

## September Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

5 to 7 p.m.

Pat Swaney's Home

1315 West Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg



Why does membership in Healdsburg AAUW keep expanding? It's because AAUW does everything in such a fun way, including our first get-together for the 2014-2015 season. **Pat Swaney** has graciously offered her beautiful home with an incomparable view for our agenda of catching up with friends, meeting new members, going over our planned activities for the coming year, and inviting prospective members. No spouses/partners at this particular social event.

***If your last name begins with A through K, please bring a bottle of wine.***

***If it begins with L through Z, please bring an appetizer. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.***

**Directions:** Due to limited parking, as well as the one-lane road and driveway where passing is problematic, **it is essential that we meet to carpool** at the lot between Carl's Jr. and the Dollar Store, at **4:45 p.m.** It would be best of all to have people drive who have already been to the house and know the way, and/or to drive caravan-style. From the parking lot, turn right onto Mill Street, then right again at West Dry Creek Road near Madrona Manor. Drive 1.3 miles. On your left, you will see a group of mailboxes and a green and white signboard with various addresses, including 1315. Turn left there onto a one-lane private road. Drive about 1.4 miles; pavement gives way to dirt, and house numbers are not in sequential order! When you come to the open gate marked 1315, drive through it and continue up the hill for another .6 mile. You will pass through two other gates on the way to the house. **Just in case, Pat's number is 431-1241.** A few AAUW spouses will be helping with parking.

Your **RSVP** is very important in our preparation so we have enough wine glasses and other supplies. Please let either **Ann Mahoney** [annmahoney@comcast.net](mailto:annmahoney@comcast.net) or **Pat Swaney** [patswaney@gmail.com](mailto:patswaney@gmail.com) know **by September 11.** We look forward to seeing you there. **Remember to wear your nametags!**

—Ann Mahoney

# President's Message

Welcome to a new year of AAUW Healdsburg! 2015 will mark our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an AAUW branch. We will be looking at ways to appropriately celebrate this event and will keep you posted. And we actually have several members who have been with us since the beginning, so we will hopefully be hearing some of their stories as the year unfolds.

As I write this, your Board is preparing for its annual retreat in early September. We plan to create Board goals again for 2014-15 and will be discussing where our budget should be spent – both memberships dues and Homes Tour revenue. Our membership dues obviously go to support the membership, including social activities and administrative support. Our Homes Tour money covers scholarships, grants, and

programs that benefit women, girls, and local education. Our primary beneficiaries from all fundraising, include HEF, SRJC, HHS, Tech Trek, and AAUW Funds and programs such as Career Choices, GEMS, Reading Rocks, and Expanding Your Horizons.

Our annual summer picnic was held at Warm Springs Reservoir on Wednesday, August 6. I was glad to see a number of members and their families there. Over 50 people attended. Thanks go to **Violet Nelson** and **Jan Garwin** for organizing the event! We also had a new member coffee at **Pat Bertapelle's** house on August 12. Thanks to Pat for hosting all 20+ of us. It was a pleasant morning, and I enjoyed meeting all the new members who were there.

Our kick-off meeting is planned for September 16 at **Pat Swaney's** house. Make sure to come and celebrate the beginning of our 40<sup>th</sup> year! —**Sue Campbell**



## Save the Date!



25<sup>th</sup> Annual Healdsburg Homes Tour  
Sunday, May 3, 2014





Installation Luncheon at the Home of Lisa Grotts



2014-2015 Board

## New Member Coffee

A New/Prospective Member Coffee was held at **Pat Bertapelle's** home on August 12. **Sue Campbell** and other Board members outlined the AAUW mission and activities associated with National and State AAUW as well as our local chapter. It was wonderful to see some new faces and learn about these fabulous, talented, and interesting members who have recently joined. Introduce yourself the next time you see someone new!

—Pat Bertapelle





# Community Service

Welcome back, everyone. As you know AAUW provides an abundance of activities, be it social, athletic, or educational, and for those who would like to work directly with students or schools, we have our Community Service. Take a look and see if there is anything you might be interested in joining.

