



November Speaker Series

"The Power of Women's Giving Circles"

Celia Canfield and Sydney Randazzo, Co-Presidents of Impact100 Sonoma
Tuesday, November 4

5:00 Social Gathering; 5:30 AAUW Business; 5:45 Speaker

Healdsburg Public Library, 139 Piper Street at Center

(Note location change)

Celia and Sydney are leaders of Impact100 Sonoma, a local grant-making organization that brings together a circle of women to do something truly powerful for their Sonoma Valley community. By bringing together 100 or more women who make an annual donation of \$1,000 each, they are able to give a gift of \$100,000 to an organization in the Sonoma Valley that has a big idea and great potential, but little access to the funds required to turn it into a reality. By pooling their resources, these generous women are able to make a much greater impact on the future of the community than if each woman gave on her own. Launched just five years ago, this dynamic group of women encourages local nonprofits to propose ambitious new programs that address local needs. Come hear how women's collective philanthropic support holds the power to shape the future of a community. It's an exciting concept – don't miss it!

Also save the date for January Speaker Series: see page 3

—Diane Bartleson and Winky Merrill, co-chairs

The Holidays Are Coming!

Let's take a break from our hectic holiday plans to join with friends in merriment and cheer! **Our Annual Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the RiverView Club House, 1145 Orchard Street.** It is located two blocks past Tayman Golf Course: turn right at the RiverView sign and you will be on Orchard Street.

Couples whose last name begins with A-O please bring an appetizer to serve 12 and a bottle of wine. Couples with last names beginning with P-Z, please bring a dessert to serve 12 and a bottle of wine to share. Singles please bring an appetizer if your last name begins with A-O, and singles with last names beginning with P-Z please bring a bottle of wine. We encourage hearty appetizers for this holiday party!

Carpooling is highly encouraged, as we do not want to infringe upon the RiverView neighborhood. Please **RSVP by November 26 to Barbara Reid at 503/860-4371** or email bsreid@gmail.com.

Volunteers to help with cleanup are needed, so when you RSVP please let Barbara know if you can assist.

Looking forward to another wonderful holiday party with our AAUW friends!

—Barbara Reid

Note: This issue is for the combined months of November and December. The next issue will be published in January 2015.

President's Message



October was a busy month for us. On the 1st we co-sponsored a Candidate's Forum at Healdsburg High School with the candidates for Healdsburg City Council. **Michele St. Clair**

organized the event along with Judy Velasquez, President of Healdsburg Unified School District. We had close to 80 people in attendance, a good turnout given the other candidate forums going on. We also had a number of high school students there, who asked some very good questions.

On October 8, we held our first speaker series of the year at the Healdsburg Public Library. The topic was "In Their Own Words—How AAUW Benefits Local Students." We heard from several Tech Trek and GEMS girls who spoke about their experiences at Tech Trek camp as well as on some of the recent GEMS field trips. Shaina Meier, a 2014 high school graduate and TechTrek/GEMS alum spoke about how both programs influenced her to pursue a STEM career. We heard from Juan Carlos Garcia, who received a scholarship from us (as well as Rotary and others) to attend a prestigious summer science program in New Mexico last summer. Last but not least, Keisha Knight, one of our Santa Rosa Junior College scholarship recipients, expressed her appreciation for the scholarship we gave her. **Carol Hazlett** did a marvelous job of being the master of ceremonies for the event, as did **Diane Bartleson** and **Winky Merrill** in organizing it. Thanks too to **Victoria Toboni** (GEMS), **Bev Liberman** (Tech Trek), and **Joyce Scramaglia** (scholarships) for participating.

On October 16, we held our first happy hour of the year at the Healdsburg Museum with a great turnout and good wine and appetizers. What a

fascinating place! And aren't we glad to have it? Thanks again to **Carol Hazlett** for organizing that event for us.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the tour of Di Rosa Preserve, but I heard that was fantastic. Thanks to **Violet Nelson** and **Wendy Bertalon** for organizing that cultural event.

In looking forward to the holidays, we have the annual Holiday Party on December 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the RiverView Club House. Thanks to **Lynda Guthrie** and **Barbara Reid** for finding a great location. We will again be bringing items to donate to our local schools, so please remember to bring those along with you. Watch for the email blast with suggested items. See the green box on page 7.

I mentioned in last month's *Grapevine* that we would be looking back to our branch beginnings this year in celebration of our 40th anniversary. Below are **Anita Forchini's** recollections of our early days.
—**Sue Campbell**

The Healdsburg branch began as a satellite of Santa Rosa's AAUW in 1974. Rather than driving to Santa Rosa for AAUW activities, I had the thought of starting a branch here in Healdsburg. In 1975 the place for lunch and dinner was the Healdsburg house where Giorgio's Restaurant is located. I placed a notice in the *Healdsburg Tribune* for all interested gals to come for lunch. There I met **Jean Short** and Cathy Anderson, but do not recall who else joined us that day. Jean was enthusiastic for starting our own branch; we needed 25 women for our charter and with lots of effort achieved this goal. Our first organized event was a replication of a gourmet French dinner from the Santa Rosa branch. Those first years were great: we had wonderful social get-togethers, and we young mothers took our kids with us to any day meetings.

