

MARCH SPEAKER SERIES

Detective Sergeant Cecile Focha
Sonoma County Sheriff's Department

Tuesday, March 1

5:00 PM Social Gathering

5:30 PM Business Meeting

5:45 PM Speaker: Detective Sergeant Cecile Focha

Healdsburg High School Library
1024 Prince Street (at Powell)
Healdsburg

Please come to hear Detective Sergeant Cecile Focha talk about her experiences with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. This multi-talented woman currently serves as Press Information Officer after assignments as a patrol officer and a detective. She volunteers for Verity, the county's rape crisis center. She teaches at the SRJC Police Academy. She is passionate about the Family Justice Center which provides care and services for victims of family violence.

Cecile will talk to us about working in a non-traditional field, the kind of obstacles she encounters in a mostly male environment, and the things that interest her about her job.

— Heidi Blumenthal

SAVE THE DATE

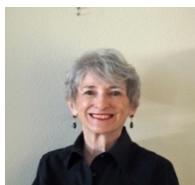
April Speaker Series: April 5, 2016

Speaker: Chris Vanden Heuvel

Superintendent of the Healdsburg Unified School District

Approaching the end of his first year as Superintendent of Schools. Chris Vanden Heuvel, formerly Healdsburg High School Principal, will address the challenges and goals of the Healdsburg School District. Among other things, he will tell us about newly adopted graduation requirements that will be phased in over the next three years. This will also be your chance to ask about anything you want to know about Healdsburg schools, so plan to bring questions.

— Heidi Blumenthal



OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEWSY TIDBITS...

In case you haven't heard our branch's really big news....we received a \$10,000 donor-directed grant from the San Francisco Foundation's Al Garren Fund. Half of the grant was specified for our scholarship program for re-entry women graduating from SRJC and going on to a four year college, and the remainder for scholarships for girls graduating from Healdsburg High School. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, learned about these programs from our member **Kay Kohler** who had been enthusiastically touting the branch's programs to her good friend. We are incredibly grateful for this contribution and to Kay for spreading the word.

Speaking of your contributions, there has been some confusion about the difference between contributions to AAUW Funds and **Healdsburg AAUW** Fund. The former funds AAUW national's programs, and we fund local scholarships and educational programs plus make a contribution to AAUW Funds on behalf of the branch. This year **Healdsburg AAUW** Fund gave \$4000 to national. If you made a contribution in the last year and your name does not currently appear on the list of donors on our website, the contribution was probably given to national AAUW Funds. Contributions to either AAUW national or **Healdsburg AAUW** are to a good cause. So thank you.

Thank you also to **Liz Loebel** and **Cher Frechette** for organizing another fun evening of six Wine 'N Dine events. Thank you to the **Burnleys, Bertapelles, Colberts, Hazletts, Cheri Kratka**, and **Loebels** for hosting. Remember you can attend as many Wine 'N Dine events as you wish and you are not required to reciprocate as a hostess. After all, you are bringing something to the dinner.

The AAUW CA convention will be in San Mateo this year on April 15-17. You are all invited. Unfortunately, the branch can only pay for two board members to attend. If you are interested, check the AAUW CA website for more info. At last year's convention, some branches had five or six attendees.

If you missed the cultural outing to the **Rosie the Riveter National Park** in Richmond, it is really worth going to on your own or with friends or family.

Don't forget that Homes Tour is our major fund raiser. Over one hundred members need to work on the day of the tour to make it a success. We will need you!

—Ronnie Devitt

Healdsburg Homes Tour

Sunday May 1, 2016

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.



A ROYAL SUMMONS FOR YOU!

Healdsburg's first Queen Anne requests that you visit on May 1st, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. And you're invited to stop by the same day at one of her Tudor relatives!

Ok, so you've figured out that this is actually our:

26th Annual AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour!

Besides the two historic houses above, you can also glide through the "Cloud Walk" home, which was featured on the October cover of *House Beautiful*, and then make the right move by checking out the affectionately labeled "Wrong Turn" home! Two more wonderful abodes are included, plus our well-known delicious cookies and Dragonfly's tasty tea.

And, when you're not touring, we need your help! Please volunteer to bake some of those cookies, or be a docent. The proceeds all go to scholarships for our youth. Thus our Homes Tour is:

Opening Doors for the Future!

—Sue Finan

26th Annual Healdsburg Homes Tour
Put May 1, 2016 on your calendar!



