

October Speaker Series

Please note: day and location are different

**“Update on the Condition of our River”
Russian Riverkeeper Director, Don McEnhill**

**Tuesday, October 6
5:00 pm Social Gathering
5:30 pm Business
5:45 pm Speaker**

**Healdsburg High School Library
1024 Prince Street, at Powell
Healdsburg**

The meeting is open to the Public, please bring your friends.

We are lucky to have Don McEnhill back at our Speaker Series. He will bring us up to date on the condition of Russian River and its watershed. He will explain what his job entails.



Don is the Executive Director and Riverkeeper for *Russian Riverkeeper*, a Healdsburg based non-profit corporation. He works effectively with citizen groups, businesses, property owners and government agencies to safeguard this important resource.

He grew up near the Russian River, and spent summers at his family’s cabin on Fitch Mountain. He has served as the Riverkeeper for 12 years. His story of what has been done to enhance the well-being of our river is a fascinating one.



—Heidi Blumenthal



President's Message

This month I want to update the members on the changes in our AAUW Branch and the actions that were taken at the Board of Directors' annual retreat in August.

The Branch and the Fund

We now have two separate entities: the **Healdsburg Branch** of AAUW and Healdsburg AAUW Fund. You are members of AAUW (National), AAUW-CA, and the **Healdsburg Branch** of AAUW. Your \$94 in annual dues is apportioned among national, state, and branch. The **Branch** receives \$25 of the total. The dues cover our administrative costs and social activities.

Healdsburg AAUW Fund was established by the Board last year as a California corporation. It has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity which means that it is tax exempt and contributions to it are tax deductible by the donor. The officers and Board of Directors of the Healdsburg AAUW Fund are the same as the Officers and the Directors of the Branch who have been elected by the members of the **Branch**. All of our fundraising, i.e. Healdsburg Homes Tour, AAUW Forum, eScrip, and direct donations, will be done through this corporation. Healdsburg AAUW Fund will distribute its funds in accordance with the AAUW mission of providing scholarships for women and girls, and grants to local mission based educational programs.

In becoming members of AAUW we have joined an organization whose mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. All AAUW branches and affiliates, such as AAUW CA, are required to sign Affiliation Agreements with AAUW (national) and to obtain the approval of the branch's Bylaws. We have filed Affiliation Agreements for both of our entities. Each entity has a separate set of Bylaws which are on our website at <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net>.

In addition to being governed by the Affiliation Agreement and our Bylaws, the Board over the years has created a set of "**Branch Policies and Guidelines**" specific for our membership. They, too, are on the website and I urge you to take a look at them at least annually. They have been substantially revised to cover the two separate entities.

Highlights of the Retreat

- Reports from all Board Members on the work of their committees;
- Additional amendments to Branch Policies and Guidelines;
 - Raised the donation on death of a member to \$100 payable from the **Branch** to Healdsburg AAUW Fund and deleted \$35 contribution for death of a spouse;
 - Deleted the prohibition on advertising
- Reviewed budgets for the **Branch** and the Fund, and made preliminary decisions on allocation of funds;
- Created a policy on solicitation of memorial donations; and
- Approved a cultural outing and fundraiser to Oliver Ranch on October 25th.

—Ronnie Devitt

FUNDRAISING

AAUW historically has raised most of the money we give away in scholarships and grants from money generated by our annual **Homes Tour**. I want to tell you about the new ways in which we are expanding our fundraising arenas.

Now in it's second year, the **AAUW Forum** presents a unique opportunity for **AAUW** to give back to our community in two ways: (1) providing high quality, inexpensive lecture series open to all, and (2) using the money generated by the series to fund local education programs and scholarships.

Healdsburg AAUW Fund is a 501(c)(3) corporation through which donors may make tax deductible gifts to **AAUW**. Because we now have non-profit status, AAUW may once again earn rewards from the **eScrip** program. A wide range of merchants, both bricks and mortar and online, participate in **eScrip**. See **Kay Mattei's** article (below) to get information about enrolling in the **eScrip** program. When you sign up with the participating merchants you patronize, you help the Healdsburg AAUW **Fund** grow and enable AAUW to give even more to the community.

Direct Donations: You, your family, and your friends may now make tax-deductible donations to **Healdsburg AAUW Fund** for scholarships for girls and women, and local education programs. You will find a "donate" button on the **Healdsburg AAUW** website <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net> which will lead you to information about making donations. Consider honoring someone by making a donation in their honor or memory, or donating to help send a girl to Tech Trek.

