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IT'S FALL AND TIME TO HEAD BACK TO THE CLASSROOM...
OR IN THIS CASE, THE RAVEN THEATER

Please join us in October for the next two FORUM courses. On Tuesdays, Pete Elman presents Part Two of his very popular History of Rock and Roll's Golden Years. And on Thursdays, Steven Campbell takes us into the mysteries of the mind with "You Are What You Think."



Pete Elman is back with the second half of one of our most popular courses from last year. If you enjoyed Part One, you will love this course. And if you missed out on Part One, now is your chance to see what all the fuss was about! Pete makes use of film clips, recorded music, photos, lecture and live music. He'll cover the California sounds, East Coast Grit, the great garage bands of the 60's, and lots more. This is a journey through time, taking us back to the days of our youth...and who doesn't like that!



Steven Campbell, aka "The Brain Whisperer," leads us through the fascinating aspects of the mind. Find out how it can be your greatest adversary or, when understood, can be transformed into your greatest ally. Learn about the latest in cutting edge brain research.

It's not magic -- it's science!

Classes begin on Tuesday, October 9, and Thursday, October 11, respectively. All classes are from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM, an extra 15 minutes longer than in the past. Registration begins on September 1 at www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net and the cost for each six-week course is \$95 (non-refundable and non-transferrable). Classes are held at Raven Performing Arts Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg.

--Submitted by Sharyn Sarquis



President's Message

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful, fulfilling and restful summer. Did you check anything off your bucket list? My husband, sister and brother-in-law and I took an 11-day Road Scholar Train Trip from Fairbanks to Seward, Alaska, quite an amazing experience.

At the Annual meeting in May we requested member feedback on 3 topics:

1. As a branch, what can we do better?
2. Do you have new ideas for integrating new members into the branch?
3. What new thing should we try?

Feedback was anonymous via post-its. Thank you to all who participated as many great ideas were put forward. Based on some of the feedback to more fully engage new members, plans are already being put in place or are in discussion. For example, the application form will be updated to ask how the new member wants to be involved in the branch. Buddies will be invited to the New Member Coffees. Job descriptions are being developed or re-written to incorporate some of these new ideas. We're also looking at how we can keep in touch with our Tech Trekkers and scholarship recipients by implementing a type of mentorship program. Nothing is final yet, but stay tuned. There will be more discussion at the full day board retreat in September and at board meetings over the coming year.

I hope you all are taking advantage of our fantastic website to learn what is going on in the branch. You can get your questions answered about scheduled events or even about Branch Policies and Guidelines. If you haven't looked at our Branch Policies & Guidelines or the Branch By-Laws recently, you might want to give them a quick scan. My personal goal as a board member is to review these documents once a year just before branch activity starts up again for the year. I'm always surprised at what I've forgotten. To take a look go to www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net >ABOUT >GOVERNANCE >BY-LAWS (OR >BRANCH POLICIES).

Last year I had a little "Did You Know?" section in my monthly article. This year I'm trying something different.

Here's what's Happening at AAUW State:

In October there will be luncheons held in South San Francisco (Oct. 6) and Danville (Oct. 7), to honor the CA Fellowship and Grant Recipients. If you are interested, check out the information in this newsletter. If you are going to attend and want to carpool, contact me by September 15th (nhaiston@earthlink.net).

Here's what's Happening at AAUW National:

Here are the results from the National AAUW June election:

Proposal #1 - Staggered terms of office for the AAUW Board of Directors. PASSED

Proposal #2 - Including up to 5 non-AAUW members on the Board of Directors. FAILED

