



# The Grapevine

Healdsburg Branch  
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, research  
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### SPRING 2018 COURSES

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT!

Join us for the next two FORUM courses and learn about Sicily and her role in history, as well as a review of the past year in Politics with a capital "P" -- Classes begin March 20 (Sicily) and March 22 (Politics).

**HISTORY OF SICILY: "HERE LIES THE KEY TO EVERYTHING" (GOETHE 1787)** presented by Douglas Kenning. Historian Kenning, Ph.D. (University of Edinburgh), was raised with a passion for Sicilian culture by his grandparents, Sicilian immigrants into New York's Little Italy. Through six lectures, Dr. Kenning will lead the class on a journey that begins in the mists of ancient lore. Then, with images of great art and architecture on the big screen in the Raven Theatre, he continues the journey through Sicily's historical periods: Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Norman, and Spanish, arriving finally at tourism and the Mafia. Dr. Kenning lives half of each year in Siracusa, Sicily, where he leads in-depth small-group tours around the island and the greater Mediterranean, and spends the other half of each year giving popular lecture series at Bay Area venues.



**GUNS VS BUTTER: ONE YEAR INTO THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY** presented by David McCuan, PhD. University of California Riverside (2002). This course introduces a "three presidencies" concept (Domestic Affairs, Foreign Policy, and National Security), utilizing the topics of elections and domestic politics, and linking terrorism, political violence and the laws and conventions governing these issues. The intent is to join actions of the Trump Administration (domestic politics) with a discussion of broader changes in conflict, concentrating on terrorism (security changes). We also examine the many distinct ways and methods that have come to be characterized as "terrorism" and "political violence." David joined SSU in 2003, with teaching responsibilities in international & national politics, American campaigns and elections, mass political behavior, international security and terrorism, as well as state and local politics. He holds a position as a joint faculty member with U.C. Davis where he teaches public policymaking, and is frequently called upon by the media for his thoughts and assessment of current events.



To register, 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.

—Sharyn Sarquis



## *Our President's Message*

March is National Women's History Month. Celebrate by learning more about a few women who have had a major impact on our lives. Go to the National website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to get a brief history of five amazing women, founders and inventors. Or if you haven't seen it, rent "Hidden Figures," a story of three amazing women involved in the space program. Or, read about Betty Reid Soskin, America's oldest Park Ranger at 96. Better yet, if you haven't yet, visit Rosie the Riveter Museum when Ms. Soskin is on duty. In fact, I don't know if Ms. Soskin will be on duty, but **Santa Rosa AAUW** has invited our members to join them on a visit to the museum on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, check their website at [www.santarosa-ca.aauw.net](http://www.santarosa-ca.aauw.net).

While you are on the **National AAUW** website, click on the link "What We Do." **AAUW** has been "Empowering Women since 1881." This link will explain what we are actively doing in today's world to empower women.

March is a busy month for our branch. Our major program for the year is on a tough topic "**Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery in Plain Sight**". Put on by our Programs' Chair in conjunction with the **Santa Rosa AAUW** and the Healdsburg **Soroptimists**, it will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, on March 7<sup>th</sup> Community Services **Future Prep** is working with Healdsburg High School on a **Student Leadership Event**. Our **Spring Forum classes** start the week of March 19. Articles in this Grapevine will give you all the details of these exciting events.

As with most things we do, these events require a lot of volunteer time and effort to make them successful. Please show your support by attending.

It is disappointing to report that the vote to return the **California AAUW** organization to a public benefit corporation, did not pass. **CA AAUW** will now start the process of petitioning the state Commissioner of the Securities Division and if that fails, to dissolve and reform a new corporation. Stay tuned.

### **Did you know:**

AAUW was invited to a private roundtable with U.S. Treasurer Rios to discuss the redesign of the \$10 bill.

—Nancy Haiston

**Getting to know your....**  
**HEALDSBURG AAUW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**TREASURER: JULIE HANAMURA**

I am excited to be the new Treasurer for both the **Healdsburg AAUW Fund and Branch**. The Treasurer is responsible for handling bookkeeping, accounting, financial and regulatory reporting for the organization. One of the most enjoyable aspects of this position has been the opportunity to learn about all of the programs and activities that the **AAUW** supports. I've been continually impressed by the commitment and caring of all of the organization members I've had the opportunity to meet.

