



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 new Board installation.
Let's celebrate a hugely successful year!

Please bring a dish to share:

A to H bring a dessert

J to Z bring a salad

Beverages Provided



Speaker, Katie Barr

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). Please **RSVP if you plan to attend** no later than **Tuesday, June 3**, to **Ann Mahoney** at 431-1205, annmahoney@comcast.net. Ann will respond when she has received your RSVP.

—Ann Mahoney

Mark your calendars for these upcoming celebrations!

Potluck Picnic

Wednesday, August 6

Warm Springs Recreation Area

4-7 p.m.

—Jan Garwin, Violet Nelson



Kick-off Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

At the home of **Pat Swaney**

Time to be announced.

—Ann Mahoney



President's Message



I hope by now all of you have received the news of our record-breaking Healdsburg Homes Tour. We sold close to 700 tour tickets and over 1,000 raffle tickets with net results of over \$43,000 which will be going to HEF, SRJC, HHS, PSST, Tech Trek and others next year. Thanks to all our fabulous volunteers for making it such a successful Homes Tour!

I also wanted to report on the results of our voting this year. First of all, the State candidates all won (obviously – since they ran unopposed). But the bigger news is that the proposed State dues increase passed this year, which means our dues will go up by \$4 next year. On the local level, our slate of Board candidates was also approved (unanimously), as was our \$5 dues increase, which went into effect May 15, 2014. If you renewed your dues before then, they were \$85. If you waited until afterwards, they are now \$90. This dues increase will go towards increasing our social activities budget and funding badges for all new members going forward.

I have also been working on a pilot program for AAUW-CA by conducting a Title IX assessment at Healdsburg High School (HHS) along with **Janice Sceales**. We have met with the HR Director and Director of Student Services at HHS to discuss the school's sexual harassment and pregnancy policies, which are both part of Title IX. We also have plans to meet with the athletic directors to evaluate the locker rooms and sports fields for both boy and girl athletes as well as discuss the proportion of girls vs. boys participating in sports at HHS. The results of our review will be shared with HHS as well as

AAUW-CA and then reported out at an informational hearing at the State capitol in August. We already have made several recommendations, primarily concerning the information made available on their web site. Janice and I have also discussed potentially doing a similar review next fall at Windsor High School as well as Healdsburg Junior High School. If any members (or non-members, for that matter) are interested in joining us for those reviews, please let one of us know.

Last but not least, please join us for our annual Installation Luncheon on June 7 at the home of **Lisa Grotts** on Dry Creek. Not only will we be thanking our outgoing Board members and welcoming our new ones, we will have the opportunity to listen to Katie Barr of Tomorrow's Leaders Today, discussing a job-preparation program for high school juniors that we funded last fall. It should be an enjoyable afternoon for all. —**Sue Campbell**

REMINDER

June 15 \$90

Before June 15, renew your membership online

or

mail a check written to AAUW in the amount of

\$90

to **Gail Wright**

986 Lupine Court

Healdsburg, CA 95448

—**Gail Wright**

THANK YOU AAUW MEMBERS!



Another Successful AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour!

You've heard from our president and read in the *Healdsburg Tribune* that the net amount from the Homes Tour is over \$43,000.

We were frankly astounded at the results, especially at the almost \$11,000 in raffle tickets sales when we could no longer sell them online and we only did a small mailing. This would not have been possible without the willingness of so many members to pitch in and distribute and sell those tickets every place. We can be really proud of our AAUW branch.

A special thank you to every member who helped: the mailing party in March; volunteering on the day of; selling and buying tour and raffle tickets; making donations; baking cookies; and distributing posters and postcards from Cloverdale to Santa Rosa and Sebastopol to the Alexander Valley. Thank you to **Phil Wright** who kept our accounts straight and took photographs of the homes for the brochures. Thank you, **Carol Novak** for making possible the performance by the string quartet. Thank you to new member **Terry Leach** and husband Tim for allowing their home to be on the tour. Thanks to **Carol Hazlett** for the After Party.

Thank you to all of the other sub-committee chairs who with their teams worked both this and last year: **Ann Mahoney** and **Liz Loebel** (home selection); **Cynthia Adam** (sponsorships and advertisements); **Nancy Haiston**, **Karen Fanucchi**, and **Liz Loebel** (online communications); **Judy Widlow** and **Lida Simmons** (docent co-chairs); **Charlene Luks** (volunteer coordinator); **Shally Schultz** (mailings); **Lynda Guthrie** (printing); **Connie Sears** (signage); **Kay Kohler** (posters and postcard distribution); **Candy Danhausen** and **Terry Rosenstock** (raffle prizes); **Shannon Barton-Wren** (raffle sales); **Jan Garwin** (ticket sales); **Judi Patterson** (refreshments). We could not have done so well without **Diane Bartleson** and **Connie Wren's** publicity efforts.

