

May Speaker Series

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

**Do-Gooders, Teetotalers, Muckrakers, and
Schoolmarms: Women's Suffrage in Sonoma County**

Holly Hoods, Curator of the Healdsburg Museum



Healdsburg High School Library
1024 Prince Street at Powell
5:00 Social Gathering; 5:30 AAUW Business;
5:45 Speaker

In a lighthearted look at a serious subject, Healdsburg Museum Curator Holly Hoods will present true local stories of the political battle for women's right to vote within the context of the larger suffrage movement in the United States. Surprising statistics, colorful characters, humorous anecdotes, and vivid images make this an informative and entertaining lesson in local history.

—Karen Danielson and Rita Minkin

Save the Date



**Healdsburg AAUW Summer
Picnic**

**Wednesday, August 6
4-8 p.m.**

More details to follow



President's Message



I attended the biannual AAUW CA convention April 11-13. The convention's theme was "Engage, Educate, Empower—a Formula for Success," and I'm proud to say that our

branch exemplifies all three of those success factors. We engage our members in our social activities, interest groups, community services, and fund-raising efforts. We educate not only our members on our mission-based programs at our monthly speaker series, but also our community children via contributions to HEF. And we empower our constituents through programs like Tech Trek, Career Choices, and our Healdsburg High School and Santa Rosa Junior College scholarships.

The convention also had a media theme with guest speakers from the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, the recently screened documentary *The Invisible War*, and our National marketing and media team. Though Geena herself was unable to attend, her CEO Madeline Di Noono presented impressive (but sad) statistics on the poor presence of female characters in the media and the need to change gender stereotypes in children's entertainment. The director of *The Invisible War* discussed the impact the film is having as well as his next project, which will focus on sexual assault in colleges and universities. Our National marketing and media team gave us good advice on improving our local brand image as well as using our National resources. Questions? Try connect@aauw.org.

I also attended an informative workshop on Title IX (more about that next month) and listened to three amazing Speech Trek speeches on "Women at the Top—Why Not?" Maybe

our branch should consider sponsoring a Speech Trek program. Anyone interested should let me know.

We also heard State and National public policy updates and entered the first votes in our 2014 State elections. At the end of the weekend, over 500 or 5% of our State membership had voted.

But one of my favorite convention moments was receiving one of ten 2014 AAUW CA branch recognition awards for our Career Choices program. Awarded for its being a mission-based program, reaching a diverse audience, having a significant community impact, and being unique, creative, and duplicable, our Career Choices program is one we should be very proud of. Look for it on the "Wall of Fame" on the State web site in the coming weeks.



Moving ahead, May is an important month for us with State and local voting (see page 5), dues renewal (see page 8), and of course our annual Healdsburg Homes Tour (see page 6). If you haven't bought tickets or signed up to volunteer for the event yet, please do so as soon as possible. June will bring the end of our fiscal year and our annual installation luncheon to be held June 7 at **Lisa Grotts's** home. Thank you, Lisa, and I hope to see you all there!

—Sue Campbell

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Installation Luncheon

Saturday, June 7, 2014

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Home of Lisa Grotts

419 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg

All members are invited to the annual luncheon and installation of the new Board.

Let's celebrate a hugely successful year!



**Installation Luncheon
speaker, Katie Barr**

Please bring a dish to share. A to H bring a dessert; J to Z

bring a salad. Beverages provided. Parking space at Lisa's is limited so **carpooling is required**: Meet at the Healdsburg Community Center (formerly Foss Creek School), 1557 Healdsburg Avenue (turn west at light) at 10:45 a.m.

Designated carpool drivers will proceed through the gate of Valley Creek Park Estates on Dry Creek Road and up to Lisa's (419 Dry Creek Road, third house on the left with a red wagon at the driveway). Passengers will be let out. Then the driver will return back down through the gate, cross Dry Creek Road, and enter through the white painted tires to park on **Doris Golden's** property at 400 Dry Creek Road. Drivers will be shuttled back to Lisa's from there.

