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Spring 2022 Online Courses – Registration begins March 1

Spring Forum courses start March 15th.

Registration began February 15th. Click [here](#).



Robert (Bob) Rubin, PhD

The Ocean Off Our Coast:

Sea Life in the California Current

Tuesdays 10-11:45 AM, Mar. 15 to Apr. 19



Pete Elman

American Folk Music

The Golden Age: 1950-1975

Thursdays 10-11:45 AM, Mar. 17 to Apr. 21

Robert Rubin takes us Underwater

The California Current is one of only four highly diverse, life-filled current systems in the world's oceans. As Professor Rubin dives deep into his subject, he will show us stunning original videos that will inspire us to help preserve this natural wonderland.

Dr. Rubin is the founder and director of the Pacific Manta Research Group. Recent work by Dr. Rubin and his colleagues in subtropical Pacific significantly contributed to the UNESCO establishment of the Revillagigedo Archipelago of Mexico as a World Heritage Site. Their efforts also include establishment of educational programs about protection and conservation of marine organisms in colleges and universities in Mexico and the USA. Dr. Rubin has been selected by the State of California Legislature and the United States Congress to receive their awards for outstanding contributions to college and university teaching. You won't want to miss this class! [CLICK HERE](#) to meet our new instructor, Robert Rubin.

Pete Elman Returns!

The dynamic Pete Elman is back to give us a fascinating course about American Folk music, which he calls the "soundtrack" of the period 1950-1975. Pete examines how folk music became integrated into the larger world of politics and popular music. The legendary musicians he will cover include:

Week One: the early days: sowing the seeds of protest in a tuneful way; John Lomax, Leadbelly, Carter Family, Woody Guthrie, Almanac singers, Pete Seeger, Josh White, Weavers, New Lost City Ramblers, Odetta, and Harry Belafonte.

Week Two: 1961-65 The Bard arrives from the North Country and takes New York by storm; the first couple of folk music: Bob Dylan and Joan Baez.

Week Three: NYC in the early 1960's; Greenwich Village, the folk magazines: *Broadside* and *Sing Out*, Folkways records, Vanguard Records, Jac Holzman and Elektra records, Dave Van Ronk, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Tom Paxton, Phil Ochs, Tom Rush, Richard and Mimi Farina, Cisco Houston, Doc Watson, Judy Collins.

Week Four: Folk groups who made the music accessible: Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, Highwaymen, Limelites, Brothers Four, New Christy Minstrels.

Week Five: Gone but not forgotten; late singers who pushed the boundaries of folk music: Richie Havens, Fred Neil, Tim Hardin, Tim Buckley, John Stewart, Steve Goodman (not gone!), and a tribute to John Prine.

Week Six: The Canadian connection: Buffy St. Marie, Ian and Sylvia, Gordon Lightfoot, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, Jesse Winchester.

Zoom v. In Person Classes:

As I write this article in January, we are not sure if we will be able to present the Spring Forum classes live in person at the Raven Performing Arts Center. We will try to record the classes as well, so those who prefer can watch them remotely. If we can't return to the Raven by March 15th we will keep our classes online. Either way, if you miss a class you will be able to watch the recording at a time convenient to you. Watch for our emails on updates.

Remember these classes are fundraisers, and all the net proceeds go to support our local educational programs and scholarships for women and girls.

Celeste Plaister, Forum Chair

President's Message



March is Women's History Month. In 1978 the school district of Sonoma organized a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to culture, history, and society. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest (wouldn't you love to read some of those essays?!), and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa. This local inspiration spread to communities across the country. In 1980, President Carter declared March 8 National Women's History Week, and by 1987, Congress voted to expand the event to the entire month. This year's theme, designated by the National Women's History Alliance, is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope". If you google "photos of women's history parade in Santa Rosa, California 1978", you can see many images of this event which originated in our own backyard.



Thank you for your donations to our End of Year Appeal. Once again you have given generously, assuring that we can continue to change lives of girls and women in our community.

