



The Grapevine

Healdsburg Branch

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

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May Speaker Series

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Susan Swartz: *Women with HIV*

5:00 Social Gathering, 5:30 AAUW Business

5:45 Speaker

Healdsburg High School Library

1024 Prince Street at Powell

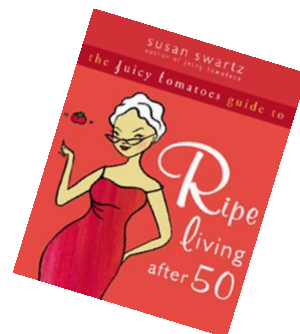


Susan Swartz is a California journalist, author and public radio commentator, living in Sebastopol. She's been writing about women since she reported on consciousness-raising groups and covered a rising star in the women's movement named Gloria Steinem. Living in the San Francisco Bay Area gives Susan a good place to report on outspoken women and boomer angst, which she did for twenty years in her award-winning column for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and the New York Times News Service.

Susan's book, *The Juicy Tomatoes Guide to Ripe Living after 50*, is based on interviews with mid-life women around the country, women she calls "juicy tomatoes." She states, "They're not just any woman over fifty. They have daring and confidence and they can be wonderfully ironic about life because they've been around to see so much." A second book by Susan is *Goodbye Good Girl: Letting Go of the Rules and Taking Back Your Self* and *Claiming our Creative Self: True Stories from the Everyday Lives of Women*.

You can hear Ms. Swartz speak in her weekly public radio commentary on Fridays, "Another Voice," broadcast weekly on KRCB - FM, 91.1 and 90.9, the NPR affiliate in Sonoma County. On this program, she discusses social and political issues along with personal reflections on the absurdities and sweet parts of life. You can also read her at www.juicytomatoes.com.

—Kim Burmester and Carol McKnight



President's Message



May is voting month. We will vote on the slate of branch officers for the coming year proposed by the Nominating Committee. Voting will be at our final

Speaker Series / General Meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 7. Everyone is invited to our Installation Luncheon on June 8 where we will be honoring our past and future board members.

I also hope you will renew your membership on line (see directions on page 5). This process is easy and is very helpful to our treasurer and to our membership chair in compiling our directory.

Our Career Choices Program has just finished its final panel discussion, this time on information technology. I'd like to send a special Thank You to Chairperson **Judy Edmonds**, assisted by **Candy Danhausen**, **Carol Hazlett**, **Laura Mack**, and **Liz Loebel**.

National AAUW's One Member, One Vote election process gives every one of us a say in the future of AAUW. Voting began April 15, 2013, and ends June 10, 2013, at 9 p.m. CDT. For details, see the *voter guide* posted online and included in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine. Directions for state and national voting are on page 6 of this issue of the *Grapevine*. — **Charlene Luks**

Slate of Board officers for 2013-2014

President — **Sue Campbell**
Vice President — **Ronnie Devitt**
Past President — **Charlene Luks**
Secretary — **Yvonne Hyatt**
Treasurer — **Phil Wright**
National Issues/Public Policy — **Ann Allan**
Membership — **Gail Wright**
Speaker Series — **Rita Minkin/Karen Danielson**
Communications — **Nancy Haiston**
Homes Tour — **Ronnie Devitt/Janet Hoehn**
Community Services — **Judy Edmonds**
Social Activities — **Cher Frechette**
Scholarships — **Cathy Chiminello**

Installation Luncheon

Saturday, June 8, 2013

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Elisa Musson's Garden

420 McDonough Heights Road, Healdsburg

All members are invited to the annual luncheon and installation of the new Board. Let's celebrate a hugely successful year!

Please bring a dish to share.

A to M bring a dessert.

N to Z bring a salad.

Beverages provided.



Please **RSVP** to **Joyce Scramaglia** no later than **Saturday, June 1**, 433-8542 or richscram@sbcglobal.net. Joyce will respond when she has received your RSVP. Parking space at Elisa's is limited so **carpooling is required**. Call Joyce if you need help getting a ride. Parking is legal along Matheson Street and South Fitch Mountain Road.

—**Joyce Scramaglia**



AAUW Healdsburg - 23rd Annual Homes Tour

Sunday, May 5, 2013

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



IT'S THE FINAL STRETCH! By the time this issue of the *Grapevine* appears in your inbox we will be just about ten days away from the May 5 Homes Tour.

BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE for you to buy tour tickets (\$5 cheaper before May 5 and you get a bonus raffle ticket if you buy online), and to buy (or sell) your \$60 of raffle tickets if you haven't already done so.

It's also **NOT TOO LATE** for you to invite others to attend the May 5 tour. An easy way to invite your friends and family is to forward the Homes Tour postcard you received online. Tour and raffle tickets are available online at www.healdsburgaauw.com. Tour tickets may also be purchased at the Healdsburg Museum, Levin & Company bookstore, and Copperfield's Books on the Plaza.

Louise Lambert continues to need volunteers to help on May 5. Give her a call at 433-8464 or shoot her an email at louiselambert@comcast.net

We also want to remind you that there will be a **post-tour party at Hudson Street Wineries, 428 Hudson Street, from 4:30 to 6:30.** Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of a successful tour and Cinco de Mayo. Wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle, and light refreshments will be served. Please come. Bring your spouse/partner/significant other. Bring an appetizer if you're not already overloaded with work on the "Big Day". We will also be having the raffle drawing at that time.

Finally...a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who have pitched in to make this a great event!

—Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn, Co-Chairs



Friday Lunch at Campo Fina

330 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg

May 31 at 11:30 a.m.

Reservations needed by noon on
Friday, May 24

Indoor dining room

\$25 per person includes tax and tip

Beverages extra

Please bring \$25 **cash**.



Our wonderful lunch is one of Campo Fina's specialties! It includes antipasto, salad, chicken and polenta, and dessert. When you make your reservation, please let me know if you would like the vegetarian option, which is spinach over polenta.

Compo Fina requires our guaranteed reservation by noon on Friday, May 24. Once I provide our guaranteed reservation number on that day, we will be charged for that number of lunches. The guaranteed number can be raised but not lowered after May 24.

Jot a reminder on your calendar now to email your reservations to me by noon on May 24. Be sure to let me know if you want the chicken or the veggie option; Campo Fina needs to know ahead of time.
b.gruber@comcast.net Cheers.

—Barbara Gruber



Join the New Book Group

Save the date! The first meeting will be **Wednesday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.** at **Charlene Luk's** home, 709 Brown Street, Healdsburg. The book will be *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*. Everyone is welcome. Please contact **Barbara Reid** if interested, (508) 860-4371, blsreid@gmail.com.

.....—Barbara Reid

Dinner for 8

The last *Dinner for 8* this spring is set for



Friday, May 17. If you would like to participate either as guest or hostess, please notify **Helle Siegert** hellesiegert@aol.com by **Sunday, May 5.**
Thanks. — Helle Siegert

It's Time to Renew Your AAUW Membership

Make life easier for your membership chair and treasurer by renewing before **June 15**.

Tips:

- ✓ With the updated website, renewing online should be easier this year ... give it a try!
- ✓ The browser *Mozilla Firefox* seems to work faster than Internet Explorer on this website.
- ✓ You can find help with your member ID # and your password after you click *Login*.

There are two ways to renew your membership:

1) To renew online: Go to www.aauw.org, click **LOGIN** at the top of the page, and enter your **MEMBER ID** and **PASSWORD** (originally used for the Member Services Database (MSD)). **When successfully logged in**, the Login button now displays **HELLO**, and **YOUR NAME**. Scroll to the bottom of any page, click **Member Tools**, then click **Member Services Database**, then go to the column on the left and click on **Renew My Membership** to renew online, using your credit card.

While you're there, please review your contact details and note any changes.

If you have questions, call Connect2AAUW at 800/326-2289 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT or email connect@aauw.org.

2) To renew by check: Make your \$85 check payable to **Healdsburg AAUW**, and mail it to: Gail Wright, 986 Lupine Court, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

—Gail Wright

EYH (Expanding Your Horizons) Conference

Seven members of Healdsburg AAUW helped out at the Expanding Your Horizons Conference (EYH) at Santa Rosa Junior College which was held on April 13. **Sherry Garner, Joyce Scramaglia, Hala Al-Shahwany, Heidi Blumenthal, Sheila Giovan, Karen Danielson, and Pat Bertapelle** assisted **Nancy Haiston**, EYH staff and AAUW member, with the registration and set-up for the conference. Girls in grades seven and eight from Sonoma County were invited to spend the day exploring careers for women



in the science, math, and engineering fields through workshops and motivational talks.

