



Humboldt Inc. (CA) Branch



The Branch

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September Branch Meeting

September 12, 2020
10:00 a.m

Join us on Zoom

Just let your caller know that you plan to attend and you will receive a link by email the morning of the meeting.

Please join us when a panel of local educators discuss

- What is the future of education in

Humboldt County?

- How is Distance Learning affecting education?

Our presenters will be:



Colby Smart, Assistant Superintendent Humboldt County Office of Education

Colby has years of experience facilitating professional learning networks, communities of practice, consultation, instructional leadership, and administrative leadership. He has taught at Ferndale High School and Clear Lake High School. Colby has been a national digital coach for the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future (NCTAF) a Washington, D.C. education non-profit. In this capacity, Colby worked with pre-service teachers and faculty at the University of Texas, University of North Carolina, Georgia State University and the University of Colorado. Colby leads the California Rural Superintendent-Principal's Academy, a



Tom Jackson, Jr. President, Humboldt State University

beginning was appointed Humboldt State's eighth president in May 2019. He previously served as president of Black Hills State University in South Dakota and has held other leadership roles within higher education, including vice president for Student Affairs at both the University of Louisville and Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Jackson has also held administrative positions at McMurry University, University of Texas at El Paso, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, the University of Southern California and St. Mary's University. A first-generation student, Jackson is also a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, Texas State Guard and Indiana Guard Reserve. Education



Keith Flamer, President, College of the Redwoods

Dr. Keith Flamer was named President/Superintendent of College of the Redwoods effective April 11, 2017. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Washington University, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Eastern Washington, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. As an educational leader, he believes that it is critical to embrace diversity and remain sensitive to the needs of all students. He supports the success of those who may be differently abled or who experience social, cultural and economic orientations and backgrounds different from those experienced by faculty and staff with whom these students interact. He firmly believes that diversity is

statewide distributed learning model designed to support the needs of rural educational leaders. He has his Master's in Educational Technology from Pepperdine University and is Doctorate from the University of New England.

B.A., Business Management/Personnel, Southwest Minnesota State University
 M.A., Counseling/Student Personnel, Shippensburg University
 Ph.D., Education, University of La Verne

strength—and that multiculturalism is something to be celebrated, promoted, and cherished

How to Zoom

Think of a Zoom Meeting as a face-to-face meeting and conduct yourself as you would if you were all present in the same room. In addition there are some additional useful tips below to observe to help ensure the meeting goes smoothly for all involved:

- Join early – up to 5 minutes before the meeting start time
- If you haven't used Zoom before click the link to download Zoom prior to the day of the meeting and familiarise yourself with any features you may need to use on the day – mute/unmute microphone, stop/start video, screenshare etc.
- If you you have a bad broadband connection, please turn your video off at all times
- Find a quiet space without interruptions / background noise
- If you have a video on avoid backlight from bright windows
- If you have a video on, have good lighting on your face so you can be seen clearly
- Please mute your microphone when not talking
- Try to avoid talking over / at the same time as other participants
- Be aware you are on camera and try to avoid doing eating, walking with your computer or having family members or pets active in the video.

If you do not have a computer, contact Connie Stewart. She will call you and explain how to dial in.



President's Message

We are starting a new year at AAUW. We are going to have some great meetings although they will be different. We will have Zoom meetings for our monthly membership meetings. We will gather at 9:30 and our speakers will speak at 10am. I will miss seeing you in person and enjoying breakfast and coffee with friends. Our September meeting will feature a panel of our local educators discussing education in the time of a worldwide pandemic.

I want to thank everyone who have been helping us get ready for our coming year. Nancy Dean's hard work in getting our membership book ready. Alex Stillman and Connie Stewart arranging our speakers. Nancy Kay and Katy Garrison working hard to contact members and making sure our members renew. Shelley Mitchell who does our newsletter and encouraged me to continue the newsletter through the summer so we could be in touch with all of you. I really appreciate all the work our board and members do.

We would like our members to talk with their daughters and granddaughters and find out what financial issues are most important to them. Sharon Ferrett wrote an article in July about interviewing her daughters. Their concern was health insurance and saving for retirement. My daughter was very concerned about childcare especially since the pandemic as many child care facilities have closed. Please let me know what younger women are worried about, this will help us in planning future meetings.

Please join us September 12 for our first membership meeting via Zoom. I will send you an invitation.

Mary Lou Lowry

Don't be left out. If you did not renew your AAUW membership this will be your last newsletter. Check with Nancy Kay to make sure you are renewed.

Financial Security

As Sharon Ferrett wrote in her article about interviewing her children to find out what issues are most important to them. I would like to ask our members to talk to their daughters, granddaughters, friends and neighbors who are in the age group 20-45. Our branch would like to have a program that is meaningful to young women. Please get back to me with their responses. As Sharon noted her daughters are most concerned about health care and then trying to save for retirement. We need your input. Please email or text me.

