



Humboldt Inc. (CA) Branch



## *The Branch*

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### **April Branch Meeting**

**The Humboldt Historical Society is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Find out what's new about what is old!**

**Date: April 2, 2022**

**Place: Red Lion Hotel, 1929 Fourth St, Eureka**

**Time: 9:30 Registration, food, social time**

**10:00 Announcements and sharing**

**10:30 Speaker, Jane Hill, Executive Director, Humboldt Historical Society**

**Menu: Muffin or scone, coffee or tea**

**Cost: \$12.00 or \$10.00 beverage only**



Please note: We request that anyone who attends be fully vaccinated. Our speaker requests that everyone wear masks during her presentation, so we should finish eating and drinking by 10:30 when she will come in.

Guidance on masking from Humboldt County Public Health:

"In addition to all federal or state requirements noted above, Humboldt County Public Health encourages everyone to mask in public indoor settings while our county is in the CDC substantial or high transmission

level.”

The phone chain will contact members for reservations. If your caller has not reached you by Tuesday, March 29, please contact Maggie Augustine by phone or email.

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## Speaker Bio

Jane Hill is co-founder and former executive director of Dell'Arte, a theatre company and performer training program in rural Humboldt County. As she writes about her background in this role, "I developed programs and projects to address the needs of the underserved. I began a free holiday touring show to respond to data showing that abuse rose dramatically during the stressful holiday period. Audiences "paid" by bringing canned goods for the local food bank everywhere we toured. An after-school program with Blue Lake School addressed self-esteem and identity issues through the masks of many cultures.



From 2002 until retirement in 2007 I was executive director of The Sacramento Philharmonic. Before that, I was executive director of Opera Omaha. At Opera Omaha, I eliminated a significant deficit, established an infrastructure, developed professional staff, and restored relations with many community entities.

I have had a life-long commitment to addressing the needs of the underrepresented through the arts. In Omaha, I worked with the Ponca Tribe to create the libretto for an opera about Chief Standing Bear – the first time tribal members heard his famous "I Am a Man" speech in their own language. PACE (Performing Arts for Communication and Expression) began after a neighborhood shooting of a high school student. Our project empowered students to create music videos and an original opera "Bloodlines" about issues of violence, racism and cultural understanding in this neighborhood of immigrants. Residents of a drug rehabilitation program attended seminars and opera productions as part of a program to offer new definitions of "belonging" and "community."

Past board service includes the Association of California Symphony Orchestras, OPERA America, and the Bemis Center. I was president of ArtsAIM, advocates for Omaha arts organizations, and represented the arts on the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Board.

An On-Site Reporter (Opera) for the NEA, my past awards include the Omaha YWCA Woman of Vision Award and the Arts on the Green Award. In 2004, the Sacramento Arts & Business Council named me Arts Executive of the Year. Education includes a B.F.A. from Carnegie-Mellon and an M.A. from Humboldt State University.

In 2007 I retired from the Sacramento Philharmonic and started artSMART, a consulting business for nonprofit organizations. I also returned to Humboldt County and became the first executive director of the Eureka Symphony from March, 2013 to June, 2016.

Recently, I was Associate Producer for "Bird of the Inner Eye," a new chamber opera with music by Gina Leishman and libretto by Joan Schirle, based on the letters of painter Morris Graves. In 2019, this original work received funding from Opera America's Opera Grants for Female Composers program, supported by the Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation and local donors.

The opera was scheduled for June 2020 but postponed due to the pandemic. Workshop performances took place on August 27, 28, and 29 at the Arcata Playhouse in northern California. Between August and December 2021 I taught an online course for HSU in Grant Writing. In 2022 I joined the staff of the Humboldt County Historical Society as Executive Director."

