



September Kick-Off Meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2013

5 to 7 p.m.

Jan Stanley's home

437 West Dry Creek Road Healdsburg

Why has our membership been growing so fast? It's because AAUW does everything in such a fun way, including our first get-together for the 2013-2014 season. **Jan Stanley** has graciously offered her beautiful home 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: Turn right onto West Dry Creek Road by Madrona Manor. Go about 1/4 mile, then turn left where you see the sign for Everett Ridge winery. Go through the gate and take an immediate left where you see the Stanley boulder. Follow the paved road (emphasis on paved) all the way to the top of the hill. You will pass a little vacation rental cottage along the way. Just in case...433-7729.

Your **RSVP** is very important in our preparation so we have enough wine glasses, etc. Please let either **Winky Merrill** winkymerrill@gmail.com 431-1550, or **Judy Widlow**, calgal10@gmail.com 473-0300, know by September 5. We look forward to seeing you there. **Pictures for the online directory will be taken!** *Don't forget to wear your name tags!*

—Winky Merrill and Judy Widlow

President's Message



It's September and time to kick off a new year of AAUW Healdsburg! I hope all of you had a fantastic

summer, and I look forward to seeing you all at the Kick-Off meeting on September 10 at **Jan Stanley's**. It should be informative and a lot of fun.

By the time of the Kick-Off, the board will have held its annual retreat. This year I'm trying something different by asking each board member to develop annual goals for her/his area. I will share those goals with you in the October *Grapevine*.

This year we also have the good fortune to have a record amount of Healdsburg Homes Tour proceeds to give away as scholarships, grants, and for community service projects: just over \$40,000. After the board approves our annual budget, we will share our intentions for those funds, though they will certainly include Santa Rosa Junior College, Tech Trek, Healdsburg Education Foundation, and AAUW. It's amazing to me to realize that since 1995 we have given away over \$280,000, including \$127,000 to SRJC, \$48,500 to Tech Trek, \$46,575 to HEF, and \$33,660 to AAUW Funds. We should all be proud of that, and appreciate what all our contributions of time and money to the Homes Tour enable us to do.

We're also about enjoying ourselves. Our interest groups are what attracts and retains our members. Bridge, books, hiking, and chefs

squad—practically all our members participate in at least one of them. And our social committee is busy putting together a full calendar of activities and events for us. That's what our \$20 branch dues go to (the rest goes to national and state).

So I hope we're all looking forward to a great year—of rewarding volunteer efforts as well as fun. See you at the Kick-Off! —**Sue Campbell**

IS YOUR PICTURE IN THE ON-LINE DIRECTORY?

We will be taking pictures at the September Kick-Off meeting, Tuesday, September 10. If you have not had your picture taken, come to the meeting and get your picture taken. If you are not sure if you are in the Directory, go to our website at <http://www.healdsburgaauw.com/MEMBERSHIP.html> and click on Personal Information. We hope to see all you **new members** at the meeting.



—**Liz Loebel**

Tech Trek Sponsor?

Do you know of a business, such as one with a science or tech focus, which might contribute to a girl's tuition to Tech Trek? The fundraising committee is beginning work and hopes for suggestions from the membership. Contact **Charlene Luks** at charneluvs@msn.com or 433-8005.

—**Charlene Luks**

Installation Luncheon in Elisa Musson's Garden



President Charlene Luks and Installation Luncheon hostess Elisa Musson



The new board for 2013-2014



New President Sue Campbell and out-going President Charlene Luks



First Fall Happy Hour!

Thursday, October 10

5-7 p.m.

Cher and Paul Frechette's Home
270 Appaloosa Trail
Healdsburg

Please join us for our first Happy Hour kicking off our AAUW year! It will be held at the beautiful home of **Cher and Paul Frechette**. If you are coming as a twosome, please bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine, or if single, either an appetizer or a bottle of wine. If you prefer a beverage other than wine, you are encouraged to bring one.

Directions: Coming north on Healdsburg Avenue, turn right on Parkland Farms Boulevard. Take the second left onto Appaloosa Trail and follow around in a semicircle to the right. Cher's home is the next to the last house on the right, a Tuscan gold stucco. Feel free to park in their driveway that accommodates 6-8 cars. Although carpooling is recommended, there is ample parking on Appaloosa Trail as well as on Canyon Run, the cross street at the end of the block.

Please RSVP to **Holly Schatz** at hollypschatz@gmail.com or phone 433-1358.

Your response is appreciated by October 3!

We look forward to what we hope is a great turnout!

—**Holly Schatz** and **Carol Hazlett**

September Cultural Event KAYAKING ON THE RUSSIAN RIVER Thursday, September 12, 10 a.m.

By popular demand, the second annual kayaking trip is coming soon! Let's meet at River's Edge Kayak and Canoe Trips "at the bridge" at 10 a.m. to do the half-day trip which takes two to three hours, with a picnic midway



at **Jean Short's** home on the river. The cost will be \$45 for a single kayak, \$80 for a double, and \$5 for the picnic lunch. Please mark the date on your calendar and let us know a.s.a.p. if you can come. **Lida Simmons** 431-2141 or **Lynda Guthrie** 236-0220.

