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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

Thanksgiving is behind us, the Yule season is nearly here -- I know, I know...some of us would rather not be reminded! But it's true and it must be faced. Here's a thought: Why not gift someone on your list with registration to one, or even both, of our upcoming classes? And don't forget yourself! Two very special treats await...

Our first class of the new year promises to be a wonderland of art and music, presented by Kayleen Asbo. Titled "French Rhapsody", Kayleen guides us from Romanticism to Modernism as witnessed in the France of the last century. In music, think Ravel, Debussy, Stravinsky, and more. And in art, ooh la la - Renoir, Picasso, Cezanne, Van Gogh along with many other familiar names. Toss in the Ballet Russe, Nijinsky, and even a few unconventional patrons of the arts and you are in for an unforgettable experience.



FRENCH RHAPSODY: ART & MUSIC OF TURN OF THE CENTURY FRANCE begins on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:00 AM.

With his new course, "War in the Pacific", Chris O'Sullivan returns with yet another of his fascinating and most informative discussions, this time focusing on the war years in the Pacific Theater. Chris goes well beyond the all too familiar story of the Pacific War, beginning with developments in China many years earlier, the continuing public fascination with the attack on Pearl Harbor, and weaving events in India and Southeast Asian into the story. So much of our world today can be traced directly back to these areas as well as to occurrences in the aftermath of these cataclysmic circumstances.



WAR IN THE PACIFIC: WHAT WE NOW KNOW 75 YEARS AFTER PEARL HARBOR begins on Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 AM.

To register, go to www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net and fill out the registration form. The cost for each six-week course is \$95. (non-refundable and non-transferable) Classes are held at Raven Performing Arts Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg.

—Sharyn Sarquis



Our President's Message

It is hard to believe that life in Sonoma County has changed so dramatically in the past two months and yet much of it has stayed the same. I read that Sonoma County residents donate more time and money than most counties or states – in a normal year – and this certainly has not been a normal year. And **AAUW** members have certainly stepped up. Thank you to all of you who gave of your time and/or money to support the people who have been so impacted by this fire. This will be a long recovery process. Your Board is looking at ways that we, as a branch, can help.

I also want to mention that I have been contacted by the Humboldt and Petaluma branches asking what they can do to support the fire victims and where their individual members can send contributions. I'm sure other branches have donated as well.

Once again, in keeping with my focus on “what does National do”, I want to share information about another speaker at the June National Conference, Laura L. Dunn. Ms. Dunn received the **AAUW 2017 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award** and at the Conference she told her story. Ms. Dunn is a survivor of campus sexual violence. After failing to get justice at the campus level, the criminal level and even the civil level she realized that she had had to navigate the process alone. She decided to change those dynamics. In 2014 she founded SurvJustice, going from survivor to leading campus advocate. The first step was creating



the right for victims to have attorneys and most importantly, the second step was making sure victims actually have attorneys. SurvJustice provides the attorneys who go into hearings to support survivors, the only national organization to do so. To date they have supported over 550 survivors coming from all 50 states and 7 countries. SurvJustice has a 60% success rate of some consequence whether it was a misdemeanor or a felony conviction.

SurvJustice also provides policy advocacy and institutional training services to communities that seek to better prevent and address campus sexual violence.

Listening to her speak was extremely moving. You can learn more about ServJustice and hear her talk of her experience on their website, www.survjustice.org

Did you know?

In 2015, **AAUW** made over 1200 congressional office visits to improve college access and affordability, to help reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, to work on legislation to help prevent bullying and harassment, and to help pass the Paycheck Fairness Act and other laws to eliminate workplace discrimination.

— **Nancy Haiston**

Healdsburg Home Tour

Sunday May 6, 2018

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



2018 AAUW HOMES TOUR

Our very capable team is preparing yet another fantastic **Homes Tour**. We are very excited about the lineup of homes we already have in the pipeline. Hopefully, all are within walking distance from the Healdsburg Museum starting point. **Kate Van Ness** and her team have completed sponsor and advertising packets and are ready to begin solicitation. If you have ideas for additional advertisers, please let **Kate** know.