You have many opportunities to support **Healdsburg AAUW's** mission-based giving. I encourage you to attend the **Forum** classes, sign up for **eScrip**, remember AAUW as you plan your yearly charitable donations, and get involved with **Homes Tour**.

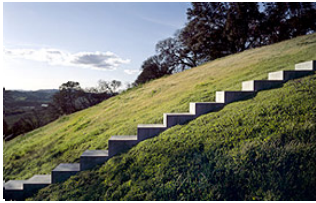
—**Janet Hoehn**, Chair, Fundraising

eScrip

eScrip is a fundraising effort accomplished through shopping at a variety of stores in person or online. Once AAUW is registered you will be notified. Until then, go online at escrip.com and see all the shopping opportunities available. We should be registered soon.

—**Kay Mattei**

SPECIAL CULTURAL OUTING & FUNDRAISER!



TOUR of OLIVER RANCH

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Our private bus will depart from Healdsburg Park & Ride at 9:15am,
and will also stop at Geyserville Park & Ride at 9:30am
No cars are permitted at the ranch; everyone must take the bus.

Tickets: \$100 per person - to benefit the Healdsburg AAUW Fund
Ticket sales are now open to members, spouses, and friends

Please join us for this rare opportunity to take a guided walking tour of the spectacular Oliver Ranch in Geyserville, home to 18 remarkable site-specific art installations by world-renowned artists - including the works pictured above by (L to R) Bruce Nauman, Roger Berry & Robert Stackhouse. The Olivers collaborated with well-known sculptors to create each one-of-a-kind installation, often over long periods of time, forging close personal relationships. Hear fascinating stories about the creative process and the ways in which each sculpture responds to the natural landscape. The tour is 2+ hours and involves hiking over moderate terrain - please wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Rain or shine. The ticket price will benefit the Healdsburg AAUW Fund, our new 501(c)(3) tax-deductible entity!

Steve and Nancy Oliver purchased the ranch in 1981 to graze sheep. Over the years, the property evolved gradually from sheep to sculpture ranch, a natural convergence of the Olivers' longstanding passion for art and deep connection to the land. The Olivers describe their adventures at the ranch, and with the artists, not so much as "collecting art", but as "collecting experiences." During his tenure as president of the board at SFMOMA in the mid 1990s, Steve was frequently approached to give tours of his property to benefit the museum. Realizing this was a fundraising tool for other non-profits as well, the Olivers now generously make a limited number of tours available for the benefit of non-profit organizations such as ours.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Please make checks payable to
"Healdsburg AAUW Fund" and mail to P.O. Box 1064, Healdsburg, CA 95448
(First come, first served!)

Questions? Please contact Winky Merrill at winkymerrill@gmail.com or 707-431-1550

—Winky Merrill



REMINDER

Healdsburg AAUW is launching the Fall 2015 season of our Forum with two courses.

- Chris O’Sullivan returns with Part One of an account of the ***Roosevelt Family***. (Part Two will kick off the Winter 2016 Season.)
- Kayleen Asbo will present a course on ***Key Romantic Composers***, combining lecture with performance at a grand piano.

Classes will take place at the Raven Theater, Healdsburg on Tuesday (for Chris O’Sullivan) and Thursday (for Kayleen Asbo) mornings, 10-11:30 AM, between October 6th and November 12th.

For more information go to the Forum home page at our **Branch** website, <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net> .

—Katherine Lacy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our various community service programs are stronger than ever this year. If there is a particular program you might be interested in helping with, or learning more about, this is the time to do it. Here’s how:

Career Choices – Working with high school students to help them focus on potential careers. At HHS we also may work with teachers at some individual classes.

Healdsburg: Contact Judy Edmonds jedmonds@sonic.net

Cloverdale: Contact Diane Bartleson dianebartleson@gmail.com

Reading Rocks – spending 45 minutes to an hour once a week helping 1st graders to read. This is done on a one-to-one basis. Must have fingerprints on file. There are lots of other opportunities at West Side, a K-6 school, for anyone who enjoys children and has at least 35 minutes once a week.

Healdsburg Elementary: Shally Schultz shally.schultz@gmail.com

West Side School: Denny Martin dkmartin7@gmail.com

Tech Trek – a one week science and technology camp held in July at Stanford for girls entering 8th grade. Our **Branch** usually sponsors 7 or 8 girls. Dorm mothers are usually needed.

For Tech Trek Selection Committee Contact Beverly Liberman beverlyliberman@gmail.com

To learn about or sign up to be a dorm mother contact Sue Campbell suecampbell21@aol.com

GEMS – An offshoot of Tech Trek, GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math & Science) helps mentor TT girls or others who are interested in STEM subjects. Often need drivers to drive girls on field trips.

