



The Branch



Humboldt Branch AAUW

April Branch Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2019

Red Lion Hotel Dining Room

1929 4th Street, Eureka

9:30 a.m. Registration, Social and Brunch

Menu: Eggs Benedict with Hollandaise sauce on an English muffin, Bacon, Sliced seasonal fruit, Coffee & tea

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

Program: Human Trafficking in Humboldt County

Kyla Baxley, Sexual Assault Investigator - Humboldt County District Attorney's Office &

Young Porambo, Detective, Eureka Police Department

If your caller has not reached you by Thursday, April 4, please contact Maggie Gordon by phone or email.

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.



Our April Speakers

Young H. Porambo (l) has been employed by the Eureka Police Department (EPD) as a sworn police officer since January 1, 2012. She is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to patrolling the streets of Eureka, Officer Porambo was assigned as a Detective with EPD's Problem Oriented Policing Unit otherwise known as POP. This hardworking team works together to solve issues that burden the community such as drug houses, nuisance abatement and illegal marijuana grows.

While at POP, Officer Porambo has investigated several reports identifying possible juvenile and adult sex trafficking victims along with sex trafficking suspects. She also has assisted senior police officers with multiple undercover prostitution stings in an attempt to identify women who are victims of human trafficking.

Kayla Baxley (r) was born and raised in Humboldt County, graduating from Eureka High School. In 2006, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Florida, with Minors in Crime Scene Investigations and Criminal Profiling. While in Florida, Kayla was an Intern with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, working with a member of the FBI's ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) task force. Hired as a patrol deputy by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in 2007, she was promoted to HCSO Detective in 2010 and was assigned primarily to Child Sexual and Physical Abuse Investigations. In 2013 Kayla became an Investigator with the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office. She was assigned to the Sexual Assault Unit, handling primarily Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault cases. In 2017, Kayla was awarded California's Investigator of the Year award by the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association.

President's Message

Our Women's History Tea was such a success. It IS a lot of work, but we have a wonderful traditional event, and I appreciate each and every one of the hostesses that lugged out their finery, and then shared the history of their precious table settings. It takes a great deal of behind-the-scenes organization to make it a success. I want to thank Karole Ely for all that she did to put all of the various details together, including coming in early and setting up coffee and tea, and then staying late to make sure everything was washed and put away. We must remember to thank her, as well as Maggie Gordon, who scrambled at the last minute to put together her own table.

Human trafficking in Humboldt County? Say it isn't so. But, alas, it is true, and our speakers this month will address the extent of this dreadful practice here, in Humboldt County. Please be sure to attend to hear about it and ask questions.

April marks the second to the last of our year's meetings. During our last meeting in May, along with our speaker, we will have our Annual Meeting. In May we will vote on our four elected officers, and we will vote on the budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2019. If you recall, in the past we voted on the budget at the September membership meeting, but we are now voting on everything at the May Annual Meeting. Incidentally, there are no bylaw proposed changes, which would have also been presented at the Annual Meeting. The slate of nominated officers and the proposed budget are included in this newsletter for your review. Please remember, if you are interested in participating as an officer and you have not yet made your desires known to Katy Garrison or me, nominations will be taken from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Also, those interested in serving as Directors on the board should let us know.

Where is our Branch's sound system? We own a sound system, and we have needed it this year. But, no one seems to know or remember where it is. Please contact me if you have any ideas.

We have a situation that requires everyone's attention. Our funds for scholarships need to be bolstered. This December we gave out more money (\$3,000) than we took in at our Gala (\$2,380). This is not a sustainable pattern. Here are some of the issues that have been presented to me:

- A. Some concern has been expressed that our scholarships do not provide enough money to the recipients. Tuition costs are rising, books and supplies are expensive, and every student needs a decent computer. We learned last May from our speaker, Dr. Jen Maguire, that housing/food insecurity is an issue at HSU.
- B. The goal is to collect and save scholarship money so that in years that we have several good applicants, we can award several scholarships. Likewise, in years when there are fewer good applicants, we can award fewer (or no) scholarships. Right now we have about \$3,700 in our Scholarship Fund. This could take care of next December, depending on the applicants.

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C. There has been some discussion about the decreased scholarship funds raised at the Gala. The Board is looking for ideas to increase revenues. Can we enhance the Gala auction? Shall we look toward another fundraising event? Shall we ask members to voluntarily contribute to the Scholarship Fund? Should we ask all of our interest groups to instigate an assessment at the beginning of their meeting for the Scholarship Fund, as the bridge group has done for a book stipend and Reel People has done to Tech Trek?

