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**AAUW's
29th Healdsburg Homes Tour
MAY 5, 2019
10:00 - 4:00**

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\$45 in advance / \$50 at event
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We hope that you all have the **Homes Tour** on your calendar. Tickets are on sale on our website, www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net, and at Copperfield's and Levin & Co Bookstores. The tour is **Healdsburg AAUW's** primary funding source for our educational and advocacy programs, focusing on supporting and encouraging women.

Thanks to all of you, and to **Liz Loebel**, for meeting our volunteer needs. Although designated volunteer spots are full, we would love to have a few people who would be available if we have last-minute needs. Please let **Liz** know if you are available, and flexible! Contact Liz at lizloebel@gmail.com.

A huge thank you to the tour committee for their hard work, and to all of you for supporting the tour. **We look forward to seeing you on May 5.**

Laura Tyler, 2019 Healdsburg Homes Tour Chair

The 2019 AAUW Healdsburg Homes Tour team thanks the following businesses for their generous support:

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Forum Returns in October

The Forum has had another great year providing college level adult education classes in Healdsburg. This was our fifth year of offering these classes. During these five years we have netted over \$129,000, all of which goes to scholarships for women and girls. We have had 3,375 attendees. So thank you very much for your support.

I would like to give a huge thanks to my committee. **Sharyn Sarquis** has been my right-hand person and has done all the writing for the fliers and media press releases. Other committee members who have provided much insight into identifying and researching professors, recruiting them, and distributing the fliers and bookmarks are **Georgia Helthall, Celeste Plaister, Angele Rice, Phil Wright, Judy Edmonds**, and Bob Santos. **Carol Noack** has provided the graphic art support and **Mary Fitzgerald** has provided all the publicity and media contact support. Thank you all so much for being such a great committee.

I will be stepping down this year. **Celeste Plaister** will be the chair for the upcoming year, and we have a great lineup. Go to our website <https://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net/> and click on “class schedule.” Thanks again for your support. Hope to see you all at next year’s Forum.

—Liz Loebel, Chair



President's Message

The Annual Meeting and Garden Party is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Have you made plans to attend? Along with electing our new Board, we will also vote on a couple of changes to the Branch By-Laws. Those proposed changes were recently sent to you via an eBlast. Come to the event to vote in the new Board and get to know them. Also, say "good-bye" to the current Board. They've worked hard to serve this organization. The Garden Party is always a fun event. Join in to catch up with friends and enjoy the wonderful food at the potluck. Be sure to RSVP to the event. The social activities committee needs to know the correct number of tables and chairs to set up, to make sure enough beverages are purchased, etc. If you RSVP "yes," and then have to cancel, please be sure to notify the planning committee so they can adjust accordingly.

It is time to pay your AAUW membership dues and the process is different this year. Our Membership Director, **Barbara Reid**, sent an eBlast early in April explaining the changes and you should have received your renewal notice from National by now. If you have not, or if you have any questions, please contact Barbara.

Title IX is 45 years old and AAUW of California was asked to speak at a committee hearing of the State Assembly. Alicia Hetman, CA AAUW's Title IX expert, gave an overview of the laws that have been passed over the years. The Title IX law that was sponsored by Senators Patsy Mink and Birch Bayh in 1972 provided for "the non-discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance." Later the sexual harassment law was passed as part of Title IX so that women have some legal recourse to prevent harassment at work and school. The current Secretary of Education has rescinded most of the Title IX rules on sexual harassment. In her speech, Alicia gave the state assembly committee a number of recommendations to keep Title IX strong. If you wish to see her speech, go to http://calchannel.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=7&clip_id=6036&fbclid=IwAR1xbUXhBAXLYiufJrlW190kfe1IDeGUcSKbCZ3TBbDPHWSI5m-Mgrhy-KU. The CA AAUW's elections are in process and go through May 15th. You should have received an email or postal card by April 22nd with voting instructions. If you didn't receive an email or postal card, call AAUW California office at 916-448-7795 and vote by phone. Have your member ID ready. (Where do you find your member ID? Next to your name in the Member Directory which is posted on our website.)

