

## January Speaker Series



**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

5:00 Social Gathering

5:30 AAUW Business

5:45 Speaker

**Planned Parenthood** – Challenges for Women at the Federal, State, and Local Levels

**David Trujillo**, Public Affairs Director

Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider, an informed educator, a passionate advocate, and a global partner helping similar organizations around the world. For nearly 100 years, Planned Parenthood has promoted a commonsense approach to women's health and well-being, based on respect for each individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about health, sex, and family planning.

The organization faces many challenges at the federal, state and local levels. There are many obstacles to the services provided, all of which have an impact on the education of women and of young women in particular.

David Trujillo is the public affairs director for Planned Parenthood Shasta Pacific, covering the counties of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino. David has over 10 years of experience working on electoral campaigns at all levels of government. During his time at Planned Parenthood David has worked on coalition building, lobbying, and has spearheaded local outreach to communities of color.

—Kim Kopp and Carol McKnight

## President's Message



Our annual Holiday Party was a great success. I'd like to especially thank hostess **Judith Olney** and organizers **Helle**

**Siegert** and **Joyce Scramaglia**. Thank you to all who donated school supplies and to **Shally Schultz** for organizing our newest project, a holiday gift of a book to each first grader as part of our Reading Rocks tutoring program at Healdsburg Elementary School.

As we begin the New Year, our committees are gearing up for our major fundraiser and member activity, the *Healdsburg Homes Tour* under the leadership of **Ronnie Devitt** and **Janet Hoehn**. Last year we raised **\$35,822** for our scholarships and educational projects. This is our main mission, and we are very proud of what your efforts and support enable our branch to do. Here is how the Board has allocated the money, which is spent during the 2012-13 fiscal year:

**Scholarships** totaling \$17,500 for re-entry women completing two years at Santa Rosa Junior College and transferring to a four year college.

**Healdsburg Educational Foundation (HEF)** grant of \$10,000, which we chose to designate for the K-5 science enrichment program.

**Tech Trek Science Camp** \$900 tuition for seven girls (each year this depends on the success of our requests for Tech Trek grants during the year from businesses and other donors.)

**AAUW Funds** (national level fellowship grants) \$2000.

**Holiday gift book for each first grader at Healdsburg Elementary**, grant of \$250.

**PSST Public School Success Team tutoring program**, grant of \$1500 (many of our members are involved in this program in the Healdsburg schools.)

**Supplies and expenses for our other community service projects.**

Note that our entire fundraising goes to educational projects in keeping with our non-profit status. (Our social activities are always self-supporting.)

I hope each of you will find at least one way to be involved in the 2013 Healdsburg Homes Tour. It's a great way to get to know more members and to have fun in the process of supporting our mission.

—Charlene Luks

### IS YOUR PICTURE IN THE ON-LINE DIRECTORY?

We continue to work on getting all our members' pictures in the on-line directory. So far we have 90 pictures of our 150 members. We will be taking pictures at the



January Speaker Series meeting, Tuesday, January 8. If you have not had your picture taken, come to the meeting and we'll take care of it for you. If you are not sure if you are in the directory, go to our website at <http://www.healdsburgaaauw.com/MEMBERSHIP.html> and click on Personal Information.

—Liz Loebel



**Happy New Year from the 2013 Homes Tour Committee!**

### What's new for Homes Tour this year?

We are trying to cut one of our biggest expenses, the printing and mailing of tour and raffle tickets. In an effort to reduce this expense, we are encouraging everyone who uses a computer to buy tour and raffle tickets online.

We are also experimenting with a postcard mailing in lieu of the more costly mailer. Around February 1 we will be sending out the postcard shown above to the *non-members* on our mailing list, encouraging them to buy tickets online and giving them a bonus raffle ticket as an incentive. We will also be giving an additional raffle ticket for the purchase of tickets prior to March 1. That way we will not have to send the big mailing in March for those who purchase during February.

Of course, we will give the same benefits to the most loyal HHT attendees and raffle ticket purchasers, our AAUW members. This is your advance notice. You will not be receiving a postcard, but we will send an email blast with instructions as soon as the Pay Pal online purchase option is activated. Ticket prices remain the same as last year.

