



The Grapevine

Healdsburg Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, research

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2016-2017 Kick-Off Meeting

Marcia Fosberg's "Nel Cielo"
2440 Toyon Drive
Healdsburg

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
5 to 7 PM

It is time for our annual kickoff for the **AAUW** year. This year's kickoff will take place at **Marcia Fosberg's** beautiful home, "Nel Cielo," on Toyon Drive.

If your last name begins with **A through L**, please bring a bottle of wine. If it begins with **M through Z**, please bring an appetizer. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. No spouses/partners are included in this particular social event. **Remember to wear your nametags!**

RSVP to Janice Sexton, janicesexton46@gmail.com , or (707) 837-8001, by September 14th.

We encourage you to carpool. While there will be plenty of parking at Nel Cielo, it might be easier for drivers who have "navigators" to help with directions.

Directions from Healdsburg Plaza: From the west side of the Plaza go south on Healdsburg Ave. Healdsburg Ave. turns to the east at the south end of town near the entrance to Highway 101. Continue on Healdsburg Ave., across the Memorial Bridge. Just beyond the bridge, turn left onto Bailhache Ave. There is a directional sign to Rio Lindo Academy at this intersection. Proceed east on Bailhache Ave. for approximately 1.9 miles. This is a curvy road. Turn right onto Toyon Drive. This T intersection comes up quickly and there is a bright yellow house on the far corner. Proceed up the hill on this private road to a gate. Call the Fosberg house from the keypad. We will open the gate. Continue through the gate and up for 0.85 mile to end of pavement, a cul de sac. The code for this gate is # 1624. Drive up all the way to the top of the hill and you will have reached "Nel Cielo."

Directions from Hwy 101 driving north from Windsor/Santa Rosa: Exit on #502 Healdsburg Ave. (this is first exit for Healdsburg). Go right on Healdsburg Ave. and drive 0.5 mile. Turn right on Bailhache Ave. There is a directional sign to Rio Lindo Academy at this intersection. Proceed east on Bailhache Ave. for approximately 1.9 miles. This is a curvy road. Turn right onto Toyon Drive. This T intersection comes up quickly and there is a bright yellow house on the far corner. Proceed up the hill on this private road to a gate. Call the Fosberg house from the keypad. We will open the gate. Continue through the gate and up for 0.85 mile to end of pavement, a cul de sac. The code for this gate is # 1624. Drive up all the way to the top of the hill and you will have reached "Nel Cielo."

— Janice Sexton



OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back to the New AAUW Year!

Yes, it is like going back to school in September minus new clothes and school supplies.

Our September calendar is already full. On September 9th we will have the first cultural outing to Angel Island. I am really looking forward to revisiting the "Ellis Island of the West." Angel Island is always beautiful and the weather unpredictable. Dress in layers.

It is also time to enroll in the fall semester courses for the **Healdsburg AAUW Forum** at the Raven. The line-up for the year looks great. Is this the year that the Forum will fill the Raven and we will have to limit enrollment?

On Tuesday September 20th we will have our annual Kickoff Party for members only at the home of **Marcia** and **Bob Fosberg**, another gorgeous location not far out of town. This is an event to get to know new members, renew old acquaintances, and have fun. We will introduce the Board members, but we will not bore you with descriptions of our important work.

Speaking of the Board, we just held our annual retreat to chart the course for the year. We approved the budget, including the disbursements of the funds you helped us raise last year. The budget will be posted on the website by September 30th. Check it out.

The Board's strategic planning session totally energized us. We adopted three specific goals with measurable objectives for their achievement for the year. The goals are:

- **Implementing our branch's participation in AAUW-CA's Speech Trek speech contest for high school students;** (See page 5 for more information and get to know **Hillary Kambour** our new member and chair of Speech Trek.)
- **Engaging the branch in state and national public policy issues;** and
- **Publicizing Healdsburg AAUW's mission and programs to its members and the community.**

Most of us joined **AAUW** for the interest groups and to meet other women, but **AAUW** has much more to offer. We are part of a nationwide group dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Our branch furthers its mission by providing scholarships for women and girls and supporting local education. You can participate by getting involved in one of our community service activities and/or supporting our fundraising efforts. There should still be time left over for book group, bridge, Scrabble, hiking, Great Decisions discussion group, cultural outings and partying. Take your pick. All of our activities are listed on our website.

