

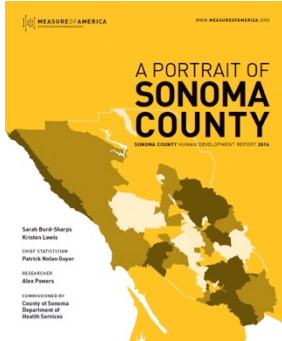


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Healdsburg Branch

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

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May Speaker Series

A Portrait of Sonoma County

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Health Action Manager

Sonoma County Department of Health Services

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

5:00 Social Gathering; 5:30 AAUW Business; 5:45 Speaker

Healdsburg High School Library

1024 Prince Avenue, Healdsburg

Come hear how Sonoma County is faring in three fundamental areas of life: **health, access to knowledge, and living standards.**

A Portrait of Sonoma County is a report commissioned by the Sonoma County Department of Health Services. It is the first comprehensive in-depth look at the disparities in human development in Sonoma County, based on a close examination of local health, income, and education data. Jen and Karin will discuss the report's findings and key recommendations.

For a special retreat in January our Board members studied this report. We feel it helped us make some strong and welcome changes to our Branch, and that you'll enjoy learning more about this evening.

This presentation provides an opportunity for us to reflect on what can be done to improve health and well-being in our county and the ways in which AAUW can assist with this effort.

To familiarize yourself with the report, please follow this link: <http://www.measureofamerica.org/sonoma/>

—Winky Merrill and Diane Bartleson

President's Message

May is a big month for our Branch. Obviously the big news is the May 3 Healdsburg Homes Tour. If you haven't bought Tour or raffle tickets yet, there's still time. Also, if you haven't volunteered, there are likely last-minute vacancies that need to be filled; so please contact **Charlene Luks**, if you are available.



May is also the month for renewal of our annual dues. There are instructions from **Gail Wright** for renewing your dues on page 6. And you should have received an email from National with detailed instructions on how to renew online. Please remember that our dues have gone up \$4 from last year, for the state dues increase we voted on at that time.

We are also in the midst of both National and State AAUW elections. State elections opened on April 18 and will close on May 8. You should have already received a voting code in an email from AAUW-CA. In the State elections, we have one candidate for president-elect, Donna Mertens, who has been serving as State CFO for the past four years. We also have only one candidate for secretary, Deanna Arthur, who will be serving out a current term. We do have competition for the CFO positions. Helene Carr has been serving on the state board for the past four years. Pat Ferrer has most recently served as the Tech Trek financial liaison. Both are very well qualified, but I have worked closely with Pat in her Tech Trek role and know she would do a good job. For directors, we have four candidates for three positions: Ainsley Nies from Pacifica, Nancy Mahr from Rancho Palos Verdes, Charmen Guehring from Sacramento, and Lynne Batchelor from San Diego. I don't know any of the candidates but would suggest considering those from Northern California to insure adequate Northern California representation on the Board. There are bios at the state website. We are also voting on the proposed State 2015-17 Public Policy

Priorities, so please take a look at those at www.aauw-ca.org.

In the National elections, which are open April 15 through June 19, we are voting for president, vice president and 10 directors as well as on the National Public Policy Program and several bylaw amendments, including one to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. Patricia Ho, who is running unopposed for president, is very impressive in person. We are lucky to have her serving in that role. Alicia Hetman, who is running unopposed for vice president, served as AAUW-CA President for four years, and is equally impressive. I worked fairly closely with Alicia on the Title IX pilot conducted last year and found her very passionate and hard working. We are also lucky to have her. We have 15 candidates for the 10 director positions, and I can't say I know any of them. That being said, the same geographic representation recommendation applies here, so please consider Judith Pfeil from California. Information on voting should have been sent to you already. Election and candidate information is available in the spring/summer issue of *Outlook* or at www.aauw.org.

