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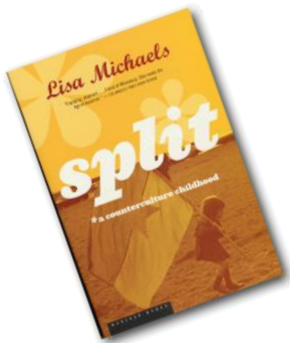
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October Speaker Series

Tuesday, October 4

5:00 p.m. Social, 5:45 p.m. General Meeting, 6:00 Speaker
Healdsburg High School Library, 1024 Prince Street (at Powell)

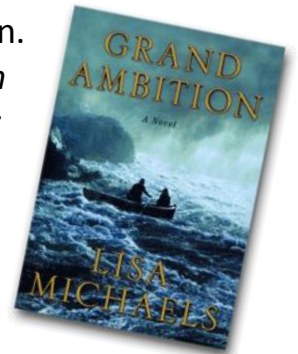
Lisa Michaels discusses her current project: Researching and Writing a Historical Novel About the Mathesons of Healdsburg



Please join us on October 4 for the first in what we hope will be a terrific series of speakers! Speaker Series meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month in the library at Healdsburg High School. The meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. with social time. We convene at 5:45 with AAUW general business and a spotlight presentation by an interest group leader. The featured speaker begins at 6:00.

Lisa Michaels is the author of her memoir, *Split: A Counterculture Childhood*, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. Her first novel, *Grand Ambition*, was named a *Los Angeles Times* Best Book, one of *Booklist's* top ten first novels of 2001, and was nominated for a Bay Area Book Reviewers' Association finalist award in fiction. She has written for *The Threepenny Review*, *Salon*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Tin House* and the *New York Times Book Review*. She lives in Healdsburg with her husband and twin sons.

Lisa, a local author and dynamically entertaining speaker, was very well received when she presented a program at a recent gathering of the Santa Rosa and Healdsburg AAUW chapters. She also spoke at a monthly meeting of the Thursday afternoon book club; attendees were fascinated by her stories and expertise.



—Carol McKnight & Kim Kopp, Co-Chairs.

Check-out page 4 for a complete list of **Chairs and Committee Members**. Click on the link below and "About Us" for more details. <http://www.healdsburgaauw.com>

President's Message



Most of us joined AAUW for the wonderful opportunities to pursue interests and social activities with new friends, but we also share in AAUW's mission to promote education and equity for women. I hope that every one of you will get involved in at least one project. Our Kick-Off Event was a great success. Kudos to organizers **Carol McKnight** and **Kim Kopp**, who have also scheduled our Speaker Series for the year on the first Tuesday of each month. Thank you to hostess **Pat Swaney** and Hospitality Chairs **Yvonne Hyatt** and **Laura Tredinnick** for a lovely event. I presented a Past President's pin to **Liz Loebel**. I congratulate her again on her leadership for the past two years as well as thank her for her continuing contributions to our communications.

Nancy Haiston, our Web Mistress, and **Ronnie Devitt**, Communications Chair, have been hard at work updating our website. I urge you to take

some time to click on each section of the menu and see how easy it is to get the latest information. We have an impressive number of activities and projects going on! Contact a committee chair to join in.

Did you catch the photo in the Healdsburg Tribune of our presenting a check to the Healdsburg Education Foundation and school principals? Our Board voted to earmark the grant for the Afterschool Library/Tech program at the junior high and high schools. This program provides access to the computers for research and a supportive place for homework. This project is timely considering the reduced hours at the public library. Part of our grant also supports the annual license for career exploration software at the high school. See the Scholarship article below for the complete allocation of the funds we raised last year via the Historic Healdsburg Homes Tour. Your participation makes a difference for students!

—Charlene Luks

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee proposed and the Board approved the following 2011- 2012 allocation of funds from last year's (2010-2011) Homes Tour:



Louise Lambert, who successfully chaired 2011's Historic Homes Tour Fundraiser, was honored in June at the Installation Luncheon.