Dynasty: Rise and Fall of the Great Houses of Europe is the topic of Forum's Spring season, beginning March 17th and presented by Bruce Elliott—professor extraordinaire when it comes to describing historical events and personages with a distinctive wit and style.



Each class will focus on one of six Great Houses, commencing with the Medici dynasty in Renaissance Italy. Bruce will then take us to England for the House of Tudor, and move forward in time to cover the Bourbon dynasty, the Hapsburgs and, ultimately, two dynasties that survived into the 20th century: the Hohenzollerns, who managed the Herculean feat of uniting Germany, and the Romanovs in Russia.

Go to the Forum home page, <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net> , for more information and registration forms. Classes begin on Thursday, March 17th and continue through April 21st. Proceeds support local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls.

—Katherine Lacy

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY TEAM

Healdsburg AAUW's public policy team is now meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 1:00-2:30 pm, rather than on Tuesday. We are getting ready for **Equal Pay Day** activities, which will take place on April 12th this year, and we welcome all help! Contact **Michele St. Clair** for more information.

—Michele St. Clair

COMMUNITY SERVICE

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

Our **AAUW** chapter helps sponsor the annual **Expanding Your Horizons** conference. This worthwhile project puts together a Saturday workshop format for 7th and 8th grade students to explore a wide range of career options, in particular for girls interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

In various workshops the students meet and talk with successful women in these fields, and increase their awareness of the importance of early educational planning and career exploration. Past workshops included architecture/construction/urban design, astronomy and physics, chemistry, engineering/computer science, veterinary science, environmental science, and many more disciplines.

This year the program will be held on Saturday, April 2 at the Sonoma State University campus. In addition to our financial support, we will need a few volunteers to join me for the registration process the morning of the program. If you would like to help, contact **Pat Bertapelle** at pat@vbbsn.com.

—Pat Bertapelle

TECH TREK

A volunteer **Live Scan Coordinator** is needed for this year's camps. According to the last volunteer Live Scan Coordinator, the job takes 30-40 hours (total) from late February until July. The Live Scan Coordinator is certified by the state as the sole member of AAUW CA receiving results from Live Scan background checks. All persons who would ever be alone with a Tech Trek camper must undergo the background check that involves digital fingerprinting. This would include camp directors, nurses, core teachers, dorm mothers, and counselors 18 years or older.

Qualifications:

1. AAUW CA member
2. Efficient record keeping
3. Able to pass the FBI check

Duties:

1. Maintain list of potential staff members, sent by the camp directors, having the Live Scan procedure
2. Notify camp directors when each name is approved
3. Keep approval documentation securely
4. Send the camp directors the forms and instructions on how to fill them out each year in the spring

If you are interested, please contact **Sue Campbell** at suecampbell21@aol.com

—Sue Campbell

JANUARY CULTURAL EVENT

Rosie the Riveter Museum



On a dark and stormy early Saturday morning, January 23, twenty-eight intrepid **Healdsburg AAUW** members sallied forth, passing through a rainbow to reach a bayside industrial building in Richmond that houses the **Rosie the Riveter Museum**. We were well rewarded for our efforts by hearing a “riveting” talk by 94-year-old Betty Reid Soskin, an active participant in the work force at that time. She began with a twenty-minute movie about the country-wide war effort that was implemented after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The movie vividly described the efforts at the Richmond shipyards and also highlighted the ingenuity of Henry Kaiser assisting in the war effort by creating pre-fab materials so that ships could be built at a rate unheard of prior to that time. (767 ships were built in Richmond versus about 100 ships each in the two other local shipyards.) Kaiser imported men and women from the depression era workforce in the Southern US who needed the opportunity to contribute to the country and they in return were being made financially sound by the paid work. The effort initiated social changes which opened doors that were unavailable for women and people of color prior to that time.

What really captured our attention and admiration, however, was Ms. Betty Soskin herself as she told us of her life as a woman of color and a resident of Oakland during that period. Her great-grandmother was born a slave in Louisiana and lived long enough to see Betty transcend the workplace barriers that had previously kept women of color in positions of servitude only. Ms. Soskin has emerged from that early position as a clerk to serving as a well-respected field agent for two CA State Assemblywomen, and is now the oldest National Park Service Ranger in the country. She is a tour leader and interpreter at this Urban National Park which has brought attention to a pivotal period of American history. Ms. Soskin ended her presentation with an impassioned plea to all of us to recognize the importance of our individual impact on the issues that threaten our country and our world today in the realm of environmental issues. Her presence and vitality is a model for all of us.



