



# The Grapevine

Healdsburg Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, research  
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## Healdsburg Homes Tour

Sunday May 6, 2018

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



### SAVE THE DATE!

The May 6<sup>th</sup> **2018 Healdsburg Homes Tour** promises to be another successful tour. We have six beautiful homes, all within walking distance of the Healdsburg Museum.

This event is the main fundraiser for our **Healdsburg AAUW**, so we hope you **all** will be able to contribute to its success. There are many ways to do this including volunteering to work at the event as a docent or another event position. (There will be signups available on our **AAUW Website** beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>). You can also underwrite an advertisement for your company or join the list of supporters (**contact Kate Van Ness**). Of course, attending the event is the most important contribution of all. Please buy your tickets and consider buying extra for family and friends.

Remember, this event benefits our local community, especially women and young girls, who are given scholarships and grants to enhance their education. At the same time, the **2018 Healdsburg Homes Tour** highlights our beautiful community. Mark your calendars!

—Carlene Reininga and Johanna Lieblein, Co-Chairs    **2018 AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour**



## *Our President's Message*

The headlines are quieter and the ongoing work of fire recovery continues. As mentioned in my previous articles, your Board has been investigating how we could support those recovery efforts within our **AAUW** charter. At the January Board meeting we voted to donate \$5000 to the 4th Early Learner Conference at SRJC. The purpose of the conference is to inspire, engage, and educate early childhood professionals. Our donation will provide scholarships to providers and educators who were affected by the fires.

As of the 2017-2018 membership renewals, our Branch membership stands at 190 and continues to climb. And, our Branch calendar continues to be full of fundraising activities to support our philanthropic goals, plus social events and Interest groups for our many members. Given the size of our Branch, it takes many hands (board positions, committee chairs, and committee members) to make all this happen. While it may seem that our fiscal year has just started, we are past the 6th month mark for this year. Our Nominating Committee will soon start approaching members to fill those positions for next year so that we can continue to do the things we do so well. Whether you are a long time member who hasn't had a recent opportunity to take on one of these positions, or a newer member who also hasn't had the opportunity to serve, I ask that you be open to seriously considering the "job opportunity " that may come your way. Or better yet, contact our Nominating Committee Chair, **Linda Clark**, and put your name out there. The Branch needs you.

Did you know it?

**AAUW** supported the first federal pay equity act legislation in 1905; helped pass the **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act**, signed into law in 2009 by President Obama. **AAUW** representatives were in the room when the bill was signed. In 2015, **AAUW** helped provide the research and language for **California's Pay Equity Act**, one of the strongest pay equity laws in the nation.

Recent news coverage suggests that there is still plenty of work to do in this area.

— **Nancy Haiston**



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE  
& ENRICHING THOUGHT

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SPRING FORUM**

**CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 20 AND 22**

**10:00 – 11:30 AM**

Beginning on Tuesday, March 20, Douglas Kenning presents his fascinating **History of Sicily ("Here lies the key to everything" Goethe 1787)** Who doesn't love Italy!

On Thursday, March 22, David McCuan returns to Forum with a lecture entitled **Guns vs. Butter: One Year into the Trump Presidency.**

Signups for these classes begin on February 13. To register, please go to **[www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net](http://www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net)** and fill out the registration form. The cost for each six week course is \$95. (non-refundable and non-transferable). Classes are held at Raven Performing Arts Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg.

—submitted by Sharyn Sarquis

**HEALDSBURG AAUW, SANTA ROSA AAUW, AND HEALDSBURG SOROPTIMISTS  
PRESENT:**

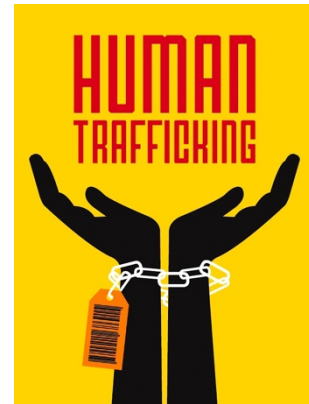
*Special Program!*

**“Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery in  
Plain Sight”**

**March 7 at 7pm**

**Raven Film Center**

**415 Center Street in Healdsburg**



**It is a tough topic.** And we might find it challenging to get up from our comfy couches on a Wednesday evening to attend this program. Which is why it is important to come – to educate ourselves about something that we may think is a distant problem...

The truth is that human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that claims an estimated 21 million victims globally. It is a profound violation of human rights, disproportionately affecting women and girls. Traffickers use violence and coercion to manipulate victims into engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against their will. And it is happening everywhere. Even here in Sonoma County.

We will show an hour-long film – *Not My Life* – that touches on human trafficking in all corners of the world. Afterward, we will have three speakers from the Sonoma County Task Force on Human Trafficking: Katherine Hargitt is the founder of the Task Force and a licensed clinical psychologist in Glen Ellen; Elizabeth Quiroz is a trafficking survivor; and Chris Castillo is Director of Verity, a Santa Rosa non-profit that works with victims of sexual abuse. We will learn about the current laws, how our Task Force is working to combat this industry locally, how to recognize the signs to watch for and how to report it.

