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Humboldt Inc. (CA) Branch



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Did you Feel the Earthquake? Are you Ready for the Next One?

Our April speaker, Dr. Lori Dengler, will tell us what we need to know about earthquakes here on the Northcoast of California

Date: April 1, 2023
Red Lion Hotel, 1929 4th St. Eureka, CA

9:30 Registration, Social, Breakfast
10:20 Introductions
10:30 Speaker, Questions, Announcements
Cost: \$24.00 with food, \$9.00 Beverage only
Menu: Eggs with Cheese, Croissants, Fresh Fruit, Beverages

Phone chain callers will collect reservations; they are due on **Monday, March**

27. Contact Maggie Augustine, mag3022@gmail.com, if you are not contacted by a caller.

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



Dr. Lori Dengler, Professor Emeritus Cal Poly Humboldt

My expertise is in geophysics, earthquake and tsunami hazards and hazard reduction. I am working on a number of projects regionally and within California, nationally, and internationally. My current projects include a pilot tsunami current monitoring effort in Humboldt Bay and Crescent City, analysis of North Coast tsunami amplification, an number of outreach projects including the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group and electronic and print editions of "Living on Shaky Ground", and promoting earthquake and tsunami education

efforts throughout California as the North Coast region representative to the Earthquake Country Alliance



President's Message

The weather was wild on March 4, but the Women's History Tea went off without a hitch. It was a pleasure to be together for the Tea for the first time since 2020. A good time was had by all as we socialized, ate delicious food, and honored **Sue Leskiw and Mary Lou Lowry**. Sue and Mary Lou were introduced by Alex Stillman and Sharon Ferret respectively. These wonderful

women are an inspiration to us and an example of service to the community. Planning and coordination by **Sharon Ferrett and Margaret Wallace** kept things smooth and pleasant. Our hostesses deserve special thanks for setting beautiful tables with centerpieces and serving pieces and for serving the food to their tables. Hostesses and helpers this year were **Katy Garrison and Christine Will, Doris Timm, Dorothy Skjonsby and Christine Will, Alex Stillman and Karole Ely, Gina Rogers and Margaret Wallace, and Sharon Ferrett and Nancy Arroyo**. Special thanks also to **Gina Rogers** for her publicity articles in the newspapers and for taking photos at the event.

One of the issues that AAUW focuses on is equity for women in the workplace. "Women still get just 83 cents for every dollar paid to a man, and men continue to dominate the top roles and highest-paying professions." An interesting article about salary transparency laws was written by Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's Chief Executive. The link is on the AAUW website, AAUW.org, where you can learn all about AAUW's efforts to decrease the pay gap for women.

<https://www.msnbc.com/know-your-value/business-culture/salary-transparency-laws-are-picking-steam-u-s-n1302638>

What could be more timely than a speaker on Earthquakes? I'm sure that we'll all be interested in what Dr. Lori Dengler has to say on this topic at the April 1 Branch meeting. I looked up and read some of the Earthquake information contributed to the Lost Coast Outpost by Dr. Dengler and learned a great deal. One article called her "Humboldt's Queen of Quakes." I'm sorry that I'll be missing this meeting due to family

activities, but I'm sure it will be very worthwhile. Judy Bennett, Vice President, will be leading the meeting. Thanks, Alex, for arranging a program on this important topic.

Rosemarie Weaver
Branch President

Member News:

The Branch Annual Meeting will take place on May 6, 2023 at College of the Redwoods. At this meeting, we will elect officers for the 2023-2024 year. The nominating committee, Mary Lou Lowry, Sharon Ferrett, and Karole Ely, have announced the following **slate of nominees** for the Branch elected offices:

Co-Presidents: Nancy Dean and Donna Hauser

Vice President: Shannon Yodowitz

Treasurer: Katie Wright

Secretary: Becky MacQuarrie

At the May 6 meeting, the Committee will take nominations from the floor and then voting will take place.

