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Healdsburg Branch

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

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BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

It's Fall and that means more than the annual grape harvest: It's back to school, and this time there are no pop quizzes, no essays, and no final exams. Once again **AAUW Forum** presents lifelong learning courses for our community and our membership.

Bruce Elliott:

Legends of History

Tuesdays, Oct. 10 – Nov. 14

Peter Elman:

Golden Years of Rock

Thursdays, Oct. 12 – Nov. 16

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Place: Raven Theater, Healdsburg



Bruce Elliott's *Legends of History* is a discussion of dramatic individuals who, over time, contributed greatly to our culture, knowledge and society. Bruce will bring to life Winston Churchill, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Catherine the Great, to name just a few. Bruce's exciting style recreates these famous characters to the delight and entertainment of his audiences.

Peter Elman takes us through the ***Golden Years of Rock and Roll: 1955 - 1975***. Pete is a musician, teacher and writer, working and recording with recording artists you're sure to recognize. The classes will lead us chronologically through the growth and development of rock 'n roll, a musical journey utilizing lecture, photographs, recordings, film clips, live music and Q/A sessions.



You won't want to miss either of these six week courses. **Registration begins on September 1, 2017**, go to www.so-eventful.com for the registration form.

—Sharyn Sarquis

A NEW PRESENTER FOR AAUW FORUM

TURN, TURN, TURN:

A chronological and musical trip through the golden era of American rock 'n' roll
1955-70.

with

PETE ELMAN

Many of us remember listening late at night, after “lights out,” to our transistor radios during the golden era of rock and roll, caught up in the glamour of the R&R stars and the energy of the new beat. Along

with the music came a whole new way of dancing and interacting at sock hops and parties fueled by Dick Clark’s American Bandstand on the new medium of television, which gave even teeny boppers access to the new music and its excitement. The days of waltzing and foxtrotting for teenagers were at an end.

Even if you weren’t romanced by the sounds of that time, there is a lot to learn about the social and cultural forces that ushered in this dramatic and enduring musical era.

Pete Elman plans to take you on a road trip through the seminal cities of rock n’ roll with musicians that were pivotal during this era of musical and societal change. He begins in New Orleans and the Deep South, follows it to Memphis, to

New York, back to Memphis again, and on to Detroit, and allots an entire class to Nobel Poet Laureate Bob Dylan, especially year of 1965. Each region has its own personality and identity which profoundly influenced the sound of its music.

At each stop on the trip he will give a background lecture that explores the roots of the musical style matched with the socio/cultural forces that came together to allow the R&R movement to thrive there. Key artists will be featured on audio CDs, documentary film clips, photographs and through personal stories. Pete, an accomplished musician and performer himself, will demonstrate on piano and guitar characteristic elements of each musical style and perform two-three songs each class. Dancing in the aisle will be permitted! When asked what he thinks really differentiates R&R from jazz, country-western and soul, Pete replies that R&R has a direct visceral line to the heart, it moves the body, returns us to what is young in ourselves—and it’s imminently danceable.

Peter Elman fell in love at a young age with the sounds of Rock ‘n’ Roll and is uniquely qualified to guide us on this road trip, beginning piano lessons at age seven and playing in bands since he was eleven. He has worked steadily since then as a professional musician with many well-known artists. Since moving to the Bay Area in 1977 he has produced 35 albums, among them six of his own. He composed, arranged and produced music for national TV and radio spots and was the manager of Acorn Music. Currently he is teaching courses on Rock ‘n’ Roll, country, country-rock, the Beatles and Stones, folk music, Motown and Bruce Springsteen at several Osher locations.

— Jean Norelli



OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! I hope that your summer was fun, exciting, restful, and you were able to do whatever was on your bucket list whether staying home or traveling the world.

We are off to a great start with our own energizing Board retreat held on August 14th. As always, we made decisions on how the Fund money we raised in 2016-17 would be spent. Our fundraising efforts mean we have over \$76,000 to support scholarships and grants.

Something new this year: As you know, our monthly speaker series was discontinued, and in its place we will focus on 3 special programs. After brainstorming, the priority topics are Human Trafficking, Fake News, and Salary Negotiation. Stay tuned to learn more about these exciting topics.