As I mentioned last month, our Branch received State recognition for our GEMS and Future Prep programs. Mission Based Programs Director, **Beth Wolk**, attended the annual State meeting this April and accepted the award for us. Congratulations to all who made these programs so successful.



Public Policy

The Status of Women and Girls in CA ~ 2019

For the past eight years Mt. St. Mary's University in Los Angeles, (the only all-women's higher educational institution in the area), has published a report assessing the status of women and girls in the state of California. It is an impressive document and I would encourage members to log on to: www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf and review the findings - they may surprise you.

This year's report entitled, *Intersections: Identity, Access and Equity* "celebrates the gains women have made and the challenges they continue to confront in areas like economic well-being, health and wellness, workforce factors and safety." It presents an overview of how women of different races and ethnicities are faring in CA. The following bills passed during the last legislative session were significant in making strides toward greater equity for California's women and girls; you may recognize some of them.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mandates a baseline representation of female identified persons on the board of directors of each publicly held corporation whose principal executive offices are in California. (SENATE BILL 826, JACKSON)

DISCLOSURE OF SALARY HISTORY: Prohibits employers from seeking salary history information and making a subsequent salary determination for applicants, thereby improving pay equity. (ASSEMBLY BILL 168, EGGMAN)

LACTATION ACCOMMODATION: Requires employers to designate an area close to the workspace – excluding bathrooms – for employees who wish to express breast milk. (ASSEMBLY BILL 1976, LIMÓN)

MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP: MINORS. Ensures additional levels of protection before a youth may marry or establish a domestic partnership by 1) providing information about their rights of termination and dissolution directly to children and 2) requiring involved parties to participate in premarital counseling. (SENATE BILL 273, HILL)

EXTORTION: Expands the crime of extortion to include consideration of sexual conduct or images of intimate body parts. (SENATE BILL 500, LEYVA)

CALWORKS MODIFICATIONS: Authorizes domestic violence survivors who are recipients of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) benefits to be eligible for CalWORKs homeless assistance. (ASSEMBLY BILL 557, RUBIO)

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' RESTROOMS: Requires public schools serving students in grades six to 12 that meet the 40 percent pupil poverty threshold required to operate a federal Title I school wide program to always stock at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with no-cost feminine hygiene products. (ASSEMBLY BILL 10, GARCIA)

Nancy Mahr, AAUW CA Public Policy Chair

*Above material referenced from Mt. St. Mary's University annual *The Status of Women and Girls in CA 2019*. Attached are two pages of graphic statistics that pretty much summed up the report's findings. The intent this year was to contrast how women of different ethnicities and race, socio-economic status, age, sexual identification and orientation are faring and their ability to respond to different sets of opportunities and challenges.

The full 2019 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California—including some interesting statistics—can be found at the following Web page:

<https://www.msmu.edu/media/website/content-assets/msmuedu/home/status-of-women-and-girls-in-california/documents/RSWG-2019-ReportFull.pdf>

Public Policy Events

At left: Sue Campbell and Kathleen Riley, Public Policy Chairs for Healdsburg and Santa Rosa, flanking Molly MacGregor, featured speaker from the Women's History Alliance at the March 20 event at Charlie's.

Below, four photos of the (Un)Equal Pay Day event on April 2nd, organized by Sue Campbell and Hillary Kambour.



Above right is Terry Bloom accepting the Windsor Town Council Equal Pay Day proclamation. Healdsburg and Cloverdale also issued Equal Pay Day proclamations. Above left is a photo from the April 6 Money Matters workshop at Expanding Your Horizons, taught by Julie Hanamura, Barbara Lannin, Diane Burnley and Naomi Ramsden.