—**Anita Forchini**

Save the Date!



—Ronnie Devitt and Cecile Peters, co-chairs

January Speaker Series

“Perspectives on Immigration: A Community Forum”

Thursday, January 15, 6: 30 p.m.

Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa



We are excited to announce that our January Speaker Series event will be co-sponsored by the Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Petaluma branches of AAUW and the League of Women Voters of Sonoma County. The laws and challenges faced by immigrants and refugees in our society will be discussed by an impressive panel of experts, including an immigration lawyer, a “dreamer,” an immigration counselor, and a professor emerita. Lisa Carreno will moderate the conversation about this important topic.

Members are encouraged to meet to carpool at 5:45 p.m. at the Healdsburg Park and Ride.

—Diane Bartleson and Winky Merrill, co-chairs

Exciting GEMS Field Trip to Bodega Marine Laboratory

In September our Healdsburg AAUW GEMS girls (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) were able to visit an open house at the Bodega Marine Laboratory. This is a premier research and teaching facility of the University of California, Davis.

Wendy Bertalon, Kathy Principi, and Victoria Toboni chaperoned nine girls to this interesting “Meet the Scientists” annual event showcasing the University’s programs in marine research and education. We were able to visit the research labs, talk with the scientists, and enjoy hands-on demonstrations.

We began our visit with the “touching” tide



invertebrates are affected by a more acidic ocean.

Our favorite lab introduced the ISO pods program (Inquiry-based Science Outreach Pods). We learned about plankton, the tiny animals that have such a huge impact on oceans. We tried making our own “plankton”



from bits of cork, sponge, felt, or nuts and bolts that would not float on the surface or sink too quickly. Scores of 32 or 33 seconds to sink in the testing tube is nothing less than we expected from these incredibly motivated young women!
— **Victoria Toboni**

pool exhibit outside the entrance. Inside numerous labs were open for exploring a range of topics: Shellfish Health Lab, learning about California abalone and techniques used to investigate shellfish disease; Crustacean Biology, especially physiological and biochemical adaptations and responses to environmental stress; Biodiversity and Ocean Acidification: discovering how sea urchins, oysters, sea grasses, red abalone and other



AAUW FORUM

Celebrating 40 years in Healdsburg



2015 marks the 40th year of our branch that began in 1975. It's a testament to all of us that some of the original members are still active.

Our branch intends to celebrate this impressive milestone in

a number of ways. The first is to unveil a program for winter and spring: AAUW Forum.

We are excited that Dr. Christopher O'Sullivan (Chris to all of us) — who has addressed our branch a number of times over the years and is hands-down our most requested speaker — offered to help us kick off this program by offering *his* most requested subject: a history of California.

Course Outline for California: A History (Part I and Part II)

These courses will explore the entire saga of California history, from its distinctive geography and the diversity of Native American life, to the creation of a deeply polarized “mega state.” Special attention will be given to the California Indians; Spanish, English and Russian exploration and colonization; the Mexican Era; the “Bear Flag Revolt” and Mexican-American war in California; the Gold Rush; the era of the Big Four railroad tycoons; the arts and emergence of a distinctive California culture and transformation of the state in the 20th century during the Progressive Era; the Great Depression; WW II and afterwards.

Course Outline, Part I

Lecture 1: Landscapes and Native Americans

Lecture 2: European Explorations

Lecture 3: Missionaries, Colonizers

Lecture 4: A Mexican Province

Lecture 5: War for California 1846

Lecture 6: The Gold Rush and its Legacy, 1848 —

(The second 6-week course will be offered in the spring.)

Dates/Time: Thursdays from January 8 —February 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

Venue: Raven Theater, North Street, Healdsburg

Chris O'Sullivan, Ph.D., MA, University of London; BA, UC Berkeley teaches California history at the University of San Francisco where he is recipient of the distinguished Lecturer Award for Excellence in Teaching (2011) and the Innovations in Teaching Award (2013). He is the author of five books on history and won the American Historical Association's Gutenberg book prize in 2008.

To members who are already acquainted with Chris, this will be another enjoyable and spellbinding experience. To new members who haven't yet had the pleasure, we think you will heartily enjoy yourselves while learning about a fascinating subject.

NOTE: at the time of publication, we are still finalizing details. Watch for the email blast that will be coming soon telling you how and where to sign up. Information is also coming to our web site.

