

The Grapevine

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Despite a chilly start, the 29th annual Homes Tour captivated visitors with six wonderful homes. They ranged from Healdsburg's second oldest house on Mason Street to a reimagined ranch on Second Street. Our heartfelt thanks go to the generous homeowners who offered their homes this year: Katie Rosson and Gibson Scheid, Brendon Perkins and Eddie McLeod, Cathleen and Chris Stafford, George and Ann Lawson, Jennifer and John Curtin, and Shannan Valette Ketelson. The sun finally appeared about noon, and tour attendees were able to enjoy a very pleasant walk around town. All six homes were within easy walking distance of the Healdsburg Museum, our tour headquarters.

We're pleased to report that we made about \$36,000 to support our scholarships and educational programs. This could never have happened without the help and participation of many, many of you and other members of the community. Thank you! We were also lucky to have four local businesses sponsor homes (Big John's Market, Elevation Architects, Sotheby's, and Vanguard Properties) and 16 individual supporters.

In addition to our sponsors, we want to acknowledge several people and local businesses who contributed to our successful tour: Lauren Carriere and Holly Hoods at the Healdsburg Museum, Copperfield's Books and Levin & Company, Dragonfly Floral, Bob Pennypacker (who updated his wonderful home tour documentary) and **Phil Wright**, who took the lovely photos of the homes and gardens.

The team that put on this year's tour was remarkable. They are committed, efficient, supportive and professional in the best sense of the word. Thank you to all of them: **Cynthia Adam, Diane Burnley, Linda Compisi, Ronnie Devitt, Julia Graves, Julie Hanamura, Beverly Hosket, Terry Leach, Johanna Lieblein, Liz Loebel, Karen Messick Fannuchi, Claire O'Neill and Kate Van Ness.**

We're already thinking about next year's tour - the 30th annual. Please consider joining the team. Yes, it's work, but it's also fun! **Julia Graves** and I will be chairing the 2020 tour.

Thank you again to everyone!

—Laura Tyler, 2019 Homes Tour Chair



President's Message

2018-19 has been another fun and productive year for our Branch. We accomplished one of our two major strategic goals and have done the ground work to complete the second goal next year. The new members who have joined our branch have stepped right up to participate in helping to do those things that fulfill our mission of “advancing equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.” It was such a pleasure to go to the New Member Coffees and hear our newest members ask how they can get involved. In May we had another successful Homes Tour. A big thank you to **Laura Tyler**, her team and the many volunteers who made it happen.

By the time this year is over, we will have awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to high school students and re-entry women, chosen and funded our Tech Trekkers, and given a \$10,000 community educational grant, among other things. And, in July we will give our first Al Garren renewal scholarship awards. How exciting is that!!!

Our Branch, standing at 213 members, continues to evolve. This year we re-assessed our leadership structure and took a look at how we distribute the money that is raised. Because of that assessment, a STEM Director was added to the Board, thus focusing the coordination of Tech Trek, GEMS and EYH activity. We also re-evaluated how we donate our money and confirmed that our priorities will continue to support educational efforts in the community from pre-school through high school.

This year's Board Directors have been busy and productive, as evidenced by their year-end reports detailing progress toward their goals, problems encountered, and ideas for the next year. That information was summarized in the *2018-19 Year in Review* handed out at the Annual Meeting and is posted on the website. You will be impressed at what your Board has accomplished in the past year.

This is my last article as Branch President. It's been a great ride and I thank you for the opportunity to serve the branch in this capacity. I want to give a 'shout out' to the amazing women on my Board who have supported me these past 2 years. It was an honor to work with all of you. Being on the Board really keeps you “in the know”. As past president I stay on in an advisory capacity and therefore, stay “in the know”. The new Board has a good blend of new and returning members. With your new president, **Linda Clark**, at the helm, it is going to be a great year.

Next year is the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. I hope you are giving some thought to attending the June AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C. It should be educational and lots of fun. At the previous convention, I met Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Maybe next year Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg will attend???

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

—Nancy Haiston

Healdsburg Homes Tour Cookie Bakers

The cookies for this year's HHT were delicious. Our cookie bakers' awesome talents were appreciated by all of our Homes Tour guests. Several guests shared compliments with the HHT docents, and the refreshment team (who artfully arranged the cookies on platters for serving). One enthusiastic guest exclaimed, "These are the best cookies ever!"

