

HOLIDAY PARTY!

We hope you will all be able to join us for this year's holiday party!

Sunday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.

Judith Olney's home,
3300 Westside Road
Healdsburg

Couples with last names

A-O please bring an hors d'oeuvre, enough for 12, and a bottle of wine,
P-Z please bring a dessert, enough for 12, and a bottle of wine.

Singles please bring wine.

Carpooling is REQUIRED as parking is **VERY** limited.
If you cannot arrange a carpool, call Joyce Scramaglia for help at 433-8542.

Please respond by December 9 by emailing: hellesiebert@aol.com or by calling Joyce at: 433-8542.

We hope to see you all!

President's Message

I'd like to express a very special **thank you**



to Jan and Brent Stanley for hosting our first Happy Hour of the year. Kudos go to **Carol Novak** and **Viv Furlong**, who did

a great job of organizing this event. Put the dates of future events being planned on your 2013 calendar by checking our website www.healdsburgaauw.com and clicking on Events.

Holiday Giving. We are now collecting **school supplies** to give to Healdsburg Elementary School classrooms. (The teachers' wish list follows.) Please bring your donated items to the December 16 party or drop them off on my porch at 709 Brown St., Healdsburg, prior to that date. With the cutbacks in the school budget, many teachers end up buying these items themselves or students go without. The staff appreciates our donations very much!

AAUW has just published a new report on **the persistence of the gender gap** as reflected in salaries of men and women as early as one year after college graduation. Check it out at <http://www.aauw.org>. The report examines possible reasons for the gap and finds that at least one third of the gap cannot be accounted for by women's choices (college major, occupation, and hours at work), "suggesting that bias and discrimination are still problems in the workplace." The report also notes that

because women college graduates do not earn as much as men, "student loan repayments make up a larger part of women's earnings" which increases the burden of repayment.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the **Holiday Party** on December 16. Join me in making your **carpool arrangements** now. We can wear our new **nametags!** **Thank you to Cher Frechette** for bringing us this opportunity and handling the ordering. **Best wishes to all for the holiday season!**

—Charlene Luks

Classroom Supply Wish List

- 1) Gallon Ziploc storage bags (students use these as weekly book bags)
- 2) Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils
- 3) Glue sticks
- 4) Low odor blue chisel tip whiteboard markers (students use these on their whiteboards)
- 5) Variety packs of multi-colored low odor whiteboard markers (for classroom use)
- 6) Erasers (pencil top and regular)
- 7) Stickers (variety: stars, seasonal, holiday etc.)
- 8) Post-its (variety of sizes: 3 inch x 3 inch are used the most)
- 9) Hi-liter pens (students use these to highlight words and key sentences)

January Speaker Series

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Planned Parenthood – Challenges for Women at the Federal, State, and Local Levels

David Trujillo

Public Affairs Director



NEW LOGO COMING SOON!

HEALDSBURG HOMES TOUR

MAY 5, 2013

10 a.m. TO 4 p.m.

This will be the 23rd annual Healdsburg Homes Tour. Some of you have participated almost every year. Jane Oriel's house was on the tour in 1991, and Heidi Blumenthal was in charge of refreshments in 1992.

Newer members might be interested in these historical snippets.

- Originally, the tour was sponsored by H.E.L.P. Foundation and later its successor Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF).
- AAUW first partnered with HEF in sponsoring the tour in 2005, taking over total responsibility for the tour in 2007.
- From 1991 to 2002 the logo for the tour was a stylized drawing of the Camellia Inn, used on the cover of the brochures.
- Since 2003 photos of the individual homes have appeared on the cover of the brochures and somewhere along the line the white Victorian on Johnson Street became our logo.
- This year we will have a new logo that is uniquely ours, appearing wherever AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour appears in print.
- There was no advertising in the beginning, and from 1994 to 1998 there was a \$1 charge for the brochure.
- Advertising creep began in 1996 when four local inns became underwriters. In 1997 the first business card ads appeared on the inside of the front cover of the brochure. The three pages of ads in 2003 grew to nine pages in 2012, plus four major home sponsors, donors, and many contributions in kind.
- The raffle was not introduced until 2004. In 2012 raffle ticket sales brought in over \$10,000 or 25% of the gross profits from the tour.

