



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
HEALDSBURG BRANCH
New Member Orientation
2016-2017**

AAUW ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

CALIFORNIA AAUW

AAUW California is the state's most active and diverse organization for women with nearly 13,000 members in 140 branches, plus over 5,000 members-at-large.

HEALDSBURG AAUW

Chartered in 1975 with 44 members, the Healdsburg Branch has been a community asset for almost four decades. Throughout the years, our strong connection to local schools for scholarships and volunteer initiatives, to National and California Public Policy issues that women care about—education, civil rights, equity in the workplace, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination, as well as membership activities and social events, have accounted for our increasing membership of around 200. For more information, please visit our website at www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net. A password protected Directory is available on the website to all members.

New Member Orientation:

Buddy Program:	New members are matched with a Buddy to help orient them to our Branch. Contact Pat Bertapelle .
New Member Coffee:	Hosted as a way to meet with board members and other new members, to have your photo taken, and learn more about the workings of AAUW. Contact Pat Bertapelle or Deana Fusco .

Community Services:

Future Prep: Career Choices & Life Skills-Healdsburg:	Help students at Healdsburg High School learn about potential careers and the skills and experiences needed to obtain jobs and careers of their choice. Contact Judy Edmonds or Katherine Lacy .
Reading Rocks:	Help first graders improve their reading skills by listening to them read stories and encouraging them on a weekly basis. Contact Shally Schultz or Denny Martin .
Expanding Your Horizons (EYH):	Support the annual one-day conference for 7 th -8 th grade girls interested in math and science, with volunteer assistants and sponsorship for the participants. Contact Victoria Toboni .
Girls Engaged in Math & Science (GEMS):	Take middle and high school girls interested in math, science, and technology on field trips to workplaces to meet professionals in these fields, and to see how these skills are utilized. Contact Julie Conklin or Wendy Bertalon .
Speech Trek:	Organize and support the regional Eleanor Stem Allen Speech Contest for high school students, including tutoring and mentoring each student. The Branch winner is eligible to participate in AAUW-California's Speech Trek Contest. Contact Hillary Kambour .

Grants and Scholarships:

Tech Trek Selection:	Help select students for a one-week math and science camp for seventh-grade girls, on the campuses of Stanford or Sonoma State Universities. Contact Cynthia Adam .
AAUW Funds:	Healdsburg AAUW supports the work of the national AAUW from the funds raised by Healdsburg AAUW Fund.
Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC):	Select and provide scholarships to re-entry women graduating from SRJC and continuing their education. Contact Mickey Sarquis .
Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF):	Support donation of funds to HEF in support of their programs. Contact Andi Michelsen .
High School Scholarships:	Select and provide scholarships for girls graduating from local high schools to attend a four-year college or university. Contact Andi Michelsen .
Public School Success Team (PSST):	Donate funds to PSST in support of their programs. Contact Hala Alshahwany .

Communications:

Website:	Explore the website: www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net . Contact website manager, Joanne Johnston .
Constant Contact:	Keep in touch with current activities and events by reading email messages sent out by Liz Loebel .
The Grapevine:	Read and contribute to the AAUW-Healdsburg newsletter to gain and disseminate information about our Branch. Contact Diane Burnley .
Facebook Page:	Our social media manager welcomes all new members on our Facebook Page and by email. Support our FB Page by clicking on "like" and reading its content. Contact Scarlett Wood .

Interest Groups:

Book Groups:	Read and discuss books selected by the group. Evening and daytime groups meet monthly and are hosted by members. Contact Heidi Blumenthal (evening, 2 nd Monday), Barbara Reid (afternoon, 3 rd Wednesday), Tanya Enders Beach (afternoon, 1 st Thursday), or Marian Van Alyea (afternoon, last Thursday).
Bridge:	Several groups of various skill levels meet weekday afternoons. Contact Yvonne Hyatt or Ronnie Devitt .
Hiking:	Meet weekly. Various levels of ability. Contact Yvonne Schell .
Great Decisions:	Discuss various issues facing our nation and the world, looking at both sides of the issue to get a better understanding of the pros and cons. Contact Nancy Haiston (Tuesday group) or Sharyn Sarquis (Wednesday group).
Public Policy Committee:	Meet 2 nd Thursday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Bean Affair, to discuss, help guide, and plan support of AAUW's public policy issues and advocacy. Contact Michele St. Clair .
Scrabble:	Meet 1 st Thursday of the month. Contact Terry Leach .

Fundraising:

Healdsburg Homes Tour:	The Homes Tour, one of our major fundraisers, is held annually on the first Sunday in May. It requires over 100 volunteers working in the months leading up to and on the day of the Tour. The Branch needs the help of everyone who is able. Contact Kim Alexander .
Forum:	The AAUW Forum is an educational lecture series, Building Knowledge and Enriching Thought, and offers six-week courses in fall, winter, and spring at the Raven Theater. Enroll in the courses and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to do likewise. Contact Kay Kohler .
Tech Trek Funding:	Help solicit funds for seventh-grade girls to participate at a one-week math and science camp on the campuses of California colleges (Stanford or Sonoma State Universities). Contact Barbara Epstein .
eScrip and Amazon Smile:	This fundraising program allows participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your purchases to Healdsburg AAUW Fund. Contact Claire O'Neill .
Healdsburg AAUW Fund:	Tax-deductible gifts to our 501(c)(3) corporation are greatly appreciated: Healdsburg AAUW Fund, P.O. Box 1064, Healdsburg, CA 95448. Contact Winky Merrill .

Events:

Speaker Series/ Member Meetings:	Meet first Tuesday each month for excellent speakers on a variety of stimulating topics. Social time and announcements precede speaker. Check the Events on the website for details or contact Violet Nelson or Sandra Beddow .
Wine & Dine:	Hosted by members to enjoy food and wine in a social surrounding. Check Events on the website or contact Liz Loebel or Debbie Potmesil .
Lunch Bunch:	Meet at a local restaurant to enjoy a fixed price lunch. Check Events on the website or contact Laura Kimbro or Karen Thomas .
Happy Hours & HT Party:	Hosted three times a year by members as a fun way to meet new friends and keep in touch with other AAUW members. Check Events on the website or contact Carol Hazlett or Neita Comings .
Cultural Events:	On occasion, visit galleries, wineries, museums, and other places of interest with fellow AAUW members. Check Events on the website or contact Ann Mahoney or Jean Norelli .
Holiday Party:	An early December event to celebrate the Holidays with members and their spouses/guests. Check Events on the website or contact Kathryn Henderson .
Installation Luncheon:	Held in early June at a member's home or a local picnic site to welcome the Board of Directors taking office in July. Check Events on the website or contact Janice Sexton .
Summer Picnic:	Held at Lake Sonoma in mid-August, the picnic provides an opportunity for members and their spouses/guests to connect during the summer. Contact Cher Frechette .
Kick-Off Meeting:	A mid-September social event for members only, providing an opportunity to catch up after the summer and to learn about AAUW's plans for the coming year. Contact Janice Sexton .

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