

**Healdsburg AAUW September Kickoff  
8, 2021  
4:00 pm-5:30 pm  
ZOOM**

1. OPENING: President Kate Van Ness opened the meeting promptly at 4 pm greeting all participants and expressing thanks to Celeste Plaister for setting up the Zoom Meeting. Celeste reminded us that the meeting was being recorded. The participation count was 48. Kate briefly addressed our two goals for this year: INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY 40 & REINVIGORATE OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER NETTING AT LEAST \$20,000.

2. INTRODUCTION OF 2021/22 AAUW BOARD MEMBERS: Kate called on each board member to briefly describe their role and to identify any particular need for volunteers.

Linda Clark, Past President

*Let Linda know if there are new activities you would like to add!*

Laura Tredinnick, Vice President

*Laura will need volunteers for the Nominating Committee.*

Nancy Jane Andrews, Secretary

David Hoppes, Treasurer

*Both the Fund and the Branch budgets have been approved by the board.*

Laura Tyler, Communications Director

*Needs 1 or 2 volunteers for Social Media.*

Dena Cochran, Fund Raising Director

*Needs volunteers for Spring Fundraiser.*

Janice Sexton, Membership Director

*We currently have 12 new members! Invite your friends & acquaintances to join.*

Beth Wolk, Mission Based Programs

*Not able to be in classrooms yet. Gift card system is working well for teachers.*

Rebecca La Londe, Public Policy Director

*Encourages members to join! Public Policy achievements are like a marathon not a sprint.*

Julie Hanamura, Scholarship Director

*Going well. Strong candidates!*

Kerry Weiner Elkind, Social Activities Director

*Encourages members to participate & have fun! Needs help identifying an outside venue for the Holiday Party.*

Patty McHugh (Karla Rosen), STEM Director

*Standing in for Patty, Karla described the very successful Tech Trek Virtual Camp, the new TTAG alumni group and asked for volunteers to act as mentors and advisors.*

3. INTRODUCTION OF FORUM SPEAKERS. Celeste Plaister introduced the two speakers who each gave a description of their topic:

Heidi Saleh: Women of Ancient Egypt: Dispel myths, learn true contributions  
Terry Ebinger: Alfred Hitchcock: Symbol, Psychology, Shot and Scene

Check the website for signup, dates, etc. October 5-November 11.

4. SPRING FUNDRAISER. Julia Graves described the new fundraising project "Wine Country Estates" for May 1, 2022. The team will be identifying country gardens and estates to be visited as well as enlisting wineries and caterers to provide wine & food for each venue. It is an exciting and ambitious undertaking! Two volunteers are needed to chair the Homes & the Sponsors Committees. Please contact Julia if you are interested.

5. CHECK IN, WHAT IS NEW WITH YOU??? Kim Alexander lead a fun session calling on members who volunteered to share.

Kim Alexander

*Family moved here with grandchildren! Wonderful and lots of babysitting time.*

Judy Edmunds

*Grape harvest is starting, happily with no fires! Grapes are smaller due to the drought but have great flavor. It should be a good year.*

Mary Barsony

*Looking forward to collaborating on Tech Trek fundraising!*

Sue Finan

*Celebrating their 50th Anniversary by getting front row seats for HAIR at the 6th Street Playhouse!*

Nancy Hairston

*Great family reunion in Davenport Iowa!*

Denny Martin

*Took up horseback riding and loves it. Appreciates quality time with her daughter.*

Charlene Luks

*Has a new dog! Looking forward to continuing her French lessons on location in France.*

Gail Wright

*Really enjoyed watching backyard birds especially mockingbirds and a family of quail.*

Kathleen Riley

*Won the Trivia contest at the picnic!*

Claire Burdett

*Daughter moved cross country with 4,000 pounds of stuff!*

6. FAREWELLS AND THANK YOUS. President Van Ness closed the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Nancy Jane Andrews, Secretary