—Ronnie Devitt

HEALDSBURG AAUW BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2016-17



Front Row (left to right):

Sandy Beddow, Judy Edmonds, Ronnie Devitt, Andi Michelson, Janet Hoehn, Deana Fusco, and Winky Merrill

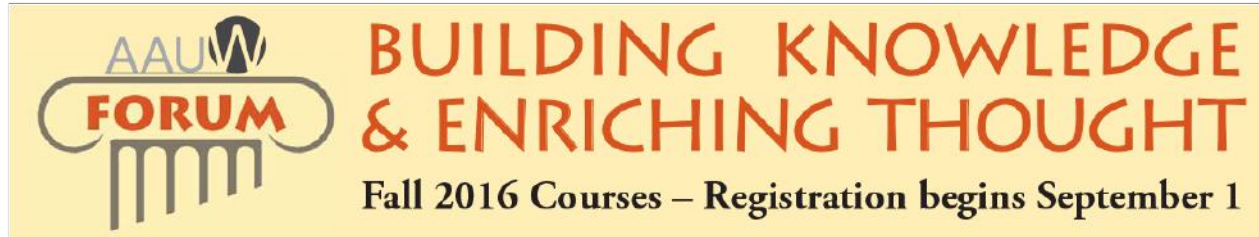
Back Row (left to right):

Barbara Reid, Michele St. Clair, Nancy Haiston, Linda Clark, and Violet Nelson

Absent: **Sue Campbell**

2016-17 HEALDSBURG AAUW SPEAKER SERIES

Please **'save the date'** for our first Speaker Series for this year: **Tuesday, October 11, 2016.**
More information will follow in the October Grapevine. —Sandy Beddow



Our Fall 2016 season of Forum gets underway the first week in October with two timely classes focusing on a **hot topic—Presidential elections**. Chris O’Sullivan returns to Forum along with two outstanding political scientists—David McCuan and David Peritz—to provide a wealth of information that will help us better understand and analyze elections as we prepare to vote in November. As in the past, both six-week courses will take place at the Raven Performing Arts Theater in Healdsburg. Enrollment fee for each class is \$90. You can find **more information on the Forum Web page**, but below are the course titles and presenter names. Everyone working on Forum is excited about the season we have been able to put together, particularly in this year’s unprecedented political environment. Please plan to attend and spread the word!

A HISTORY OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: FROM THE ASCENT OF WASHINGTON TO THE RISE OF TRUMP Tuesdays 10-11:30 am, Oct. 4 – Nov. 8 – Chris O’Sullivan, PhD

2016: THE MOTHER OF ALL ELECTIONS—HOW DID WE GET HERE AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Thursdays 10 – 11:30 am, Oct. 6 – Nov. 10 – David McCuan, PhD, and David Peritz, DPhil (Presenting on alternate Thursdays)

—Katherine Lacy

AAUW-CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Your **AAUW CA Public Policy Committee** has developed an ambitious work plan for 2016-17. Our agenda includes supporting key legislation affecting women economically, encouraging branches to Get Out the Vote, updating **AAUW CA’s** Public Policy Priorities, and increasing communication about public policy issues. We look to IBCs and branch leaders to provide information to their members and take action when requested.

The November ballot in California will contain 17 ballot measures, of which the Public Policy Committee reviewed and evaluated those related to **AAUW’s** priorities and mission and took a position on five:

- Proposition 51, support – School Bonds. Funding for K-12 and Community College Facilities
- Proposition 52, support – The Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, hospital fees that help fund Medi-Cal;
- Proposition 53, oppose – voter approval on specified bonds;
- Proposition 55, support – extend taxes for schools voted in Proposition 30;
- Proposition 58, support– The California Multilingual Education Act. Allows structured bilingual education programs for English learners.

