



FEATHER VANE – April 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 on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Next meeting is **April 10 at 1 pm**. Contact is Martha Bunce, 530-713-0663, If you would like to attend EC meetings as a member-at-large, please contact Martha or any EC member. MAL appointments are made for 1 year at a time.

BRANCH MEETING – April 12

When: Saturday, April 12, 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)

Program: Dr. Jasbir S. Kang, re Sikh Migration to the Sacramento Valley

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.

the Punjabi American Heritage Society in 1991 and the Punjabi American Festival in 1995 to foster cross-cultural understanding. He also helped create the Sutter County Museum exhibit documenting the history of Punjabi Americans and coordinating the publishing of a book on the Punjabi pioneers of California.

Council Chat - Here is some important information about why AAUW matters. *Martha Bunce, Executive Council Leader*

Why AAUW is Relevant by *Michelle Baer and Donna Holmes, Directors, Communication Committee co-chairs.*

Have you stopped to review all AAUW accomplishments even in present-day circumstances?

Here are some highlights from first national, then state and local:

- 6.3 million dollars went to 285 AAUW Fellows and Community Organizations
- 6,157 women received Work Smart, Money Smart, and Start Smart training
- 500 college women went to NCCWSL
- 47,000 messages were sent to our elected officials via the 2-minute activist

Learn more from the [2024 Annual Report](#).

- Speech Trek – working with high school students to deliver a speech on a selected timely topic
- Tech Trek has sent more than 15,000 girls, entering 8th grade, to STEM camps

Program Notes by Gwyn Baker, Program Chair



Join us on **April 12th** when Dr. Jasbir S Kang will deliver a presentation titled, *Sikh Migration to the Sacramento Valley*, covering both the basics of the Sikh religion and their pre-migration history. Dr. Kang was born in Punjab, India and moved to the US in 1986. He served as Medical Director of the Hospitalist

Program, Adventist Health+Rideout for the past 15 years, and remains a full-time hospitalist at the Medical Center. As a practicing physician and community activist based in Yuba City, he has served on the boards of various nonprofits. He co-founded

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throughout California since 1998. Virtual camps were added during the pandemic and now both options are offered! Be inspired at their website: [Tech Trek](#).

- Branches provide thousands of local scholarships for women pursuing their first 4-year degree.
- A focus on DEI makes the world a better, more welcoming place.
- Too many local programs to list here; check out [Branch Brag](#) on the AAUW California website

So, keep strong and carry on!

Election at April branch meeting –

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate for Executive Council: Liz Skelly (2025-2028), Martha Bunce (2025-2028), Sandy Davini (2025-2026). Their current terms will end on July 1, 2025. All three are up for re-election at our April branch meeting.

Tech Trek update *by Donna Long*

At the interviews on March 15 the following girls were selected to attend Tech Trek camp this summer:

Nanki Bains (Butte Vista), Kylling Helzer (Brittan), Jaiya Ohri (Barry), Rachael Henry (McKenney), Ofelia Orozco (Brittan)

Our alternate (in case someone is unable to attend) is Harlina Payeah (McKenney).

April 1 STEM Conference

The STEM Conference will take place on April 1 at Yuba College with over 700 girls in attendance. If you have never participated in the STEM Conference you don't know what you are missing. With questions or if you want to participate, please contact Sandy Davini, STEM Chair.



AAUW Garden Tour Tickets -

Every branch member has received two Garden Tour tickets for our May 3 fundraiser. **When you receive**

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yours, please send your \$50 check to AAUW, P.O. Box 3031, Yuba City 95992. If you need/want extra tickets to sell, please contact Artis Buerki, artisb@comcast.net. This is our only branch fundraiser, and we need your help to raise money to support our Tech Trek, TTAG, and STEM Conference!



The Garden Tour Committee was hard at work on March 6 confirming the details for the May 3 event. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, April 2 by Zoom**. *Photo by Sue Graue*



Garden Tour Sponsorships are coming in. The deadline is March 31. **Sunsweet Growers** has donated a gift basket which we will raffle off at an upcoming meeting. *Photo by Joyce Smith*

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A Day for Women was March 1



On March 1 nearly 450 women in the community met together to support one another at the Day for Women event at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino at Fire Mountain. Our branch was represented by Gwyn Baker, Brenda Mock, Linda Zall, Claudia Chandler, Martha Bunce, Joyce Smith, and Cheryl Hoke. Not shown is Karena Romero, our Yuba College scholarship winner who joined us. Karena had to leave early to pick her children up from school.