Please **RSVP** no later than **Saturday, May 31**, to **Ann Mahoney** at annmahoney@comcast.net or 431-1205. Ann will respond when she has received your RSVP.

—Ann Mahoney

We are fortunate to have Katie Barr who will speak at our Installation on June 7. Katie is a fun and dynamic young woman who has helped with our Career Choices program this year.

Katie has been Executive Director for *Tomorrow's Leaders Today* since 2011. During this time she established a scholarship fund providing tuition for students who have been part of TLT's ongoing Leadership Program, and worked with Sonoma County Office of Education to provide a college and career readiness program for teens.

This year our branch board voted to fund one of TLT's programs, called Life Tank, bringing career readiness to all the sophomores at Healdsburg High School. A few AAUW members —**Leslie Everett, Candy Danhausen, Terri Leach, and Judy Edmonds**—were part of the interviewing panels that allowed them to see the impressive results of this program.

Katie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of Oregon, a Masters in Education: Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University, a Teaching Certificate in Social Studies and English from Dominican University, and an Administrative License from the University of Oregon. She serves as a Board Trustee for the Rincon Valley Union School District and as a Board Member for the Elsie Allen High School Foundation.

—Judy Edmonds

2014 Branch Elections

Branch elections will take place this year at the May 6 speaker series, which is considered the annual meeting of our branch membership. At that meeting we will be voting for our 2014-15 Board members. A list of the candidates is shown on page 3. Our Nominating Committee (**Ronnie Devitt, Cher Frechette, Nancy Haiston, and Louise Lambert**) has been working hard to put together this slate of candidates and would appreciate your support in voting for them. They have also filled a number of other leadership positions, which are appointed vs. elected.

At the annual meeting, we will also be voting on an increase in our branch dues of \$5 (from \$20 to \$25). It has been several years since we've raised dues, and in that time our branch membership has grown substantially. With 170 current members—and adding more every month—we've found that we are outgrowing most members' homes for many social events, particularly the annual holiday party. This means that we increasingly have to use spaces that charge for their use, and charge members for attending those events, or limit the number of members who can attend, which we are reluctant to do. Instead, we'd prefer to raise dues to cover those expenses. So if you'd like your dues to cover more of our social activities, please come to the May 6 meeting and vote to support the branch dues increase.

—Sue Campbell

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 433-5646

One Member, One Vote

This year we are voting for State officers and directors as well as voting again on a proposal to raise our State dues by \$4 (from \$16 to \$20); there are no National elections this year. We should have all received an email message from "AAUW CA ballot" on April 12 with our election access code and a link to the voting site. We have until May 2 to cast our ballot. We are voting for five director candidates and one candidate for secretary; at this point all the candidates are running uncontested.

The candidates' bios can be found on the AAUW CA website. Attached to each candidate's bio on the AAUW CA candidates page is a link to their detailed information, accessed by the logon "member" and password "AAUWCA."



The \$4 State dues increase failed last year by a very small margin and is therefore being put to a vote again this year. If passed, this will be the first State dues increase in 10 years. (As a reminder, our current dues structure includes \$49 of National dues, which support National lobbying efforts and legal aid, \$16 of State dues, and \$20 of branch dues.) The primary rationale for the increase in State dues is the declining membership across the State (which the Healdsburg branch is NOT contributing to) along with a gradual increase in costs. The State organization has worked hard to reduce costs, relocating our Sacramento offices in order to lower space costs, using more electronic communications, and reducing the number of Board positions and face-to-face meetings to lower travel costs. But it's still not enough to continue to support the important programs the State sponsors, such as Tech Trek.

Your branch Board encourages you to vote this year and unanimously supports the \$4 State dues increase.

—Ann Allan

COME
ENJOY
INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS
AAUW HEALDSBURG HOMES TOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Hear a special performance between 12 and 2 p.m. of the American Philharmonic String Quartet at one of the homes.