A full report will be in September edition of *Perspective*.

Sue Miller, Co-Chair, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee, suellen-aauw@wavecable.com

—Submitted by **Michele St. Clair**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SPEECH TREK

One thing our current election has shown is that public speaking can be fraught with difficulties! This year our branch is establishing a new community service: **Speech Trek** to help tutor high school students in public speaking. Coincidence? You be the judge.

New member **Hillary Kambour** is anxious to get started with Speech Trek. As a former litigator she has experience with public speaking, and as a child advocate attorney, she is following her passion.

“Speech Trek is a wonderful way to help adolescents learn poise and confidence,” she says. “I’ve contacted the principals at the high schools from Cloverdale to Windsor, and there seems to be a lot of positive interest.”



This year **Hillary** – and friends, we hope – will introduce the program to high-schoolers (girls *and* boys). They will be invited to join by preparing a short speech on the Equal Rights Amendment. A recorded competition will be held, and the winner will be submitted to a regional competition. Ultimately, there will be one state winner, but significant prize money along the way could be tempting to the students.

Hillary is hoping for a number of volunteers. She needs helpers to assist the students, helpers to organize the local competitions, and a videographer. “And you can even record this on your phone.”

“Helping won’t take too much time, but will be so rewarding” she promises. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Hillary hillsmike@att.net .

— Judy Edmonds

GEMS

As we begin a new year for **GEMS**, I thank **Nancy Renkiewicz** for all she did as co-chair with me last year. Between our two crazy schedules, we had limited time to collaborate, but managed to have an informative and successful mentoring session at the Healdsburg Library in December, where girls met with several professional women in science and technology fields. In March, thanks to Nancy’s contact at Google, GEMS students toured the facility and visited with three women engineers. **Nancy** has moved on to other endeavors and will be missed!

Wendy Bertalon has graciously volunteered to join me as co-chair. Both of us have committed to introducing GEMS students to career options and women mentors that may not be in their daily lives. Some have expressed interest in aviation and we are going to be working with a young woman we both have known for many years, a graduate of Windsor High, working with Southwest Air in Oakland to arrange a trip there.

We need one more person to help us with planning and execution of activities, primarily the communication with the students.

We have a contact list of about 80 girls with multiple ways to contact them and would like to have a more consistent and ongoing communication with them. This takes time and we hope that another **AAUW** member can help us with that.

We also welcome mentors from **AAUW** and AAUW member contacts for local visits to local businesses, professionals, agriculture—anything that helps a student see how they can apply their interest in math and science to their adult life. We are open to your ideas and suggestions—please call me at 707/486-4914 or email me at julieBconklin@gmail.com .

— Julie Conklin

READING ROCKS

The summer is coming to an end and the new school year is beginning. If you are interested in helping Healdsburg’s young students improve their reading skills, please contact **Shally Schultz** for further information: shally.schultz@gmail.com

TECH TREK

Cynthia Adam, Karla Rosen, Wendy Bertalon, and Barbara Lannin were on the **Healdsburg AAUW** committee responsible for selecting girls to attend **Tech Trek Camp Curie** at Stanford in July, 2016.

Starting in early January, the committee worked with five middle schools in Healdsburg, Windsor, Geyserville, and Cloverdale through the nomination, application, and interview process. It was a very difficult choice to select the final nine **Tech Trek** participants, because of the outstanding pool of 24 very energetic and talented girls nominated by their schools. During the interview process, the selection committee and the applicants agreed that it was an honor to have been nominated, and that the process of completing an application, writing an essay, and going through an interview was a very valuable experience for all of the girls.



On July 10, the first day of camp, **Sue Campbell** and **Barbara Lannin** helped with the registration process at Stanford, and on July 14 **Barbara Epstein** and **Barbara Lannin** attended a morning session at Camp Curie where they were able to meet the camp directors and dorm moms, and see the girls participating in their classes. The girls were enthusiastic and appreciative of the opportunity. We look forward to hearing from them about their future endeavors in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math!

