

November Speaker Series



Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Healdsburg High School Library

1024 Prince Street at Powell

5:00 Social Gathering, 5:30 AAUW Business,

5:45 Speaker

Cervical Cancer, the HPV Virus, You, and the Rest of the World

A discussion of this cancer, ubiquitous viral infection, and their devastating effects

Dr. Kay Taylor, OB/GYN

Executive Director Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC) www.pincc.org

Kay Taylor retired from her Kaiser practice in 2005 to found PINCC, a volunteer medical training NGO that establishes sustainable sites for cervical cancer prevention and treatment in developing countries. Although this disease is rare in the USA thanks to regular screening and treatment, it is the number one cancer-killer of women in the global south, killing 275,000 women every year.

The HPV virus has other effects too, and causes more cancer deaths among men in the USA than cervical cancer does among women. Learn more about this virus, its prevention and treatment, as well as PINCC's mission to save thousands of women from the most known preventable cancer by its work in Africa, India, and Latin America.

Speakers Series for 2014

December	No meeting
January 7	Georgia Berland , Sonoma County Task Force for the Homeless: <i>Ending Homelessness in Sonoma County</i>
February 4	Carroll Estes , PhD, Institute for Health and Aging, UCSF: <i>Breaking the Glass Ceiling for Women in Social Security</i>
March 4	Susan Swartz , Journalist: <i>Life after Newspapers</i>
April 1	Paula Lane , PhD, School of Education, SSU: <i>Stories of Advocacy: How Each of Us Helps or Hinders Girls in Math and Science Education</i>
May 6	Holly Hoods , Curator, Healdsburg Museum: <i>The History of Women's Suffrage in Sonoma County</i>

—Karen Danielson and Rita Minkin

President's Message



This month I'd like to highlight and thank our communications team, ably coordinated by **Nancy Haiston**, who has served as our web mistress for the past several years and just taken on the

communications chair role this year. She works to insure consistency and coordination between our various communications. For example, have you noticed our new logo (courtesy of AAUW National)? It's on the *Grapevine*, web site and emails. She also coordinates a team which supports all the communications for our branch.

Liz Loebel, who preceded Nancy as Communications Chair, supports our email/Constant Contact system. So she's the one who makes sure all those reminder emails go out to all the members. **Ellen Minter** was the one who originally implemented Constant Contact but Liz is working this year to expand its functionality to more fully support our Homes Tour information and reporting. Liz has also set up the Bulletin Board which enables members to lend or borrow items from each other.

Hopefully you all know that **Deana Fusco** is our *Grapevine* editor. She's the one who works with all the monthly contributors to ensure that articles are submitted on time, edited, and complemented by fun photos.

Our web mistress at present is **Karen Fannuchi**, who has been transitioning to that role from Nancy over the past year. Karen keeps our web site current by receiving and posting updates from a variety of sources. **Cher Frechette** keeps our social calendar intact. Our interest group chairs work with **Charlene Luks** to keep their busy calendars updated. **Gail Wright** sends her quarterly updates to the membership roster. Al Loebel takes our member photos. You'll also find job descriptions, annual goals, our annual budget and other

documents, like membership information and reimbursement forms. So it's a big job.

Sheila Kneass is also part of the communications team and is our corresponding secretary, writing thank-you and condolence letters when needed. And whenever you read an article about AAUW in the *Healdsburg Tribune*, that's **Diane Bartleson**, our publicity chair who is editing and placing those articles and photos.

So that's our current communications team, who all make sure our branch and our public are on top and aware of what's going on with Healdsburg AAUW. Thanks so much to you all! We are also in the process of recruiting someone to support our social media efforts (i.e., Facebook). In case you haven't checked, we do have a Facebook page, but so far it's been focused on the Homes Tour. What we'd like to do is expand it to include information about the scholarships and community services we provide from the funds we raise from the Homes Tour. So if you or someone you know is interested, please let us know.

—Sue Campbell

Costeaux Event Kicks Off Fundraising for

techtrek!
science & math camp for girls

Thank you to those who attended and made donations at the wine and cheese event at Costeaux's bakery in September. We had a good time and raised almost enough for one girl's tuition at the Tech Trek science camp. Our branch hopes to send eight girls next year and is seeking sponsors from local science and technology companies. If you have a suggestion or a contact, please email charneluvs@msn.com.

—Charlene Luks

Holiday Party

The Healdsburg AAUW Holiday Party kicks off your season on Sunday, **December 8, at Jan and Bill Garwin's home, 377 Bridle Path, Healdsburg.** We're planning to share appetizers, desserts, and wine. Party time is 4:30-7:00 p.m. Don't forget to carpool.

—Jan Garwin



AAUW 2014 HOMES TOUR

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Meet the Homes Tour “Team”

May might seem like a long way off to most of you, but the Homes Tour team is hard at work planning and putting things in place for May 4. Three homes have already been selected!

