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**BUILDING KNOWLEDGE
& ENRICHING THOUGHT**
Spring 2019 Courses – Registration begins February 12

Spring is on its way and with Spring comes the final Forum Lecture series before we take the summer off. Two of our popular instructors are back with new topics sure to be of interest.

First up, beginning on **Tuesday, March 19**, is **Undaunting Dante: Art & Music of the Divine Comedy** -- Dante's *Divine Comedy* has been called the most beautiful poem ever written - in fact, it is far more than that. This brilliant work of imagination weaves together Greek and Roman myth, European history and universal psychological development, revealing deep cross-cultural resonances. Join us as we explore the historical, social-political and religious background of the *Comedy*, and discover how it echoes in the works of Michelangelo, Giotto, Rodin, Dali, Tchaikovsky, T.S. Eliot and countless others. Kayleen Asbo, PhD, is well qualified to lead this journey: her musical program, **Dante's Mirror**, is available on CD. Her website is kayleenasbo.com



Beginning on **Thursday, March 21**, Douglas Kenning, PhD, presents **Oh Jerusalem: A History of the Navel of the World**. This is the heart of it: the whirlpool of human hopes and follies; the fault line of East and West. Visiting naively, with no religious agenda or slant, we will examine why our world is forever transfixed by this bit of unhappy ground—why the stones underfoot moan with more passion than any place on earth. Together we will trace the history from Abraham to Solomon to Nebuchadnezzar to Titus to Arafat, from Lot to David to Jesus to Mohammad to Saladin to failed warriors and failed peacemakers yet unborn. "Oh Jerusalem" wept Jesus. Dr Kenning enjoyed a varied career and now lives half of each year in the SF Bay Area, giving talks and lecture series on subjects related to ancient Mediterranean civilizations, with the other half year in Siracusa, Sicily, where he leads Sicily Tour, offering history & myth focused small group tours around Sicily & the greater Mediterranean basin. Dr. Kenning's website is sicily-tour.com

Classes are held at the Raven Performing Arts Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg. Enrollment fee is \$95 for each six week course, and are non-refundable. All proceeds support local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls. For more information, go to www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net.

—Sharyn Sarquis

Healdsburg Homes Tour



SAVE THE DATE

AAUW's 29th Healdsburg Homes Tour

Visit interesting homes in the heart of historic Healdsburg

Sunday, MAY 5, 2019
10:00 - 4:00

TICKETS ON SALE
MARCH 1, 2019

www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net
\$45 advance / \$50 at event

The Homes Tour committee is finalizing home selections (thanks to Cynthia Adam and Karen Messick Fanucchi!) and corresponding sponsorships (thanks to Julia Graves and her team!). We're also continuing to talk with local businesses about advertising in the Homes Tour program.

Tickets are on sale at our website, March 1, and at a few local retailers. We will also be asking all of you to consider volunteering for one or more activities for the tour itself. Please keep a lookout for opportunities to act as docents, bake cookies and provide other staffing needs. The Homes Tour is a great opportunity to contribute to one of our Branch's primary funding sources and have some fun along the way!

Thanks to the tour committee for their hard work!

— Johanna Lieblein, 2019 Tour Chair and Laura Tyler,
2019 Tour Co-Chair



President's Message

March is Women's History month. Did you know that the seeds for Women's History month were sown in Sonoma County by the Commission on the Status of Women? The article below is a shortened version of one I found online, written by Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the National Women's History Alliance. If you wish to read the unedited version, go to <http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history>.

"As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

"The week of March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance. Dozens of schools planned special programs for Women's History Week. Over one hundred community women participated by doing special presentations in classrooms throughout the country and an annual "Real Woman" Essay Contest drew hundreds of entries. The finale for the week was a celebratory parade and program held in the center of downtown Santa Rosa, California.

"In 1979, participants of a National Women's National History Alliance meeting learned about the success of the Sonoma County's Women's History Week celebration and decided to initiate similar celebrations within their own organizations, communities, and school districts. They also agreed to support an effort to secure a "National Women's History Week."

"The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

"By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women."

The author of this article, Molly Murphy MacGregor, will be the guest speaker at a joint event our Branch is holding with the Santa Rosa Branch. She will speak on "Women's Contributions to U.S. History". See the next page for more information. Hope to see you there. Her talk should be fascinating.

—Nancy Haiston

The American Association of University Women
Santa Rosa and Healdsburg Branches

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March 20, 2019

4pm

CHARLIE'S RESTAURANT

1320 19th Hole Drive, Windsor (at Windsor Golf Course)

SPEAKER: Molly MacGregor

Founder of the National Women's History Project



Forty years ago, Molly MacGregor organized our nation's first Women's History Day here in Sonoma County. Her idea grew into the presidentially endorsed and congressionally approved national Women's History Month.

