

November Speaker Series

Tuesday, November 2
 5:15 p.m. Social, 5:45 p.m. Speaker
 Healdsburg High School **ROOM 45**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

1024 Prince Street (at Powell)

Forgotten Felines of Sonoma County

Jennifer Kirchner, Executive Director of **Forgotten Felines of Sonoma**

County, will speak to us about the mission and programs of this registered non-profit organization that is dedicated to the humane care and control of the feral cat population. Ferals are domestic cats that, through birth or circumstance, have reverted to the wild, living outdoors in urban, suburban, and rural environments with little or no human contact. This topic is literally close to home—there are five feral cat colonies living along Healdsburg Avenue between City Hall and Big John’s Market.



When she moved to Santa Rosa in 1992, Jennifer’s passion for animals led her to volunteer with the Humane Society of Sonoma County, where she was later employed for five years managing their Volunteer Program. She left the Humane Society in 1997 and soon joined the Board of Directors of Forgotten Felines. Again, her work as a volunteer led to a paid position, and today she oversees an organization with 4,000 contributing supporters, 200 volunteers and a small staff. A major source of funding is *Pick of the Litter Thrift and Gift Shop* in Santa Rosa, which has an impressive gross income of \$500,000 per year.



Jennifer is an engaging speaker, and her deep and infectious enthusiasm for her subject is sure to spark interest among cat-lovers and all others as well. She will also bring us up to date on the new Healdsburg Humane Society facility, which is being built on Westside Road.



—Pat Swaney & Ronnie Devitt, Co-Chairs

President's Message



Charlene Luks has volunteered to coordinate our partnership with the Santa Rosa AAUW branch for an author's lunch sometime in January or February. This is the first time in a long time that we

have partnered with another branch on an event. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members and help make this a great event. Stay tuned for more details.

Our scholarships are finalized. Thanks to Cathy Biggins and her Scholarship Committee, Tami Wiener-Stout, Joyce Scramaglia, Jan Garwin, and Margaret Johnson for working out the details. Thanks to a very successful Historic Homes Tour last May, we have \$38,000 to give away this year. In addition to our regular scholarships (Tech Trek, Santa Rosa Junior College, HEF, AAUW Funds, and Expanding Your Horizons), we have added a category that we are calling grants. We are giving \$1,000 to PSST (Public School Success Team) for operating money to run this very worthwhile program and are giving \$1,300 to Career Choices to

pay the annual license fee for a software package called Naviance that assists students and their parents in college and career planning. We will also provide some monies to our other Community Services programs. In past years, we have earmarked our donation to HEF for their mini-grants. This year, the Scholarship Committee recommended we earmark those funds to pay for a music assistant at the junior high and fund eight computers for the high school. See the complete list of scholarships and grants on page 4 and read an appreciative letter on page 9.

There is an updated version of the directory and personal information on the website. It is our plan to update these files quarterly. You can print the new files or refer to them as needed. We apologize to any of you who are having problems accessing these files. These are PDFs and depending on your internet speed, it may take a while to download. Please let Nancy Haiston know if you are having trouble. We will try to determine if there is a pattern so we can solve any problems.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

—Liz Loebel



HOLIDAY PARTY

Celebrate the holiday season with good friends, great food, and holiday cheer!

Sunday, December 5

4:00-7:00 p.m.

**at Helle and Werner Siegert's Home
13404 Flora Ranch Road, Healdsburg**

If your last name begins with
A-L—please bring an appetizer
M-Z—please bring a dessert.

*Wine and alcohol-free beverages
will be provided.*

*Please call me to **RSVP by November 24***

—Joyce Scramaglia, 433.8542

Happy Hour



It's almost *Happy Hour* time again! Please join us for fun and frolic at **Jan and Brent Stanley's** home on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 5:30 p.m. on!

This first party of the year has no end time, so please come whenever you can and stay as long as you like.

Couples are requested to bring a bottle of wine **and** appetizers for 15-20 people; singles have a choice of bringing either appetizers **or** a bottle of wine.

Directions to the Stanley's home are as follows:

Turn right on West Dry Creek Road by Madrona Manor and go 1/4 mile north. Take a left where you see the sign for Everett Ridge Winery. Go through the gate and make an immediate left where you see the Stanley boulder. Follow the **paved** road all the way to the top of the hill. You will pass a little guest house on the way. Please carpool, if possible.