1. \$6,300 to the Healdsburg Educational Foundation for investment options recommended by HEF, to include \$1,300 for the licensing of Naviance software.
2. \$5,100 for Tech Trek for continuing to send six girls to summer camp.
3. \$12,000 to Santa Rosa Junior College to fund four \$3,000 scholarships.
4. \$2,000 for contribution to AAUW National.

The total amount of scholarship funds presently committed for fiscal year 2011-2012 is \$25,400



Cathy Chiminello, Scholarship Chair, presents a check to Pamela Swann, Executive Director of Healdsburg Educational Foundation, (HEF) and the high school librarian. The check for \$6300 will fund the afterschool Homework/Computer Access programs and Career Choices software for students.

—Catherine K. Chiminello, Scholarship Chair

GET INVOLVED!!

We have some exciting happenings in **Community Service** this year! As the name implies, we service our wonderful community with volunteers, not just dollars. **Judy Edmonds** heads up the **Community VIP** program and lets members know about volunteer opportunities for “one-shot” fun activities. Judy is also coordinating the popular **Career Choices** program at the high school. We run this in conjunction with the Healdsburg Rotary and are always looking for members to share their occupations with interested students.



Pat Bertapelle and Judy Edmonds consult at the August Retreat at Jan Stanley's home. Ronnie Devitt and Cathy Chiminello are visible in the background.

Reading Rocks is a fun way to get involved in working with our youngest citizens. **Shally Schultz** organizes this reading program with first graders and kindergartners. She has a healthy group of regulars but could always use more participants.

I just met with **Laurie Wachter** and **Sharon Katz** who have some fabulous ideas about **GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science)**. Career ideas are presented to high and junior high school girls in the form of field trips to interesting places. Seeing women in technical jobs really brings the possibilities to life for the girls. Chaperones are always needed, even just for one trip, and, guess what? They have fun, too.

I am point person for EYH, **Expanding Your Horizons**, which is a one-day seminar held in the spring for seventh and eighth graders to visit with

professionals who share their careers via hands-on workshops. Last year I sat in on one workshop with a veterinarian who was completing a full physical on a dog and allowing the girls to assist!

We are currently in need of a Spanish translator to help us inform the Spanish speaking parents of our students so they'll know about these opportunities. Please let me know if you can help.

And last, but not least, our very own **Barbara Epstein** and **Lynne Brett** are always looking for volunteers for the **PSST (Public School Success Team)**, to tutor and mentor fifth and sixth grade students in order to increase graduation rates in our schools. This is a separate non-profit corporation, not an AAUW program, but our chapter supports **PSST** for the good work it does complementing our own mission statement. We thank and appreciate Barbara and Lynne for their dedication to this program.

Giving back to the community is ALWAYS a worthy use of time, and participation in any of these volunteer activities would be truly appreciated by many. Serving as a volunteer can make a gigantic difference in a child's life, not to mention how good it makes one feel; and it's lots of fun to boot! Call me, email me, or one of the women listed above to get started!
—Pat Bertapelle



Kick-Off! Jan Stanley, Historic Homes Tour Chair, asks that every member volunteer for the fundraiser, which will be held in May, 2012. The Kick-Off was held at the home of Pat Swaney.

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Tech Trek
Santa Rosa Junior College
AAUW Funds
Healdsburg Educational Foundation

Cathy Chiminello
Janice Sceales, Amy Neel, Ann Allan
Joyce Scramaglia
Jan Garwin
Cathy Chiminello

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Career Choices
Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science
Reading Rocks
Expanding Your Horizons
Community VIPs (Volunteers in Partnership)

Pat Bertapelle
Judy Edmonds
Laurie Wachter & Sharon Katz
Shally Shultz
Pat Bertapelle
Judy Edmonds

NEW MEMBERS

Buddy Assignments
New Member Profiles

Gail Wright
Judy Widlow
Mary Ann Mayo

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Corresponding Secretary

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Liz Loebel
Arlene Gardaya
Sheila Kneass
Yvonne Hyatt & Laura Tredinnick

HOSPITALITY

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural Events
Dinners, Holiday Party & Installation
Happy Hours
Luncheons
Summer Picnic