MISSION-BASED PROGRAMS

On April 6 I had the pleasure of attending the AAUW Annual Meeting in San Diego to accept one of the awards for outstanding Mission-Based Programs for our branch. We were the only branch to be recognized for two programs, GEMS and Future Prep, started by dedicated AAUW members and presently coordinated by **Vicki Pearson** (GEMS) and **Kim Jensen** and **Cecile Peters** (Future Prep). A highlight of the meeting was hearing the three finalists for the Eleanor Stem Memorial Speech Contest speak about the topic, “How Can We Eliminate Violence in Our Schools.” Each girl was an amazing and heartwarming speaker, and the winner was only in ninth grade! Another Mission-Based program that was recognized was the Rocklin Roseville Branch for their program called Days for Girls (<https://www.daysforgirls.org>)

Tech Trek/GEMS Success Story

In the summer of 2014 (between 7th and 8th grade) Samantha Moberly attended Tech Trek Camp at Stanford University. The following year she attended AAUW events to share her positive experience with new Tech Trek candidates. Samantha stayed connected with the program and after another application and series of interviews, she returned to Tech Trek during the summer of 2017 as a peer counselor. Also in the summer of 2017, Samantha began interning at a technology-manufacturing company, Micro-Vu, getting more of a feel for an engineering work environment. Throughout middle school and high school Samantha has flourished in math and science classes—taking up to Calculus 4 at the Santa Rosa Junior College on top of her other high school classes, all while staying involved in club and school soccer and GEMS programs. She received a 1550 on her SAT, with a perfect score on the math section and another perfect score on the SAT Math II Subject Test. She was named a National Merit Commemorated Student and Salutatorian for Windsor High. Samantha has opted to attend Cal Poly’s College of Engineering to study mechanical engineering. She is excited for her journey at Cal Poly, and is happy for her youngest sister, Audrey, who will be attending this summer’s Tech Trek



GEMS Canine Companions Field Trip

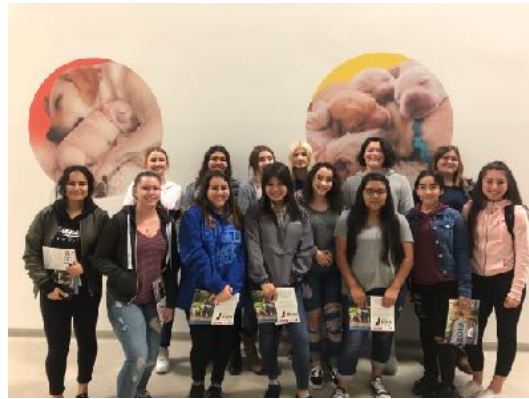
On Friday, January 18, GEMS sponsored a highly successful field trip to the Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) campus in southwest Santa Rosa. Fifteen girls—from high schools in Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Windsor and Geyserville—plus two parents, and one teacher from Cloverdale attended. **Barbara Lannin, Cathy Mock, Liz Schuiling** and **Vicki Pearson** were chaperones/drivers.

The field trip included campus tours with the senior veterinarians, a post-doc clinical researcher, and the manager of Canine Training, who also had a STEM degree. A range of topics was covered—from genetics to dog training. The four female CCI leaders shared their diverse education and career journeys. They also spoke to the importance of other HS and college coursework beyond biology, chemistry and physics, including psychology, algebra, biostatistics, as well as speaking and writing skills. The students were very engaged, performing tasks and asking lots of questions. Of course the highlight of the day was playtime with the twelve 8-week old puppies. Several girls commented it was the best field trip ever. Two photos from the day are posted on the next page.

On April 15, nine girls will be attending another GEMS-sponsored field trip to Healdsburg Hospital. Stay tuned for a summary in the next Grapevine.

—Beth Wolk and Vicki Pearson

A Trip to Canine Companions - January 18, 2019



Expanding Your Horizons: Motivating Young Women in Science and Mathematics 27th Annual Sonoma County Hands-On STEM Workshop Day

Expanding Your Horizons Sonoma County is a one day conference encouraging 7th and 8th grade girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. On Saturday, April 6, 2019 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 Santa Rosa Junior College.