— **Judy Edmonds**

## READING ROCKS

**Chair: Shally Schultz**

This is a program designed to help first graders improve their reading skills. AAUW members volunteer weekly to go to classes at Healdsburg Elementary School. They listen to individual children reading stories chosen by their teachers, helping them when needed, but mostly encouraging them one-on-one. Since the introduction of this program reading test scores have improved greatly.

## GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math & Science)

**Chairs: Victoria Toboni and Kathy Principi**

This program takes middle and high school girls interested in math, science, and technology on field trips to workplaces to meet professionals in these fields and to see how these skills are utilized. Our Tech Trek graduates are the main focus, but other girls with similar interests are welcome and encouraged to join. Drivers are always welcome.

## CAREER CHOICES

**Chair: Judy Edmonds**

Since 2008 we have been assisting teachers and students at Healdsburg High School by bringing in professionals in various fields to tell students what it's like to work in those fields, what education is needed, what the pay might be, and whatever other information is needed to make wise choices for their futures. Due to the success of this program, AAUW now partners with Rotary of Healdsburg to offer panels and services to hundreds of students every year.

**EXCITING NEWS:** This year **Diane Bartleson** is bringing the Career Choices program to Cloverdale High School! More to follow in coming months.

## Volunteers In Partnership with Community (Community VIPs)

**Chair: Pat Bertapelle**

In support of the local community, AAUW members often volunteer to help other non-profit organizations with their main fund-raising events on a one-time basis, such as luncheons, dinners, garden parties, fairs, etc.

## EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

**Chair: Pat Bertapelle**

This is an annual one-day conference designed to nurture 7 and 8 grades students' interests in math and science. Our branch supports the efforts of EYH with volunteer assistants and a sponsorship for the participants.

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](mailto:skneass@att.net) or 433-5646.



*New HHS graduate Shaina Meier is congratulated by Hala Alshahwany (left) and Judy Edmonds.*

You may remember Shaina Meier from a profile we did on her last year. Shaina had attended Tech Trek at Stanford where **Tami Wiener-Stout** and **Judy Edmonds** were her dorm mothers. Shaina went on to be student body president of Geyserville High School as well as the valedictorian. She received several scholarships and is now a science major at UC Berkeley.

Although **Tami Wiener-Stout** and **Victoria Toboni** were out of town, **Hala Alshahwany** and **Judy Edmonds** were able to attend her graduation. (Hala and Victoria were co-leaders of GEMS where Shaina enjoyed a great deal of what that program had to offer.)

Shaina sent us letters saying, “It meant so much to me that you came to my graduation. You and the rest of the AAUW ladies have been such an inspiration and driving force for me throughout my high school career. Thank you so much.”

We all look forward to hearing about Shaina as she enters this new phase of her life. We hope every one of you AAUW members takes a moment to think about all the positive things we do. We may not know the results for all the students who participate in the numerous programs we provide, but we do know that whatever we do, from being a part of Reading Rocks or other community programs to supporting the annual homes tour, we are helping many more individuals than we can imagine!

—**Judy Edmonds**

## **Lunch Bunch**

### **Truett-Hurst Winery**

### **Wednesday, Sept 10, 12 Noon**

Please join us for the 2014 kick-off Lunch Bunch gathering in the “olive garden” at Truett-Hurst Winery, an area sheltered by majestic trees, wonderful plantings, walkways, and shaded tables and chairs. For a nice change of pace, we’ve decided to host a picnic lunch in this quiet, serene environment not far from the peaceful creek just steps away. **Truett-Hurst Winery is located at 5610 Dry Creek Road, Healdsburg.** The box lunches provided by Costeaux include a sandwich of your choice, seasonal fresh fruit, side salad, kettle chips, pickle and pepperoncini, with mayonnaise and mustard on the side, plus a sweet Costeaux treat.