The team consists of: **Cynthia Adam** (advertising), **Nancy Haiston** (communications), **Judy Widlow** and **Lida Simmons** (docents), **Ann Mahoney** and **Liz Loebel** (houses), **Shally Schultz** (mailing), **Lynda Guthrie** (printing), **Kay Kohler** (posters/postcards), **Diane Bartleson** (publicity), **Shannon Barton-Wren** (raffle ticket sales), **Judi Patterson** (refreshments), **Connie Sears** (signs), **Phil Wright** (treasurer), **Jan Garwin** (tickets), and **Charlene Luks** (volunteers).

We may have a chair for the Facebook committee, but if you have an interest in helping with our Facebook page, we’d love to hear from you. We need a chair for the raffle donations committee and a co-chair for publicity. If you are interested in joining the team in one of these capacities, please get in touch with one of us. Being a part of the Homes Tour Team is a great experience!

We will keep you updated each month (and more frequently as we get closer to May 4). We look forward to having each of you participate in the Homes Tour in whatever way you are able. The success of this, our only fundraiser, depends upon all of us working together to promote the tour, sell tour and raffle tickets, and give a few hours of time on May 4.

—**Ronnie Devitt and Janet Hoehn**
2014 Homes Tour co-chairs

Core Values

I believe we all share one core value: a belief in higher education for women, and that’s the glue that brings us together and is a prerequisite for membership in AAUW.

Our chapter of 156 members is one of 140 AAUW chapters in California and 1,000 chapters nationwide whose 165,000 members embrace the importance of higher education for women. AAUW identifies education among institutional core values in its mission statement: “advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.”

During the coming year our AAUW chapter will push for progress in three board-approved areas relating to public policy: receiving equal pay for equal work; increasing STEM education for girls and women; and identifying viable candidates running for AAUW office at the state and national level.

—**Ann Allan**
Public Policy Chair

Lunch Bunch



Treat yourself on Thursday, November 14 and enjoy an amazing lunch at Café Lucia with the Lunch Bunch.

Where? Café Lucia, 235 Healdsburg Avenue

When? 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14

What? Lunch, \$25 per person, includes tax and tip. Beverages are extra.

Menu? Organic mixed green salad, Piri Piri chicken with potato croquettes and seasonal vegetable, and chocolate mousse with almond tuile for dessert.

Just before the busy holiday season kicks in, enjoy lunch with your AAUW friends.

Three things to do:

1. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Café Lucia
2. Please mail your \$25 reservation check payable to **B. Gruber** at 670 Bailhache Avenue, Healdsburg, 95448, so I receive it by Saturday, November 9.
3. Smile....you are all set to join the fun at Café Lucia.

Obrigada! (Thank you!), 431-8630,

b.gruber@comcast.net —Barbara Gruber

A condolence letter was sent to **Wendy Bertalon** this month upon the passing of her husband.

Sheila Kneass

Badges Needed by VIPs!

Many years ago we had round blue badges for AAUW volunteers to wear when they volunteered at various functions. The stash was sadly lost in a fire, and we are trying to collect as many as can be found for handing out to volunteers who do NOT have their AAUW name badge. Anyone who has a blue button AAUW Volunteer badge, please turn them in to **Pat Bertapelle** (pat@vbbn.com) so they are available for others. Thanks! —Pat Bertapelle

Wine-N-Dine!

This event, which has become very popular, will be held on November 8. If you would like to participate, as guest or hostess, please contact **Helle Siegert**, hellesiegert@aol.com, no later than Sunday, November 3.

—Helle Siegert

The Newest



Now is the time to join the newest book club of AAUW! We will be picking our books to read and discuss for 2014 at our November meeting. Please contact **Barbara Reid** for details. Hope to see you there!
blsreid@gmail.com —Barbara Reid

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—Gail Wright

Community Service

The Growing of a Program: CAREER CHOICES



Program coordinator Judy Edmonds; HHS counselor Elaine Watkins; CC student liaison Ethan Petereit; health care panel facilitator Carol Hazlett

Since its beginning in 2009 our **Career Choices** program has been steadily growing, helping students at Healdsburg High School in future career choices. AAUW first responded to a request from HHS when, due to 2008 budget cuts, their counseling staff was drastically reduced. **Judy Edmonds** and **Dee McGuffey** offered to help set up a program whereby students would be exposed to careers. **Todd** and **Leslie Evert** played a big part in its formation. Today Judy still coordinates the program.

Each year we provide a panel of experts in various fields such as engineering; culinary/hospitality; business; building trades; information technology/computers; etc. At each panel several interesting professionals come to talk to the students about educational requirements, salaries, and what to expect if they wish to pursue that line of work.