We also brainstormed the Branch goals for the coming year:

1. Establish a fund to send a minimum of 4 members and 1 student to the **National Convention in 2020** – which will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women's Right to Vote!
2. Volunteer Management – recruit and nurture volunteers
 - a. Increase volunteer capacity of membership
 - b. Manage official programs to reduce likelihood of burnout

In June, I had the privilege of attending the **National Conference in Washington, D.C.** It was very inspiring, and I hope that we will be able to send more members to the one in 2020. The money to attend the convention comes out of our operating budget. Since only \$25 of your annual dues comes back to the branch to cover our operational expenses, we started looking at fun ways to increase our operating budget. Stay tuned.

Aside from the \$10 National dues increase that was passed by the National Board, there were two resolutions that were voted on by the entire **AAUW** membership.

1. Elimination of the minimum AA degree requirement for membership – defeated
2. Establishment of a non-voting, non-degreed membership - defeated

We have a good mix on the Board with half returning members, and half new. Come to our annual **Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, September 12th**, meet your new Board and maybe find out how you too can support the goals and mission of this wonderful organization.

—Nancy Haiston

Healdsburg AAUW Annual 'Kick-Off' Party

The Healdsburg AAUW Annual Kick-Off Party will be held on **September 12, 2017**.

Time: 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Where: **Kathy Mullen's Home**
2785 West Dry Creek Road
Healdsburg

Please come to hear about the coming year, and socialize with our **Board Members**, old and new friends. **Please remember to wear your nametags.**

If your last name begins with **A through L**, please bring a bottle of wine.

If your last name begins with **M through Z**, please bring an appetizer to share.

Directions to Kathy's lovely home:

Take Westside Road toward Madrona Manor. Turn **right** on West Dry Creek Road and travel for 3 miles. **2785 West Dry Creek Road** will be on your **left**. Follow the road around the house and property to the parking area. **It is suggested to carpool when possible.**

RSVP: Carol Novak novak@sonic.net or 707-433-3937
Please respond by September 7, 2017.

Looking forward to seeing you!



Our 2017-18 Healdsburg AAUW Board Members

—Barbara Reid

CULTURAL TOUR TO WALT DISNEY'S FAMILY MUSEUM

THE PRESIDIO

Friday, September 29, 2017

Lunch at *Sessions Restaurant*



This tour will hopefully help you recapture some of the starry-eyed wonder you felt as a little child when you first saw the wonderful story animations by Walt Disney's studios on the big screen. The expert tour guide will have plenty of wondrous information about Walt's life, work, and innovations to excite the adult you, too, during the hour-long tour of the main galleries. After the guided tour, we will have time to view the special exhibits, *Awaking Beauty: The Art of Eyvind Earle*. and *Deja View: The Art of Andreas Deja*.

Following our time at the Disney museum, we will take a leisurely stroll across the grounds of the Presidio to our lunch venue, the buzzy new craft-beer bar & New American gastropub **Sessions** for our lunch before returning to Healdsburg.

Please email **Jean Norelli**, norelli@sonic.net to reserve your space, followed by your check to Jean at: 729 Wright Street, **Santa Rosa**, 95404. The cost is **\$31/senior, \$36/regular**, which covers admission and tour guide fees. Lunch will be individual order, but anticipate \$35-45 for a main and beverage, including room charge, gratuity and taxes. Please note: **we have a space limitation of 24** for this tour, so don't delay in sending your check which will hold the space for you.

We will car pool there; you are welcome to arrange your own rides, or let me know if you have room in your car for others and I will help put people in touch. Please plan to be at the Disney Family Museum at the Presidio by 10:15 at the latest so I can finalize the arrangements before starting our tour at 10:30. There is parking in front and nearby the Museum.

— **Jean Norelli and Ann Mahoney**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The following are Healdsburg AAUW's Community Service opportunities.

READING ROCKS

Using teacher provided material, **Reading Rocks** is a program that helps **AAUW** volunteers work with young students to improve their reading skills, build their confidence, and give the individual attention that is so hard for the classroom teacher to devote to them. A favorite activity of **Reading Rocks** is the holiday book giveaway, where each first grader at Healdsburg Elementary and Westside School receives a new book of their own.