At our February Board of Directors Meeting, we approved restarting of our many social activities. You will see notices about Happy Hour, Lunch Bunch, and Wine & Dine events here as well as in future communications. Thanks to the social activities volunteers for what will be a grand coronation of our marvelous activities.

I look forward to seeing many of you in person this month.

-Kate Van Ness

Tech Tip - Are you looking for a member's phone number or email address? Check the Membership Directory: Membership—>Members Only—>enter password—>Member Contact Information—>Click Here.

The Membership Directory is only 4 pages long. It is updated quarterly so print it out to have a handy reference right at your fingertips!



Social Programs

Don't Miss Out on Our Spring Scholarship Fundraiser



Take advantage of this exclusive sneak peek of The Madrona, a newly renovated Victorian hotel in the heart of the Dry Creek Valley wine region in Healdsburg, CA.

Tickets are selling fast! As of February 28th, we have sold out of tickets for the luncheon and 95/98 for the reception. Have been sold.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Healdsburg Chapter and The Madrona hoteliers are pleased to announce this exciting opportunity to see the incredible transformation of a Sonoma wine country landmark before it opens to the public. We invite you to join us for the wine and hors d'oeuvres event, which will feature a tour of the hotel public areas, garden, and a selection of hotel rooms. In addition, you will enjoy local wine tastings and food.

Proceeds from this event further the AAUW mission by underwriting scholarships for higher education and funding grants to support local educational STEM programs.

Tickets are sold on a "first come, first served" basis. No onsite ticket purchase on the date of the events. No refunds. Proof of Covid vaccination is required.

Date: March 18, 2022
Event Schedule: 3:30-6:30 pm - Wine and Hors D'oeuvres Reception and The Madrona tour
Ticket Cost: \$125 per person

Location: The Madrona, 1001 Westside Rd. Healdsburg, CA 95448

-Julia Graves

Lunch Bunch is Back!!

With the Covid numbers waning, we are back arranging Lunch Bunch events. Hopefully, virus numbers will stay low and this virus will finally disappear. If you're anything like Cecile and me, we are excited to see everyone.

We've been busy checking out restaurants the last six months, but the reality has been most restaurants have had challenges serving the general public, let alone hosting one of our lunch outings. Challenges have included available outside space, staffing, and food supplies. We have all heard and seen that costs have gone up, so we probably will not be able to arrange lunch for our previous \$30. We will try to keep lunches in the \$35 - \$40 range, including tax & tip. In an attempt to make these lunches fun and affordable, we have had to skip a few of our favorite restaurants. We will be scouting around and arranging additional Lunch Bunch events, focusing on outside seating. We will be looking south all the way to Santa Rosa for new options.

Refunds are difficult and should not be expected. We work with each location to negotiate the menu, price and the anticipated number of attendees. We commit to the restaurant generally a week in advance based on the number of checks we have received. Once we commit, as a rule, we cannot accept any more attendees or provide refunds. We try our best, but there is no guarantee past the commitment date.

To kick off our 2022 Lunch Bunch program, we are returning to **Simi Winery** in Healdsburg. Forty of us enjoyed a wonderful farm-to-table experience in January, 2020, right before the shutdown.

If you haven't been to [Simi](#), it's a gem nestled in the redwoods. In addition to their tasting room that hosts their fabulous wines, Simi has two chefs who create their own recipes from scratch for events and catering. One of these chefs will be creating our surprise lunch menu just for us!

Simi Winery
16275 Healdsburg Avenue
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022, Noon

The fixed price for March's lunch is \$40 which includes the lunch, tax and tip. Simi wine and other beverages will be available by the glass. Send your checks, payable to **Connie Cservenyak, to 1083 Vine St. #238, Healdsburg, 95448**. Checks need to be **received** by **March 16th** to submit a final headcount to Simi. Everyone who attends must be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination will be required at the door. If the weather is nice, we will be sitting outside; otherwise we will be inside. We are betting on nice weather!