If you are planning to join us, please RSVP to Jan, jan@stanleyvineyards.com.

—Carol Novak

Career Choice Program Needs Your Help!

The Career Choice program is looking for people to assist during the day of the panels and for people who are interested in meeting with a student one-on-one.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Leslie Everett at leslie@hoghvn.com.

Cultural Event

The Nov/Dec Cultural Event will be a trip to the de Young Museum to view *Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Cezanne and Beyond: the Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from the Musee D'Orsay* and lunch at the Spinnaker Restaurant in Sausalito, on Thursday, December 2.



Reserve your timed tickets NOW! They sell out fast. To order, go online, <http://deyoung.famsf.org/orsay>, and click on ORDER ADVANCE TICKETS or call 1-800-777-9996, 24/7. Our first choice for reservations is 10 a.m. If none are available at that time, try for 10:30 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.

If you are a museum member, reserve the extra number of tickets you are allowed and **RSVP to me as soon as possible so we know how many free tickets we have available to offer AAUW members who don't have a museum membership.** At present, we have three extra tickets for the first non-members who RSVP. We hope to have more.

We plan to carpool and will meet at 8:15 a.m. at Park 'n Ride by Giorgio Restaurant. If some have the 9:30 a.m. timed tickets, they could decide to leave earlier. We will leave the museum by 12:30 p.m. and proceed to Sausalito for lunch..

Everyone who is going should contact me as soon as possible so we know how many are going, the number of free tickets available for non museum members, how many cars are needed for carpooling and a number count for restaurant reservations. Please call:

Mary Jane Corson, mjcorson@hughes.net. 433-7216.



Member News

Carol Novak has been celebrating her 70th year ALL year with trips and reunions of many kinds. Her “bucket list” definitely has been activated!

This fall her trips included a week in New York City, and then a cruise along the east coast with friends from Notre Dame de Namur University. They saw the cities as well as the turning leaves of Halifax, St. John's, Bar Harbor, Newport Beach and Boston. In New York City, they were very fortunate to stay with a designer friend. Aside from the typical sightseeing and Broadway theatre, he showed them a great time by taking them to the new and trendy nightlife spots of the city. Carol says, “It was delightful!”

For many years **Nancy Friedlander** was the *Grapevine's* voice of the Member News and the Evening Book Group column. She recently retired from both positions and now has made a very big change in her life.

In October Nancy moved to Oakmont Gardens in Santa Rosa. She can be reached by cell phone at 857-3426. She will be keeping her home at the Vineyards in Geyserville and expects to spend time there in the summers and when family is visiting.

We wish you well in your new home, Nancy, and hope to see you at many AAUW functions.

After 31 years in the Information Technology Department of the City of Santa Rosa, **Laura Tredinnick** FINALLY acted on her desire to experience retirement life. In looking back on her career, Laura feels fortunate to have held many different positions, worked on some exciting projects and had the opportunity to learn something new every day.

Some of the highlights of her career included installing and configuring the city's first wide-area

network, eventually managing a network with 37 locations and over 1,000 nodes; envisioning and creating a notable customer service team and help desk; being the chair of the technology committee on the \$12M county-wide public safety dispatch and records project; serving on several statewide task forces; testifying in front of a state senate committee regarding cable franchise regulation at the state and local level; and working with a host of talented and dedicated public servants.

She says, “Although I loved my work, it is time for me to explore other personal interests.” Since her retirement on October 1, she has become more involved in a house she is renovating in Healdsburg, joined the Tuesday discussion bridge group, added a daytime ballet class, slept in, and hiked with friends, in addition to volunteering at her former workplace to ease the transition. She plans to add a mentoring commitment to the list, continue to travel and to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the AAUW interest groups.

On 10/10/10, **Louise Lambert** joined thousands of walkers in the Sacramento Walk for Autism. She walked in support of her four-year-old grandson, Austin, who after two years of autism treatment shows remarkable progress toward becoming a “normal” youngster.

Valery, Louise's daughter, assembled a dynamic team of family, friends, and co-workers united with a “Team Shawkey” sign and T-shirts. It was fun, inspiring, and uplifting: thousands walking to the Capitol with a joyous purpose. This crowd was a testimony to the large numbers now of autistic children (mostly boys) and to the growing efforts in support of autism research and treatment.

After the walk, Louise continued up I-80 to her timeshare in Squaw Valley where she spent a wonderful, balmy week in the mountains.