—Shally Schultz

TECH TREK SUMMER CAMP

~Empowering Girls To Shape Tomorrow's Technology~

Reflect back on your days in junior high school. Were you poised and confident? Goal-oriented and articulate? Prepared to wave goodbye to your family and venture off to experience college life?

Suffice it to say that my own personal memories from the ages of 12 and 13 left me unprepared for the remarkable crop of young women to be encountered during my first stint on the Tech Trek selection committee.

The goal of Tech Trek is to immerse academically talented girls in a world that encourages and empowers them to think about themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer specialists. From the five public junior high schools in northern Sonoma County, 21 girls were honored by nominations from their teachers as candidates to attend the **STEM** summer camp this July at Stanford University.

Then it was up to our committee - **Cynthia Adam, Karla Rosen, Wendy Bertalon, Mary Farha, Karen Fanucchi, and Diane Bartleson** – to review applications, essays, and conduct personal interviews to select *la crème de la crème* that **Healdsburg AAUW** would sponsor for this potentially life-altering 7-day experience.

Each of our candidates was truly remarkable in her own way, so our selection process was difficult. We managed to narrow the field to nine girls who enthusiastically embraced this opportunity for hands-on exposure to the brave new world of **STEM** opportunities.

A special note of thanks to **Sue Campbell**, a longtime champion of **Tech Trek**, plus **Barbara Epstein** who recruited our generous sponsors for this program: **E&M Electric, Healdsburg Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club of Healdsburg** (noon), **Soroptimist International of Healdsburg, Heidi & Don Blumenthal, Tricia Coxhead, and Amy Neel/The Neel Foundation**. Please let them know how much you appreciate their support for these stellar local girls who are our future.

—Diane Bartleson

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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TECH TREK SUMMER CAMP

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Thank you to our **Healdsburg AAUW** members who donated newspapers for this summer's **Tech Trek** Program. This is a photo of the girls and the structure they built using the donated newspapers: a model of the Eiffel Tower!

—Sue Campbell

SPEECH TREK

Annually, **AAUW CA** sponsors **Speech Trek**, a speech contest for high school students. The students compete locally for prizes and the opportunity to become one of three finalists to present at the **AAUW CA** convention for cash awards.

Students who participate in **Speech Trek** have the opportunity to develop and refine their public speaking skills. The yearly topic allows these students to advance their understanding of democracy by speaking about societal issues. In addition, the students are able to enhance their interview and job-performance skills.

The following are the basics of the **AAUW Speech Trek** program. Students prepare and present a five-six minute speech for their local **AAUW CA** branch on a theme revised each year. Videos of the local branch winner's speech are used to select three finalists to compete at the **AAUW CA** convention. An additional two contestants are named as fourth and fifth place winners. The final competition is held at a State event for **AAUW CA**. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners at both the local and State level competitions.

This year the **Speech Trek** topic is the following: **How can we stand up to sexism? What can I do as an individual? What can organizations like AAUW do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, in the military, at work, and in our communities?**

Would you like to participate in **Healdsburg AAUW Speech Trek**? We are asking for volunteers to be coaches for our local student participants. We will have 1-2 coaches with each student. As a coach, you will receive training and support as you work with your student. If you are interested please email **Hillary Kambour** hillarykambour@gmail.com or **Diane Burnley** dburnley@aol.com.

—Hillary Kambour and Diane Burnley

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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FUTURE PREP

Future Prep is **AAUW's** volunteer program at Healdsburg High School to help students explore career choices and develop “life skills.” In existence since 2008, the program had another successful school year in 2016-17, conducting four career choice events and participating in a number of classroom activities—ranging from offering feedback on students’ community service projects to tasting dishes prepared by culinary students as part of their course evaluation. **AAUW** members also served as observers for the presentations by junior class members at the conclusion of their work internships this past winter in an evening event at the high school.

AAUW has now received the commitment of the new leadership at the high school to continue Future Prep. On August 14th, **Dee McGuffey** and **Katherine Lacy** met with Bill Halliday, the new Healdsburg High School principal, and received his wholehearted support for **Future Prep**. Mr. Halliday, who was previously the principal at Healdsburg Middle School, also expressed how valuable he views the role of **AAUW** in other educational programs in the community, such as **Tech Trek**.