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## President's Message

April is here and with it our first in-person meeting since the March Tea





of 2020. Like any group of people, our AAUW Branch has members with many different opinions, ideas, and needs. The Red Lion meeting is a chance for those members who feel ready to meet in person to come together and connect again. There will be time for socializing, time for sharing our experiences in the past 2 years, and a presentation about the Humboldt Historical Society by Jane Hill. For those who are not attending in person, there will be a zoom link to use to “tune in” to the meeting and see what’s going on. Becky MacQuarrie will set this up and we hope some of you will give it a try. I’m looking forward to seeing and talking with those members who are able to attend.

In May, we will be having our Branch Annual Meeting at Baywood Golf Course. The speaker will be Anne Holcomb from Food for People, a group that does such important work in our community. During the business part of the meeting, we will vote on the slate of officers after taking nominations from the floor. We will also vote on the Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 and proposed changes to the Branch Bylaws and Standing Rules. Changes include updates, more concise language, and matching the text to how things are done in our Branch. Please check them out in this newsletter and let us know if you have any questions.

Our March Tea was quite enjoyable. It was wonderful to honor Kay Escarda and JoAnn Schuch and to hear about their accomplishments. Thanks to Judith Stoffer and Maggie Augustine for their introductions of Kay and JoAnn. The zoom format doesn’t measure up to our wonderful in-person teas of the past, but we still had some give and take with our honorees and a chance to ask them questions and learn more about them. The box of tea goodies which many of us ordered added some fun to the event. Thanks to Alex Stillman and Dorothy Skjonsby for organizing and handling that part.

Spring is here, my favorite time of the year. The earliest of the rhododendrons have started blooming in my neighborhood, and there are daffodils everywhere. More events such as concerts, plays, and get-togethers of all kinds are being held. Let’s hope that as the spring and summer progress, we will be able to safely participate in events that have been put on hold for so long. I hope to see you at the April and/or May Branch Meetings. Happy Spring!

Rosemarie Weaver  
AAUW Humboldt Branch President

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## **Slate of Officers for 2022-23**

We will vote for them at our Annual Meeting in May

President - Rosemarie Weaver

Vice President - Judy Bennett

Treasurer - Nancy Kay

Secretary - Becky MacQuarrie

Many thanks to these members who agreed to accept the responsibilities of leadership and to the many volunteers who keep our branch going.

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## **Branch News**

- Dues renewal will be coming soon. Last year we began sending our dues to AAUW National. You can pay online through the email when you receive the email or send a check to Treasurer Nancy Kay if you prefer. Confidential financial assistance is available by contacting our membership chair, Karole Ely. If there are changes to your information listed in the directory, send them to Nancy Dean.

