

President's Message

Newly elected Mexico's newly elected President Claudia Sheinbaum is a beacon of hope! As a Jewish woman and engineer, she is an amazing role model.

When this issue of the Grapevine is published, we will be in the midst of the U.S. election. Vote!!

I know that we all hope for a peaceful democratic transfer of power.

Nancy Jane Andrews
Healdsburg AAUW, President



Enjoying a Friday hike at Angel Island



Future Prep

The Future Prep Committee, **Betsy Hafner** and **Pamela Jones**, are planning an engineering and construction career panel on November 12. This event is part of the Work Based Learning Program at Healdsburg High School (HHS). Betsy and Pam have gathered six professionals from the engineering and construction industries to discuss how they decided on their careers, the preparation and skills required, and the pluses and minuses (if any) of their choice. The students will be in small groups and have chances for questions.

Some members took part in the Junior interviews at HHS to prepare them for upcoming interviews for internships later in the school year. There will be an opportunity to conduct follow-up interviews with them after they complete their internships.

Reading Rocks

Reading Rocks volunteers have started working in the first and second grade classrooms at Healdsburg Elementary and the first grade class at West Side. Volunteers will start in first grade classes at Mattie Washburn Elementary this month.

Catherine Mock, Mission Based Programs Director



Holiday Gifts for Teachers

Dear AAUW Members,

It is time for our annual Holiday Gifts for Teachers program. This year, we are adding Mattie Washburn Elementary School in Windsor since Reading Rocks began there last year. Since we have an additional school, we are hoping that our members will donate **\$20** if they wish. Checks will be delivered to the elementary schools in Healdsburg Unified and West Side as well as Mattie Washburn so the teachers can purchase school supplies that they need. There are two ways to donate:

- **Bring \$20 or more if you wish to the Holiday Party.**
- **Send a check made out to AAUW Healdsburg and indicate that it is for the Holiday Gifts by December 15.**

P.O. Box 1064
Healdsburg, CA 95448



As a former elementary school principal in Healdsburg, the ability to receive new supplies was so helpful to our staff and much appreciated. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Beth Wolk, Holiday Gifts to Teachers Chair

AAUW Speaker Series – Tuesday, November 12

Paige Mazzoni CEO of Canine Companions

Did you know that the national headquarters for **Canine Companions** is right here in Santa Rosa? Since 1975, this nonprofit has been the leader in the dog assistance industry, serving people with a wide variety of disabilities. Canine Companions has developed a successful formula for breeding, raising, and training service dogs and operates training centers across the country. Our November speaker, **CEO Paige Mazzoni**, oversees their 37 million dollar annual budget. We hope to have her bring along one of their four legged friends.

Paige has been the chief marketing officer at VIP Petcare and she has held management roles at Oracle and Sybase as well as serving on the executive committee of several nonprofit fundraising boards, including the Buck Cardinal Board at Stanford University, her alma mater.



Paige Mazzoni, CEO of Canine Companions

Tuesday November 12, 11:30 to 1:00 pm
Healdsburg Community Center, 1557 Healdsburg Avenue.

Bring your own “brown bag” lunch if you like. The presentation will begin at noon, followed by a brief update on AAUW chapter activities.

We encourage you to bring guests!

We have a speaker presentation each month on a variety of topics including the updates about what’s going on with several of our wonderful local non-profits. The monthly series will go through May, and is held on the 2nd Monday of each month (except for November which will be on Tuesday, Nov. 12). Join us!

Michelle Regan, Speaker Series Chair

AAUW Speaker Series – Monday, December 9 Sonoma County Healdsburg Regional Library



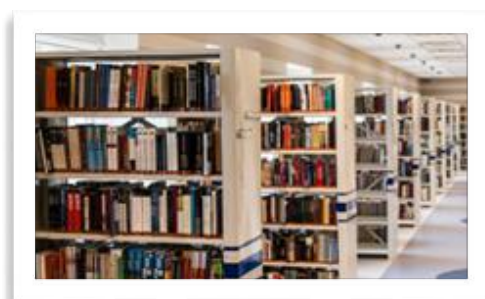
Have you been looking for a good book to read? Discover what the Healdsburg Library has to offer you. Our December 9th program features 3 local librarians who will welcome you to the library and provide you with a range of services and resources.

Speakers/Topics include:

•Barbara Maes, Division Manager: history and overview of the Sonoma County Library system.