A key next step is to recruit three or more **AAUW** members to work with **Katherine** to plan and implement the career choices events. Four of these events—now called Career Roundtables—will be held over the course of the school year. Core members of the **Future Prep** team will be responsible for coordinating a single roundtable, performing the following tasks:

- Recruit 6 professionals working in different aspects of a broad career field, e.g., health care, hospitality, etc. to meet with students during a single block period at the high school.
- Follow up with those professionals to obtain brief bios, ensure that they understand their role, and verify their commitment to participate.
- Attend the event, arriving early to greet the participating professionals and helping facilitate the implementation as needed.

This is not a huge time commitment. The key is taking the initiative to identify appropriate participants well in advance of the event. Other team members can help with this task, and members of other service organizations may be tapped to assist.

This is a highly rewarding activity for those who participate. The students like it; the professionals who serve as presenters like it; and those of us who have been organizing observers also like it! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact **Katherine** at kk.lacy@gmail.com. An orientation and brainstorming meeting for team members is anticipated in mid-September.

—Katherine Lacy

2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Here are our Healdsburg High School Scholarship recipients for 2017 with **Winky Merrill** and **Kay Kohler**.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A big thanks to all members who have renewed their 2017-2018 membership during June, July and August. If you have not yet had a chance to pay your **\$94** annual dues there is still time. Another invoice will be coming soon to your inbox as a reminder. The invoice comes from the national office, so look for mail from EONSupport@aauw.org Renewing your membership online is very easy. Simply click on the invoice and key in your credit card information. If you prefer to pay by check, please make your check payable to **AAUW** and send to **Healdsburg AAUW Membership, PO Box 1064, Healdsburg CA 95448**.

- ❖ \$49 goes to the national organization. The national dues pay for work at the national level in public policy, legal defense, administrative expenses, and the national publication, **AAUW Outlook**.
- ❖ \$20 goes to the state organization. The state dues fund **Tech Trek**, **AAUW Funds**, branch support, communications, leadership development, public policy, and include the **California Perspective** newsletter.
- ❖ \$25 goes to our Healdsburg branch. The branch dues go towards administrative, membership, public policy and communications expenses.

— **Patty McHugh**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Member Directory Changes:

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Vicki Pearson	vicki8507@gmail.com

New Member Correction:

Catherine Mock	ckmock54@gmail.com
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—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!

A note from Hala Alshahwany: Leaving the Area, But Staying Active

My dear friends and colleagues---I am sad to report that I will be leaving Healdsburg this month and returning to the south bay (Mountain View) to take care of my Mom and family. **Healdsburg AAUW** has been a great instrument for me to reach out to the younger generation and relay the importance of education, science, and equity for women. The **Tech Trek** and **GEMS** (Girls Engaged in Math & Science) programs have done a fantastic job in exposing young women students to so many possibilities they can reach in the real world (i.e. trips to Medtronic, Google, Agilent/Keysight, etc.). I was very lucky to take part in some of these trips and watch girls in 7th & 8th grades talk about being computer scientists, business leaders, and engineers when they grow up, because they saw it can be done. This was just as important to me as supporting the Public Policy Committee goals, because without establishing systems that advocate for women in education and the corporate world, their advancement will be stifled.

Thank you all for the great inspiration and strength that enabled me to grow and contribute to women's causes on many levels. I will be looking for institutions in the South Bay (**AAUW** included of course) to continue what I've been doing in Healdsburg. I will miss you all very much and wish you all the best.

—Hala Alshahwany, June 7, 2017

NEW MEMBERS



Connie Cservenyak

Connie, a recently retired global technology executive, very much enjoys animals. She has three horses, two of which are also happily retired, and one Andalusian, whose name is Don Maximiliano. A fitting name, since he is, according to Wikipedia, strongly built, compact, and elegant, with a thick mane and tail. **Connie** rides Don Max, a former show horse, at least four days a week. They're still in the public eye, however, having been in several small town parades.

"I've always enjoyed riding, but I also love just being around horses." (Ronald Reagan agreed, "There's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse!")

Connie also has two rescued Airedales, and volunteers for Northwest Airedale Rescue and Windsor's Green Dog Rescue Project.