Member News, continued

In September **Suzanne Pfau** rode Europe's highest cable car with about 50 others to arrive on the snow-capped top of the world on Klein Matterhorn at 12,400 feet. She said it wasn't quite like mountain climbing but the view of the surrounding mountains including Mt. Blanc in France and the Matterhorn in Switzerland was the same. And it was almost as good as a view of the top of Mt. Everest she once experienced from a 20-passenger plane.



Dee Buechy has been given a major part in Tennessee William's *Lord Byron's Love Letter* at the new performing arts theater, the Curtain Call Theater, which opened recently in Monte Rio with a new artistic director. The next presentation, starting on November 13, will be a series of one-act plays. Also being performed with Williams's play are *An Actor's Nightmare* by Christopher Durang and three ten-minute "surprise" pieces. Dee will also act in one of the "surprise" offerings.

The opening night on the 13th will be a gala performance with food, champagne, and wine. The plays runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon until December 4. Dee invites the members to support this newly formed theater company. You can get more details by calling her at 431-7270.

On a beautiful October evening almost 40 members and spouses attended the *Forever French Food & Wine* party at **Tom and Nola Colbert's**, enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres outside and dinner inside. However ... there were 17 people on the wait list

for the party at the Colbert's and the 17 decided they didn't want to miss out on a fun evening. So while the Colbert's party was happening, a *French Wine & Dinner* party was taking place at the home of **Pat and Tom Swaney**. It was reported that everyone had a great time there as well!



Jerry & Tricia Coxhead, Tom & Pat Swaney, Lida Simmons



Anna Darden, Doris Golden, and Lee & Paul Kelley



Stuart Wren, Jerry Widlow, and Shannon Barton-Wren

Tennis Anyone?

Tennis is an activity that doesn't get much coverage, but there are several members who like to play. **Tricia Coxhead, Lida Simmons, and Judy Widlow** play once a month at the Healdsburg High School courts and we are looking for others to join us.

It has come to our attention that **Tami Wiener-Stout** used to play, **Jane Oriel** and **Barbara Rosen** still play singles, and **Mary Jane Corson** is considering a test run since recovering from a knee injury.

We encourage anyone else who likes the sport to call us and we will arrange a get together.

—Judy Widlow



September Cultural Event

An enthusiastic group of AAUW members and some friends and family met at the Pezzi King Winery up a winding hill off of West Dry Creek Road. We gathered on a perfect September day, warm and sparkling clear. The views from the site were spectacular.



We were met by Joanna Donati, the director of sales and marketing. She led us through the history of the property and proceeded to introduce the group to the wines produced by Pezzi King, starting with a fruity Sauvignon Blanc and ending with an old vines Zinfandel that was rich enough for dessert. A delicious cheese plate with crackers and strawberries was also provided for nibbles as we tasted the wines.



We gathered around tables by the pool and enjoyed our picnic lunches with lively conversation and picture-taking. Everyone left determined to come back for another picnic with friends who have not experienced tasting wine at the beautiful site.

—Yvonne Hyatt



Hikers along the marshes on Lower Tubbs Island on the north shore of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge

Community Service: Career Choices

What would you guess is the top Career Choice of Healdsburg High School (HHS) students? Now that our AAUW Career Choices Program is in its third year, we can tell you.

A key feature of Career Choices will be ten one-hour career panels for HHS students held on Tuesday mornings, January through April 2011. The panels give the students a chance to hear from people experienced in and enthusiastic about their fields, and willing to offer helpful information regarding jobs, educational requirements, and what is needed to succeed.

Based on a recent survey of student career interests, as well as expected job growth in that career sector, we are offering ten panels, three of which (so far) will be organized by AAUW members: Auto Technology; Business Banking and Law (**Judith Olney**); Communications & Public Relations; Culinary Arts (**Laura Mack**); Education and Child Development; Engineering; Green Jobs (**Leslie**

Everett); Health Care; Information Technology and Public Safety.

A new feature of the program will be offering one-on-one career counseling with AAUW and Rotary members who are willing to spend 30 minutes with a student who is interested in their career.

As mentioned in Liz Loebel's *President's Message* on page 2, we are pleased that, as part of the Career Choices Program, the AAUW Board and the Scholarship Committee have decided to fund the continued use by the school of Naviance, an interactive Internet-based tool that allows students to conduct career aptitude assessments, research careers, research colleges, and submit college applications electronically!