Mary Lou Lowry

Put a 55 Cent Stamp on your Ballot if you Mail it

Most election mail carries the third-class or bulk rate of 20 cents, which can take as long as 10 days to reach its destination. First-class mail takes two to five days, maximum. Until now, the postal service has treated election mail, including voter registration materials, voter information, ballot requests and the ballots themselves as first-class, no matter how much or how little postage they carry.

According to the New York Times, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said DeJoy had "informed some states that they may need to pay a first-class rate to deliver ballots rather than the normal rate — nearly tripling the cost." According to the newspaper, the postal service said DeJoy's comments were merely a suggestion for local election officials seeking to curb costs, not an on official mandate. But there's a way to utterly frustrate DeJoy's suggestion.

Every voter should put a 55-cent stamp on his or her return envelope, no matter if it is already pre-printed with bulk postage by their election board. Political organizations, political action committees (PACs) and community groups should buy 55 cent stamps to distribute for mail-in-ballot return. A 55-cent stamp automatically overrides other lesser postage on the envelope and forces it to go first class -- hopefully arriving in plenty of time to be counted. Vote and mail in your ballot very early.

Women's Re-Entry Scholarship

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Humboldt Branch has been awarding re-entry scholarships for women for several years. These scholarships are intended to help women students studying at Humboldt State University as upper division or graduate students.

Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

- Reside in Humboldt, Del Norte or Trinity County
- Return to college after a hiatus of 5 years or more in collegiate education
- Currently enrolled at Humboldt State University in upper division or graduate courses
- Grade point average (GPA) at HSU at least 3.0
- Demonstrate financial need

A copy of our scholarship application is below. please share it with students who may be interested. They can contact ... for more information. Applications must be submitted by mail to our PO Box by October 31.



Re-Entry Scholarship Application

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone _____ GPA _____

Number in Family _____ Number of Dependents _____

List in chronological order the schools you have attended, beginning with high school and ending with the college you are currently attending:

Name of School	City/State	Dates Attended	Major	Date Graduated

Please list scholarship(s) or fellowship(s) you have received:

Source	Amount	Where held	Dates

List educational achievements and other awards:

Help AAUW California's Public Policy Team Get Out the Vote (GOTV)!

Participate in our social media campaign to mobilize all of our members to collectively Get Out The Vote!

Here's how it works:

1. Take a picture/selfie or use one of AAUW's pictures by clicking [HERE](#) and scrolling down to the bottom of the page.
2. Copy the weekly message and hashtags from the chart below. Be sure to include the hashtags--that's what makes it trend!
3. Go to your own Facebook, Instagram or Twitter account and create your own post by uploading the photo/selfie and pasting the copied message and hash tags.

Let's activate the collective power of our AAUW California members to raise awareness about GOTV issues! Your posts will not only be seen and shared within your personal networks, but those topics and hash tags will trend across social media platforms.

Wednesdays are the best time to post to social media. You'll receive a message every Monday with the topic to post on Wednesday.

09/02

Moved? Re-Register to Vote Now!

#AAUW_CA #GOTV2020 #RegisterToVote @AAUW

09/09

Vote Early by Mail! On-Site Voting Available October 31 to November 3.

#AAUW_CA #GOTV2020 #VoteEarly @AAUW

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Want to Help Get Out The Vote? Check out Rock the Vote, Moms Rising, Reclaim the Vote, Vote Forward, Fair Fight

#AAUW_CA #GOTV2020 @AAUW

09/23

"Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it." – John Lewis

#AAUW_CA #GOTV2020 #Vote #GoodTrouble @AAUW

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Need to Know More about Waging a Successful GOTV campaign? Check Out the GOTV Webinar: <https://www.aauw-ca.org/2020-2021-webinars/>

#AAUW_CA #GOTV2020 #Vote @AAUW

2019-20 Financials

Our 2019-20 Financial year ended on June 30, 2020.

Here are the final reports

Thank you Nancy Kay for keeping track of our money!

AAUW Humboldt Branch
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2019 through June 2020

	Actual	Budget	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Advertising Income	555.00	600.00	
Branch Meeting Income	4,809.26	7,500.00	Cancelled meetings
Interest from Savings	0.79		
Member Contributions	5.00		
Membership Dues	5,134.50	11,445.00	Accounting method difference
Other Income	6.00		
Total Income	<u>10,510.55</u>	<u>19,545.00</u>	
Expense			
AAUW Fund	65.00	0.00	
Administrative Expense	154.00	200.00	
Branch Courtesies	0.00	15.00	
Branch Meeting Costs	3,922.23	7,500.00	Cancelled meetings
Community Action Projects			
Geography Bee	180.00	539.00	Money raised by sponsors
Hum Cty Children's Author Fest	250.00	250.00	
Total Community Action Projects	<u>430.00</u>	<u>789.00</u>	
Conferences/Conventions	114.63	650.00	
Discretionary Projects	0.00	100.00	
Dues Paid	8,355.50	8,611.00	
EF Branch Assessment	0.00	65.00	
Guest Meals	277.15	350.00	Money raised by sponsors
Holiday Gala	0.00	50.00	
Insurance	417.00	500.00	
Membership Handbook	167.63	350.00	Reduction in pages
Membership Support	0.00	25.00	
Newsletter	78.63	250.00	
Returned check	110.00		Reimbursed 7/6/2020
Speaker Gifts	35.00	90.00	
Total Expense	<u>14,126.77</u>	<u>19,545.00</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	-3,616.22	0.00	
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
HAF Contributions	20.00		
HAF Gains and Losses	292.50		
HAF Interest and Dividends	83.39		
Total Other Income	<u>395.89</u>		
Other Expense			
HAF Fees	69.59		
Total Other Expense	<u>69.59</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>326.30</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>-3,289.92</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	