— **Barbara Lannin**





A DAY ON THE BAY
CULTURAL TOUR OF ANGEL ISLAND AND
IMMIGRATION STATION

September 9, 2016

8:15 – 5:00

\$50 pp

The weather is beautiful in September, a perfect time to drive to lovely Tiburon and hop aboard the fifteen-minute ferry ride to Angel Island where we will shuttle to the Immigration Station for a private tour of the grounds and the buildings with a park ranger. There are poignant remembrances of those detained, mostly Chinese, during the quota periods of the early twentieth century, as many left behind still visible poems written on the walls of the buildings. There is sadness here but also a gorgeous view over the water to Tiburon with the sun sparkling on the water. It is a timely place for our group to visit when questions of immigration are again so important in our country.

Following our tour, we will either take the shuttle or walk approximately one mile back down to the cafe to pick up our boxed lunches (turkey, tuna or veggie), and onto our reserved picnic site nearby to enjoy the food and company with a view over the water. After lunch there is the opportunity to hike some of the island trails or to take an optional (\$14 pp) jitney tour of the island which stops at the most important points and provides information throughout the circle tour of the island. Or, you can just sit, rest, and enjoy the view of the water until we take the 3:30 ferry back to Tiburon.

Please contact **Jean Norelli**, norelli@sonic.net, to reserve your spot and lunch choice. Please follow up sending your check to Jean @ 729 Wright Street, Santa Rosa 95404.

Spouses and friends are welcome but there is a limit on total participants so don't delay!

— Jean Norelli

HEALDSBURG AAUW SUMMER PICNIC

The Summer Picnic and Trivia Contest was a great success!

The **AAUW** Summer Picnic and Trivia Contest took place on Wednesday, August 10, and was loads of fun! We had a very good turnout this year with many coming to compete with their knowledge of trivia. In addition to the usual great food and conversation, Steve Cotler led us as an inspired master of ceremonies in the Trivia Contest. He did a wonderful job coming up with several categories of questions, plus lots of extra background and sidelight information to share with us about each question. Many teams participated in the contest which quickly became a very spirited competition. Thanks to Steve for all of his work researching and selecting the questions, organizing the contest, and generally just being his normal, entertaining self! He contributed greatly to the success of the event.

—Cher Frechette



And next.....

Save the date for AAUW LUNCH BUNCH Luncheon!

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

12:00 Noon

Catelli's Restaurant

21047 Geyserville Road

Geyserville, CA 95441

On the lovely outdoor patio (weather permitting)

Kale Salad and Michael's Pasta or Seasonal Pasta

Served Family Style

Coffee or Tea

Wine is available for an additional charge

\$30 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity

RSVP by September 21, 2016

To RSVP or for more information contact **Karen Thomas** (808) 344-1592

—Karen Thomas and Laura Kimbro

Upcoming Activities and Events

Duplicate Bridge Game and Lunch at Mayacama Golf Club

Your team is invited to sign up for the next Duplicate game scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Your partner can be a guest. Please sign up early, there is a seven table maximum. The cost is \$40 per person.

Contact Carlene Reininga for more information, and to sign up.

—Linda Clark

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County Library, Rincon Valley Branch presents:

Alison Bass, Author of:

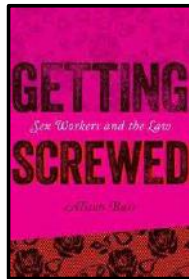
Getting Screwed,

Sex Workers and the Law

Oct. 7 5:00 to 7:00

Rincon Valley Library

6959 Montecito Rd, Santa Rosa



Alison Bass is an award winning journalist, professor and author of two critically acclaimed books: *Getting Screwed*, and *Side Effects: A Prosecutor, A Whistle Blower and a Bestselling Antidepressant on Trial*. For *Side Effects*, she won the prestigious National Association of Science Writer's Science in Society Award in 2009.

