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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.



Thanks to the hard work of **Yvonne Schell** and **Debbie Potmesil**, and the incredible **generosity of 6 homeowners**, our **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, AAUW 28<sup>th</sup> Healdsburg Homes Tour** team is proud to present six historic homes exemplifying the preservation of Healdsburg's architectural heritage for contemporary living. All of the homes are conveniently located in close proximity to the event check-in at the **Healdsburg Museum**.

**We need your help!** Volunteer Signups are available now. It takes many volunteers to make the tour a success. **Marian Van Alyea** and our Head Docents have previewed all six homes and **Laura Tredinnick** is signing up volunteers through the sign-up system link <http://signup.com/go/aqftxSW>

Docent shifts are only two hours, leaving lots of time to visit the other great houses on the tour. Spouses and friends can volunteer also if you want to recruit some talent on our behalf.

**NOW**, we need to get the message out to the larger community to encourage **visitors** to the tour. Last year we sold over 900 tickets, a record that we would love to equal this year. **Shally Schultz** and her team are organizing distribution of rack cards and posters throughout Sonoma County. Please contact her [shally.schultz@gmail.com](mailto:shally.schultz@gmail.com) if you're willing to spread the word. In addition, **Ronnie Devitt** and **Mary Fitzgerald** are working hard at publicity. And, this year, we are so lucky to have **Joy Fremont** working on graphics and printing needs. The work continues, but we sincerely thank the entire Homes Tour Team for their hard work.

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



## More on Homes Tour....

Despite the tragedy and expense of fire recovery efforts, **Kate Van Ness** and her hard-working team have had a wonderful and heartwarming response from our community. The following **Sponsors and Advertisers** have generously supported this year's **AAUW Homes Tour**. We also have raised significant funds from individual **Supporters**, who will be featured in the Homes Tour Program. We want to sincerely thank each and every one of our angels. **Please take the opportunity to personally thank the following businesses when you visit:**

### Home Sponsors

- Big John's Market
- Eddinger Enterprises, General Contractor
- Healdsburg Sotheby's International Realty: Cynthia Jarvis, Martin Humphrey, Bob Pennypacker
- Hudson Street Design, Healdsburg Lumber Company
- Vanguard Properties

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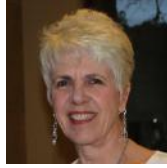
— **Carlene Reininga and Johanna Lieblein** AAUW Homes Tour Co-Chairs

### And finally.....**HOMES TOUR'S COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!**

Greetings to all new and experienced **Homes Tour** cookie bakers: your services are requested! This year's tour on Sunday, May 6 promises to be another great success. Sign up soon to bake about four dozen cookies. Please email me at [patswaney@gmail.com](mailto:patswaney@gmail.com) or call 707-431-1241 to let me know you will be baking. I will keep a list of names, and will be in touch with you as the **Homes Tour** date gets closer, to give you cookie drop-off instructions.

As a reminder, all cookies should be delivered in disposable boxes with tops. These are available at the Dollar Store if you need to buy them. Having cookies in boxes greatly reduces breakage, and makes for easy transport and storage. Last year's selection included a wonderful variety of cookie types; many of you "thought beyond the chocolate chip". Let's bake this way again! Your delicious contributions to a successful HHT are much appreciated, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

—**Pat Swaney**, Refreshments Chair



## *OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

A couple of pretty exciting things happened since my last article. At the end of February, I was honored to hear our **Speech Trek** competitors speak to "How Can We Stand Up to Sexism". What a composed and accomplished group of young adults. When I was in high school, I gave a speech at the Lyons Club for a statewide competition and I was a nervous wreck. I could have used a few pointers from these kids.

The program, "Human Trafficking, Modern Day Slavery in Plain Sight" coordinated by our Programs Chair, **Winky Merrill**, was a resounding success. The program was put on in conjunction with Santa Rosa AAUW and the Soroptimists. **Winky** hosted the event and did an excellent job. The program was well attended and well received. The film "Not My Life" was hard to watch at times, but necessary to help understand the problem. It was gratifying to see that here in Sonoma County there is a coordinated effort to address this horrific issue.