Munch on homemade cookies at another home.

Increase your chances of winning great prizes by buying a few more raffle tickets.

Celebrate with all AAUW members, guests, the home owners, sponsors, and hard-working volunteers at the after-party and raffle drawing.

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Kachina Vineyards

4551 Dry Creek Road

Bring an appetizer if you can. Wine will be available for purchase.

—Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn

Co-chairs, HHT

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Post Homes Tour Happy Hour

May 4, 2014, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Kachina Winery

4551 Dry Creek Road



Our big day is rapidly approaching and it will be fun to celebrate our success afterwards. Below are several thoughts for you:

- Please RSVP the total number in your party to carolhazlett@me.com or 707/799-1362 by Monday, April 28. This should include any of your friends who will be working as docents and would like to join us.
- We are very short of volunteers to bring appetizers that provide adequate munchies for the number of people we anticipate. If you would like to do so and have not signed up on VolunteerSpot, simply mention that you are willing to bring appetizers when you RSVP. It would be *much* appreciated!
- We recognize that many of you will have contributed cookies as well as have worked the tour that day. That being said, if you also would like to bring appetizers, they will be enjoyed regardless of how simple and “labor-free!” Needless to say, our Happy Hour starts at 4:30 p.m., but treats will be welcome *whenever* you arrive!
- Wines will be available to purchase by the glass for \$5. Kachina is a lovely property, and it will be most pleasant to enjoy the beautiful view of the vineyard outside on the patio. It might be cool when the sun goes down, so plan accordingly! Looking forward to seeing you, and for a fun well-earned party to celebrate great success!

—Carol Hazlett

Leadership Team Needs for 2014-2015: **Communication**

It takes a lot of helping hands to run an organization as large as our AAUW chapter. With over 170 members, positions that previously could be handled by one person have been broken up into teams to spread the workload around.

One of those teams is Communications—an important job that has been subdivided.

We currently have team members managing the website, *The Grapevine* newsletter, Constant Contact email, Bulletin Board, and correspondence.

We are still looking for members to fill the following positions:

Newsletter Assistant – learn to publish the newsletter and support our newsletter editor

Photographer – take new member photos for the website and document important events.

Social Media – manage our Facebook page (training available)

Publicity – this position continues to grow so we have broken the position into two:

Publicity Copywriter – write the articles for the news media

Publicist – work with the news media articles published via hardcopy or on-line

We understand that some of these positions require a familiarity or at least a level of comfort in working with computers.

Not having these positions filled is a BIG hole for our Leadership Team. Can you help? Please contact **Nancy Haiston** at 707/887-0222 or via email nhaiston@earthlink.net to talk it over. Thank you.

—Nancy Haiston

A WORD ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

May is the month to collect your annual membership dues. You may wonder where the money goes that you pay each year. Our \$85 is divided into three areas:

- ❖ \$49 goes to our national organization—\$46 of that is tax deductible.

The national dues fund work at the national level in public policy, including public policy and legal defense, and administrative expenses, including the national publication, *AAUW Outlook*.

- ❖ \$16 goes to our state organization.

The state dues fund Tech Trek, AAUW Funds, branch support, communications, leadership development, public policy, and include the *California Perspective* newsletter.

- ❖ \$20 goes to our Healdsburg branch.

The branch dues go to our administrative expenses, social activities, and our newsletter, *The Grapevine*.

The Healdsburg branch board is recommending that we raise our dues by \$5 this year, making our total cost \$90 for 2014-15. We are growing ... we now have 170+ members. When we were a smaller group, we could meet in members' homes for sit-down dinners. Because of our increased membership, not many homes can now accommodate our members and spouses. This necessitates seeking out larger venues, which often come with a fee, for our holiday party and other events. By raising our dues, we should be able to continue our social events as they have been, hopefully without charging you.

