

## **AAUW FORUM** Presents

### **FRENCH RHAPSODY:**

### **ART AND MUSIC OF TURN OF THE CENTURY PARIS**

**KAYLEEN ASBO, PhD.**

**Tuesdays, January 9 – February 13, 2018**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**

**THE RAVEN THEATER, North St, Healdsburg**



If you have ever wondered what it would have been like to have experienced the cultural life of Paris during La Belle Epoque (late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries), this is the course for you. Come to the Raven Theatre and learn about the heady atmosphere of creativity and collaboration that existed in Paris at the turn of the last century.

Dr Kayleen Asbo says, “I absolutely love what happens in the art and music in this period. It seems like it’s a bridge between an older world and our modern world. With the pivotal event of the World’s Fair, suddenly we have [the introduction of] Asian influences...a nexus between the old world, the new world, East and West, all happening in Paris in this one short period of time. We will see that in Monet’s “Water Lilies”, for example, but we will also hear it in Debussy’s music where we get this expanded color palette in both sound and sight that opens up new vistas of imaginative possibilities.

“Another thing that I find fascinating about this particular time is how so cross-disciplinary it is. ... We find that the people have these circles of relationships: the writers and artists influence the composers and the composers influenced them. It went back and forth between the disciplines in a really exciting, creative, fruitful way. We will see this as we explore the salons of Gertrude Stein and the Princess de Polignac, where the bringing together of different creative types really sparked their imaginations.” They also lived in close proximity: “In the very same block in the Montmartre district you had Renoir’s studio next to Eric Satie’s, which was right next to Suzanne Valadon’s. They were all intimately interwoven”.

Each week, using multimedia, Dr Asbo will offer pairings of musicians and artists who had a collaborative relationship. For example, Eric Satie composed the music for the ballet “Parade”, and Picasso designed its sets and costumes.

Kayleen Asbo’s enthusiasm for her subject is contagious and if you have attended either the Santa Rosa Symphony or the San Francisco Opera, where she gives the pre-performance talks, then you are already familiar with her energetic and informative teaching style. She is an accomplished musician with impressive academic credentials. Few professors bring such a strong combination of passion for and deep knowledge of their subjects to their courses.

—Sharyn Sarquis



## Our President's Message

Our Social Activities team and volunteers put on a fun Holiday Party in December as a great end to 2017. Thank You! The new venue easily accommodated our large group. I hope that everyone was able to visit with old friends and meet our new members.

So, welcome to 2018! Our branch will have lots happening as always. Keep your eye on the **Grapevine** and **eBlasts** to stay in touch with the latest.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In October, all **California AAUW** members were asked to vote to return the **California AAUW** organization to a public benefit corporation from its current status as a mutual benefit corporation. California legal requirements required a unanimous vote. Out of 3160 votes cast, 26 members voted 'no' so the measure failed. A re-vote has been scheduled for January 9 –11, 2018. For more information, please read the FAQ piece on the **CA AAUW website**. (<http://www.aauw-ca.org/articles-incorporation-revote/>) If you have any questions, send your questions in writing to [governance@aauw-ca.org](mailto:governance@aauw-ca.org). This process has already cost State over \$10,000 and over 250 volunteer hours. Bottom line is that if a second vote fails, and the Commissioner of the Securities Division denies the State's appeal, the only option will be to dissolve and reform a new corporation – a costly and time-consuming process. We cannot remain aligned with **AAUW National** unless we are a public benefit corporation. **PLEASE VOTE, and PLEASE VOTE 'YES'.**

Last month I mentioned that in 2015, **AAUW** made over 1200 congressional office visits. While at the National Convention in June, I also was able to participate in what is called "Capitol Hill Lobby Day". "Lobby Day" is open to all and since the date aligned with our National Conference in D.C., **AAUW** was able to participate in force addressing two of **AAUW's** top priorities: Title IX and women's student debt. The number of **AAUW** members from California was quite large, so we met with representatives of Senators Harris and Feinstein in the atrium of the Senate building. The group to meet with Representative Huffman was much smaller (5 of us) so we were able to meet in his office. It was a fascinating experience.

### Did you know?

**AAUW** helped pass the Family Medical Leave Act in 1993.

— Nancy Haiston



**SAVE THE DATE**

## **AAUW's 28<sup>th</sup> Healdsburg Homes Tour**

Open the door to a mid-19<sup>th</sup>  
Century farmhouse and  
gardens located in the heart of  
Historic Healdsburg.

