

# The Grapevine

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AAUW  
**FORUM**

**BUILDING KNOWLEDGE  
& ENRICHING THOUGHT**

Winter 2022 Online Courses – Registration begins December 1

*To get a sneak preview of our upcoming online class:*

*“Interpreting Works of Art”*

***CLICK HERE and meet our new instructor Charlie Goldberg:***

Winter Forum courses start January 11th:



**Mick Chantler**

**Before the Storm:**

**America from 1815 to 1850**

**Tuesdays 10-11:45 AM, Jan. 11 to Feb. 15**



**Charlie Goldberg & Heidi Chretien**

**Interpreting Works of Art:**

**Your “GPS” for Visual Literacy**

**Thursdays 10-11:45 AM, Jan 13 to Feb 17**

# 2022

## Happy New Year

**Both classes will be presented online and also recorded.** If you miss a class you will be able to watch the recording at a time convenient to you.

To **REGISTER** and see a complete description of the courses, go to our AAUW web page: <https://healdsburg-ca.aauw.net>.

**Remember the net proceeds of these courses go to support our local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls.**

-Happy New Year!!  
-Celeste Plaister, Forum Chair



## *President's Message*



Thank you, **Mary Fitzgerald**, our Holiday Party planner extraordinaire, and to **Kerry Weiner Elkind**, our Social Activities Director, for making our 2021 Holiday Party a fabulous success. **Marcia Fosberg** and her husband, Bob, generously provided their stunning hilltop home as our party venue. It was a crisp..well, cold actually..but clear and beautiful evening. This was the first large in-person gathering for our branch since December 2020. With careful vaccine verification, we were able to celebrate together. Thanks to all of you for a wonderful event.

You might notice a new burgundy red button on our website home page. Click on it to read about AAUW Healdsburg Branch individual scholarship success stories. Prepare to be proud of the role our branch has played in the lives of these outstanding women. Our webmaster, **Sally Tischler**, and former board member, **Mickey Sarquis**, have been instrumental in putting this feature together.

It is time to sign up for our Winter Forum Series of interesting lectures. Classes will again be on Zoom and will be recorded to facilitate catchup.

Title IX was passed in 1972. 50 years later here are a few of the outcomes:

1. Women are now 56% of American college students.
2. The number of female athletes rose more than 10 times.
3. In 1972, only 700 girls played soccer on high school teams. In 2018, there were 390,000.

**-Kate Van Ness**

## Political Action News

### TAKE ACTION

#### AAUW Two-Minute Activist

Send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. Sign up to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action.

Go to [AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org)

#### **The Build Back Better Bill is Good for Women**

The BUILD BACK BETTER bill (H.R. 5376) is unequivocally good for women and that's why AAUW supports its passage. Three of the BBB's provisions will provide meaningful support to women and families and are thus critical to AAUW's mission. The three are:

##### **1. Universal paid family and medical leave up to 12 weeks**

More than 120 nations, including Botswana and Algeria have some form of paid family leave. This is because, according to the International Labor Office, "in all parts of the world, working women who become pregnant are faced with the threat of job loss, suspended earnings and increased health risks due to inadequate safeguards for their employment." It's shocking that the U.S. falls behind in supporting families.

##### **2. An extension of the child tax credit through 2022**

The Child Tax Credit provides couples earning \$150,000 and individuals with children earning \$112,500 a year or less with up to \$3,000 per year in child tax credits. A study conducted by the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) estimates that the new temporary expansion of the child tax credit will cut the poverty rate nearly by 50% and lift 4.1 million children out of poverty this year. In 2020, about **11 million children** were living in poverty, according to data from the [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#).

##### **3. Affordable Child care.**

The BBB addresses widespread challenges with access, affordability, and quality in early learning, while reinforcing the benefits of a strong mixed-delivery system that prioritizes parent choice in determining the type and setting of care that best meets a family's needs. The proposal seeks to resolve chronic foundational flaws in America's childcare market caused by decades of underinvestment, which create an entirely unsustainable business model for providers that often translates into near-poverty wages for early educators.

Additionally, the proposal would build on existing state and federal preschool programs by providing funding to cover the federal share of the cost of a voluntary, free universal pre-k (UPK) program for all children, regardless of income or other eligibility requirements, in a variety of settings.

#### **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP BBB'S PASSAGE??**

**RESPOND** to the 2-minute activist and let our Senators know that passage of BBB is vital to YOU! Even though our Senators are on board already, they can use these communications as leverage in the Senate.

**FRIENDS OR FAMILY IN ARIZONA OR WEST VIRGINIA?** Get them to contact their Senators and pressure them to support BBB.

**-Hillary Kambour**



**PETALUMA  
(CA) BRANCH**

**Title IX at 50: We Need It As Much As Ever!**

**Saturday January 22 at 3pm via Zoom**

Three lawyers walk into a room ... and it's Amy G's Zoom room! The topic is Title IX. Listen in as Amy engages in conversation about the law that prohibits discrimination based on sex. It's been nearly 50 years since the law went into effect. Why are we still talking about it today? Can it be enforced? Do you know your rights? What needs to be done next? Amy's partners in conversation are:

Maha Ibrahim, Equal Rights Advocates, Staff Lawyer

ERA protects and expands economic and educational access and opportunities for women and girls through legislative advocacy, direct services, and litigation. Maha's areas of expertise include civil rights, sexual harassment, gender discrimination and Title IX policy.

Elizabeth Kristen, Legal Aid At Work, Director of Gender Equity & LGBT Rights Program

LAAW is a nonprofit legal services organization that assists low-income, working families facing employment discrimination and harassment based on gender. Elizabeth directs LAAW'S Fair Play for Girls in Sports Project, which spurs schools to treat girls equally on and off the field.

Kim Turner, Coaching Corps, Director of the Gender Equity Initiative

Coaching Corps recruits, trains and supports energetic community members to use sport to teach kids living in under-resourced communities valuable life lessons and inspire them to reach their full potential.

Amy Gutierrez, host

Better known as Amy G, Amy is an 8-time Emmy award winning producer, reporter and host, covering the San Francisco Giants since 2008 while also serving as a national correspondent for the MLB Network. Born in 1973, she is a direct beneficiary of Title IX.

[Sign up](#) to get the Zoom link which will be available a few days before the event.





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.

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