*This program is open to the public. Advance RSVP required.
Light refreshments will be served.*

TO RSVP: Mail a check for \$20 made out to "AAUW Santa Rosa" to Heather Young, 1824 Slater Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

For more info contact Kathleen Riley at womenshistory@sonic.net



Co-Sponsored by: AAUW Healdsburg Branch & AAUW Santa Rosa Branch

Public Policy Activities

ARE YOU INFORMED ABOUT AAUW PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES?

There are three easy sources of information about what's happening in AAUW Public Policy at the National and State level. Stay abreast of the latest issues by subscribing to the e-bulletins from National - Washington Update, AAUW in the Statehouse and Two-Minute Activist.

The Washington Update offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest public policy news, resources for advocates, programming ideas and updates from the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Departments. For example, the latest issue discusses the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act on January 29 as well as Nancy Pelosi's commitment to getting the Paycheck Fairness Act out of the House by Equal Pay Day on April 2.

AAUW in the Statehouse provides updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy and insider information from the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Departments about good and bad bills in the states.

The Two-Minute Activist alerts members to current issues impacting women and girls and allows us to take immediate action via AAUW's Action Network. As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. You'll be provided with all the tools you need to call or email messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor of your local newspapers and contact your state legislators about pressing issues. And it literally can take only two minutes! Subscribe now and communicate your support for the Paycheck Fairness Act introduced on January 30.

Subscribe to any of the above e-bulletins at aauw.org. Just search for the e-bulletin you'd like to receive and enter your email address to receive the bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE - EQUAL PAY DAY IS APRIL 2

This year our branch plans to "celebrate" Equal Pay Day on April 2 by sponsoring an "unhappy hour" at local drinking establishment Duke's. As you may know, Equal Pay Day is the day of the year when women's pay "catches up" with men's. Since women's pay on average is 80% of men's, we "catch up" every year in early April. The "unhappy hour" concept represents our unhappiness at the current situation, and Duke's has agreed to discount drinks for women but obviously not for men. They also plan to feature women winemakers and distillers and potentially create some specialized cocktails for us. So please plan to "celebrate" with us. More information will appear in the next Grapevine.

—Sue Campbell

MISSION-BASED PROGRAMS

The purpose of Mission Based Programs (formerly known as Community Service) is to provide the community with valuable services and resources that we have in our branch. The programs encompassed in Mission Based Programs are GEMS, (Girls Engaged in Math and Science), Future Prep, Reading Rocks, and Expanding Your Horizons (EYH). I'll be featuring a snapshot of each one of the programs in upcoming *Grapevine articles*.

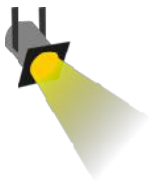
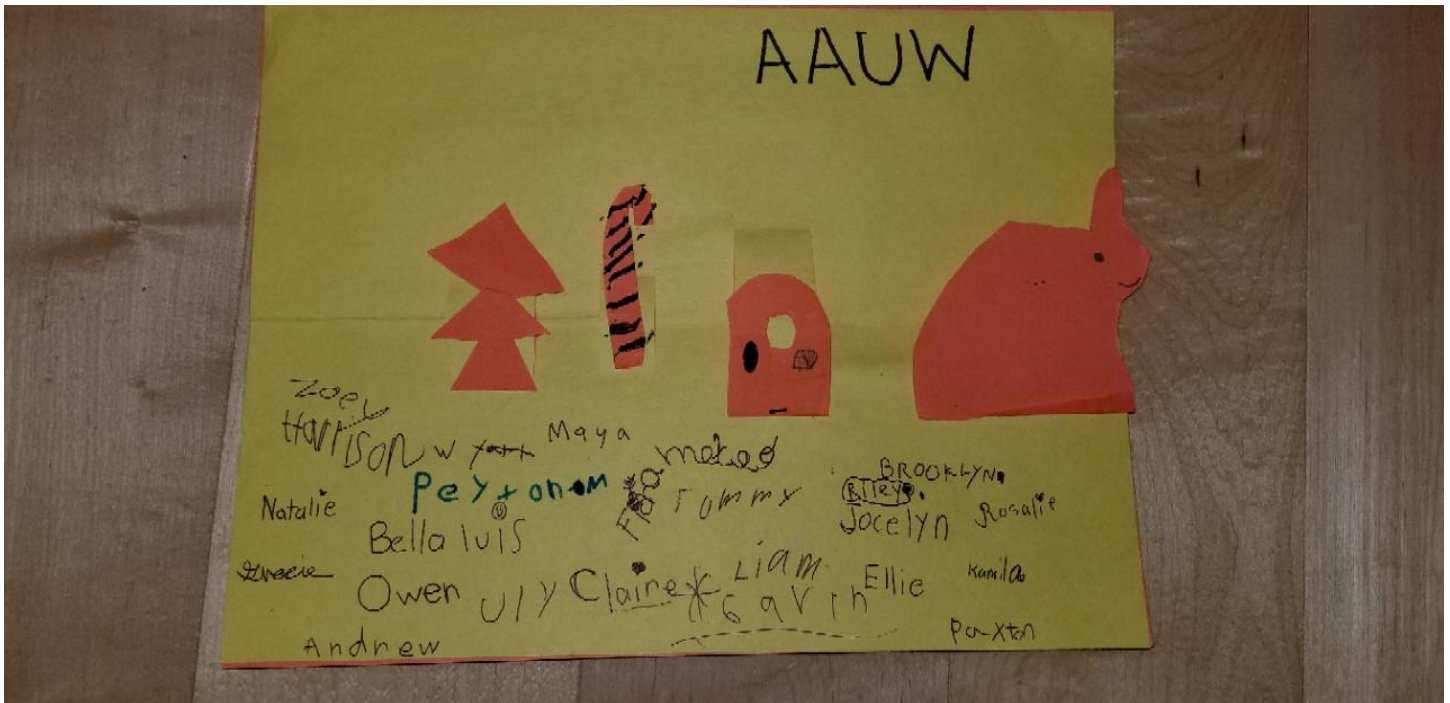
FUTURE PREP: This program helps students from Healdsburg and Cloverdale High Schools make effective career choices. There are usually 3 programs a year, where community members who have careers in a specific career area lead round table discussions with the students. The students have the opportunity to talk and ask questions about careers they might be interested in.