At the end of April, your Vice President, **Linda Clark**, and I will represent our Branch at the California Convention held in Irvine. It will be two days of discussions and information sharing on such topics as "Women in STEM Globally", "Public Policy at ALL Levels", "How to Mentor Tech Trek Girls after Camp" and "Advancing Equity for All". One of the highlights will be a speech by **AAUW's CEO, Kimberly Churches**. She spoke at the National Convention last June where she laid out her goals for **AAUW** and I'm looking forward to seeing how her goals have progressed. I expect we will return with lots of great information to share.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Linda Clark** and her Nominating committee for filling the Leadership and committee positions for 2018-19. AND, a big **THANK YOU** to those of you who stepped up to take on these roles. These are the folks that will manage our branch for another year. It's no joke to say "we couldn't do it without you!"

### **Did you Know?**

**AAUW** established a Legal Advocacy Fund to help plaintiffs challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace, with services ranging from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.

—**Nancy Haiston**

# POLITICAL ACTION

## EQUAL PAY DAY COOKIE SALE

Be on the lookout for the return of **AAUW's** popular **Equal Pay Day Cookie Sale**. On April 10th, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm , **AAUW** will be selling cookies at Big John's in Healdsburg, Plank Coffee in Cloverdale and Oliver's in Windsor. But these cookies are not your run-of-the mill treats. **Donated by Costeaux Bakery in Healdsburg** for the second time, these cookies vividly demonstrate the continuing wage disparity between men and women. While women who pay \$1 for the cookie will get the whole cookie, men who pay \$1 will get 80% of the same cookie, reflecting the fact that women still only receive 80 cents of every dollar men receive for the same work. This humorous and delicious way to drive home the wage gap has been effective in the past and the **Public Policy Committee** that is putting on this sale, has every expectation that this year's sale will provoke individuals and businesses to examine their experiences in an effort to once and for all bridge this gap. Thanks again to **Costeaux** bakery for donating the cookies!!!

— **Hillary Kambour**

## GATES FOUNDATION to empower women with 4-year, \$170M push

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will spend \$170 million over the next four years to change the way society undervalues women and girls. Melinda Gates says the organization plans to invest in four key areas, which include connecting women to markets where they can get a fair price for their products and empowering women economically by teaching them how to take control of their financial decisions.

—Submitted by **Sue Campbell**

## HEALDSBURG TWILIGHT PARADE

### Want to help with our Twilight Parade Float?



Please join us in planning our **AAUW** entry in the **2018 Twilight Parade** on **May 24!** Last year, about ten of us had fun designing, constructing and riding on our **AAUW** float. We handed out pencils to girls along the parade route, rocked to the rhythm of "Pomp and Circumstance" and wore graduation caps and gowns.

An enthusiastic group of our high school scholarship winners and Tech Trek participants walked behind our mortar board covered flatbed, dancing to music and carrying a gigantic check showing how much money our branch has given to local scholarships for women and girls. The women involved really enjoyed participating....so let's do it again!

We'll have one meeting in April to discuss the details – some of which may be the same as last year. If you'd like to participate as an organizer, designer, constructor, rider or walker, please let me know and I will pull us together for a planning meeting in April. [Winkymerrill@gmail.com](mailto:Winkymerrill@gmail.com) 781-254-3814 (cell)

The whole town of Healdsburg turns out for this annual event! If you'd rather watch, we will select a specific spot for **AAUW** members to gather and cheer our entry!

—**Winky Merrill**

# A Healdsburg **AAUW FUNDRAISER EVENT**

## **CannaCraft Tour and Vintner's Lunch**

Join us for a tour of this family owned, sustainably farmed, cannabis producer & 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.