Oh yes ... the #1 choice for careers among the students is in culinary arts, with engineering a strong contender. Anyone want to help work with us?

—Leslie Everett

2010 Scholarship and Grant Allocations

HEF (Healdsburg Education Foundation)	\$11,000	\$3,000 music, \$8,000 computers
Tech Trek	5,100	Six at \$850 each
SRJC (Santa Rosa Junior College)	15,000	Six at \$2,500 each
AAUW Funds	2,000	Unrestricted Fund (National)
PSST (Public School Success Team)	1,000	Operating costs (fiscal year 2011)
Career Choices	1,300	Annual license for Naviance
Reading Rocks	100	Miscellaneous expenses, if needed
GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science)	200	Honoraria, etc
VIP (Volunteers In Partnership)	25	Miscellaneous expenses, if needed
EYH (Expanding Your Horizons)	500	Scholarships for attendees to one-day event
Additional Scholarships/Grants	<u>2,000</u>	TBD
TOTAL	\$38,225	\$38,500 available

New Member Profiles

Lisa Grotts

Lisa Grotts could be considered a “party girl” but that would only touch upon one of many facets of being an expert in etiquette. Much of her working life has been in San Francisco, most notably in the office of the mayor as a former director of protocol for the City & County of San Francisco.

Her expertise as an etiquette professional led her to author, *A Traveler's Passport to Etiquette*, and to found The AML Group www.AMLGroup.com, an organization of certified etiquette and protocol consultants established to conduct seminars in the areas of business and social etiquette, business and social entertaining, and international protocol. Her clients range from Stanford Hospital to Cornell University, Microsoft, KPMG, and Nordstrom. She has been quoted by *InStyle* magazine, *USA Today*, and the *Los Angeles Times*. She has appeared on various radio and television stations, such as ABC, CBS, and Fox News. Learn more about Lisa on www.Twitter.com/LisaGrotts and www.Facebook.com/LisaGrotts.

Lisa began visiting Healdsburg seven summers ago while doing a remodel on her house in San Francisco and fell in love with the town. She and her husband, John, recently set down more permanent roots by purchasing a home for weekends and summer use on Dry Creek Road. Her introduction to AAUW was through the hiking group.

Cindy Jacobs

Cindy Jacobs will undoubtedly qualify as the newest AAUW member with the least time in Healdsburg. She and her husband Kerry, who moved here in May, are having “great fun” settling in to their new home in Parkland Farms and putting in a first garden. Originally from Chicago they love

exploring the wine country. Having lived in a big city, the friendliness of the locals is making them feel right at home.

To Cindy, everything is a new and exciting experience, including being married. She and her new husband met while participating in their mutual love for ballroom and country dancing. They found each other at the “Jitterbug Club.”

Cindy hopes to participate in couples bridge once they feel settled. She has already volunteered to tutor local students and intends to get more involved with the schools through AAUW. This seems natural for her because “in her other life” she worked as a psychotherapist and school psychologist.

Nancy Malott

When Nancy Malott sent her check in this year to join AAUW it was a victory of sorts. Just over a year ago Nancy sent in her application to join us only to discover one week later that she had a brain mass that was likely malignant and that would require immediate surgery. Her life was put on hold as she underwent surgery and a year of therapy, including radiation and its annoying effect on memory. With experimental drugs on board and life returning to normal, she is anxious to be a part of our group.

Originally from the Seattle area, Nancy still visits her former home three or four times a year. Early on she worked as an accountant, bookkeeper, and travel agent and is grateful her exploration of the world has been accomplished. With her improving health she has made her priority reconnecting with and visiting old friends and making plenty of time for grandchildren.

New Member Profiles, continued

Shannon Barton-Wren

Like many who find their way to Healdsburg, Shannon Barton-Wren and her husband Stuart have called San Francisco home for most of their working life. Stuart is a business consultant who does much of his work on the Internet so when Shannon retired from her position as an ESL teacher, they wasted no time opting for the slower pace and warmer weather of our special town. After a year of renting they recently moved into their own place fulfilling the dream of being able to walk downtown from a home they bought just blocks from the plaza.

Shannon found out about AAUW from members who were attending Rotary's crab feed and from a quilting class she participated in. Shannon has joined the afternoon book club and is looking forward to the next lunch get together at *Spoonbar*.