MEMBERSHIP: Three new members!

Please add them to your roster and make them feel welcome. Contact Joyce Smith for membership applications.

Doreen Fuller, 1020 Oswald Road, Lot L, Yuba City, CA 95991; 530.229.4233. ddf Fuller.ct@gmail.com Doreen received her BS from CSU Fresno and MA at University of Connecticut. Her interests include golf and travel. "I met Doreen via phone while she was on the golf course and also found out that she was an AAUW member when she lived in Connecticut years ago," Joyce Smith said.



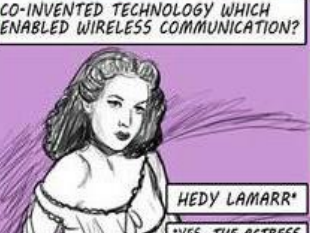





Molly Yager, 820 Chestnut Street, Yuba City, CA 95991, 530-215-4468, c/ 530-301-2839, mollyyager@rocketmail.com, CSU Chico, BS Crop Science. Her passions include agriculture, golf, helping others. Molly was invited to join by Linda Zall.

Elisabeth Quick, 2797 Apricot Street, Live Oak, CA 95953, 530-635-5226, humblefoxfarms@gmail.com. CSU Chico, BS Crop Science.. Her passions include plants, horses, equality. Elisabeth was invited to join by Linda Zall.



DID YOU KNOW THAT A WOMAN...

<p>FOUNDED THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD?</p>  <p>FATIMA AL-FIHRI</p>	<p>WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS FOUR YEARS BEFORE WOMEN COULD VOTE NATIONALLY?</p>  <p>JEANNETTE RANKIN</p>
<p>CO-INVENTED TECHNOLOGY WHICH ENABLED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION?</p>  <p>HEDY LAMARR *YES, THE ACTRESS*</p>	<p>WAS ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN AIRPLANE PILOTS?</p>  <p>BESSIE COLEMAN</p>
<p>DISCOVERED THE DOUBLE-HELICAL STRUCTURE OF DNA?</p>  <p>ROSALIND FRANKLIN</p>	<p>WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND FEARED PIRATES IN HISTORY?</p>  <p>CHING SHIH</p>

IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW ALL THAT... NOW YOU DO KNOW WHY WE NEED WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH poster by Rebecca Cohen [Etsy.com/shop/RCohenGynoStar](https://www.etsy.com/shop/RCohenGynoStar)



TEA BAG FUNDRAISER benefits Education & Training AAUW Fund

In February, each of our branch members received a tea bag in the mail, along with a letter explaining our annual Education and Training Tea Bag Fundraiser. Your donations are used at the national level to address barriers that prevent women from thriving in school and pursuing the careers of their dreams. Please participate in this

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virtual tea party by writing a check for \$15 or more to AAUW and write ET-#4450 on the memo line.

Please mail your check before March 31 to AAUW, PO Box 3031, Yuba City, CA 95992. If you haven't already mailed your check do it now.

Total donations of \$750 from our branch will allow us to recognize a branch member for their outstanding service. This is a National AAUW award called the Named Gift Honoree Award. If you have any questions, contact our Treasurer, Sandy Davini.

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

Lobby Day – AAUW has had overwhelming interest in this year's Lobby Days event, with 77 people registered to participate in person at the Capitol on April 8th, and 107 people registered to participate via Zoom on April 9th! It is incredibly inspiring and humbling to be part of an organization that is so passionate about advocating to make the world better for women and girls. We are grateful. The Public Policy Committee is now hard at work to form teams and schedule meetings, as well as evaluate bills for our 2025 Legislative Agenda. From now through March 21st, we will be posting information HERE on the event logistics and the bill details. Please check back for updates. For any questions about the event, please reach out to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.



Did you know?

Happy Birthday to all branch members whose birthdays are in **APRIL: Martha Bunce, Barbara Kenney, Monica**

Quilty, Sharyl Simmons, Helen Strunk, Marcia Watts, Ann Weiler, Leslie Williams, and Candy Michaelson. If we missed you, or we got it wrong, please let me know. Artis Buerki, 530-632-7052.

