



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
HEALDSBURG BRANCH
New Member Orientation

AAUW ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

CALIFORNIA AAUW

AAUW California is the state's most active and diverse organization for women with nearly 13,000 members in 140 branches, plus over 5,000 members-at-large.

HEALDSBURG AAUW

Chartered in 1975 with 44 members, the Healdsburg Branch has been a community asset for almost four decades. Throughout the years, our strong connection to local schools for scholarships and volunteer initiatives, to National and California Public Policy issues that women care about—education, civil rights, equity in the workplace, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination, as well as membership activities and social events, have accounted for our increasing membership of around 200. For more information, please visit our website at www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net. A password protected Directory is available on the website to all members.

New Member Orientation:

Buddy Program:	New members are matched with a Buddy to help orient them to our Branch. Contact Pat Bertapelle .
New Member Coffee:	Hosted as a way to meet with board members and other new members, to have your photo taken, and learn more about the workings of AAUW. Contact Pat Bertapelle or Patty McHugh .

Community Services:

Future Prep: Career Choices & Life Skills-Healdsburg:	Help students at Healdsburg High School and Cloverdale High School learn about potential careers and the skills and experiences needed to obtain jobs and careers of their choice. Contact Kim Jensen or Cecile Peters .
Reading Rocks:	Help first graders improve their reading skills by listening to them read stories and encouraging them on a weekly basis. Contact Shally Schultz or Pat Bertapelle .
Expanding Your Horizons (EYH):	Support the annual one-day conference for 7 th -8 th grade girls interested in math and science, with volunteer assistants and sponsorship for the participants. Contact Victoria Toboni .
Girls Engaged in Math & Science (GEMS):	Take middle and high school girls interested in math, science, and technology on field trips to workplaces to meet professionals in these fields, and to see how these skills are utilized. Contact Vicki Pearson .
Speech Trek:	Organize and support the regional Eleanor Stem Allen Speech Contest for high school students, including tutoring and mentoring each student. The Branch winner is eligible to participate in AAUW-California's Speech Trek Contest. Contact Hillary Kambour or Diane Burnley .

Grants and Scholarships:

Tech Trek Selection:	Help select students for a one-week math and science camp for seventh-grade girls, on the campuses of Stanford or Sonoma State Universities. Contact Karla Rosen .
AAUW Funds:	Healdsburg AAUW supports the work of the national AAUW from the funds raised by Healdsburg AAUW Fund. Contact Andi Michelsen .
Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC):	Select and provide scholarships to re-entry women graduating from SRJC and continuing their education. Contact Mickey Sarquis .
Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF):	Support donation of funds to HEF in support of their programs. Contact Andi Michelsen .
High School Scholarships:	Select and provide scholarships for girls graduating from local high schools to attend a four-year college or university. Contact Winky Merrill .
Public School Success Team (PSST):	Donate funds to PSST in support of their programs. Contact Kim Alexander .

Communications:

Website:	Explore the website: www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net . Contact Barbara Zarakov .
Constant Contact:	Keep in touch with current activities and events by reading email messages sent out by Liz Loebel .
The Grapevine:	Read and contribute to the AAUW-Healdsburg newsletter to gain and disseminate information about our Branch. Contact Diane Burnley .
Facebook Page:	Our social media manager welcomes all new members on our Facebook Page and by email. Support our FB Page by clicking on "like" and reading its content. Contact Scarlett Wood .

Interest Groups:

Book Groups:	Read and discuss books selected by the group. Evening and daytime groups meet monthly and are hosted by members. Contact Louise Lambert (evening, 2 nd Monday), Barbara Reid (afternoon, 3 rd Wednesday), Cindy Jacobs (afternoon, 1 st Thursday), or Marian Van Alyea (afternoon, last Thursday).
Bridge:	Several groups of various skill levels meet weekday afternoons. Contact Yvonne Hyatt or Ronnie Devitt .
Hiking:	Meet weekly. Various levels of ability. Contact Liz Loebel , Linda Clark or Debbie Potmesil .
Great Decisions:	Discuss various issues facing our nation and the world, looking at both sides of the issue to get a better understanding of the pros and cons. Contact Nancy Haiston (3 rd Tuesday group) or Sharyn Sarquis (1 st Wednesday group), or Phil Wright (3 rd Monday group).
Public Policy Committee:	Meet 2 nd Thursday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Bean Affair, to discuss, help guide, and plan support of AAUW's public policy issues and advocacy. Contact Michele St. Clair .

Fundraising:

Healdsburg Homes Tour:	The Homes Tour, one of our major fundraisers, is held annually on the first Sunday in May. It requires over 100 volunteers working in the months leading up to and on the day of the Tour. The Branch needs the help of everyone who is able. Contact Carlene Reininga .
Forum:	The AAUW Forum is an educational lecture series, Building Knowledge and Enriching Thought, and offers six-week courses in fall, winter, and spring at the Raven Theater. Enroll in the courses and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to do likewise. Contact Liz Loebel .
Tech Trek Funding:	Help solicit funds for seventh-grade girls to participate at a one-week math and science camp on the campuses of California colleges (Stanford or Sonoma State Universities). Contact Barbara Epstein .
eScrip and Amazon Smile:	This fundraising program allows participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your purchases to Healdsburg AAUW Fund. Contact Claire O'Neill .
Healdsburg AAUW Fund:	Tax-deductible gifts to our 501(c)(3) corporation are greatly appreciated: Healdsburg AAUW Fund, P.O. Box 1064, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

Events:

Wine & Dine:	Hosted by members to enjoy food and wine in a social surrounding. Check Events on the website or contact Debbie Potmesil or Laura Kramer .
Lunch Bunch:	Meet at a local restaurant to enjoy a fixed price lunch. Check Events on the website or contact Laura Kimbro or Karen Thomas .
Happy Hours & HT Party:	Hosted three times a year by members as a fun way to meet new friends and keep in touch with other AAUW members. Check Events on the website or contact Carol Hazlett or Neita Comings .
Cultural Events:	On occasion, visit galleries, wineries, museums, and other places of interest with fellow AAUW members. Check Events on the website or contact Ann Mahoney or Jean Norelli .
Holiday Party:	An early December event to celebrate the Holidays with members and their spouses/guests. Check Events on the website or contact Violet Nelson .
Installation Luncheon:	Held in early June at a member's home or a local picnic site to welcome the Board of Directors taking office in July. Check Events on the website or contact Carol Novak .
Summer Picnic:	Held at Lake Sonoma in mid-August, the picnic provides an opportunity for members and their spouses/guests to connect during the summer. Contact Cher Frechette .
Kick-Off Meeting:	A mid-September social event for members only, providing an opportunity to catch up after the summer and to learn about AAUW's plans for the coming year. Contact Carol Novak .

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