Following that stimulating session, we viewed the interesting artifacts of that period in the museum and then adjourned for a delicious lunch at the nearby Assembly Restaurant which uses their victory garden to source many of their ingredients. And as a little piece of synchronicity, a man stopped by our lunch table to say that his daughter had been a beneficiary of the Tech Trek program several years ago and the experience changed her life. What a sweet exchange at the very place where women’s lives in the work world had changed so dramatically! We traveled home under shafts of sunlight that were breaking up the dark clouds overhead.

—Jean Norelli



JANUARY WINE 'N' DINE

A great time was had by all at the January Wine 'N' Dine. Forty-eight members and spouses attended the event hosted by the **Bertapelles**, the **Colberts**, the **Hazletts**, **Cheri Kratka**, the **Burnleys** and the **Loebels**. Thanks again to the hosts. We try to pair the 8 people per home with people they don't know or don't usually hang out with. I heard that many new friends were made that night. It was really a fun time.

Save the date for the next Wine 'N' Dine on **April 9**. An email will go out asking for hosts March 12.

—Liz Loebel and Cher Frechette

The **Bertapelles**



The **Burnleys**



Our February Happy Hour at Hudson Street Winery in Healdsburg

Festive Valentine decorations, delicious appetizers and Hudson Street Wines....A fun time was had by all!



HEALDSBURG AAUW MEMBERSHIP

It is time to pay our dues....

Our annual **AAUW** membership dues for 2016-17 that is, and the month of March is when you can begin to do so. An invoice with all the details of how to do it will be sent to you from national about mid-month. Watch for an email from EONline@aauw.org to appear in your IN box, and follow the easy instructions.

You can also pay by writing a check for **\$94** made out to **AAUW** and send it to me at my home address.

Remember, **\$46** of the total amount **is tax deductible**.

Please email me if you have any questions, membership.fusco@gmail.com .

Thank you.

—Deana Fusco, Membership

MEMBERSHIP ADDRESSES

New and Corrected Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

Kim Alexander	Home phone is disconnected, please use existing phone (no change): (607) 342-7658 (non change)
Barbara Gruber	new email; bgruber756@gmail.com new phone: (707) 723-7155
Karen Warburton	correction for cell phone: (858) 232-5231
Nancy Warren	new email: nan.c.warren@gmail.com

LET US KNOW!

If you have moved, changed your phone number, email address, or need a correction, please send your information to membership.fusco@gmail.com so we can keep our directories current. We update again in April.

—Deana Fusco

Our fellow AAUW member, Judy Widlow, had back surgery. A card was sent from her friends of Healdsburg AAUW.

—Sheila Kneass

NEW MEMBERS



Linda Miller

After living in New Orleans for 17 years, **Linda & Neale Miller** returned to San Francisco to live in a condo in the Hayes Valley

where they formerly lived. After two years enjoying San Francisco city life, they searched the North Bay area for a perfect place to live...and found it. It's called Healdsburg! **Linda** went to Terra Linda High School in San Rafael and has family nearby in Novato. They are happily settled in their Healdsburg home and have lived here a year.

Linda, a retired architect, graduated from UC Davis with a degree in Art. For ten years she did extensive traveling and worked in architectural firms. Then, she headed for University of CA, Berkeley for three years and earned her M.A. in Architecture. She worked for over 20 years as an architect in firms in San Francisco, Minnesota, and New Orleans. While in New Orleans, their house was flooded after Hurricane Katrina and they moved to a condominium. She worked as building manager for the fifty-four-unit condo building where they lived, and over five years oversaw ongoing renovation projects at the building before retiring.

Linda and Neale are regulars at Park Point Health Club. They are swimmers so Park Point is just the club for them. Linda is a knitter and hopes to meet up with some other local knitters. In my crystal ball, I spy an AAUW Knitters Group on the horizon! Healdsburg Center for the Arts is where Linda is taking classical drawing lessons. She looks forward to participating in Great Decisions, Wine and Dine, and volunteering for the upcoming Homes Tour.

A warm welcome for **Linda Miller** to **Healdsburg AAUW**.