I spent most of my professional life as a banker, along the way serving as a board member for a number of nonprofit organizations involved with education, children and wellness. For the last six years of my career I was the CFO of a nonprofit focused on advocacy for policies and programs that support women and children, with close parallels to many aspects of the **AAUW's mission**. If you have any questions about the financial aspects of the Healdsburg **AAUW**, please don't hesitate to contact me at [juliehanamura@yahoo.com](mailto:juliehanamura@yahoo.com)

— Julie Hanamura

**MEMBERSHIP: PATTY McHUGH**

The Membership Team facilitates active membership in our local branch. The main functions of Membership include enrolling new members, collecting annual dues, managing and making quarterly updates to the online membership and personal directories. Also important to Membership are the Buddy Program Coordinator and New Member Profiles Writer roles. At the time a new member joins our branch, **Pat Bertapelle** assigns a Buddy to each new member to help with a hearty welcome. Several times during the year, Pat also graciously hosts the New Member Coffees. **Hillary Kambour** meets and interviews each new member for an article submitted and included in the *Grapevine*. These profiles are informative and a great way for branch members to get to know each other. Many thanks to **Pat** and **Hillary** for their commitment and efforts to the Membership Team!

—Patty McHugh

## Healdsburg Homes Tour

Sunday May 6, 2018

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



### Tickets are Available Now!

\$45.00 Advance \$50 Day of Tour

Tour Tickets can easily be purchased by:

- Credit Card on **AAUW website**  
<http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net>
- Check or cash at Copperfield's, Levin's or Healdsburg Museum
- Check mailed in with printed form available from **AAUW website**, <http://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net>
- Credit card, check, or cash day of Tour, Healdsburg Museum Ticket Booth, 221 Matheson.

Check In begins at 9:30 A.M.

The **Homes Tour Team** is thrilled to feature six beautifully updated, yet classic in-town homes this year. The **Healdsburg Homes Tour** is the largest fundraiser for our **Healdsburg AAUW**. Thus, we are counting on our membership to support the event *to the extent they are able* by buying tickets for yourselves, family, and/or gifts, volunteering as a docent (Signups will be posted April 1<sup>st</sup>), or contributing to the **Healdsburg AAUW Fund**, a 501(c)3 corporation. We have a Supporter's category featured in the Tour Program for those contributing \$200 or more. Please consider joining our effort. Simply write your check to the **Healdsburg AAUW Fund** and write on the description line, "In support of the 2018 Homes Tour."

We look forward to seeing you there!

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



**AAUW California’s biennial convention** will be April 27-29, 2018 at the Irvine Marriott (18000 Von Karman Avenue in Irvine). The convention theme is “Educated. Reasoned. Active.”, a counterpoint to today’s social media driven hysteria. There has never been a time in which we have been more challenged to advance our mission, nor has there ever been a greater opportunity.

Come celebrate the advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research we do to achieve equity for women and girls! Meet state and national leaders. Attend informative and revitalizing workshops. Hear inspiring and entertaining speakers, including plenary sessions on grassroots advocacy, women peacebuilders, advancing equity for all, and this year’s Speech Trek competition: “How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?” The convention’s grand finale will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of Tech Trek! Additional details and registration materials are in the winter issue of the California Perspective and on our [state website](#). Register now for reduced registration and hotel rates.

**If you are interested in attending the convention, please contact Nancy Haiston, [nhaiston@earthlink.net](mailto:nhaiston@earthlink.net) or 887-0222, by March 1<sup>st</sup> so we can coordinate.**

— Submitted by **Nancy Haiston**

**AAUW** Educational Event:

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

March 7 at 7pm

Raven Film Center  
415 Center Street in Healdsburg

What is human trafficking and how does it impact you and me? Does it occur here in Sonoma County? Our Branch has teamed up with **Santa Rosa AAUW** and the Healdsburg **Soroptimists** to educate our wider community about this growing problem.

Please come on March 7 to view the award-winning film “Not My Life”, narrated by Glenn Close. Afterward, three panel members will speak and take questions:

**Dr. Katherine Hargitt**, Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Founder of the Sonoma County Task Force on Human Trafficking;

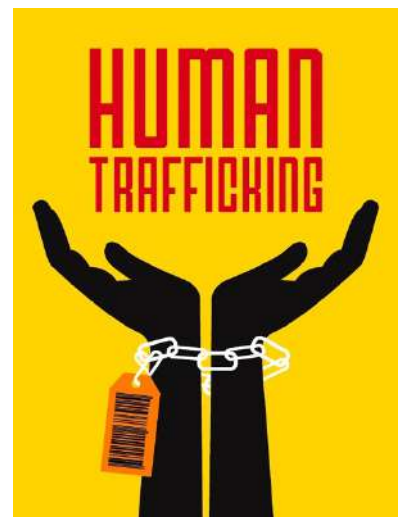
**Elizabeth Quiroz**, Trafficking Survivor, Victim’s Advocate and Task Force member;

**Jessica Stillman**, Human Trafficking Caseworker with Verity - Sonoma County’s rape crisis trauma center in Santa Rosa.