The AAUW member who is in charge of this programs works with someone on the high school staff to coordinate Future Prep at the site. On February 28 at Healdsburg High School the topic is architecture and engineering. On March 8 the topic will be technology at Cloverdale High school, and the last one was on the wine business. **Kim Jensen** coordinates the program at Healdsburg High and **Cecile Peters** coordinates it at Cloverdale High. If you are interested in being a part of either program, either as a volunteer or speaker, please contact them.

—Beth Wolk

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Students at Westside School sent a thank-you card to AAUW for the school supplies we collected and distributed in December.

—Barbara Epstein



AAUW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Winky Merrill

Winky Merrill is the enthusiastic leader of our Branch's high school scholarship program. She reaches out to school college advisors in Cloverdale, Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor each fall, encouraging them to help senior girls apply for more than \$20,000 in AAUW Healdsburg scholarship funds, awarded in the spring. The scholarships are possible because of the success of AAUW Forum and Homes Tour. **Winky's** cheerful personality, along with a genuine affection for young people, make her a perfect match for the job.



The scholarships we give average \$2,000 each, and are for senior girls planning to go directly to a four year college or university. Applicants fill out an extensive questionnaire, provide financial information and write an essay about themselves. Every year the applicants share their compelling stories of hard work, challenges of many kinds—health issues, parental support, housing—which they deal with while maintaining their GPA and keeping their eyes on the future. Winky and several fellow AAUW members review at least 30 applications and thoughtfully choose the most promising recipients. It's hard work, and we love their awesome efforts!

Two years ago, **Winky** was the force behind our new AAUW float in the Future Farmers of America parade (held each May) and recruited scholarship recipients to walk in the parade with us. This has gained us broader community recognition and is a lot of fun for the girls, and us. Thanks, Winky, for your hard work, enthusiasm and genuine care for our scholarship recipients.

Next year, we will be looking for AAUW members interested in becoming involved in our high school scholarship selection committee. It is a quite a privilege to do this; please let **Winky** know if you're interested (winkymerrill@gmail.com).

—Andi Michaelson

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour at Longboard celebrating Valentine's Day was an amazing success: low lights, Valentine candy, and great wine and food. Attendance was phenomenal with over 60 AAUW and spouses in attendance. Neita and Carol always plan a good Happy Hour. Our final Happy Hour will be the day of the Homes Tour, Sunday, May 5th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

—Kathryn Henderson

LUNCH BUNCH

The third Lunch Bunch of the year was held at Diavola restaurant in Geyserville on Wednesday, January 30th. The restaurant provided a nice space for the 29 of us, with all of us seated at one long table. It was Italian food, all served family style; we enjoyed a wonderful green salad with their special house dressing, a meat sauce rigatoni dish and four types of pizzas. Everyone said they loved the food and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves. There were lots of laughing and chatting.

Please join us for our final luncheon of the year! Following our international theme, we are now going to have traditional, authentic Thai food. Save the date - Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. THAI ORCHID 1005 Vine St. Healdsburg is one of the best Thai restaurants in the area. It is in the Safeway shopping area. Mother/daughter owners Kim and Woom are letting us take over their restaurant for lunch. We will be having a tasty menu of various Thai traditional foods that will be served family style so that everyone can experience the wonderful flavors.