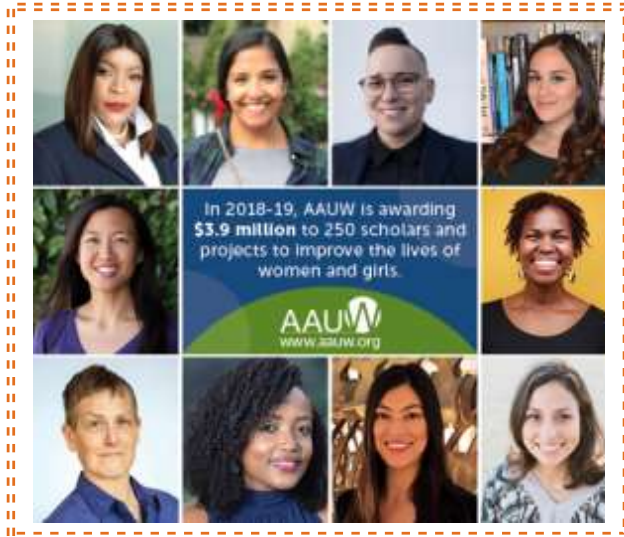
Proposal #3 - Eliminating the degree requirement for membership. FAILED

Clearly there was more passion around this election. Turnout for these elections is notoriously small with the National average being around 5%. Member turnout in CA for this election was 30%!

—Nancy Haiston



**The AAUW California Fund Committee invites you to celebrate and honor our
2018-2019 California Fellowship and Grant Recipients!**



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Saturday, October 6, 2018

RSVP: September 26, 2018

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

(Check In at 11:30 AM)

Basque Cultural Center

599 Railroad Ave - South San Francisco, CA 94080

Meal Selection (choose one):

☐ Chicken with Mushroom Sauce

☐ Vegetarian Penne Pasta

Registration Link:

<https://san-francisco-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – DANVILLE

Sunday, October 7, 2018

RSVP: September 26, 2018

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

(Check In at 11:30 AM)

Crow Canyon Country Club

711 Silver Lake Drive – Danville, CA 94526

Meal Selection (choose one):

☐ Sunburst Chicken Salad with Berries, Oranges

☐ Vegetarian Sunburst Salad

Registration Link:

<https://danville-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- SEAL BEACH

Saturday, October 13, 2018

RSVP: September 26, 2018

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

(Check In at 11:30 AM)

Old Ranch Country Club

3901 Lampson Avenue – Seal Beach, CA 90740

Meal Selection (choose one):

☐ Morgan Chicken Salad with Mango, Papaya

☐ Vegetarian Morgan Salad

Registration Link:

<https://seal-beach-fund-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

AAUW FUND LUNCHEON RESERVATION

1. Register online through Eventbrite (see links above for choice of luncheon events). – **OR** –
2. Mail your \$45.00 check or credit card information to 1331 Garden Highway, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Name: _____; Branch: _____

Address: _____; Phone: _____

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Credit Card No. _____

Expiration Date: _____; Security Code (on back): _____

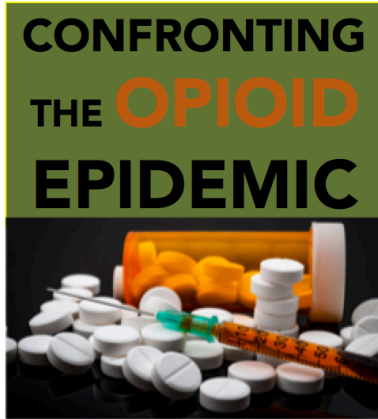
For questions about the events, call the AAUW CA Office at 916-448-7795

SPECIAL AAUW PROGRAM!

“Confronting the Opioid Epidemic”

October 3, 2018 at 7pm

Raven Performing Arts Theater



6:00 pm: Doors open

**6:30 pm: Demos on the use of Narcan
and Fentanyl detection strips**

7:00 pm: PROGRAM

**We will show a PBS documentary
followed by a panel discussion and Q&A.**

This program is free & open to the public.

