



The Branch

Humboldt Branch AAUW



November Branch Meeting

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Red Lion Hotel Dining Room

1929 4th Street, Eureka

11:00 a.m. Registration, Social and Lunch

Vegetable pasta primavera, Chicken Parmesan, Penne pasta
basil tomato salad with Italian dressing, Caesar salad and
Garlic bread

Cost: \$20 (Beverage only: \$6.00)

Program: Are You Prepared?

**Saroj Gilbert will tell us about the work she and others in
our community are doing to train local residents
to be ready to respond in the event of an
emergency.**

**If your caller has not reached you by Tuesday, October 30, 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

Happy Fall! It is getting colder!!

As we gear up to our Holiday Gala, let us take time to reflect that this is our Branch's main effort in the furtherance of our mission to help women and girls. Let us be generous with our donations to auction for our scholarships! More information about where to drop off your donations is on the last page of this newsletter.

In the past decade human trafficking has emerged as one of the fastest-growing criminal activities in the world. This modern-day form of slavery claims an estimated [20.9 million victims](#) internationally and is a serious violation of human rights. Sex trafficking is responsible for 54 percent of human trafficking. And it happening right here in Humboldt County! Our national organization lists human trafficking as a major area of concern and action.

Soroptomists share this topic of concern. Recently, representing our Branch, I met with a group of Soroptomists to discuss human trafficking in Humboldt County. There I learned that a community group here in Humboldt has formed to stop sex trafficking and child abuse, and to provide support to survivors of sexual abuse. It is called the STAR Network. Autumn Chapman has volunteered to be our AAUW liaison for that group and learn more about it. More on that later!!

We will have a program at one of our meetings in the spring to learn about human trafficking in Humboldt County.

Many thanks to Katy Garrison and Jerrie Bartley for hosting our new member gathering. Please remember to reach out to our new members and let them know about us and make them feel included.

Remember to nominate a worthy person (or two) for our Women's History Tea honoree(s). The nomination form is in this newsletter. Give it some thought!

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

2019 Women's History Tea Honoree Nomination

Each March we celebrate women from the past and present who have made a difference in Humboldt County. If you would like to nominate a recipient of this honor, please complete this nomination form. The Board of Directors will be making a selection by the end of this year. Please nominate a person or persons that you feel should be considered for this honor and why.

Your Name _____

I would like to nominate _____

In what way has this person/group made a positive difference in Humboldt County through her activities, education, occupations, or professions?

Please provide the contact information for your nominee:

EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR NOMINATION TO Branch President Nancy Kay at
(n-kay@nancykaycpa.com), or 4835 Dickson Drive, Eureka, 95503.

Geo Quiz

Answers on page 5

1. Dresden, a city that has been rebuilt since WW II, is situated on what river?

Darling River, Elbe River or Thames River

2. Agulhas and Kuroshio are names of what kind of physical feature? *Ocean currents, Hurricanes or Mountains*

3. What city is the judicial capital of South Africa? *Capetown, Freetown or Bloemfontein*

4. Roosevelt Island is surrounded by an Antarctic ice sheet that shares its name with what nearby sea? *Baltic Sea, Weddell Sea or Ross Sea*

5. What is the largest of the 7 continents? *Europe, Asia or South America*



WHEN WOMEN VOTE, WE CHANGE THE CONVERSATION!

Sue Miller, Member
Public Policy Committee
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Since 1881, AAUW has been the leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls.

AAUW encourages women voters to get involved in the political process and gain a better understanding of the impact that legislative action – or lack thereof – can have on our lives. In the current partisan climate, we as members need to be aware of what's at stake in both our national and state upcoming elections. Congressional races are particularly important this November.

Over the next two months we will be bombarded with political advertising in the media and in our mailboxes. There will be information from candidates for office and from proponents and opponents of ballot initiatives. As you sort through all this, please reflect on priority issues affecting us, our daughters and granddaughters and evaluate candidates' positions on these issues. And for incumbent candidates, find out how they have voted, particularly on issues affecting women and girls.

If you are a leader in your branch, consider making your October program a focus on the election. You may want to consider a presentation on the ballot initiatives, or even a candidate night. If your branch has a college/university partner, you could register voters on campus. Find ways to reach out into your community to educate women voters about issues that matter to all women.