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

**Bring your friends and neighbors.**

Questions? [winkymerrill@gmail.com](mailto:winkymerrill@gmail.com)



— Winky Merrill

# PUBLIC POLICY

## DEEPER IN DEBT: WOMEN AND STUDENT LOANS

### ***WOMEN TAKE ON MORE STUDENT DEBT THAN MEN ... BUT ARE PAID LESS AFTER COLLEGE***

Between 1976 and 2014 the price of college attendance more than doubled, but household incomes barely budged. Today most students must bridge the gap between income and cost with student loans—followed by student debt. Women take on more loans and take longer to repay their debt, thus women hold almost two-thirds of the outstanding student loan debt in the United States.

Following graduation, women repay their loans more slowly than do men, in part because of the gender pay gap, and are also more likely to struggle economically during repayment. This means that women may have to put off saving for retirement, buying a home, or starting a business.

Student debt is a systemic and national problem that disproportionately impacts women. AAUW members can help make changes to reduce women’s student loan debt burden:

1. Congress must protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they must take on to complete a degree.
2. State and federal legislators should increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.
3. The department of education and lawmakers should make it easier for students to enroll in income-driven repayment options to help mitigate some women’s financial difficulties.
4. Institutions can address the academic and financial needs of traditional and nontraditional students, such as access to child care.

Learn more and take action at: [HTTP://WWW.AAUW.ORG/RESEARCH/DEEPER-IN-DEBT/](http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/)

—Adapted by **Michele St. Clair**, Public Policy Director, **AAUW Healdsburg Branch**, from <https://www.aauw.org/resource/deeper-in-debt-one-pager/>

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## EXPANDING HORIZONS

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

- **WE NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN ME AND HELP REGISTER STUDENTS!**
- **EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS SONOMA COUNTY 26th CONFERENCE**
- **Saturday April 14, 2018 at Sonoma State University 8am-10:00am**

This is a one-day conference to encourage 7th & 8th grade students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Participants from Sonoma, Marin, Napa, and Lake counties participate in hands-on workshops lead by women experts in these fields and occupations.

If you are interested please **email or call Victoria Toboni by March 15, 431-0132 or [maclachlan123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maclachlan123@sbcglobal.net)**

—Victoria Toboni Healdsburg AAUW EYHLiason

## ***NEW FUTURE PREP PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY!***

Once again, **AAUW** members are invited to serve as a panelist at **Internship Presentation Night** on Wednesday, March 7, from 5:30-8:00 pm at Healdsburg High School. This is the night when the Juniors—all of them—describe their experience during their internship with area businesses and organizations. The event was a big success last year and folks who participated were effusive in their praise for the students' presentations and accomplishments. Shelley Anderson, the Work Internship Coordinator, does a great job with this program.

Lots of panelists are needed to provide audiences for all the students, who will be located in classrooms throughout the school. Panelists will be encouraged to ask students questions about their experience at the conclusion of their presentation.

Look for an e-blast soon with more details about the evening plans and instructions for signing up.

—Katherine Lacy

## **GEMS**

**(Girls in Engineering, Math & Science)**

The first **GEMS** program for 2018 will be a field trip to Medtronic on Airport Blvd in Santa Rosa. Participants from Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Geyserville, and Windsor will join a group of students from Petaluma HS on Friday, April 20.

The program is approximately 4 hours, 9AM to 1PM, including lunch provided by Medtronic. As part of the Medtronic STEM program there will be a Welcome and Overview of Medtronic, followed by a Product Fair, and rotations into the device laboratories, including technical demonstrations.

As we are still in the early planning stages and invitations have not gone out, please let **Vicki Pearson** know if you are interested in helping with this program, as well as future **GEMS** programs. In addition to planning, we may need chaperones and drivers for the day of the field trip. Special thanks to **Linda Clark, Karla Rosen, Victoria Toboni** and **Diane Bartleson** who have already expressed interested in helping with **GEMS**.

—Vicki Pearson



# *CULTURAL EVENT*

## BEACH BLANKET BABYLON



We had fun!

We laughed!

We sang!

We clapped our hands and waved them in the air!

We ate really good food and some of us even had some really good drinks!

We talked to our friends!



It was a beautiful day in San Francisco and we wished everyone had come with us!

We would do it again, and probably will! And you should too!