Contact Julie Conklin juliebconklin@gmail.com or Nancy Renkiewicz nrenk333@aol.com

—Judy Edmonds

The Wine-N-Dine Season!

Our popular **Wine-N-Dine** events will be starting up again for the season in November. These dinners, held simultaneously at various member homes, are a great way to meet new people in the **AAUW**. All are welcome either as a couple or a single. Because there are anywhere from 6 to 10 people at each dinner party, it is easy to talk with everyone and get to know them better, while enjoying great food and wine!

This year the dates that we have planned for our **Wine-N-Dine** events are:

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Friday, January 29, 2016

Saturday, April 9, 2016

In mid-October, we will be sending out an email asking for volunteers to host the November 14th event. Once we line up hosts, we will send out an email asking if you would like to attend as a participant. Be on the lookout for these two email blasts if you want to take part either as a host or a guest.

Many of you know the rules for hosting a **Wine-N-Dine** event, however for our new members and those who need a reminder, here are the guidelines.

The host is responsible for:

- Organizing the dinner, choosing the arrival time, setting the menu (may be a theme if you like), setting the table, and asking the attendees to bring a course for the meal.
- Usually the host supplies the main course, however may choose any course. The host then asks the members of the group to each bring one of the additional dinner courses. (The courses usually included are an appetizer, a salad, a main dish, a side dish, and a dessert.) This may be modified depending on the number of attendees.
- Two singles may be asked to share a course, or each could supply one, depending on what is needed.
- Each “couple” should bring a bottle of wine or beverage of their choice.

During the evening, some hosts choose to let the conversation flow. Others ask the attendees to go around the table and talk about themselves. The hosts may organize the evening however they choose.

As the **Wine-N-Dine** season approaches, get ready for some fun times!

—Cher Frechette and Liz Loebel



Nov 4th Lunch Bunch at

Join us for a fun and unique *Lunch & Learn* experience including an interactive cooking demonstration, delicious food, take-home recipes, and good company at the **Relish Culinary Center**, located at **14 Matheson St, Healdsburg, CA 95448**.

We've planned a no-host meet-n-mingle from 12:00 to 12:30. Then, from 12:30-2:00, we'll enjoy our cooking demonstration and lunch featuring chicken, sides and dessert. Our hosts at Relish are providing us with this opportunity at the very special price of \$30 per person including tax and tip. (That's more than 50% off their typical rates!) White and red wine available for purchase or you can bring your own for a \$12/bottle corkage fee.

Because of the significant discount provided to us, it is critical that we have payment for a minimum of 30 attendees **well before** the deadline date of Wednesday, Oct 28!! ***If you have any major food restrictions, you must let us know at the time of your reservation.***

PLEASE make your reservations immediately and help us spread the word. Also, note: because of space restrictions, we can only accommodate 37 at this event.

Reserve your seat today by emailing **Mickey.Sarquis@miamioh.edu** or calling **Mickey** at 707-395-0260. **BE SURE TO include any dietary restrictions.** Make your \$30 check payable to Arlyne Sarquis and mail it to 1514 Lupine Rd, Healdsburg, 95448. Reservation AND check must be received by Wednesday, October 28.

—Mickey and Sharyn Sarquis

Happy Hour Thursday, October 15

We hope that you will join us at our upcoming Happy Hour at **Mill Creek Vineyards and Winery** in Dry Creek Valley. We will be bringing our own appetizers, and purchase wines by the glass. Because we will be located on the covered deck outside where we can enjoy the beautiful gardens, please plan to bring something to keep you warm if the weather promises to be cool that evening.

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Location: 1401 Westside Road
Bring: Appetizer
Wines: Available for Purchase: Whites \$5, Reds, \$7
Parking: Ample

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 11th, to Neita Comings at neitacomings@hotmail.com, or Cell 707-670-4320

We hope to have a wonderful turnout and look forward to seeing you! —Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

Healdsburg AAUW Facebook Page

All members are encouraged to visit the Healdsburg AAUW Facebook page and *Like us!* There you will find photos of members enjoying a variety of chapter sponsored events, information of upcoming activities: welcome to new members, sponsors of our chapter, and much more. It is a way to obtain concise information and photos within days of their happening....a tease for more in depth reporting later in the Grapevine.

How do you find and like the page?

If you have a personal Facebook page, enter Healdsburg AAUW in the search field. When our home page appears, click the *like* (thumbs up) tab.

