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CLIMATE CHANGE AND CIVILIZATION: OUR LEGACY TO FUTURE GENERATIONS

Tuesdays 10 - 11:45 AM, March 17 - April 21

Tyra Benoit

Throughout history, climate change has impacted the emergence and longevity of civilizations in both positive and negative ways. Given the recent fires in Australia and the continuing impact of wild fires on our local community, evidence of climate chaos can overwhelm an informed global citizen and lead to a sense of hopelessness. However, studying climate change in its historical and contemporary context can also help to create a path back from the abyss. This course will provide participants with the most recent evidence of the climate crisis as well as weekly insights and examples conveying hope about our collective future.

Tyra Benoit holds an MA in History and has taught about world civilizations for over forty years, including a popular class for Forum four years ago. She has traveled extensively, both independently and through various awards as a Fulbright Scholar and from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her concern for the survival of her own civilization led her to the Climate Reality Project. She is currently a member of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps.

GREAT VOICES: AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT SIX ICONIC ROCK AND R&B SINGERS

Thursdays 10-11:45, March 19 - April 23

Pete Elman

Throughout the rich, long arc of popular music there has always existed the great singer who elevates the great song to another dimension, a place where, as listeners, we are thrilled and inspired for the rest of our lives. This course will cover the lives and careers of six legendary rock and R&B singers from the period 1955-75 whose work has embodied American roots music. Although all of them are also known as songwriters and performers, they made their mark as vocalists who could rock our socks off one minute, while with the next breath cajole the sweetest melodies from the material they so passionately tackled.

Pete Elman has been a professional musician since 1963, working as a keyboardist, trombonist, guitarist, bassist, arranger, composer, studio musician, recording artist, producer and teacher. In that time, he has performed and recorded with, among others, country star Lacy J. Dalton, Grammy-winning writer/producer Rick Nowels (Stevie Nicks, Madonna, Celine Dion), and Tom Johnston (Doobie Brothers.) He has composed, arranged and produced music for film, TV, commercials, and recording artists. Along the way he released four acclaimed solo instrumental albums. Since 2015 he has created and taught twelve different popular courses on American music for numerous educational organizations. For more information go to: www.realdreammusic.com.

—Judy Edmonds

President's Message



Remember shaking up your routine and attending a professional meeting, convention or workshop? Meeting like-minded people, sharing ideas and coming away with renewed energy?

Well, here is an opportunity for such an experience! The CA AAUW Convention is April 17-19 in Millbrae, driving distance from our area. You should have received an email with registration information and details of the activities and break out sessions. Here is a link if you missed it:

<https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-convention/>

I attended the convention in 2019 and left feeling inspired. Please consider attending and celebrating the anniversary of winning the right to vote! The Board of Directors has approved reimbursing any Director, Committee Chair, Committee member or member at large for up to the \$350 Basic Convention cost. We would love to see many of our members attending a variety of classes and meeting others from throughout the state.

Please email me at lindaclark0606@gmail.com if you are interested. I'm looking forward to joining many of you in Millbrae!

—Linda Clark

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 3, 2020

AAUW's 30th Healdsburg Homes Tour

MAY 3, 2020 – 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 Betsy Connolly and her team!). We're also continuing to talk with local businesses about advertising in the tour program.

Tickets will go on sale soon on our website 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 other staffing needs. The tour is a great opportunity to contribute to one of the chapter's primary funding sources and have some fun along the way!

Thanks to the tour committee for their hard work!

—Laura Tyler, 2020 Tour Chair

—Julia Graves, 2020 Tour Co-Chair

COOKIES, COOKIES, AND MORE COOKIES

Warmest greetings are extended to all new and experienced AAUW Homes Tour cookie bakers. It is the time of year when we request that you share your cookie baking expertise. This year's Homes Tour on Sunday, May 3, promises to be another great success.

I am requesting your cookie baking commitments during the month of March this year, because I will be traveling the first three weeks of April. I hope that you will also appreciate having this opportunity to plan early for your 2020 HHT cookie baking.

The last two year's selections have included a wonderful variety of cookie choices, with many of you thinking "beyond the chocolate chip." Our Homes Tour participants always appreciate and look forward to your home baked cookies. Throughout the day of the HHT there are many comments about your creativeness; "these are the best cookies ever" is heard often!

This year we are requesting four dozen cookies.

Please plan on signing up soon. Email me, Diane Burnley, at dburnley@aol.com or call/text me at 925-286-1590 to let me know that you will be baking for our Homes Tour this year. I will contact you with delivery instructions about two weeks before the Homes Tour.