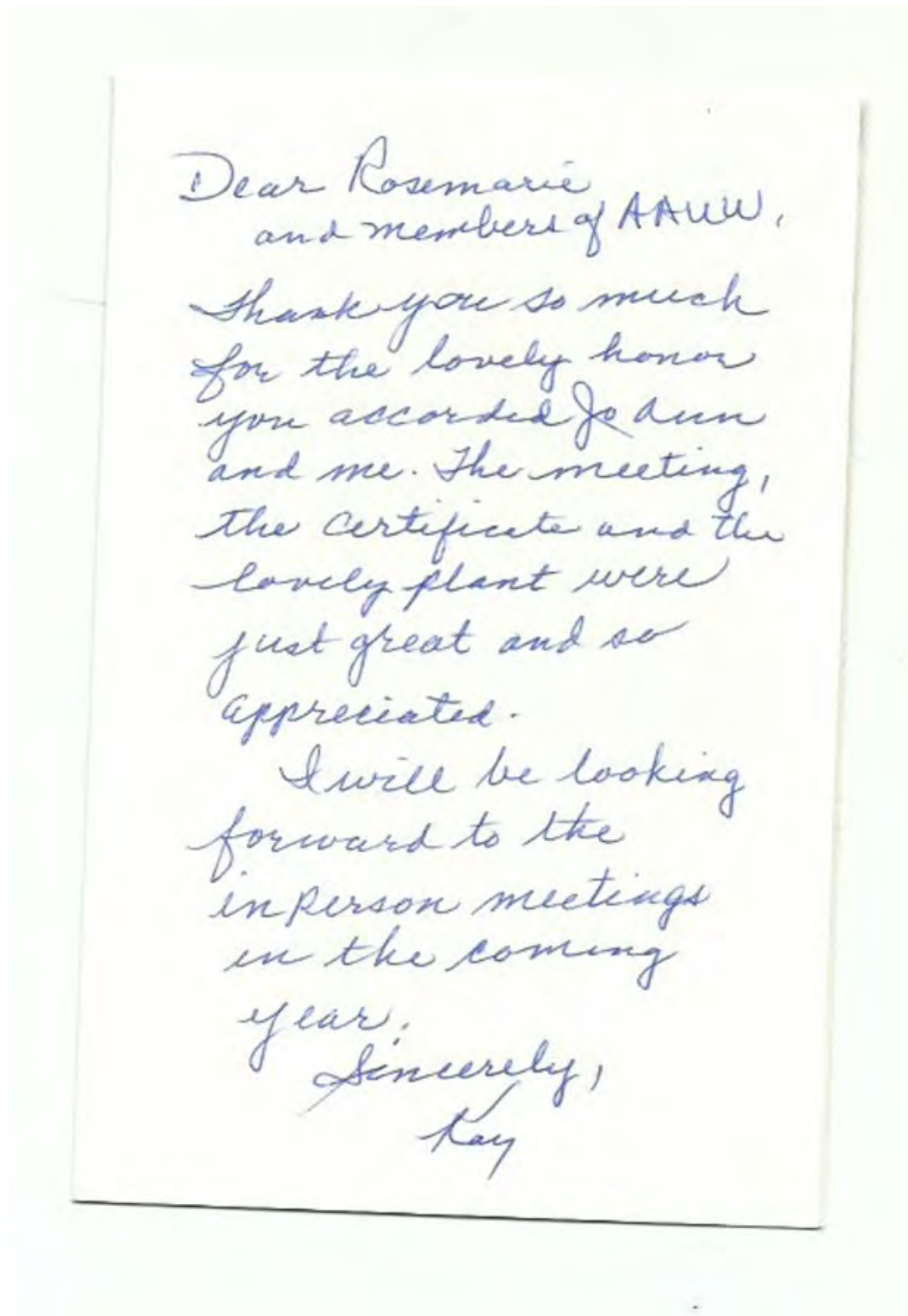
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Branch positions needed:

- Advertising person to contact current advertisers about renewal and solicit new advertisers. Along with dues, advertising is a source of income for the branch. This is not a Board position and can be completed in the summer.

- Parliamentarian is a Board position. The purpose is to be sure we are using Roberts Rules of Order when making decisions in Board and Branch meetings.

If you would like to get involved, there is room for you on one of the committees or on the Board. Contact one of the Officers or Board members and let us know what you're interested in. You can contribute in many different ways, and it can be very rewarding.



## Community Action Projects

The next Board meeting will tentatively be held on May 14, 2022. At this meeting, the Board considers proposals for Community Action Projects. This is the time to bring up projects you would like to see the Branch support. There is money in the budget for projects, and the Board prioritizes and decides how to spend it. Recent projects have included support for the Children's Author Festival and providing computer tablets for several continuation high school graduates. Helping local schools participate in the National Geographic Geography Bee was also a project in the past until the Bee was discontinued by National Geographic.



Here is some information from AAUW National website on Community Action Projects contributed by Maggie Augustine:

AAUW encourages proposals for projects that

- Use innovative approaches to address local community needs or build links among community partners
- Build partnerships between schools and community organizations

Special consideration is given to

- Projects directed by or collaborating with AAUW branches and states
- Projects focused on K-14 (including two-year colleges) women and girls' achievement in math, science, and/or technology.
- Projects that include community partners (Community partners might include local schools or school districts, businesses, and other community-based organizations.)



