



Humboldt Inc. (CA) Branch



## *The Branch*

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**November Branch Meeting  
Saturday, November 6, 2021  
on Zoom  
Social Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Speaker: Dr. Jenn Capps at  
10:00 a.m.**

### **What's New Up on "The Hill"?**

Our speaker will be Jenn Capps, the Provost at Humboldt State University. As Provost, Dr. Capps is responsible for supporting the implementation of the University's academic mission and providing curricular and administrative leadership. She oversees multiple areas including the Colleges; the University Library; Research and Sponsored Programs; Information Technology Services; Research and Sponsored Programs; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; and Institutional Effectiveness.

Besides answering your questions about the University's future plans, she will talk about the projected increase in students will affect the community, and we will hear about the plan to become a polytechnic institution that will be

inclusive, responsive to 21<sup>st</sup> century needs and emphasizes important STEM fields such as climate change.

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## President's Message

I'm very much looking forward to our November speaker. Jenn Capps, HSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, will be discussing the change HSU is going through in becoming California's third Polytechnic University. I've been wondering how this change will affect the HSU experience and the community at large. If you are interested, please join us on Zoom. She would like to answer our questions, so be ready with yours. We always have time for a question/answer period with our speakers.

November is the month for contributing to next year's Re-entry Scholarship Fund. In the absence of our December Gala, we will be doing a mailing similar to last year, when our generous donations were collected to fund this year's scholarships. Look for your personal invitation to be a part of this important work in early November. As always, we will have a chance to meet this year's recipients at our December zoom meeting,

It's also time to start thinking about our honorees for next March's Women's History Tea. We will have our annual opportunity to recognize and honor women who have made outstanding contributions to our community. Fill out the form included in this newsletter if you know of a woman who deserves this honor.

I want to wish everyone a very happy and satisfying Thanksgiving. Our celebrations may still be different than our normal practices because of COVID, but I hope that each and every member is able to enjoy family and friends this Thanksgiving.

Rosemarie Weaver  
Branch President

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**The Scholarship Committee** is pleased to report that we have received several inquiries about our scholarship program and look forward to meeting candidates. The award winners will be presented at our December meeting. We also will be sending out our "non-event" request for donations for the 2022-2023 awards and know that we can count on our members to be supportive again this year.

Margaret Wallace



## 2022 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 explain 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?

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Please provide the contact information for your nominee:

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EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR NOMINATION to:

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### Evening Book Group

At our September meeting we discussed the works of Kazuo Ishiguro. We discussed *Never Let Me Go*, *Klara and the Sun*, *Remains of the Day* and *The Buried Giant*. He consistently has themes of personal growth and relationships, death and/ or dying. We were all over the place as far as responses to his work. It seems we either loved it or hated it.

*The Buried Giant*: Dorothy read this one and really liked it. It was a story of personal faith, which involves a quest, knights, the round table and dragons! Dorothy thought that the book used a lot of Christian terminology but found it highly enjoyable.

Other reading: *The Accidental Presidents* by Jared Cohen. It discusses the terms of 8 Presidents who became President after a death. Interesting politics and history.

*Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*, Olga Tokarczuk. The author is a Polish author who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2018. It's kind of crazy but I really liked it. One of the themes is how older women become invisible to society and men in particular. We were going to read this one for next month but about half have already read it. So check this one out if you haven't read it.

Instead we decided on *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30. Keep the suggestions for interesting books or topics coming!

Chris Stenlund



## Updates from AAUW California Public Policy Committee

by Kathi Harper, Co-Chair

### Abortion Justice

Although the constitutionally-guaranteed right to an abortion has been systematically under attack for decades, it is currently in danger of disappearing altogether. As

AAUW National recently noted, "Every person should have the ability to make their own informed decisions regarding their reproductive life. It is beyond time for abortion to be secured legally, funded fully, and equitably available for all who need it, when they need it, without shame or stigma." With the recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene in the onerous Texas case, it is clear that we can no longer count on the courts to protect this critical right. Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act. Watch for Action Alerts from National, use them to keep pressure on your representatives, and sign-up now for the 2-Minute Activist if you haven't already done so by clicking here <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>.

Be sure to let us know if members from your branch participated in the Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, along with Beach Cities, Palos Verdes, San Fernando Valley, Pasadena, Alameda, Carlsbad-Oceanside-Vista, Los Altos-Mt. View, San Jose and Morgan Hill, and send pictures if you have them to [publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org](mailto:publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org).

### Legislative Updates

Our last five priority bills that were awaiting the Governor's signature have been acted on, here are the results

SB 62 (requires fair pay, instead of "by the piece" payment, for garment workers)**SIGNED**

AB 367 (free menstrual products must be provided in girls/women's bathrooms in schools) **SIGNED**

AB 887 (allows domestic violence restraining orders to be filed electronically)**SIGNED**

AB 123 (increases paid family leave benefits to 65 – 75% of regular pay)**VETOED**

AB 1074 (requires hotel and janitorial workers who have lost their jobs due the pandemic to be prioritized for hiring as businesses reopen) **VETOED**

### Economic Equity

October 21<sup>st</sup> is Latina Equal Pay Day – the day Latina women, who are paid just 57 cents to every white male's dollar, finally catch up from the previous year. To help raise awareness, our coalition partner Stronger California is hosting a Latina Equal Pay Day & Essential Women Workers Virtual Summit. If you are interested in joining to learn more and hear from iconic civil rights leader Dolores Huerta as well as California's First Partner Jennifer Newsome, click here [register](#)




## GLORIA L. BLACKWELL TAKES THE HELM

This week starts a new chapter in AAUW's history. After 17 years at AAUW, *Gloria L. Blackwell* took on a new role: CEO. "I am incredibly honored and grateful to the Board for valuing my commitment to global gender equity, my leadership at AAUW and the contributions of my high-performing teams," said Blackwell.

Among her *many accomplishments* is her longtime management of AAUW's fellowships and grants program, which awarded more than \$70 million to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and overseas. Blackwell was also the driving force behind AAUW's signature programs, including its salary negotiation trainings, which have reached nearly 190,000 people.

"As AAUW proudly celebrates 140 years of advancing equity for women and girls this year, we know that Gloria is the right leader at the right time," said Board Chair Julia Brown.

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