Your delicious contributions for a successful Healdsburg Homes Tour are much appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

–Diane Burnley

Public Policy

You've Come a Long Way Baby ... But You're Not There Yet!

Perhaps many of you will recall the Virginia Slims advertising slogan from the late 1960s, "You've come a long way, Baby." This slogan aptly fits the rise of the feminist movement in America, which most of us agree dates back to the Seneca Falls, NY convention in July 1848. August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the culmination of the Women's Suffrage Movement. It took over seven decades for a woman's right to vote to be guaranteed as the law of the land.

Since then, we have seen successive waves of the Women's Rights movement. Activists in the 1960s and 1970s sought equal rights and opportunities along with greater personal freedom for women, similar to the goals of the suffragists—the first wave of feminism. But this second wave of feminism also encompassed every area of women's experience—including politics, work, the family and sexuality. Major legislative victories were accomplished during this period: the Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, legalization of birth control for married and unmarried couples, Title X Family Planning Program, Title IX, the Rove v Wade decision, and passage of the ERA.

Third-wave feminists sought to question, reclaim, and redefine the ideas, words, and media that have transmitted ideas about gender, gender roles, womanhood, beauty, and sexuality, among other things, while fourth-wave feminism refers to a "resurgence of interest in feminism that began around 2012 and is associated with the use of social media." The focus has been on justice for women and opposition to sexual harassment and violence against women. Scandals involving the harassment, abuse, and murder of women and girls have kickstarted movements such as the "Me Too" Movement.

Where will feminism go from here? We've still got our work cut out for us: namely the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, which has now obtained approval by the requisite 38 states, and faces court challenges, and the ratification by the U.S. Senate of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the international bill of rights adopted by the United Nations in 1979. AAUW has played a notable role in all these waves of feminism and I am sure will continue to do so as we strive for social and economic justice—because we're not there yet.

–Ginny Hatfield, AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee
–Submitted by Sue Campbell

Suffragist Sound Bites from your Public Policy Committee

“A Woman is like a tea bag - you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water!” - Eleanor Roosevelt

So: Muscle in, Take Advocacy to the Next Level: Become a 2-Minute AAUW Activist -<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

March 3rd: California primary election day (California matters - your vote matters!)

March 8th: International Women’s Day -join the Rosie Rally on Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa at 11:00. Dress up like Rosie the Riveter - You can do it!

March 12th: Remember the Ladies - high tea luncheon; reserve today!

March 14th: California Women Win the Vote- movie sponsored by the League at Windsor Library; 2:00; free

Now until September 13th: From Suffrage to #MeToo exhibit at the Museum of Sonoma County

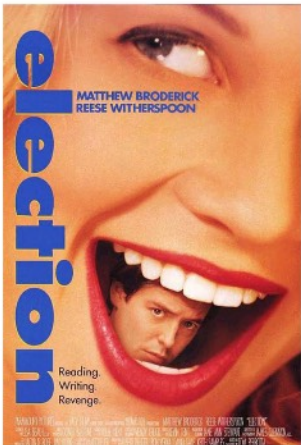
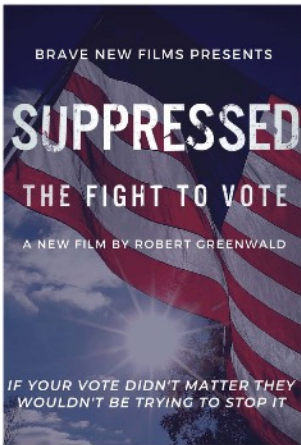
“Go and feed others with your energy!” - Oprah Winfrey

—Sue Finan

VOTING IN SONOMA COUNTY






Join us for a **FREE MINI FILM FESTIVAL** on Saturday, March 28th, at 11:30AM at the Raven Film Center to explore current pressing issues.

The event includes two film screenings and a panel discussion.
Panelists to be named at a later date.



11:30AM - Doors open
12:00PM - Screening: SUPPRESSED: THE FIGHT TO VOTE
12:45PM-1:45PM - Panel Discussion
--- Intermission ---
2:05PM - Screening: ELECTION

Brought to you as a collaboration between



VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in signing up and educating new voters? If so, the Public Policy Committee has an opportunity for you! We have been asked by the League of Women Voters to help conduct education sessions and voter registration at the four high schools in our area - Healdsburg, Cloverdale, Geyserville and Windsor. These would consist of 1-1 ½ hour sessions in classes of seniors this spring and next fall, focusing on how to vote and how to become educated about the issues and candidates. To prepare us for this, the League will be conducting a training session on March 26th 1:30-3:30PM at the Windsor Library. Since space is limited, if you ARE interested, please let Sue Campbell know or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0945a4ae2aa3f49-hscivics>. It's a great opportunity to help shape young minds during this important election year.