The supreme thank you goes to **Janet Hoehn** who was the hardest working best co-chair imaginable.

If you are willing to serve on any of the above subcommittees or take on publicity, please let **Cecile Peters** and me know. We hope to fill these spots over the summer.

—Ronnie Devitt

Community Service

10,000 Degrees believes that every student should have a chance to go to college...and they are making that a reality.



Since 1981, 10,000 Degrees has helped more than 18,500 underserved students from Marin and Sonoma Counties get to and

through college. 10,000 Degrees is recognized nationally as a model for college access and success, and for good reason: its alumni who start at four-year colleges have an 84% completion rate compared to the national rate of 54%!

What's the secret? To help students prepare for the college and financial aid application process, 10,000 Degrees offers a two-year-long program, the 10,000 Degrees Institute, which includes an intensive six-day summer experience combined with mentoring. Students spend a week in summer on a college campus together, learning the ropes of the college application process and experiencing dormitory life.

During the school year, each student is paired with a mentor who provides advice about college choices, keeps the student on track to meet deadlines, and assists with college applications and finding scholarship resources. Most importantly, mentors tell students, "I believe in you!"

If helping students realize their potential is something that resonates with you, contact Megan Topping at mentors@10000degrees.org. 10,000 Degrees provides mentors with the training, information, and support they need to guide their mentees.

To learn more about mentoring and about 10000 Degrees, visit www.10000degrees.org. Helping local kids make it to and through college is a life-changing experience.

Personal note: When my mentee was accepted to UC Santa Cruz, she pieced together a combination of federal and state grants, UCSC and 10,000 Degrees scholarships, as well as a handful of local scholarships, together covering the full cost of her freshman and sophomore years. I was so proud of her. Without 10,000 Degrees I believe it would never have happened.

—Zoe Schwartz

VIPS

The VIP (Volunteers in Partnership with the Community) program has had a wonderful response this year. So many of you have given your time and efforts to events such as the Healdsburg Wine Auction (HEF); the Portuguese Fado Music Night (HEF); numerous plays and theater events at the Raven Theater; the Healdsburg Philharmonia, Healdsburg Children's Theater; Relish; Sonoma Country Day School Big Band Concert; Healdsburg Community Band concert; Expanding Your Horizons; Healdsburg Jazz Festival; and the Healdsburg Garden Tour (Healthcare Foundation). Without our help, many of these worthwhile non-profit events would be less efficient and not nearly as successful.

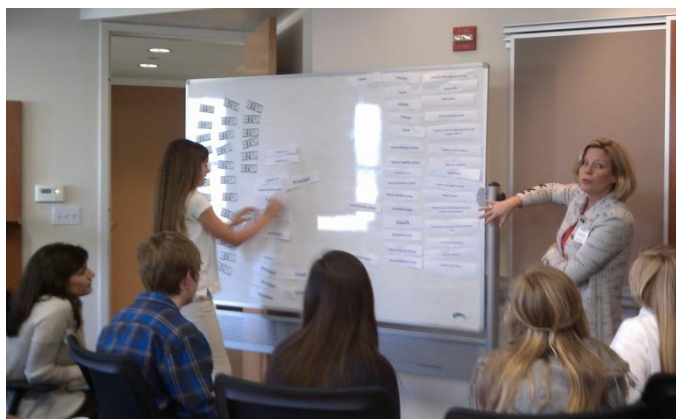
Many of our volunteers respond directly to the volunteer coordinator at the event and therefore I do not always get your name to list on this big **THANK YOU!** If I have not mentioned you, please know you are appreciated and loved for your time and efforts. Kudos to: Dick and **Pat Bertapelle**, Bill and **Sherry Garner**, **Audrey Darby**, Werner and **Helle Siegert**, Phil and **Charlene Luks**, **Sandra Beddow**, **Barbara Epstein**, **Terry Rosenstock**, **Mickey Sarquis**, **Ronie Reiley**, **Georgia Helthall**, **Marilyn Cook**, and **Judy Edmonds** and all you other anonymous volunteers. AAUW members ROCK!!

Look for new opportunities for VIPs on regular eBlasts! If you are so inclined, sign up! It's a great way to help non-profits, serve the community, advertise AAUW, and see the performances and/or experience the events.