## Book Groups

### Evening Book

In our February meeting, we discussed a work by Elizabeth Strout. It was quite the lively discussion! In fact I must have been talking too much since I didn't take too many notes! The books that we discussed were the Lucy Barton Trilogy (*My Name is Lucy Barton*, *Anything is Possible* and *Oh, William*), *Olive Kitteridge* and *Abide With Me*. We found the books were easily read, interesting and really went into depth into the character's lives. While the characters were not always likable, by the time you finished the book you had an idea of why they acted as they did.

Read a Ukrainian author for next time! See you all on March 28th @ 6:30. Come with ideas for a selection for next time. Contact Chris Stenlund for information and the link.

### Page Turners

Our March discussion was on *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr. Opinions of the book included mixed reactions, but we had a good discussion of the book and a wide range of other topics. We also enjoyed sharing about the books we have recently read. April's selection is *Oh William* by Elizabeth Strout with the discussion on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Contact Rosemarie Weaver for the link if you are interested in joining us.



**Calling all AAUW adventurers!  
Grab your compass and join the  
expedition to AAUWLand at the AAUW  
Annual Event on Saturday, April 30th  
9-3 via Zoom.**

We will all be explorers, searching for new routes to connect to AAUW and its mission.  
**To launch the trip, the morning session will:**

- Kick off with inspirational words from Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO, and Lisa Maatz, Senior Adviser, Ohio Citizen Action and former AAUW Policy Rock Star.
- Focus our telescopes on the year's accomplishments.
- Honor our AAUW expedition leaders with the announcement of the Named Gift Honoree, Equity Champion, and Top 10 Branch Fund Contributions.
- Review our advocacy efforts.
- Share important news and updates.
- Hear the inspiring words of the three Speech Trek finalists (throughout the day).

- Listen to the hosts of the breakout sessions pitch their topics.

**During the afternoon route we will:**

- Be introduced to the accomplished candidates for the 2022-23 board of directors.
- Meet a dancing scientist, Jasmine Sadler, owner and founder, The STEAM Collaborative.
- Honor the three winners of the 2022 Branch Activity of the Year Award and hear about what they did.
- Award a Speech Trek winner.

Along the way, we will wind into unfamiliar territory. Instead of the usual workshops, you will have the chance to venture out and “Choose Your Own Adventure” with a self-guided journey deep into the “topical” jungle of AAUW ideas that you might be interested in talking about.

We will offer multiple Zoom breakout rooms hosted by Trail Guides, members who have offered to host informal conversations on topics they hope you might want to talk about. No agendas. No Powerpoints. No handouts.

We'll just network and share thoughts, stories, experiences, and maybe some debate. There's no set trip itinerary. You will be able to move freely back and forth between breakout rooms to stay and share or take off and find another! So, don your pith helmet and register for Adventures in AAUW land!

[Click HERE to Register](#)

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## PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023

<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	450
Membership Dues - Branch part only	2,470
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,920</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
AAUW Fund	65
Administrative Expense	200
Branch Courtesies	15
Community Action Projects	1,125
Conferences/Conventions	100
Discretionary Projects	100
Dues Assistance	100
Guest Meals	250
Honorees Award (History Tea)	20
Insurance	370
Membership Handbook	130
Membership Support	50
Newsletter	100
President's gift	70
Speaker Gifts	75
Treasurer	150
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,920</b>
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**BYLAWS**  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**  
**HUMBOLDT BRANCH, CALIFORNIA**

Adopted May 5, 2018, Amended May 7, 2022

**ARTICLE VIII. BRANCH AMENDMENTS**

Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW bylaws may be amended at a branch meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided written notice shall have been sent to the members at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

**ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominations.**

c. The names of the nominees for elected office shall be published and sent to every member at least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 2. Elections.**

a. Elections shall be held at the Branch Annual Meeting.

c. Elections require a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Branch Meeting, provided that a quorum is present as described in Article XIII, Section 6.

**ARTICLE X. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 2. Officers.**

b. One appointed director shall be a membership director.

**Section 4. Duties**

**ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. Establishing Committees.**

The president shall establish a Nominating Committee and a Budget Committee and other special committees as needed.