If you do not have a personal Facebook page, look at the lower right on any page of the Healdsburg AAUW website, <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net> Just click the Facebook icon.

How do I post pictures from AAUW events I have attended?

Anyone attending an AAUW event can send a photo (jpeg format) to **Scarlett Wood** at allaboutennis@gmail.com. She will post the photograph(s) within three days. With the photos also include written highlights of the event.

Are members' photographs identified by name?

Members must give authorization before their photographs are identified.

If you have any other questions, please email them to Scarlett Wood, site administrator.

—Scarlett Wood

INTEREST GROUPS

HIKING CLUB AT LAKE SONOMA



—Yvonne Schell

MEMBERSHIP

The online directories are being updated again, and will be available late October. If your information in either of the directories is not correct, please note the changes and email them to **Deana Fusco** by October 15, 2015. Thank you.

Membership.fusco@gmail.com

—Deana Fusco

Updated Email Addresses

Barbara Covello barbcovello@gmail.com

If you are aware of an 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

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Terry Bloom terrybloom5@gmail.com

Karen Thomas 808kst@gmail.com

Erika Linn elinn@sonic.net

New members are the life blood of our organization, and the experience of a new friend is invaluable.

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

—Pat Bertapelle



NEW MEMBERS

Terry Bloom

Terry never planned to leave San Francisco even though she bought a home as an investment in Windsor years ago. Turns out Sonoma County started looking like a wonderful place to live. So, two plus years ago she moved into her home in Windsor. She's happily settled and loves being near her best friend who lives in Healdsburg. Terry hit the ground running aiming to find interesting things to do and people to meet.

Terry volunteered at the Healdsburg Senior Center for a year, joined a book club in Windsor, and the CA History Class & Music History Class at "The Villa". Now, she's taking a Spanish class at the Healdsburg Senior Center and is enrolled in the upcoming Forum classes.

She is a retired social worker and college instructor who chooses to give back to the community by volunteering. She volunteers at the Jewish Community Free Clinic located in Santa Rosa near Memorial Hospital. The staff includes doctors and nurses who offer care to the uninsured of all ages including physical examination, immunizations, and more. Care is available to whomever needs it with no questions asked. If you know of people who are in need of medical services, Terry hopes you will spread the word about the Free Clinic. She may well be one of their most enthusiastic volunteers!

Terry would enjoy meeting some single women friends. Perhaps some singles groups will pop up in Healdsburg AAUW. Let's see....how about a Weekly Breakfast Club, Matinee Mavens, or ????

Welcome to **Terry Bloom!**

—Barbara Gruber

Laura Kramer



So I'm looking at Laura Kramer's **AAUW** application before our profile interview.... Undergrad: Yale; medical school: Vanderbilt; residency: Harvard; occupation: psychiatrist. Hmmmm. So far we have nothing in common, and she'll probably be analyzing me, and then recommend that I continue seeing her for the next 25 years.

Laura laughed when I related my thoughts. "Actually," she said, "that's not unusual. For that very reason, one of my colleagues used to tell people she was a plumber!"

Laura just recently moved here from Boston with her husband, Stephen, and she is planning to establish herself here in her chosen field, which she describes as a holistic and complementary medicine practice. "For example, I believe in combining standard medical treatment with herbs and acupuncture."

Dr. Kramer has had thirty years of listening experience, and acknowledges that that's probably why she "holds back" and isn't comfortable talking about herself. But she's a wonderful conversationalist: we discussed IQs and multiple intelligences, women's issues (females are twice as likely as men to become depressed), and role changes. We moved on to house remodeling, rain and lawn care (different from Boston!), pendulum swings in both medical diagnoses and educational practices, and the many churches in Healdsburg.

Having grown up in St. Thomas, she hikes, swims, likes meeting people, attending art festivals, and supports women's issues. Also, she enjoys healthy eating and cooking. "However, the counterpoint to that is that I also like to bake....and I was known in my last book group for the chocolate desserts that I made for our meetings."

"I'd like to see you again," she said as we parted.

"Perhaps at the Kick-off?"

Absolutely!

—Sue Finan



40th Anniversary & Kick-Off Meeting

"Memories of Our History"

"In the Beginning, Getting Serious, Towards the Millennium, and Coming of Age"

Our speakers for the engaging and informative evening.....

Candy Danhausen, Jean Short, Judy Voigt, Nola Colbert, and Judy Edmonds



Introductions....



Getting Serious...



In the beginning....



Towards the Millennium....



Coming of Age....

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