

# The Grapevine

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## BUILDING KNOWLEDGE & ENRICHING THOUGHT

Fall 2020 Courses – Registration begins September 1

Don't forget to register for our two exciting Fall Forum classes! To register or to see a complete description of the courses go to our AAUW web page: <https://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net>



Mick Chantler

Statesmen and Rogues:  
The Founding Fathers from  
Washington to Madison  
Presented by Mick Chantler  
Tuesday, 10-11:45am, Oct 6-Nov 10



Terry Ebinger

Deep Hitchcock:  
Symbol and Psychology in Shot and Scene  
Presented by Terry Ebinger  
Thursday, 10-11:45am, Oct 8-Nov 12

The weekly topics of our **Statesmen and Rogues** course will include:

Oct. 6            His Excellency, George Washington - War Leader to President  
Oct. 13          Washington & the Forgotten Americans-Native Americans & Slaves  
Oct. 20          Alexander Hamilton and the Development of a Rational Economy  
Oct. 27          Benjamin Franklin - The Quintessential American  
Nov. 3           The James Madison Problem - Multiple Identities  
Nov. 10 Thomas Paine and the Radical Side

The weekly topics of our **Deep Hitchcock** course will include:

Oct. 8            The 39 Steps  
Oct. 15          The Lady Vanishes  
Oct. 22          Foreign Correspondent  
Oct. 29          Shadow of a Doubt  
Nov. 5           Notorious  
Nov. 12 Strangers on a Train

Our film course will focus on six Alfred Hitchcock films. Although not a requirement, Terry recommends that, for a richer experience, you can watch these films prior to each class. The movies can be found on Amazon Prime.

HOW TO USE **ZOOM WEBINAR** to attend the Forum:

- Once registered you will be e-mailed a link (from [So-Eventful](#)) that you will click on in order to join the class. If you have registered for both classes, you will receive two separate e-mails with specific links.
- You will use the same links to sign into your classes each week.
- When you sign in, you may be prompted to give your name and e-mail if you are not a regular Zoom user. Please use your first and last name so we can easily log you in.
- Log in early to our first class to make sure we can start on time and better help you if you are having technical difficulty.
- The Zoom Webinar format is different than regular Zoom as follows:**
  - Students will not be seen on screen (no video or audio for students) depending on the instructors' preference.
  - Students are automatically muted unless they would like to speak and the instructor calls on them.
  - Students can write in questions by clicking the Q&A icon or Chat icon. After you have typed in your question, don't forget to hit the enter button on your keyboard.
  - When the instructor is showing video clips you may need to raise the volume on your computer.
  - These instructions will be e-mailed to all registered students.

If you have any questions or if you would like to attend a short Zoom Webinar practice session in advance of class, please e-mail Celeste at [celeste@ckplaister.com](mailto:celeste@ckplaister.com) or call her at 707-326-1999.

—Celeste Plaister

## Bob Santos

Sadly, our mentor and good friend, Bob Santos, passed away in the Spring. Bob helped found the Forum and enthusiastically assisted us right up until the end of his life. I know he would be pleased that we can keep the Forum going during the Covid epidemic to continue to fund our vital scholarship programs.

## *President's Message*



Sadly, we are in full fire emergency again. The Walbridge fire is mostly under control, but the Glass fire is causing havoc, and damaging smoke continues to effect us all. Please let me know if you have suffered loss so that we can provide support. We are grateful to the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers around the community. It is heartbreaking to see the spread of these devastating fires throughout California and into Oregon and Washington. This is still the early part of fire season, so it is vital to stay prepared for emergencies.

After fire-related delays in August, your Board of Directors conducted our 2020 Zoom Board Retreat on September 1. Our purpose was to approve our 2020/2021 budget and to decide on Branch goals for the year. **Barbara Epstein**, our Fundraising Director, has committed to the establishment of a group to explore new fundraising opportunities. We hope to find ways to cover the loss of revenues caused by the cancellation of the 2020 Homes Tour.

Our Branch goal is to establish a Diversity Task Force to be led by Past President **Linda Clark**. The purpose will be to identify barriers and create opportunities to be more inclusive of all the individuals in our community. Please read Linda's report in this month's Grapevine about her initial efforts.

With November 3 coming up, I hope you are ready and eager to vote. Our Public Policy Director, **Rebecca La Londe**, has included many Get Out The Vote suggestions. Stay safe and healthy going forward.

—Kate Van Ness

## Political Action News

### GET READY TO VOTE!



The November election is just weeks away and educating yourself on the candidates and ballots is an important part of your civic duty. Here are a few activities to help you prepare:

#### Local Candidate Forums:

The League of Women Voters and Northern California Public Media is sponsoring a virtual Candidate Forum for the City of Healdsburg's and Cloverdale's upcoming elections. This is a non-partisan forum where the candidates will answer questions from the League, AAUW and from the audience. View live streaming:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lwvsonomacounty/live/>

YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvppl3yS3Hcus\\_mTECDsbFA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvppl3yS3Hcus_mTECDsbFA)

**Healdsburg: Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

There are six candidates running: Incumbent Council Member David Hagele, Charles A. Duffy, Doralice Handal, Ariel Kelley, Skylar Palacios, and David R. Jones.

**Cloverdale: Monday, October 5th from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

There are four candidates running in Cloverdale: Incumbent Council Member Melanie Bagby, Incumbent Council Member Mary Anne Brigham, Jenny Candelaria-Orr, and Nicole Garcia-Hinchliffe.

#### Voters Edge California:

<https://votersedge.org/ca>

Visit the League's Voters Edge website to get specific information on local ballots and candidates.

