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Healdsburg Branch

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

In just a few short weeks the first of two **Forum** classes for the **Fall session** begins. Are you registered?

Don't miss out as **Bruce Elliott** brings to life some of history's most famous - and infamous - characters. Bruce's style is often to take on the personae of his subjects, complete with costumes, accents and even a sip or two of Sonoma County red. **LEGENDS OF HISTORY** begins on Tuesday, **October 12 at 10:00 AM**.

The second course promises to be of particular interest to those of us who are children of the Fabulous Fifties and Seductive Sixties. **Peter Elman** conducts **TURN, TURN, TURN**: a definitive history of the glory years of Rock and Roll. While we may not all agree on just which years qualify as the best years, Pete will provide a great start for the debate. Personally, "I believe", the last of the best years of R&R was 1963. What do you think? Come find out when class begins on Thursday, **October 12 at 10:00 AM**.

To register, go to www.so-eventful.com 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

Thanks to the **Social Activities Team** and their volunteers, our **Kick-Off** meeting, held at the beautiful home of **Kathy** and Robert **Mullen**, was a great success. Their large front yard was a perfect venue for our large group and since the rain gods held off until the next day, it was a lovely evening for meeting new friends and reconnecting with old.

Last month I mentioned that one of our Branch goals for 2017-18 is to start fundraising to send more than one person to the **2020 AAUW National Convention**. Other than the fact that it is the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, the question is now, "Why would we want to do that?"

Having had the opportunity to attend this year's conference in Washington, D.C., I can speak from



experience about what an inspiring experience it is. Before I went I knew little about what happens at the national level; I learned a lot and was inspired. Some of my new found enthusiasm comes from learning about what **AAUW National** supports, and some of it was from listening to the amazing speakers. My absolute favorite event was the convention banquet where we had the opportunity to meet Supreme Court Justice, Sonya Sotomayer. And I mean *meet*. She came to the pre-banquet reception, and made herself available for anyone who wanted to meet her. After the dinner, she was interviewed by our new **CEO, Kimberly Churches**. While she was being interviewed, she walked around the room shaking hands with all 800+ of us. The room was electric.



Next month I'll share information on some of the work that **AAUW National** has accomplished. In the meantime, here is a fun fact:

AAUW helped raise money to purchase a gram of radium for Marie Curie (more than \$120,000 in 1920).

— **Nancy Haiston**

Healdsburg Homes Tour



Healdsburg AAUW Homes Tour is older than we thought!

In the December 2013 *Grapevine*, I wrote an article on **Homes Tour** history beginning in 1991, the first year for which we had records. Last year someone gave me a copy of "A Look at Vintage Splendor," published in the *Healdsburg Tribune, Enterprise and Scimitar*, Number 30, 24 June 1976.

The article republished here is reprinted from the California Digital Newspaper Collection, <http://cdnc.ucr.edu>. The original newspaper is in the archives of the **Healdsburg Museum** which as one of its community service projects has scanned and digitized almost all local area newspapers, and submitted them to CNDC for public accessibility.

"Newcomers" to Healdsburg who were not here a half century ago may wonder why **AAUW** was raising money for the Museum. The answer is that there was no museum. Healdsburg Historical Society had just been established with Edward Langhart as its first president, and the city's archives were then installed in what is today the Senior Center on Matheson Street. The Museum of today where **Homes Tour** have been starting since 1991 was still the Public Library. **Healdsburg AAUW** can take pride that it joined the community in establishing the gorgeous **Healdsburg Museum**.

—Ronnie Devitt

AAUW Homes Tour Publicity Chair and President of the Healdsburg Museum & Historical Society

A look at vintage splendor

Dining rooms are one of the proudest features of the Vintage Home Tour which the Healdsburg Branch of the American Association of University women will sponsor this Sunday.

The tour is of five Healdsburg homes. It will begin at St. Paul's Hall at 1:30, where guests will register, and the tour will be conducted at the tourists own pace. AAUW members will serve as hostesses at each of the homes. Tickets may be purchased at the church at \$3.50 each; proceeds benefit the city museum and the high school band.

On the tour will be the Ferd Solem home, 425 Grant St.; the John Taylor home, 734 Brown St.; the Harold Martinsen home, 515 Tucker St.; the E.B. Nalley home, 326 Matheson St.; and, the Harold Nordmeyer home at 423 Matheson St.

AAUW members Sherry Perry and Carol Barbieri are in the dining room at the Taylor home (left), a Victorian built in 1898 which the Taylors have completely remodelled to return it to its former splendor after it had been "modernized".

Julie Stashak and Dixie Yeager admire this dining room (right) in the spacious Nalley home. Accented with distinctive colors, the home was once owned by Eli Bush, of Healdsburg's department store fame, and is one of the largest on Matheson Street.