In the meantime, be sure **May 6th** is on your calendar. We hope every member will consider supporting the Homes Tour by buying a ticket and serving as a docent or volunteer. Of course, cookie baking is always appreciated as well. If you are out of town for the event, please consider buying a ticket to give to a friend.

Ronnie Devitt, who is our Publicity Chair as well as our Healdsburg Museum President is working on a joint publicity campaign featuring historical aspects of this year's homes and the upcoming Museum's publicity and exhibitions around historical Healdsburg.

Thank you to our fabulous HHT team: **Janice Sexton, Kate Van Ness, Marian Van Alyea, Yvonne Schell, Debbie Potmesil, Phil and Gail Wright, Joy Fremont, Shally Schultz, Ronnie Devitt, Pat Swaney, Maureen Keefe, Laura Tredinnick, Kim Alexander, Julie Hanamura, Laura Tyler, and Terry Leach.**

— **Johanna Lieblein** and **Carlene Reininga**

AAUW HEALDSBURG FUNDRAISING

Thank you to the following **AAUW Healdsburg** members who helped with our **Annual Fundraising** appeal letter mailing. We had a fun assembly line, and those who participated included **Diane Burnley, Laura Kramer, Terry Leach, Liz Loebel, Winky Merrill, and Debbie Potmesil.**

—**Terry Leach**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SPEECH TREK

Speech Trek 2017-18 is off and running. There are thirteen students signed up. One from Windsor High, three from Healdsburg High, and nine from Cloverdale High. Twelve **AAUW mentor/coaches** will assist these students in the writing and presentation of a 5-6 minute speech on how to eradicate sexism in our society, including what organizations such as **AAUW** can do to help.

The competition will be held the third week in February at a location yet to be determined. Watch this space for updates.

— Hillary Kambour

FUTURE PREP AND LIFE SKILLS

The **first** Future Prep Career Panel of the 2017-2018 school year at Cloverdale High School took place November 17th. The focus was on careers in **Residential Architecture and Construction**. **Cecile Peters** and **Connie Cservenyak** asked 6 community members to be panelists for the two-hour session. Students rotated in small groups to meet with each panelist, which allowed for more direct interaction. Since the second hour of the session took place during the lunchtime break, the Future Prep team bought pizzas and drinks for the (no doubt), hungry group of students, panelists, and volunteers. This was dedication!

Two more Career Panels are planned for February 23rd and April 27th, 2018.

READING ROCKS

The Reading Rocks programs at both Healdsburg Elementary and Westside School are up and running again. In the aftermath of the fires, both schools closed temporarily.

Shally Schultz (Reading Rocks coordinator), the Reading Rock tutors, and other **AAUW** volunteers are planning again this December to give a children's book to each of the students in the five 1st grades at Healdsburg Elementary, and the one 1st grade at Westside. The purchase of books is funded out of the Reading Rocks budget. On the day of the 'book gifting' the children come to a table outside their classroom that displays a variety of books. Thoughtfully and carefully each child makes a choice. It is a sweet moment to witness.

—Dee McGuffey

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Our special program on **Human Trafficking** had to be postponed due to the Sonoma fires. The new date will be in early March and will be announced in the January *Grapevine*. Stay tuned. This program will feature a 60-minute film on this topic, followed by several speakers from the Sonoma County Task Force on Human Trafficking. It will be collaboratively sponsored by **Healdsburg AAUW**, Healdsburg Soroptomists, and Santa Rosa AAUW.

—Winky Merrill

OUR AAUW ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 3, 2017

We hope that you are planning on attending....And please remember.....

One of the (many) helpful things our branch does is provide much-needed supplies to the local elementary schools who participate in *Reading Rocks*: Healdsburg Elementary, Healdsburg Fitch Campus, and Westside schools. I've contacted each of these schools and they are all excitedly looking forward to this annual holiday donation. I think most of us have fun shopping for these items, knowing how much they will be appreciated by teachers and students alike.