This is a fundraising event for the Healdsburg AAUW. In 2020, the **AAUW National Convention** will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote. With the theme of the convention focused on this momentous anniversary, and the opportunity to network with women from all over the country, we will be raising funds so that more of our members can participate.

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 generously provided by CannaCraft 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**

**Open to AAUW members first (Spouses and friends may come if there's room)**

**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.

**RSVP BY MAY 8**

**Help support our Branch by attending this fundraising event.**

**—Laura Kimbro and Karen Thomas**

# CULTURAL EVENT

## Grace Hudson Museum and Sun House



The **next** 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! To join us, email Ann Mahoney at [www.annmahoney@comcast.net](mailto:www.annmahoney@comcast.net) or call her at 707-431-1205.

—Ann Mahoney and Jean Norelli

# ANNUAL MEETING AND GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, May 19th, 2018, 11:00-2:00  
The Home and Garden of Sue Campbell  
3101 Westside Road, Healdsburg, California

The time has come for the last meeting of our **AAUW** year. This meeting will include saying an appreciative goodbye to this years' officers, along with the voting and installation of our new officers. Immediately following, we will celebrate the occasion with our annual potluck luncheon!

**Please arrive before 11:00 and bring a dish to share:**

Last names beginning with A-J, please bring a dessert.

Last names beginning with K-Z, please bring a salad.

Beverages and water will be provided.

We suggest that you carpool, and [remember your nametag](#).

Please RSVP to Carol Novak, [novak@sonic.net](mailto:novak@sonic.net) or 707-433-3937 by May 5th.

\*Note: If you can come at 10 a.m. that day to help with set up, or stay a few minutes to help cleanup, please let me know. I would be so grateful!

— Carol Novak



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### SPEECH TREK

The **Healdsburg AAUW Speech Trek Competition**, organized by co-chairs **Hillary Kambour** and **Diane Burnley**, was held the evening of February 22nd at Healdsburg High School library. Six students participated from Windsor, Healdsburg and Cloverdale High Schools. The subject of their talk was “How Can We Stand Up to Sexism?”

The judges were Susan Jones, former Healdsburg Chief of Police and former Healdsburg Mayor, Toni Lisoni, a Civil Rights Attorney, and Dr. David Anderson, a retired Gerontologist and former Chair of the Healthcare Foundation.

The first place winner (\$500) was awarded to Eden Winniford who is a junior at Cloverdale High School, second place (\$250) went to Hannah Birechi, a senior at Cloverdale High School, and third place (\$100) went to Emma Esquivall, a senior at Healdsburg High School.

Toni Lisoni commented to Eden on announcing her first place standing that she should run for office as she has a great ability to organize her thoughts and delivery and connect with her audience. The general consensus of the judges was they all did very well.

— Dee McGuffey



The three Speech Trek winners from left to right: Emma, third place; Hannah, second place; and Eden, first place.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE, continued.....

### FUTURE PREP

#### Cloverdale High AAUW Future Prep

The second session of **Future Prep** at Cloverdale High School was held in the High School Library on February 23. The theme was Small Entrepreneurs. There were four local business owners who shared their experiences running a small business with students. Participants were: Jessica Chavez (Owner Bella Moda Studio), Loren Plum (Owner, Plum Electric), Mary Jo Winter (Owner, Management Connections), and Pam Bell (Owner of Pam Bell Events and Director of Floral School at Dragonfly Floral).



There were 38 students who participated. They met with the business owners in a small group setting and got to ask them questions about how they got started in business, what kind of workers they need, and what skills they use on a day to day basis.



A pizza lunch was served to end the meeting and gave the students an opportunity to informally visit with the participants. The program leaders were Christi Calson, the Work Based Learning Coordinator at Cloverdale High School; **Connie Cservenyak (AAUW)**; and **Cecile Peters (AAUW)**. The final session of **Future Prep** will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and will have presenters whose careers are in Environmental Sciences. If you know of someone who would like to

present, please let **Cecile or Connie** know and we will be happy to contact them.