We are excited to tell you that we will be going to **Roof 106 @ The Matheson** for our Lunch Bunch on **Friday, April 22nd**. Due to space constraints, we will be limited to 24 people. We are still working out the details of the menu and price, so look for our eBlasts around the end of March. In May, Lunch Bunch is **May 10th** at the new **Asahi Sushi & Kitchen** on Healdsburg Avenue.

Hope to see many of you for lunch!

-Connie Cservenyak and Cecile Peters, Lunch Bunch Co-Chairs



Women in Business Celebrating Women
The 222 – March 13 11:AM – 1:PM

Come join us to celebrate women!

Women in Business will be celebrating and giving tribute to Women Sunday March 13 at the Mahder Art Gallery. There will be several locally women-owned business that will be sharing food, health services, travel, wine, music, art, and more. This is our opportunity to share our success with other women and give support to each other. The colors are Black and Red – stand out and **Wear That Red Dress!** We are raising \$ for AAUW, Soroptimist and Girls on the Run, all women supported organizations.

Make Sunday, March 13 a Girls Day Out in Healdsburg and join us for the celebration.

For more information, call Colette Winkelman 707-280-3418



SAVE THE DATE
WINE 'N DINE RETURNS
Healdsburg AAUW
Announcing Spring Wine 'N Dine
Saturday, April 9
More details to follow in early March

Mission Based Programs

Reading Rocks



Reading Rocks is our **AAUW** program that pairs **AAUW** members with a teacher to assist learning to read and beginning to read students, as they practice their reading skills. Most **Reading Rocks** volunteers read one-on-one with the students 1-2 days a week for 60-90 minutes. Healdsburg Elementary and West Side School are the two schools that participate in our program; **Diane Burnley** and **Pat Bertapelle**, are the co-coordinators. Due to COVID we have been unable to meet with students these past two years.

Each year to encourage and support students as they learn to read, our **AAUW Reading Rocks** program gives books to each first grade student. In addition, each first grade teacher receives a few books to use in lessons and add to the classroom library. This year the books were given to each teacher in mid-January. (This is one month later than our usual gifting time due to delays in the shipping of the books we ordered.) Each school's staff expressed their appreciation for our generosity.



If the possibility arises for our us to work with students later this year, we will let you know. We are always happy to have more **Reading Rocks** volunteers.



—**Diane Burnley**, Co-Coordinator for Reading Rocks

Holiday Gifts for Teachers

We received a lovely thank you note from Rima Meechan, the principal of West Side School. She stated that, "Your gift will enable me to let the staff know how much we value and appreciate their professionalism and dedication to the students. We plan to host a lunch to honor them in May."

We also received a poster from the students and staff at Fitch Mountain School.

—**Beth Wolk**, Mission Based Programs Director

Membership

Carol Clurman



Two years after finishing college, Carol left her home in Manhattan and moved to Nashville to begin her career as a journalist. While working at The Tennessean in Nashville, Carol met her husband and the couple stayed in Nashville for seven years. When the paper was purchased by the fledgling USA Today Corporation, they moved to Washington D.C. While she spent the majority of her career writing and editing for USA Today, she also freelanced for other news outlets such as National Geographic.

After thirty years in the Washington D.C. area, Carol and her husband sold their apartment and looked for a new home. California was a no-brainer as both of their children landed in San Francisco and their daughter was pregnant with their first grandchild. Moreover, ever since she spent a summer at Stanford summer school at 17, Carol had dreamed of living in Northern California. After vacationing in Healdsburg in 2019, they fell in love with the area, plus they knew it would be a draw for their kids. They are also looking to rent a pied-a-terre in the city once they get settled into their new home.

Carol knew Healdsburg was beautiful and great for hiking and biking, but she says she had no idea how vibrant a community she had stumbled into. Carol's thrilled to find the community friendly, engaged and committed its citizens. Joining AAUW with its commitment to educating women was a first step in figuring out where she can lend her talents and energy.