News Flash!!! If you have your own kayak, you may bring it along on the bus. The charge will be \$20 for a single and \$30 for a double.

—**Lida Simmons** and **Lynda Guthrie**

AAUW Cultural Events



The Lunch Bunch, organized by **Barbara Gruber** met at Campo Fina at the end of May, and more recently at Shed. The next meeting will be November 14, at Café Lucia. More information will follow in the October newsletter.

AAUW COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Have you ever wondered why our branch is so popular? The answer has to be “the members.” And what makes so many outstanding individuals want to join this branch? I think the answer to that is that we offer so many activities: members can socialize, can exercise their bodies or their brains, and/or they can provide hands-on support to education. For years our branch has provided assistance to local schools and scholars. Not only does the substantial amount of money we raise from our annual homes tour go to Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) to local education programs and to scholarships, but we also volunteer at local schools and in the community.

Under the heading of **Community Services** our AAUW branch offers the following programs:

GEMS: Once girls return from the week-long Tech Trek camp we mentor them by taking them on interesting field trips, and introducing them to professional women in science and technology. Friends and other young girls who are interested in STEM subjects may also participate. Coordinators: **Victoria Toboni** and **Hala Al-Shawaney**.

Reading Rocks: Whether these volunteers were former teachers or not, they all love helping with the reading programs in grades K-2 by working one-on-one with the young students. Coordinator: **Shally Schultz**.

Career Choices helps high school students learn more about potential careers and what is needed to achieve them. Partnering with Rotary, we arrange for many professionals in various fields to visit Healdsburg High School 12 times during the school year. Coordinator: **Judy Edmonds**.

Expanding Your Horizons: In spring SRJC will host a one-day conference to help young women (and their parents) understand the importance of math and science. More than 400 students from Sonoma, Lake, and

Mendocino counties will participate. EYH Volunteer Coordinator: **Pat Bertapelle**.

Community VIPs: And just for fun, AAUW members may also volunteer to assist other non-profits, usually in once-a-year fundraising events such as fashion shows, the Jazz Festival, selling concessions at the Raven, etc. Coordinator: **Pat Bertapelle**.

It's true that Healdsburg AAUW stands for education. And also friendship and fun. You can't do better than that! —**Judy Edmonds**

EXCITEMENT AT COSTEAUX



Circle Thursday, September 19 on your calendar. That evening, at 5:30, Will Seppi has offered to open up the

Costeaux patio for us.

AAUW members, friends, and plain old community members are invited to a reception to help support our Tech Trek program. There is no set fee, but instead voluntary donations of \$5 are suggested.

Last year we had a wonderful time on the patio, and wound up raising \$1,000—enough for a scholarship for one girl to go to Stanford for a week of Tech Trek to learn about science, math, and technology!

Topel Winery, whose wines were so popular last year, said they would again pour their premium reds and whites, and **Debby Crapeau** is working on donations of cheese. As he did last year, Will said he'll donate some wonderful Costeaux bread.

For further information about the event you can contact **Debby Crapeau** or **Judy Edmonds**. There is need for a couple of people to collect donations. If you are interested, please contact **Sue Campbell**. —**Judy Edmonds**

Member News

Barbara Covello's Road trip to B.C., Canada

Don and I just got back from a driving-trip to Lake Okanagan, British Columbia, the city of Kelowna to be exact. The Lake Okanagan Valley offers an abundance of orchards and vineyards just like Sonoma County. There are around 150 wineries with tasting rooms in the area. Most of the grapes planted are from Germany or Austria, so we were able to taste wines that we were not familiar with such as Rotberger, Ehrenfelser, Siegerrere, Baco Noir, and Morechel Foch. The whites, such as Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer, are plentiful. Also grown is Pinot Noir, but it is much simpler than our own from the Russian River Valley. The lake itself is huge, 98 miles in length, and is very beautiful with clear blue water. There are swimming beaches and boating docks; in other words, it is a boaters' paradise. It also seems that this area is the golfing capital of Canada. There are so many courses you could not play all of them in a two-week period. We found out that there are numerous ski resorts with breathtaking views that serve beginners to experts. In October the Okanagan hosts a week-long wine festival with numerous wine events at various venues. Since we were there only six days, we would like to go back in October. We did not get to experience one-half of what this area offers, but it was very enjoyable. The city of Kelowna is much larger than we imagined a "resort" town would be...it was more a functioning city with every service available. It was hard to find a souvenir shop to speak of. Next time we will try to stay on the lakeshore. It is so ocean-like that we felt as if we were in Hawaii.

—Barbara Covello

The Corresponding Secretary Reports

A card was sent to **Liz Loebel** who recently had shoulder surgery and is doing very well, absolutely "unsinkable."

Also a thank you note was sent to an anonymous donor in appreciation of a donation to the AAUW Scholarship Fund in memory of **Sally Lyle**.

—Sheila Kneass

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS...