—Judy Edmonds

AAUW Funds – Request for Support

Many of our members have elected to support the AAUW National Funds through a separate gift to AAUW in addition to the annual dues, a portion of which is directed to national efforts. Their gift is in addition to our chapter's annual contribution to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Our chapter is hoping that many more Healdsburg members will elect to similarly support the broader national mission when you receive a letter from the national office requesting your support. It would be terrific if our members' individual contributions this year could exceed our group's annual \$2,000 contribution.

Why is this necessary? AAUW combines the support of members from around the country to make a significant impact in a variety of areas including advocacy, policy, and research that they could not do without individual member support. Your contributions will provide upstream support for such causes as advocacy for policies and laws that are fair to women, including affirmative action, title 9, and gender equity.

Specifically there are five major funds where you can direct your contribution. I encourage you to go to the AAUW web site to learn more (AAUW.org). They are:

- Legal Advocacy Fund: Supports the protection of legal rights of those facing discrimination.
- Educational Opportunities Fund: Supports education and lifelong learning (this is the fund our chapter supports).
- Public Policy Fund: Advocates for policies and laws that are fair to women.
- Eleanor Roosevelt Research Fund: Supports research to provide analysis and data on issues important to women.
- Leadership Programs Fund: Supports programs that develop women's leadership potential.

If you can't decide which fund to contribute to, you can simply make out your check to AAUW funds.

Watch for a solicitation in the mail from AAUW National and thank you for your support!

—Terry J. Leach

Are We Ready to Talk Franchising?

Cloverdale resident and AAUW member **Diane Bartleson** was impressed with the Career Choices program at Healdsburg High School and decided to offer the same program at Cloverdale High School. With her friend Val Marder, Diane has assembled an amazing slate of professionals to talk to the students about possible career fields and help the students examine the ways to get to their goals.

With my experience with the program at Healdsburg High School Diane asked if I would lead the first panel. It's exciting to report that at the very first panel there were over 40 students eager to learn about health care. Diane and Val had assembled seven interesting professionals in a wide variety of jobs within the field. The kids were attentive and polite, and afterwards several of them stopped to say thanks and tell us they learned a lot. The principal of Cloverdale High School seemed thrilled with the program.

Congratulations, Diane. You hit a home run!

—Judy Edmonds

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Sheila Kneass** so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW. skneass@att.net or 707/433-5646.

January Cultural Event

Cirque du Soleil
Kurios Cabinet of Curiosities
Sunday, January 18, 2015



Experience this unusual production of Cirque du Soleil at AT&T Park on Sunday, January 18, 2015 for a matinee performance. Show time is 1:30 p.m. and the tickets are \$59. We will also plan to have brunch prior to the show. There are a limited number of show tickets on hold; please respond early to violetanelson@yahoo.com or 707/836-1896.
—Violet Nelson

Holiday School Supplies Donations

Once again this year we will be collecting school supplies at our holiday party on Sunday, December 7. Please watch for an email blast containing a list of items the elementary school teachers would welcome receiving.
—Janet Hoehn

New Members' Emails

Maureen Keefe

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Marie Salerno

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Andrea Wolcott

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—Gail Wright

Join The Lunch Bunch Wednesday, November 12!

Save the date: Wednesday, November 12. A special treat is in store. The Lunch Bunch will be munching at **Baci Restaurant**, 336 Healdsburg Avenue in downtown Healdsburg. The three course menu includes a choice of salads, choice of two pastas, coffee, and dessert, all served family style in the main dining room.

The cost will be \$25, which includes tax and tip; you are free to purchase wine by the glass or bottle. The **absolute** deadline for notifying me about attending is Friday, November 7, so get your check in the mail to 110 Parkwoods Court, Healdsburg soon.

We will send out an email blast when we get closer to the date, just to remind you one more time. We are sure that Baci will generate lots of enthusiastic praise so don't miss out! Hope to see you there

— Sharyn and Mickey Sarquis

Member News

A card was sent to **Joyce Bausch**, a new member of AAUW, who recently had back surgery.

—Sheila Kneass

Audrey Darby continues to publicize the work of Frank Koci. There is a show of his work at the Peninsula Museum of Art until early November.

—Audrey Darby

Love Scrabble?

I would like three other Scrabble players to join me for monthly games. Email or call me if you're interested, tjleach7@hotmail.com or 925/998-6920.

—Terry Leach

New Members



After retiring a year ago as dean and professor at the College of Nursing in Salt Lake City, Utah for 12 years,

Maureen R. Keefe and her

husband decided to move to Healdsburg. “We fell in love with it here; we can walk to just about anywhere from our condo off Healdsburg Avenue.” They have a daughter and two grandchildren here, and a son in Salt Lake City. “So we’ll be going back and forth for visits.”

