



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
HEALDSBURG BRANCH  
New Member Orientation**

**AAUW ASSOCIATION**

*Mission Statement:* AAUW advances equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

*Value Promise:* By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

**CALIFORNIA AAUW**

AAUW California is the state's most active and diverse organization for women with nearly 13,000 members in 140 branches, plus over 5,000 members-at-large.

**HEALDSBURG AAUW**

Chartered in 1975 with 44 members, the Healdsburg Branch has been a community asset for almost four decades. Throughout the years, our strong connection to local schools for scholarships and volunteer initiatives, to National and California Public Policy issues that women care about — education, civil rights, equity in the workplace, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination, as well as membership activities and social events, have accounted for our increasing membership of around 200. For more information, please visit our website at [www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net](http://www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net). A password protected Directory is available on the website to all members.

**New Member Orientation:**

<b>Buddy Program:</b>	New members are matched with a Buddy to help orient them to our Branch. Contact <b>Yvonne Schell</b> .
<b>New Member Coffee:</b>	Hosted as a way to meet with board members and other new members, to have your photo taken, and learn more about the workings of AAUW. Contact <b>Patty McHugh</b> .

**Community Services:**

<b>Future Prep: Career Choices &amp; Life Skills:</b>	Help students at Healdsburg High School and Cloverdale High School learn about potential careers and the skills and experiences needed to obtain jobs and careers of their choice. Contact <b>Beth Wolk</b> (Healdsburg), <b>Diane Bartleson</b> (Cloverdale).
<b>Reading Rocks:</b>	Help first graders improve their reading skills by listening to them read stories and encouraging them on a weekly basis. Contact <b>Diane Burnley</b> (HES); <b>Pat Bertapelle</b> (Westside).
<b>Girls in Engineering, Math &amp; Science (GEMS):</b>	Take middle and high school girls interested in math, science, and technology on field trips to workplaces to meet professionals in these fields, and to see how these skills are utilized. Contact <b>Vicki Pearson</b> .
<b>Public Policy:</b>	Advocate for AAUW public policy priorities. Lead AAUW voter education and turnout campaigns for our branch. Contact <b>Rebecca La Londe</b> .

**Grants and Scholarships:**

<b>Tech Trek Selection:</b>	Help select students for a one-week math and science camp for seventh-grade girls, on the campuses of Stanford or Sonoma State Universities. Contact <b>Liz Loebel</b> .
<b>AAUW Funds:</b>	Healdsburg AAUW supports the work of the national AAUW from the funds raised by Healdsburg AAUW Fund. Contact <b>Mickey Sarquis</b> .
<b>Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC):</b>	Select and provide scholarships to re-entry women graduating from SRJC and continuing their education. Contact <b>Jane Martin</b> .
<b>High School Scholarships:</b>	Select and provide scholarships for girls graduating from local high schools to attend a four-year college or university. Contact <b>Winky Merrill</b> .
<b>Renewal Scholarship:</b>	Renewable scholarships for reentry women who have been awarded an AAUW Re-entry Scholarship, complete a 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of study at a time 4 year institution, and meet our criteria for the renewal award. Contact <b>Kay Kohler</b> .

### Communications:

<b>Website:</b>	Explore the website: <a href="http://www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net">www.healdsburg-ca.aauw.net</a> . Contact <b>Sally Tischler</b> .
<b>Constant Contact:</b>	Keep in touch with current activities and events by reading email messages sent out by <b>Liz Loebel</b> .
<b>The Grapevine:</b>	Read and contribute to the AAUW-Healdsburg newsletter to gain and disseminate information about our Branch. Contact <b>Donna Riley</b> .
<b>Facebook Page:</b>	Our social media manager welcomes all new members on our Facebook Page and by email. Support our FB Page by clicking on "like" and reading its content. Contact <b>Scarlett Wood</b> .

### Interest Groups:

<b>Book Groups:</b>	Read and discuss books selected by the group. Evening and daytime groups meet monthly and are hosted by members. There are two Monday evening book groups: 2nd Monday contact <b>Karen Warburton</b> and 3rd Monday contact <b>Linda Compisi</b> . Monthly afternoon book groups: <b>Linda Clark</b> (1st Wednesday), <b>Cher Frechette</b> (1st Thursday), or <b>Marian Van Alyea</b> (last Thursday).
<b>Bridge:</b>	There are several bridge groups for different levels of players. Contact <b>Linda Clark</b> for more information.
<b>Hiking:</b>	Meet weekly. Various levels of ability. Contact <b>Neita Comings, Julia Graves, Hillary Kambour</b> and <b>Vicki Pearson</b> .
<b>Great Decisions:</b>	Discuss various issues facing our nation and the world, looking at both sides of the issue to get a better understanding of the pros and cons. Contact <b>Nancy Haiston</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday group), <b>Laura Tyler</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. group), <b>Rebecca West</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. group), <b>Phil Wright</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday group).

### Fundraising:

<b>Healdsburg Homes Tour:</b>	The Homes Tour, one of our major fundraisers, is held annually on the first Sunday in May. It requires over 100 volunteers working in the months leading up to and on the day of the Tour. The Branch needs the help of everyone who is able. Contact <b>Julia Graves</b> .
<b>Forum:</b>	The AAUW Forum is an educational lecture series, Building Knowledge and Enriching Thought, and offers six-week courses in fall, winter, and spring at the Raven Theater. Enroll in the courses and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to do likewise. Contact <b>Celeste Plaister</b> .
<b>Tech Trek Funding:</b>	Help solicit funds for seventh-grade girls to participate at a one-week math and science camp on the campuses of California colleges (Stanford or Sonoma State Universities).
<b>eScrip and Amazon Smile:</b>	This fundraising program allows participating merchants to contribute a percentage of your purchases to Healdsburg AAUW Fund. Contact <b>Barbara Epstein</b> .
<b>Healdsburg AAUW Fund:</b>	Tax-deductible gifts to our 501(c)(3) corporation are greatly appreciated: Healdsburg AAUW Fund, P.O. Box 1064, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

### Events:

<b>Wine &amp; Dine:</b>	Hosted by members to enjoy food and wine in a social surrounding. Check <b>Events</b> on the website or contact <b>Diane Burnley</b> and <b>Violet Nelson</b>
<b>Lunch Bunch:</b>	Meet at a local restaurant to enjoy a fixed price lunch. Check <b>Events</b> on the website or contact <b>Connie Cservenyak</b> and <b>Cecile Peters</b> .
<b>Happy Hours &amp; HT Party:</b>	Hosted three times a year by members as a fun way to meet new friends and keep in touch with other AAUW members. Check <b>Events</b> on the website or contact <b>Carol Hazlett</b> and <b>Neita Comings</b> .
<b>Cultural Events:</b>	On occasion, visit galleries, wineries, museums, and other places of interest with fellow AAUW members.
<b>Holiday Party:</b>	An early December event to celebrate the Holidays with members and their spouses/guests.
<b>Annual Meeting/ Garden Party:</b>	Held in early June at a member's home or a local picnic site to welcome the Board of Directors taking office in July. Check <b>Events</b> on the website or contact <b>Kathryn Henderson</b> .
<b>Summer Picnic:</b>	Held at Lake Sonoma in mid-August, the picnic provides an opportunity for members and their spouses/guests to connect during the summer.
<b>Kick-Off Meeting:</b>	A mid-September social event for members only, providing an opportunity to catch up after the summer and to learn about AAUW's plans for the coming year.

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