Here are resources to get helpful, non-partisan information:

- AAUW California website: www.aauw-ca.org Public Policy section - will soon have more detail on priority issues, and questions to ask of candidates
- AAUW website: www.aauwaction.org or VoterEd@aauw.org - has a Get Out the Vote (GOTV) toolkit available to download, including ideas for branch activities, College/University partners, and specifics

for 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 branches

- California Secretary of State website: www.sos.ca.gov – voter information, Ballot Initiatives
- State and County Voter guides - mailed to all registered voters in October.

If you have signed up to vote by mail, start your research soon, as your ballot will arrive in mid-October. And if you have recently moved, you need to update your information with the County Registrar of Voters! Register to vote, if you haven't already. Voting is a powerful tool to bring about change!

NOVEMBER BALLOT MEASURES



There are 11 measures on the November ballot. They cover a variety of issues. The Public Policy Committee reviewed the ballot measures and determined that most do not address issues in our Public Policy Priorities. We have classified those as "No Position." Propositions 1, 4 and 5 have a bearing on our principles, but they include elements that undermine some of our priorities along with elements that support our priorities. The Committee adopted a "Neutral" position on Propositions 1, 4 and 5.

Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond – SUPPORT
No Place Like Home Act of 2018. Over 130,000 Californians are homeless. A great number of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of previously allocated unspent money to be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Women comprise a significant percentage of the homeless. This measure does not involve a new state bond.

Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond – NEUTRAL
Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds to build and preserve affordable homes for veterans and aid veterans in purchasing a farm, home or mobile home.

While AAUW priorities do not address issues specifically related to veterans, we do support affordable housing for low income families and many veterans are women. A negative aspect of the measure is that general obligation bonds are paid for from the state's General Fund, where money is needed for schools, health care, other housing programs and state services.

Prop 4: Children's Hospital Bond – NEUTRAL

Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in general obligation bond money to support 5 children's hospitals in the University of California system and other public and private hospitals that serve children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. On the one hand, this measure supports health care services to children. On the other hand, the use of state funds to support private facilities diverts money from public projects, such as schools.

Prop 5: Property Tax – NEUTRAL

Proposition 5 would amend Proposition 13 (1978) in the State Constitution to allow homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer the tax-assessed value from their prior home to their new home, no matter (a) the new home's market value; (b) the new home's location in the state; or (c) the number of moves. This measure would assist some older or disabled women when they change residences. However, seniors already are able to retain their property tax base when they move within set parameters – Prop 5 expands that program. The Legislative Analyst states that this would reduce state revenues from property taxes by up to \$1 billion per year. Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services.

Geo Quiz Answers

1. The Elbe River
2. Ocean currents
3. Bloemfontein
4. Ross Sea
5. Asia

New Member Party

AAUW Humboldt hosted our annual New Member party at Jerrie Bartley's on October 18. Most of our 14 new members were present as well as a number of long-time members and current leaders. Some new members have moved to Humboldt from other areas and were active in their local branches. The new members have an impressive list of backgrounds from biochemistry and nursing to education and art.

Nancy Kay explained some of the local and national history of the organization. Adair Paul talked about how AAUW has impacted state legislation. We discussed both light and serious subjects that our organization is involved with, including individual humorous experiences, interest groups, and human trafficking.

Please look for our new members, and join me in welcoming them to our branch. You'll recognize them by the smiley-face on their nametag.

Katy Garrison, Membership Chair





November Speaker

Saroj Gilbert's interest in emergency preparedness arose out of her experience in Southeast Virginia in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel in 2004. A very large triple-trunk oak tree fell into the attic of her mother's house in VA piercing the ceiling in a few places. She had no dependable cell phone service for a week; no landline phone service for two weeks; no power for 10 days and spent five months sawing up tree limbs and trying to find a builder to repair the roof.

Following the Katrina disaster the next year, she decided to find out how to be resilient in the face of earth changes. She is trained to teach Community Disaster preparation to adults and children aged eight-eleven. Her primary volunteer role is managing debit cards given to families to take care of their immediate needs after a house fire or other individual disaster and the "mission cards" that our volunteers use when they are deployed to disasters away from our area. When deployed to a disaster Saroj acts as a Financial Statistical Information specialist to collect data and prepare reports for the Job Director to make day by day decisions. Currently Saroj is working with another local volunteer to build a robust radio communications plan in case of disaster here. She holds an FCC technician's license in Amateur Radio Operation. Other volunteer activities include A1AA volunteer driver and Patient Advisor for Open Door Health Clinics.



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