#### **Sandwich choices:**

- Black Forest ham on multigrain bread, mustard, Jarlsberg cheese, lettuce, and tomato
- Dry salami on ciabatta, house-made pesto, tomato, lettuce, and jack cheese
- Roasted turkey on croissant, avocado, lettuce, and tomato
- Roast beef on soft roll, tomato, lettuce, and jack cheese
- Grilled vegetables on seeded roll, roasted red bell pepper, goat cheese, and pesto

**Cost of \$20** includes your Costeaux box lunch, bottled water, tax, and tip. Wine may be purchased by the glass or bottle from the winery, as well as a selection of soda. You may email your sandwich choice to [sharynbarney@comcast.net](mailto:sharynbarney@comcast.net). **Make your \$20 check payable to Sharyn Sarquis, and mail it to her at 110 Parkwoods Court, Healdsburg, 95448. Reservation AND check must be received by Friday, September 5.**

We're looking forward to another fun year with all of our Lunch Bunch friends

—**Sharyn and Mickey Sarquis**



## AAUW Healdsburg Wine-N-Dine

### Save these Dates!

**Saturday, November 1**

**Friday, January 30**

**Saturday, March 14**

The Wine-N-Dine dinners have become very popular, so we thought we would publish the planned dates for this year's dinners up front. Check out the following dates and save them, if you want to participate. Sign-ups for hosts and attendees will follow as the dates come closer.

For the benefit of new members, or just to refresh everyone else, here is how the Wine-N-Dine works. Let's have fun with it again this year!

### Wine-N-Dine Process

The idea for the Wine-N-Dine dinner is to create small groups of people who would not normally get together in order to dine. The group could be 8 or 10 depending on how many the host can accommodate. Six is okay, but it is a small group. Several of these dinners take place on the same evening, with a host house for each one.

Host responsibilities include: organizing the dinner, creating the menu (could be a theme or not), setting the table, and asking the attendees to bring a course.

Usually the host supplies the main course, but she doesn't need to. Depending on what the host wants to supply, she could ask her attendees to bring the main course, or an appetizer, a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. This can be modified depending on the number of attendees.

Two singles could be asked to share a course.

Each "couple" should be asked to bring a bottle of wine or beverage of their choice.

The host decides how she wants to organize the evening. Some hosts choose to just let the conversation flow, while others may ask attendees to go around the table and introduce or talk about themselves.

This is a really fun event that allows existing members to meet new members and for everyone to get to know each other better.

—Cher Frechette and Liz Loebel

## Happy Hour Healdsburg Museum Thursday, October 16, 5 to 7 p.m.



We hope you will join us for our first Happy Hour of our AAUW year! It will be held at the Healdsburg Museum, and Holly Hoods, curator, is happy to welcome us so that we can see the new exhibit about the history of our beautiful downtown square. This should be interesting and fun to share with friends and new members of AAUW!

Details:

**Time:** Thursday, October 16, 5 to 7 p.m.

**Bring:** Wine plus an appetizer if you are coming as a twosome, and one or the other if you are coming alone

**Location:** 221 Matheson, just east of the plaza on the north side of the street. Ample parking is available.

We hope to have a wonderful turnout, and we look forward to seeing you!

—Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

In May our AAUW branch initiated some new scholarships. For the new scholarship program, the branch awarded two outstanding Healdsburg high school senior girls \$1,000 each, and they will be attending four-year colleges this fall. Also, a bright, energetic, and highly motivated young woman was chosen from the HHS senior class to receive the **Sally Lyle Memorial Scholarship** in the amount of \$1,650. She is STEM oriented and plans to attend Chico State University in the fall.

The Santa Rosa Junior College Foundation recognizes scholarship donors, and student recipients who benefit from generous contributions each year, at a circle of honor. On August 13, our branch provided substantial scholarships of \$3,500 each to four deserving re-entry women who are continuing their educations at four-year institutions in September.

These several actions complete our branch's "scholarship giving" for this fiscal year. Thank you to all who have made this possible.