—Pat Bertapelle

Gems Update

Did you happen to see the cover page article of the April issue of *The Atlantic* magazine titled *Closing the Confidence Gap —Evidence shows that women are less self-assured than men—and that to*



succeed, confidence matters as much as competence? Did this ring a bell? Our April speaker series presentation by Professor Paula Lane highlighted the same points around this issue. Well, our AAUW GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math & Science) program is set out to demonstrate that women in STEM fields are intelligent, creative, and can be just as successful and confident as their male colleagues. Our last field trip of the year,



touring a local company called Métier, was a great inspiration to our girls who came from various local schools, grades 7 through 12. Métier Co-Founder Sandra Richardson, their Chief Operating Officer Amy Vaccari, and other women in management and marketing positions greeted the girls and

talked about how they chose their education and career paths. With a solid academic background and determination to succeed, they have become part of a very successful consulting software business, which offers project management tools for other companies.

At one point the adults switched roles with the girls by pretending they were junior high school students and told the girls what their interests, activities, and class choices were at that age. The girls in turn had to pretend they were adults and talked about what careers they envisioned themselves doing 10 years from now.

Then the girls were split into two teams and were



tasked with two projects: one was how to plan a school trip to Europe and the other was how to plan a sport tournament at school. The girls learned about project management concepts, discussing goals, budget, resources, personnel, and scheduling.

Towards the end, an informal discussion took place where GEMS students were talking enthusiastically with Métier women panelists about how they could make career choices in this field that they've never heard of before. We were delighted to see their enthusiasm and grateful for the opportunity to experience a model that hopefully will spread and become the norm in our culture soon.

—**Hala Alshahwany** and **Victoria Toboni**
GEMS Coordinators

Summer Potluck Picnic



**Wednesday
August 6
4-7 p.m.**

Please remember to join us for the annual AAUW Summer Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, August 6, 4-7 p.m. Family, friends, and potential members are also welcome as we have a large picnic site. The location is the same as the one we have had the last couple of years—**Warm Springs Recreation Area, Redwood Hollow Picnic Site #1, 3333 Skaggs Spring Road, Geyserville, CA 95441**. While there is no covered shelter at this site, there is plenty of shade under a nice grove of picturesque redwood trees.

We will have a large charcoal grill going to accommodate whatever protein you'd like to bring to grill for yourself. Please bring whatever beverage you would like to partake in and preferably share with others.

Additionally, please bring a dish to share as indicated below based upon the first letter of your last name:

A to J, bring a dessert

K to Z, bring a salad or side dish

Directions: From 101, take Dry Creek exit; continue about 11 miles on Dry Creek Road. The recreation area is located across from the visitor's center. There is plenty of parking available in two lots near the picnic site.

Please RSVP by July 30, preferably by email, to either: **Jan Garwin** jan.garwin@gmail.com, 431-0240 or **Violet Nelson** 836-1896, violetanelson@yahoo.com. We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon.

—Jan Garwin

It's All About the Cookies!

THANK YOU, thank you to all the generous cookie bakers who once again provided delicious treats for our Homes Tour. Your time, baking talent, and tasty recipes are so very much appreciated by our guests and by AAUW members as well. The refreshment house is always a fun place to be on Homes Tour day, and adds a festive, social, and relaxing element to the Tour which simply would not be possible without all those yummy cookies.



Appreciatively,

—Judi Patterson and Pat Swaney

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

New Members

Linda Clark	6060@gmail.com
Genie Doyle	geniedoyle@hotmail.com
Beverly Kerbow	bkk751@att.net
Mary Nienaber	(707) 495-7504 (h) (586) 623-3807 (c)
Carol Noack	carolnoack@comcast.net

New Email Addresses

Cynthia Adam	cdadam2014@gmail.com
Diane Bartleson	dianebartleson@gmail.com
Ruth Damiani	damiani7747@gmail.com

—Gail Wright

Chef Squad

The Chef Squad is accepting new members! Please contact **Barbara Reid**, blsreid@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about the Chef Squad. Our next event will be our annual BBQ and pot luck in August.

—Barbara Reid

“What was the name of that string quartet at the Homes Tour?”

Many AAUW members wanted to know how to make contact with the quartet that played for the Homes Tour. Since the group did not bring their advertising cards, this is their name and how to reach them: **Sonoma County Philharmonic String Quartet**. These four gifted musicians play sweetly and elegantly as background music or entertain with jazz, pop, and show tunes. Whatever the occasion, they can provide the perfect atmosphere! Contact: Linda Welter; 707/824-0661 welterlinda@yahoo.com

—Carol Novak

The Hiking Group at the Sonoma Coast



—Winky Merrill

A Thank You Letter from an AAUW Scholarship Recipient

Dear AAUW Healdsburg,

I would like to extend a very enthusiastic thank you for your incredibly generous donation. I wish you could have seen the smile that wiped across my face when I saw that I had been chosen as a recipient. It was such a pleasure and an honor to be able to share my dreams and goals with the committee and your confidence in me means more than I can express. You can be sure that I will work as hard as I can to say thank you for your support.

