

# The Grapevine

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## President's Message



I look forward to our first IN PERSON branch meeting in two years! Friday, May 27 is the date at Riverfront Park. There will be a brief meeting, election of branch directors, installation of your new Board of Directors, followed by a celebratory picnic. Details are in this month's Grapevine, on our web homepage, and have been sent to you via eblast. It is my swan song as your president, and I hope to see many/most of you there.

Nominations are: #elected position, +appointed position, \*incumbents

#President: **Laura Tredinnick**  
+Past President: **Kate Van Ness**  
#Vice President: **Nancy Jane Andrews**  
#Secretary: **Donna Campoverde**  
#Treasurer: **Lee Sigler**

+Communications Director: **Kim Alexander**  
+Fundraising Director: **Dena Cochran \***  
+Membership Director: **Janice Sexton \***

+Mission Based Programs Director: **Beth Wolk \*** and **Cathy Mock**

+Public Policy Director: Open

+Scholarships Director: **Julie Hanamura \***

+Social Activities Director: **Kerry Weiner Elkind \***

+STEM Director: **Patty McHugh \***

Thank you to departing board members. Welcome to new board members, and thanks to returning board members. Your continuity is essential to our Branch success.

-**Kate Van Ness**

### Tech Tip

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Would you like to know about the chapter's book groups, including the new mystery book club? Go to Membership → Interest Groups → Book Groups. You'll find meeting days and times, group leaders and current book lists.

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# Social Programs

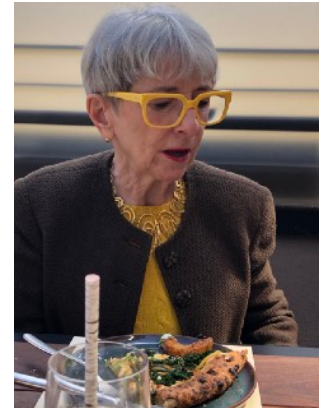
## Lunch Bunch



Our AAUW Lunch Bunch had a wonderful luncheon at The Matheson's Roof 106 on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. ( <https://www.thematheson.com/roof-106> ) If you haven't been to this restaurant yet, I highly recommend at least visiting the rooftop restaurant. There were 24 members seated in our own area, enjoying the brief sunshine. Thankfully, the rain missed us that afternoon.

The Chef went above and beyond the original menu we had arranged. The meal started with Caesar salad followed by three gourmet pizzas. Side dishes included roasted delicata with a sage crema dip and Shishito peppers with Marcona almonds & chorizo. For those of us who still had room, we enjoyed double chocolate chip cookies and cream cheese carrot cake from their new pastry chef that was over the top.

As Cecile and I have been trying to arrange our luncheons post-pandemic, we've encountered numerous restaurants who were not interested in hosting us – due to staff shortages to handle large groups, supply issues to serve a group as well as walk-ins, and pricing because prices have gone up due to inflation and supply chain issues. We did not encounter any of these challenges at Roof 106. From our first request, owner Dustin Valette was anxious to host us, ensuring the chef organized a wonderful menu. We had numerous waitstaff delivering our food quickly and smoothly, providing refills before being asked and clearing without being noticed. It was one of the best experiences post-pandemic that I've had. I hope they continue to encourage local patronage.



Our next Lunch Bunch is **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Asahi Sushi & Kitchen**. This is another new Healdsburg restaurant that is very anxious to have our local support. The chef went out of his way to suggest a menu that appeals to all tastes. We hope you can join us for a menu of dim sum, salad and sushi.

Lastly, May is the last month that Cecile & I are organizing Lunch Bunch. We're ready to give someone else the opportunity to create these food adventures and taste test at many restaurants. We had great fun enjoying new places and finding hidden gems. If you are interested in being a Lunch Bunch coordinator, please reach out to Kerry Elkind, [kerry@elkindgroup.com](mailto:kerry@elkindgroup.com).

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



## Public Policy



**Celebration of Women’s History Month** – In March, we celebrated Women’s History Month with a Zoom presentation by Mary Lannin, past chairperson and member of the U.S. Citizens Coinage Advisor Committee on the history of women on coins. The Maya Angelou U.S. quarter coin is being released this year and is the first US coin issued for circulation completely designed by women to honor a woman. Maya Angelou is only the second woman to appear on a U.S. quarter. The first was Helen Keller on the 2003 Alabama Statehood quarter.

