



The Branch

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May Branch Meeting

For the Month of May we will be joined by David Loya, Director of Community Development for the City of Arcata. He will give us an overview of the future needs and challenges with building housing in Humboldt County. We have asked him to discuss issues such as affordability, aging in place strategies, what kind of housing options should Humboldt County be considering for rental and for ownership in the future, and should we build up versus should we build out issues? I'm sure we will have a robust discussion.

<https://www.cityofarcata.org/974/General-Plan-Updates>

Saturday, May 4, 2024
Red Lion Inn, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka

9:30 a.m. Social
10:00 a.m. Brunch
Meal Cost: \$30.00 (includes beverage)
Beverage only \$8.00
Menu: French Toast Sausage Cut Fruit

Click [HERE](#) to make your reservation online by April 29. You may also contact Maggie Augustine - mag3022@gmail.com. It is our branch policy that if you make a reservation and are unable to attend, you must pay for your meal.



AAUW Humboldt Branch President's Message

It has been a great AAUW year for our Branch. Thanks to Alex and Connie for identifying speakers who provide a wealth of information about energy on the North Coast. Thanks to Rosemarie for organizing the March Tea. Thanks to Margaret Wallace and her team for soliciting and reviewing the Reentry Scholarship applicants and for Mary Lou Lowry and her group for their Tech Trek work with the schools and identifying our young scientists. Thanks also to Katie for her work as treasurer and Becky as treasurer. A special thanks to Shelley Mitchell for all her work on the monthly newsletters.

In more administrative news, make sure to vote before May 15th on the AAUW Board of Directors and the bylaws change addressing open membership. Please go to the National Elections to obtain more information. You will see the proposed Branch budget for 2024-2025 in this month's newsletter. We are slightly in deficit, but we have a large amount of reserve funds to cover these costs. At our April meeting, Elizabeth Haynes spoke about National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Connie Stewart said she was willing to support three young leaders. Not wanting to waste any time, we will be sending 3 women THIS May and hopefully this will become an annual event.

Thanks for this great year, have a great summer, and see you again in the fall.

Community Action Grants

We have set aside money for grants to support this community in our 2024-25 year. Please send your recommendations to Nancy Dean (n.dean@suddenlink.net) by 6 May. These will be voted on by the board.

Looking for Advertising and Social Media Volunteers

Do you have fun asking local businesses to support our program? Do you know of businesses who would like to advertise to our members? Their business will be listed in the membership directory and our monthly newsletter.

Do you post to Facebook, Instagram or have a webpage? We are looking for someone to help with our social media postings to meet the AAUW 5-star criteria. Toolkit resources are provided.

Nancy Dean,
Branch President

2024-2025 AAUW Humboldt Branch Leadership

Co-presidents: Elizabeth Haynes and Nancy Dean
Vice President: Nancy Arroyo
Treasurer: Katie Wright
Secretary: Becky MacQuarrie

Thanks to Sharron Ferrett, Alex Stillman and their team for identifying these individuals.

AAUW Humboldt (CA) Branch
2024-2025 Budget

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Budget Items	Gross Totals
Revenue	
<i>Operating Income</i>	
General	
Directory Advertising	500.00
Member Meetings	7,420.00
Branch Dues	2,470.00
Total Operating Income	10,390.00
<i>Project Income</i>	
Fundraising Income (Restricted)	
Re-Entry Scholarships	10,000.00
Tech Trek - Parent Subsidy	300.00
Total Project Income	10,300.00
Total Revenue	20,690.00

Expense

<i>Operating Expense</i>	
General	
AAUW Fund	65.00
Insurance	449.00
State Filing Fees	25.00
Postage	70.00
P. O. Box Rental	240.00
Total General Expenses	849.00
Member Meetings	
Venue	1,180.00
Catering	6,240.00
Guest Meals	546.00
Speaker's Gifts *	-
Honorees Awards	50.00
President's gift	80.00
Total Member Mtgs	8,096.00
Branch Support	
Branch Courtesies	35.00
Dues Assistance	30.00
Directory Expense	200.00
Newsletter Expense	80.00
Total Branch Support	345.00
AAUW Greatest Needs Fund *	300.00
Community Action Project	800.00
Total Operating Expense	10,390.00

