executive Council?

You will remember that in April 2024, we had an election of the branch officers of the Executive Council. On July 1, 2024, we began our new fiscal year with the following officers and members-at-large who are the governing board of our AAUW branch. They are:

Martha Bunce – EC Leader

Ellen O'Neal – Secretary

Sandy Davini – Treasurer

Christy Estabrook – Bylaws Leader

Linda Zall – Communications Leader

Gwyn Baker – Program Leader

Liz Skelly – Projects Leader

Joyce Smith- Membership Leader

Members-at-Large are appointed to EC for 1 year and they attend the EC meetings as voting members. Here are our current members-at-large:

Kathy Bertelsen, Betty Bonner,

Artis Buerki, Carol Clark, Gretchen Cupp,

Rosie Damboriena, Julie Goldwyn,

Mary Harris Kasuba, Cheryl Hoke,

Candy Michelsen, Kathy Nehl,

Joann Nixon, and Tanna Thomas.

If you would like to attend the EC monthly meetings and be a voting member of the Executive Council as a member-at-large, please contact Martha Bunce, [buncehall@yahoo.com](mailto:buncehall@yahoo.com).

**Garden Tour Committee** - If you are an AVID GARDNER, bravo! We'd love to have your help. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ONE to be a member of the AAUW Garden Tour Committee. If you have ever helped plan a dinner, a reunion, a birthday party, a school event, your experience can help us organize the Garden Tour.

We'd love to have your SMILING FACE, your EXPERIENCE, and your BRAINS!

Contact Martha Bunce (in the AAUW Yearbook) and/or come to one of our meetings usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. However, our January meeting is **January 9, 10 am.at Sutter County Superintendent of Schools office in the annex, 970 Klamath Lane, Yuba City.** We'd love to have you join the fun!

## MEMBERSHIP: Shape the Future in January and February - Opportunity for New Members

*by Joyce Smith*

Do you have a friend who would like to join our branch? Shape the Future is an exciting opportunity for potential members to save some

## STEM Team Needs Your Help

Thanks to many of you who have already signed up to help the STEM Team present the popular April 1, 2025, STEM Conference for 850 eighth grade girls at Yuba College! We still need more Facilitators to assist at morning sessions, 9 am to noon.

Contact Carol Clark, [cclark1246@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cclark1246@sbcglobal.net) if you can volunteer to work that morning.

AAUW MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY

STEM Committee usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, at 10 am at Sutter County Superintendent of Schools office, However, **there is no January meeting of STEM Committee.** Call/text/email Sandy Davini, Chair, 530-713-1390, [ddavini@comcast.net](mailto:ddavini@comcast.net) to learn more.

**Tech Trek Committee** - If you are interested in working closely with girls, this is the project to choose. We have short and longer-term jobs, so join us to see how we select the girls to attend UC Davis for TECH TREK! We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. **Next meeting is 4 pm, January 16. Location TBD.** For more information, contact Martha Bunce, Liz Skelly, 530-635-1821, or Carol Clark, 530-301-2164.



***Did you know?***  
Happy Birthday to all branch members whose birthdays are in JANUARY: Carol Clark,

Kay Cockrell, Grace Espindola, Larissa Feccu, Sharon Wonder, Ethel Jorgensen. 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>  
This year 31 California women are being honored.

## **Lobby Days - April 8-9, 2025** **Save these Dates!**

*by Rhonda Skipper, Member AAUW California Public Policy Committee*

Get ready to advance legislation that makes a difference! This spring the AAUW California 2025 Lobby Days event will be held over two days with an **in-person meeting day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 8** and a **virtual meeting day**

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**over Zoom on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.** We encourage all AAUW California members to participate in this opportunity for advocacy that is essential to achieve our legislative priorities!

Starting in January, the Public Policy Committee will evaluate new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with our [Public Policy Priorities](#). In mid-March, the committee will meet to select 30-35 bills to make up AAUW California's 2025 Legislative Agenda, including the top three bills that we will advance during Lobby Days. Training materials on these three bills will be posted on the state website by March 26, 2025, and a **mandatory training webinar will be held on March 31, 2025 at 7:00pm.**

If you have participated in Lobby Days in the past, we would love to hear your feedback on what worked and what didn't. Please send your comments to [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).

**A registration form will arrive in your inbox in early January 2025.** Please be sure to complete and return the form so that you get necessary updates about Lobby Days, including your team and meeting details.  
(Editor's note: Read the December Feather Vane for more details about Lobby Day)

NOTES: In addition to our members, this year some of your Lobby Days teams will include college students who have been invited to join in via a college outreach pilot project. Through this project, we will be distributing Lobby Days event flyers to several colleges and universities from November to February. Increased college student participation will enable us to reach more legislative offices; however, most importantly, we hope that this introduction to AAUW will inspire advocacy-minded young people who share our values to join AAUW.

Our branch website is [mvyc-ca.aauw.net](http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net)  
IF ASKED FOR A PASSWORD IN THE FOR MEMBERS ONLY SECTION, PASSWORD IS **FMO2022**

**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 on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm** at a local restaurant. Contact Betty Bonner, 530-301-2265. We went to Hooligan's Bar & Bistro on December 11. *Photo courtesy of Betty Bonner*



**CORK DORKS** - A new interest group has been formed. Join us! The Cork Dorks will meet at members' homes on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.** Contact Linda Zall or Betty Bonner if you are interested in spending an evening with friends, tasting wine, and sharing good conversation.