**Healdsburg AAUW** is teaming up with the **Santa Rosa AAUW** and the **Healdsburg Soroptimists** to bring this program to our community. It is free and open to the public. We will have refreshments\* and we encourage you to bring spouses, friends or neighbors. **Note that this program will be held at the Raven Film Center – not the Raven Theater!**

\*If you are willing to bring cookies, brownies or fruit, please contact me. Thanks!

— Winky Merrill, AAUW Programs [winkymerrill@gmail.com](mailto:winkymerrill@gmail.com) 707-431-1550

## PUBLIC POLICY

### California Legislative Summary from the 2017 Session

The California Legislature concluded its work by the September 15 deadline, and sent bills to Governor Brown's desk. Of the 16 bills on which AAUW CA took positions, the following were passed and signed by the governor:

- AB 23 Single Gender Schools in LA (**AAUW CA** opposed)
- AB 46 Equal Pay Laws cover Public Employees
- AB 168 Employer Cannot Request Prior Salary History from Job Applicant
- AB 273 Low Income Parents who are English learners or GED students eligible for subsidized child care
- AB 643 Provides for Instruction to grades 7-12 on Dealing with Abusive Relationships
- AB 1111 Programs to Remove Barriers to Employment
- AB 1615 Prohibits Gender-Based Pricing for Services
- SB 31 Prohibits Disclosure of Religious Affiliation by state agencies to federal government
- SB 63 Expands Parental Leave Benefits

These bills did not pass out of the Legislature and may be reconsidered in 2018:

- AB 227 Education Incentives for CalWORKS
- AB 992 Baby Wellness Program for CalWORKS Families
- SB 224 Personal Rights: Sexual Harassment
- SB 270 Human Trafficking: Recognition and Reporting
- SB 320 Medication Abortion in Campus Health Centers
- SB 436 STEM Professional Teaching Pathway

Governor Brown vetoed SB 169, which would have codified Title IX federal law and regulations into California law. This is of great concern to **AAUW CA** given the importance of Title IX in our organization, especially since Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has very recently systematically done away with many of the enforcement tools in the federal regulations. In his veto statement, Governor Brown commented, "I am not prepared to codify additional requirements in reaction to a shifting federal landscape." He further stated, "I strongly believe that additional reflection and investment of time in understanding what is happening ...will help us exercise due care in this complex arena, I intend to convene a group of knowledgeable persons who can help us chart the way forward." **AAUW CA will be watching!**

— Submitted by **Michele St. Clair**

## PUBLIC POLICY, continued

### Time's Up

I hope many of you were able to read the January 1 open letter in the NY Times by Times Up, a group of women in media and entertainment fighting for respect, equity and fairness for women in all industries.

To quote the article:

“Unfortunately, too many centers of power – from legislatures to boardrooms to executive suites and management to academia – lack gender parity and women do not have equal decision-making authority. This systemic gender-inequality and imbalance of power fosters an environment that is ripe for abuse and harassment against women. Therefore, we call for a significant increase of women in positions of leadership and power across industries. In addition, we seek equal representation, opportunities, benefits and pay for all women workers, not to mention greater representation of women of color, immigrant women, bisexual, and transgender women, whose experiences in the workplace are often significantly worse than their white, cisgender, straight peers. The struggle for women to break in, to rise up the ranks and to simply be heard and acknowledged in male-dominated workplaces must end; time’s up on this impenetrable monopoly.”

Yes, it’s time that women achieve parity to men in many areas, including pay. That’s what our annual **Equal Pay Day “celebration”** is all about. So, if you agree that “time’s up” on this issue, please help us get the word out on **Equal Pay Day, April 10, 2018**. We need help selling Equal Pay Day cookies in Healdsburg, Windsor and Cloverdale, writing articles for our local papers and attending our local city council meetings to request Equal Pay Day proclamations and endorsements.

To volunteer, please contact Sue Campbell at [suecampbell21@aol.com](mailto:suecampbell21@aol.com) or (510)295-5189.

—Sue Campbell

### COMMUNITY SERVICE: **SPEECH TREK**

**Healdsburg AAUW’s Annual Speech Trek competition** will be held on Thursday, February 22, 5:00-8:00pm, in the Healdsburg High School Library.

This year’s **Speech Trek** participants are high school students from Windsor, Healdsburg, and Cloverdale High Schools.

The 2017-2018 Contest Topic is the following:

**How can we stand up to sexism? What can I do as an individual, what can organizations like AAUW do to break down stereotypes and biases in school, in the military, at work, and in our communities?**

All interested **Healdsburg AAUW** members are invited to attend, and hear the speeches of these students who are dedicated to making a difference for all genders.