AAUW Humboldt Branch
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2020

	<u>Jun 30, 20</u>	<u>Notes</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Gen Checking -- TriCounties1622	13,560.50	
Gen Savings - TriCounties 0486	15,357.79	
Restricted Funds		
Education Fund Savings	6,454.34	Formally HAF Funds
Service Fund Checking 4981	6,222.11	Restricted Service Fund
Total Restricted Funds	<u>12,676.45</u>	
Total Checking/Savings	<u>41,594.74</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>41,594.74</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,594.74</u>	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Pre-paid dues	5,880.00	2021-2022 dues paid
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>5,880.00</u>	
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Equity		
Opening Balance Equity	27,869.43	
Restricted Assets		
Educational Fund	6,454.25	Formally HAF Funds
Service Fund		
Geo Bees Funds	370.00	
Re-Entry Scholarships		
Amount in RESERVES	4,986.03	
Interest Group Contributions	219.00	
Total Re-Entry Scholarships	<u>5,205.03</u>	
Reserved Funds	326.43	
Tech Trek	320.65	
Total Service Fund	<u>6,222.11</u>	Restricted Service Fund
Total Restricted Assets	<u>12,676.36</u>	
Unrestricted Net Assets	-1,541.13	
Net Income	-3,289.92	see P&L
Total Equity	<u>35,714.74</u>	
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AAUW CA Strengthens Commitment to Increasing
Equity for Black Women and Girls

Melissa Maceyko, AAUW CA Public Policy Committee

In 2020, a widespread protest movement has emerged, clearly and loudly demanding greater racial equity through systemic change. This protest movement is in line with the core mission of AAUW: "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy." How are these two aligned? AAUW's central mission statement implies a focus on ALL women and girls. To achieve this mission, we must demand greater equity for Black women and girls.

At the national level, AAUW has acknowledged that the organization has historically fallen short of this goal, as it has lacked diversity and inclusion in leadership, membership, and focus. AAUW has taken concrete steps to create organizational change, to better address their mission of serving all women.

Individual AAUW members can also take concrete steps to make sure that the inclusive mission of AAUW is made into a reality—here with a specific focus on racial equity for Black women and girls. One way this can be done is through white members learning about and engaging in anti-racism and white ally-ship.

Anti-racism is the active practice of calling out racism when it is encountered, which may include having uncomfortable conversations about race and racism in everyday life. Non-racism, the internal and often silent opposition to racism, is positive, but it is not enough to create necessary change. Related to anti-racism is white ally-ship. White allies are people who make the long-term commitments and efforts necessary to recognize their racially based privilege and who continually work in solidarity with oppressed groups engaged in institutional and political struggles for justice.

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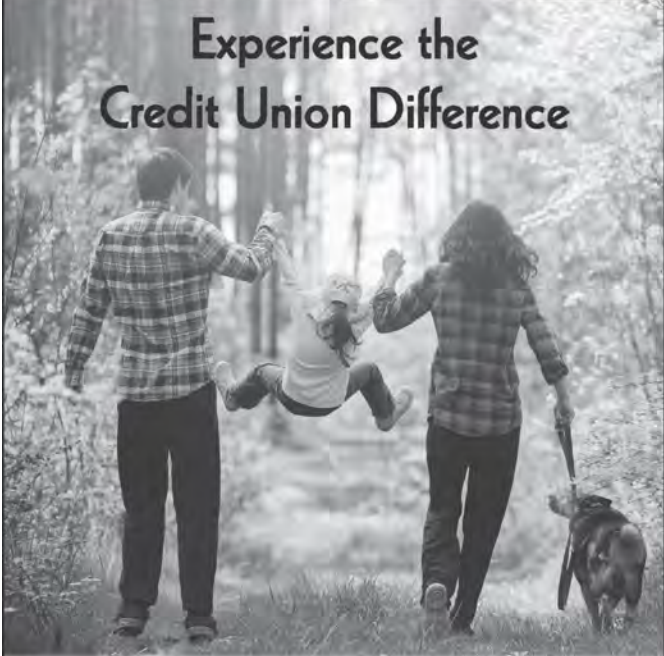
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



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Mary Lou Lowry, President



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Vision. Equity for all.
Values. Nonpartisan. Fact-based.

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