



Mark your calendar

*Fall
Kick-off
Meeting*
will be held

September 10

at
the home of
Jan Stanley

Time to be announced
—Judy Widlow
and Winky Merrill



Installation Luncheon

Saturday, June 8, 2013

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Elisa Musson's Garden

420 McDonough Heights Road



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

President's Message



This has been another stellar year for our branch. Membership chair **Gail Wright**, buddy coordinator **Judy Widlow**, and member profiles writer **Gloria Norton** have welcomed 23 members,

bringing our total to 160. We will mourn the loss of members **Sally Lyle** and **Susan Armstrong**.

Our fundraising has been a great success and treasurer **Phil Wright** carefully monitored our budget. The 2013 Healdsburg Homes Tour featured a new logo, extended hours, and made more use of on-line resources. Increases in advertisers, sponsors, and raffle and ticket sales resulted in our highest gross ever! The proceeds will fund next year's scholarships and grants. Kudos and thanks to co-chairs **Ronnie Devitt** and **Janet Hoehn** and to the HHT committee (see pages 3-4) as well as to each of you who volunteered and supported the Tour.

The second year of our project to find corporate and private donors for Tech Trek raised the money to send seven girls this summer, (one more than last year), at the same time freeing up some money from the 2012 Homes Tour for scholarships and local grants. Thank You to **Sue Campbell** and the Tech Trek fundraising committee as well as to our member donors.

Scholarship board member **Cathy Chiminello** and the team chaired by **Joyce Scramaglia**, interviewed candidates and awarded five scholarships of \$2500 each to reentry women finishing at Santa Rosa Junior College and going on for BA degrees. Our branch has provided both financial support and service for local education. Our grants to the Healdsburg Educational Foundation funded the elementary science enrichment program and the afterschool library/computer program at the high school. **Judy Edmonds** chaired our continued partnership with Rotary to offer the Career Choices program, providing ten panel discussions for students. Our Reading Rocks volunteers, coordinated by **Shally Schultz**, worked one-on-one with first graders and provided each with a holiday book. Your holiday donations provided classroom

supplies for teachers. **Pat Bertapelle** and **Nancy Haiston** worked on the Expanding Your Horizons science exploration day, which our branch supported with volunteers and a small grant. **Janice Sceales** and her committee interviewed students and selected our seven junior high participants for the Tech Trek camp this summer at Stanford. Our GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) program supported past Tech Trek girls through field trips organized by **Victoria Toboni** and **Hala Al-Shahwany**. **Cher Frechette** filled our new board position as social activities coordinator, keeping members informed of our many events and ensuring access for our large membership. Dinners for 8, chaired by **Helle Siegert** and **Joyce Scramaglia**, Happy Hours arranged by **Carol Novak**, and **Viv Furlong**, our summer picnic organized by **Mary Ann Gervais**, and Friday lunches, now chaired by **Barbara Gruber**, kept us connected. **Lida Simmons** and **Lee Kelley** organized many interesting cultural outings. Thanks also go to the interest group coordinators for keeping all our activities going and for communicating with group members. Communications chair **Liz Loebel** kept us informed via our email system. **Nancy Renkiewicz** placed an article in the local press each month to increase community awareness of AAUW's activities and arranged for wonderful publicity for our Homes Tour. **Nancy Haiston** and **Karen Fanucchi** have kept our website current and **Deana Fusco** edited and formatted our newsletter. **Carol McKnight** and **Kim Burmester** lined up fine presenters for our Speaker Series, and **Sue Campbell** combined the roles of vice president and public policy chair, keeping us informed of the activities of state and national AAUW advocating for women. Thank you also to Board secretary **Sandy Beddow** and to the many others who took on special roles and committee work this year. I have been honored to serve as your president for two years and I know our branch will have an excellent leader in **Sue Campbell** as president next year. In an era when many organizations are struggling, our branch is thriving and can take pride in our accomplishments, thanks to the efforts of our members.

—**Charlene Luks**



WE DID IT!!
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MOST SUCCESSFUL HOMES TOUR YET
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Every Healdsburg AAUW member can take pride in our group and the Healdsburg community. Collectively we put on a six-hour event that raised over \$46,000 for local education and scholarships for women and girls. There were 20 Homes Tour committee chairs and dozens of members of those committees working for months: finding seven homes; getting a record-setting \$20,000+ in sponsorships, advertisements, and donations; obtaining the gifts for six beautiful raffle baskets and selling raffle tickets; doggedly pursuing publicity opportunities; creating, printing, mailing and distributing postcards, posters, banners, signs, and the traditional mailings.

On the day of the event over 100 of our 160 members worked selling tickets, serving cookies, putting out and taking in signs and balloons. A cadre of their spouses put up and took down the set-up at the museum. The 70 docents particularly are to be commended for putting in three-hour shifts at the homes. (We promise to make this easier next year!) Thirty of you baked a mountain of cookies, all of which were consumed except for one platter which made it to the after-party.