A gracious and appreciative thank you is extended to each of our cookie bakers this year. Each of you rose to the occasion and shared with our guests your favorite cookie recipes. Our guests definitely had an enjoyable time choosing from your delicious assortment of cookies.

—Diane Burnley

MISSION-BASED PROGRAMS

GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math & Science)

GEMS sponsored a field trip to the Healdsburg Hospital on April 15. Nine girls pre-registered for the program, representing Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Geyserville and Windsor. Unfortunately, only seven attended. The students visited the following departments: Emergency, Pathology Laboratory, Pharmacy, Radiology/Imaging, Perioperative Services, Med-Surg/ICU, and Subacute Care.

As we toured each department the medical staff spoke to the following:

1. Department's role in the diagnosis or treatment of patients
2. Other departments they interface with
3. What a typical day looks like
4. Educational requirements for various professions: majors, BS, MS, MBA, etc.
5. Recommended courses to focus on in junior high and high school
6. Most rewarding and most challenging parts of job and/or profession

Special thanks to **Cathy Mock** and **Liz Schuiling** who chaperoned the event.

—Vicki Pearson

Reading Rocks at West Side School

We had a great year with our little first grade students! They really improved their reading skills and made some new adult friends along the way. Thank you to **Yvonne Hyatt**, **Georgia Helthall**, **Nicki Rector**, **Theresa Cabral**, **Judy Edmonds**, **Denny Martin**, **Angele Rice**, and **Shelly Roth** for their time and caring for these children. We are taking a sabbatical for June, July and August and will reconvene with a new batch of kiddos in September. Join us next year!!

—Pat Bertapelle

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

SAVE THE DATE!

Healdsburg AAUW Wine 'n Dine
announcing "new" Summer Brunch
Sunday, July 21, 2019
Venues to be determined

SAVE THE DATE

for the AAUW Annual Picnic, Trivia Contest and More!!!

Our annual AAUW Summer Picnic will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14, at the Warm Springs recreation area, across from the Lake Sonoma visitor parking lot. It's a terrific location. And if you haven't come previously, know that everyone has a great time!

We're going to stoke a huge, hot charcoal grill, so bring something to put over the fire, a side dish or dessert to share, and whatever you wish to drink. Water will be provided.

We'll have the site for the entire afternoon. If you are a lawn games kind of person (we are talking croquet, lawn darts, corn hole and anything you can think of), we would love for you to head up organizing that for the early afternoon. (Contact Ann, annmahoney@comcast.net to say you're in!) We'll flame-up the briquettes around 4:30pm and continue cooking and visiting until the Trivia contest ends at 7 or so. (FYI—Last year's Trivia contest was just too hard...anticipate questions more accessible to all.) So, save the date!

—Ann Mahoney

HEY BATTA, BATTA, BATTA, SWING, BATTA, BATTA! Healdsburg Prune Packers Honor the AAUW Healdsburg

On Wednesday, July 10, the Healdsburg Prune Packers are honoring the AAUW of Healdsburg with their own night to celebrate the wonderful things that AAUW members have done for the community. The game starts at 6pm at RecPark. (Piper /University) There is an entrance fee of \$5. The Prune Packers are playing the San Francisco Seals. An AAUW individual will throw out the first pitch, and there will be public announcements regarding the AAUW's contributions.

As background, the Healdsburg Prune Packers are a historic baseball club, established in 1921. It spread its roots deep into the town's culture during the 20s, 30s, and 50s. After a respite, the Prune Packers returned to Healdsburg in 2012. In 2016, the Packers joined the prestigious California Collegiate Baseball League. It is a wood bat league. The roster of the teams consists of college players of the highest skill level from Division 1 college programs, honing their skills over the summer for the next level of baseball.

RecPark is a great venue with bleachers, food and beverages, and a great deal of community spirit. Please join us in celebrating this evening. We will be sitting together as a group and having an evening of fun and baseball.

—Kathryn Henderson

Below: Hikers at Pepperwood Preserve, May 3rd, 2019 - Thanks to Barbara Recchia for organizing!



MEMBERSHIP

Carroll Estes To Be Honored with Robert M. Ball Award

Professor Emerita **Carroll Estes**, PhD, FAAN, and a Healdsburg AAUW member has been named a recipient of the 2019 Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievements in Social Insurance. In its announcement, the National Academy of Social Insurance wrote, "Estes is one of the foremost innovative thinkers and educators on the interaction of social insurance with gender, race/ethnicity and class issues, and she has used this work to inform policymaking in the fields of health, aging and social insurance."