Thank you to our local AAUW branch for supporting this exciting event. Regional sponsors include Sonoma State University, Santa Rosa Junior College and Keysight Technologies.

Georgia Helthall, **Vicki Pearson**, and **Susanne Bonnet** joined me and generously donated their time to volunteer at the check-in tables to get the day off to a smooth start! We know the students all had an amazing experience. Thank you, ladies!

—Victoria Toboni



AAUW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Judy Edmonds

“**Judy Edmonds** reflects the heart and soul of our AAUW Branch.” I have heard this from a number of long-term members. Why do people say this about her? **Judy** has a quiet, charming way of getting things done. Since joining in 1998 she has been on the Board (18 years), serving as secretary, Homes Tour chair, president, community services coordinator, and more.

In the early 2000s, **Judy** was challenged by **Heidi Blumenthal** to grow membership above the then-current 40 members. So she started an outreach program that was so successful it had to be halted as too many new members were joining at once! We are currently 200 members strong.



Judy says that (along with Career Choices) she's most proud of hearing about Tech Trek and becoming our branch's first dorm mother at Stanford in 2008. We now send at least 2 members to be dorm moms at this amazing camp each year.

She helped start Career Choices, now known as Future Prep, at Healdsburg High School, and there is also now a Future Prep at Cloverdale High School. In conjunction with **Liz Loebel**, she launched the Forum series in Healdsburg, now one of our popular fundraising programs that also provides community education.

In partnership with **Louise Lambert** she proofreads our monthly Grapevine newsletter. And she helps devise those devilish questions at the Annual Picnic Trivia contest.

Her leadership and hard work have been instrumental to the success of our branch. Yes, "Heart and Soul" pretty much covers it. Thank you Judy!

—Kate Van Ness

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Post-Homes Tour Happy Hour – Cinco de Mayo Please RSVP!

Our Homes Tour on Cinco de Mayo is rapidly approaching!
Details are below and we would appreciate your RSVP as soon as possible.

Date: May 5th

Time: 4-6 pm

Place: Healdsburg Museum backyard

Couples: Bring a bottle of wine and a simple Cinco de Mayo hors d'oeuvre

Singles: Bring a bottle of wine or non-alcoholic beverage

Please RSVP to carolhazlett@me.com by Wednesday, May 1st, with the following:

The names of those attending in your party

-If you are a couple, confirmation that you will be able to bring a simple hors d'oeuvre with a Cinco de Mayo flair, as well as a bottle of wine. It will be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating a wonderful, successful AAUW effort on a special day!

—Carol Hazlett (707-799-1362) and Neita Comings (602-66-4320)

Wine'n Dine at the home of Tanya Enders Beach



**NEXT AAUW CULTURAL EVENT
SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2019, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
383 BRIDLE PATH, HEALDSBURG**

**“WHY YOU LIKE IT”
AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND CONVERSATION
WITH COMPOSER PIANIST DR NOLAN GASSER**

**HE WILL DISCUSS HIS NEW BOOK DISCUSSING WHY WE LIKE THE MUSIC WE
CHOOSE**

**NOLAN GASSER IS THE FATHER OF THE MUSIC GENOME FOR PANDORA
HE IS ALSO A COMPOSER OF MUSICALS, CONCERTOS AND JAZZ MUSIC
HE HAS A JAZZ COMBO
IN SHORT, HE IS MULTI-TALENTED**

\$30, INCLUDING WINE

Contact **Hallie Beacham for more information:
HBEACHAM@GMAIL.COM**

SAVE THE DATE!

**GARDEN PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING
Diane Burnley's home, 441 Tee Court, Healdsburg
Saturday, May 18th, 2019, 11:00-2:00**

Spring has finally sprung and it's time for our Garden Party/Installation Luncheon. This means saying thank you to our current officers and installing our officers for 2019-2020.