—Diane Burnley and Hillary Kambour

## Social Events

### Post-Valentine's Day Happy Hour

We hope you will join us for our first happy hour of the year! The details of our celebration the day after Valentine's Day are below:

**When:** Thursday, February 15, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

**Location:**

We will be at **Breathless Wines**, a new champagne winery in Healdsburg. Located at 499 Moore Lane, it is a block west of SHED, and off North Street, west of Healdsburg Avenue.

**Key Info:**

**Breathless** has two small adjoined tasting rooms that will "cozily" accommodate about 40 and also a very nice area outside with seating and heaters. With weather unpredictable mid-February, there is a good probability we will locate food outside in a small covered area and we might choose to go outside for more space. Please bring a warm wrap. If it rains, we will need to be flexible, and, although there are umbrellas, bringing one might be advisable.

**Bring:**

1. Cash to purchase: Champagne by the glass for \$ 9, and/or by the bottle at 25% discount. These include: Brut (\$18.75), Blanc de Noir (\$22.50), Brut Rose (\$24)
2. An appetizer or dessert. We will let you know in advance if outlets are available for those who would like to bring soup or chile in a crockpot.

**We hope to have a great turnout. An RSVP request will be sent two weeks before the party!**

— Carol Hazlett and Neita Comings

And.....

Please join us at..... the **AAUW Lunch Bunch Luncheon**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

12:00 Noon

**Tisza Bistro**

8757 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor, CA 95492 (In the Holiday Inn at Windsor)

**Menu**

Lentil Salad with Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Grilled Salmon filled with Caramelized Leek & Vermouth Cream Sauce

Whole Roasted Chicken with Fingerling Potatoes

Includes choice of Iced or Hot Tea, Coffee or Soft Drink

Wine available for an additional charge

**\$30 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity**

If you plan to attend, please send a check for \$30, made out to "Karen Thomas" at 233 Grant St., Healdsburg 95448

Please RSVP by March 5

For more information contact **Karen Thomas** at (808) 344-1592 or [808kst@gmail.com](mailto:808kst@gmail.com)

# LOCAL Educational Opportunities....Supportive of AAUW Interests

## HEALDSBURG MUSEUM PRESENTS



*She Persisted* highlights notable women and women's organizations in local history. Their colorful lives and significant achievements in the 19th and early 20th centuries helped shape the character of our community.

ISABELLE SIMI c1920s



JOSEFA



HEALDSBURG SUFFRAGISTS - c1911



CARILLO



221 Matheson St. Healdsburg, CA 95448 (707) 431-3325

[www.healdsburgmuseum.org](http://www.healdsburgmuseum.org)

WED - SUN 11:00 - 4:00

ADMISSION ALWAYS FREE

— Ronnie Devitt

**AND...**

### HOOPLA

Have you been to the Library and asked yourself, "What's all this Hoopla about? And Axis 360?"

Wonder no longer: Librarian Vicki Chavea will explain both of these great APPS on **Thursday, February 8**, from **2:00 - 3:00** at the **Windsor Library**.

This presentation is sponsored by a Santa Rosa AAUW Book Group. Call Sue Finan for more information.

— Sue Finan



**LOCAL Educational Opportunities....Supportive of AAUW Interests**  
(continued)

**Please join AAUW Santa Rosa**

**in honor of Women's History Month, for a trip to the**

**Rosie the Riveter Home Front Museum**  
**on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**



The iconic Rosie with her bandana and muscles is known to all of us as a symbol of women involved in the war effort during WW II. Middle class women were actively recruited for manufacturing, sports leagues, and community institution positions in large cities. This did not come without a price. There were more home front casualties than military deaths in the early 1940's. Richmond, California had a large very productive shipyard. It now boasts a beautiful newly constructed museum honoring working American women.

We will carpool from Montgomery Village, meeting under the Chuck Wagon on Farmers Lane at 9:00. A presentation will begin at 10:00 to ready you for the museum visit. We will lunch at 11:30 in the Assemble Restaurant overlooking the beautiful San Francisco Bay. Admission to the museum is free.

If you would like to join us please email [rosie.with.aauw@sonic.net](mailto:rosie.with.aauw@sonic.net) by Feb. 26th. For more information please call Judy Hudson at 707-568-5010 or Kathleen Riley Bennett at 707-975-9016.

**(Addresses for your GPS:** The Visitor Education Center is located at: [1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, in Richmond, CA](#). Montgomery Village, Lucky Grocery store, 915 Village Ct, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 )

**— Kathleen Riley Bennett**

## MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in being a 'Buddy' for a new member please contact **Pat Bertapelle**, [pat@vbbn.com](mailto:pat@vbbn.com) .....New members are the life blood of our organization, and the experience of a new friend is invaluable!

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify **Maria Lucidi** so that a card can be sent to the person or family from **AAUW**. [mlucidi5@gmail.com](mailto:mlucidi5@gmail.com) or (707) 838-1483.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Occasionally the email and/or website links do not work for some of our **AAUW** members.

If this occurs

- For emails, go to your own email site and type in the email address
- For websites, go to Google and type in the website address

We apologize for this inconvenience; however, we have been unsuccessful in correcting this occasional glitch.

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