- Rulers, inch and centimeter
- Elmer's glue
- Several packs of graph paper
- Papermate Flairtip markers, medium point, any color
- Colorful tagboard 8 ½ x11
- Hand held hole punches
- 100 Eraser caps
- Hand-held erasers
- Paint brushes; various sizes
- 4 boxes of Brad fasteners
- Watercolor paper
- Popsicle sticks
- 50 glue sticks
- Plain construction paper (8.5 x 11 and 12 x 18)
- 11 x 18 red and green construction paper
- Star stickers
- Tempura paint in red, orange, yellow, and/or pink
- Googley eyes
- Clay that can be baked in an oven
- Pencil grips
- Pencils (My First Dixon Ticonderoga or other)
- Several color markers (Crayola or other)
- Acrylic paint
- Drawing paper
- Skin colored/multi-cultural colored pencils
- 6 x 9 or 8 x 10 student sketchbooks (blank pages)
- Primary journals
- Wooden, old fashioned clothespins
- Pipe cleaners, all colors
- Crayola markers
- Post-It Notes
- Gallon Freezer Bags
- Packets of baby wipes
- Sidewalk Chalk

Please bring your donations to the holiday party, and I'll sort them out according to the schools' requests. If you won't be attending the party please call the following members and arrange to drop off your donations to them no later than December 1. Cloverdale: Diane Bartleson; Healdsburg/Geyserville: Barb Reid; Windsor: Linda Clark.

Supplies will be delivered on the day *Reading Rocks* volunteers bring books for each child in the first grade classrooms. Thank you all!

— Judy Edmonds

OUR NEXT.....*CULTURAL EVENT*

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON



Do you like women in hats?

Really, really big hats?

Hats big enough to carry a whole tableau of San Francisco?

Do you like women indulging in really funny political satire while wearing really, really big hats?

Then join us and chase the winter doldrums away on our next Cultural Trip to North Beach on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**. We will first have **brunch at Park Tavern** in lovely Washington Square Park. We'll then walk the several blocks over to the **Beach Blanket Babylon** theatre for a **matinee performance** of their famous low-brow high jinks.

Tickets are \$55 per person. We will have our own table at brunch starting at 11:30 where you can order from the menu and pay individually prior to our 2pm performance. There is a limit of 20 on this trip, and spouses/friends are welcome to join. Contact: Jean Norelli, norelli@sonic.net to reserve your place, and follow with your check made out to: **Healdsburg AAUW for \$55**, mailed to Jean at 729 Wright Street, **Santa Rosa, 95404**. We look forward to seeing you there!

— Jean Norelli and Ann Mahoney

LUNCH BUNCH



Our **Healdsburg AAUW Lunch Bunch** enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon of camaraderie, outdoors on the patio of Sonoma Cider Taproom in Healdsburg.

Our next Lunch Bunch will be January 10, 2018.....Mark your calendars!

—Laura Kimbro



MEMBERSHIP

Our New Member

Laura Tyler



Laura Tyler has moved a lot in her lifetime. As she says she has “owned more houses than cars.” Now it seems she may have found a long-term home in Healdsburg, at last. **Laura** grew up in Walnut Creek, attended UCLA and worked in San Francisco for Bechtel for a number of years before she moved to Michigan, where she spent the next 12 years. From there, **Laura** moved to Houston where she lived for more than two years.

Finally, when her mother turned 75, **Laura** decided it was time to be closer to her home and moved to the East Bay. While there, she visited her sister, a Healdsburg resident, and decided this is where she wanted to retire. In June 2017, **Laura** retired and moved into a new home in town---all in a ten-day period. She is in the process of redecorating her home which is currently dominated by the color orange.

Laura comes from a family of farmers and gardeners. As a result, she has an interest in wilderness preservation and food banking, in addition to her ongoing interests in gardening and cooking. **Laura** is also an avid traveler and in the next year plans to visit central Asia, and look for polar bears in northern Canada. She is anxious to meet people in her new community and joined **AAUW** in pursuit of both activities and friends.

— Hillary Kambour

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If you are interested in being a ‘Buddy’ for a new member please contact **Pat Bertapelle**, pat@vbbn.comNew members are the life blood of our organization, and the experience of a new friend is invaluable!

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Maria Lucidi** so that a card can be sent to the person or family from **AAUW**. mlucidi5@gmail.com or (707) 838-1483.

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 unsuccessful in correcting this occasional glitch.

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