By the time you read this, the 19 HHT committee chairs will have held their first meeting and many will have been working for weeks to make HHT 2013 the best yet. The tour's success depends upon the generosity of our Healdsburg community and most especially on the contributions of our members. Please don't wait for a personal invitation to volunteer or help in any way. If you know of anyone who might place an ad or become a \$1000 sponsor of a home, or if you want to help solicit ads or sponsors, contact Cynthia Adam at cdadam@aol.com. If you are willing to help obtain donations for the raffle or work on that team, contact Shannon Barton-Wren at shannon@wreninternational.com. Thank you all.

—**Ronnie Devitt** and **Janet Hoehn**, Homes Tour Co-Chairs



Happy Hour co-organizer Carol Novak, Tom Swaney and Charlene Luks



Gail Wright and Happy Hour co-organizer Viv Furlong



Rich Scramaglia and Werner Siegart



Happy Hour at Jan and Brent Stanley's!



Helle Siegart and Joyce Scramaglia



Lourdes Lopez and Rita Minkin



Dinners for 8

The date for
our first
Dinners for 8
food and wine

event has been set for **January 11, 2013**. In the past this has been a successful way of getting to know each other in informal, cozy surroundings. We need volunteers for both hosting and being a guest, so please let **Helle Siegert** know which you would like to be.

The guests and the hostess will arrange between them who brings what to the dinner.

Should any potential hostess feel more comfortable with only six people at the table, that too is possible.

Please join in this fun event and respond to Helle no later than January 3, 2013 so we can see how many people we will have. Helle's email is hellesiegert@aol.com.

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—Gail Wright

In the past, our branch added approximately \$1000 annually to the AAUW scholarship program



through members' participation in eScrip, the majority of the funding coming from Safeway purchases. Last year Safeway changed their policy to only support schools directly, not organizations such as ours. Therefore, our eScrip funding has dropped dramatically.

Now, however, the new eScrip program through "Online Mall" offers many opportunities for our members to add to our scholarship funds. Online retailers, such as Nordstrom, Macy's, Patagonia, Amazon, Apple Store, Dell Home, PETCO, PetSmart, and Home Depot, offer earnings from 1.6 percent to 39 percent (for eHarmony). You pay exactly the same as you would when normally shopping online.

Nancy Haiston, our webmaster, has written instructions for the new eScrip On-line Shopping Mall's "**AutoEARN**" web app which is free. It's a quick and easy installation:

Log onto www.escrip.com → click on 'eScrip On-Line Mall' → click on the 'AutoEARN' button. On that page you will see two tabs "Download AutoEARN" and "Installation." Reading the information under both tabs will explain the details of how the program works and how to do the installation on your computer.

Should you choose to participate, it is a quick and easy way to earn money for our scholarship program.

—Sally Lyle

GEMS Goes to STI

Girls Engaged in Math and Science (GEMS) is a program developed by our local chapter to take



young women from eighth grade through high school on field trips to various businesses and events in order to keep their interest in math, science, and technology peaked. Many of the girls have been to Tech

Trek; others would have loved the opportunities Tech Trek provides, but were unable to attend. We are trying to keep the spark alive throughout the high school years in order to encourage the girls to pursue this passion and drive it to a challenging and rewarding career down the road.

On November 8 **Victoria Toboni**, **Hala Alshwany**, and **Pat Bertapelle** took four eighth grade young women to Petaluma to Sonoma Technology, Inc. (STI), where they were introduced to 10 women staff members of the consulting firm that measures and analyzes air quality. They met and heard the stories of these exciting women who hold titles such as meteorologist, atmospheric scientist, and air quality scientist. Each staff member told how she discovered what she wanted to do, how she pursued her education and networked, leading her

to find a career and job that she loves. They were all so excited about their jobs; it was contagious!



Our young visitors asked amazingly great questions about how to go about finding your passion, pursuing your interest, and finding a job that lets you do what you want to do. We ended the visit with a trip to the weather room full of maps, computers, and technical equipment that the meteorologist explained in detail. It was fun for all and a great experience for the girls.