- The **Proposed Budget**, included in this newsletter, will also be voted on at the May 6 Branch Annual Meeting.
- **Membership Renewal and dues** for the 2023-2024 year are coming up. Dues will be \$118. Please see the information about renewal in this newsletter.
- If you are interested in serving on the Branch Board or on a committee, please let me know (Rosemarie Weaver) or talk to a Board member. We would love to have new volunteers for the many jobs and activities of the Branch. See your directory for the list of Board members and committees.
- The last Board Meeting of the year is scheduled for May 20 at 10:00 am on zoom. At this meeting, we will discuss suggestions for Community Action Projects and decide how to spend the money budgeted for that purpose. If you have a suggestion for a project or just want to attend the meeting, please email Rosemarie Weaver at roseweave52@gmail.com and request the zoom link.

Membership Renewals, Part 1

By Katie Wright

National is continuing to upgrade their registration and billing procedures to streamline the membership renewal process. In the past, every membership was active from July 1st through June 30th. As you can imagine, every membership renewing at the same time produced a huge load on National for processing the membership renewals, and having to deal with the bulk receipt and deposit of checks had its own problems. They addressed these issues in a two-pronged approach. First, they changed memberships such that new members are activated in the month in which their application and dues are received, thus spreading out the renewals somewhat. This will not make a huge difference now, not with all the existing members, but it will even out in the future. In fact, we now have 10 members whose membership anniversary is not 1 July. Next, to reduce mail delays and the

bulk processing of checks, they began implementing online dues payments and encouraged the branches to pay online, hopefully streamlining their member renewals. We participated and this past year has been a learning experience for us all. This month they are further encouraging branches to establish online membership renewal by implementing a new process whereby National will send up to three emails to each member to remind them that their membership is coming due. We have decided to opt-in to this feature for those members who would appreciate the convenience of online renewals. However, we are going to offer our regular means of membership renewal for those who decide that online renewal is a real inconvenience. We plan to follow-up the emails from National with one or more of our own that remind our members they have a choice. They can still write a check, send it to the branch and we will do the online renewal.

We will keep you informed as these new procedures are rolled out.

GET READY FOR THE ACADEMY AAUWARDS!

Lights, camera, action! AAUW California will roll out the red carpet for its blockbuster Annual Event on Saturday, April 22nd at 9 am. The virtual Academy AAUwards will feature red carpet interviews with the famous actors and directors of AAUW California, impressive speakers, and the suspenseful opening of secret envelopes to reveal the winner(s) of the Equity Champion award, the State Named Gift Honoree, and the Branch Activity of the Year awards. You'll see screenings of the finalists for the Speech Trek and Gov Trek competitions and trailers for the Tech Trek program. Then join us for an after-party to mingle with other members and toast AAUW. Register below and prepare to be star-struck.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Tech Trek Update

Mary Lou Lowery

Humboldt County has been given 5 spots for Tech Trek Girls, this year! Prior to this year we had 4 spots. We are excited to recruit another student. Thank you to all our members for your generosity. We raised \$4,955. Thank you again for giving these outstanding girls an opportunity to attend Sonoma State Tech Trek Camp. Each September and February, the Tech Trek girls speak to our branch about their experience at Tech Trek. Thank you again for your generosity Humboldt AAUW!

To all our AAUW members,

It has been exciting and rewarding to launch the new state-led project Gov Trek this year! All signs point to it being a highly successful program. And we want you to be a part of its finale!

Gov Trek's goal is to address the shortage of women in the halls of power. This five-week online program for more than 50 high school



girls introduced them to the world of public service through inspiring speakers and interactive activities. Learn more [HERE](#).

Gov Trek is wrapping up Saturday, March 25 from 10-12:30 with opening remarks by Senator Toni G. Atkins, followed by teams presenting their simulated electoral campaign packages in a contest. We'd like you to see them in action. You'll be amazed at the talent and enthusiasm of these remarkable young women when you hear their stump speeches and see their campaign ads.

Come and see your future leaders! You'll even have a chance to vote for your choice for the winning team. See if it matches the judges' decision!