—**Barbara Gruber**

Hallie Beacham



You'll find *It's De-Lovely* meeting **Hallie Beacham**! Initially, the San Francisco Ob-Gyn moved to her "weekend" house in Healdsburg twenty years ago (she claims "country living is *Easy to Love*!").

Hallie and her husband, Paul Downey, are now building closer to town. "*It's All Right with Me*; we will be happily vineless as well as enjoying city water and the sewage system!"

Hallie has many interests. "*I Get a Kick* out of helicopter skiing, as well as playing bridge and traveling." She also was a runner, having participated in four marathons in the '80s. "*It was Just One of Those Things*", she says, "to keep healthy." Now you might see her *Down in the Depths* of a pool exercising. And *In the Still of the Night*, should you pass by their home, you might hear Hallie and Paul sing.

Cole Porter's fans probably already figured this out--- Hallie and her husband were in the Raven's production of Red Hot and Cole. The couple also starred in I Do! I Do!. They're now rehearsing Mozart's *Requiem* along with several other pieces, and will be again going on an international singing tour with the Yale Alumni Chorus. (Yale was Cole Porter's alma mater. It's also Paul's.) Besides being on the board of the Y.A.C. Foundation, **Hallie's** also a board member of the Santa Rosa Symphony, takes voice lessons, and with Paul, puts on private shows for friends. These activities keep her busy *Night and Day*!

Having practiced gynecology in Healdsburg for eight years, Hallie's advice for older women: exercise! It's good for your bone health (you've *Got Them Under Your Skin*), as well as your emotional health. And be cognizant of your diet....not *Anything Goes*!

Thank you, **Hallie**, and from *This Moment On*, we're glad to have your membership!

—**Sue Finan**

NEW MEMBERS, continued.....



Karen Warburton

Karen and her husband Roger are new residents of Healdsburg. They relocated from San Diego and are thrilled to call Healdsburg home. Why Healdsburg? It was an easy decision---they didn't look

anywhere else! They had visited Healdsburg many times to be with their daughter and her husband who own Bruliam Winery on Chalk Hill Road. **Karen** and Roger are delighted to be so close to their three Healdsburg grandchildren ages five to twelve. And, they occasionally help out at the winery. Bruliam Winery has a philanthropic mission and donates 100% of their profits to charities and non-profits. Roger makes furniture from reclaimed wine barrels which he donates to non-profits for their fund raising activities. They sold their San Diego home, but held on to a condo in Solana Beach. Perfect for short trips back to see friends and family.

Karen has a history of volunteer work and plans to get started volunteering in Healdsburg with the Homes Tour in May. She's attending the current Forum class on Islam and previously enjoyed the romantic Composers Course. She plans to join one of the book clubs and is amazed at the menu of groups and activities our chapter offers.

Karen and Roger received a wonderful welcoming gift from their daughter and son-in-law: memberships to Park Point Health Club. After just a few weeks as Healdsburg residents, they already feel welcome and look forward to greater involvement in our community. Once **Karen** saw the **AAUW** website, she knew **AAUW** offered just what she wanted---a great way to meet people and get involved in Healdsburg.

—**Barbara Gruber**

Barbara Zarakov



So there we were, having coffee at the Goat before going to Forum. A friend came by, and I cheerily introduced our new member, adding "Do join us; **Barbara** and I are discussing her former job. She used to work with patients with Hansen's Disease, which is also called leprosy!"

"Ah, no thanks," my friend replied, apparently renegotiating the offered handshake, "Gotta run!"

"That happens a lot," said **Barbara**. "Leprosy continues to carry a horrible stigma! Actually, 95% of humans have a natural immunity to the bacteria. However, those unfortunate to be among the 5% who are susceptible can be totally cured with antibiotics. They are no longer infectious after as little as two weeks of treatment; you can hug them, eat off the same dishes---in fact, we tell our patients that they're more likely to give their family members a cold than Hansen's Disease!"* Unfortunately, some of our patients had been shunned by their families; I've known of relatives who wouldn't even let them touch their own children!"

Before moving to Sebastopol three months ago, **Barbara**, who has degrees in nursing, worked for the Contra Costa County Public Health Department, specializing in communicable disease investigations. "I miss the people whom I served in our outpatient clinic; they were from all over---immigrants from Mexico, Ethiopia, Vietnam, the Philippines."

Other diseases she investigated? Ebola, malaria, norovirus, salmonella, E.coli---"Our job was to keep these from spreading throughout the community."