—**Cathy Chiminello**, Outgoing Scholarship Chair

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Maria Lucidi [mlucidi15@gmail.com](mailto:mlucidi15@gmail.com)

—**Gail Wright**

## WANTED!! Webmistress Assistant

## WANTED!! Newsletter Assistant

## WANTED!! Facebook Administrator

We are still in need of members to fill the positions listed above. You do not need to have previous experience, but basic computer skills and a willingness to learn are important. These are challenging and interesting positions. If you would like to find out more about any of them, please contact me at [nhaiston@earthlink.net](mailto:nhaiston@earthlink.net) or 707-887-0222. Thank you.

—**Nancy Haiston**, Communications Chair

## MEMBER NEWS

A card was sent to **Carla King**, in response to a letter from her, informing the AAUW members that she must with great sadness drop her membership because she has been diagnosed with ALS and is unable to carry on with her activities. "My time, albeit short, with AAUW has been rewarding and fun! I have loved meeting so many wonderful ladies." [cmking8567@aol.com](mailto:cmking8567@aol.com) phone: (707) 568-7634, (256) 457-0619. —**Sheila Kneass**

A celebration of Life for **Barbara Iverson** will be held Saturday, September 6 at 3 p.m. at the Riverview Clubhouse, 1145 Orchard Street, Healdsburg. Barbara was a member of Healdsburg AAUW from 1996-2012, a hiker, and a docent for Homes Tour who delighted guests when she dressed in period costume.

—**Gail Wright**



# New Members



**Eugenia (Genie) Doyle** has lived in Cloverdale for 15 years, and joined AAUW in May. “We’re only here during the summer, and in Arizona for the winter,

although Cloverdale is our permanent residence. We could be called rain birds instead of snow birds because of the moderate climate.” For 25 years she owned and operated a temporary employment agency in Contra Costa County that her son now runs. She retired five years ago.

Genie attended Wells College in Aurora, NY, and obtained a BS in psychology. She enjoys golf, bridge, mahjong, and water aerobics that she “instructed” at the local pool in Green Valley, AZ retirement village where she lived for five years. “I liked taking the OLLI classes through the University of Arizona and look forward to them here.”

She loves travel and has been to Ireland, New Zealand, Europe, and Southeast Asia and is looking forward to visiting South America. “One of the most interesting trips was a barge trip in Italy: only three cabins and a gourmet cook!”

She hasn’t become involved in any organizations here, but was active in an environmental project landscaping median strips in Green Valley. She wants to join a book club and possibly a bridge group, “Since I’m not here during AAUW’s most active time, it’s difficult to participate. But we usually get back in time for the Homes Tour.”

**Lisa Meisner** has been coming to Healdsburg on weekends for three years, and moved here full time in June from San Francisco. She has lived in the Bay Area for 17 years and has been involved in marketing



communication and research with the Clorox Company before retiring here. “I started a travel business called *Excellent Escapes LLC*, and though I was always passionate about travel, this is truly a second act!” Her business specializes in cruise planning, but also does land trips. “I’ve traveled quite a lot, and even though many plan their trips on their own, I’ve found it’s usually better to have someone, an agent, help with the details so each trip is personalized to individual needs.”

In addition to AAUW she’s involved with the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County as marketplace chair. Her hobbies include reading, entertaining, bocce ball, and was actively involved with the June event “Wine Women and Shoes” fundraiser at Chalk Hill Winery. She remarks that Healdsburg AAUW is a fun group and “I like to have fun!” She’s looking forward to the hiking groups, books, and food and wine events.

Lisa holds a master of international management and marketing degree from Thunderbird, American Graduate School of International Management in Arizona, and a BA in American Studies from the University of Colorado. She spent a semester abroad in Geneva, Switzerland.