**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** -- We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10 am** at Sutter County Library. Members who like to express themselves on paper are welcome. We enjoy hearing each other's

stories. If you would like to join us, please contact Bunny Parcher, 530-272-3895 or Artis Buerki, [artisb@comcast.net](mailto:artisb@comcast.net). Here we are on December 10 for our monthly writing group and annual gift exchange.

*Photo by Sherry Wonder*



**TRAVELING GOURMET** - Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City normally 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

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AAUW Marysville Yuba City,  
and AAUW-MVYC (open group  
page)**



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, 1 pm  
Sutter County Schools office

In attendance: Linda Zall, Martha Bunce, Gwyn Baker, Liz Skelly, Carol Anderson-Clark, Kathy Nehl, Sandy Davini, Artis Buerki, Christy Estabrook, Ellen O'Neil

The meeting was called to order at 1:05p.m.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

Martha re-introduced a discussion from last month regarding the AAUW Fund and how to insure that our membership understands its purpose. In addition, more information needs to be disseminated regarding the local "Virtual Tea Party" fundraiser. At the January Affiliate Meeting, Martha will explain that the money our members donate is sent to the Education arm of the Fund. Artis will review the letter that is sent with the tea bag request to donate to determine if clarification is needed. Additionally, Linda will add a page to the 25-26 Yearbook explaining the fund.

### Leader's Report

Martha reiterated the need for the ERA to be published by the congressional Archivist. All members should write to their senators and representatives.

Lobby Day: California AAUW has not yet decided the issues for which we will lobby. The date is April 8th and members are encouraged to sign up. All the information needed to discuss issues with our state representatives is provided.

### Correspondence

North State Public Radio and the Sutter County Sheriff have solicited donations. The latter would be for the National Children's Safety council. The Food Bank sent a thank you for our contribution. It was most likely requested by a speaker at our affiliate monthly meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

EC members received the updated budget spreadsheet through email. Sandy reported that \$658 was received through the tickets purchased at the Coalition Brunch on December 9th.

### Coalition Brunch Report

Artis was our representative on the brunch planning committee. She was happy to report that there were new groups attending the brunch. These included the Red Cross, Blue Star Moms, Bridges to Housing, Peo-VU, and the Sutter-Buttes Garden Club. The committee is hoping Alliance for Hispanic Advancement (AHA) will join next year.

### Communication

The deadline for Feather Vane submissions is December 15th. A donation form will continue to be included in the September, December and June issues.

Artis sent around a calendar for input regarding meetings and interest groups.

### Membership

Joyce sent out invoices for missing dues and received a positive response. The Shape-the-Future membership drive will take place in January and February.

### Nominating Committee

A slate of officers is available; however, they are currently serving. Members-at-Large will be polled to see if any can be recruited.

### Bylaws

Christy has provided EC members of the EC, copies of Sections 1-7 with the changes required by national AAUW.

### Programs

Gwyn informed the EC that there were 10 no-shows for the November affiliate meeting, which is unusual. A reservation made with Hillcrest is a guarantee to pay, therefore, it creates a burden on the budget when there are no shows. Gwyn will remind members of that when she sends out the January invitation.

The January 17th meeting speaker will be Dave Rubiales.

The Red Cross would like to speak to the membership and were disappointed to learn that no spots are available until October.

STEM

Sandy announced that Carol is recruiting facilitators. Nineteen have agreed so far and 35 are needed. There should be one point of contact for the facilitator. Give names to Carol. Work is ongoing to determine if we can serve lunch in the Yuba College gym and if there will be tours available for the girls attending the conference.

Garden Tour

Seven gardens are committed; a decision needs to be made regarding a reception.

Tech Trek

The January 16th meeting is at 4:00 p.m. likely at Liz's house. Committee members are in the process of contacting schools to encourage teachers to nominate their students.

A Day for Women

EC has authorized \$1000 to secure a table for 8 to attend. Liz will attempt to contact AAUW scholarship winners to invite them.

The next EC meeting is January 9th.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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

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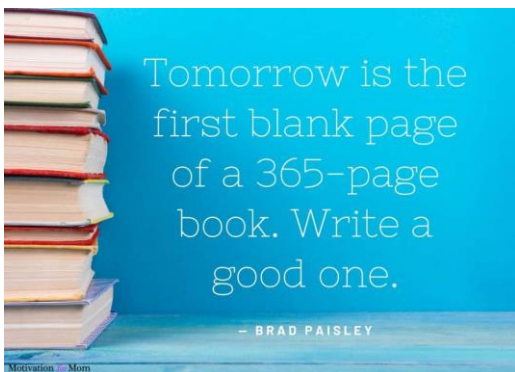
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Tech Trek Tuition donation: Payable to AAUW CA SPF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Quote of the month: "Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one." Brad Paisley



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**We are all Wonder Women.**

**JANUARY 2025**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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5	6	7	8 5:30 pm <b>All Around Town (dinner)</b>	9 10 am <b>Garden Tour Committee</b>  1 pm <b>Executive Council</b>	10	11
12	13	14 10 am <b>Talking on Paper (writing)</b>	15	16 4 pm <b>Tech Trek Com.</b>	17 10 am <b>Rabid Readers (books)</b>	18 <b>9:30 am Branch meeting</b>
19	20	21 5:30 pm <b>Cork Dorks</b>	22	23 10:30 am <b>Traveling Gourmet (lunch)</b>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	