Last but not least, we have our Branch elections. You should have received an email blast in mid-April with the proposed list of Board candidates. We will be voting on these candidates at the May 5 speaker series. We will also be voting on a bylaws change that will essentially substitute the Board position of Homes Tour Chair with a Fundraising Chair, who will coordinate all our fundraising initiatives, including the Homes Tour, the Forum, Tech Trek, and eScrip, in addition to any other fundraising initiatives we elect to take on.

So please come to the May 5 speaker series to hear Jen Lewis, Sonoma County Department of Health Services, and Karin Demarest, Community Foundation Sonoma County, present *A Portrait of Sonoma County* and to cast your ballot. And don't forget the June 6 Installation Luncheon to be held at Riverfront Park! (See page 4.) —**Sue Campbell**



The 25th Healdsburg Homes Tour Is Almost Here

May 3, 2015 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Half of you will be working at the Tour. Most of you will have time to tour all the homes. Don't forget to buy a ticket and pick up your admission bracelet at the Museum check-in.

Invite friends, family, and neighbors to the Tour.

Last chance to buy raffle tickets will be on May 3 at the Museum or the Refreshment House. The more tickets you buy, the more likely you will win one of the six fabulous prizes, each valued at hundreds of \$\$\$.

AAUW members and their spouses or partners are invited to celebrate the end of the Tour at the Museum. Bella wines will be poured. The raffle drawing will take place.

Thank you all for making it happen!

—Ronnie Devitt and Cecile Peters, Co-chairs

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Be sure to reserve Sunday, May 3, for our 25th Annual Healdsburg Homes

Tour, featuring six delightful residences spanning three centuries: a remarkable synthesis of old and new architectural styles, and reflective of the varying immigrant roots of early citizens in our small town that is rich in history and modern in spirit. From a Victorian built in 1885 to a Modernist factory-built Blu Home completed, start to finish, in 2014, you will be invited to enjoy the distinctive interiors and gardens of these homes.

Many members contribute to making the Homes Tour, our biggest fundraiser, the success that it is. It is hoped that all members will plan to attend and encourage friends and neighbors to do so as well. All proceeds support our mission, benefiting local education and scholarships for women and girls.

Tickets: \$35 in advance
\$40 at event

Available online at www.healdsburgaauw.com

By cash or check only at:

Healdsburg Museum
221 Matheson Street
Copperfield's Books
104 Matheson Street
Levin & Company
306 Center Street

Location: Healdsburg Museum, 221 Matheson Street

Registration: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Raffle: Purchase a \$5 raffle ticket to win one of six packages each containing wines and certificates for local lodging and Healdsburg's finest dining, shopping, and services. —**Katherine Lacy**

Homes Tour Volunteer Update

Thank you to the over 120 volunteers and cookie bakers participating in the Healdsburg Homes Tour! All of you who have volunteered for May 3 must check in and get your name badges at the Healdsburg Museum on Fitch Street before reporting for your shift. Wear flat heels and cross your fingers for good weather! —Charlene Luks

RSVP for Post-Tour Party Sunday Afternoon, May 3



Please RSVP for our **Post Homes Tour Happy Hour Celebration**, which will take place at the **Healdsburg Museum** following the Tour. **Bella Winery** will be pouring wine for our enjoyment! We look forward to a great time. Please let Carol Hazlett know if you would like to bring a simple appetizer. carolhazlett@me.com

—Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 6, 2015, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Riverfront Regional Park, 7821 Eastside Road, Healdsburg.

As the summer approaches, it is time to install the new slate of elected officers who will lead our branch in 2015-2016. You are all invited to our annual potluck luncheon and installation ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at Riverfront Regional

please bring a salad, M to Z please bring a dessert. Wine and water will be provided. The Park has a parking fee of \$7 per vehicle, so carpooling is a must! Below is a link for directions to

the park: <https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Healdsburg+Ave/Riverfront+Regional+Park,+7821+Eastside+Road,+Healdsburg,+CA+95448/@38.5606491,-122.8842273,13z/am=t/data=!3m1!4b1!4m1!4m1!3!1m5!1m1!1s0x8084173a43ed6d69:0xfab37ae42a98c2cf!2m2!1d122.8685364!2d38.6050307!1m5!1m1!1s0x80843d0e5e9704fd:0x86c0fedb52a8a129!2m2!1d-122.860625!2d38.516279!3e0>

Please RSVP to Judy Widlow, calgal10@gmail.com or 7473-0300 by May 31. Think of something to remind you to wear your **name tag**.