Did you know.... If anyone asks you what Tech Trek is, just tell them to go to the new AAUW CA Tech Trek page. Here is the address for future reference:

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<https://www.aauw-ca.org/tech-trek/>

Easy to remember, right?

Did you know that AAUW is the oldest non-institutional provider of graduate funding for women in the United States? The **AAUW American Fellowships** empower women scholars who are engaged in full-time dissertation completion, post-doctoral research, or who are preparing research for publication. This year 31 California women are being honored. The 31 California recipients of the education fellowships and grants are listed [HERE](#).

President Biden Affirmed ERA as the 28th Amendment – January

2025....AAUW applauds President Joe Biden's historic affirmation of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. While there will be challenges ahead, AAUW remains steadfast in our fight to ensure full recognition of equality that cannot be denied or abridged on account of sex.

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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 and ask her to add you to her email contact list.



ALL AROUND TOWN - Dinner group normally meets on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm** at a local restaurant. Contact Betty Bonner, 530-301-2265 to join the group. On March 12 we went to the Council Oaks Steak & Seafood



Cork Dorks in March. *Photo by Sue Palm*



CORK DORKS - A new interest group has been formed. Join us! The Cork Dorks meet at members' homes on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.** If you are interested in spending an evening with friends, tasting wine, and sharing good conversation, contact Linda Zall, 530-713-0552, or Betty Bonner, 530-301-2265.



Cork Dorks in February. *Photo by Betty Bonner.*



MOVIE GROUP -If you want to be on the Movie Group email list contact Diana McVicker, [dilmcvicker2521@gmail.com](mailto:dlmcvicker2521@gmail.com). Please let her know if there are upcoming movies that you want to see when they come to our area.



RABID READERS - Book Club meets on the **3rd Friday of the month at 10 am** at the Sutter County Library. Contact Linda Zall, lindazall-66@gmail.com, 530-713.0552,



TALKING ON PAPER - Writing group meets on the **2nd Tuesday of the month, 10 am** at Sutter County Library. Members who like to express themselves on paper are invited to attend. Please join us. Contact

Bunny Parcher, 530-272-3895 or Artis Buerki, 530-632-7052.



TRAVELING GOURMET - Lunch group goes to restaurants within about a 50-mile radius of Yuba City normally on the **4th 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 Carol Clark, 530-301-2164 or Christy Estabrook 530-713-5223 if you want to be on the contact list.

Here is the Traveling Gourmet group at Tofanelli's Bistro in Grass Valley in February. *Photo by Sue Palm.*



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING March 13, 2025, 1 pm

In Attendance: Debbie Naylor, Linda Zall, Martha Bunce, Joyce Smith, Sandy Davini, Gwyn Baker, Candy Michaelson, Christy Estabrook, Ellen O'Neil

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

There is a Branch Meeting on April 12, 2025. Due to the absences of the EC members who usually lead the meeting, Martha asked the council to solidify the agenda. Business items for the meeting include:

Events in this community include:

Sutter Buttes Garden Club Spring



Faire and Plant Sale is Saturday, **April 26th**. It will be held at Palmer Hall at the Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Avenue, Yuba City. Hours are 9 am until 3 pm. Vendors \$40, deadline is April 5. Looking for local artists selling

handmade garden, spring, or plant related items. Space is limited.

This event will benefit the SBGC High School Students Scholarship Fund. Vendor email contact is sutterbuttesgardenclub1@gmail.com, and find us on Facebook.

- Recruitment of Garden Greeters
- Sell Garden Tour tickets
- Quilt drawing
- Election of officers
- Named Gift Honoree
- Winner of Shape the Future: Linda brought in two of the eight members that joined
- Recognition of all those who brought in new members
- Introduce Guests
- Report back on STEM conference
- Announce that the Branch will be absorbing the \$2.00 increase in dues from the National AAUW until next year
- The speaker will be Dr. Kang who has written a book on the Sikh migration to this area.



