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The planning for the 2019 annual Healdsburg Homes Tour will soon be underway. On November 5th, the co-chairs, **Johanna Lieblein** and **Laura Tyler**, and their sub-committees will have a “meet and greet.” During this first meeting, everyone will look at the project plan (timeline), the budget, and the job descriptions (if available). Brief discussions will take place and, hopefully, questions answered about the roles and responsibilities of each committee member as we move forward. Experienced past committee leaders have been invited to attend our first meeting to lend their support and share their experiences with our new group of sub-committee members. As always, the biggest challenges are securing the homes for the tour and obtaining enough sponsors and advertisers to help fund the event. We are fortunate to have these efforts chaired by **Cynthia Adam** and **Karen Messick Fanucchi** (homes selection) and **Julia Graves** (sponsors/advertisers).

After a period of hand-wringing, a member has stepped up to assume the Graphic Design position. **Diane Burnley**, who co-chaired refreshments with **Pat Swaney** during the 2018 tour, has a lot of experience with Word and has agreed to use her skills to format Word documents for the content needed in the programs, advertising, etc. We are also seeking someone with Adobe Photo Shop skills to partner with Diane to produce all the advanced graphics needed (postcards, posters, logo updates). We are hoping **Carol Noack** can lead us in the right direction.

Meanwhile, we are wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. (It is hard to believe this is upon us so quickly).

—**Johanna Lieblein** and **Laura Tyler**



President's Message

At the October Board meeting, changes to the branch Policies and Guidelines were approved and will be posted to the website. A couple minor changes to the Board were approved: “chairpersons” will now be titled “directors” and committee heads will be titled “chairpersons.” This will help clarify who is a board member and who is a committee head. Also, rather than having two board positions, Public Policy and Programs, Programs is being incorporated into Public Policy. A STEM Director position, proposed by **Linda Clark**, was accepted by the Board after getting Board and member comment. The position will be added to the Board effective 2019-2020.

As you will see from the other articles in this *Grapevine*, the new Board and their teams have really hit the ground running with lots of activities for the membership as well as those activities that support our mission. The Opioid Forum was a big success thanks to the leadership of **Terry Leach**, **Sue Campbell**, **Winky Merrill** and the support of branch volunteers.

Have you noticed our new branch logo on the website and Facebook page? The objective was to make the logo more inclusive of the area our branch represents, as well as make it more eye catching. Initial feedback suggests that we've accomplished both. Thank you **Winky!**

Are you registered to vote? Are you going to vote? AAUW takes our voting responsibility very seriously. Mid-term elections will happen in a few days and our branch Public Policy Director, Sue, has been working with some dedicated volunteers over the past two months to make it easy for people to register to vote.

AAUW State and the vote: While AAUW does not support particular candidates, it does take a stand on ballot measures. In California there are 11 propositions on the ballot and these were reviewed by the CA AAUW Public Policy Committee. See **Sue Campbell's** article on page 4 for complete information on the Committee's decisions and recommendation.

AAUW National: Last month I mentioned that AAUW National had updated the strategic plan. They have also updated AAUW's Mission Statement which now states: “To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.” It is a minor change, but re-aligns the focus and is a little shorter, making it easier to remember. If you use the Mission Statement in any of your AAUW communication or publications, be sure to use the updated version. The Board always keeps the Mission Statement in mind when setting annual strategic goals.

—Nancy Haiston

Confronting the Opioid Epidemic



On Wednesday, October 3rd, AAUW served as the major sponsor of a program entitled “Confronting the Opioid Epidemic,” at the Raven Performing Arts Theater. Additional sponsors included: Healdsburg District Hospital, Alliance Medical Center, Corazon, Soroptomists International of Healdsburg, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Sonoma County, the Healdsburg Police Department, and the Sonoma County Health Department. Approximately 120 individuals were in attendance, including many members of the community.

The program included the screening of a documentary called “Understanding the Opioid Epidemic” as well as a panel moderated by **Terry Leach**. The panel included Walt and Bretta Maack, Gary Pace, Kevin Burke and Sarah Katz. Walt and Gary are physicians, while Kevin is Healdsburg’s Police Chief and Sarah is with the County Public Health department, so they each brought important viewpoints to the discussion.

AAUW Healdsburg underwrote the major cost of the program which included the rental of the Raven Theater and printing of materials for the program. We also supplied most of the volunteers, including **Mary Fitzgerald** (who also represented Alliance), **Karla Rosen** and **Wendy Bertalon**. AAUW Program co-chairs, **Sue Campbell** and **Winky Merrill**, helped with all logistical aspects, including flowers on the stage, working with the Raven on contracting and the audiovisual needs. AAUW’s publicity team, led by **Kate Van Ness**, was amazing in securing a front page article about the program in the Healdsburg Tribune the week before it occurred. Thanks to all those who supported this important community program!