She's had a lifelong interest in writing, has published her work, and in San Francisco belonged to a writing group. She enjoys writing fictional short stories and sits down every day to write, a task much easier now that she has more free time. She hopes that among fellow members there may be enough interest to launch an AAUW writer's group in Healdsburg. If you are interested, give Shannon a call.

Carol Ann Hathaway

If you are a dog lover, Carol Ann wants you to know you are her kind of person. Her PomPoo (a combination of Pomeranian and Poodle) is such a hit with people that they know Carol Ann because they have met "Murphy Brown." Murphy weighs all of five pounds and is fond of the various outfits she models as the "dog about town" she has become. She loves participating in the annual "Howl-O-Ween" parades, her favorite costume having been made of corks with matching accessories for Carol Ann.

There was no time for dogs or making tiny outfits when Carol Ann spent hours working in Silicon Valley. Her pace was changed dramatically when she was invited to share a river cottage a friend had rented in Healdsburg.

A fourth generation Californian, Healdsburg was a welcome change of pace. Carol Ann found a house to buy and moved up here in 2000. She was employed in the wine industry, her favorite job, until it was outsourced. She would enjoy a part-time position in her field of accounting and taxation.

Since moving to Healdsburg she has volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader and currently enjoys playing bridge while looking forward to helping out with the Homes Tour.

— Mary Ann Mayo



Additions and Changes to the 2010-2011 Membership Directory

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From a 2010 Scholarship Recipient ...

(In the next several issues, thank you letters or notes from our 2010 scholarship recipients will be published.)

Dear AAUW Healdsburg Members,

I am exceptionally honored to be awarded an American Association of University Women Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I can now see the financial feasibility of obtaining my Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing, which is a goal I have been striving towards for quite some time. This is a goal that I foresee will facilitate an improved future for myself and my children, as well as an opportunity to further serve my community in a field that I am passionate about.

Though I have experienced many personal and financial challenges, I have faced these with a sense of resilience and work ethic that has helped me achieve a notable degree of academic success. I can now apply what I have learned from these life experiences to my future academic progress, to the profession of nursing, as well as to help mentor my peers to facilitate their successes.

I will begin my career as a nursing student at Sonoma State University in August with high expectations for myself, based on my potential and demonstrated abilities. I look forward to discovering more about my abilities and myself during this process. Beyond the attainment of my Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree, my long-term plans include continuation of my education to become a Certified Nurse Educator and share what I have learned with others. I also look forward to increasing my involvement in my local community and continuing to foster the value of community service in others.

I enjoyed meeting your scholarship committee members during the interview process for this scholarship. Your organization's commitment to the advancement of education of women, especially in scientific fields, is phenomenal. I would really enjoy being involved with an organization such as yours, and to someday be able to contribute as a scholarship donor to another student in need as well. In this way, your organization is an inspiration for me. I am deeply appreciative of the present opportunity that your group has helped facilitate. Perhaps I will have an opportunity to attend one of your Speaker Series. I would also enjoy keeping you posted on my progress if you would like to receive any future update.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Kerri Maya

State & National Issues

Election Day is just a few days away. Remember to vote and to remind your friends and family to vote too. I have been thinking that we women were given the right to vote during some of our lifetimes and surely during our grandmother's or mother's lifetimes. Does it mean anything to us? Do we take this right seriously? Have we passed this legacy on to our daughters? Are we effective in our choices?

This year, while not a presidential election year, gives us much to reflect on. Our ballot is

challenging: many officials to elect from national to local; numerous complex positions require study and deliberation.

For more information, click on the AAUW State website, <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&pagesid=221&parent=220&coparent=221>, and read *A Critical Month in California Public Policy*.

And **vote on November 2!**

—Suzanne Pfau

2011 Evening Book Group's "Around the World with Books"

- January *Small Island* by Andrea Levy (England)
- February *Distant Land of my Father* by Bo Caldwell (Shanghai)
- March *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin (America)
- April *The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver (Mexico)
- May *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar (India)
- June *The Tricking of Freya* by Cristine Sunley (Iceland)
- July *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria)
- August *Birds Without Wings* by Louis deBernieres (Turkey)
- September *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville (Australia)
- October *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev (Israel)
- November *Birds in Fall* by Brad Kessler (Canada)
- December *The Burnt-Out Town of Miracles* by Roy Jacobsen (Finland)

Details about the afternoon and evening book groups can be found on our website www.healdsburgaauw.com/

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