

March Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

5:00 Social Gathering

5:30 AAUW Business

5:45 Speaker



SUSAN E. JONES

Mayor of Healdsburg

Mayor Susan Jones will discuss her journey as a woman thriving in typically male-dominated fields. Her exciting career spans from serving as police chief in both the cities of Healdsburg and Cotati to her current position as the Mayor of Healdsburg. Many honors and appointments have been attributed to Ms. Jones: she was appointed to the board of directors for the California Police Chiefs' Association, she co-chaired the Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Committee, and chaired the Pension Reform Committee. In addition, she is the past president of the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association.

Susan states, "After serving the City of Healdsburg as Police Chief I knew when I retired I would want to serve the city in some other meaningful way. An opening came available on the city council and it felt like a good fit. After exploring and talking with those I've connected with over the last almost decade, I decided to run for the council. I want to continue to serve the citizens of Healdsburg."

Please join us on Tuesday, March 5 to enjoy the presentation by this remarkable woman.

—Kim Burmester and Carol McKnight

President's Message

Our first Happy Hour held in Geyserville was



well attended.

Thank you to

Viv Furlong

and **Carol**

Novak for

organizing the

event and the

festive

Valentine's

Day atmosphere. Contrary to suspicions, there was no "fix" when I won a door prize of See's candy.

Thank you also to **Ronie Reiley** for hostessing the New Member Coffee in January and to **Judy Widlow, Carol Hazlett, and Gail Wright** who organized the event to welcome new members and thank their buddies.

With the success of our Tech Trek fundraising, the board was able to reallocate \$3000 from last year's Homes Tour proceeds to fund another HEF program, the after school homework hours part of the library-computer program at Healdsburg High School. Our efforts are really making a difference, including access to computers for those students who don't have them at home.

Have you completed the member survey for national AAUW? You can do it on line in just a few minutes at www.aauw.org. Your membership number is beside your name in our directory on our website www.healdsburgaauw.org. The survey contains some thought-provoking questions.

—Charlene Luks

It's Time to Volunteer for the HOMES TOUR!

You'll want to join your AAUW colleagues and the hundreds of visitors to the Tour to take part in this very enjoyable and highly rewarding day. Our annual event raises thousands of dollars for scholarships, for grants to schools and other projects, and to Healdsburg Education Foundation. All of you make this a huge success!

We need:

DOCENTS at each house (50) to greet visitors and point out features of the home.

TICKET takers and sellers (12) at the Museum.

REFRESHMENT servers (9) at the refreshment house.

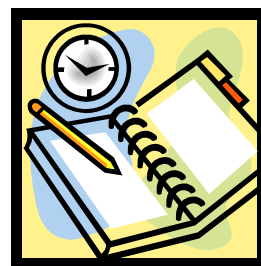
RAFFLE ticket sellers (several) at each house.

SIGNAGE helpers (several).

Let me know: louiselambert@comcast.net or 433-8464.

Don't hesitate; do it today; be there for this fun event!

And THANK YOU for your generous help!



—Louise Lambert



AAUW Healdsburg - 23rd Annual Homes Tour

Sunday, May 5, 2013

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WE'RE IN THE NEWS!!! The homes for the 23rd Annual Homes Tour have been selected and teams of volunteers are hard at work finding sponsors and advertisers, designing programs and publicity, and doing other tasks in preparation for the May 5 tour. In the midst of all this activity, what a wonderful surprise it was to find Holly Hoods's article featuring craftsman-style homes from past AAUW Homes Tours in the Winter 2013 edition of the *Russian River Recorder*.

Do you know the distinction between Craftsman Arts and Crafts style architecture and Craftsman-style architecture? This article informs about the unique architectural differences and the history of the six featured homes and ends with a paragraph about this year's tour on May 5. What great timing! If you have not seen the article, there is a link to it on the AAUW website. The winter 2013 edition of the *Russian River Recorder* may be purchased at the Healdsburg Museum and will be available at the Homes Tour check-in table on May 5.

We're also on Facebook. Take a look. In the weeks ahead we'll be adding information about the homes on this year's Tour, raffle prizes, and much more. You'll find a link to the Homes Tour Facebook page on the AAUW Home Page. Share the Facebook page with others. Like us!

—Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn, Homes Tour Co-chairs

Happy Hour at Ramazotti and Mercury Tasting Room

Congratulations to **Carol Novak** and **Viv Furlong**, who worked with owners Norma and Joe Ramazotti and Grady and Brad Beard of Ramazotti and Mercury Tasting Room in Geyserville, to organize a most memorable Happy Hour. They received many compliments from our membership: "What a great evening you put together last night for our Happy Hour!" "I think everyone enjoyed tasting some wines they had possibly not tried before, and all the food was yummy." "The winemakers pouring were a lot of fun." "While I am normally a fan of holding these events in private homes, the opportunity to learn about two new (at least new to me) wineries, drink some delicious wines at bargain prices, and chat with the troops made for a fun, fun time." Door prizes were won by three lucky valentines.

See pictures below.



GEMS Visits Marine Mammal Center in Marin

Victoria Toboni and **Hala Al-Shahwany** coordinated an exciting GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) field trip to the Marine Mammal Center in Marin Headlands Park on January 26. Eighteen girls, grades 8-11, and seven parents joined us for a terrific guided tour called the Vet Detective sponsored by our Healdsburg AAUW's generous education budget. There they were able to learn about the rescue techniques, rehabilitation



process, and research projects based in this incredible center.

Since 1975 this hospital facility has rescued and treated over 17,000 elephant seals, sea lions, whales, sea otters, harbor seals, fur seals, dolphins, and harbor porpoises. The tour included



the fish kitchen, laboratory, necropsy theater, rehabilitation tanks, and several sea lion patients. The guide also explained how plastic waste that ends up in our water can greatly harm the animals, and how we can all do our part in reducing waste.

She encouraged us to avoid plastic bottles and utilize reusable containers whenever possible. Dehydration, malnutrition, anemia, kidney and



liver disease, infection, stress, and trauma were some common problems and diseases found in our seal and sea lion populations which were discussed in our tour.

We ended the clear but windy day with a picnic and a visit to the Marin Headlands Visitor Center, which had many hands-on interesting exhibits that introduce the Headlands natural history as well as information about its human history from Coastal



Miwok to modern times. An engaging and fun time was had by all as we continue to try to keep the spark alive throughout the high school years. Who knows what ecological or biodiversity solutions may have been nurtured today by encouraging our girls to pursue challenging and rewarding careers.

—Victoria Toboni



Friday Lunch Group at Taverna Sofia

New Book Group Forming

Our existing book groups are fully subscribed. There will be an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, March 13 at 2 p.m.** to plan a new book group. All interested members are asked to attend. The group will decide on the day, time (day or evening), format, and begin choosing books for the new group. New AAUW members are especially encouraged to attend. The organizational meeting will be at the home of **Charlene Luks**, 709 Brown Street, Healdsburg. Email co-organizer **Barbara Reid**, blsreid@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

—Charlene Luks

March Cultural Event

In honor of Women's History Month, Occidental Center for the Arts proudly presents this one-woman play, researched, written, and performed by Rosemary Quinn, about Elizabeth Cady Stanton's life on **Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the Occidental Center for the Arts, \$15.** To carpool we will meet at Park and Ride (south of town) at 12:30 p.m. Hope you can join us. Please RSVP to **Lida Simmons** 431-2141 or **Lee Kelley** 483-2277.

Equal Pay Day is April 9, 2013

One of the most important AAUW Public Policy Priorities is that women deserve "fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment antidiscrimination statutes." Published last October, the newest AAUW study shows that just one year out of college millennial women are paid 82 cents for every dollar paid to their male peers. Women are paid less than men even when they do the same work and major in the same field.

Equal Pay Day will be observed on April 9, 2013. An important step in closing the wage gap is for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. It would help close some of the loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963 that have made it less effective. Passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act is an AAUW focus in the 113th Congress. Consider writing your U.S. Representatives, asking them to support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Become better informed about Pay Equity online at www.aauw.org.

—Sue Miller, AAUW CA VP, Public Policy Director

Permanent Name Badges

The directions for ordering your permanent name badge are at www.healdsburgaauw.com, on the Membership page, in the right column, tied in with the membership form.