—Sue Campbell



AAUW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Sue Finan

Perhaps the longest standing AAUW member in our Branch is Sue Finan. She joined in Chicago in 1972, primarily to socialize and have discussions with other women who had small children. When she moved to Pennsylvania, she joined a branch near Pittsburgh. She enjoyed Great Decisions, book club and the women she met. During her time there Sue managed to hold every office.



She moved to Santa Rosa and immediately joined that branch, again making friends and participating in a variety of activities, programs and events, including serving as chairperson for the Romancing the Vine and Lady GoGos interest groups. One of the members there was a founder of Tech Trek at Stanford. Of course, Sue became involved and was a dorm mom.

The next move was to Windsor, so she joined the Healdsburg branch. When asked why she maintains a dual membership, the immediate response was “twice as many great women, programs and activities!” It also allows her to be the liaison between the Public Policy committees in both branches.

Sue has the reputation of buddy extraordinaire! She was one of the first to be assigned multiple new members simultaneously. This group developed friendships during their monthly happy hours. All of them are now committee chairs/members. This has proven so successful that others are also adopting the method.

I hope you're as inspired by Sue as I am, and aim to gain as much out of AAUW as she does!

—Linda Clark



Designed to prepare working women to negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites you to learn to negotiate your financial future through an AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop.

Instructor: Connie Cservenyak

Saturday April 18, 2020

9:00 am-12:00 noon

Healdsburg Community Center Library

Recommended age range 25-55

Limit 25 participants

Cost: Free

To register send name, email & telephone number to andrewsbeal@aol.com

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education

Expanding Your Horizons Sonoma County 2020 28th Annual Conference Healdsburg AAUW Volunteer Opportunities

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) is a 1 day annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) conference for 7th and 8th grade girls from Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino Counties. EYH builds enthusiasm for the world of STEM by offering these young women hands-on workshops conducted by women with expertise in these fields. It further fosters awareness of STEM careers and provides opportunities to meet and interact with positive female role models. There are also sessions designed for parents and educators. AAUW Healdsburg continues to be a proud sponsor of EYH.

AAUW Healdsburg volunteers are needed in the EYH School Outreach Committee. We are looking for AAUW members who will enjoy working with the Cloverdale, Geyserville, Healdsburg and Windsor Middle Schools. Our goal is to maximize EYH registration by promoting this exciting, unique STEM opportunity to 7th and 8th grade girls, their parents and their math and science teachers.

The time commitment is 4 - 6 hours.

If you are interested, please contact Victoria Toboni: maclachlan123@sbcglobal.net or text/call 707-591-4084.

—Karla Rosen

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

Save the Date

Annual Installation Meeting, and Garden Luncheon

Saturday, May 16th

11:30 to 1:30

Details will be in the April Grapevine

LEAD THE PARADE



Good news! Though we haven't yet found a branch member to chair this effort, we have found a co-chair who is ready and willing to work with that individual. Apparently, Leslie Graves of the Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project is organizing marchers for all the local spring-time parades and would love to partner with us. Since both our organizations would be marching to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, our visions are very much aligned. And Leslie already had sashes and flags! So, if you're interested in working with Leslie on this important celebration and fun event on May 21, please let Linda Clark know.

—Sue Campbell

Hidden Genius: A Celebration of Clara Schumann

KAYLEEN ASBO PERFORMED THE MUSIC OF CLARA SCHUMANN

Sunday January 26, 3pm, at the home of Hallie Beacham



MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to Kathryn Henderson!

The National 2020 AAUW Art Contest received over 200 submissions, and among the six winners from across the country was Healdsburg Branch's own Kathryn Henderson! The six winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members this spring. Watch for them. Kathryn's winning submission is below.



Meet Our New Members

Judy Ivan

Judy's enthusiasm for her career as an occupational therapist (OT) is palpable. She believes it is a rewarding profession, especially for women, providing a satisfying career and the flexibility to raise a family.

After receiving her B.A. in O.T. from USC, Judy began working in a rehab center in San Diego. She later moved to Cupertino with her husband. She worked in home health, acute care and outpatient clinics. Judy enjoys assisting her patients to become more independent and productive in their real lives.