**ARTICLE XII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 3. Budget.**

The annual budget shall be approved by the board of directors and published at least 14 days prior to adoption by the membership at the Branch Annual Meeting, provided that a quorum is present as described in Article XIII, Section 6.

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All other proposed amendments to the Branch Bylaws shall be sent to the director representing the state governance committee for approval before the call for the branch vote.

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**STANDING RULES**  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**  
**HUMBOLDT BRANCH, CALIFORNIA**  
 Adopted May 5, 2018, Amended May 7, 2022

**I. Standing Rules**

- A. Standing rules are those that directly affect members of the branch. They need to be reviewed annually by a committee of board members appointed by the president. Standing rules can be amended by:
  - a. A majority vote at the Branch Annual Meeting if 14 days prior notice has been given.
  - b. A two-thirds vote if no notice has been given.
- B. Copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be given to all Board members at the first Board meeting of the AAUW activity year (July 1 to June 30) by the Bylaws Chair, if appointed, or by the Board President.
- C. Copies of the Bylaws and Standing Rules shall be available to any member and posted on the Branch's website.

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**II. Membership**

- D. Dues for each AAUW activity year are due by May 31st. Members still in arrears on July 31st will be dropped from the membership. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to late payers after July 31st.

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**IV. Communications :**

- A. Publications are the newsletter, *The Humboldt Branch*, and the Membership Directory.
- C. The branch webpage can be accessed by the address listed in the Membership Directory.

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**V. Officers**

- C. The names of nominated officers for the election of officers at the Branch Annual Meeting shall be published in the April and May newsletters.

**VI. Finance**

- B. The Budget Committee shall meet in January or February and prepare the annual budget for the year. Any interested member may attend the budget meeting.
- C. The proposed annual budget shall be approved by the Board and published in the April and May newsletters.
- F. Passage requires a majority vote by those members present at the Branch Annual Meeting provided a quorum has been established. Amendments to the budget may be made from the floor by majority vote.

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**VII. Scholarships and Awards**

*Standing Rules of AAUW, Humboldt Branch*

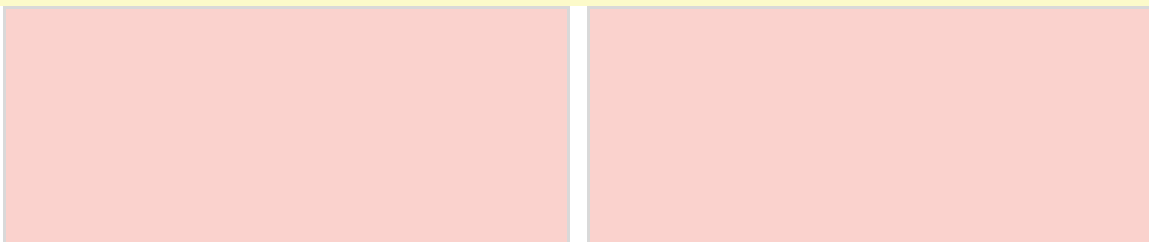
- A. The Branch scholarships and awards include the Cal Poly Humboldt Re-entry Women's Scholarships and Susan Freeman Tech Trek Scholarships.

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- IX. Community Action Projects: Community Action Projects (CAP) for the upcoming activity year shall be presented and adopted or rejected at the combined Board meeting held in May.

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 -19-Community Action Projects (CAP) for the upcoming activity year shall be presented and adopted or rejected at the combined Board meeting held in May. Those projects not requiring funds may be approved immediately. Those requiring a budgeted amount may be approved conditionally, with the approval as to funding postponed until the budget committee meets. The conditional shall present to the budget committee any funding requirements for the projects.  
 -20-Community action projects shall increase AAUW's visibility in the community.

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— Rachel Carson, *The Sense of Wonder*

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**Vision. Equity for all.**

**Values. Nonpartisan. Fact-based.**

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.

**Celebrate Earth Day April 22  
in honor of Rachel Carson**



**author of *Silent Spring***