Each year we request that every member either sell or purchase \$60 worth of raffle tickets. As you can see in Charlene's message (page 2) our AAUW branch makes a huge difference. Unlike other organizations, we are not constantly "nickel and diming you." We ask only that you support the Homes Tour – including the raffle ticket sales – this one time a year so we can continue to make a difference in the education of our community.

Thank you in advance for purchasing online before March 1, 2013. Even if you cannot attend the tour, you know that the money is going for really good causes. Contact us if you have questions about this.

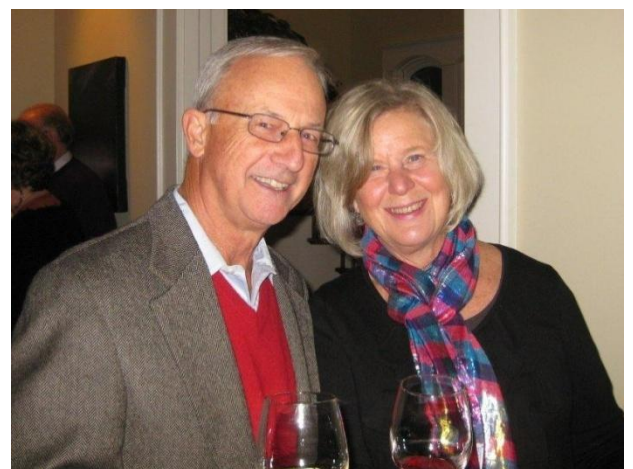
Also if you use Facebook, be sure to follow the Historic Healdsburg Homes Tour there.

**—Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn, Homes Tour Co-Chairs**





## Holiday Party at Judith Olney's



## Friday Lunch Group Begins in the New Year

This is a heads-up, ladies. Our first Friday Lunch will be in February. Please email me your name as soon as possible at [hsliebchen2@comcast.net](mailto:hsliebchen2@comcast.net) so I can put you on the contact list. Further information will be in the February *Grapevine*.

—Helaine Scholze

## GREAT DECISIONS

*The following are the discussion topics for 2013:* The Future of the Euro, Egypt, NATO, Myanmar and Southeast Asia, Intervention, Iran, China in Africa, and Threat Assessment. Join us the third Tuesday of the month, beginning January 15 at 10 a.m. [deana.fusco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deana.fusco@sbcglobal.net)

—Deana Fusco

## Have you recently moved or changed your email address??

The online directories are being updated again and will be available mid-January. If your information in either of the directories is not correct, please note the changes and email them to **Gail Wright**, by January 7, 2013. [philandgail@comcast.net](mailto:philandgail@comcast.net)

—Gail Wright

## AAUW Happy Hour for Drinking-Age Lovers and Friends



Please bring a cold appetizer to share.

February 7 is our next AAUW Happy Hour. Grab your valentine and come for some food, friendship, and fine wine at the Ramazzotti and Mercury Tasting Room in beautiful downtown Geyserville.

Joe and Norma Ramazzotti of Ramazzotti Wines, along with Brad and Grady Beard of Mercury Wines, will be offering a tasting of four of their wines for \$5 per person. (You may choose two reds and two whites, four reds, or four whites to taste for \$5.)

*Ramazzotti Wines* are handcrafted, small lot artisan wines which include Cabernet, Super Tuscan, Zinfandel, Sparkling, Chardonnay, Sangiovese, and port. *Mercury Wines* specialize in estate bottled Bordeaux style blends, small lots of Pinot Noirs and esoteric white wines. A 15% discount will be applied toward the purchase of a bottle of wine and a 20% discount will be applied toward the purchase of a case.