If you would like to see the Zoom recording, [click here](#). Access passcode: Maya@2022



**Supporting Women and Girls** - Your State Public Policy Committee recently selected the top six bills to support during the 2022 California legislature session which takes a lot of thoughtful research and discussion. They are:

- AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family child care fees
- AB 1666—enables persons from outside CA to obtain abortions
- AB 1968—mandates websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors
- AB 2881—gives priority to student parents in CA colleges
- SB 523—expands health plans’ contraceptive coverage
- SB 1375—allows nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care

You can find more details on each bill by clicking [here](#).

## Public Policy (cont'd)



“It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent.” — Madeleine Albright

Find Your Voice! Sign up for AAUW Action Network 2-Minute Activist.

**Two-Minute Activist** - AAUW’s policy work connects, and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women. AAUW priorities focus on economic security, education and Title IX and civil rights.

Make sure your voice is heard! We provide everything you need to contact your members of Congress and your state legislators about pressing issues. You can make a difference in just two minutes!

OPEN CELL PHONE CAMERA APP – POINT AT QR CODE – SIGN UP FOR 2-MINUTE ACTIVIST



## Membership

### UPDATES FROM MEMBERSHIP

**Healdsburg Branch Annual Meeting and Picnic**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022 11AM to 2PM**  
**Riverfront Park: 7821 Eastside Road, Healdsburg**

Finally, we can meet in person for our annual meeting and election of officers for the coming year. The election and installation of officers will begin at 11:00, to be followed by a celebratory potluck picnic.

Please bring a dish to share:

A-K: Dessert

L-Z: Salad

Drinks will be provided.

Remember your badge

Please RSVP to Claire Burdett: [claireburdett8383@gmail.com](mailto:claireburdett8383@gmail.com) or 510-882-2426. Although parking is available (\$7 parking fee or Sonoma County Parks Membership), it is somewhat limited, so carpooling is encouraged.

# Scholarship

## **Scholarship Success Stories**

### **Ryleigh Norgrove's Story**

2017 recipient of an AAUW Healdsburg Branch High School Scholarship



As I graduated from Healdsburg High School in 2017, I was generously awarded a scholarship from Healdsburg AAUW. I am incredibly grateful for your support and am happy to report back on the ways this scholarship has impacted my life and educational goals!

Today, I am a recent graduate of Willamette University, with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in political science. I am currently working as a beat reporter with *The Chronicle* in Eugene, Oregon covering local news in Lane County.

During my time at Willamette University, I was involved with the student newspaper, radio station, campus coffee shop, and photography studio. These experiences allowed me to explore my passion for journalism and political reportage, as well as give back to the campus community that gave me so much.

In my sophomore year of college, I completed a Violence Prevention Grant, bringing self-defense classes to the women of my school. Through this funding, I was able to organize a documentary screening and talkback as the director of the film "Beauty Bites Beast – This missing conversation about ending violence." The film is about women all over the world undertaking the transformative experience of learning verbal, emotional, and physical empowerment rooted in self-defense. Putting together these pieces was an experience I will never forget, and I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to complete this work. Working on this project was particularly rewarding and will have a lasting impact on my life.

In the summer between my sophomore and junior year, I had the fantastic opportunity to work within Oregon Governor Kate Brown's communications team. As a strategic communications fellow with her office, I wrote speeches, ran social media accounts, organized press releases and conferences, and predominantly wrote for the state of Oregon's news source, *My Oregon News*. My time with Governor Brown showed me the nuances and complexities of political communication— and just how important watchdog journalism is on each and every level of government.

My passion for journalism has been the driving force behind my education. Over the past few years, this has grown in a number of directions and I am happy to have landed in local news. I am thrilled to see there is an effort to maintain thoughtful and thorough journalistic methods in this fast-paced, ever-changing world, and am eager to contribute in any way I can. By awarding me the Healdsburg AAUW Scholarship, you have supported me in my career, education, and personal growth. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Ryleigh Norgrove



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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