Ronnie Devitt
Lida Simmons & Shannon Barton-Wren
Joyce Scramaglia & Cher Frechette
Carol Novak
Helaine Scholze
Mary Ann Gervais

INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge Groups

Beginner
Refresher
Tues. Intermediate Discussion
Wed. Discussion + Lesson
2d Monday
2d Friday Couples

Carol Ann Hathaway
Ann Mahoney
Yvonne Hyatt
Mary Jane Corson
Yvonne Hyatt
Candy Danhausen

Book Groups

2d Monday Evening
1st Thursday
Last Thursday

Sally Lyle, Sheila Kneass, Mary Ann Gervais
Cynthia Adam
Marian Van Alyea
Suzanne Pfau
Ann Mahoney
Elisa Musson
Suzanne Pfau
Helaine Scholze

Great Decisions

Hiking

Chef's Squad

Walking

Lunch Group

October Cultural Event



Our cultural event will be a docent led tour of the Charles Schultz Museum on **Monday, October 17**. The museum is so close, yet how many of us have passed the sign on the freeway and said, "I really should see what's going on over there!" The cost is \$10 each, \$5 for those lucky enough to be 62 or over. There's a \$50 minimum for the docent, so cost could be a bit higher if our numbers are low. After the 40-minute docent tour we'll have some time to explore on our own, before heading over to the nearby Whole Foods beer garden. They're expecting us at 10:30 a.m. so we'll meet at 10:00 to carpool from the Park and Ride lot near Giorgio's. RSVP to **Shannon Wren** at shannon@wreninternational.com.

Friday Lunch Group

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Did you know that the Treaty of Versailles that ended WWI in 1919 gave rise to Germany having to pay reparation to Allied countries that would have lasted until 1990? Did you know that the U.S. has sanctioned no-trade zones that include the Sudan, Iran, Cuba, and Burma, with limited trade with Belarus, the Balkans, North Korea, Iraq, Somalia, Zimbabwe, the Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Cote d'Ivoire? Why are these sanctions in place? Do you know what countries make up the Caucasus? What does multilateralism really mean? These are some of the questions we will study in the Great Decisions discussion group this fall.

If you have a desire to look at some national and international problems, join us for some lively discussions on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. We will meet on **Tuesday, October 18**, at **Mary Ann Mayo's** home. Call **Suzanne Pfau, 431-0706**, if you are interested, and she will get you a study book. New books will be forthcoming in January. Each lesson requires about two hours of prep time.



In October, members from Great Decisions discussion group will be spotlighted at the Speaker Series, and will present information about their program.

The Friday Lunch Group will meet at **Shimo Restaurant**, 241 Healdsburg Avenue, on **Friday, October 28**, at 12 noon. The cost will be \$25, inclusive of gratuities, tax, and all soft drinks. Wine will be extra. Please bring cash or a check with you. The \$25 will be given to your server. It promises to be a delicious experience! This time we have two lucky winners for the prize, (which of course, even under the harshest torture, I would not reveal). I hope you will respond quickly as we fill up fast. I can accept 30 reservations. Please make a reservation only if you are sure you will come. For reservations contact **Helaine Scholze** by phone, 433-2711, hsliebchen2@comcast.net.



A Tech Trek Thank You

The following letter was sent by Carol Holzgrafe, Tech Trek State Project Co-Coordinator Director at Stanford, Camp Marie Curie (retiring), to **Tami Weiner-Stout, Ann Mahoney, Liz Loebel, Charlene Luks, Judy Edmonds, and Sue Campbell**, of the Healdsburg AAUW branch, in appreciation of the work that they and the membership have done to support the Tech Trek Camp for six junior-high-school-age girls at Stanford. **Tami Weiner-Stout** and **Jessica Cameron**, a former Tech Trek Camper, were counselors this past summer.

Dear Tami, Ann, Liz, Charlene, Jessica, Judy, and Sue:

Now that Tech Trek at Stanford is over, I can report that your 6 campers were beautifully selected (yea team!) and, as such, were able to enjoy their week at camp to the fullest. And we loved having them with us; just ask Tami or Jessica.