•Jon Haupt and Charity Anderson, local librarians: Updates on special projects.

- Ongoing Healdsburg Library Building Modernization Project—what's happening, when re-opening, what's in the future.
- Take Time to Read—special project spreading the joy of reading in our community through monthly family get-togethers with story times, reading, book giveaways, and sharing a meal together.
- Book Buddies—companion project pairing up teen volunteers with young elementary-age children at Healdsburg Elementary School for after-school reading time together.
- Ongoing four-year initiative to connect our community through books and **getting out into nature**; how it is making a difference in the quality of life for our community .



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Social Activities



Save the Date for the Holiday Party!

December 12, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Members and guests are invited.

\$90/person



Twenty six members gathered at Tisza Bistro for a very tasty lunch. The energy was high with conversations among old and new friends who were happy to share their lives' happenings.

Our Winter lunch bunch is scheduled for January — watch for a date soon.

Scarlett Wood and Pam Handley



2024 SRJC Scholarships for Re-entry Women

“Our efforts are making a difference”

As a part of our mission to encourage and support higher education for women, the Healdsburg AAUW awarded \$20,000 in scholarships in 2024 to five highly deserving, re-entry women who graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College and are now pursuing their degrees at a four-year college/university. These awards bring the total amount in scholarship awards to SRJC students to \$375,000 since 1995. This year’s applicants were carefully screened via AwardSpring, an online scholarship and donor management platform that was introduced to the SRJC in 2019. Each finalist was then interviewed by our committee via Zoom. This year’s scholarship committee included **Maureen Keefe, Phil Wright,** and myself.

Each year, our committee is so inspired by the motivation and drive of our scholarship recipients. Their determination to return to school after years of overcoming a variety of obstacles is impressive. Each of our recipients worked through and overcame the challenges that confronted them, returned to school, graduated from Santa Rosa Junior College, and are now pursuing their baccalaureate degree at a four-year college/university. Here is a brief look into the goals and aspirations of our 2024 recipients:

- McKenna wants to become an attorney to help marginalized communities and women who have experienced domestic violence.
- Chelsea will get her Bachelor degree in Environmental Studies and plans to fight climate change.
- Jamie will pursue a BA in Human Development as well as attend a school for canine studies to ultimately train service/therapy dogs
- Noemi aspires to attend law school and become an attorney to contribute to her community and help her family access the support they need.
- Jessica, who has worked as a medical assistant for 9 years, has been inspired to get a degree in nursing!

Our deserving recipients have not only worked hard to better their own lives, but they are focused on making a difference in the lives of others and in their communities. Our 2024 recipients volunteer in many organizations in their communities in addition to working, caring for their families, and keeping up with their studies.

You will be able to find more detailed information about this year’s awardees and their words of appreciation on the [Community Service/Scholarships](#) page of our branch website later this Fall.

Jane Martin, Committee Chair

Meet Our New Members



BETSY HAFNER

Betsy is not a new comer to Healdsburg! She started coming to Healdsburg shortly after her parents (Dick and Mary Hafner) bought a prune farm in Alexander Valley (soon to become a vineyard) in 1967. In the years since, she has learned to appreciate the powerful connection to agricultural land and to the Healdsburg community developed by her parents. It is no small wonder she was drawn back to Healdsburg.

Her college years included Smith College, UC Berkeley, and the University of Kent in Canterbury, England,. She then graduated from UC Berkeley with a major in English history. A law degree was completed from Boston University as well as a Masters from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Upon graduation, Betsy moved

to Washington, DC working for the U.S. International Trade Commission. Later, she joined the law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, practicing international trade law. Her final chapter in DC was marked by joining the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, ending her career as the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia. Betsy retired from government service in April, 2023.

Returning to Healdsburg in December that same year, Betsy was introduced to AAUW through Sue Campbell and the Friday hiking group. It took her no time to decide to join the group based on the interesting, diverse, educated women she met on the hikes.

What would you like to say to young women: I want to encourage young women to go into public service where they can pursue fascinating and rewarding careers.

Another reminder that Daylight Saving Time
is ending this month — November 3.
Mark your calendars and enjoy the morning light!

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 [Holly Schatz](#) and [Kim Alexander](#) so that a card can be sent from Healdsburg AAUW and communicate as appropriate. Email: hollypschatz@gmail.com. Phone: 415-305-4559 and kimeliza28@yahoo.com 607-342-7658.

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