



Humboldt Inc. (CA) Branch



The Branch

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**September Branch
Meeting
September 11, 2021
on Zoom
Social Time: 9:30
a.m.**

Speaker: Larry Oetker at 10:00 a.m.

Sustainable and Healthy Growth for Humboldt's Economy

Larry Oetker has been working to expand aquaculture, broadband, wood products and offshore wind opportunities around Humboldt Bay. The Harbor District is working with local, state, and federal partners to revitalize the Port and attract clean, green, and modern industries that are a good fit for our region.

Larry is the Executive Director of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District. Prior to working for the Harbor District, Larry was the Community Development Director for the City of Arcata and managed the Hoopa Tribal Environmental Protection Agency. Larry has lived in Humboldt since 1989 and is a graduate of Humboldt State University.



President's Message

It's time to begin a new year of AAUW meetings and activities. I'm honored to be the Branch president this year and hope to work with everyone to make it a great year. Being new at this job, I'm glad to know that our Officers and Board members are carrying the load to make it all work. These wonderful people have each worked for many years at these jobs to make our Branch successful. Check out the list when you get your directory. We can't thank them enough for their efforts.

I've always enjoyed the new beginnings that happen in September: a new season, new school year, groups and organizations beginning their new year of activities. I think we're all disappointed that the beginning of this new year of AAUW is not what we had hoped, that is, a return to in-person meetings. The need to stay safe comes first, so we will carry on with Zoom meetings until we can safely have indoor in-person gatherings. Though not ideal, Zoom gives us a tool to continue with for now. We also want to stay connected with the members who don't use Zoom. We have the newsletter, directory, phone chain, and website to help with that. If you want to Zoom, but need help with the technology, let us know and we can help. Or maybe consider teaming up with a friend who does the Zoom meetings and attend the meeting together.

Alex and Connie are once again scheduling speakers for our meetings. Thanks to them, the meetings are always interesting and informative. The first meeting in September will be a time to reconnect and hear about the Humboldt Bay Harbor District. I hope to see you then.

Rosemarie Weaver,
Branch President

Member News

At the August 7 Board Meeting, we decided to continue with Zoom meetings for the rest of the calendar year due to the worsening COVID situation. This decision was in agreement with the vast majority of members who responded to my email asking their preferences. Thank you for your input.

Rose Ann Hurst is continuing to do the job of Courtesies, sending cards to members when needed. Please call her if you know of needs for sympathy, get well

wishes, or congratulations. Thank you Rose Ann for doing this important job.

Interest groups and contact persons will be listed in the directory. Please send interest group news and pictures to Shelley for the Newsletter. Before the pandemic ended in-person meetings, we agreed that interest groups would be encouraged to donate \$1 per person per meeting to the scholarship fund.

Ellie Gaynor has given us the sad news that National Geographic has discontinued the Geography Bee. The Board voted to transfer the \$370 left in the Geo Bee budget to the Scholarship Fund. Ellie has worked very hard in her dedication to helping provide this opportunity for Humboldt students. Thank you Ellie.

The Directory will be available around mid September and will be distributed to members' homes as was done last year.

Please consider volunteering to help our Branch with one of the many Board, committee, or special assignments positions. We would like to have a Member-at-Large on the Board who would come to meetings and learn how it works and possibly take a position in the future. Without in-person meetings, it has been hard to get new people involved. If you are interested in getting involved on a committee or on the Board of Directors, please communicate with Rose Weaver or another Board member. We would love to have you!

Update from AAUW Re-entry Scholarship Committee

We are very pleased to report that our committee will soon be seeking applicants for our 2021 AAUW Re-entry Scholarships. In 2019-20 thanks to generous branch responses to our fundraising requests, we were able to award three scholarships to very deserving students totaling \$5000 for their 2020 school year. Your continued support in the past year will now enable our committee to select awardees for the upcoming school year. Due to the ongoing health restrictions we will not have our live Gala fundraiser this year but are counting on our members to again be generous in your support of this important outreach within our community to provide scholarship funds for the 2022 school year. Please watch for a mailed request for your donation in future months.

On July 31, Karole Ely, Nancy Kay, and Chris Stenlund



joined me (Rose Weaver) in my garage to make signs for people to carry during the **Celebrate the Vote** event.

Unfortunately, we didn't get to use them. However, they turned out great, and we all had lots of fun making them.