UCCE Master Gardeners

Plant Sale – 4-inch vegetable plants, hard to find varieties not common in stores, grown by Master Gardeners. Tomatoes, cucumbers, hot peppers, sweet peppers, melons, squash, flowers, and herbs. **April 12** and **May 20**, 9 am to 1 pm at UCCE Sutter-Yuba Counties Master Gardeners, 142 Garden Hwy, Yuba City. All proceeds go to the UC Master Gardeners Learning Garden expansion.

Day for Women: Martha reported that AAUW had a full table and one of our scholarship recipients was able to come. The young woman didn't know what organization had given her the scholarship because it comes from the Yuba College Foundation.

Branch scholarships - The EC agreed that we need to contact the winners to let them know they are the beneficiaries of AAUW and invite them to join.

Public Policy: A number of current issues were discussed. Martha encouraged members to write Letters to the Editor of the Appeal-Democrat.

Lobby Day in Sacramento: Gwyn Baker, Claudia Chandler and Ellen O'Neil have registered.

Correspondence: Postcard from Yuba-Sutter Arts Council was passed around.

Communication: Feather Vane articles are due to Artis on March 18, 2025.

Facebook posts are thanking Garden Tour sponsors. Please "Like".

Treasurer's Report: Sandy requested a motion to clarify the decision to cover the National dues increase for members: From April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, AAUW-MVYC local dues will decrease from \$13.00 to \$11.00 to accommodate the \$2.00 increase in National dues."
Sandy/Debbie/Unanimous

Garden Tour: The committee will meet on April 2, 2025

Programs: Gwyn will send the April Branch Meeting invitations on March 28th. Dr. Kang is the April speaker. The June meeting speaker will

discuss the California Commission on the Status of Women.

STEM Conference: Packet Day is March 25th at Umpqua Bank. Committee meeting was held today, and everything is on track for members to complete their many duties.

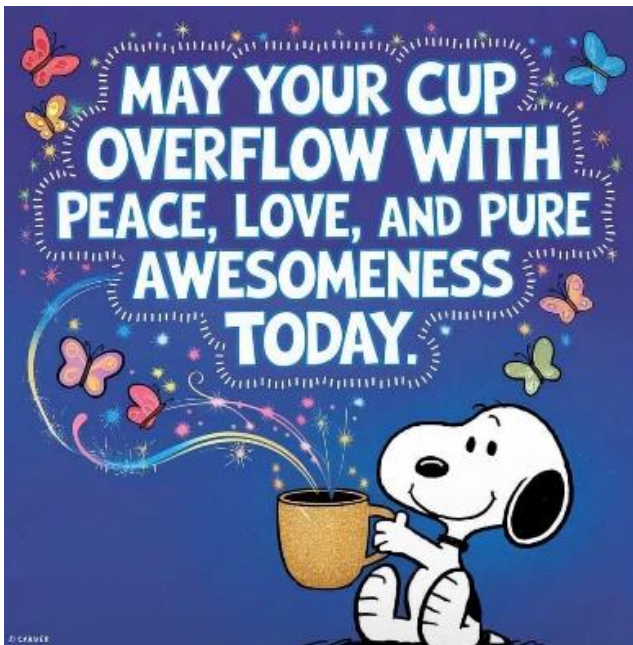
Tech Trek: Nine students and their parents will be interviewed for the 5 slots this Saturday.

TTAG: Martha said that Joanne would like the graduating seniors to receive their gift from us at the June Branch Meeting.

Other Business: It was discussed and unanimously decided to send gift cards to AAUW in Southern California for fire survivors. Christy will pick up two \$50 gas cards from her church.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30p.m.

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



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We are all Wonder Women.

Our Branch Facebook pages are: *AAUW Marysville Yuba City* (organization page),
AAUW-MVYC Group (open group page), and *Art in the Gardens* (open group page).
 Our branch website is: <http://mvyc-ca.aauw.net/>
 AAUW California website: www.aauw-ca.org/ AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 STEM CONFERENCE	2 10 am ZOOM Garden Tour Committee	3	4	5
6	7	8 10 am Talking on Paper (writing)	9 5:30 pm All Around Town (dinner)	10 1 pm Executive Council	11	12 10 am BRANCH MEETING
13	14	15 5:30 pm Cork Dorks	16	17	18 10 am Rabid Readers (books)	19
20 EASTER	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 10:30 am Traveling Gourmet	25	26
27	28	29	30			