—**Sue Campbell, Winky Merrill, Terry Leach**

Public Policy Activities

The Public Policy Committee has been actively engaged in voter registration efforts this fall. AAUW Healdsburg helped out with two candidate forums this fall, one sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for City Council candidates and one sponsored by Healdsburg Education Foundation for School Board candidates. We not only provided voter registration materials but also helped field questions from the audience. A big thank-you to **Claire O’Neill, Becky Lalond, Rita Minkin, Linda Clark, Debbie Potmesil, Mary Thorpe** and **Kathleen Riley** for helping with those efforts. Voter registration materials were also available at the AAUW tables at the October 3rd program on “Confronting the Opioid Epidemic” and the October 10th Healdsburg Chamber Business Fair. **Diane Bartleson** also deserves a big thank-you for conducting voter registration efforts in Cloverdale at the local market.

Going forward, the Public Policy Committee will be pursuing several possible initiatives over the coming year, including coordinating with the Santa Rosa branch on a program to feature a local author, celebrating Women’s History Month in March, and publicizing Equal Pay Day on April 2. If you have an interest in participating in any of these activities, please join the Public Policy Committee by contacting **Sue Campbell** at suecampbell21@aol.com. And don’t forget to VOTE on November 6!

—**Sue Campbell**

Legislative Update

This California legislative session proved to be beneficial to women in several ways. The legislature and Governor moved to require women on the boards of corporations, educate students about sexual violence, protect women from discriminatory pricing and provide for unpaid leave to “bond” with a new child. Importantly, California’s strong equal pay laws were extended to public employers as well as private.

With respect to corporations, a new law, which applies to companies “whose principal executive offices” are in California, requires them to have at least one woman on their boards by the end of 2019. In 2021, the companies must have a minimum of two or three women, depending on the size of their boards.

The existing California Healthy Youth Act, which requires students in grades 7 to 12 to receive sexual health and HIV education, was amended to require that students not just learn about adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, but include the warning signs of this violence.

In addition, a new civil action was defined to include “gender discrimination pricing services claim.” This new action may be brought by anyone who experienced a price difference charged for services of similar or like kind against a person based on the person’s gender.

The California Family Rights Act, which provides for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave to care for a new baby, to care for a parent with a serious illness or because of the employee’s health problems, was amended to permit (under certain circumstances) an employee to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of birth, adoption or foster care placement. Significantly, the employer is required to continue coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave.

–Hillary Kambour



This year in California there are 11 measures on the November ballot, and these were reviewed by the CA AAUW Public Policy Committee. Propositions 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 do not address AAUW’s Public Policy priorities, so are classified as “No Position.” Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on AAUW’s principles, but while they support some of AAUW’s priorities, other aspects of the propositions undermine those priorities. AAUW-CA has adopted a “Neutral” position on these three propositions. AAUW has chosen to support only Proposition 2, which is the Homeless Housing Bond measure or the “No Place Like Home Act of 2018.” With 130,000 Californians homeless and many of them suffering from mental illness, Proposition 2 allows for the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. Since women comprise a significant percentage of the homeless, this would benefit many mentally ill and homeless women without involving a new state bond. To get more information and understand why the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee has taken these positions, go to www.aauw-ca.org and click on “California Perspective.”

–Sue Campbell

Money Trek

Volunteers needed! Help teach young girls the essentials of financial literacy

How many of us could have used a primer on financial basics when we were young girls? Understanding the importance of saving, how to balance a checkbook, how credit works, and how to budget are essential skills that empower young women.

We have a wonderful opportunity for a couple of AAUW volunteers to put together and present a 45-minute workshop on financial literacy for 7th and 8th grade girls next April 6 at the Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference. This is an annual event for students in 7th and 8th grades designed to “increase the awareness of young women and their parents of the importance of adequate preparation in math and science.”

Much of the work has been done: AAUW California has put together a fabulous series of Powerpoint slides and activities called “Money Trek” that can be used as a basis for this presentation. We would likely conduct the workshop 2-3 times during the event for different groups of girls.

We are looking for volunteers interested in helping develop the workshop by modifying the Money Trek materials as well as conducting the workshop on April 6. If you are interested, please contact **Sue Campbell** at suecampbell21@aol.com. The branch will also be looking for volunteers to help out at the event as the date gets nearer.