Angela, Maggie, Gloria, Sienna, Maria Isabel, and Alyssa all had the extra good fortune to be assigned to either Tami's or Jessica's dorm groups. And

let me confirm that their part of the hall ran like a top. Everybody had fun, but the girls behaved well too.

Tami, of course, is quite experienced with campers by now, but none of us knew how Jessica would work out. Well, the answer to that is "in the most spectacular fashion."

I want to thank all of you - and your branch - for providing such excellent people for our camp (plus Sue and Judy in the past). They truly made the week a pleasure.

I also want to thank you—and the Healdsburg branch—for the \$1,000 donation. This was so

generous it takes the breath away. We used it, of course, to pay for half the camp's busing to the Exploratorium.

Without your donation the girls would likely not have had this experience. So, please, let everyone know how much it helped.



We have posted quite a few pictures from camp on the website (www.aauw-techtrek.org/stanford) if anyone wants to check it out. The camp video is there too. Tami and Jessica will have their own copy.

Thank you again for sharing your time, your talents, and your funds. Tech Trek is quite an extraordinary experience only made possible by an extraordinary team of women.

—Carol Holzgrafe

A Second Thank You from a Tech Trek Camper

Dear AAUW Healdsburg Branch,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend Tech Trek. I am having a lot of fun. I am really enjoying my marine biology core class. The highlight of my week was dissecting a squid and a fish, even though it was stinky. I have made some new friends and will miss seeing them at camp. Thank you again for giving me an unforgettable experience.



Sincerely,

Gloria Garcia



Volunteers Needed for GEMS

GEMS are “Girls in Engineering, Math and Science.” We need volunteers! We promise to keep the duties light and fun!

If you’ve heard of Tech Trek, you know how much fun the girls have at Stanford’s camp. They do forensic investigation, dissect fish, construct puzzles, all hands-on, and all lots of fun! GEMS volunteers keep a connection with the girls who are involved until they graduate. We take them on field trips to inspire and encourage their interest in science, math, and engineering. Last year the girls visited a crime lab, a local winery, a chemistry lab, and Pixar.

There are three ways to volunteer: (1) plan and lead a fieldtrip, (2) help drive, and (3) be a communicator, by letting the girls know what’s happening. Please help us make this year a success! Call **Laurie Wachter**, 433-8476, or **Sharon Katz**, 318-9593

New Member

Although **Erika Linn** majored in art, currently her artistic endeavors have taken on a secondary role as a pleasurable hobby, making way for her first love, a full time job as a real estate professional at Healdsburg Sotheby’s. She confesses that she finds



work energizing and is in no hurry to retire. AAUW entered the picture when **Heidi Blumenthal** encouraged her to come

and hike with the Hiking Group. She found herself impressed with the stamina of the women and their desire to remain strong and fit. She loved their commitment to being in the fresh air and to respecting nature. Discussions along the way made her aware of the contributions to education made by the group and the connection with the Homes Tour. She had been looking for a place to make a contribution

and decided AAUW would be a good fit. Erika looks forward to joining a book club and being an official member at last. Originally from New York City, she has been a resident of Healdsburg for 30 years.

Member News

Audrey Darby is proud to announce that she has put together a Blurb Catalogue about Frank Koci (1904-1983), a painter whose legacy she has been working on for seven years. “His paintings,” she says, “focused on the inequities of our society, and highlighted the injustices and hypocrisy in America. Both in his journals and his paintings Koci reflected on the alienation and estrangement of mid-century America. Koci was an outsider artist, a primitive artist of the 20th century. During the 1960s he was a participant and close observer of the art and literature that flavored the beat generation's scene in San Francisco's North Beach neighborhood.” Audrey will be curating a show in Berlin in November. The Calabi Gallery in Petaluma will be showing three of Koci's drawings in their upcoming show starting September 9. The gallery is located at 144 Petaluma Boulevard North, Petaluma.

Beginners’ Bridge Are you missing out on all the fun, camaraderie, and life-long learning experience because you don’t know how to play bridge?



The problem can be remedied! If there is enough interest, we will start a new beginners’ bridge group. Contact the coordinator: **Carol Ann Hathaway**, 473-0682, or cah95448@gmail.com.

Email Updates /Corrections

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