In 2016, Sonoma County had 22 opioid-related deaths and an estimated 5.7% of people over age 12 (25,000+) misused opioids. Health leaders in our community are working proactively to respond to this growing problem. Join us to:

- **View** a one-hour 2018 PBS documentary, “Understanding the Opioid Crisis”.
- **Learn** the breadth of the problem from the Sonoma County Chief of Epidemiology.
- **Hear** how the newly formed Northern Sonoma County Harm Reduction Task Force is confronting this problem by working cooperatively with local health providers, schools and law enforcement and by engaging the public and the health community in forums such as this.
- **Hear** from a recently retired Healdsburg District Hospital physician and his wife who lost their son to an overdose.
- **Listen** to a local physician who will give clinical information.
- **Find out** about local resources for treatment and safe disposal.

Sponsored by Healdsburg AAUW, Alliance Medical Center, Healdsburg District Hospital, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County, Corazon Healdsburg, and Soroptimists International Healdsburg Chapter.

NEW PAY EQUITY LEGISLATION IN CALIFORNIA

In the fight for pay equity, women have faced a Catch-22. Consider this scenario: a woman who has been historically underpaid for her work applies for a new job. Her potential employer asks about her pay history. When she discloses this history, the employer will naturally pay her commiseratively to this unequal pay history. Thus, the wage disparity continues.

New California laws may finally put an end to this scenario. The Equal Pay Act of 2018 and a new law, the Fair Pay Act which will go into effect in January of 2019, together prohibit employers from seeking salary history information from an applicant and prohibit the employer from using such information in determining salary, even if voluntarily disclosed. Employers *may* ask about the applicant's salary expectations.

It should be noted that the law applies only to an applicant for employment and does not apply to current employees, whose salary history can be considered. However, it is important to note that an employer may not pay any of its employees—including current employees—less than it pays employees of a different gender, race or ethnicity for substantially similar work.

—Hillary Kambour

If you are interested in participating on the Public Policy Committee this coming year, please contact Sue Campbell at suecampbell21@aol.com. We will be looking for volunteers for the get-out-the-vote efforts this fall and Equal Pay Day next spring.

TECH TREK 2018



Shown at left are our 2018 Tech Trekkers: Tiffany Vega, Alyssa Geary, Valeria Jimenez, Melanie DeLuna, Guadalupe Nunez, Esperanza Marquez, Maddie Senkowski, Alia Sanchez, Cesaria Gonsalves.

Below left: Hard at work on Build It Night.
Right: A bit fountain hopping.



A FIRST-HAND REPORT ON TECH TREK 2018

I spent a wonderful week in July at Stanford Camp Curie as a dorm mom to 12 delightful 8th grade girls. And I was lucky enough to have 5 of our 9 Healdsburg girls in my dorm: Cesaria Gonsalves, Esperanza Marquez, Alyssa Geary, Guadalupe Nunez and Valeria Jimenez. We all had a fabulous time, particularly the girls, who enjoyed core classes (Aeronautical Engineering, Forensics, Marine Biology, Cyber Security and Coding), field trips (IDEO, San Jose Crime Lab, Bay Marshlands, Artificial Intelligence Lab, Bing Concert Hall), evening activities (stargazing, Professional Women's Night, Build-It Night) and fun (fountain-hopping). Thanks go to my newspaper donors for Build-It Night (Judy Edmonds, Barbara Epstein, Diane Bartleson, Karla Rosen) and our branch members who helped out with Mad City Money, a learning game about budgeting and checkbook management (Debbie Potmesil, Vicki Pearson, Karla Rosen). We look forward to a busy Tech Trek year next year as we raise funds to send our girls (led by Pat Nelson), select them and prepare them for camp (led by Karla Rosen) and mentor and inspire the alums through our GEMS program (led by Vicki Pearson). If any of you is interested in helping out with any of these programs or activities, please contact their leads. If you think you may want to be a dorm mom, let me know. I'm happy to give you a realistic view of what a week at Camp Curie is all about.

—Sue Campbell

Would you like to be part of a team that sends nine girls entering 8th grade to Stanford University for a week-long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) residential camp? Please consider joining our Tech Trek team! Our team works with 5 local middle schools to select academically talented girls for this life changing experience. This year we are seeking to improve our ability to interact with our Spanish speaking parents. Although not a requirement, if you speak Spanish, this would be a plus. Please contact Karla Rosen at karlarosen@gmail.com or (408) 691-2611 to get more information about joining our Tech Trek team.