Tom Devitt



Helping take care of his grandsons brought Tom to Healdsburg from San Francisco. He had recently retired, and his Healdsburg-based daughter was commuting to Los Angeles for a few days a week. When he and his wife, **Ronnie**, couldn't find a place to rent, they bought a home in Parkland Farms. It was a mid-week home for him and a weekend home for her. They expected to sell it in few years and stay in San Francisco full time. That was 1999.

Tom and Ronnie met on the first day of college at Marquette University. They married as soon as he was commissioned into the Marine Corp. During the next five years, they had two daughters and moved from Quantico to Camp Pendleton to Nevada, then he to Vietnam. Upon return he went to law school and on graduation joined a San Francisco law firm where he practiced for 29 years. His expertise in international contract disputes took him around the world, often living for months in the Middle East and years in England. His last major stint was managing contract disputes in the construction of the Channel Tunnel from 1989-1993.

When Ronnie retired in 2010, she joined AAUW and the two became involved in the Healdsburg community. Tom is known for his roses. He golfs, cooks, plays bridge, and is a voracious reader. Although he has long supported AAUW's mission and knows many members from Ronnie's involvement, he joined so he could participate in the new mystery book club.

Harriet Grossman



Harriet and her husband moved to Healdsburg from Los Angeles in November 2021. They had visited the town many times as their younger son — the owner and founder of The Healdsburg Bagel Company— moved here seventeen years ago. When the Los Angeles area became simply unlivable for the couple, moving to Healdsburg seemed the obvious solution.

Harriet was born and lived her whole life in Southern California, attending UCLA and then Cal State Northridge for her Master’s in speech language pathology. She spent her entire career working with at-risk youth in schools and in-group homes. Most of her career was spent helping kids navigate their tenure in the juvenile justice system by helping them understand others and be understood. Upon retirement from Los Angeles County, Harriet was recruited by a friend to perform speech and language assessments in charter schools. However, when her husband was diagnosed with stomach cancer, Harriet retired to help see him successfully through chemotherapy and surgeries. Happily he remains cancer free.

As an avid reader, Harriet found AAUW when she was looking for a book group. She would love to help mentor students toward a career in Speech Language Pathology.

Jane McLaughlin



A newcomer to Healdsburg, Jane moved here from Los Altos in February 2021. Although she grew up in Cleveland and New Jersey, she always knew she belonged in California. When Jane came west to attend Stanford University in the early 1970s, she never looked back. After receiving her MBA at UCLA, Jane spent the next 40 years working in high-tech marketing, with a career anchored around Apple and her Apple network. During her kids’ teenage years, she sought work as a marketing writer so she could be “unpredictably at home.” Jane finished her career as a contract writer and editor, taking large chunks of time off for travel.

Over the course of many road trips in Northern California, Jane kept finding herself in Healdsburg. Its small-town charm and vitality, coupled with the stunning countryside, made it the perfect choice for retirement. She knew only one person when she moved, but has quickly made friends in her community and has become an active volunteer at Goatlandia farm animal sanctuary and at the Healdsburg Museum. An avid reader and a devoted hiker, Jane joined AAUW to explore new connections in the local area, and she’s excited to learn how she can contribute to AAUW’s efforts.