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**MAY 6, 2018**

**10:00 – 4:00**

All six homes within  
walking distance

**TICKETS ON SALE**

**MARCH 1, 2018**

[www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net](http://www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net)

\$45 advance / \$50 at event



Great News! Yvonne Schell and **Debbie Potmesil** have successfully contracted with six generous owners to open their beautiful homes for our May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **AAUW Homes Tour** Event. And there's more...All of the homes are within easy walking distance of the Healdsburg Museum. Thank you to the generous homeowners and to our A-Team - **Yvonne and Debbie!**

Home Sponsors and Program Advertisers are actively being solicited by **Kate Van Ness** and her team. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please contact Kate.

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

# OUR NEXT.....*CULTURAL EVENT*

## BEACH BLANKET BABYLON



Do you like women in hats?

Really, really big hats?

Hats big enough to carry a whole tableau of San Francisco?

Do you like women indulging in really funny political satire while wearing really, really big hats?

Then join us and chase the winter doldrums away on our next Cultural Trip to North Beach on **Sunday, January 28, 2018**. We will first have **brunch at Park Tavern** in lovely Washington Square Park. We'll then walk the several blocks over to the **Beach Blanket Babylon** theatre for a **matinee performance** of their famous low-brow high jinks.

**Tickets are \$55 per person.** We will have our own table at brunch starting at 11:30 where you can order from the menu and pay individually prior to our 2pm performance. There is a limit of 20 on this trip, and spouses/friends are welcome to join. Contact: Jean Norelli, [norelli@sonic.net](mailto:norelli@sonic.net) to reserve your place, and follow with your check made out to: **Healdsburg AAUW for \$55**, mailed to Jean at 729 Wright Street, **Santa Rosa**, 95404. We look forward to seeing you there!

— Jean Norelli and Ann Mahoney

# POLITICAL ACTION

## *Special Program!*

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

**March 7 at 7pm**

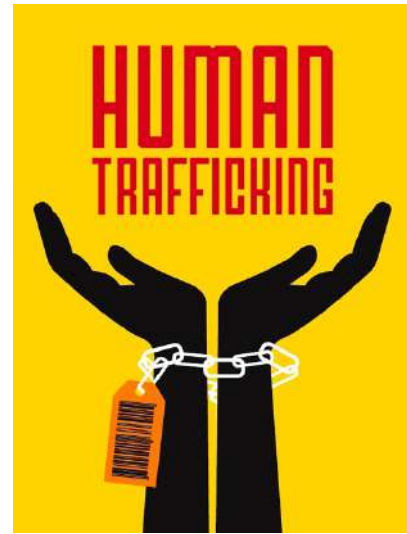
**Raven Film Center**

**415 Center Street in Healdsburg**

What is human trafficking? How does it impact you and me? Does it happen here in Sonoma County? Our Healdsburg AAUW Branch is teaming up with Santa Rosa AAUW and the Healdsburg Soroptimists to educate our community about this growing problem.

Please join us on March 7 to view the award-winning film “Not My Life”, narrated by Glenn Close. A panel discussion led by Katherine Hargitt, the Chair and Founder of the Sonoma County Task Force on Human Trafficking, will follow. You will:

- Learn about various types of human trafficking happening globally.
- Hear a survivor’s story.
- Become informed about trafficking taking place in Sonoma County.
- Learn about the laws in place in California and hear how our County’s Task Force is working to combat this exploitative industry locally.
- Recognize the signs to watch for and how to go about reporting it.



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. Human trafficking is consistently underreported due to its covert nature, low community awareness, lack of law enforcement and the blaming of victims.

**This program is free and open to the public.**

**Bring your friends and neighbors.**

—submitted by Winky Merrill, Healdsburg AAUW Program Chair

## **EQUAL PAY DAY**

**WANTED:** Volunteers for our **EQUAL PAY DAY COMMITTEE**. **Equal Pay Day** will be celebrated on April 10<sup>th</sup> this year, and we would like to make sure we maximize its visibility in our community. If you’d like to help, which might include working with our local city councils and retailers, selling cookies, writing letters to our local newspapers, and other activities, please contact **Sue Campbell** at [suecambell21@aol.com](mailto:suecambell21@aol.com) . We will be starting up in January, 2018.

—Sue Campbell

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### GEMS

We have a **new chair for the GEMS program - Vicki Pearson** who was VP of Regulatory Affairs in the Aortic and Regulatory business of Medtronic until her recent retirement. Not only is she knowledgeable about the requirements for a successful career in engineering, math and science, she also brings to the role of chair enthusiasm and dedication to acquainting young girls through field trips and gatherings, and to the rewards of choosing to pursue one of these fields of endeavor. We are very lucky to have found Vicki to take on this challenge.