Allison is an Assistant Professor of Journalism at West Virginia University's Reed College of Media. She has taught journalism at Mount Holyoke College, Brandeis University and Boston University. She was a long-time science and medical writer for *The Boston Globe* and a series she wrote for *The Globe* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in the Public Service category. Her articles and essays have also appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Village Voice*, *Psychology Today*, *Technology Review* and the *Nieman Reports*.

Join us for a discussion of her new book, *Getting Screwed*, a thoroughly researched book which argues that our laws against prostitution are causing more harm than good.



—Winky Merrill

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

AAUW member **Ronnie Riley** had surgery in June for breast cancer. Our thoughts are with her during her recovery.

With sadness we share that **AAUW** member **Phyllis Welter** passed away in June, and **AAUW** member **Barbara Covello's** husband, Don, passed away in July. Our most sincere condolences have been extended to both families.

—Sheila Kneass

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 433-5646.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

New Member Email Addresses:

- ❖ Julie Hanamura juliehanamura@yahoo.com
- ❖ Jean Setzer jeanrsetzer@gmail.com
- ❖ Debi Shippey shpp784@aol.com
- ❖ Kate Van Ness kate@hiddenhill.com

Member Email Address Change:

- ❖ Sandy Beddow beddowskb@gmail.com

Member Email Corrections:

- ❖ Stan Saloman stan61@pacbell.net
- ❖ Barbara Zarakov barbarahobson@sbcglobal.net

Member Change of Phone Numbers:

- ❖ Hala Alshawany remove (707) 433-1013; replace with (650) 279-2452
- ❖ Holly Schatz remove (707) 433-1358; replace with (415) 305-4559

NEW MEMBERS/BUDDIES

New members are the life blood of our organization, and the experience of a new friend is invaluable.

If you are interested in being a "Buddy" for a new member, please contact **Pat Bertapelle**, pat@vbbn.com.

—Pat Bertapelle

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Julie Hanahura



You never know where in the world you are going to meet up with **Healdsburg AAUW** members! Before living in Healdsburg, **Julie**

was on a hiking trip in the Dolomites in Italy with a travel company called Wilderness Travel. Our members and international recruiting team, **Sue Campbell** and **Judith Olney**, were on the same hiking trip. That trip resulted in **Julie's** first connection with **Healdsburg AAUW** members. After talking with **Sue** and **Judith** during their travels, joining our chapter was on the top of Julie's to-do list once she started living in Healdsburg last April. She has a condo in Berkeley, and lives between Berkeley and a home in Healdsburg.

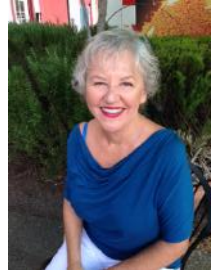
After thirty years in the banking industry, Julie became the CFO of a nonprofit organization advocating for policies relating to women and children. They are a grassroots organization for children's issues, encouraging them to take action by writing to their political representatives, signing petitions, and participating in on-the-ground activities. The organization is primarily funded by foundation grants. Recently, **Julie** retired after working for the nonprofit the past eight years.

Hiking is one of **Julie's** favorite activities. She has a hiking trip coming up soon in Japan, and looks forward to hiking with our **AAUW** hiking group. Other **AAUW** activities she plans to participate in include Forum classes, and our scholarship and tutoring programs.

Welcome to **Julie Hanamura!**

—Barbara Gruber

Kathy Kellett



Did you ever hear your boss (or spouse) say: "Don't ever make a decision based on money – it's always OK!" But, although funding was never a concern for **Kathy's** position as the director of Apple's world wide corporate events, her job did have lots of stress.

Now retired, she says, "I have the best life now!" She bought her Healdsburg house in December, after searching for a small town atmosphere. She also has permanent residency in Mexico, where she spends time at the Turtle Sanctuary in the Bay of Banderas. "I was a 'Turtle Talker', helping out with the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles. This year I'd like to do more with the biologists. It's an amazing experience - to hold a turtle in your hand less than 24 hours old, and know how important it is in effecting the area."