—Judy Widlow



Park. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The installation ceremony will follow at 1 p.m. We will have two guest speakers as follows: **Terry Leach** will be addressing the Board's strategic planning process and the "Portrait of Sonoma," and **Charlene Luks** will be explaining our new focus on pre-K education. **Please bring a dish to share: A to L**

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Sheila Kneass** so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW skneass@att.net or 707/433-5646.

Community Service

AAUW Volunteers Help the Community

We had a banner year of Community VIPs (Volunteers In Partnership with the Community) helping local non-profits with “woman-power” (and some hubby “man-power”) for events such as plays and events at the Raven Theater; Wine, Women and Shoes; Taste of Sonoma; Woman Chefs and Winemaker Dinner; Sonoma County Wine Weekend... just to name a few. Many thanks for their volunteer hours go to: **Mickey Sarquis** and hubby Jerry, **Tania Bauer**, **Linda Clark**, **Judy Edmonds**, **Carol Hazlett**, **Tami Wiener-Stout** and

Wayne Stout, **Audrey Darby**, **Barbara Covello**, **Charlene Luks**, **Candy Danhausen**, and **Ronnie Devitt**.

I know there are many more of you volunteer angels out there that forgot to report back to me... but know we appreciate you and the good work you do to promote community cooperation through this program and give AAUW a great name!
—**Pat Bertapelle**, VIP Coordinator

AAUW Donation Allowed Healdsburg 4Cs Center to Open on April 16

Among the largest non-profit organizations in Sonoma County, 4Cs (Community Child Care Council) serves children, families, child care providers, and the business community by supporting and providing high quality affordable child care throughout the county—including operation of 12 child development centers for low-income families. After their Healdsburg center was recently declared unsafe, one of the first calls 4Cs made was to the Healdsburg AAUW.

In March the center in Healdsburg was red-tagged by the city when routine maintenance discovered hazardous conditions in the water lines. The center was closed immediately and suddenly 34 three- and four-year-olds were without care, and anxious parents were hoping not to have to leave their jobs to provide care for them. The day following the closing of the child development center Jenny Juhl, Community Relations Director of 4Cs, contacted **Judy Edmonds** of the Healdsburg AAUW to seek the organization’s assistance. Soon thereafter

meetings were set up with the Healdsburg Unified School District, city manager David Mickaelian, and representatives of 4Cs and AAUW. Various sites were discussed as a temporary center until the school district would be able to establish a permanent replacement for the center. The temporary site decided on was the Clary Building, where the Boy Scouts meet. The agreement signed on April 3 gives 4Cs use of the building for six months.

To comply with California regulations regarding child care centers, 4Cs is required to make certain improvements to the Cleary Building. The cost for these changes will be approximately \$15,000. As it so happens, the Healdsburg AAUW has recently raised over \$15,000 with its new AAUW Forum series at the Raven Theater. Since this emergency need coincides with its mission, AAUW is pleased to cover these costs. The Healdsburg preschool center opened on April 16.

—**Katherine Lacy**

Hiking Group Photos



Thirteen-mile hike at Jack London State Park

A Word about Our Dues...

Many thanks to the almost 70 members who have renewed their membership, either online or by check.

If you have not had a chance to pay your \$94 in annual dues, another invoice will be coming soon to your inbox as a reminder. It comes from the national office, so look for mail from: EONSupport@aauw.org

Renewing membership online this year is a snap! Give it a try!

Quote by one of our members: **“Where can you find such a great group of women?”**

Thanks for taking care of this **Now!**

—Gail Wright

New Phone Numbers

Diane Bartleson's new home/cell phone number is 707/894-4910.

Marcy Waetermans's home phone is 707/894-6575; her cell phone is 707/695-1097.