REQUEST FOR CALLER(S)

I am in charge of reservations and have a group of members who do the calling for the AAUW monthly meetings. This dedicated group starting in August, calls the AAUW members to remind them of the upcoming meeting and who is speaker and topic for that meeting. It is also a fun time where members can enjoy chatting with one another.

Currently I am short a member or two. So if you are interested in participating with this group, please contact me. An additional one or two members would be greatly appreciated.

Written Margaret Augustine
08.17.202

Book Group Updates



Monday Book Group



As usual we had a good discussion of this month's book, *Interior Chinatown*. I'm not sure anyone really enjoyed reading it, but the topic is timely and the format is unusual. It was a bit difficult to follow.

Other books relating to this topic were mentioned:

- Chasing Down the Moon* by Carla Baku (that we read in 2017)
- Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka
- The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather Moore

Other books recently read or reviews seen were:

- Wifey* by Judy Blume
- The Second Lady* by Irving Wallace
- Unstoppable* by Joshua Green
- Upstairs at the White House*
- Damnation Spring* by Ash Davidson
- The Arbornaut* by Meg Lowman

I'm sure I have missed a few, but this list is intriguing. I keep adding to my "to be read" list!

We all agreed that the book club is a great way to get together and share news not only about the month's book but about other topics and issues as well. Today was a good example of camaraderie!

Next month's book is *The Accidental Presidents* by Jared Cohen. It's a long one (530 pages).

Happy Reading!

Ann

Evening Book Group

Our book selection for August was free choice. We are looking forward to hearing what our members have been reading over the summer. September's selection is any book by the author Kazuo Ishiguro. We meet every month on the Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Chris Stenlund for the link and more information.

Page Turners book group meets every month on the third Wednesday at 10:00 am. In August we discussed *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout, a sequel to her Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Olive Kitteredge*. We had a lively discussion as always, with many different views of Olive discussed. September's selection is *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Contact Rose Weaver [if you would like to join us](#).

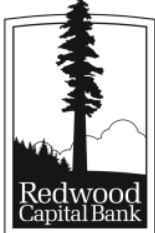
AAUW Humboldt Branch Balance Sheet As of April 30, 2021

	Apr 30, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Gen Checking -- TriCounties1622	9,827.66
Gen Savings - TriCounties 0486	15,359.27
Restricted Funds	
Education Fund Savings 4621	6,454.84
Service Fund Checking 4981	8,107.11
Total Restricted Funds	14,561.95
Total Checking/Savings	39,748.88
Total Current Assets	39,748.88
TOTAL ASSETS	39,748.88
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Pre Paid dues	3,840.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,840.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,840.00
Total Liabilities	3,840.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	27,869.43
Restricted Assets	
Ed Fund from HAF	6,454.84
Service Fund	
Geo Bees Funds	370.00
Re-Entry Scholarships	7,070.03
Reserved Funds	326.43
Tech Trek	340.65
Total Service Fund	8,107.11
Total Restricted Assets	14,561.95
Unrestricted Net Assets	-4,831.05
Net Income	-1,691.45
Total Equity	35,908.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	39,748.88

AAUW Humboldt Branch
Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual
 July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Advertising Income	825.00	600.00
Branch Meeting Income	60.00	7,500.00
Interest from Savings	1.65	
Member Contributions	109.00	
Membership Dues	8,505.00	11,340.00
Total Income	<u>9,500.65</u>	<u>19,440.00</u>
Gross Profit	9,500.65	19,440.00
Expense		
AAUW Fund	65.00	65.00
Administrative Expense	148.00	200.00
Branch Courtesies	0.00	15.00
Branch Meeting Costs	0.00	7,500.00
Community Action Projects		
Authors Festival	0.00	0.00
Discretionary	0.00	600.00
Tablets	554.06	428.00
Community Action Projects - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Community Action Projects	<u>554.06</u>	<u>1,028.00</u>
Conferences/Conventions	0.00	650.00
Discretionary Projects	60.00	100.00
Dues Paid	10,998.00	8,532.00
Guest Meals	0.00	350.00
Holiday Gala	153.97	0.00
Insurance	405.00	450.00
Membership Handbook	147.02	225.00
Membership Support	0.00	25.00
Newsletter	70.85	200.00
President's gift	0.00	0.00
Returned check	-100.00	
Speaker Gifts	0.00	50.00
Treasurer	0.00	50.00
Total Expense	<u>12,501.90</u>	<u>19,440.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-3,001.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-3,001.25</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

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