Barbara now loves Sonoma County's opportunities: its outdoor activities (she's gone on our hiking trips), and taking educational classes (the Forum). Plus, having been a photojournalist, there are plenty of pictures to snap!

And did she ever worry about becoming infected? "No never!" Advice: "Just always wash your hands well!"

**Norwegian Dr. Gerhard Armauer Hansen discovered the bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae*.*

—**Sue Finan**

MARCH IS....

Women's History Month Spotlight on Courageous Women

Though the contributions of women should rightfully be integrated throughout the year, the month of March has been designated as Women's History Month. Schools, museums, newscasts and articles across the nation will highlight famous women and their place in the past. Here, we examine the worthy contributions of some less known yet just as stellar women in American "herstory."

Virginia Apgar (1909-1974) was an obstetrical anesthesiologist who originally completed a residency in surgery. After being discouraged from practicing in that field, she turned to anesthesiology. Considered a leader in this field and that of teratology, Virginia is best known for her creation of the "Apgar score," which is a way to quickly assess a newborn's health immediately after birth. She ended her career after a long stint working for the March of Dimes Foundation.

Grace Murray Hopper (1906-1992) graduated with degrees in math and physics from Vassar College and joined the Navy during World War 2. She was assigned to program the Mark 1 computer and lead the team that created the first computer language compiler. This eventually led to the popular COBOL language. Grace rose to the rank of Rear Admiral before retirement. One of the two Tech Trek camps at Stanford is named Camp Hopper.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931), an African American journalist and activist, led an anti-lynching crusade in the 1890s after her friend was lynched by a mob without trial. She established several civil rights organizations and is considered a founder of the NAACP. Ida took her crusades to Washington, calling upon President Woodrow Wilson to end discriminatory hiring practices in government jobs.

Okolo Rashid (1948-) is an African American Muslim living in Jackson, Mississippi. Dismayed by the lack of inclusion of the influences by Islam on Spain in a large exhibit coming to Jackson, Okolo organized her own exhibit in just four months that drew 25,000 visitors. With the timing of 9/11, many saw the need for the exhibit to become permanent and the International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC) was born. Okolo has long been a pillar of her community.

Esther Peterson (1906-1997) was the first voice championing equal pay for equal work. She was a paid organizer for several unions before becoming a union lobbyist on Capitol Hill. Esther created the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women during the 1960s. She led the fight for truth in advertising and was the driving force for the Equal Pay Act of 1963. At one point, she served as the highest ranked female in the Kennedy administration. She created nutritional labels and "sell before" labels for food. Esther was awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom and inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in recognition of her 50 years of activism.

Ruth Mary Rogan Benerito (1916-2013) began her college career at the age of 15, receiving her B.A. in Chemistry from Sophie Newcomb College, the women's college for Tulane University. She continued on to earn both an M.A. and Ph. D in Chemistry from Tulane and the University of Chicago, respectively. Ruth went on to work in the textile industry, helping to

perfect modern wrinkle free cotton known as “permanent press,” which is often considered one of the greatest inventions in the 20th century. She held over 50 patents, many dealing with wash and wear fabrics. Ruth was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2008.

Margaret Chase Smith (1897-1995) from the state of Maine, got her start in politics when she succeeded her husband in the House of Representatives after his death. After four terms in the House, Margaret became the first woman to be elected to both the House and the Senate, where she served an additional four terms. In 1950, she was the first member of the Senate to denounce Joseph McCarthy and his anti-Communism crusade. In 1964, Margaret ran for President of the United States and became the first woman to seek the backing of a major party, running for the Republican nomination. Spending a whopping \$335, she took her candidacy all the way to the Republican convention in San Francisco, where she came in second to Barry Goldwater.

Mary Jane Patterson (1840-1894) was the first African American woman to graduate from college when she received her B.A. from Oberlin College, the first college in the nation to grant undergraduate degrees to women. Born a slave near Raleigh, North Carolina, she escaped with her family to the north. Her father then bought their freedom and moved the family to Ohio so that all his children could attend college. Well into the 20th century, black families differed from white families in that they educated both their sons and daughters. Mary Jane went on to have an illustrious career as an educator and to serve as a mentor to the African American community.

—Contributed by, **Michele St. Clair**

AAUW REMINDERS

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 (707) 433-5646.

If you are interested in being a “Buddy” for a new member please contact **Pat Bertapelle** , pat@vbbn.com .

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