The Martinsen home was built in 1907 and completely remodelled several years ago into a jewel. It has a separate flat upstairs and beautiful grounds.

The Nordmeyer home is a lovely Queen Anne cottage built in 1906 by George Alexander, grandson of Cyrus Alexander, a Healdsburg pioneer. It has windows which are unique variations of a quadrafoil style.

The Solem home is also in the Queen Anne style and has been careful-

ly modelled throughout its interior to provide a showcase for beautiful furniture and other Victorian treasures as well as a comfortable home to live in.

A wine and cheese tasting will be held at St. Paul's from 2:30 to 5 p.m. during the tour.



Public Policy Matters!

Kathi Harper, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista Public Policy Chair

Here you are, 2 or 5 or 10 years and 120 bridge games, or lunches, or book discussions after joining AAUW ... and public policy is just that report you read each month in your branch newsletter. Now we public policy nerds enjoy our interest groups and social activities as much as anyone, don't get us wrong. But what if you could fit in just one extra hour, or maybe two, each month, to rekindle your passion for doing something that would really make a difference in the lives of girls and women?

In talking with branch Public Policy Chairs around the state, the common and recurring lament is that "nobody wants to do public policy work!" In so many branches, all the work is left to a single person – the PP Chair. Worse than being merely overly burdensome for one person is the fact that there is so much that is left undone – one person can only do so much. And there is so much that still needs to be done. We are still fighting for equal pay for equal work; still being denied promotions and access to power; still facing workplace policies that make it harder on women than men to balance life/work responsibilities; still watching our female athletes being denied equal access on the playing fields and in coaching positions; still watching state-after-state pass laws restricting our access to safe, effective family planning methods of our choice; still afraid of sexual violence on campus, and domestic violence in the home, and physical violence in the military.

Any of these making you mad? Are you ready to join the chorus and declare "we're not going to just keep taking it?" Your State Public Policy Committee wants to remind you that Public Policy *Still* Matters, and encourages you to contact your branch PP Chair today to ask – "what can I do to make a difference?" Sometimes all that's needed is just an extra pair of hands. You don't need to be an attorney or a political science major to do public policy work – just passion and your gift of time.

Kathi Harper is a member of the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee. Healdsburg's Public Policy Chair is **Michele St. Clair**, reachable at 707-433-8090. She also serves with **Kathi Harper** on the statewide AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee.

—Submitted by Michele St. Clair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Human Trafficking: A Film and Community Conversation

November 15th at 7:00 pm

Raven Film Center

Please mark your calendar for a community conversation about human trafficking. We will show a film, and then several members of the newly formed Sonoma County Task Force on Human Trafficking will offer their perspectives. This event is free and open to the public. Be part of the conversation, and bring your friends and neighbors.

—Winky Merrill

COMMITTEES

COMMUNICATIONS

As **Healdsburg AAUW** Kicks off the 2017-2018 year, the **Communications Committee** enjoys its most active time. Chairing this team is **Linda Clark**. If you have any questions or something that needs to be communicated to members or the public, please contact her, LindaClark0606@gmail.com.

Other members include:

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Copies of their Job Descriptions are available on the website. Click on the About Tab then select Leadership and Job Descriptions.

We look forward to keeping all of you informed and up to date with the many services we provide to women and girls in our communities: how you can assist; public policy issues that **AAUW** supports; and social activities available.

— Linda Clark

“GROUP OF 50-50”

The **Healdsburg Branch of AAUW** is starting up a **Group of 50-50** members who “will do something.” No long-term commitment, just your name on a list of 50 members who, when available, can be counted on to do just “one thing.” Maybe sell cookies for two hours on Equal Pay Day. Maybe on the lookout for, and welcome new members at a social event. Maybe a specific thing in helping to set up a special program event.

If you give us your name and contact information, we can follow up if and when we need you to do that “one thing.” **Your commitment could mean an even more vibrant and accomplished Healdsburg AAUW branch!**

Look for an eblast in your mailbox soon, with information on how to sign up.

— Nancy Haiston, Board Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Speech Trek

Speech Trek is rocking! **Hillary Kambour, Diane Burnley, and Diane Bartleson** have contacted Cloverdale, Geyserville, Healdsburg, and Windsor High schools to inform staff and administrators about the **Healdsburg AAUW Speech Trek Program**. They printed informational brochures for each school to distribute to interested students, and are hoping for a good response. Sign-ups are due by Oct. 6th. Coach training is to be held October 17th, and the contest judging will be from February 12th-23rd.

Let's wish the organizers all the best as they continue in their efforts to involve local students in a challenging and enriching experience.

Healdsburg AAUW members can promote this program by encouraging local high school students they know to sign-up and participate!