—Sue Campbell

Call for Tech Trek Mentors

Are you interested in becoming a Tech Trek mentor? Healdsburg AAUW would like to know your interest, and to welcome you to this new program! The Board of Directors of Healdsburg AAUW is exploring ways to strengthen our Tech Trek program by establishing a mentor program for our group of middle school Tech Trek students. A mentor would meet with the student for several years on a regular basis, helping to guide her as she navigates high school, including academics and outside activities, as well as help preparing for college, e.g. preparing college admission forms. Most of all, studies have shown that having an additional caring adult in a student’s life makes a remarkable difference in their lives.

A Mentorship Training Manual would be developed and there are resources from CA AAUW and local organizations such as Rotary, PSST and Corazon to help with this. Mentors would receive training on expected elements of the mentor role, including time requirements with mentees, family involvement, social activities and other training as needed. In order to proceed with this idea, we need to determine the level of interest from the membership. We hope many of you will consider it since, as university women, you are highly esteemed, learned and caring individuals who are so very suitable for mentoring.

Please contact any of the following for questions or to indicate your interest.

Sue Campbell: suecampbell21@aol.com

Linda Clark: lindaclark0606@gmail.com

Terry Leach: tjleach7@hotmail.com

Andi Michelsen: andimichel@sbcglobal.net

Beth Wolk: blwolk@gmail.com

Thank you!

—Linda Clark and Beth Wolk



Our first cultural event of the year took place at the home of **Hallie Beacham** on Sunday, October 21st. Attendees were treated to champagne, tasty nibbles and beautiful music.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Speech Trek

Hillary Kambour and **Diane Burnley**, Speech Trek chairs, are in the midst of looking for students in Cloverdale, Windsor, and Healdsburg. So far, five or six coaches have signed up and we might need more volunteers. **Hillary** and **Diane** have met with the current coaches and updated the coaches on 2018-19 Speech Trek topic, noting that the Sonoma County Library website will be the only site allowed for research (all sources are vetted on this site), and sharing new rubric for judges' use in assessing student speeches. They also briefly reviewed coaching suggestions that guide successful student focused meetings. If you are interested in a rewarding experience of coaching a Speech Trek student, please let **Hillary** or **Diane** know. hillsmike@att.net, dburnley@aol.com

Reading Rocks

Reading Rocks at West Side School is off and running this month. Three new members have joined our ranks to read with the first graders, forming a group of nine. One new volunteer has a bilingual education background and is going to be doing more extensive tutoring with some of our English Language Learners from all the grades. Another new member is training her dog to be a service animal to accompany her to her tutoring sessions. We are excited about the new year and the new volunteers!

Reading Rocks at Healdsburg Elementary is also up and running. There are four volunteers who are working in first and second grade classrooms. **Shally Schultz** is collecting books to give to all students for the holidays. Thanks to **Shally** (HES) and **Pat Bertapelle** (West Side) for coordinating these valuable programs.

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science)

Vicki Pearson is currently working on setting up future GEMS programs at Canine Companions (focus on breeding, genetics and veterinarian medicine) and Healdsburg Hospital (focus on a variety of medical careers). A Keysight field trip later this school year is tentatively planned for Feb 2019.

Future Prep

Kim Jensen reports that there is a Career Choice roundtable scheduled at Healdsburg High School on November 1st. The genre is the Health Care field. It looks like it will be an informative and exciting presentation for the students!

Holiday Supply Chair:

Thank you to **Barbara Epstein** for volunteering to be the Holiday School Supply Chair this year. We appreciate your time and effort.

—Beth Wolk

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

LUNCH BUNCH

Continuing our year of international cuisines - Please join us for our second luncheon at Guiso Restaurant 117 North Street, Healdsburg, December 5th, at 12:00 noon.

Get your taste buds ready to enjoy a delicious meal of Latin/Caribbean Fusion dishes. Guiso Restaurant is not open at lunchtime, but Carlos, the chef, is opening his doors just for us!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by December 1st. Seating is limited to 24 people. Checks for \$30 should be made out to Janet Donaldson and mailed to her at 104 Lavender Circle, Healdsburg. jdonalds78@gmail.com 707-473-8136

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Good Shepherd Church, 1402 University St., Healdsburg
4:00 - 6:30 PM

Once again we are approaching the holiday season.
Please mark this date on your calendars.
More details will be forthcoming via email.

We are looking forward to another wonderful holiday party!

—Violet Nelson

Hiking the Jenner Headlands

Debbie Potmesil led members of AAUW's hiking group on a trek through the newly opened trails at the Jenner Headlands on October 12th. The hike was approximately 8.5 miles with an elevation climb of 1,700 feet. Photos provided by Sue Campbell.



MEMBERSHIP

Obituary: Hometown Hero - Patch Guglielmino

There are many definitions for “hero” but I doubt that anyone would refute the claim that **Jude “Patch” Guglielmino** was a true hero. In his 10/11 column Press Democrat columnist Chris Smith called her the “angel of mercy from Healdsburg.” Due to all her commitments **Patch** didn’t have a lot of time to spend with AAUW, although she had been a member of our branch for several years. However, she did enjoy participating in the second Monday book group.