"I like to drive, so I transport dogs from overpopulated places in Central California to the rescue center. There the dogs are housed and retrained in a non-kennel facility. Then they're sent to places where they're far more popular, such as New York, Seattle, and Minnesota." (Edith Wharton's words come to mind: "My little dog- a heartbeat at my feet!")

Dogs, cats, and rabbits at the Sonoma Humane Society in Healdsburg also benefit from **Connie's** volunteerism. (Hmmm, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Gandhi.)

Through **AAUW**, **Connie** is very interested in reaching out to young women, mentoring them in her areas of expertise. With a BS in Computer Science, and an MBA, her talents and background are certainly welcome! She's also keen on participating in the Wine & Dine events, as well as the Cultural Tours and Happy Hours.

So, along with joining us in encouraging, nurturing, and advancing young women's futures, **Connie** is very much into Wags, Whiskers, and Wine! — **Sue Finan**

Kim Jensen



Kim Jensen moved from the Virgin Islands to Healdsburg in 2004 with her two middle school-aged boys. **Kim** had just earned her Master's in Education and wanted her boys to grow up with a larger variety of experiences available to them. "My high school class had fifteen people," she said, and although she still keeps in touch with many of those people, she wanted her boys to have more options, more exposure, and more experiences that the island could offer.

She began teaching at Mendocino College, but soon began working for the Coast Guard, designing curriculum for their technical training schools. After a year diversion as Director of Learning at SoFi, **Kim** is back with the Coast Guard designing curriculum for their Leadership Development program. In 2011, Kim bought a home in Windsor and lives there with her two boys, now 24 and 26.

In the meantime, **Kim** is pursuing her PsyD in Psychology, specializing in organizational development and educational leadership. Her dissertation topic is about why women leave high tech jobs. She is concerned that the "gamer" culture of many high tech companies is antithetical to many women and is causing alienation.

Still, she has time, energy, and interest in advocating for women. She is especially interested in helping to secure educational opportunities for women and girls.

—**Hillary Kambour**

NEW MEMBERS (continued)

Anita Kratka



Anita Kratka and her husband, two cats and two dogs moved from Oakland to Healdsburg eight months ago. They found a house in town and completely remodeled it while living there. Although it was a challenging time, **Anita** is thrilled with the results.

With a Bachelor's degree in Economics, **Anita** worked as a consultant, specializing in project management for companies such as Wells Fargo and Kaiser Permanente. In recent years, cyber security became a big part of her work. She worked with many small business people, a lot of whom were women. She thinks that women make good entrepreneurs, because they are willing to "break the mold" and take bold steps. Although she is retired, she is helping her sister Lyn with her business, MaKushs, selling CBD Coconut Hemp products from Natural Whole Plant Extract, providing an alternative health solution for aches, pains, sleeplessness, and other health issues.

Anita is one of six children. Amazingly, there are two sets of twins in her family. She has a twin sister and there is another older twin set. Luckily for her parents, there are eight years between the sets of twins.

Anita was drawn to Healdsburg in part because her sister **Cheri** lives here. **Cheri** also loves the small town feel of Healdsburg, with its parades and friendly people. She does miss the diversity of Oakland, as well as its plethora of really great restaurants. So, she's on a mission to ferret out fine food up here in Sonoma county. She loves Flower and Bone in Santa Rosa, saying it serves "Michelin" quality fare.

Cooking is a passion for **Anita**. She grew up in Riverside, CA on an alfalfa and citrus farm. Both of her parents loved to cook, and **Anita** speaks especially fondly of her mother's baking. She remembers making her mother's recipe for Christmas coffee cake, soon after her mother passed away. As the familiar smells of her mother's treat began to fill the house, **Anita** recalls dissolving into tears, with the bitter-sweet sense of her mother's presence in her kitchen.

Tennis is another passion for both **Anita** and her husband. They have happily found a home at Wikiup Tennis and Swim Club in Santa Rosa. **Anita** joined **AAUW** to meet women here in her new home town. She is interested in joining a book group and supporting both **Tech Trek** and **Speech Trek**.

—Hillary Kambour

Vicki Pearson



Vicki Pearson moved to Windsor ten years ago, from her home in Minnesota. Her job at Medtronic brought her to the area. Vicki worked for the company for twenty plus years, in their regulatory affairs division, interfacing with the Food and Drug Administration and other regulatory agencies around the world, to get products approved and keep them on the market. Since moving to Sonoma County, Vicki has volunteered with the *United Way*, tutoring reading to first and second graders, and has helped with fundraising for the *American Heart Association's* "Go Red for Women"---an educational program designed to educate women about recognition and prevention of heart disease.