—Cecile Peters



## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

### Our Second Wine and Dine is Coming April 20<sup>th</sup>

Our popular **Wine-N-Dine** event will be coming up again on Friday, April 20th. These dinners, held simultaneously at various member homes, are great ways 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!

An email blast will go out on March 23rd asking for volunteers to host the April 20th event. Once we line up hosts, we will send out an email on March 31st 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 **Debbie Potmesil** at [potmesil@comcast.net](mailto:potmesil@comcast.net) if you would like to host.

—**Laura Kramer** and **Debbie Potmesil**

## INTEREST GROUPS

The *Great Decisions* group which meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:00am to 12:00pm, is accepting members. For more information please contact Phil Wright at [philandgail@comcast.net](mailto:philandgail@comcast.net) or 707-433-5752.

—**Phil Wright**

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Phyllis Lusher	<a href="mailto:pmlusher@hotmail.com">pmlusher@hotmail.com</a>
Donna Riley	<a href="mailto:dlrdlh@gmail.com">dlrdlh@gmail.com</a>

—Patty McHugh

## MEMBER NEWS:

Helle Siegret recently had a stroke. Her tongue is partially paralyzed, however she is able to talk and laugh. Your thoughts and well-wishes can be sent to Helle:

Helle Siegert  
13404 Flora Ranch Road  
Healdsburg, CA 95448-7016

—Rita Minkin

## *Getting to know our* NEW MEMBERS.....

### Julia Graves



As a child, **Julia** followed the steel. Her dad worked for U.S. Steel and began in Canada, moving to Indiana and finishing his career in California. **Julia** graduated from Indiana University with a degree in nursing and moved with her family to California. After six years as a critical care nurse, **Julia** began working in sales and marketing for a number of medical device companies, the last being Medtronic.

At the time, she lived in San Francisco and commuted backwards to Santa Rosa for her job. In 2002, a bit tired of the crowded city, **Julia** bought an old Victorian in Healdsburg that she lovingly restored. Healdsburg has been home ever since.

**Julia** loved her job with Medtronic working on product development for treatment of aneurysms. She especially enjoyed traveling all over the world interviewing physicians to obtain their needs and ideas. **Julia** finally retired in June 2017 and immediately got a puppy — a miniature golden doodle — to recognize the milestone.

An avid horse rider, **Julia** has long been active in the Wine Country Polo Club in Santa Rosa. Although she doesn't play much anymore, she still has two polo ponies that she rides during the summer. She also enjoys hiking, biking and skiing. **Julia** is happy to join **AAUW**, hoping to make new friends and get involved in the community. She is interested in the **Homes Tour** (her home has twice been featured on the tour) and **Tech Trek**.

— Hillary Kambour

## Getting to know our NEW MEMBERS.....



### Donna Riley

The first thing one notices when speaking with **Donna Riley** is her accent. It's very difficult to identify and certainly does not reflect her home of Santa Barbara. Donna's mother felt strongly that she articulate her words, and poked her in the back to emphasize the point; hence her precise and somewhat clipped and delightful speech pattern.

Donna spent 18 years in the Los Angeles area, mostly attending colleges as she took eleven years and eleven different colleges to obtain her degree in Comparative Literature. After graduating, she began working in the sales departments of Apple, Microsoft and Dell and did so for 25 years. She, her husband and their children moved to the Bernal Heights neighborhood in San Francisco in 1994. Recently they sold that home and bought their new home in Healdsburg in December 2017. They moved with their two Labrador Retrievers, named Wilhelmina Mays and Stephan E Curry.

Currently, Donna writes for SF Locals [guide.com](http://guide.com), a food and wine website. She and her husband have five children and eight grandchildren, most of whom live in Southern California; although her daughter and a new grand baby live in England.

Donna also recently joined the Healdsburg Garden Club where she is in charge of herbs at this year's plant sale. She is looking forward to getting involved with scholarships with the **AAUW**.

—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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