Estes founded and directed the Institute for Health and Aging from 1979 to 1998, and chaired the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences from 1981 to 1992. In 2014, **Estes** received the University of California Medal, UCSF's highest recognition. She served as consultant to U.S. Commissioners of Social Security and to U.S. Senate and House Committees on Aging for three decades.



—Yana Peselev

Membership Update

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed their membership on-line and also to those of you who have submitted checks. Deadline for renewal is the end of June! You will have received an invoice for this renewal in your email.

No photo on the Membership Photo Roster? Please email me a "head shot" picture of yourself and I will get it uploaded for you. Also if the photo that is on there is not to your liking, please resubmit!

A new member coffee was held on May 9th at the home of **Yvonne Schell**, your new "Buddy Coordinator," with seven new members in attendance, as well as a few buddies and members who had joined last year and had been unable to attend January's introduction. Your President **Nancy** and VP **Linda** were also in attendance. What a great way to get to know each other and to find out areas of interest for getting involved in AAUW. In 2019 so far we have welcomed 16 new members to our Branch.

—Barbara Reid

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Betsy Connelly

Betsy worked in the fashion industry and travelled the world while working for Nordstrom, ESQUEL and Ralph Lauren for many years. She lived in Paris, New York, Seattle and San Francisco. She fell in love with Paris and travelled throughout Asia learning the supply-side of her industry as well as the demand-side in the U.S. One day she realized she had spent six months of her life on an airplane and decided that her life needed to change.

Although she had seen the wine regions of many European countries, she had never visited Sonoma until she participated in a half-marathon and found Healdsburg. She and her husband, Mark bought a home here four years ago and has been a full-time resident for two years.



Betsy is passionate about seeing woman advance in the world and is awed by their untapped brilliance and creativity. She is an active member of the Sonoma Commission on the Status of Women as well as on the

board of the Healdsburg Food Pantry. Her interests in helping women led her to AAUW where she hopes to participate in programs that help women and girls as well outdoor activities.

Joan Mora

Joan is a long-time resident of Healdsburg and a former member of AAUW. Back in the late 1990s, Joan and Sharon Roper helped pilot the “Visions” program at Healdsburg High School through AAUW—a program that took first generation college hopefuls on tours of college campuses. When life got really busy a few years later, Joan left AAUW, but has renewed her membership and is ready to get involved in our various activities.



After graduating from Chico State, Joan and her husband moved around a bit, but landed in Santa Maria when her son was a toddler. Having been a gymnast in high school and college, Joan started teaching pre-schoolers gymnastics and quickly found herself Program Director. When the family moved to Healdsburg she continued coaching, first in Petaluma and eventually at her own studio in Windsor, where she continues to teach and run a business. In her early years, Joan enjoyed mentoring high risk teen age girls and is now an advocate in the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Rebecca West

Rebecca grew up in Mill Valley then spent much of her adult life in San Diego where she raised two daughters as a single mother. She worked as a nurse at Scripps hospital, working her way up to a nursing director role. When the hospital eliminated the director position, Rebecca took the opportunity to relocate north, first in San Francisco working at CPMC hospital, then, two years ago, she settled in Healdsburg and works part-time at Sutter Santa Rosa hospital. Although Rebecca left one daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in San Diego, her older daughter and grandchildren live in Healdsburg.



Rebecca notes her education was fragmented. In her 20’s, she received an associate degree as a licensed vocational nurse, then worked while going to school for her RN. In her 30’s she received her bachelor’s, and, when nearly 50, she obtained her master’s degree. From this experience, she has compassion for women trying to finish their educations – especially while continuing to work and raise children.

In this way, joining AAUW not only offers Rebecca the opportunity to meet new people, join a book group and attend social events, but perhaps to lend support to women pursuing their education in a non-traditional way.

—Hillary Kambour

SUMMER CONNECTIONS

Let’s stay connected this summer with photos posted on our branch Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please send your jpeg format photos to Scarlett Wood, our Social manager (allaboutennis@gmail.com). Include a simple descriptive heading. It’s okay to use first names, but please don’t use your full name. We know who we are.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation, an accident, or has passed away, please notify Heidi Blumenthal so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW.

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—Katherine Lacy