### **Carol (Kiki) Noack**

moved to Healdsburg in 1998, after spending a couple of years as a weekender while she continued her career in high-tech marketing communications (marcom)

in Silicon Valley. “I wasn’t raised to have a career; my parents wanted me to choose between secretarial work or the Marines until a man snapped me up to take care of me.” With no focus yet, she moved from Stockton to San Jose to go to SJSU, but eventually ended up in secretarial classes after all. “Silicon Valley was booming then, and opportunities were everywhere if you were willing to work for them. Every layoff came with new options. I started helping the copy editors and discovered an aptitude. My company offered me a promotion from admin to editor; and if I promised to get my degree as well as a technical editor certificate, they’d pay for the tuition and books. I took night classes to get a BS in business administration/marketing from University of Phoenix, and the certificate from San Jose State.” She became an editor and writer, and quickly moved into management. In retirement, Carol is a founder and marcom director of the Raven Performing Arts Theater. After a decade volunteering with our local animal shelter, she now works with Forgotten Felines and Green Dog Rescue Project. She sings for community events and retirement homes, and has become the “anthem girl” for Little League tournaments. She recently received the 2013 Marie Sparks award for her volunteer work. Other interests: Carol and her husband have hosted nine exchange students, travel frequently, and love to hike.

### **Barbara Wentzel**

and her husband moved to Healdsburg four years ago from Philo in the Anderson valley. She is a native Californian. She grew



up in Eureka and taught in East Bay schools. She graduated from the San Francisco College for Women (now the University of San Francisco) where she obtained a degree in English and also obtained her teaching credential. After marrying in 1969, she and her husband moved to France for three and a half years, then to Washington DC for seven years. “I was looking after children, but also interested in volunteer work for social services, particularly working with abusive mothers and attempting to discover why they were abusive.” After DC, they moved back to California and started a home furnishing business with stores in Menlo Park, Berkeley, Walnut Creek, and Danville. “After 28 years we said ‘enough!’” They moved to St Helena and started farming grapes. When they moved to Philo, she became very interested in food and farm issues, really in clean, healthy food, and lived very sustainably, raising their own food. “We had sheep, chickens, ducks, and an extensive vegetable garden. I’m now involved in clean water issues in Sonoma County, as an environmentalist, not as policy issues.”

The Wentzels have traveled extensively and particularly enjoy Italy where they have close friends. They recently got back from Turkey.

Barbara says she hopes to take some OLLI classes and work on AAUW events.



**Marie Nienaber** was born and reared in Healdsburg, and has been a teacher for 41 years, including teaching at Fitch Mountain School in the 60s. After three years there, she moved to

Detroit where she taught another 36 years. She and her husband moved back to the Healdsburg area, and have lived in Cloverdale for the past two years. She joined AAUW in May and is interested in the hiking groups and homes tour. Her volunteer activities include working at the Healdsburg Animal Shelter where she says she's disappointed in the recent turmoil, but hopes Healdsburg will eventually get a center of its own. She belongs to the Geyserville Chamber of Commerce and helps with Geyserville Grange socials. She enjoys Pilates, yoga and strength and balance training, walking and hiking. "I like pickle ball: it's very similar to tennis, but less strenuous, and great for seniors!"

She and her husband like to do road tours, and have been to all national parks in the U.S. and some in Canada. They are planning to go to West Glacier National Park in Montana this summer. "We've been to Europe, but only once."

She attended Santa Rosa Junior College and obtained a BA from Sacramento State, and achieved her MA from Oakland University in Michigan.

**Colleen Littell** moved to Healdsburg last November from Oregon where she resided for 31 years. She was reared in Southern California where she attended El Camino Junior College and received a nursing degree, then attended UCLA and received a BA in political science.



She is currently a nurse-care manager for Standard Insurance Company, and still working full time. "Fortunately it's a position that allows me to work from home, and I find it an excellent transition to eventually retire."

When she has time, she hopes to become more actively involved in AAUW activities including Reading Rocks, hiking, book club, and "possibly beginning bridge if it is offered." She enjoys travel, especially cruises, and has traveled the Mediterranean, Ireland, The Caribbean over Thanksgiving holidays, and would like to go back to South America and Europe.

Right now she's involved in "rehabbing my house and doing lap swimming and cycling classes at the local health club. I'm looking forward to meeting new people, and learning more about the community." She adds she's not had time to join many organizations and hopes to change that as she nears retirement. Her brother here grows grapes and she says it's interesting to learn more about the process.

—Gloria Norton

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