RSVP by February 4 to [vivfurlong@aol.com](mailto:vivfurlong@aol.com)

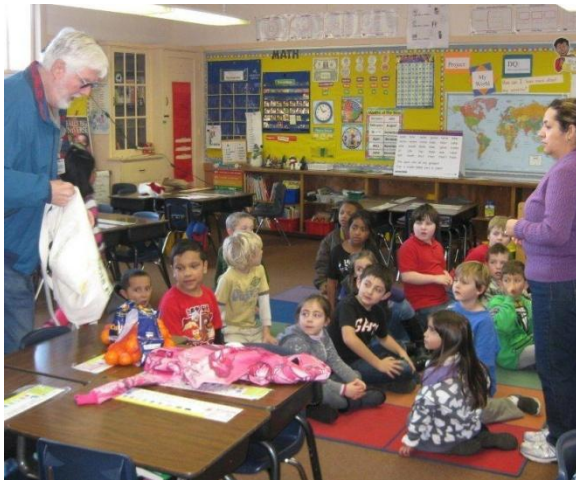
—Viv Furlong



## Reading Rocks

On December 18 members of AAUW visited Healdsburg Elementary School to distribute a new book to each and every first grader. Coordinated by Shally Schultz, the wildly popular Reading Rocks program matches volunteers with first grade students for reading sessions twice a week. The students greeted the volunteer elves with hugs and smiles as they gratefully received a holiday book donated by AAUW. In addition, the school supplies that were gathered for the past month were given to Principal Stephanie Feith. HES loves AAUW!

—Pat Bertapelle



Reading Rocks volunteer Ron Douglass shares book gifts.



Ronnie Devitt and teacher Judy Sanderson at book give-away.



From left to right, Reading Rocks coordinator Shally Schultz, Tanya Enders-Beach, Principal Stephanie Feith, Pat Bertapelle, Charlene Luks, and Ann Mahoney present HES with AAUW gift school supplies

# Career Choices Program Benefits Local High School Students

When you were in high school did you know what you would be doing as a career for the rest of your life? Did you even know what you wanted to do? I suspect that the majority of us would answer in the negative.

To help today's youth tackle this issue, our AAUW chapter runs the **Career Choices** program at Healdsburg High School. Started five years ago by **Dee McGuffey** and **Judy Edmonds**, every year this program brings in people in the community in 10 different career fields to discuss various career possibilities within that field, talking about what education and skills are needed, potential earnings, and what it's like to work day-to-day.

We hope that after hearing from the panelists (3 to 4 panelists from each field), the kids will get a sense of what they might like to do in the future, and start making plans for needed courses and future education, whether it's for university and post-graduate work, for trade school, or for one of the many beneficial certification courses at the local junior college.

At this writing we don't have the final confirmation of the dates, but we can report the topics of this year's program. From January until April, 2013 we are holding career panels on: *Healthcare, Culinary Arts, Graphic Arts* (including CAD and web design), *Automobile Technology, Sales & Marketing, Public Safety, Information Technology, Engineering,*

*Business Management, and Education.* These topics are chosen based on the results of questionnaires asking what the students are interested in, plus the projections of availability, growth, and stability of those fields in the future. (Sorry, kids, we won't be telling you how to be a World-Series-winning baseball pitcher or a rock star – both of which were actually requested.)

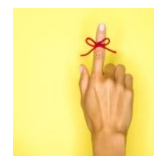
Due to the popularity of Career Choices, we asked Healdsburg Rotary if they would like to partner with us, since both organizations promote education. They have been working with us since Year 2, and have been tremendous collaborators helping in the growth and esteem of the program.

You are welcome to attend any of the panels; we would love to have you. Please contact me: [jedmonds@sonic.net](mailto:jedmonds@sonic.net), and I'll let you know what's happening when.

Also helping in the Career Choices program are AAUW members **Candy Danhausen, Carol Hazlett, and Laura Mack**. We couldn't do it without them!

—Judy Edmonds

*Remember*  
**DINNERS FOR 8**  
*January 11!*



## GEMS Does Pizza



In early December **Victoria Toboni, Hala Al-Shahwany, and Pat Bertapelle** hosted a GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) pizza night at diVine Pizza. Fourteen girls



and five parents joined several other AAUW women for an informal evening of good food and learning. Thank you to **Liz Loebel, Cathy Chiminello, Kathy Principi, Leslie Everett, and Ronnie Devitt** for sharing their wonderful professional stories with us. The girls had, as usual, some wonderful questions to ask and seemed thoroughly interested in the discussion. The girls and their parents learned more about the GEMS program and the upcoming field trips that will keep the girls engaged in math and science. In January they will be going to the Marine Mammal Center in Marin for a private tour. Drivers may be needed. If you are interested, contact **Victoria Toboni** at 431-0132 or [maclachlan123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maclachlan123@sbcglobal.net).