Click [HERE](#) to Register.

Looking forward to "seeing" you,

Shauna (Oenning) Ruyle

Gov Trek Program Director



AAUW California State Public Policy Committee Sets 2023-24 Legislative Agenda

by Kathi Harper, State Public Policy Chair

The State Public Policy Committee, in conjunction with our Public Policy Advocate Kathy Von Osten (KVO), has completed their selection of the 30 bills that the committee and KVO will be working on this year. This year our bills fall into the following categories from the 3 pillars of our Public Policy Priorities:

- 8 "Economic Security" bills
- 11 "Public Education" bills
- 21 "Social Justice" bills
 - 8 "reproductive justice"
 - 5 "healthcare"
 - 5 "freedom from violence" including sex exploitation, DV, stalking
 - 1 "gender-identity protection"

- 2 “voting rights”

The committee then selected our top 3 priority bills, including at least 1 bill which we will co-sponsor (“A” bills). KVO will spend most of her time working on these bills, including working with the authors’ offices, attending committing hearings, and writing letters of support. These are also the 3 bills members will advocate for in their Lobby Days visits. We then selected 3 next-level bills (“B” bills), which are important but not as resource intensive. The remaining 24 bills will be handled as “C” level bills. Here is a look at our top 3 bills:

AB1394 – This is our co-sponsored bill. It would allow victims of child sexual exploitation and trafficking to sue a social media platform for between \$1 million and \$5 million if the victim can prove the platform designknowingly, recklessly or negligently facilitated the use of code words for sexual predators to describe the type of child and the type of sexual activity that resulted in the act of exploitation.

SB287 - Would prohibit a social media platform from using a design, algorithm, or feature that the platform knows, or should know, causes child users to: purchase fentanyl; inflict harm on themselves or others; develop an eating disorder or engage in dangerous dieting; purposely take their own lives; and/or experience addiction to the social media platform. A victim of any of these consequences can sue the platform for up to \$250,000 for each violation.

AB549 - Requires all state agencies to conduct an evaluation of all their departments to ensure the state does not discriminate against women, and report their findings every 2 years

PROPOSED BUDGET

	2022-2023	2023-2024
Income		
Advertising Income	450	500
Membership Dues - Branch part only	2,470	2,470
Total Income	2,920	2,970
Expense		
AAUW Fund	65	65
Administrative Expense	200	215
Branch Courtesies	15	15
Community Action Projects	1,125	710
Conferences/Conventions	100	100
Discretionary Projects	100	100
Dues Assistance	100	100
Guest Meals	250	550
Scholarship Fundraising Expense		175
Honorees Award (History Tea)	20	20
Insurance	370	420
Membership Handbook	130	200
Membership Support	50	50
Newsletter	100	80
President's gift	70	70
Speaker Gifts	75	75
Treasurer	150	25
Total Expense	2,920	2,970
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2023 Women's History Tea.

Photos by Gina Rogers and Tom Leskiw.





Welcome to the following new members:

Mickelle Ammer

Carolyn Chamberlin

Carrie Peyton-Dahlberg

Suzanne McBride

Carolyn Miller

Paulette Pettis

Christine Bruce Will

Suki Munsell

Please add their information in your directory and be sure and welcome them at our next meetings.

Thank you
Karole Ely
Membership Chairperson

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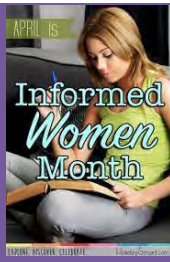
**Mission. To advance gender equity for women and girls through
research, education, and advocacy.**

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.

Informed Woman Month, celebrated in April, aims to build a world that breaks the stereotypes and empowers women to realize their self-worth. Imagine a world in which women have their free will, they get quality education and proper health facilities just like men — that's what this day strives to achieve. Women have always been the leading light since the beginning and they deserve equal rights as that of the opposite genders. This April, let's praise the strong women for staying educated



and informed about their interests and letting them learn things they always wanted to learn

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