Don't miss it the next time you have a chance see all those people in really big hats and REALLY big hair,

because—— **it was a lot of fun!**



— Jean Norelli

## Upcoming.....**CULTURAL EVENT**

### Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House



The final Cultural Outing for this year will be to the Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House [www.gracehudsonmuseum.org](http://www.gracehudsonmuseum.org) in Ukiah, Mendocino County, on Friday, April 13, 2018.



Grace Carpenter Hudson (1865-1937), a painter born in rural Mendocino County and schooled in art in San Francisco, was known for her beautiful paintings of local Pomo Indians. We will carpool to Ukiah and have lunch before proceeding to the museum.

The current exhibit is “California Wildflowers and Climate Change,” featuring stunning photographs. We will visit the three permanent galleries as well, one of which features many paintings by Ms. Hudson, and the Stone Gallery, showcasing Pomo Indian basketry masterpieces woven between 1860-2003. Then, a docent will guide us on a tour of the Sun House, a 1911 redwood Craftsman home with Arts and Crafts details, wherein Grace and her ethnologist husband, Dr. John Hudson, resided for years.



Best of all, the admission price to see these varied exhibits is only \$3.00!

—Ann Mahoney and Jean Norelli

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

### January Wine N Dine, A big Success!



A good time was had by all. A BIG thanks to the six hosts: **Katherine Lacy, Beth Wolk, Cindy Brenton, Judy Voight, Barbara Covello, and Debbie Mason.** Forty-two members and spouses enjoyed camaraderie, lively discussions, great food, and wine, and just getting to know each other a bit better.

The next **Wine N Dine** will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. Be thinking about hosting so we can accommodate more members. An eBlast will go out March 23<sup>rd</sup> asking for hosts.

— Laura Kramer and Debbie Potsmesil



## Upcoming.....SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### The Healdsburg 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** at (808) 344-1592 or [808kst@gmail.com](mailto:808kst@gmail.com)

AND.....

### SAVE THE DATE!

### CannaCraft Tour and Vintner’s Lunch.....A Healdsburg AAUW Fundraising Event

Join us for a tour of this family owned, sustainably farmed, cannabis producer and distributor. This is a rare opportunity to go behind the scenes of this state-of-the-art facility. Get an in-depth look at the cannabis industry and learn about cannabis and cannabis therapeutics.

**Tour Description:** Presentation by Martin Lee. Learn the history and view the Extraction Room and Chocolate Infusion Lab. Anticipated length of tour: 90-120 minutes.

A Vintner’s Lunch will be provided consisting of salads, charcuterie, cheeses and fruit. Vegans and gluten free visitors will be accommodated; however, if you have specific dietary needs (i.e. nightshade or nut allergies) please consider bringing a bag lunch.

**Two dates available – 30 guests per tour:**

**Tour 1:** Wednesday, May 16 at 11:30 AM; **Tour 2:** Thursday, May 17 at 11:30 AM

2330 Circadian Way in Santa Rosa, CA

\$30/person

**To reserve for Wednesday, May 16,** send your check made out to “Healdsburg AAUW” to Laura Kimbro, 227 Grant St., Healdsburg. For more information contact Laura at [ltkimbro@icloud.com](mailto:ltkimbro@icloud.com)

**To reserve for Thursday, May 17,** send your check made out to “Healdsburg AAUW” to Karen Thomas, 233 Grant St., Healdsburg. For more information contact Karen at [808kst@gmail.com](mailto:808kst@gmail.com)

If you have any mobility issues, please let us know in advance.

**PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 8**

**Help support Healdsburg AAUW by attending this fundraising event!**

—Laura Kimbro and Karen Thomas

## MEMBERSHIP

### New Member: Michelle McConnell

**Michelle McConnell** moved to Healdsburg two and a half years ago. Newly divorced, **Michelle** pursued her dream of moving to Sonoma County. Although she grew up in New Jersey and lived in Maryland for many years, she always felt the pull of the west coast.

One aspect of this attraction, was our communities' dedication to great food and wine. **Michelle** graduated from culinary school and has worked in the culinary field for over 20 years. starting out with a home baking business and eventually leading to sales. Michelle loves her profession as a sales representative for a fine produce and speciality foods company. She travels throughout Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties providing fine culinary products to restaurants and hotels. She does, however, hold a not-so-secret dream to own a small fine food shop somewhere in Healdsburg, preferably near the square.



**Michelle's** two sons also migrated to the western part of the country. Her eldest attends school in Colorado and her youngest goes to school in San Diego. She is hopeful they will stay on this side of the Rocky Mountains.

Joining **AAUW** is important to **Michelle** as she wants to find a way to give back to the community that welcomed her so warmly. She was particularly impressed with the scholarships that are provided to women and girls and is looking forward to volunteering for the Homes Tour in May.

— Hillary Kambour

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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