—Karla Rosen

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The following are Healdsburg AAUW's Community Service opportunities. We welcome volunteers for any of these valuable programs that help our community. You'll have fun, meet new people and make a difference at the same time!

READING ROCKS

Using teacher provided material, Reading Rocks is a program that helps AAUW volunteers work with young students to improve their reading skills, build their confidence, and give the individual attention that is so hard for the classroom teacher to devote to them. A favorite activity of Reading Rocks is the holiday book giveaway, in which each first grader at Healdsburg Elementary and Westside School receives a new book of his/her own. Contact **Shally Schultz** or **Pat Bertapelle** if you would like to become part of this program.

FUTURE PREP

Future Prep is AAUW's volunteer program at Healdsburg High School and Cloverdale High School to help students explore career choices and develop "life skills." In existence since 2008, the program conducts career choice events and participates in a number of classroom activities—ranging from offering feedback on students' community service projects to tasting dishes prepared by culinary students as part of their course evaluation. **Kim Jensen** is coordinating the program at Healdsburg High, and **Cecile Peters** coordinates the Cloverdale program. Both welcome the help of other AAUW members in planning and implementing the career choice events, during which students have the opportunity to talk with representatives of various career paths they may want to consider.

—Beth Wolk

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math & Sciences)

GEMS is focused on girls in 8th to 12th grade. Our goal is to keep girls engaged in STEM by interfacing with successful female role models and to learn about career opportunities through talks, local visits/field trips, etc. I am excited that our GEMS team is growing. We now have four members that have volunteered to help plan and execute on GEMS programs for the 2018/2019 school year: **Vicki Pearson (Chair)**; **Julia Graves**; **Cathy Mock**; **Liz Schuiling**

Our first program will be a Professional Women's Career Panel that is scheduled for the evening of Monday September 17 at the Healdsburg Library. We are currently seeking speakers for the Career Panel discussion. If you personally have/had a STEM career, or know a local woman who would be interested in sharing her education and career journey, please contact one of the GEMS members above. Additionally we are in the early discussion and planning stages regarding possible field trips to Keysight Technologies (tentatively Feb 2019), Canine Companions, a local hospital, Pixar, and a local winemaker/chemist. It takes an **AAUW** Village to bring these programs to fruition so please let us now if you would like to help.

--Vicki Pearson

SPEECH TREK

Annually, **AAUW CA** sponsors Speech Trek, a speech contest for high school students. The students compete locally for prizes and the opportunity to become one of three finalists to present at the **AAUW CA** convention for cash awards. Students who participate in Speech Trek have the opportunity to develop and refine their public speaking skills. The yearly topic allows these students to advance their understanding of democracy by speaking about societal issues. In addition, the students are able to enhance their interview and job-performance skills.

The following are the basics of the **AAUW** Speech Trek program. Students prepare and present a five-six minute speech for their local **AAUW CA** branch on a theme revised each year. Videos of the local branch winner's speech are used to select three finalists to compete in the final competition at the **AAUW CA** convention. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners at both the local and state-level competitions.

This year the Speech Trek topic is the following: "How can we—students, parents, faculty, our communities, and organizations such as **AAUW**—eliminate violence aimed at our schools? What actions can we take to prevent another tragedy from taking place?"

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice in a diverse society, **AAUW** advocates for many issues—including freedom from violence and hate crimes—in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities. As Healdsburg **AAUW** members we, too, can make a difference in this time of tragedy by coaching a high school student. Would you like to participate in Healdsburg **AAUW** Speech Trek? We are asking for volunteers to be coaches for our local student participants. We will have 1-2 coaches for each student. As a coach, you will receive training and support as you work with your student. If you are interested please email **Hillary Kambour**, hillarykambour@gmail.com or **Diane Burnley**, dburnley@aol.com.