- Use your address to get a personalized ballot.
- Get info on candidates, measures, and who supports them.
- Keep track of your choices and use them to vote.

#### Check Your Voter Registration Status:

<https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

- Check if you are registered to vote, where you are registered to vote, your political party preference, your language preference, and more.
- Check the status of your vote-by-mail or provisional ballot.

By: Rebecca La Londe, Public Policy Director

### "MRS AMERICA" REDUX

I still remember the first time I saw Gloria Steinem: I coveted her look, her hair, those glam aviator glasses! That's just the start of the many nostalgic style details and flashbacks that drew me into "Mrs. America." I loved watching this new TV miniseries and bet you will, too.

This superb 9-part historical drama is about the crusade launched by conservative women during the 1970s in an effort to defeat the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA would offer women protection against sex discrimination, both legal and social, in the U. S Constitution.

If that plot line doesn't sound exciting, you are not alone. "Mrs. America" was flying under the radar until it snagged 10 Emmy nominations - including best limited series, best writing, and four best nominations for acting.

While watching this sophisticated period piece, many of you will probably recall also being influenced by the voices and writings of other feminist icons like Betty Friedan, Bella Abzug, and Shirley Chisholm - all revisited with performances you won't want to miss.

But what's with the title? "Mrs. America" is so named for our fearless feminists' shrewd conservative antagonist, Phyllis Schlafly. Remember Phyllis? Her character is brought to life by Cate Blanchett, who captures Schlafly's proper ladylike veneer as camouflage for her own ruthless quest for political power.

Suffice it to say that there's plenty of dramatic tension to go around in this riveting political cat fight. No spoilers here but, unless you are a political junkie or up to the minute on US Constitutional law, do not assume you know the outcome.

"Mrs. America" illuminates an issue every card-carrying AAUW member should care about. Check it out? It's streaming now on Hulu/FX. Critics agree with me that it's one of the best miniseries of the year. Don't miss it!

**Diane Bartleson**



## Mission-Based Programs

### Videos Capture Our Campers Doing Science

As you read in the September Grapevine, our Tech Trek girls spent two weeks this summer doing science virtually via AAUW Healdsburg's collaboration with Terrific Science LLC. Campers used the scientific method as they explored coronavirus-related topics including microbes, hand-washing, and an array of science-vs-magic challenges.

#### *Terrific Science Virtual Camp*

##### ***At Camp You Will:***

- Create Your Own Science Experiments
- Think and Act Like Scientists
- Explore New Scientific Concepts with Campers and Instructors
- Work in Teams with Local Girls Who Love STEM As Much As You Do



This month we're inviting you to view the following video shorts. We hope that you enjoy these glimpses into the joy of doing science with these talented middle school girls.

- [The Diaper Challenge](#)
- [Watching Granny Smith Rot](#)
- [Campers Sharing: favorites & team research](#)

Want to do one of the fun experiments on your own? Try the [Amazing Pitcher Challenge](#) to see if you can also unveil the hidden science behind this famous magician's trick. Video hints are provided to help visualize and unpeel the engineering and science of this hidden siphon.

Happy Science!

Mickey Sarquis



AAUW is entering “a Community FUN-draiser for yourtinyfarm.org” with an imaginative scarecrow celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage. Under the creative leadership of **Kathryn Henderson**, our entry will be a suffragette, on a 10 ft. pole, made of paper maché. She will hold a sign urging residents to honor their right and vote now. Keep posted on our progress by checking [#scarecrow2020](https://twitter.com/scarecrow2020).

Scarecrows will be on display on the lawn of the Healdsburg Museum from September 29th to October 14th. They will be auctioned off, starting October 7th, with proceeds going to Your Tiny Farm, a nonprofit whose mission is to turn plantable city spaces and backyards, into gardens. The produce is donated to homeless clients and to those in transitional housing programs.

**Barbara Epstein**

## *Membership*

### *Introducing New Project*

Healdsburg AAUW is beginning a new project to become a more inclusive organization. A Diversity Task Force is forming with a goal to identify barriers and opportunities to be more inclusive of individuals in our community. This year will focus on data collection and interviewing members and non-members about this topic.

If you would like to be a part of this initiative, please contact **Linda Clark**.

## Introducing New Member

**Michelle Regan**



Work with Medtronic brought Michelle and her husband Tim, from Minnesota in 2008 to the Fountaingrove area in Santa Rosa. When they dined with friends at the former restaurant, Zin, in Healdsburg on the recruitment trip, the deal was sealed. Tragically, they lost their home in the 2017 wildfires (thankfully they were on vacation).

After the fire, they rented in Healdsburg, but after months of planning to rebuild, she ventured out to the property where her house once stood and realized she just couldn't rebuild there. Instead, they found a permanent home in Healdsburg.

While her husband, a family practice physician, retired from his practice at Kaiser in the Spring, Michelle followed suit only just recently. She hasn't quite adjusted to the newfound freedom, but she knew she wanted to join AAUW. She has several good friends in the organization and is excited to join the hiking group, help with the Homes Tour (when we are able to again have one) and participate in the many social events. A lover of cooking and an accomplished baker, Michelle is interested in forming a gourmet group and/or participating in our Wine and Dine series (again when we are able). She is an avid runner and loves working in her garden.

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 Donna Riley at [dlrdlh@gmail.com](mailto:dlrdlh@gmail.com).

If you are aware of any member who is ill, has had an operation or an accident, has passed away or had a close family member pass away, please notify Heidi Blumenthal so that a card can be sent to the person or family from AAUW. Email - [heidiblu@aol.com](mailto:heidiblu@aol.com). Phone - 707 433 7445.