—Gail Wright

Email updates

Carol Herring's email address in the directory is incorrect. It should be cjherring2@verizon.net

Lynda Guthrie guthrie.lynda@gmail.com

—Gail Wright

OLLI Comes to Villa Chanticleer



Joanne Foote-Lynch, Julia Santos, Charlene Luks, Sue Phillips, Pat Swaney, Bruce Elliott, Liz Loebel, Myrna Greene, Cynthia Adam, Nola Colbert, and Carol Hazlett

Many AAUW members enjoyed the Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) course on Great Cities. Dr. Bruce Elliott came in a different costume each week to present an entertaining and informative lecture covering history and art. This is the first year OLLI courses have been offered in Healdsburg at the Villa; Great Cities was sold out. The next classes begin April 8. www.sonoma.edu/exed/olli

—Charlene Luks



WOMEN'S HISTORY GALA

The Women's History Gala and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, March 10 at the Saturday Afternoon Club in Ukiah at 1:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics." AAUW Ukiah Branch will be one of the honorees this year because of its Tech Trek program.

—Nancy Renkiewicz

Member News

This month encouraging notes were sent to

Victoria

Toboni who recently fell off her bicycle and broke her

hip, and to **Billie Harrison** who fell, broke her hip, and had a hip partial replacement.

—Sheila Kneass



Missing Bowl

I walked away from one potluck or another without taking my 12 inch stainless steel mixing bowl. Has anyone seen it? Please call Doris at 431-1235. Thank you.

—Doris Golden

Baby Items to Lend

I have a variety of infant/baby items to *lend* to AAUW members, as my grandees are from out of town and I like to have the items available for their visits. There are car seats, portacribs, high chairs, and a stroller. Just call me at 433-5374. —Pat Bertapelle

New Members



Michelle St. Clair followed the encouragement of her mother (Kay Moorsteen) 14 years ago and became a member of AAUW. Because of family needs she was unable to keep her membership active. She rejoined four months ago and is looking forward to taking advantage of the many activities the association offers.

Michelle received a BA in political science from U.C. Davis, but even at age 14 became active in volunteer political activities. She was in the Peace Corps for two years in northeast Brazil. After that “I had two careers, but always in areas that would make the world a better place.” She worked throughout South America in International Development assistance, and also out of Washington D.C. on domestic policy. At one time she served as chief of staff for the Los Angeles city council.

She enjoys reading, especially 17th century fiction and nonfiction. She has a pontoon boat on Lake Sonoma, because water sports, including snorkeling, are a favorite activity. “I have traveled, mostly with my mother when she was alive, as well. I went to 22 schools at many venues around the world and on both coasts before college.” Michelle’s father was a French artist, then her stepfather, an economist. “I learned to think out of both sides of my brain!” She and her son lived on the island Menorca in the Mediterranean for eight years trying to keep her mother’s 200-year-old house standing.

As a teacher she particularly enjoys middle school students. She has taught special education for English learners at Healdsburg and Geyserville high schools for 10 years. She hopes to become involved with Tech Trek.

Barbara Reid and her family moved to Healdsburg last August from Portland, Oregon. Even though her husband commutes to Palo Alto, they feel the



move here was at a good time for their family, especially for their two high school sons. They were looking for a place to settle in the Bay Area and after looking at many possible venues decided Healdsburg was the best, because of the excellent high school and its small town friendly atmosphere.

Moving for this family is not unusual as their principal business is involved in hotel and resort management. This has provided an opportunity to live in many exotic and glamorous locales, such as Bangkok, the Philippines, Indonesia including Bali, and New Zealand, where they particularly enjoyed Keri Keri. Barbara and her husband both are Canadian citizens. “But we wanted our children to be dual citizens, so we maintained a residency in Florida as a home base, and no matter where we might be residing, at the time of birth, I always came back. All three of our children thus have dual citizenship.”

In addition to joining AAUW, Barbara joined the Soroptimists. She is an avid boot camp enthusiast and works out daily from 9 a.m., running and weight lifting with about 12 others at Parkland Farms.

Violet Nelson introduced her to AAUW. One of the first events Barbara attended was a recent happy hour which she said was a wonderful way to meet members and hear about their many interests. “I love to cook, and certainly enjoy the wine tasting opportunities!” She is a member of the Slow Food movement, and attends the OLLI Wednesday classes. “I would like to help with the homes tour, among several other AAUW volunteer opportunities.”

—Gloria Norton

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