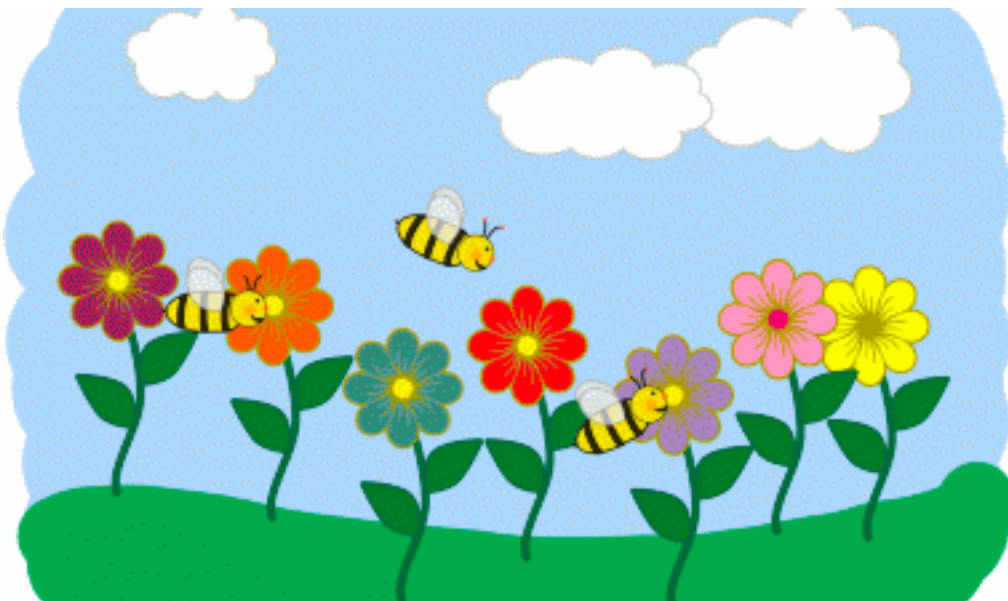
Dyan Urban



Although Dyan was born and raised in Northern California and attended UC Berkeley, she spent 40 years in the Boston area — first completing her MBA at the Harvard Business School and then marrying, working and raising her three children. While there, Dyan worked in strategy, marketing and new product research.

Thankfully, Dyan and her husband Roger moved to the Alexander Valley in early 2019 before the onset of the pandemic and could therefore assist her 94-year-old mother (who lives in the East Bay) stay in her home — something that would have been difficult to facilitate from the East Coast.

Dyan quickly built a rich, full life in Sonoma County, making friends and getting involved in a number of community organizations. She is on the Board of COPE Northern Sonoma County, where she is currently busy helping to assimilate new COPE Community Leaders, and writing grants. Additionally, she volunteers for the Sonoma County Better Balance and Fall Prevention program, teaching elders balance exercises as well as training other coaches to assist seniors. Dyan has also recently joined the board of the Alexander Valley Ladies Aid. In her free time, she is planning a wedding at her home for this summer for her younger daughter!



Scholarship



Taylor Fatherree's Story

2016 recipient of the AAUW Healdsburg Branch SRJC Scholarship

I am so grateful for the Healdsburg AAUW's support when I was finishing at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) in 2016. It helped me build on my academic and ultimate professional career. I had gone back to school after a significant absence, and this was one of the first scholarships I received. It helped me study abroad that summer in Jordan, and then earn my BA in Peace and Conflict at UC Berkeley in Spring 2018.

After undergrad, I taught English in Bogotá, Colombia for eight months on a Fulbright grant, and then I enrolled in law school at the University of Virginia. Back at SRJC, I had wanted to use my education to serve others and work for justice, but I hadn't completely settled on how. By my first year of law school, I was dedicated to reforming our criminal legal system and working for those affected by it. Today, with one semester left in law school, I'm extremely excited to start my career as a public defender.

I'm currently working for the Charlottesville Public Defender's Office, and interned last summer with the Public Defender Service for D.C. In law school, I've participated in the Federal Sentencing Reduction Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, and Holistic Juvenile Defense Clinic.

When I received your Healdsburg AAUW scholarship back in 2016, I was just getting started on my education and becoming useful to others. I would not have been able to support myself during these opportunities without this type of support, and I promise to pay it forward. Now, after years of school and many jobs and internships, I am getting ready to move to the D.C. area with my partner and become a public defender. Thank you so much for helping me get here. I'll do everything I can to help my clients and pass along all that I've been given.



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. Phone - 707 433 7445

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