Thanks also to **Linda Clark** who suggested I ask Vicki to become chair and to **Victoria Tobini** who, as a past chair of this program, really helped in informing **Vicki** about the program.

### READING ROCKS - WESTSIDE SCHOOL

We also have a **new chair for Reading Rocks at West Side - Pat Bertapelle**, who has well served **AAUW** in many roles over the years. She has already (as you will see in her Grapevine article) organized the distribution of school supplies and books to the 1st graders at Westside. It's great to see this level of dedication to helping children at this all-important stage of learning to read.

—Dee McGuffey

### READING ROCKS at West Side School

West Side School is a “gem in the woods”. The TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade school is tucked away in the heart of wine country and attended by locals and transfers who prefer a small, independent, family-oriented school that offers so much more than a larger district can give. **AAUW** services the sweet first graders with reading tutors through a program called **Reading Rocks**. Once a week for an hour, the tutors meet with the students on a one-to-one basis to assist them with the joy of reading. We could use some more volunteers for this endearing program. Fortunately, we have three active and readily available subs if you find that once/week commitment is too confining. It is also possible to



“share” the weekly duties with another member and trade off as availability permits. If you are interested in finding out more, contact **Pat Bertapelle** ([pat@vbbn.com](mailto:pat@vbbn.com)) for details. You will be given a full orientation and tour of the school as well as an introduction to the first-grade teacher and her students. Our annual holiday book give-away happened recently, and the students were overjoyed! An overheard comment, “I really get to keep this book forever and ever?” **Thank you, Miss Denny, Miss Pat and Miss Judy!**”

— Pat Bertapelle

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Reading Rocks, continued . . . December Book Gifting, and More!



December is the most wonderful time of the year for many **AAUW** members. This is the time that the Reading Rocks volunteers, along with several helpers, give away a book to each child in first grade classrooms at Healdsburg Elementary School, and West Side School.

In Reading Rocks a number of branch members commit an hour a week to help local first grade students with their reading. This one-on-one program has proven to dramatically increase a student's reading ability and comprehension, at a time when it is most needed.



Several years ago **Reading Rocks** program leader **Shally Schultz** had the idea of rewarding each student with a book of her or his own during the holidays. This became especially poignant when we can see that for many of the students it is the first book they have ever owned.

The students could hardly contain themselves when they came to choose their books, and the teachers were incredibly grateful. Even the school librarian came by to tell us what an amazing gift this is, and how the students benefit.



— **Judy Edmonds**



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## FUTURE PREP

### Cloverdale High AAUW Future Prep

The first session of Future Prep at Cloverdale High School was held in the High School Library on November 17. The theme was Residential Architecture and Construction. There were 7 speakers from the community including: Ken Munson (Architect), Grace Lucero (Contractor), Jill Ziedrich (Designer), Polin Chavez and an apprentice (Plumbers), Benny Figueroa (Carpenter), and Dustin Mejia (Electrician). There were 36 students attending and they each got an opportunity to meet with every speaker. The program leaders were Christi Calson, the Work Based Learning Coordinator at Cloverdale High School; **Connie Cservenyak (AAUW); and Cecile Peters (AAUW).**



There were lively discussions and the students were excited about the career opportunities presented. A pizza lunch was served to end the meeting and gave the students an opportunity to informally visit with the speakers. There will be additional sessions at Cloverdale High School on February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the topic being Business Administration and Management for Entrepreneurs, and April 27<sup>th</sup> with the topic of Environmental Sciences.

—Dee McGuffey



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Amazing Response for School Supplies!



### We did it again!

Thanks to all you generous women (and men) in our chapter, I estimate that this year's donations of supplies exceeded anything we've done in the past. Weighing a large chunk of what came in and multiplying it, it appears that we gave over 300 pounds of construction paper, rulers, post-it notes, freezer bags, etc. to keep classrooms humming throughout the year.

The principals at West Side School (Rhonda Belmer), Fitch Mountain Elementary (Erika McGuire), and Healdsburg Elementary (Stephanie Feith) seemed almost overwhelmed when I told them that not only did they receive everything they asked for . . . but much, much more!

Thank you everyone for shopping and locating even more unusual items (brad fasteners, colored pipe cleaners, pencil grips among them), and bringing them to our wonderful holiday party. Or to my house if you didn't attend the party.