You bought and sold tour and raffle tickets and half of you did so, as requested, in February so that we were able to greatly reduce the expensive mailings.

In spite of all of this effort, the Homes Tour could not have been a success without the generous contributions from the Healdsburg community. First, we must thank the owners and residents who opened their homes and got them “ready for company” of approximately 600 guests. Then we have to thank the generosity of the home sponsors, advertisers, raffle prize donors, the merchants who allowed us to display posters, postcards, and the banner. The Healdsburg Center for the Arts again allowed us to use its tables and chairs at the museum. The Healdsburg Museum deserves a special thanks for letting us use it, even on a day when it was closed, as our headquarters and its curator Holly Hoods needs to be thanked both for her write-ups of the homes in the program brochure and for promoting the tour in the museum’s publications. We are also grateful to the wonderful publicity for the tour in the Healdsburg *Tribune* and the *Press Democrat* as well as to the online publications such as Patch and Healdsburg Education Foundation’s website.

When you have the opportunity, please thank and patronize those who have helped us. And we thank each and every one of you for your contributions.

—Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn

Healdsburg Homes Tour 2013: A Great Success in Spite of Chilly Weather!



One of the splendid homes



Janet Hoehn, Ronnie Devitt (HHT Chairs), Kay Mattei, Judy Widlow, and Lida Simmons



President Charlene Luks and assistant



Janet Hoehn, Ronnie Devitt, and Shannon Barton-Wren



Judy Widlow, Sue Campbell, and Liz Loebel



Anna Darden, Sue Phillips, Nicole Loustau, and Judy Edmonds

The New Book Club Has Begun!



Please join us on Wednesday, June 19 at 1 p.m. when we will be discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. We will be meeting at Marcy Waettermans' home at 303 Blazing Star Court, Windsor. Please email Barbara Reid blsreid@gmail.com if you will be attending, or are interested in joining! Our July 17 book will be *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and at our August 21 meeting we will be exchanging ideas on the novel *Quiet as They Come* by Angie Chau. Looking forward to seeing you.

—Barbara Reid

Correspondence Secretary's Report

A note was sent to the family of **Sally Lyle** (see page 9), and a card to **Barbara Cottrell**, regarding her post surgery set-back.

—Sheila Kneass

Happy Hour Acknowledgements

Viv Furlong and I would like to thank all of you for a great year of AAUW Happy Hours! We want to give kisses to **Jan Stanley**, who started out the year hosting over 70 people at her lovely home, hugs to the owners of the tasting rooms of Ramazzoti and Mercury in Geyserville, the second venue, who also generously donated wine to our Homes Tour, and huge bouquets to **Judy Voigt** for the "big finish" of over 100 attendees, at the fabulous Art and Garden Tour at her estate. I personally want to thank you, Viv. You were a terrific partner this year! And, as one of the organizers I'd like to thank all of *you* for a great three years of Happy Hours. There'll be more fun ahead for me next year as one of the Happy Hour participants! See you there!

—Carol Novak

KAYAKING ON THE RUSSIAN RIVER

Save the Date

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Time: around 9:30 a.m.



Our outing last September was a wonderful success, and many of you asked to repeat the event this year. So please save the date. **Jean Short** has graciously invited us again for a picnic lunch at her home on the river. More information will follow in August and September.

—Lida Simmons and Lynda Guthrie
AAUW Cultural Events

Membership Renewal

Thanks to so many of you who have already renewed your dues for 2013-14. The June 15 deadline is coming up soon. Make life easy for your membership chair and treasurer by renewing now! The online process is easy and seems to be working. Twenty-three members have done it so far. Give it a try!

—Gail Wright

Hiking at Pepperwood



The Hiking Group meets every Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the Park 'n Ride. Email **Yvonne Schell** yschell@comcast.net to get on the list.



**Happy Hour and Cultural Event
at Judy Voigt's**



Judy giving an introduction to the tour



Daughter-in law Cairenn Voigt, on left, adding details



Judy Voigt's son, Che, leading one of the tour groups



Happy Hour on the terrace



AAUW member and tour leader Erika Linn

GEMS Tour Agilent Technologies

On May 9 the GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) group, accompanied by **Victoria Toboni**, **Liz Loebel**, and **Hala Al-Shahwany**, had an inspiring field trip to Agilent Technologies in Santa Rosa.