This is food for thought, and hopefully, some good ideas.

See you all on April 6th!



2019 Women's History Tea



Photos above (clockwise from top right)

Rose Weaver and Autumn Chapman
Carol Kinser and Doris Timm
Kay Escarda and Helen Andrews
Maggie Gordon
Recipients Melanie Noe and Joyce Hayes
with President Nancy Kay

AAUW General Operating Budget

	Proposed 2019-2020	PRIOR BUDGET 2018-2019	Notes
Income			
Membership Dues @\$105	\$ 11,445	\$ 11,025	Increased slightly from 105 members to 109 member
National (\$59)	6,431	6,195	
State (\$20)	2,180	2,100	
Branch (\$26)	2,834	2,730	
Branch Meeting	7,500	6,500	Increased based on costs for the first half of 2018-2019
Advertising	600	600	
TOTAL INCOME	19,545	18,125	
Expenses			
Administrative Cost	200	200	PO Box and State of CA
Branch Meeting Cost	7,500	6,500	Increased based on costs for the first half of 2018-2019. See Branch Meeting Income above.
Branch Courtesies	15	30	Based on current usage, reduced number of cards and costs
Community Action Projects	789	730	Community Actions Projects will be approved at May 2019 Board meeting
Community Projects / Geography Bee 18-19	539	480	This approved at May 2018 Board Meeting
Humboldt County Children's Author Festival	250	250	
Conferences/Conventions	650	650	
Discretionary Projects	100	100	
Dues National	6,431	6,195	Increased based on increased membership. See Member Dues income for Association above.
Dues State	2,180	2,100	Increased based on increased membership. See Member Dues income for State above.
EF Branch Assessment	65	65	
Guest Meals	350	250	Increased based on # of awardees and guests
Holiday Gala	50	50	
Insurance	500	500	
Membership Handbook	350	300	Increased based on actual 2018-19 costs
Membership Support	25	25	
Newsletter Production	100	150	Reduced based on actual 2018-19 costs
Postage	150	140	Postage increased Jan 2019
Speaker Gifts	90		Included in Discretionary Expenses in 2018-19
Webpage		140	Volunteer webmaster, no costs 19-20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,545	\$ 18,125	
DIFFERENCE	-	-	

Accounts

As of 12/31/18

TriCounties AAUW General Checking	\$ 13,894.41
TriCounties Service Fund Checking (Scholarship, GeoBee, TechTrek)	7,267.83
TriCounties Savings	5,356.56
Cash	100.00
HAF	5,413.28
TOTAL	\$ 32,032.08



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Make Time for Action on Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, April 2, is a great day to take action on the [gender pay gap](#). It's the date that symbolizes how many days into the year women must work to earn what men made in the previous year.

If you have...

One minute: Register for [Work Smart Online](#) to learn salary negotiation skills and help us meet the terms of our generous corporate grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation. Then take the course at your leisure.

Two minutes: Become a [two-minute activist](#) to encourage Congress to pass the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#). The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on this soon.

Five minutes: Send an email to five women you know who could use a raise, or [tag them on social media](#), to tell them about [Work Smart Online](#). Taking this small step will help meet our big goal of training 100,000 women by August.

One hour or less: [Write a letter to the editor](#) or op-ed about the gender pay gap for your local paper. Encourage community members and elected officials to take action.

One day or more: Host an [online salary negotiation](#) night at your library or community center. [Meet with your elected officials](#) and discuss the pay gap in your [state](#) or [city](#). [Host an issue forum](#) on pay equity and invite local experts.



Geo Quiz

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1. Which animal that is a main source of food on Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean can change colors to blend in with its environment? octopus or codfish
2. Which country does not border the Black Sea---Bulgaria, Denmark, or Turkey?
3. Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in South Carolina, lies in the Blue Ridge Mountains, which are a segment of what major mountain system?
4. The Flinders River rises in the Great Dividing Range and flows into the Gulf of Carpentaria on which continent?
5. The infield of a famous speedway could fit 42 Roman Colosseums. The speedway is near the White River in which state that borders Kentucky---Indiana or Illinois

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3. Appalachian Mountains.
4. Australia
5. Indiana

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