On December 3 GEMS will be hosting a professional women's pizza night at diVine Pizza for the girls and their parents. We will have on hand many AAUW women to share their own stories and to allow the girls to hear the opportunities that are available to them. We hope the parents attend as well, so they can meet us and learn about what we are trying to accomplish.

—Pat Bertapelle

Judy Widlow learned that you don't have to be a member of the **AAUW Chef's Squad** to enjoy one of their fantastic dinners as she hosted the October feast with a Hawaiian theme. Shown below are **Ronie Reiley**, **Elisa Musson**, **Judy Widlow**, and **Winkie Merrill**. To learn more, contact **Elisa Musson**, elisa@themussons.com



AAUW Members Join White House Call



More than 100 AAUW members came together for a call hosted by the White House Office of Public Engagement and the Council on Women and

Girls to hear updates about White House activities around science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the Violence against Women Act; and health care.

Special Assistant for the White House Domestic Policy Council Steve Robinson noted that we need to acknowledge the barriers that exist for women and girls as we encourage more STEM participation. Robinson praised AAUW's recent report on this subject, *Why so Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. Women make up close to half of the jobs in our economy, yet they hold fewer than 25 percent of the jobs in STEM fields, which tend to pay more. He also highlighted President Obama's new plan for a national STEM teacher corps to increase STEM education in schools.

AAUW's research also received praise from White House Advisor on Violence against Women Lynn Rosenthal, who called *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* the "gold standard" in sexual harassment research. Rosenthal updated AAUW

members about the status of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which expired at the end of 2011 and has yet to be reauthorized. She expressed support for the Senate version of VAWA (S. 1925) and mentioned the "1 is 2 Many" public service announcement the White House produced earlier this summer as an example of what the administration is doing in the absence of congressional action. AAUW strongly urges Congress to pass the Senate version of VAWA, which addresses the needs of all victims of violence and includes the Campus SaVE Act.

The last speaker on the call was Department of Health and Human Services External Affairs Specialist Tamia Booker, who talked about the women's preventive services that all health insurance plans have to cover as of August 1. These services include well-woman visits, support for breastfeeding equipment, HIV screening, domestic violence screening, birth control, and more. AAUW is celebrating these services with our preventive care Facebook event.

As the single largest lobbying organization in Washington, AAUW is clearly able to influence national policy in support of equity for women and girls. —**Sue Miller, AAUW CA Vice President and Public Policy Director**

California Election Results

AAUW's positions on propositions were, for the most part, supported by voters. Prop 30 passed, increasing taxes to avoid education cuts. AAUW urged a No vote on Prop 32 to change the state budget process, and this was voted down. Prop 38, increasing taxes for education, not supported by AAUW, was voted down. Prop 40, upholding the work of the citizens redistricting commission, was supported by AAUW and was approved by voters. Prop 35, Human Trafficking, on which AAUW urged careful study in part due to potential legal consequences, was approved by voters. However, the day after the election, the ACLU and other

organizations filed a lawsuit, and the court concurred in blocking the implementation of unconstitutional provisions of this proposition until the matter is resolved in court. With the passage of Prop 30 we can be hopeful that the California Legislature will move forward in stabilizing the budget and reinvesting in education and other public systems and services that are essential to all Californians, rebuilding the foundations of a strong economy, healthy communities, and a high quality of life.

—**Sue Miller, AAUW CA Vice President and Public Policy Director**

*Have you thought about participating in the GREAT DECISIONS discussion group? Want to learn more about it? Read on.....*Our AAUW



chapter Great Decisions discussion group has been having a great time reading and discussing articles on global affairs and major foreign policy issues facing

the United States. The Great Decisions Association provides the reading material, eight relevant topics of the day. Some topics are country specific and others are on global issues. For example this month we discussed Indonesia and in January we'll discuss energy geopolitics.

Each monthly topic includes articles by different people looking at the issue from different perspectives and takes less than an hour to read. One of the things particularly enjoyable about our discussion group is that the topic of the day becomes a launching pad to broader discussion. Even when we don't think we have anything to offer on a particular topic, we actually realize we do. While we don't always agree on everything, we are a congenial group and we're looking for new members to bring new insights and differing opinions to our discussion.