Come to this month's Speaker Series on Tuesday, May 6, to cast your vote. That evening we will be electing the Board of Directors for 2014-15 and voting to raise our dues by \$5. The curator at the Healdsburg Museum, Holly Hoods, will be talking about the history of women's suffrage in Sonoma County. The evening should be a winner! Holly

does the beautiful write-ups of the homes that are shown in the Homes Tour brochure.

If the dues increase passes that evening, our dues will go up to \$90 soon after. Save \$5 and pay your dues now. In any case, dues are payable by June 15.

Incidentally, you have until May 2 to cast your vote in the state election to raise the state dues by \$4 that would go into effect July 2015. Read more about that at www.aauw-ca.org.

—Gail Wright

May Wine-N-Dine on a Saturday

The last Wine-N-Dine of the AAUW year will take place on **Saturday, May 24**, so mark your calendars. This has been a very popular social event and in the past we have had these fun dinners on week-day evenings. But we have had several requests to have them take place on a week-end once in a while in order to accommodate working people. So this time the May dinner event will take place on a Saturday.

Also, we have had some input from the hosts of these dinners that they would like to know that they are hosting further in advance so they can have more time to plan. So, if you want to be a host, please send an email to **Helle Siegert** at hellesiegert@aol.com, with a copy to **Cher Frechette** at cherylfrechette@yahoo.com by **May 3**. For those of you who would like to participate as guests in this event, please send an email to **Helle Siegert** at hellesiegert@aol.com as soon as possible, but no later than **May 10**. Thanks.

—Helle Siegert



**MAY 2014 CULTURAL EVENT:
QUARRYHILL BOTANICAL GARDEN,
Glen Ellen
Wednesday, May 21**

AAUW'S last Cultural Event of the year will be an excursion to Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glen Ellen on Wednesday, May 21. Quarryhill is home to one of the largest collections of scientifically documented, wild-source Asian plants in North America and Europe, many of which represent ancestors of horticultural favorites found throughout the western world. Planting new seedlings occurs every spring and fall, thanks to seed gathered on more than twenty autumn expeditions to East Asia. Oaks, maples, magnolias, dogwoods, lilies, and roses are particularly well-represented in the garden, and increased efforts

have been made to focus on rare and endangered species from China and Japan.

Over the years, Quarryhill has grown into a world-renowned botanical institution, providing other botanical gardens, arboreta, researchers, conservationists, students, and the visiting public with living examples of the beautiful and threatened temperate flora of East Asia. The twenty-five acre garden continues to thrive and expand with the help of staff, volunteers, and members. Quarryhill celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2012.

Reservations: Please notify **Lynda Guthrie** that you plan to attend at guthrie.lynda@gmail.com by May 14. Also, indicate if you are willing to drive. If you do not receive a confirmation email from Lynda or have other questions, please email, text or call her at 707/236-0220.

Details: We will carpool from the Foss Creek Soccer Field Parking Lot at 10 a.m., allowing time to arrive around 11 a.m. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy in the garden's picnic area prior to our 12:30 p.m. tour. The cost for the tour is \$15 per person. Please plan on providing your driver with \$5 for gas.
—Lynda Guthrie



Pictures from the March 26 Cultural Outing at the Hess Collection

A Thank You Letter from an AAUW Scholarship Recipient

Dear Members of the Healdsburg AAUW,



I'm very grateful to receive the AAUW's generous scholarship. I understand that the chapter's members put a great deal of work into the Homes Tour that funds the scholarships. I'm honored to have been chosen as one of the recipients for this year. I'm a biochemistry student, now at UC Davis. I started attending SRJC while I was working in sustainable agriculture in Sonoma County. Though at the time I only planned to take a few agriculture classes, I quickly discovered a love for school, particularly science classes, that I didn't have as a younger student. Now I hope to go into sustainable agriculture research.