—Pat Bertapelle

## Member News

This fall new member **Karla Rosen** successfully completed Levi Leipheimer's 65 mile Medio Fondo bike ride. The ride involved 3700 feet of elevation gains and dealing with thousands of other riders. She says she's not fast, but she's steady!

### Laura Tredinnick Visits “Home”

Forty years ago I had the opportunity to spend a wonderful year in Durban, South Africa as an AFS exchange student. I lived with two host families and had an amazing school year at Mitchell Girls High, where I experienced the British school system, and grappled with the differences between Sonoma High and Mitchell. I drank in the wilderness on a week-long “Wilderness Leadership Course” at Umfolozi Game Reserve; did a two week mini-exchange to the country town of Ixopo (where Alan Paton wrote “Cry the Beloved Country”); and traveled all over what is now Kwazulu-Natal on our school’s geography tour, seeing factories and people in addition to mountains and plains. What brings this to mind now is my recent trip back to Durban to attend a Mitchell High 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion. The first weekend I was there I visited with my host families, meeting children and grandchildren, and attended the reunion, reconnecting with 26 of my former classmates and five of my teachers. My husband joined me the next week; we went off to see game in northern Zululand, then on to tour the Capetown area. It was a wonderful experience, and I was sad when it was time to leave the country and its people.

—Laura Tredinnick



## A Trip to Prague and Krakow

In November I went to Prague to return the Frank Koci show that I curated there. While I was in Eastern Europe I visited Krakow, Poland. Polish history is amazing. We went for a drive into the Tatra Mountains and our guide stopped at his house and brought out two pairs of socks for me, handmade by his grandmother. I stood in line for an hour and a half to get into the national museum to see Leonardo's, *Girl with Ermine*. I was able to stand about three feet away from it with only one other person in the room. I also saw Cranach's *Christ Blessing the Children*, 1537. A very interesting video on the restoration work being done was shown. The Schindler Factory has been turned into a museum; viewing it brought tears to my eyes. I had very mixed emotions about going to Auschwitz, even though it has been a World Heritage Site since 1949. Auschwitz is a place; the Schindler Museum is an experience. I met delightful guides and tourists, and enjoyed good food and beer.

—Audrey Darby

*Audrey has written a book about Frank Koci, a paperback of 40 pages.*

## New Member

**Debbie Potmesil** grew up in New Hampshire. She attended Syracuse University, majoring in sociology in the early '70s. After graduating she and several friends decided they wanted to go "where the action was" and headed for California. She worked for a while in southern California "selling yellow pages to make money for graduate school." She then attended Cal State Hayward majoring in Educational Psychology. "I was never a

teacher, though. I've always been a counselor. I feel more effective working one-on-one rather than in a large classroom." She started her counseling career in Hayward Elementary



School. After moving to the East Bay, she spent 25 years in high school, then 15 years in San Leandro Middle School. "Every day was different; I never knew what to expect. Many of the kids were the first generation to go on to college, so they needed advice on what to expect. My husband and I have a dear friend in Forestville whom we visited frequently; in that way we came to know the area and discovered Healdsburg which we deeply liked." He, too, was involved in education, both as a teacher and an administrator. "We're still looking for a house, but for now, since we are living close to the animal shelter, I'm enjoying walking the animals as a volunteer once a week. Gail Wright introduced me to AAUW, and as an avid hiker I have truly enjoyed the experience. Now I'm ready to go back into the school arena as a volunteer with AAUW's various programs. We like to ski and have a place in Bear Valley where we'll be during the holidays. We also enjoy gardening and fixing up houses." Debbie and her husband traveled the Inca trail in Machu Pichu this summer, went to Portugal as their first retirement event, and have traveled in Costa Rica, Mexico and various other places.

—Gloria Norton

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