Future Prep: Career Choices and Life Skills

One of our outstanding volunteers is **Katherine Lacy** who is continuing this year to chair the **Future Prep** program at Healdsburg High School. She is charged with creating four Career Roundtables at the school: one in November; three in the Spring. Each roundtable is made up of six professionals working in different aspects of a broad career field, e.g. healthcare, hospitality, etc. Students rotate in small groups to different tables having the opportunity to talk with each professional in a setting that encourages greater discussion.

To create these events **Katherine** needs the assistance of at least three members, and more are welcome. Their role will be to contact and prepare potential speakers for the roundtables. These members will also assist on the day of the event. Volunteers' involvement can be limited to one event, or more. Please step up to help our students learn about different career paths. It's a great opportunity to meet professionals in the community, work with other **AAUW** members, get acquainted with the personnel at HHS, and (best of all) provide a very valuable resource for our students in preparing for their future.

—Dee McGuffey

COMMUNITY SERVICE, continued

Westside School Bookmobile and Reading Rocks



Meet our new portable library at Westside School! We added a new Transitional Kindergarten class two years ago, and had to take the library space to house it. Since then we've been looking for a library replacement for our students and teachers. Voila! A library on wheels became available, because of a generous donation. Our books have a new home!

Healdsburg AAUW is also a BIG part of our literacy program at West Side. Volunteers come once a week to read with, and tutor first graders as they master the 'joy of reading'. There is a special **AAUW** reading nook (i.e. small mini library room) that is set aside for our volunteers. Teachers and administrators have all noted how this little bit of specialized attention has made a difference in students' success. It's a win, win, win for kids, teachers, and volunteers.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! If you can give one hour a week (and we have at least two subs that can take your spot when you are unable to come), we would love to have you join the team. Contact **Dee McGuffey** (deemcguffey@comcast.net) if you want to learn more.

Also come visit our new 'Library on Wheels' when you are in the West Side neighborhood! We are quite proud of it.

— Pat Bertapelle, AAUW Member and President of West Side School Board

FUNDRAISING

The **Homes Tour** and **Forum** are the big muscle fundraisers for our chapter. They take lots of time and energy from our membership and contribute handsomely to our funds.

Amazon Smile and **eScrip** are the low energy high tech options for supplementing those big fundraisers. Basically, by signing up for Amazon Smile or eScrip you are directing the business to make a donation to an organization that you have selected.

Any Amazon or Amazon Prime purchase can be made through AmazonSmile. The difference is that through Amazon Smile a percentage of your payment is donated to **AAUW Healdsburg**.

eScrip is offered by many national (Macy's) and local (Oliver's) businesses. By enrolling in eScrip, you can allocate a portion of your purchase price to **AAUW**.

Ready to have a go of it?

You'll find more information and links to signing up on our website. From the home page, open the **Activities** tab at the top. Click on **Fundraising**. Scroll down to AmazonSmile and eScrip to learn more and enroll.

If you get stuck or want a step-by-step walkthrough, contact Claire O'Neill. She can get you signed up. You'll be increasing contributions to our great programswithout attending meetings, providing food, selling tickets, or wrangling volunteers. Sounds good, right?

— Claire O'Neill

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Summer Picnic and Trivia Contest Popularity is Growing!



This year, the **AAUW Summer Picnic** took place on Wednesday, August 9, and the attendance numbers grew again from past years, with 71 enthusiastic people, ready to grill, eat, socialize, and compete in the Trivia Contest. This is the second year that we have added the Trivia Contest to the picnic and to this I attribute the increase in attendance and popularity. Steve Cotler, who developed the questions



and organized the contest as our grand master of ceremonies, has turned a normally pleasant picnic into a super fun event! In addition to the usual great food, conversation, and socializing, we had an inspired team set-up, with each team being made up of people with the same birthday month. This was a surprise to all and had the added benefit of structuring the contest as a mixer of sorts. I got lots of positive feedback from people who liked being able to meet new people in a team environment, laughing and puzzling over answers together. Thanks to Steve for all of his work researching and selecting the questions, organizing the teams, and generally just being his normal, entertaining self!

The winning team with the birthday month of February was made up of just two people: **Judy Edmonds and Nancy Haiston**, whose team name was The Lonesome Duo! Since Judy's team came in first last year too, largely due to Judy being a supreme trivia enthusiast, she has pledged to retire, and instead help Steve with the research and questions next time! The September team of five came in as a close second. Members of the first and second place teams received prizes: individual gift cards for each team member from Noble Folk Ice Cream and Pie Bar. I hope that the ice cream cones were consumed during our 100+ degree heat wave!