Living nearby, I got to know **Patch** a little and was astounded at her generosity and caring. She was a chaplain at Healdsburg District Hospital and had volunteered for 8,600 hours at Santa Rosa’s Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. She told me about being a Red Cross volunteer and First Responder, and was a veteran of over two dozen disaster relief missions across the US, Caribbean and Guam. If you remember all the recent hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes chances are **Patch** was there as soon as she could board a plane.

The most devastating disaster that helped contribute to her eventual death from pancreatic cancer was that nightmare that was 9/11. **Patch** spent 71 days in New York, breathing in the noxious and deadly fumes while she helped rescue victims and worked on cleanup crews. This led to her writing the book, “A Flag at Half Mast: A Personal Account of the Attack on America.” (The Monday evening book group read **Patch**’s book and understood her difficult and dangerous assignment, and her dedication.)

I ran into her last year at my doctor’s office, and she joked about that being her second home. But in fact, despite all her health issues, I never saw her down or depressed. She made it clear that she was living a life that was fulfilling.

Patch, a widow, was the mother of four and grandmother of five. She had lived in Dry Creek Valley since 1971, and was 78 at her death. Farewell to a beautiful human being. A hero to us all.

—Judy Edmonds

New Member Coffee

I happily hosted a New Member Coffee on September 25th. Fifteen new members, buddies, and board members mingled to get acquainted and chat about our chapter. President **Nancy Haiston** ran a short meeting that was informative and allowed other active members to offer ideas on how to get involved. **Patty McHugh** brought lovely cookies and fruit to enhance the experience. Many new members expressed excitement about participating in interest groups. I heard offers to join Reading Rocks, Great Decisions and book clubs. It was interesting to note that many newbies are already happily involved in the chapter.

—Pat Bertapelle



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



Linda Compisi

I must start with a mea culpa. **Linda** joined AAUW in November of 2017. I dutifully emailed her to schedule an interview, and to inquire whether she would consider being Secretary of our branch. Our discussions soon focused entirely on the latter (she agreed to be Secretary) and the interview slipped from my frontal lobe. So here is the delayed interview with **Linda**.

Like many of us, Linda always wanted to live in Sonoma County. She and her husband bought property outside Cloverdale in 1997 and after traveling the world with the U.S. military, built their home in 2006. Linda found that her rural address left her a little disconnected from community. Ultimately, she joined AAUW to volunteer and meet new people.

Linda and her husband were both military professionals and as such moved quite a bit—from Buffalo to San Francisco and the South Bay, via Germany, Virginia, Grand Rapids, Hawaii, Japan, and Rhode Island. **Linda** is a Registered Nurse who specialized in oncology nursing and then moved into the occupational medicine field. She is about to retire from her current position as an RN field case manager, working with difficult worker's compensation cases to assist injured workers' return to productive employment. **Linda's** daughter lives in the South Bay so she is able to enjoy time with her two teenaged grandchildren.

Linda and her husband started a blog devoted to wine, food and travel. Linda is the blog's photographer. They travel quite a bit, adventuring and looking for experiences for the blog. They are avid hikers and are looking forward to joining our hiking group. She is enjoying becoming familiar with the ins and outs of the AAUW as a board member. She looks forward to helping again with the Homes Tour this spring.



Maryann Roberts

Maryann Roberts moved with her husband to Windsor from San Diego ten years ago. Having retired, they wanted to be closer to their children and grandchildren in Lake Tahoe and Occidental. They continue to enjoy great travels.

Maryann had several professional interests. At one point, she worked for a San Francisco mutual fund company and acquired her stock broker's license. Her husband's work for Bechtel led to a move to Maryland (where her son was born). Later, when they moved to Florida (where their daughter was born) **Maryann** chose to work in residential and commercial real estate. She assisted her husband with designs for their custom/speculative home construction company.

Raising their children in Redmond, Washington, the couple enjoyed the outdoor sports and beautiful area. **Maryann** worked as both a classroom teacher (third/fourth grades) and a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL). When their children went to college, **Maryann** and her husband spent five months traveling to different areas to investigate new opportunities and locations. They discovered an environmentally-friendly process for remediating contaminated soils and groundwater—bio-remediation. Improving the earth and health of humans appealed to them. **Maryann** worked on the marketing side of their design/remediation environmental company in San Diego. She also initiated an ESL class for the Hispanic mothers of elementary school children in her area and found it very rewarding.

Maryann learned of AAUW from attending Forum and is looking forward to learning more about GEMS, Tech Trek and Reading Rocks.

—Hillary Kambour

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