—Pat Bertapelle

New Member Emails

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Cast Your Ballot

As a member of AAUW, you have the privilege to vote for both our state and national officers and issues related to AAUW.

Voting for our state officers and policies started April 21 and will end May 11. We will elect our president-elect and our chief financial officer. We will also vote on public policy priorities for 2013-15, a proposal to increase state dues by \$4 effective 2014-15, and a proposal to amend the state bylaws to reduce the number of state directors from 16 to 12 effective 2013-14.

Each member in good standing, as of March 21, received an email message on Sunday, April 21, with a personal voting access code and election instructions. ***We encourage all members to vote online.*** Members who do not have an email address listed in the AAUW Membership Database or whose email is undeliverable, will receive a postcard in the mail. The email and postcard will have instructions for requesting a paper ballot, if it is necessary.

Read more about the state issues by clicking on this link...<http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&parent=428&pagesid=428>

On the national level, all AAUW members are eligible to participate in the One Member, One Vote process to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and to vote on other items of business, including the proposed Public Policy Program and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws. Voting started April 15 and will end June 10.

You can find your voter PIN and member ID on the back cover of the current *Outlook* Magazine, the national AAUW magazine that came in the mail a couple of weeks ago. A reminder email, including online voting instructions, your own voter PIN, and member ID, was also sent April 8. If you can't locate your *Outlook* magazine, check your inbox for that email from Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director. You can find help with your member ID # and your password after you click *Login*.

The voter guide for the national issues, can be found at this link...
<http://www.aauw.org/resource/2013-aauw-national-election-voter-guide/>

—Gail Wright

April Cultural Event



The April Cultural Event was held at the Occidental Center for the Arts where, in celebration of Women's History Month, members saw an inspiring one-woman play based on Elizabeth Cady Stanton's life.

AAUW California Annual Meeting 2013

On Saturday, April 20, I attended the first stand-alone AAUW California Annual Meeting in Sacramento. In the past our annual state meetings have been held in conjunction with the annual convention, alternating between northern and southern California. Last year it was decided to hold the state convention on alternate years, hence the need for a stand-alone meeting. The great thing about it was that it was held in the State Capitol building in the Senate chambers. Apparently it is highly unusual for outside groups to use these facilities, so we were lucky to be there. Unfortunately we didn't quite make a quorum, so there was no voting, but no matter. We had a full morning of speeches from our National President, State President and other state officers and directors.



The benefit of attending the annual state meeting is learning more about where our national and state dues go. At a national level, a large portion of our dues goes to the lobbying efforts of our organization for legislation such as the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and the Equal Pay Act. We also sponsor research such as Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation (2012) and Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School (2011). The National organization hosts our MMP program, which processes our annual dues payments online. They also sponsor leadership programs for women and girls such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Last but not least, our national organization funded \$4.8M in fellowships and grants to 278 women this past year.

At the state level, we benefit more directly from the important programs sponsored by AAUW CA. The most visible (to our branch anyway) is Tech Trek, with ten camps on eight college campuses. At this point, we have sent over 9000 girls to Tech Trek since it started in 1998. In fact, the AAUW CA Tech Trek program has been so successful that five other states have now started Tech Trek programs at their colleges and universities. Our AAUW CA Tech Trek program is also considering a potential new program that would be open to Tech Trek

grads and focus specifically on engineering. Other AAUW CA programs that our branch has not yet participated in (but that we may want to consider at some point) are Speech Trek, which is an annual speech competition for high school girls, Money Trek, which teaches girls basic money management skills, and College/University Partners,

which focuses on developing relationships with girls on local college campuses.

And of course the topic of voting came up at the meeting. At the national level, online voting began on April 15 and includes candidates for AAUW President, Vice President, and Director. Since none of the candidates are from California, I'm not sure I have much basis for recommending any of them in particular. There is also the proposed 2013-15 AAUW Public Policy Program, which adds language programs for students with disabilities, access to healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid, immigrant rights, and promotion of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. The national-proposed bylaws amendment is very minor. Voting closes on June 10, so please go to www.aauw.org and vote!