— Cher Frechette

2017-2018 FALL 'Kick Off'

Our Annual Kick Off to **Healdsburg's AAUW 2017-2018** year was held on Tuesday, September 12th, in the front garden of the beautiful home of **Kathleen and Bob Mullen's Bobcat Ranch**. Over 60 members and guests enjoyed the scenery, the food, the wine, and each other's company. President **Nancy Haiston** introduced the board members. There was also an opportunity for programs and committees to be explained, including a request for participation and volunteerism.



Many thanks for all who were able to attend, making this a successful start to our coming year.



— Barbara Reid and Carol Novak

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, continued



HAPPY HOUR **Thursday, October 26, 2017**

Please save Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, for our first **Happy Hour** of the year.

We hope you will join us for wines that we purchase by the glass, and our own, always delicious, appetizers.

Location and more details will follow.

— Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

MEMBERSHIP

New Members:

Beth Wolk

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Debbie Mason

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Change of Address:

Katherine Lacy

1108 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg, CA 95448

—Patty McHugh

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!

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susan Cook



Susan Cook is looking for some fun, smart women to hang around with and believes she found them in **AAUW Healdsburg**. **Susan** moved up from the South Bay ten years ago to

Santa Rosa. She is a career counselor and has worked at both the college and corporate levels. Several years ago, she worked diligently to find new employment for over a hundred employees laid off by State Farm Insurance Company. Currently, she is semi-retired, but remains self-employed as a career coach with clients that range from young college grads to older folks looking to make a change.

Humor is a big part of **Susan's** life. She laughs easily and is quick with a joke. In fact, she is writing a serious book about the things that hold us back in our careers, but uses humor to engage her audience.

When **Susan** bought a ticket to the Home Tour last May and met some of the volunteers working there, she knew **AAUW Healdsburg** was for her. She is interested in participating in hiking, Speech Trek and possibly a book group. Concerned about the political climate in our country, **Susan** is also anxious to get politically active.

— **Hillary Kambour**

Beth Wolk



Beth Wolk moved to Windsor four years ago from Sonoma. She previously lived in Marin County where she raised her two children. She devoted her working life to education, beginning as a teacher and moving to administrative duties, as a teacher in Marin and as a principal in three districts in Sonoma County, ending her career in Healdsburg.

Beth loves to coach teachers and work with students. In addition to the satisfaction of watching teachers grow confident in the classroom, **Beth** enjoyed seeing that her school followed the relevant policies and regulations required by the state.

Toward the end of her career in education, **Beth** became involved with the North Bay Children's Center, a non-profit organization that strives to provide affordable infant, pre-school and after school care. The organization has preschools at number of locations in the county as well as in Novato, and one of the highlights of the program is their *Garden of Eatin'*, a teaching garden for students. She is working with the executive director to establish a garden at the newest site on the Fitch Mountain Campus. Beth recently joined the board of North Bay Children's Center.

In addition, Beth's partner, Don Albini, runs Albini Family Winery, the first boutique winery permitted in Sonoma County. Situated on three acres in Windsor, Albini makes only 350 cases of Zinfandel and Merlot per year. Albini wines are featured in restaurants throughout the country.

Now that **Beth** is finally retired, she decided to join **AAUW**. The hiking and public policy groups are especially interesting to **Beth**. Mostly, however, she is excited to meet interesting women.

— **Hillary Kambour**

Debbie Mason

Moving to Healdsburg a year ago from Florida



doesn't seem like a big deal to **Debbie Mason**. Although nine generations of her family lived in the sunshine state and she spent most of her life in various parts of Florida from Gainesville to Key West, **Debbie** has settled into Healdsburg like a California

native as the CEO of the Healdsburg Healthcare Foundation.

Debbie spent the first decade of her working life in hospital systems, but moved from there to corporate auto and finance, public relations and marketing agency ownership, and finally to consulting for non-profit organizations. She developed an expertise in community-level strategic planning such as passing tax structured or designated revenue structured legislation.

In her free time, **Debbie** became very involved as a volunteer with securing services for foster children in the Fort Lauderdale area. She worked on early childhood initiatives and on securing dedicated funds for children in south Florida.

When it came time to leave Florida, **Debbie** sat down at her computer and typed in the words, "Healdsburg," "Healthcare" and "CEO." Up popped an advertisement for CEO of the Healthcare Foundation, the only health funder focused exclusively on northern region of this county. The search closed that same day. **Debbie** applied and the rest is history.

Debbie has found our community very welcoming and refers to it as "Mayberry with great shopping, food and wine." In fact, it took nine months for **Debbie** to meet her first grumpy person in Healdsburg. At that point, she found herself wondering, "what in the world does he have to be grumpy about?" She loves the progressive nature of Sonoma county and is especially impressed by its "solution-oriented" approach to problem solving. As a new **AAUW** member, **Debbie** wants to meet interesting women and possibly work on the public policy committee.

—Hillary Kambour

AND.....

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Maria Lucidi** 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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