—Gail Wright

Wanted: Contact Information for all Founding Members of the AAUW Healdsburg Branch

We plan to invite all founding Branch members as well as former Branch presidents to our September 17 kick-off meeting to help us celebrate our 40th anniversary. So if you have names, addresses and/or emails for any of those individuals, please forward them to **Sue Campbell** at suecampbell21@aol.com. At this point, although we do know all the former presidents, we don't have a complete list of founding members, so any help we can get would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

—Sue Campbell

Member News

We have received the sad news that nonagenarian **Florence (Floss) Wheeler**, a member since 2004, recently passed away.

—Sheila Kneass

New Email Addresses

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Pamela Volante	pamelavolante@gmail.com
Marie Williams	luciagentili58@gmail.com

—Gail Wright

Letter from Suzanne Pfau

"I went to the Minnesota AAUW convention on Friday and Saturday. It was definitely different from California, but quite interesting. Friday evening's entertainment was provided by "The Spamettes," a group of four gal singers and a girl band of three. They did a parody of perhaps 15 songs featuring Spam, the canned pork product made by Hormel, based in Austin where the convention was held. Sooo funny! Songs were based on a lot of old favorites from rock, jazz, country, ballads, etc.

Of course, we learned a lot about AAUW and the last couple of year's changes at state and national level. "

—Suzanne Pfau

New Members

After **Angèle Rice** and her husband, Michael, vacationed in Healdsburg for over 20 years and always wanted to live here, their dreams came true. A year and a half ago, they moved into their home on Powell Street where they now reside full time.



Angèle attended UC Berkeley and majored in art history. She earned her M.A. from San Francisco State University in art history and museum studies. Later, she earned her M.A. in counseling at University of San Francisco.

Angèle's work life started in a San Francisco art gallery. Then she stepped out of the art world and became an administrator at USF where she enjoyed meeting and mentoring international students. When she discovered how engaging counseling was for her and how naturally skillful she was, she decided to get her second M.A. in counseling. Her work involved travelling the world and meeting

many students and their families in their home countries. She retired in 2000 and returned to work in the field of art, working with her husband until 2011. Michael is a retired art dealer and owned the Albers Gallery of Inuit Art in San Francisco. Angèle worked in the gallery and produced their art catalogs. She is a native San Franciscan and third generation Californian. Her grandfather, Giuseppe Brucia, felt that a city such as San Francisco should have its own opera company. Along with a small group of friends, he was a founder and major financial backer of the San Francisco Opera Company in 1922. I'm so glad Angèle told me about her grandfather so I can share it with our members... especially opera lovers

Angèle is amazed at the wide selection of groups and activities Healdsburg AAUW has to offer. She looks forward to meeting everyone and, as an avid reader, participating in Reading Rocks in the future. Welcome Angèle. We're so glad you chose to join Healdsburg AAUW.

—Barbara Gruber



It is not often that I get to meet a Grand Boule! **Carlene Reininga** is last year's pétanque leader of Healdsburg's "Big Boules of Dry Creek Valley".

Pétanque's name is derived from a French expression which means "feet together." The player stands inside a small circle before throwing hollow metal balls as close as possible to a small wooden ball. Carlene excelled at this, and I suspect it's because she definitely has both feet on the ground!

For example, upon meeting her, she told me that her credit card had just become stuck in the ATM machine outside Café Noto. Plus she didn't get any money out! Very calmly (sort of), we rushed back outside to pound and kick the ATM machine. No results. Carlene then proceeded to call her husband John, and unflappably told him the situation and requested him to follow up with a report to their bank. And then back to the interview, not at all flustered! I was impressed.

I asked Carlene about her career. "I was always drawn to dynamics in behavior," she said. That explains her degrees in organizational behavior, marriage and family therapy, and psychotherapy.

And? "The most common form of communication, and least appreciated, is advice!" (Hmmm. Note to self: Must share this with husband.) "Instead," she continued, "ask if the person wants you to fix it or understand it! If it's the latter, ask questions, clarify what's been told, and then say that you feel for them!" (Now that's good advice!)

