



The Branch



Humboldt Branch AAUW

September Branch Meeting

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Arcata Lutheran Church, 151 E. 16th Street, Arcata

11:00 Registration, Social and Potluck Lunch
Cost: \$5 if you bring food/\$12 if you do not bring food
Please bring a plate, mug and utensils

Branch meeting: Vote to approve 2018-19 Budget

Speaker: Transmitting Native Languages to New Generations

Kayla Begay, Assistant Professor, Native American Studies

What implications are there for researching and understanding language with all its grammatical and social contexts, and for transmitting the languages to new generations of speakers? While Hupa has several remaining first language speakers, Wailaki hasn't had first language speakers for over 50 years. These local languages are in danger of dying out unless new generations learn and use them. Professor Begay will discuss her work using documentation to revitalize the Hupa and Wailaki languages.

If your caller has not reached you by Tuesday, September 4, please call Maggie Gordon at 442-4643 or email her at pma3022@sbcglobal.net.

It is our Branch policy that if you make a reservation, you will be expected to pay for your meal whether you attend or not.



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AAUW's Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

President's Message

I hope that you all have enjoyed your summer and are ready to get back to the AAUW year.

Many of our branch members have been busy this summer. Karole Ely and Alex Stillman have been organizing our upcoming meetings. Chris Frenzel has put together our Membership Handbook/Directory. Nancy Dean has completed our draft budget for our review and approval at our upcoming meeting. Our website committee has been working, too. I know that I am failing to mention some of our summer endeavors, but my point is that we are looking forward to a great year.

We will meet our Tech Trek campers at our September meeting, and hear about their experiences. It will be nice to see and hear what wonderful things our efforts have yielded.

This year you will notice that cost of the food for our meetings is lower than last year. This is possible because instead of having our guests' meals covered by those who attend the meetings, we are covering our guests' meals from our general budget (or from the dues of ALL of our members.) We are also having potluck meals at the first and last meetings of the year. We do need to remember to bring our own plates, cups and utensils to the potluck meetings.

This year let us try to be more inclusive with our fellow members, especially with our newer members. Let us make it a priority to sit with others. It is great to sit with our friends, and we look forward to doing so at our meetings. However, let us make sure that we sit with others, too, and to include them in our conversations.

Please remember to print out this newsletter. Only a few newsletters are being mailed now, and we are able to use the savings of printing, paper and postage to do more to advance the AAUW mission.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Kay".

Branch Budget

We will be voting on our budget on whether to adopt our annual budget at our September meeting. Please review the budget and be ready with questions so that you can make an informed decision

AAUW Budget			
Income	Subtotal	Proposed 2018-2019	Actual 2017_2018
Membership Dues (105@\$105)		\$11,025.00	\$12,825.00
Association (\$59)	\$6,195.00		
State (\$20)	\$2,100.00		
Branch (\$26)	\$2,730.00		
Branch Meeting		\$ 6,500.00	\$9,977.50
Advertising		\$ 600.00	\$855.00
Income		\$18,125.00	\$27,904.30
Expenses	Subtotal		
Administrative Cost(PO Box and State of CA)		\$ 200.00	\$37.60
Branch Meeting Cost		\$ 6,500.00	\$8,423.35
Branch Courtesies		\$ 30.00	
Community Action Projects		\$ 730.00	
Geography Bee	\$ 480.00		\$600.00
Humboldt County Children's Author Festival	\$ 250.00		\$250.00
Conferences/Conventions		\$ 650.00	
Discretionary Projects		\$ 100.00	
Dues Association		\$ 6,195.00	\$6,149.50
Dues State		\$ 2,100.00	\$2,560.00
EF Branch Assessment		\$ 65.00	\$65.00
Guest Meals		\$ 250.00	\$34.99
Holiday Gala		\$ 50.00	
Insurance		\$ 500.00	\$490.84
Membership Handbook		\$ 300.00	\$432.65
Membership Support		\$ 25.00	
Newsletter Production		\$ 150.00	\$732.28
Postage		\$ 140.00	\$637.57
Webpage		\$ 140.00	
Total		\$18,125.00	\$24,263.78
		\$ -	\$3,640.52
Accounts			As of 6/30/18
TriCounties AAUW General Checking			\$ 27,346.59
TriCounties Fund Checking			\$ 745.25
Tricounties Savings			\$ 5,356.02
Cash			\$ 100.00
HAF			\$ 5,949.65
TOTAL			\$ 39,497.51



From Ellie Gayner

Devastating wildfires all over California caught our attention this

summer. We tend to have a false sense of security on the coast that it won't happen here; our local fire history shows us otherwise. To celebrate Fire Safety Week, the first week in October, we offer some suggestions from Tracy Katelman, Registered Professional Forester, ForEverGreen Forestry in Eureka.

The Humboldt County Fire Safe Council published *Living with Wildfire in Northwestern California*, available as an informative magazine or online from the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council, Cal Fire, or Six Rivers National Forest.

The Fire Safe Council released the *Public Review Draft of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)*. Humboldt residents are encouraged to read it to learn about local wildfire issues. The CWPP will be available on the website: humboldt.gov/firesafecouncil.