—Hillary Kambour and Diane Burnley

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS SONOMA COUNTY is a one-day conference held each spring at local college sites to encourage 7th and 8th grade girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Last year close to 200 students from Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Napa and Marin counties participated in three sessions of hands-on workshops led by women experts in STEM fields and occupations at Sonoma State University. This spring we will meet at Santa Rosa Junior College for our 27th EYH Conference.

Our local **AAUW** branch supports this exciting event with a generous donation and a few volunteer duties. We have historically supported EYH since, while not an official **AAUW** event, it is aligned to our mission. Other regional sponsors include Sonoma State University, Santa Rosa Junior College and Keysight Technologies. We help circulate the fliers to our local area middle and junior high schools in early spring. We also volunteer at the check-in tables to get the day off to a smooth start. We know this year's students all had an amazing experience. Look for more information in our newsletter next January.

—Victoria Toboni

Healdsburg AAUW Annual 'Kick-Off' Party
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tanya Enders Beach's Home
250 Morgan Ridge Court
Healdsburg

PLEASE COME TO THE PARTY! Yes, it's almost time to kick-off our AAUW 2018-2019 year. You'll want to hear about the exciting plans for the coming year, visit with our Board Members, socialize with old friends as well as meet new ones. **Please remember to wear your name tags.**

If your last name begins with **A through L**, please bring an appetizer to share
If your last name begins with **M through Z**, please bring a bottle of wine.

It is suggested to carpool when possible.

Please respond by September 5 to:

Violet Nelson, livingmydream75@gmail.com or 707-836-1896.

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Please join us for
the AAUW Fall Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 - 11:30 a.m.
BRAVAS: SPANISH TAPAS ON THE PORCH
420 Center Street, Healdsburg*

To all Lunch Bunch participants — We have a fun year ahead with tastes of international cuisines. Our first gathering will be out on the porch at BRAVAS. Get your tastebuds ready to experience delicious Spanish tapas, ranging from chicken croquettes and Duncan mushrooms to Spanish roasted potatoes, cider-braised chorizo and more. Chocolate mousse and hot rum balls for dessert.

Seating will be limited so be sure to reserve early. Checks for \$30 each (includes tax and tip but not beverages) should be made out to **Janet Donaldson** and mailed to her at 104 Lavender Circle, Healdsburg 95448. **Please RSVP by October 1st.**

MEMBERSHIP



2018-2019 Healdsburg AAUW Board Members
(Photo by Scarlett Wood at the Installation Luncheon in May 2018)

Your Healdsburg AAUW Membership for 2018-2019

Thank you very much to all the members who renewed their membership prior to June 30th. If you have not renewed yours, you still have time! Annual dues for 2018-2019 are **\$104**. An invoice to those who have not renewed will soon be coming to your inbox as a reminder from the national office, so look for an email from: memberinfo@aauw.org

Renewing your membership online is very easy. Simply **click the link** provided in national's email to renew with either your credit or debit card. If you would rather pay by check, simply slip your check made out to **AAUW** into an envelope (application not necessary...we have that information) and send to:

**Healdsburg AAUW Membership
P.O. Box 1064
Healdsburg, CA 95448**

Thank you for taking care of your membership renewal as soon as possible, and for your continued interest in and commitment to **AAUW**!

—Patty McHugh

MEMBER NEWS

Audrey Darby had surgery for spinal stenosis on 6/24 at Stanford. Because of the steps in her house she was discharged to Healdsburg Senior Living and can only say the nicest things about this facility. We are fortunate to have it in our community. Suggestion from **Audrey**: if you haven't already, get grab bars in your shower.

CHANGE IN MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESS

Violet Nelson, livingmydream75@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER EMAIL ADDRESSES

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Nancy Lytle	nglytle@gmail.com
Diane Meyers	diane.meyers@comcast.net
Liz Schuiling	liz.schuiling@yahoo.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS! READ ALL ABOUT THEM BELOW!