Besides participating in the Pétanque league, Carlene spends a lot of time investing in her family. She belongs to two book groups, finding them a great source of support. She plays bridge with her husband at the senior center, and also golfs and gardens. She joined AAUW because of the variety of interests our members have. "It's like a sorority, but with a very inspiring mission statement." Yes, Carlene definitely has her feet anchored in the right place!

—Sue Finan

Lou Enge has lived in Cloverdale for almost a year and works as a realtor throughout Sonoma County. She joined the United Church of Cloverdale whose



mission includes openness and affirmation for same-sex relationships. Lou participates in their outreach breakfast program for low-income students served at Cloverdale High School. She is also involved in an interfaith sustainable food coalition, which includes community-supported agriculture. Sounds like one lucky day for Cloverdale, when she rode into town on her Italian Ducati Monster Motorcycle and immediately got involved in helping others. The motorcycle? Yes, she loves to ride and it is a Monster! She earned her B.A. from World College West majoring in international development studies. Her M.A. is from U.C.L.A. in public policy from the School of Urban Planning. Lou's international experiences range from living in a squatters' settlement with no running water or electricity in Mexico in 1982 to recently directing a program to help orphans in Kenya, where she was the executive director of the Makindu Children's Program (MCP) from 2007 to 2013. Her responsibilities included fiscal oversight for services to 400 orphans and their guardians, including oversight of a USAID grant. Today that program serves 1800 orphans. Currently, she is on the board of directors, and MCP is the non-profit to whom she donates one percent of her real estate commissions. In Zambia and Uganda in 2009 and 2010, Lou was coordinator and trainer for a program to increase inclusion of children with disabilities in schools. Prior to her work in Africa, she was engaged in non-profits providing aid in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Mexico. The photo of Lou and the children was taken in Zambia. Lou's daughter and two grandchildren live in the East Bay. In AAUW, she looks forward to participating in the Homes Tour, working with career days in Cloverdale, and joining the hiking group.

—Barbara Gruber



Chris Berardo joined AAUW while attending the recent California history lecture series. Before moving to Healdsburg, she and her husband Robert lived in Los Angeles and worked in the film industry, Chris as a screenwriter and Robert as a film director. Work took them to locations all over the world, but each year they returned to The Sea Ranch for a writing retreat. On one trip they fell in love with Healdsburg, agreed it was time to make a move, and began looking for a home to buy. Happily, they ended up with a house that is exactly what they wanted, and in September 2014 they moved into their dream home.

Chris was born in San Francisco and is a graduate of Pomona College. She taught high school for a few years but was always a writer at heart. After her children were grown, she worked for a time for Francis Coppola, produced a documentary, and was a staff writer on the *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman* TV series. While working on that series, she was approached to write the script for the film about Nicholas Green, the seven year-old-boy from Bodega Bay who was killed by highway robbers while vacationing with his family in Italy in 1994. She gladly accepted, and the film she wrote, *Nicholas's Gift*, a joint venture between CBS TV and an Italian company, was directed by Chris's husband, one of four movies they did together.

Currently, she is working on a novel inspired by a boxful of letters she found when going through her late mother's possessions.

Chris is interested in AAUW programs that focus on education, art, music, drama, and future lecture series.

Between the two of them, Chris and Robert have four children and six grandchildren.

—Barbara Gruber

Eileen Mickaelian

became interested in joining Healdsburg AAUW after attending Dr. Chris O'Sullivan's California history class. (Sounds to me like *he* should become a member and work on the membership committee!) Eileen is a retired special education teacher who worked with children with special needs in elementary grades, junior high, and high school. She and her husband, Wayne, lived in Los Angeles, Orange County, and then on Bainbridge Island, Seattle. Approximately four years ago, they chose to move to Oakmont in Santa Rosa to be close to family and their two grandchildren in Healdsburg. Eileen is a golfer.