If you plan to attend please RSVP by March 13th. Send your checks for \$30 to my new co- chairman, Connie Cserenyak 1083 Vine St. PMB 238 Healdsburg, 95448
Hopefully I'll see you there.

—Janet Donaldson

WINE 'N DINE

The way we entertain is unique to each of us; there are no rules in being a host for our AAUW Wine and Dine dinners. You can be casual or formal, whimsical or non-traditional (even better!). You can pull out your best silverware and plates, or put out plastic forks and paper plates and eat outside and have a BBQ. If you have a smaller home, host a table for 6 and let someone else host 12. Not all of us are gourmet cooks—what's wrong with take-out? What makes it fun is going to other people's homes and having a different dining experience. We would like to encourage all AAUW members—old and new, singles and couples—to keep this in mind when signing up for Wine and Dine and participating as hosts and guests. It is all about getting to know each other.

Wine and Dine dinners are in the fall (usually late October /Nov), the first of the year, and one in the spring. This year we will be adding one more date sometime in the summer. Below are photos taken at some of the winter get-togethers.

-Kathryn Henderson



Our THIRD Wine and Dine is Coming APRIL 6!

An email blast will go out on March 6 asking for volunteers to host the April 6 event. Once we line up hosts, we will send out an email on March 14 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.

For anyone planning to host a Wine-N-Dine event, 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 the host may choose any course. The host then asks the members of the group each to 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 easily modified depending upon 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 all of these fun parties!

—Laura Kramer and Tanya Enders Beach

SPANISH CONVERSATION ANYONE?

Looking for Spanish students interested in starting a Spanish conversation group. All levels are welcome. All that is required is a willingness to speak ONLY in Spanish during the meeting. Interested? Email Hillary Kambour at hillarykambour@gmail.com. We will find a convenient place to meet.

—Hillary Kambour

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

David Hoppes

After enjoying the recent Rock-n-Roll Forum class, David Hoppes learned of AAUW's Great Decisions groups. He really wanted to participate, and when he learned the group was for members only, David didn't hesitate to become one of a few male members of Healdsburg AAUW. David's wife, Donna Riley was already a member of several months and he had already contributed dozens of his homemade cookies to the Homes Tour last year.

David recently retired as Chief Commercial Officer for Matson Navigation in Oakland. He and Donna had a home in the Bernal Heights district of San Francisco and a home in Timber Cove on the coast. Realizing the city was becoming too "complicated," David and Donna looked for a home where accessing the coast would be relatively easy and chose Healdsburg because of its community and great food and wine scene.

David is a HUGE baseball fan and has visited 22 of the 30 professional ball parks since retirement. His love of the game drove him to become a board member of our local Prune Packers team where he helps to raise funds to improve the field and to ensure that the team has what it needs to continue providing opportunity for college ball players and entertainment for our community.



Colette Winkelmann

Colette grew up in Missouri, but she fell in love with California while working at a high school academy in Monterey Bay. She finished a BS Degree at Pacific Union in Angwin and soon was married with two children. Although the marriage ended, **Colette** completed an MBA and started a PhD as a single mom. These days, she finds herself working in the wine industry and realizes she has found her home. She has been in the wine industry for the last fifteen years and is currently the private events planner for Simi Winery and is working with Grapeseed Winery in the Paul Mahder Gallery with their accounting and administration needs.



In her spare time, **Colette** and her daughter make their own wine, using a play on her name: “Wink at Men Wines.” The wines (made by two women) are meant to be a tribute to women. The first two bottles are named in honor of her grandmother and mother and a portion of the sales will be donated to an organization that supports women. Yes, AAUW is a potential recipient!

Colette is looking forward to joining a book group and volunteering in some capacity with kids. She is also an avid bike rider and kayaker.

—Hillary Kambour



EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE! OR.... DO THEY?

AAUW volunteer positions span the gamut from interesting to routine but believe me, NONE is more DULL than organizing our branch’s entry in the annual Future Farmer’s of America Parade. It is absolutely NO FUN to be involved with this: there is no creativity, no laughing and certainly no enthusiasm in either the planning or during the parade itself. I am teasing, of course.

Now that I’ve got your attention, please know that I’ve had a blast coordinating our branch’s “float” for the past two years, and I think our members who have participated have really enjoyed it. But, I will be out of town this year and am looking to find others to do this FUN job! I’m happy to help with registration, share info and get you pointed in the right direction. This year’s parade will be on May 23rd.

I think our participation in the parade is a super way for AAUW to be visible in our community. It has also become a great way for our Tech Trek girls and HS Scholarship recipients (who march with us) to be acknowledged and celebrated by both our branch and the wider community. The girls’ enthusiasm is infectious and the wonderful reception AAUW receives from the onlookers is most gratifying.

—Winky Merrill (winkymerrill@gmail.com)

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 to kk.lacy@gmail.com.