The group meets eight times a year, on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. Our next meeting will be January 15. If you would like to join us, please email deana.fusco@sbcglobal.net.

Don't want to join another group full time? Have you been to, lived in, or worked in a different country? If you have, perhaps we could entice you to attend that particular meeting to give us your perspective. This year that could have been the Middle East, Mexico, Afghanistan, Iraq, or Indonesia. We'll get our 2013 list soon.

—Nancy Haiston

Member News

*The Corresponding Secretary reports that AAUW sent a card to member **Ronnie Devitt** following her surgery. She has recovered beautifully.*

—Sheila Kneass, Corresponding Secretary

Greetings from Suzanne Pfau

In October I attended an AAUW meeting here in Minnesota. The Northfield branch has been in existence since 1916. Imagine that! In four more years we will be having a huge celebration of some sort. I say "we" because I will probably join here in Minnesota since we can have dual memberships. There are a few things different about this branch. One is that dues are only \$68. It is expected that everyone who can makes donations to AAUW funds each year, and the only fund raiser is an annual garage sale that supports a scholarship for one senior high school girl. The balance in their treasury for September was \$672. Branch meetings are held monthly and often there is a featured speaker. Last month it was the vice president of public policy for the Minnesota AAUW. One month there is a tri-branch luncheon. There are three book groups. Since there are two colleges in town there is an affiliation with the college women. There are about 50 members at this time; the concierge of our building is very active and brought me as her guest. It is probably a simpler organization, because much is simpler here in Minnesota, but the women are as adamant about advancing equity through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research as anywhere else. They enjoy getting together and have developed good friendships. AAUW is that kind of organization.

I see there is a new digital edition of the AAUW *Outlook* magazine. Check the AAUW website.

—Suzanne Pfau

New Members

Susan Armstrong lived in Healdsburg



1972-1983, and during that time was a member of AAUW. She then moved to San Francisco and for 19 years consulted as cancer data specialist in many hospitals throughout the Bay Area. After her retirement six years ago, she moved back to Healdsburg.

Susan grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and received her bachelor's degree in English from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1972 she achieved a master's degree in library science from UC Berkeley. She has traveled extensively and highlights include travel-study programs at Oxford, Edinburgh, and Paris. She also has traveled with scholars' groups out of UC Berkeley, where one can choose a specific field of study, and has exchanged homes in Europe.

"I enjoy historical atmospheres and especially cemetery exploration where you find both art and history. In Edinburgh, which once was a major training center for physicians who needed bodies for their studies, the cemetery had to erect boxes to keep grave robbers out. Many of these are still standing. Everywhere I go, I find something interesting about the area in local cemeteries."

Other interests include reading, water aerobics, gardening, current events, discussion groups, and theater. "I would like to look into the possibility of planning field trips to see theater performances throughout the area."

Lance Cottrell says, "I moved here because



I cook and I enjoy wine; wine and cooking go together; Sonoma and Healdsburg certainly offer opportunities for both." He and his wife, Barbara, bought a vacation house in Healdsburg and now

live here year round. He joined AAUW because of his interest in the Chef Squad activities. "I treat cooking much like an engineer, where and how to improvise and use various ingredients. Right now I'm exploring sous vide, cooking foods sealed in plastic in water at very low temperatures. In fact, I hope Barbara gives me a sous vide cooker for Christmas!" Lance is an executive engineer in computer security and frequently commutes to the Washington, D.C., area and to San Diego as chief technical officer with a company focused on "making people anonymous." He holds a bachelor's degree in physics from UCSC and a master's degree, also in physics, from UCSD. His interests, in addition to food and wine, include astronomy (he used to be an astrophysicist), martial arts, and books. He was the only male member of his book club in Virginia. His interest in martial arts comes from his parents. Both are college professors and interested in martial arts. Right now, at ages 73-74, they are working on achieving their black sashes. Although he enjoys travel, he hasn't traveled much lately, but he lived in Italy and England a year, and also spent some time in South Africa. He says his business also puts him in interesting places. The Cottrells are building a home on 13 acres in Shiloh Estates in Windsor. They plan on moving when it is completed in 2014. Lance hopes to grow grapes and looks forward to learning how to make wine.

—Gloria Norton

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