Vicki's husband, Rich, went back to his original career as a High School Science teacher, when the couple moved here, teaching in Cloverdale and Sebastopol. He retired from teaching two years ago.

Vicki just retired from Medtronic two months ago and is delighted with her newfound freedom. She and her husband have become avid hikers, are taking a beginning Spanish class, and are learning more about wine. In addition, **Vicki** bought herself a digital piano, and is working through web-based beginner courses.

Vicki and her husband have two boys and four grandchildren. They are looking forward to a big family reunion this summer, and to more travel in the fall.

—Hillary Kambour

NEW MEMBERS (continued)



Johanna Lieblein

Born in Germany to a German father and an Italian mother, **Johanna** and her parents fled to the U.S. in the shadow of the emerging Berlin Wall. At the age of seven, **Johanna** found herself in a new country, not speaking English. In addition, her sister remained with an aunt in East Germany. **Johanna** describes making nerve-wracking trips behind the wall to see her sister, never knowing if she would be allowed to leave the country, and worrying about the harsh and difficult conditions in which her sister lived. Luckily, her sister was able to leave East Berlin for Munich when she married.

Although **Johanna** grew up in the U.S., she returned to Germany to pursue a college education in computer technology. The programs were more sophisticated in Germany, and although **Johanna** was the only woman in the program, the other students treated her with respect.

After returning to the U.S., **Johanna** married and had three children. Her husband, a military officer, moved their family around the world. When **Johanna's** oldest child was just ten years old, her husband was killed in a helicopter accident. **Johanna** went back to school and got her MBA, then began working in computerized medical records.

She met her second husband in La Jolla where they lived before moving to Half Moon Bay. After five years, the couple longed for summer weather and moved to Healdsburg. That was twelve years ago.

Johanna continued her work as an expert in medical electronic records implementation. After finishing her work with Sutter Health, **Johanna** switched gears and began working for Arista Winery where she assisted in managing their tasting room and updating their computer system. Her interest in the wine-making process led her to begin studying for and receiving her sommelier certification.

In yet another professional incarnation, **Johanna** took over the extensive event-planning duties for her husband's business, helping physicians become better business people. She ran the business's conventions, organizing everything from accommodations to food to audio-visual set ups. **Johanna** LOVES event planning!

After a long illness, **Johanna's** husband passed away last year, and **Johanna** began to let go of many of her business responsibilities. Now, **Johanna** is ready to join **AAUW**, and is excited to meet new people, attend social events, and become part of something new.

—Hillary Kambour

Catherine Mock



"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." Groucho Marx

Catherine Mock knows about both books and dogs. This teacher with a reading specialist certification spent thirty-three years in the classroom. "I retired in 2014, and really miss the little kids, but not the paper work. My first class was the worst; I had a lot of discipline problems, and didn't know if I was going to make it through the year. But my last year was the best; I still had a lot of challenges with different abilities and mainstreamed IEP's (Individual Education Program), but I was familiar with many of the kids, because I'd taught their siblings, and knowing their parents made it easier, too."

Having lived in San Clemente, **Cathy** also enjoyed volunteering at the *Ocean Institute* where "all programs are designed to maximize immersion, spark curiosity, and inspire a deep commitment to learning."

And what about dogs? **Cathy** volunteered at the local animal shelter, and hopes to become involved in one here, although she really loves cats more. Mark Twain thought highly of cats also: "If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve the man, but it would deteriorate the cat."

Cathy and her husband Steve have done a lot of traveling: Peru, Chile, Ecuador, the Galapagos, Kenya, Tanzania, and Pittsburgh, PA. (I had to include Pittsburgh, because our sons live only a few miles apart in "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood"!) Her perfect day, though, would be spending it outside in a beautiful area like the redwoods, beach, or up at Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh with her grandson, Emerson, his parents, Justin and Michaela, her younger son, Chris, and her husband.

Add a good book and a dog, and I totally agree!

— Sue Finan

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**. mlucidi@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

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