

The Branch

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2022 Holidays Around the World Gala and Raffle Saturday, December 3, 2022

Win a beautiful gift basket, meet our Re-Entry scholarship recipients, have a lovely meal and just have some holiday fun.

First Presbyterian Church of Eureka

819 15th Street, Eureka, parking in the back

10:15 Doors Open –have a cup of coffee/tea and check out the gift baskets

11:00 Brunch, catered by Uniquely Yours Catering

Menu:

Assorted scones and sour cream blueberry muffins
Mixed greens with Cypress Grove chèvre, roasted beets, toasted walnuts,
and a citrus thyme vinaigrette dressing
Southern fried potatoes
Gourmet link sausage
Bacon
Vegetable and cheese quiche
Orange and cranberry juices
Coffee and tea service

Program: Speaker Nancy Corran
Introduction of Re-Entry scholarship winners
Raffle

\$35 for brunch, \$15 beverage only

It's really happening, a live in person December Holiday Gala. Our committee has been working

feverishly to bring you some fun, delicious and plentiful food, and lovely gift baskets. This year we are meeting in person, Saturday, December 3, First Presbyterian Church of Eureka, 819 15th Street, Eureka, doors open at 10:15.

Our theme this year is Holidays Around the World. We will have a lovely, filling, delicious brunch prepared by Elizabeth Adams of Uniquely Yours Catering. A speaker, Nancy Corran, wife of the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and an ordained minister herself; Nancy will tell us a little about how other cultures celebrate the holidays this time of year.

Re-Entry scholarship chairs, Margaret Wallace and Gina Rogers will introduce this year's scholarship winners. Please remember to send in your contributions and green ticket stub for a chance to win a gift certificate.

We will finish it all with a raffle of gift baskets, each with a value of at least \$50, donated by AAUW Board and members. So, be prepared to buy raffle tickets. \$5 each or 6 for \$20.

But most importantly, come and see your AAUW friends for fellowship, fun, and food and begin the holiday season with happiness and good health.



Phone chain callers will collect reservations; they are due on **Nov. 26**. Contact Maggie Augustine,

It is our Branch policy that if you make a reservation and then cancel after the deadline, you will be expected to pay the fee whether you attend or not.

Fully vaccinated is required. Masks optional.

If you are interested in joining by Zoom, please email Rosemarie Weaver

The 2022 Re-Entry Scholarship Committee has been hard at work reviewing an incredibly diverse, accomplished pool of 22 applicants. So many of these students are facing daunting financial barriers to continuing their education, while still maintaining large course loads, good grades, and contributing to our community in amazing ways. It will be a very hard process to select just a few! But for sure you all should know that any donations you make to the Re-Entry Scholarship Fund are going to a very worthy purpose.



President's Message



The November Branch meeting was lively with **dynamic Connie Stewart** as our speaker. Connie shared a great deal of information about Cal Poly Humboldt and her involvement in innumerable programs and services. To me, one of her most exciting topics was explaining the plans to train local residents to prepare for the jobs of the future which are coming to Humboldt County. In this way, we can all benefit from the new industry and our students can be ready to take part. Connie also answered questions on many topics. The slides of her power point presentation have been emailed to the membership. **Thanks, Connie.** Your dedication and energy are amazing!

Good news! **Kathryn Wright (Katie) is our new Treasurer.** The Board approved her appointment to replace Nancy Kay who is moving on to new adventures. Nancy Kay is in the process of transferring the accounts and records to her. **Welcome, Katie,** and a huge thank you for taking on this vital job for our Branch.

Judy Bennett and Judy Stoffer have been working very hard to plan the December Gala. Thanks to their hard work, we can expect a good time and a successful fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Donations mailed in or brought to the gala with the green ticket will be entered in a raffle for several prizes (separate from the basket raffle). If you mail it, please get it in by Nov. 25 to be in the raffle. You do not need to be present to win. Of course, donations at any time are gladly accepted.

Come to the **Gala** and bring a guest if you can. Be a part of the beginning of a new tradition! **Thanks so much, Judy B. and Judy S.**

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year to you and your family and friends.

Rosemarie Weaver
Branch President

Member News

- There will be a Board Meeting on zoom at 10:00 am on January 14th. Members are welcome to join us. If interested in attending, contact Rosemarie Weaver for the zoom link.
- Please mail or email your nominations for Women's History Honorees to Rosemarie Weaver. The nomination form is in this newsletter and on the Branch Website. Honorees will be chosen at the January 14 Board Meeting. Forms are due by December 31.
- If your interest group is meeting, please send pictures to Shelley Mitchell for the newsletter and Nancy Dean for the Website. It's nice for everyone in the Branch to see what is going on in the groups. Also, please collect \$1 per member as a voluntary donation to the scholarship fund.

- In January, the Board will be forming a Nominating Committee to gather nominations for Elected Officers. There is also a list of Appointed Board Officers and Special Assignments in the Directory Handbook. Is there an office, job, or committee that you are interested in? Please think about how you might be able to contribute to our Branch. New members are encouraged to get involved. You are needed! If you are interested, let one of the Officers or Board members know about it.
- Our next meeting will be on February 4 at Red Lion. There is no newsletter or meeting in January.



Lobby Days are Here Again.... Ginny Hatfield, AAUW California Public Policy Committee Member

Save the Dates **March 21st and March 22nd**, are the AAUW CA scheduled Lobby Days, so mark your calendars and be sure to sign up to participate when our Lobby Day registration arrives in your January mailbox.

Advocating for our top 3 priority bills is fundamental to achieving our legislative priorities by addressing economic security for all women, providing equal access to public education and insuring social and racial justice for all members of society. We need all members on board and will be counting on you to reach out to our elected officials in the CA legislature.

Our Public Policy Committee will make it easy for you to do so. This year instead of a full week, Lobby Day will consist of two days and will occur while the legislature is in session, not on break. Hopefully, this will provide more opportunity to actually speak with a member in lieu of a staffer. Our plans are to make it hybrid – virtual and in-person. Those branches in and around Sacramento would have the option of in-person meetings at the Capitol with the remaining branches meeting virtually or in-person with staffers in the district. So, a bit more flexibility this year as the committee feels it's beneficial to establish relationships with our elected leaders' local staff.

Our AAUW legislative Advocate will be scheduling meetings with the member offices willing to participate, and once you return your Lobby Day survey, the committee will begin to assemble branch participants and match them with Assembly and Senate districts in order to assign teams. We will provide you with material on the bills we are supporting and have scheduled a mandatory training webinar for March 20th, so you'll have the information at your fingertips. If you have participated in Lobby Day in the past, we would love to hear from you on what worked and what didn't, please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Day is our chance to make a concerted impact on the priorities and values we, as AAUW members, hold dear. It brings out the "advocates" in all us for improving the economic and educational lives of women and girls. And goodness knows, we need that commitment now more than ever. So, mark those calendars and join us on Lobby Day/s.



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?

Please provide the contact information for your nominee:

EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR NOMINATION to:

Rosemarie Weaver, Branch President
(roseweave52@gmail.com)
PO Box 473, Ferndale CA, 95536

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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.



Since there is no January meeting, the next issue of *The Branch* will not be published until February. See you in 2023!