I am set to move back to my home state of Montana next week where I will start working towards my bachelor's in community health. Following that I plan to attend graduate school for a master's degree in nutrition so that I can

be a more effective health educator for children and low income families.

I came to the SRJC as a twice-expelled high school student with no clear direction, and I am graduating as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and with the Dean's highest honors, knowing that I absolutely love what I am working towards and where it will take me. Having been accepted into the Davidson Honors College at the University of Montana, I know I will continue to be held to the highest standard and challenged in the most productive ways. Transferring is an exciting step, especially coming from a top rated two-year school in such a supportive community. I am beyond grateful.

Sincerely,
Cathryn Raan

MEMBER NEWS

Correspondence Secretary's Report

This month cards were sent to **Helen Straessle** and **Jan Stanley**. We are sad to report that the husband of **Helen Straessle** recently passed away. **Jan Stanley** is recovering from a broken hip.

Most recently we have been informed that **Estelle Watt's** husband Ron passed away peacefully on May 17 after a six-month battle with cancer. A card will be sent.

—Sheila Kneass

A Birthday Party Invitation

Anna Darden would like to invite her AAUW friends to a party in celebration of her 80th birthday!

Saturday, June 21, 2014

noon to midnight

4655 East Soda Rock Lane

Healdsburg, California.

"I am inviting you to the celebration I'm planning for the solstice. I hope we can join together at the beginning of summer to celebrate our lives together as family and friends."

Please RSVP to Anna after May 15 at 707/433-0707 or by email dardenia@earthlink.net. There will be birthday cake, ice cream, and BBQ. Potluck would be welcome—appetizers, savories, or salads, please.

—Anna Darden

New Members



Tania Bauer

was born in Vienna, Austria and moved to the US in the fifties. "My family was Russian, and

was not able to emigrate any earlier." After attending a Catholic prep school, she was accepted to UC Berkeley where she obtained a degree in architecture/design, then went to San Francisco State and received a master's in business design. "I started working at Bechtel right after graduate school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the weather was awful!" In San Francisco she worked for the city and county as an administrator on the fire commission, and previously worked in the wine industry in Napa.

Tania moved to Healdsburg a year and a half ago from San Francisco and joined AAUW in March. She likes to hike and swim, and especially enjoys water aerobics where she leads and participates in an informal group in her neighborhood pool. "When I lived in the City, I did power walks, a combination of fast-slow hiking." In addition to walking, she does some sewing, and says she is passionate about opera. She also likes to cook, and is interested in possibly participating in AAUW's chef squad. She just returned from a river cruise in Portugal and is planning another cruise in Cambodia.



Even though **Janice Sexton** moved to this area 10 years ago, she just recently joined AAUW. She moved from Santa Clara where she was employed by Agilent as a contract manager and negotiator. "As the company has international offices, I could live anywhere." She has a BA in English from San Jose State, and an MBA from National University in San Diego. "I also have a lifetime teaching credential that I've never used."

"I started with Hewlett Packard but was laid off in 2007, so I started my own business in laser therapy. This is a needleless form of acupuncture called 'light therapy'. It is used for pain management, smoking cessation, weight loss. I had my own mini-clinic and now only practice by word of mouth."

Before joining AAUW, Janice was very active in the Soroptimist Club. She acted as a representative to the Fourth World Conference on Women's Issues in 1995, and later was a representative on a human trafficking task force.

Janice lives in Windsor and has traveled frequently. "I traveled a lot internationally with my job, but plan a Mediterranean cruise in August. I also went on a safari in Tanzania; it was a wonderful experience, and really changed my way of thinking about animals."

Her interests involve reading a lot, wine tasting, and volunteering for the Healdsburg Jazz Festival.

Kathleen Beiser moved to Healdsburg from Chicago seven years ago. She worked for Medtronics in



Santa Rosa as clinical research manager. She received a BA in accounting from Northwestern Illinois University. "But I also received a nursing diploma and worked at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, also Mercy Hospital and Manchester Memorial for several years." She then combined nursing and accounting and became director of nursing at Interim Healthcare, was a clinical resident project manager, then moved up to vice president after three years.

"I love to read and do water aerobics; I also took a creative writing class, but now the most fun in my life are my four-year-old twin grandchildren." She has traveled frequently – Costa Rica, Aruba, Hong Kong, and Thailand, but her favorite was the Amalfi Coast in Italy.

"I'm just getting my feet wet in AAUW; I was involved in the raffle committee and the speaker series." She also enjoys the Wine Divas group, "particularly the tasting of appetizers and wine."

—**Gloria Norton**

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