—Sue Campbell

New Members



Arlyne (Mickey) Sarquis moved to Healdsburg two-and-a-half years ago from Cincinnati after retirement as a teacher in

chemistry at Miami University in Ohio. She attended UC Davis where she received a BA in chemistry, then attended graduate school at Texas A & M, earning an MA in science and math. She taught the sciences in Texas before moving to Middletown, Ohio where she was a teacher for 36 years. She still runs a small consulting firm in Ohio called "Terrific Science" that teaches teachers how to teach science. Mickey has written several books on chemistry education, and ran the international Center for Chemistry headquartered in Miami, Ohio. For 17 years she edited the *Journal of Chemistry Education*. Even after retirement she is still involved with the American Chemistry Society and other chemistry/science based associations.

Locally she has volunteered at the Science Club and has done workshops at the elementary school. "I am reintroducing myself as being most known for teaching science with toys and everyday materials."

Mickey loves to travel. She has gone to the Galapagos Islands, just recently returned from the South Pacific, and is now planning a river cruise in Russia with friends and family.

She looks forward to becoming involved with many of AAUW's activities. Her hobbies include working with stained glass, gardening, and cooking.

Ceci Salomon moved to the Lakewood Hills community in Windsor



seven years ago after living in Cupertino for 41 years. She attended UC Berkeley where she received a BA in art history. In Cupertino she was an active volunteer at the Cupertino Community Services Center, and fundraiser for the Brandeis University Women's Committee. Ceci and her husband, Stan, have been actively involved in numerous community gardening and nature educational activities, formerly as docents at the Filoli Home and Gardens National Trust site in Woodside and now in Sonoma County as supporters and participants in Land Paths, Daily Acts, and Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation events. They are also members of the Sierra Club, California State Parks Foundation, and Yosemite Conservancy, giving their support to environmental causes. Ceci joined AAUW in January and is a participant in the hiking group and other activities, including serving as a docent in the upcoming Homes Tour. "My interests include hiking, jazz and symphony music, and touring museums and art galleries. I also like wine and particularly enjoy attending the many wine events and tastings offered by Sonoma County's outstanding wine industry." Ceci loves to meet new friends; AAUW is a wonderful resource for her, and she hopes to become very involved in this Branch.

Kelly Eberling has lived in Healdsburg since 2000, but just joined AAUW recently because of her interest in book club, hiking, and the many social events.



She attended the University of Ohio and earned an MA in arts and letters, and art history. She moved to the Bay Area in 1988 to work at the De Young Museum in San Francisco as a tutorial assistant and intern. She also worked at art galleries in San Francisco and Palo Alto. Veering away from art, she worked for Cisco Systems for five years. "Then I was a recruiter for an in-house company and another that bombed out in the dot.com downturn."

In Sonoma she taught children's art at her own Sonoma Art School from 2001 to 2009. She's also worked for the City of Healdsburg, and will teach art this summer at the Vineyard Club in Geyserville.

Kelly enjoys sports, gardening, live music, especially jazz, going to museums, the opera and symphony. She also enjoys life-drawing, painting, and printmaking. She and her husband have two teen-age sons, and volunteer for Little League and other school activities. "Healdsburg is an ideal location for education, excellent schools, transportation and overall community spirit." The Eberlings enjoy travel, especially Europe – Spain, Italy, France where they spend lots of time touring museums and other art-related venues. —**Gloria Norton**

A Thank you Letter from a Scholarship Recipient

Dear AAUW Healdsburg,

I am truly honored to have been selected to receive the 2012 American Association of University Women Branch Scholarship. Thank you so much for the generosity that you all have shown both to me and to my fellow students at Santa Rosa Junior College.

This scholarship will help me to obtain my goals of contributing to the restoration of our planet and to the protection of wildlife species, by working as a conservation biologist. I am excited to be continuing my education at UC Davis, where I plan to focus my studies and my undergraduate research projects in the areas of ecotoxicology and infectious diseases of wildlife. My passion and dedication toward conservation biology and my education grow with the passing of each day, and I am so grateful that you have chosen to support me in achieving my goals.

Thank you again for selecting me for this honor. Your work in supporting women's education at all levels, and in supporting our community, is inspirational. I hope to one day be able to contribute to the educational and career goals of others, as you have done for me.

Sincerely,

Alannah Sykes

—**Cathy Chiminello**

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