Claire Burdett



Claire has lived full-time in Healdsburg for the last four-and-a-half years, but you will forgive her for just now joining **AAUW**—she’s been busy. After spending the previous 44 years in the Oakland area, working as a president of a bank and raising her two children, Claire and her husband moved to wine country. Claire’s husband busied himself farming their 2.5 acres off of West Dry Creek and making wine. Claire began writing a novel.

Intrigued by the true story of a small rural town in the south dominated by a Godfather-like character who engaged in racketeering and murder, Claire began researching this figure and has written a historical novel about his life. Claire looks forward to working with one of the two agents who have shown interest in the book (fingers crossed). Meanwhile, she continues consulting part-time, coaching sales teams in banking.

Recognizing that writing is a solitary sport, Claire is interested in more social interaction — especially with women. That search has brought her to **AAUW**. She is interested in Great Decisions and in joining a book group.



Julie Jaquiss-Collins

Julie’s route to Healdsburg has been circuitous and unusual, but there was never a doubt in Julie’s mind that landing here was coming home. Although she was born on the West Coast, her family moved frequently around the US. After a few years post-college in Chicago, Julie and her husband, Dan, moved to Boston where they lived for over 25 years, but Boston never felt like home.

Julie and Dan began to visit Northern California on a regular basis when her sister moved to Marin county in 2005, and Julie decided she had to live here. Her husband, however, had a job that he loved in Boston, and couldn’t envision starting over somewhere else. Julie was lucky to have a job traveling and an employer who was flexible about where she lived. After experimenting with short-term rentals in Healdsburg in 2013 and 2014, she and Dan finally decided to buy a home here in 2015. Julie’s beloved dogs are here with her, and the family sees each other often. Dan is currently working on transitioning to California as he, too, has fallen in love with the area.

Julie has worked in healthcare and healthcare IT for 20-25 years, assisting healthcare providers to become more efficient and to maximize their investments in computer technology. Julie sees **AAUW** as a way to make new friends and to give back to her community. She feels blessed to have been able to pursue all of her educational ambitions and is excited to help provide educational opportunities for other women and girls.

Robin Goble



Robin Goble moved to Windsor thirty-five years ago, after living in more than six different California cities. Although she was an experienced city and airport planner, she decided to stay home and raise her two boys who are now thirty-three and thirty-one. Robin was hardly idle. She began volunteering with the Windsor Planning Commission and the City Council and served as Mayor of Windsor twice during the next twenty years. She also had a role as campaign manager to stop Walmart from moving into Windsor.

Refreshingly, Robin sincerely speaks about politics as public service. The positions she held did not require her to declare a political party which was to her liking. She helped steer the city through some lean times, but was very happy to leave the community in good financial shape and with little “drama” at city hall.

Although she always traveled, often with “Country Walkers,” since retiring from government work, Robin and her husband look forward to traveling the world. Norway and Iceland were in her summer plans and there is more in the pipeline. Joining **AAUW** was another goal for Robin upon retirement. She is happy to meet new friends and get involved in Great Decisions and with the hiking group especially. “I want to broaden my circle as I age, instead of tightening it.”



Nancy Lytle

Nancy and her husband honeymooned in Napa and fell in love with the wine country 30 years ago. When it came time to make a move a few years later, wine country was high on their list, but they ended up in Seattle where they lived for twenty years and raised their son. When he graduated pharmacy school and got a job in Cloverdale, Nancy and her husband, now retired, jumped at the chance to move to Sonoma county, settling on a home on Chiquita Road in Healdsburg. Nancy loves the community and has been very impressed with the residents who moved there as a result of last October’s fires. Nancy recognizes that these displaced folks are strong and resilient and have really pulled together to take care of each other.

Now retired, Nancy was a registered dietician who initially worked in academia where she helped develop enteral nutrition systems for post-op ENT patients, reducing their recovery times. She worked in New Orleans at a US Public Health Service hospital and then on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Finally, in Seattle, Nancy worked for the public school district, helping to transition schools to eating healthier foods. She joked that her middle school son got some grief from his classmates when she succeeded in having soda machines removed from the schools.