Last fall, my husband and I took the ferry to Bainbridge Island after reading about it in a travel magazine. Ever since visiting this enchanting place, I've wanted to know more about it. Lucky me, I'm at "the Goat" chatting with someone who lived there for twelve years! I asked Eileen what life is like on Bainbridge Island, which you reach by ferry from Seattle, and which has about 20,000 residents. She said the best thing about it is the natural beauty of the island. The most challenging part of living there is the weather and having to jump on a ferry to go everywhere. If you decide to visit Bainbridge Island, do go there on a bright sunny day like we did. You can hike or bike about and fall in love with a charming place that looks like a Norman Rockwell work of art. Just wait till you see the amazing view of the city of Seattle on the return trip!

Eileen formerly volunteered at Alexander Valley School where her granddaughter was a student. Now, she is volunteering at Healdsburg Elementary School in her grandson's second grade classroom. Her main interest in AAUW is to get involved in education programs...especially those programs that involve high school students. She plans to explore our website to see the amazing menu of groups and activities Healdsburg AAUW has to offer.

—Barbara Gruber



When **Terry Watson Herman** graduated from University of Nebraska, she had her heart set on doing three things: travel, writing, and art.

When her husband, Robert, was an S-3 Pilot on a navy carrier deployed in the Mediterranean, she travelled alone throughout Europe for nine months, meeting up with him for one or two days in various ports such as Barcelona, Venice, Split, and then Yugoslavia. They got to see even more of the world in 1982 when they spent 10 months traveling as a duo.

They returned to Nebraska to be close to family for 15 years where Terry apprenticed in a foundry and was able to learn bronze sculpting. After a lifetime of cold winters and hot summers, they relocated to Healdsburg so that they could raise their young daughter in the country and enjoy the outdoors year round. Terry home-schooled Elizabeth from grades one to four. During those years the family put everything into storage to travel. They returned to Dry Creek Valley to build a house and settle in while their daughter returned to school locally. Elizabeth is attending college at Southern Methodist University.

Terry's husband is now retired. Almost a year ago they sold their home in Dry Creek and became footloose and house free. They are home-based (so to speak) in Healdsburg. Thanks to vacation lodging websites online they manage to find wonderful places to visit, stay for a while, and then move on. Their travels are not limited to the USA; they are headed for Toronto in May and Europe this fall. Terry loves to read and may join one of the many book groups AAUW offers. Her mission is to help girls and young women recognize the many choices they have and to have the courage and fortitude to fulfill their dreams. —**Barbara Gruber**

Beverly Kerbow considers herself lucky, for she has Elvis sightings regularly! “Not only that, but when I call to him, he comes over to see me!” Probably because he knows that she brings him food: no, not peanut butter and banana sandwiches, but worms.



OK, Elvis is a crested guinea fowl from Kenya, with black feathers that stick up on his head. He resides in Safari West's Aviary where Beverly, a retired public health nurse, now works part-time. Also among her favorite residents there are the rainbow lorikeets. “They're very personable and smart,” she said. “They land on my shoulders and my barrettes. They can even be trained to talk!” And speaking of vocal, her cat, initially named Darwin, is called “Chatty Charlie” by friends and neighbors. “He's a rescue from U.C. Davis; some students will dump their cats in the field at the end of the semester. My sister and friends capture the ‘orphans’ and have them fixed.” Probably Charlie Darwin is praising his patron! Beverly, who has enjoyed living in Healdsburg for the past 28 years, also loves to travel; and one of her favorite places is Yosemite. “If there is enough water in the falls, and if the light is right during a full moon, you might see ‘Moonbows’ in April, May, and June. (John Muir called them Lunar Spraybows.) And in late February, if Horsetail Fall is flowing, and the weather conditions are right, the setting sun illuminates the waterfall making it glow orange and red.” Another terrific sight she'd like to see is Rick Steves. “I've been on a couple of his fabulous tours, and there are reunions of the tour guides and travelers in Seattle each year. Rick has been known to show up. Maybe next year...” Meanwhile, Beverly shows up at Healdsburg Elementary every week to work with first graders through Reading Rocks. And that school site is lucky to have her!

— **Sue Finan**

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