At the summer retreat president **Sue Campbell** asked all board members to present goals for the year. One of Judy's goals was to develop a student committee to support CC. Senior Ethan Petereit (see photo) agreed to be the coordinator and has done an amazing job in recruiting others to take part. With this student involvement there is an energy that is infectious. The school has been so supportive of **Career Choices**, telling us this program is making a difference at the school. This year they asked if we

would provide 10 panels instead of the eight we've done in the past. (Of course we would!) And they moved the program to block days, so we would have two hours to present the speakers instead of only one 50-minute period. The photo below shows the October Healthcare/Medicine panel. **Carol Hazlett** helps facilitate the speakers at the beginning introduction.

Students who are interested in the subject sign up in advance. To make the setting more intimate and easier for students to ask questions, each speaker sits at a table surrounded by 8-10 students. After



Carol Hazlett introduces health care panel: Angela Garcia Cook, Lisa Velasquez, Gary Alvey, Shawn Widick, Liz Lomax Pile, and Mark Blankenship.

10-15 minutes the students move to the next table so that everyone has a chance to interact with each of the speakers. This year we are averaging 60 students per panel!



Paramedic Gary Alvey answers students' questions

—Judy Edmonds



**Now is the time to
become a member
of the *Great
Decisions* discussion
group!**

**Our new year starts in
January. Sign up now!**

Our AAUW chapter Great Decisions discussion group has had another great year 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.

Each monthly topic includes articles by different people looking at an 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. We only have two more meetings this year and you are welcome to join us. However, if you would like to join the discussion group starting in January, we need to order a book for you. The cost of the book is approximately \$20. For more information, please contact **Nancy Haiston** at nhaiston@earthlink.net or 707/887-0222.

—Nancy Haiston

Chef's Squad Oktoberfest

The Chef's Squad celebrated in style with an Oktoberfest pot luck party on October 4 at the lovely home of **Elisa and Paul Musson**. We feasted our way through soft pretzels and mustard, followed by leek and potato soup, sausages, Wiener schnitzel, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, German green beans, cucumber and dill salad,



German potato salad, fresh red beet salad, rye bread, and more! The menu was topped off with desserts of apple strudel and German chocolate ginger cookies. The only thing missing was the beer! Wine drinkers we are! The Chef's Squad will be meeting in November for their next culinary delight. Please contact **Barbara Reid** for more details. blsreid@gmail.com

—Barbara Reid



**The October Cultural Event was a tour of the Geysers
sponsored by Calpine.**

—Lynda Guthrie

New Members



Marcia Fosberg has lived in Healdsburg for 11 years, but just recently joined AAUW. She retired 12 years ago from a prosthesis company based in southern California that she owned for 12 years “My

husband is in the pharmacy/medical industry, and when we bought the small prosthesis company, we started with 2-3 employees and ended up with 120.”

She attended Saddleback Junior College and the University of Connecticut but didn’t graduate because she was diagnosed with mononucleosis. “Then I went to work for the doctor who diagnosed me.”

She and her husband have traveled extensively, “Africa this year and Scotland, Nantucket, New Zealand; half business, half on our own.”

She enjoys sports—swimming, wind surfing, kayaking, skiing, and golfing. “I haven’t bungee jumped and never will!” She and her two daughters all enjoy marathon running. She also likes bridge and is interested in Tech Trek. Marcia also was involved with Junior League, National Charity League “where girls start in seventh grade to learn manners, and how to serve their community.”

“Healdsburg is beautiful, and the diversity of people here is compelling.” The friendly community has made it easy to meet so many new friends.”

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 433-5646

Cecile Peters came to Healdsburg a year and a half ago from Washington DC where she had served as director of the IT division of corporate finance with the Securities and Exchange Commission. She was in that position for five years, and previously acted for 12 years as a contractor on a system called “Edgar” for filing electronic communication. Upon retirement, she and her husband came here. She joined AAUW and now participates in a book club and plays bridge. She says that she’d like to become involved in technical pieces for Tech Trek.



Cecile graduated from Northwestern University with a BS in business administration, and received masters’ credits from the University of Denver. She grew up in Chicago, where she met her husband who was attending law school. After graduation, “We ended up at West Point where he was in the military police. That’s where I started becoming involved in technology with IBM.”

They have lived in Denver, Omaha, Williamsburg, Minneapolis, Wichita, and Phoenix. She has worked for Koch Industries: “It’s really a great company to work for!” She also worked for TRW, Lockheed, Northwest Grumman —“the ‘Beltway bandits— all the contractors that loop around DC.”

Her husband now manages a company that organizes charities. He is able to live anywhere he wants, but does travel frequently. “We are now building our “forever” home, and since our son is building it with us, it will truly become a forever home for the family.” —**Gloria Norton**

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