For the latest information on local emergencies, visit the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services website or Facebook page, and be sure to register for Humboldt Alert online or by calling



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WASHINGTON — AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches released the following statement announcing AAUW’s opposition to the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court:

“AAUW’s expectation is that our next Supreme Court justice will support the fundamental rights of all individuals and understand that his or her decisions have a very real impact on the daily lives of women and their families. After careful review of Judge Brett Kavanaugh’s available record, it is clear to us that he would not be that justice. Judge Kavanaugh’s record shows that he is willing to do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW’s mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. The Supreme Court is the arbiter of so many of the rights essential to women and girls, and if confirmed Judge Kavanaugh will have a say in those decisions for decades to come. Therefore, AAUW opposes Judge Kavanaugh’s confirmation to the Supreme Court.

On the specifics of his available record, Judge Kavanaugh confirmation would put women’s constitutional rights, including abortion, at risk. He has shown opposition to women’s access to reproductive health care and contraception, seeking to delay a woman’s access to an abortion, arguing in support of religious employers who obstruct their employees’ access to contraceptive coverage, and calling into question protections of the Affordable Care Act.

Judge Kavanaugh has shown little support for workers’ rights, including low-wage workers and workers of color. While on the bench, Judge Kavanaugh argued to weaken protections for race and age discrimination, as well as to narrow prohibitions against retaliation. He routinely argued to limit workers’ rights to organize and to narrow the scope of our nation’s labor laws. He has consistently sided with employers and against workers, refusing to support those who seek to improve workplace conditions and to protect those who have experienced discrimination.

While we continue to urge that Judge Kavanaugh’s full record be released to the American public, his available record makes clear that he stands in opposition to the values and mission of AAUW. He is the wrong choice for the Supreme Court and for women and girls. Now more than ever we need a Supreme Court justice who is not beholden to ideology and will be an independent voice. The role the next justice will play in all of our lives is too important for anything less.”

Please contact your elected representatives and let them know how you feel about this issue that will affect women and girls for many years to come.

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GeoQuiz

1. In which European country can you hear groups speaking the regional languages of Basque, Breton, and Flemish?
2. Almost 90 percent of what South American country's population lives in urban areas such as the port city of Maracaibo?
3. Tamils make up most of the Hindu minority in what island country?
4. Many Garifuna people live in fishing villages along the coast of which country directly north of Nicaragua?
5. Which European country that borders Kosovo and the Adriatic Sea has a majority Muslim population?

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MARY KAY



Our September Speaker Kayla Begay is an Assistant Professor at Humboldt State University in the Native American Studies Department. She is a current board member with the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS). Begay is a Hoopa Valley Tribal member of Hupa, Karuk, and Yurok descent. She had always been interested in language, but it wasn't until her undergraduate studies at Stanford that she zeroed in on linguistics, earning a degree with honors as well as a minor in Native American Studies. Though she saw a connection between the disciplines, the programs weren't connected. "I kind of had to make my own path," she says.

She found a convergence of those disciplines at UC Berkeley's Linguistics Program, where she earned a master's degree and is currently finishing her dissertation for a doctorate, entitled "Topics in Wailaki Grammar." Berkeley is home to a program with a history of studying and archiving California indigenous languages – it's there that Begay found the crossover between Native American Studies and linguistics that she's brought to Humboldt State.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/y8na9v2x>

"I feel responsible, not just to my language but to all California Native languages as well, so people have resources to learn them and they continue to maintain them," Begay says.

For more information about Kayla, read this recent article from the August 2 edition of the *Northcoast Journal* <https://www.northcoastjournal.com/humboldt/the-flower-dancers/Content?oid=10229320>

From our Tech Trek Girls

"Dear Humboldt AAUW Branch,
I want to thank you so much for sponsoring me for the Tech Trek Camp and putting so much effort on it.

Learning about the different types of birds on the field trip was super cool. The lesson on working in a group was fun too.
The highlight of my week was spending time with friends and learning about the different stars and planets in the universe. The facts about the different temperatures and sizes of

The first two days in the camp were intimidating but later on my dorm group all loosened up and talked more. After all the things I learned and friends I made it made me sad to leave and making me to want to stay longer.

All in all, my experience in the camp was so worth it. I loved it so much. Thank you so much for sending me to the camp!
Sincerely, Bien Hou"

"Dear Humboldt Branch,
Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to come to Tech Trek. I have had so much fun. I love my dorm mates and made a ton of new friends.

For my core class I got engineering. On Monday, we did an engineering challenge with making the longest line with the supplies given. Then, we made marble mazes to make them slower down a slanted table. Lastly, we made roller coasters.
I have had an amazing time and I appreciate you letting me come.
Sincerely, Tehya Tuttle"

"Dear Humboldt Branch,

Thank you so much for this experience! So far it has been excellent! I've had fun, challenges, and I'm learning about what it takes to be an engineer. We also played fun games as one of the night activities. My new dorm friends are great, and we are getting along swell. Another fun thing we did in Tech Trek was to dissect pig hearts and learn the anatomy. This has been an experience that was way better than I expected! We get to learn things while having fun. I'm very appreciative of you sending me here. This is one of the best camps I've ever done.
Sincerely, Linea Vizenor P.S. Pacific Union School."

You might notice this year that we only have three letters from the girls that attended Tech Trek. We had selected four girls but one of them was unable to attend due to a serious medical issue. Since it happened at such a late date our alternative candidates were unable to attend. Fortunately one of the branches in the Bay Area was able to fill the spot that we had requested.

Marilyn Hagar and I went to the camp on Thursday to assist with Mad City Money and to see how the camp is run and to view the dorms. I am glad I took the opportunity, because it let me see first hand how this amazing AAUW program provides opportunities for girls. More about that in another newsletter.

Dorothy Skjonsby
AAUW Tech Trek Chairperson