The Keefes lived in Denver for 25 years where Maureen started out as a pediatric nurse at the University of Colorado Medical Center, then became involved in research and teaching. “I tried to find a cure for colic!” She then moved from clinical teaching into academic management: 18 years in Colorado, six years in North Carolina, and the last 12 in Utah. What she’s most enjoyed with her career in nursing administration is her involvement with students. “This has helped to prepare the next generation in health care, a ripple-down effect. I’ve interacted with more than 700 students and it’s always refreshing to hear from some occasionally.” Hobbies include cooking, reading, and dabbling in watercolor. “We also enjoy scuba diving. I’ve still tried to stay involved in nursing activities, however.” Travels involve going back to their roots. “We went back to Ireland, my background, and we’ve traveled across Sweden with an overnight cruise to Helsinki. It’s another world there.” They just returned from Texas to visit family, and Maureen recently celebrated her mother’s 92nd birthday in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They have a cabin in Charleston and like to go there for visits, but prefer to live here as Healdsburg has a more people-friendly atmosphere.

Andrea Wolcott is in the process of establishing her new business, “Wolcott Financial Solutions,” here in Healdsburg. She will focus on strategic



planning to help clients reach their finance goals. “I will help them to work with their own brokers and I’ll be the ‘traffic cop’ to be sure all are talking to each other through positive interaction.” She brings 17 years of experience from working as a certified financial planner on Wall Street with Bear Stearns, and other financial institutions based in New York. After downsizing, she was let go, but fortunately she went with compensation that allowed her to go on her own. “My sister advised me to go west, so I drove to California with my mother. My family has had a ranch in Dry Creek for several generations so it was good to get back to the area.” After living in Napa for several months, she made the decision to move to Healdsburg, nearer to family. She is a graduate from the University of Colorado in Boulder where she majored in political science with a minor in economics, and evolved into financial management. “I feel one can impact great change through financial planning, not just to place trades, but to build a road map; my nature is to nurture, not just transact.” One thing about AAUW that impresses her is its focus on educating women. “Only 22 percent of Certified Financial Planners are women, and I’d like to help more women become involved in finance issues. I believe in education; it’s something that cannot be taken from you.” Andrea enjoys traveling, and goes back to Connecticut and the East Coast where her family also owns property. She plans to do more extensive traveling after she gets her business going, and is looking forward to being more involved in AAUW activities as time permits.

—Gloria Norton



“Hail to the Orange, Hail to the blue!”

“Hail Alma Mater, Ever so true!”

Kim Alexander first heard those words as an undergrad, after watching Chief Illiniwek doing the Russian jump and saluting his “tribe” during half time at a football game in Urbana. “We love no other.” Well, not exactly. Kim also enjoyed the University of Cincinnati, where she got her MA, and Cornell, where she obtained an MBA. And due to her husband Gregory’s profession as a law professor, she has spent time on the campuses of University of Virginia, UCLA, Brooklyn Law School, Harvard, Tel Aviv University, Cambridge, and the Universities of Edinburgh and Georgia. During her first 10 years of marriage, they moved every eighteen months!

So let our motto be: spending more time with her hobbies: gardening, biking, and doing needlepoint, as well as possibly joining Great Decisions, a book group, and taking more cooking lessons! And service: Now retired from her most recent position managing on-campus recruitment at Cornell’s MBA school, she is coaching ninth graders through PSST and volunteering at the Healdsburg Museum. She enjoys her new life in Healdsburg, and looks forward to meeting more interesting women from our branch as well as attending our appealing activities. For Kim, it’s “Victory: AAUW’s variety!”

(Okay, a little poetic license with that last bit; my apologies to the University of Illinois!)

It’s 6 a.m. and **Kathryn Henderson** is already up because there is so much to do!



This former facility designer from the South Bay moved to Santa Rosa in ’88 to raise her two children, volunteering for school, scout, and social activities in the Piner Olivet District.

Now an empty nester, she relocated to Healdsburg in 2000, and, along with her husband Dave, enjoys the small town atmosphere and the Midwestern sensibility and “niceness”! She also likes the proactive small-town community involvement, which is one of the reasons she’s joined AAUW.

As an artist, she offers private plein air classes at wineries: our very own Mary Cassatt. Her paintings have been seen at Healdsburg Center for the Arts, the Finley Center, and galleries in Ojai and Santa Barbara. She also does mosaics, and teaches those techniques in the SRJC community education classes. Her personal favorites were created by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona. In addition, Kathryn has been remodeling her house (personally plastering and tiling!), hiking, camping in Santa Cruz, and visiting San Francisco at least monthly to indulge in the arts. And just about every day she enjoys cooking up the foodstuffs from her favorite vendors at the Healdsburg farmers market. What is the secret to getting the best selection? She’s up at 6 a.m.

—Sue Finan

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