And a special thank you to **Ronie Reiley** who spent the morning after the party on her knees in my living room, helping to do the initial sorting.

We have many outstanding things to recommend our branch, and our support of education is an important piece of the whole.



—Judy Edmonds



At West Side School: **Pat Bertapelle, Denny Martin, Judy Edmonds** and principal Rhonda Belmer



Fitch Mountain Elementary: **Judy Edmonds** and principal, Erika McGuire

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

## Our Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party celebration was held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at a new venue, the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Healdsburg. Tables were decorated with poinsettias and snowflakes, bells and tree ornaments adorned the ceiling, while candles flickered throughout the room. The food was catered by the Windsor High School Culinary Program students and instructor, and was indulged by 140 AAUW members and guests. The food included grilled bacon wrapped dates, chilli-cranberry sauced meatballs, antipasto kabobs, ham sandwiches, fresh local crudities and cheese, nuts, brownies, and lemon bars. Certainly no one left hungry, after the three-hour party.



Thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a successful party. It is fun to see our members decked-out in holiday attire. If you were unable to make it this year, we hope you will join us next year for the 2018 holiday festivities.

— Violet Nelson



## Save the Date

### AAUW Lunch Bunch Luncheon

**When:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 12:00 noon

**Where:** Kitchen 335, 335 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg

#### Menu

**Salad:** Mixed Baby Greens Avocado, Radish, Table grapes & Goat cheese, Green Goddess Dressing

**Family Style:** Grilled Chicken Breast, Chela's Mole sauce, poblano pepper vinaigrette, and Coriander Crusted King Salmon

Seasonal, Grilled Veggie platter, and Crispy Yukon Gold Potatoes

**Dessert:** Petite Chocolate pot de Cream

**Beverage Included;** Wine available for an additional charge

\$30 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity

If interested in attending, please make your check out to **Laura Kimbro** and send it to:

Laura Kimbro  
227 Grant St.  
Healdsburg 95448

Deadline for payment is Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

For more information contact Laura at (602)722-4158

## *More SOCIAL ACTIVITIES...*

### **The Wine -N-Dine Season Kicks Off!**

Our popular **Wine-N-Dine** events will be starting up again in January. 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!

The dates we have planned for our 2017 **Wine-N-Dine** events are:

**Saturday, February 3rd and Friday, April 20th**

An email blast will go out on January 8 asking for volunteers to host the February 3rd event. Once we line up hosts, we will send out an email on January 16th asking if you would like to attend as a participant. Please be on the lookout for these two emails if you would like to take part as either a host or a guest.

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

The host is responsible for:

- 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 a beverage of their choice.

During the evening, some hosts choose to let the conversation flow. Others ask attendees to share a little about themselves. The hosts are free to organize the evening as they choose.

We hope you will attend one or both of these fun, intimate dinner parties!

Please email **Laura Kramer** at [drlaurakramer@gmail.com](mailto:drlaurakramer@gmail.com) if you would like to host.

— Laura Kramer and Debbie Potmesil

## MEMBERSHIP



### New Member: Beverly Hosket

**Beverly Hosket** moved to Santa Rosa twenty years ago and began her next career as an assistant interior designer at Fairacres Studio. There she was working with architects and contractors to build custom homes and remodels in San Francisco and Sonoma counties.

**Beverly's** design background began with a post-college job at Bloomingdales in New York City. She moved from her native Ohio, along with her brother who played professional basketball for a few years with the New York Knicks. **Beverly** recalls she always had dates because she could supply the basketball tickets.

After leaving Bloomingdales, **Beverly** moved to San Francisco where she became a dress buyer at I Magnin. Later she worked at Sak's Fifth Avenue, and taught classes at the Fashion Institute. She met and married her husband, Michael Quinn, and eventually moved to Seattle.

In her new pacific northwest home, **Beverly** continued her work in fashion at Burberry's, until she turned in her plaid skirt for a green Sur La Table apron at the Pike Street Market flagship store. She and her husband Michael then made the move to Santa Rosa where Michael fulfilled his life-long dream of being an elementary school math teacher.

**Beverly** says now that she has retired (although she has already been approached by friends who lost their homes in the fires for help in rebuilding), she is looking forward to meeting new people in **AAUW**.

— **Hillary Kambour**

### New Member Contact Information

Carroll Estes      [carol.estes@gmail.com](mailto:carol.estes@gmail.com)  
Michelle McConnell      [norcalgal2015@gmail.com](mailto:norcalgal2015@gmail.com)

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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