This year we are going to “switch it up” and have a Taco Bar luncheon. Guests will be assigned one ingredient to bring based upon their birth month. Look for additional details coming out in an email soon.

Hope to see you all there!

–Violet Nelson

Healdsburg Future Farmers Country Fair Twilight Parade 70 Years of HFFCF: Past, Present and Future

Who doesn't love a parade? Especially our lovely local Healdsburg Twilight Parade! For the third year, our AAUW branch will take part to strengthen our message and community presence. Please join us in planning our AAUW entry in the 2019 Twilight Parade on May 23. We'll have the girls from several of our programs and our scholarship winners walk with us. We gather at 5:30 in the parade line and walk the route to the fairgrounds. Much fun!

To tie in with this year's theme of Past, Present, and Future, our members will represent accomplished women of the past and present while the girls will be our future. Good fit, eh? AAUW participants will dress and carry signs that identify them as well-known women from past and present. (Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Steinem, Marie Curie, Jane Austen, Florence Nightingale, Mother Teresa, Queen Victoria, Margaret Thatcher, Nancy Pelosi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony, Emily Dickinson, Rachel Carson, Billie Jean King, Amelia Earhart, Carrie Nation... you get the idea).

Student participants will wear graduation gowns and carry signs/props that identify them as future accomplished women (future President, inventor, researcher, climate scientist, CEO, astronaut, poet laureate, film director, banker, Nobel Prize winner, Olympic athlete, teacher, mother, race car driver, coach, and more).

We'll have more details and a sign-up at the AAUW Happy Hour following the Homes Tour on May 5. In the meantime be thinking about who you want to be and brainstorm some props we can have for the girls to carry/wear to represent their futures. If you can't join us on May 5 but would like to walk with us, email Claire O'Neill at 4claireoneill@gmail.com with your name and the name of the notable woman you will represent in the parade.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Dena Cochran

Dena and her husband are new to Healdsburg, having moved here from Visalia in September of 2018. After retiring, she and her husband decided it was time for a move. They have a daughter and grandchild in Healdsburg, and a daughter and two grandchildren in San Francisco. So Healdsburg seemed the logical new place for the couple.

After receiving her degree in journalism, Dena and her husband moved to Visalia and she began to raise her family. Her daughter was on the swim team with the daughter of the CEO of their 581-bed hospital, and he asked her to come on as their part-time fundraiser. Dena was soon working full-time in fundraising and management at the hospital, and remained there for thirty two years.

Upon moving to Healdsburg, Dena began volunteering in the schools, but looked to join a charitable organization. She is a long-time Rotarian (having been the first female Rotary Club member in Visalia), but decided that she and her husband should join separate organizations, thus the appeal of AAUW.

An exercise enthusiast, Dena jogs, goes to the gym, and is a former horseback rider. She is interested in joining one of our book groups.



Ann Pedersen

Ann feels strongly about giving back. As a junior college student struggling to piece together the funds to attend Humboldt State College, Ann received a grant from the Shasta County AAUW. This money paid for food and lodging for a semester at school. As soon as she was financially able, Ann joined AAUW so that some other deserving young woman could breathe a little easier while attending college.

Because she is working at Pivot Charter School in Windsor and living on Arata road between Healdsburg and Windsor, Ann joined our chapter. Pivot is an Independent Study high school for students who don't fit into the traditional classroom model either for physical, emotional, or experiential reasons. Ann teaches English workshops and is the school's college counselor—a more than full-time job.

Prior to teaching in Windsor, Ann taught for three years in Japan and a year in Mexico. She is especially interested in teaching kids with special challenges. Ann likes the individualized approach to education—working one-on-one with a student so that he or she knows there is someone who wants to see them succeed.

Although Ann has little time outside of work, she is interested in joining a book group.

—Hillary Kambour



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