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(note: 433-2370 is no longer operational)

Barbara Gruber (707) 536-7034

—Gail Wright

New Members



Diane Burnley

Diane is a retired elementary school teacher. She taught second to fifth grades for 25 years. She also coached new teachers in the Pittsburgh and Martinez area as well as setting up reading rooms at schools that involved parents reading to children. "Books are a leveling theme," she adds. She still does substitute teaching, currently in Martinez, and tutors part time. She graduated from Cal State University in Hayward with a fifth year California Teaching Credential, and from St. Mary's College in Moraga with a Reading Specialist Credential.

She and her husband have owned a house in Healdsburg for five years that they used mostly weekends, but they now are here half-time. Her husband is a landscape contractor, with a focus on green waste, such as mulching, composting, and sending waste back to the soil.

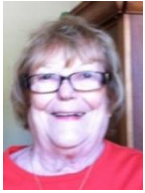
Diane plans to join a book club, and is interested in the Reading Rocks and Tech Trek programs. "I also am interested in activities that support women in education." Other interests include quilting, needlework, and sewing. "I used to weave and am thinking about it again." She also enjoys hiking and kayaking. She and her husband go to Hawaii once a year and have traveled in London, southern Italy, and Brazil.

Pamela Glasscock



In 1992 Pamela and her husband moved to Freestone after living 20 years in New York City. She is an artist who specializes in botanical subjects, particularly flowers. "I don't think of myself as a botanical illustrator, but very close, although not necessarily scientifically." She became acquainted with AAUW when the hiking group went to Pepperwood Preserve on one of their outings. Pamela had produced a full-color illustration for the cover of Pepperwood's spring newsletter and was at the site where she met the hikers. "I enjoyed meeting the group and became interested in so many of AAUW's activities that I joined right away." Pamela is a Stanford graduate of 1972 where she majored in art. She has since had major shows at the New York Academy of Science, the Susan Cummings gallery in Mill Valley, and galleries in Oakland, Sun Valley, and Santa Rosa. She is currently working with a gallery in Saint Helena. Her husband is also an artist who likes to work with large oil landscapes. They both work on their art full time. "It's unusual for two artists living together to get along and do well. We work in different ways, and each of us has a studio, so we respect each other's privacy." Besides their mutual interest and careers in art, they enjoy opera, hiking, the outdoors, literature, and music. They have recently traveled to Russia, as the younger of their two sons married a Russian woman; and though the couple is based in Oakland, the trip enabled Pamela and her husband to meet their daughter-in-law's family while enjoying the trip. As a hobby Pamela enjoys chamber music and plays the piano and harpsichord. She is looking forward to hiking and book club, as well as other AAUW activities.

Kay Kline and her husband moved to Healdsburg in 1997 after his retirement from Lockheed in Florida, although Kay says she retired from a career in elementary education when they moved to Florida. “My husband traveled a lot with his job, so we took the opportunity to travel together to many interesting places, and continued our travels after his retirement.” She said they particularly enjoyed Ireland and Bermuda. Kay is very actively involved as a master gardener, and enjoys theater productions of all sorts. She has a son and daughter in Monterey, another daughter in Chico, and seven grandchildren. One of her granddaughters was selected to go to Tech Trek in Davis. “She absolutely loved it, and is now putting together a presentation of her impressions for our AAUW.” Kay is also involved with the League of Women Voters and in church activities. She says she’s planning to become more involved with her other interests, which include book clubs and bridge. “Right now I belong to three book clubs; I read constantly. After my husband passed away in November, I really didn’t feel like doing much; but now I see that staying busy helps.” She had belonged to AAUW in other cities, but just recently joined the Healdsburg chapter, and is enjoying the opportunity to do more with the group. Kay graduated from St. Mary’s University in Zaviar, Kansas where she majored in education and music. “My favorite instrument was piano, but a while back I started losing interest; it just didn’t come as easy to keep up, so I gave my piano to my daughter. I have a young grandson who is remarkable for his musical ability; he can play just about any instrument you put before him!”



“Laura Moore joined AAUW in April after living in Healdsburg three years in a home she bought ten years ago. She retired from Northridge Grumman in Sunnyvale where she had been a business manager supporting engineering groups. She had been in the tech and pharmaceutical industries in Silicon Valley previously. Laura attended San Jose State, and then achieved her MBA in Business Administration from Golden Gate University. She then worked for a pharmaceutical company, but when it was bought out by Johnson and Johnson, she and many other employees were laid off. “I was lucky to get another job at age 50+ at Northridge Grumman which later merged with TRW, but I remained eligible for their pension so I was able to retire at 62.” She enjoys jazz and AAUW hiking. Recent travels include a visit to Washington, D.C., going to Vermont and New Hampshire, and to Boston visiting friends. Even though she’s had no new trips abroad, she has traveled over Europe and South America and to Sicily to visit relatives. “I enjoy traveling and I find it great to go with company you enjoy.” She also enjoys major wine events and a wine club, as well as exercising at venues here in Healdsburg. “I really haven’t yet found everything that’s open to me since I joined AAUW, but I’m looking forward to hiking and discovering more about the organization’s many activities.” She has done volunteer activities at the senior center and the Jazz Festival. Since moving here she says “I get a lot of visitors, so I always have a picnic basket packed!” —**Gloria Norton**



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