Being a re-entry student comes with plenty of challenges, and figuring out how to support myself while I'm in school is one of the big ones. Receiving this scholarship means that my financial burden is substantially lighter. As a result I've been able to wait until winter quarter to find a part-time job in Davis. In the meantime, I'm focusing on my classes and settling in at my new school. I also recently started volunteering in a lab on campus. Getting involved in research is both personally satisfying and important for building experience.

Thank you so much for your support.

Gratefully,

Jennifer Cade

New Members

Pat Callahan has lived in Healdsburg for eight-and-a-half years, but just recently joined AAUW. She works for Healthcare Foundation as a fundraiser. "I raise money for healthcare from Healdsburg and Windsor to Cloverdale to provide equipment and supplies to help serve communities, companies, and businesses."



She is a graduate of UC Irvine with a BS in psychology where she worked for 14 years in research. "Then I changed careers and went into fundraising. My job requires me to attend a lot of events, but I joined AAUW just for me. I can relax and participate in the many events AAUW offers."

Pat was in brain research, and when the AIDS issue surfaced she helped found AIDS Walk in Orange County. She also worked at the Cancer Society, and for Canine Companions. She says she's an urban cowboy as she loves to dance, including country/western and swing dancing. She also enjoys kayaking and has kayaked in Alaska, the San Juan Islands, the Chicago River, and even in McCovey Cove during the baseball World Series. "I don't particularly like to hike, but I enjoy walking. I love cooking and appreciate local opportunities involving wine, cheese, and the many food and wine events in the community." She likes to travel to places where she can experience great art, culture, and ambience. Her hobbies include art appreciation, attending exhibits, road trips, and exploring "hole-in-the-wall places to eat."



Rosemary Rasori joined AAUW in December and then went to India for a month. She's lived outside Healdsburg for 35 years, and says what attracted her to AAUW

was hiking and her many friends here. She is now retired, and in the past 30 years has been a nurse, then started the Waldorf School in Sebastopol. "I went to USF when it was the San Francisco College for Women. Then I went to City College of San Francisco and got my nursing degree. I worked at the VA Hospital, San Francisco Hospital, Stanford, and in Southern California." Since retirement she's done a lot of volunteer work and has been a beekeeper. She looks forward to being involved in more AAUW activities such as the Homes Tour, and may join a book club and participate in gardening events.

Hobbies include travel; and since her husband teaches international health, they travel one to two months a year, primarily in India. She sings with a group called "Threshold Choir" for people going through their own thresholds. She also volunteers for the Laguna Foundation that educates about local wetlands, including taking children to observe and learn about the various flora and fauna.

In addition, her volunteer activities include working with the Farm to Pantry Program, which gathers food from the community, such as unwanted fruit and other crops from residents' gardens and from other organizations that have food to offer. Afterwards the food is given to the local food pantry for distribution to needy families.

Debbie Crapeau has taught sixth grade at Luther Burbank in Santa Rosa for seven years, and lived in Healdsburg for 11 years. Her first career was as a



psychotherapist in Denver and Wyoming, but when she was ready for a change, she and her husband rented a house in Sonoma. She holds a degree in forensics from Indiana University. "I specialized in forensics in criminal justice—what I always wanted to do, but the plan ended when I was married." When they moved to California, she obtained a teaching credential from Dominican College in San Rafael.

She joined AAUW a year-and-a-half ago where she has participated in hiking, fundraising with Tech Trek, and served as a docent for the Home Tours. "I'm still teaching, but when I retire I plan to do more."

She enjoys travel, "but not as often as we like!" She especially liked Rome and Paris, and Portugal, which she said has a similar atmosphere as here.

She is a coordinator for the Adopt-A-Family program at Christmas. "We get referrals from daycare centers, Alliance Medical Center, and other organizations that recommend families. This year we had 89 families, with 405 people involved." The volunteers got 65 bicycles in addition to a large and varied selection of toys. "I do calls for sponsors and coordinate shopping for a family, and it's really fun!"

—Gloria Norton

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