Nancy knew about **AAUW** in Seattle and was impressed with the organization there, and she and her husband have attended the Homes Tour here. She is interested in making new friends and being involved in her community.

Diane Meyers



Diane Meyers and her husband landed in Healdsburg earlier this year from Palo Alto. Diane spent 25 years designing and implementing English as a second language programs for high school students.

When they were determining where to retire, Diane and her husband looked at the Google Maps traffic line. They decided they wanted to live where the line turned from “red to green.” They wanted a slower pace and a quieter community and had been coming to Healdsburg for years to visit her uncle.

Diane loves “the little city feel” of Healdsburg and notes that her husband has always been a small town guy. Now she can pursue her passions of gardening and cooking. But she is also looking for a community of women and, after attending the Homes Tour and the end of the year luncheon, Diane decided to join **AAUW**.

She is interested in hiking and book groups, but is also looking for ways to stay connected to the Hispanic community. She is especially interested in helping Latino students.

Nicki Rector



Nicki is very busy selling real estate, but is looking for new friends and opportunities to volunteer in the community. **AAUW** is the perfect fit!

Although she lives in Cloverdale now, Nicki has also lived in Windsor, Healdsburg and Sebastopol. After graduating from college in Virginia, she followed her brother to San Francisco when he told her that living there was “like being on vacation all the time.” Her initial move to Sonoma county was to a communal home in Sebastopol, but she longed for a place of her own and moved to Windsor a few years later.

Nicki has always had a great love of fashion and worked in the garment industry as a sales rep, pattern maker and designer. She and her former husband bought and sold a few homes. Deciding that she didn’t want to give away any more commissions, she took up real estate.

Transcendental Meditation has been a big part of Nicki’s life for the last 40 years. She taught and continues to practice regularly. She feels she did a lot of good while teaching, helping people to expand their thinking, break down mental barriers and have more joy in life. Her practice has served her well in dealing with stressed clients and the complications of real estate transactions. Nicki has three grandchildren from her step-son, and her boyfriend of 12 years has two grandchildren nearby.

Liz Schuiling



You may not know Liz Schuiling (yet) but you probably know her house. She and her husband own the charming yellow, stained glass-windowed house in Healdsburg that was on the homes tour this past May. Liz and her husband were so pleased by the experience of working with the HHT crew, Liz decided to join **AAUW**. “Everyone involved was so nice and considerate,” Liz said, it piqued her interest in getting to know the amazing women who worked so hard to make the Homes Tour happen.

Liz taught elementary school for twenty-five years, mostly in kindergarten and first grade, but also as a reading specialist. She and her husband raised two daughters and spent most of their married life in the Redlands area of Southern California. They both knew, however, that—come retirement—they wanted to move to wine country.

While attending their daughter's graduation at Sonoma State in 2010, they wandered into an open house for what would become their Victorian home in Healdsburg. Once purchased, Liz rented the home to three different families over the next five years. They finally moved into the house in 2016.

Since retirement, Liz and her husband have traveled a great deal, from Kilimanjaro to Peru and New Zealand. Patagonia and a return to the England/Wales area are also on the list. All of these trips involve hiking, so Liz has already begun hiking with **AAUW** and looks forward to volunteering with Reading Rocks. She is also interested in joining a book group and the Great Decisions Group.

—Hillary Kambour

*If you are interested in being a “buddy” for a new member, please contact **Pat Bertapelle** (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 a member who is ill, hospitalized or has passed away please notify **Maria Lucidi** (mlucidi5@gmail.com) so that a card can be sent to the person or family member.*

As the new publisher of the **Grapevine**, I welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have to offer about this newsletter. For example, this issue has narrow margins in an effort to reduce the number of pages when printed out.

The **Grapevine** is published online each month, except in July and August. Please submit articles and announcements in WORD or PAGES and photographs in Jpeg by the 15th of the month *prior* to the issue in which you want them included.

Send both feedback and newsletter content to me at kk.lacy@gmail.com. Many thanks!

—Katherine Lacy