Elyse De Salvo, a senior electrical engineer who designs circuit boards at Agilent, led the girls (grades 7–9) throughout Agilent's large campus to show the process of making equipment that test frequencies in devices such as cell phones and radios. The test

equipment ensures that the devices' frequencies are set correctly and will not interfere with other surrounding ones (such as frequencies

in airplanes). De Salvo and her colleagues, who were all women scientists, managers, and engineers, demonstrated how Agilent produces most of the components that go into making the test equipment. The girls got to visit the machine shop where parts are made for research and development engineers to try various designs for their new products. They also got to see how the integrated circuits (computer chips) were manufactured on site. This was very impressive as most other companies outsource manufacturing of such components. The girls (and adults) jumped a little when going through the labs that conducted extensive functional, environmental, and shipping tests (loud



noise generated when products were dropped or shaken). The girls saw great examples of what a company would do to ensure that all of their products function and meet their own specifications as well as those required by United States and European standards.

The GEMS group was also impressed to see that Agilent sought clean energy through large solar panels installed in their parking lot structures. They also encouraged their

employees to do a little gardening if they wish and have their cafeteria chef growing vegetables and greens used in their meal preparation, good examples for

implementation of green strategies.

This tour exposed the GEMS group to how women role models can significantly contribute and be very successful, working and leading in various fields. —**Hala Al-Shahwany**

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—**Gail Wright**

The Latest from Tech Trek



As we all know by now, Tech Trek is a series of science and technology camps held throughout California (and now several other states) to encourage incoming eighth grade girls in STEM courses. Our Healdsburg branch is well appreciated by the State Tech Trek committee as being extraordinary supporters of this outstanding program. While camps are held in several universities, our group attends Stanford every summer.

Last year **Tami Wiener-Stout**, **Sue Campbell** (both TT veterans), and **Judith Olney** served as dorm mothers for 70+ campers from Northern California (six coming from our branch). And we have generously given of our scholarship and special donor-directed funds to augment and enhance experiences for the students.

In April **Judy Edmonds** (the first dorm mother from Healdsburg) and **Janice Sceales**, (head of our TT selection committee) spoke to about 20 local Soroptimists at the Bean Affair to thank them for generously underwriting the expenses of one of the campers last summer, and to tell them more about this extraordinary program. The women enjoyed hearing the stories and showed a lot of interest. In fact afterwards, when Janice and Judy were in the parking lot, one woman came flying out saying that she wants to be a dorm mother herself! So, welcome new AAUW member and Tech Trek dorm mother **Wendy Bertalon**!

The Tech Trek committee has completed the selection of seven campers for the 2013 Marie Curie camp. Committee members, **Janice Sceales**, **Beverly Liberman**, **Karen Fanucchi**, and **Amy Neel** (see photo below) met with seventh grade math and science teachers from the middle schools in Cloverdale, Geyserville, Healdsburg, and Windsor, describing the program, the selection process, and suggesting who might benefit from camp. After that 19 candidates were nominated and 16 students returned their applications and essays. All



16 candidates were interviewed by members of the committee. It was difficult selecting only seven campers, but all 16 girls will be eligible for next year's GEMS* activities.

Tech Trek will be held this summer at Stanford University, July 7-13. You are encouraged to visit on Thursday, July 11 when Camp Curie holds its open house for AAUW members to experience this amazing program for yourself.

The 2013 campers are Natasha Marsden, Bailey Ray, Paloma Velasquez, Lauren Lazzarini, Morgan Vander Haar, Carolyn Boustany, and Samantha Santana. The new campers recently attended a party to meet each other and also meet former campers and those adults involved in the Tech Trek program.

*GEMS, standing for Girls Engaged in Math & Science, continues mentoring Tech Trek and other girls interested in STEM subjects throughout high school. **Victoria Toboni** and **Hala Al-Shahwany** head this program. (see story page 7)

—**Sue Campbell**, **Janice Sceales** and **Judy Edmonds**



Sally Lyle (1932 -2013)

It was a sad day for AAUW when Sally passed away on Tuesday, May 7. While the malignant tumor on her liver may have been present for more than five years, it was only the last six weeks or so when the cancer affected her quality of life and even then she traveled to Arizona to visit one son and spent 12 days traveling in Europe with two other sons. She was amazing to the very end!

Sally came to Healdsburg more than 13 years ago and became involved with AAUW soon thereafter. From the time I first met her on an AAUW hike about six years ago, it became clear that AAUW was the foundation of her life in Healdsburg. Hiking, bridge, and a weekly game of dominoes with AAUW friends were a major part of her active life.

Sally's cookies and appetizers were a mainstay of AAUW meetings; she served on the Homes Tour committee for several years and baked cookies for this year's tour, led the Hiking Group for many years, edited the AAUW *Grapevine* for several years, was extremely active in the Monday Night Book Club, and most recently, she managed the AAUW's eScrip program. In addition, she served on the Friends of the Healdsburg Library board and dedicated hours to their book sales.