Judy was able to use her expertise working for an OT/PT products distributor. She worked in marketing and advertising. Her focus became educating therapists and university therapy programs on the use of these products. She finished her career with her passion of treating hand injuries, teaching seminars and doing ergonomic evaluations.

Judy and her husband moved up to Sonoma County from Silicon Valley right before the fires in 2017. They have four children, one of whom lives (with her husband and two children) in Petaluma. A friend and member told Judy about AAUW. She joined hoping to assist women and girls achieve their educational dreams.

Martha Noble

Martha and her husband, Jeff Demarest, met and married while working as fish biologists at the University of California's Bodega Marine Laboratory. Based on her interest in environmental policy, Martha obtained a J.D. in law at the UC Berkeley School of Law. After graduation, she worked with a law firm that represented a number of East Bay cities on environmental and land use issues.



When Jeff took a job at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Martha began teaching classes in Agricultural and Environmental Law at the University's law school and also served as staff attorney for the law school's Agricultural Law Center. Six years later, when Jeff was offered a position as the Biology Department Chair at Juniata College in central Pennsylvania, Martha found a job in Washington D.C. with the National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition, an organization of more than 100 groups, including many in California. She also served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Advisory Committee for Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities.

After ten years commuting between D.C. and central Pennsylvania, Martha and Jeff returned to Sonoma County, where they found a home on the river in Healdsburg. For a few years, Martha resumed her work as a professor, teaching a web-based course on Agricultural Biotechnology offered by the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Currently, Martha enjoys reading, hiking and mushroom hunting. She and her husband are avid travelers and both volunteer at the Healdsburg Library and other local organizations. Martha joined AAUW in part because of its support for women and girls in their educational and career pursuits and its work on public policy issues.

Cindy Powers

Longing for the small town life she knew from childhood, Cindy moved up to Healdsburg from Sausalito in 2017 after retiring. Cindy finds Healdsburg everything she hoped it would be and more, as she is thrilled to discover its residents are friendly, interesting and amazingly active. She still marvels at how quickly she made a group of good friends.



Cindy graduated from the University of Illinois with an accounting degree, took the CPA exam, got married, and moved to Philadelphia all in a three-week period. She worked as a CPA, moved with her husband as his job demanded, and got her MBA at Xavier University while working as an Audit Manager for a big accounting firm. After the couple landed in Wisconsin with two small children, Cindy left the big firm and opened her own firm. When she divorced some years later, she returned to school at night and got a Master's degree in Taxation. She sold her firm, joined PriceWaterhouseCoopers and moved with them to San Francisco with her youngest son (the oldest was in college), and became a Tax Partner shortly after transferring to the SF office. She lived in Danville and then Sausalito while working in the city.

Cindy travels quite a bit, especially between San Luis Obispo, where one son has a house and Kauai, where the other son lives, and has lived in Italy and Spain while doing language immersion programs. She is currently the Co-Captain of the Healdsburg Women's Golf Club and a volunteer coordinator for the Windsor Classic LPGA Golf Tournament. She also volunteers at the Healdsburg Museum and has joined AAUW looking for additional ways to give back to her community.

Madeline Wallace

After graduating from UCLA in International Relations and Public Administration and studies at Claremont Graduate University in Public Policy, Madeline went to work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. As a manager, Madeline connected engineers/scientists with entities in the private sector that could benefit from JPL's expertise. She met her husband, Richard (a mission design manager) there and they both had long careers at JPL. Their daughter is a Chiropractor in Austin, Texas.



In 2001, the couple retired and moved to a 9 acre ranch just north of Asti. The property kept both of them very busy, first in a remodel and later in a total rebuild. Madeline still found time to volunteer as a driver for the Council on Aging, worked on a photo scanning project for the Healdsburg Museum, did database work and co-chaired (along with **Judy Edmonds**) an Alliance fundraiser for the Healthcare Foundation, served on the Healdsburg Animal Shelter Board, the Green Dog Rescue Project Board, and now on the Rotts of Friends Animal Rescue Board, and the planning committee for the Alexander Valley Film Society.

Although Madeline was a member of AAUW some years ago, family illnesses prevented her from renewing her membership. She is ready to rejoin because she has many friends in the organization and wants to work to ensure women and girls have access to educational opportunities.

—Hillary Kambour

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.*** Please be aware that any submitted article that is longer than one page will be edited as necessary.

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