Also in Mexico, **Kathy** volunteers at a nearby orphanage. "They especially need help at lunchtime, their main meal. There will be 10-20 toddlers, some handicapped, some coming from abusive backgrounds. They may be too tired to eat, so we stand them up and make sure they get nourishment. I'm also learning Spanish through the *Rosetta Stone* program to help me communicate better with them! And I make funky and chunky jewelry with friends which I donate to fund raisers!"

Other interests?

"My new passion is photography, and I was able to travel to Montenegro and Croatia with a photo group. I am also planning a trip to Tanzania, where I will photograph migrating animals from a hot air balloon, and then film gorillas in Rwanda. And, oh yes, there's a trip to Cuba planned with my photogroup. I am also very interested in politics; actually, you can say that I'm just interested in life!"

And lucky for **Kathy**, it's the best ever!

—Sue Finan

Jean Setzer



Jean and her husband, Frank Moore, moved from San Antonio, Texas to Windsor five years ago. They are delighted to live in Sonoma County and enjoy our wonderful climate. Their pets include two elderly dogs and one puppy!

Jean earned her Ph.D. in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Social Demography at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. Before retiring to Northern California, she worked as an academic Health System Strategic Planner at the University Health System, San Antonio, Texas. Prior to that, she was an assistant professor in community pediatrics at the medical school in San Antonio. Her professional interests include developing and evaluating programs for the poor and uninsured, and families with special health needs including HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and addictions.

Her husband is a retired Professor of Public Health at the University of Texas.

St. John's Church in Healdsburg is where **Jean** met our chapter member, **Jane Oriel**. **Jane** encouraged **Jean** to join **Healdsburg AAUW**. She plays bridge, and is most interested in programs that promote education for women. You are about to read a wonderful short story: Years ago, **Jean's** step-daughter received a scholarship from **AAUW** to use toward her Ph.D. program at Stanford. She now works in Alameda County and the focus of her work is anti-poverty issues. When Jean told her she was joining **AAUW**, her step-daughter asked her to say 'thank you' on her behalf to **AAUW** for the support provided toward her education. Isn't it wonderful to know that receiving an **AAUW** Scholarship is something one never forgets?

Welcome to **Jean Setzer!**

—Barbara Gruber

Kate Van Ness



Ear crawlers and ear climbers...eeeew! Until I met **Kate Van Ness** I thought they were some kind of creepy creatures crawling about one's cranium. But **Kate** regaled me with lots of information about earring varieties and other fashion trends.

Her background? After teaching French for four years, **Kate** got her MBA at the Harvard Grad School of Business, became a buyer for Filene's and Macy's, and then started her own fashion jewelry showroom in the early '90's.

She was wearing delicate earring jackets (two-sided earrings), and informed me that hoops are always big, and shoulder dusters are great, too. Smaller necklaces are becoming popular (whereupon I wanted to yank off my chunky choker), but they have not replaced larger pieces (whew!), and scarves are very important.

"*The Devil Wears Prada* was really spot on in terms of couture," she said. "A very exclusive number of people are like czars: they select the dominant colors of the season and their verdict is proclaimed on morning talk shows in early February. Then that's basically what's shown in haute couture, interior decorating, upholstery, cars, and also jewelry!"

She and her husband, Denny, had lived in Sea Cliff (and yes, do ask about her Robin Williams story!), bought land in Healdsburg in '88, and built their house in '92. "With our two cats, Pumpkin and PipSqueak, we came here every weekend, loving the sunshine, making lots of friends, and participating in the Big Boules of Dry Creek Valley Pétanque League. Now we're here permanently and I'm able to really get involved. I've joined the Healdsburg Garden Club and Parkpoint Gym. Through **AAUW** I'd like to help SRJC graduates who are continuing their education. My significant design now is to stay healthy and enjoy life!"

And that priceless goal is always in style!

—Sue Finan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Occasionally the email and/or website links do not work for some of our **AAUW** members. If this occurs

- for emails, go to your own email site and type in the email address
- for websites, go to Google and type in the website address

We apologize for this inconvenience however we have been unable to correct this occasional glitch.

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