A Celebration of Sally's Life will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 3 p.m. at the Tayman Park Club House. Her four sons look forward to sharing memories with her many friends in Healdsburg; Tom from Des

Moines, Iowa; Bob from Phoenix, Arizona; John from Hawaii; and Doug from Moraga, California; and at least two of her grandsons will also be present. Please save the date for this wonderful celebration!

—Lynda Guthrie

Another Tribute to Sally Lyle

Last night I attended the May meeting of the Northfield, Minnesota AAUW branch. The program was a slide presentation from a group of four women who have been canoeing together every summer for almost 20 years in northern Minnesota and Canada. No guide and no men have been with them on these jaunts although they would welcome any who might want to join them. Occasionally someone would fly them into a remote lake in Canada. Often they drove themselves as far as they could go.

These were the kinds of things I could see Sally Lyle doing 20 years ago and I thought of her as they

were speaking. Sally was one brave and adventurous woman, and I always admired her for that and many other things. She will be missed.

—Suzanne Pfau



SAD NEWS

At the completion of this issue of the *Grapevine*, we were saddened to hear of the death of **Susan Armstrong**, a former member of Healdsburg AAUW who rejoined us this last year.

Member News



Where Has Sue Phillips Been? Sue Phillips and a college friend, Nancy, have been driving around the U.S. visiting all their Christmas card recipients. They think of themselves as Thelma and Louise in their dotage! They just returned from a 5,300-mile segment of the journey and will take off again in June. They plan to write a book, *The Christmas Card Road Trip*. But in the meantime you can follow some of their adventures on a blog written by a friend at

www.creativelatebloomers.blogspot.com

—Sue Phillips

A Winner! Congratulations to **Phil Wright!** For the second time he was a winner in the national AAUW art contest. His photograph *Have a Seat* is on one of the notecards recently sent to all members.

—Charlene Luks

A Note from Suzanne Pfau

I just finished reading the May Grapevine and enjoyed reading about all the things going on as well as the new members. I was particularly happy to see the slate of officers for next year and if I have a vote as an absentee member, I cast my vote to accept it. The branch continues to grow – seven new names. That is almost a miracle in this day of shrinking memberships. I was also impressed with your article about the state meeting, Sue. It's great that it was in the Capitol building. And it was good that you emphasized voting. Because I am familiar with the public policy of AAUW I did have some thoughts about it; but I wonder how many others do even when they have been exposed to the issues. There are several issues that are actually somewhat controversial. I think it is a good idea to get some conversation going around just what AAUW stands for. If we don't like something I think we should have our say and try to get it changed, try to find some redeeming quality about the issue or maybe even reach across the aisle and accept a compromise. These are just some thoughts for you to peruse. Carry on and have a good summer.

—Suzanne Pfau

AAUW Bulletin Board Guidelines

The Board has been discussing the idea of a Bulletin Board for several months. So, we decided to kick it off in this issue of the *Grapevine*. The idea is to share resources with members. If you have items that you would be willing to loan, "Items to Loan," to other members (baby equipment, power washers, etc.), or if you are looking for a resource, "Want Ads," (cleaning lady, attorney, window washer), please let me know lizloebel@gmail.com. I will update the Bulletin Board monthly for inclusion in the *Grapevine*. The "Items to Loan" will stay on the list as long as the lendee wants. The "Want Ads" will fall off the list each month. If you want a request to stay on the list, please let me know. It is up to you to email/call the member if you are interested in an item or know a resource. Remember, members only, and these requests should not be to promote a business.

We will give this a trial run until the end of 2013. If there is not much interest, we will eliminate it.

—Liz Loebel



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Bulletin Board

Email Liz Loebel with additions/deletions (lizloebel@gmail.com)

	Item	Requesting Member's email address	Comments
	ITEMS TO LOAN		
02/13	Various baby equipment—high chair, crib, stroller, car seat	Pat Bertapelle pat@vbbn.net	
05/13	Small, portable power washer	Liz Loebel lizloebel@gmail.com	
05/13	6 foot plastic top folding leg table	Charlene Luks charleneluks@msn.com	
	WANT ADS		
02/13	Looking for someone to refinish my hardwood floors	Liz Loebel lizloebel@gmail.com	
05/13	Looking for a person who can remove and replace caulking in sinks and showers. Want professional work (contractor preferred, if possible).	Call Phil /Gail Wright 423-5752 philandgail@comcast.net	
05/13	Looking for a tile person to repair one decorative tile in a bathroom. Small job but the tile needs replacing.	Pat Bertapelle pat@vbbn.com	
05/13	Looking for a reliable, good cleaning lady that someone can recommend.	Cher Frechette cherylfrechette@yahoo.com	
05/13	Looking for a gardener—about one hour per week, possibly to be shared with someone who also needs just a bit of help.	Charlene Luks charleneluks@msn.com	

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