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2024-2025 Budget

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Budget Items	Gross Totals
Re-Entry Scholarship	175.00
Total Fundraising Expense	350.00
Educational Projects	
Re-Entry Scholarship	10,000.00
Tech Trek Sonoma Camp	-
Total Educational Expense	10,000.00
Total Project Expense	10,350.00

Total Expense	20,740.00
Excess Total Revenue over Total Expenses	(50.00)
Excess Operating Income over Operating Expenses	*
* Donations made in name of guest speakers	



AAUW California Public Policy Committee Sets 2024 Legislative Agenda

By Amy Hom and Missy Maceyko, Co-chairs AAUW California Public Policy Committee

The Public Policy Committee met virtually over a weekend in early March to set AAUW California's 2024 Legislative Agenda.

Through a day and a half of discussions, we reviewed 67 bills, considering their merits and potential costs as well as their alignment with our public policy priorities. Then, we went through a voting/ranking process to select the top bills that we will advance as our Legislative Agenda.

Our legislative agenda consists of three "A" priority bills, four "B" priority bills, twenty-nine "C" priority bills, and twelve spot bills that we are watching. Seven of the bills on our legislative agenda are 2-year bills that carried over from last year. All of the bills on our agenda fall under at least one of our four Public Policy Priority pillars; one bill - AB 2349 - falls under three pillars.

Excitingly, our signature "A" priority bill AB 2843 "Health Care Coverage for Rape and Sexual Assault Survivors" was authored by AAUW California. The bill is sponsored by AAUW California and falls under two of our Public Policy Priorities, "Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society" and "Economic Security for All Women". The bill eliminates cost-sharing, including deductibles, from being imposed on any rape survivor seeking medical care following a rape. Insurers will be required to cover the cost of medical care with no copay. AB 2843 ensures that those individuals who wish to report a rape and file charges will have the benefit of a rape kit test and forensic exam to provide evidence to secure more convictions for acts of sexual violence. In addition, they can receive the care they need following a traumatic sexual attack. (See the [Lobby Days Talking Points](#) and [Bill Text](#) for more details.)

Our second "A" priority bill, AB 2326 "Title IX Oversight and Compliance Act" is also sponsored by AAUW California. This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar "Equal Access to Quality Education for All Students" and champions something that AAUW California has long supported: Title IX enforcement. AB 2326 requires the Chancellors of the Community Colleges and State Universities and the President of the University of California to provide an annual report of their compliance with Title IX, with the report to be presented publicly and orally to the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees on Higher Education Finance, a move to hold the systems, and their leaders, more publicly accountable.

While we are listing AB 2326 as an "A" priority bill, a large number of Title IX related bills were introduced this year, likely prompted by the 2023 State Auditor's report [Report 2022-109 \(ca.gov\)](#) which concluded that the CSU system's handling of Title IX-related complaints has not adequately addressed allegations of inequity, harassment, and sexual harassment. While a great deal of the introduced Title IX legislation has not yet fully taken shape, we are watching them, as they will potentially become priority bills. In addition, one of the more fully-formed bills, AB 1790, is listed as a "B" priority bill on our agenda.

Our third "A" priority bill is AB 2099, "Protecting Reproductive Health Clinics". This bill falls under our Public Policy Priorities pillar "Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society". The bill makes it possible for the D.A. to file a felony charge for sharing personal information or images of individuals such as reproductive health care providers or patients, with the intent of causing harm or violence against them, if the posting and subsequent action results in bodily injury. With [violence against abortion providers continuing to rise following the reversal of Roe](#), the protection of providers and patients is now more important than ever.

To see our full 2024 Legislative Agenda, please go to our [Bill Tracking Report](#). This report will continue to be updated as the bills move through the legislative process, so you will always be able to see the latest status.



All Rosies Received a Congressional Gold Medal on April 10, and a National Rosie the Riveter Day,

Long after the many years that have forever changed the role of women in the U.S. work force.

"We never thought we'd be recognized," said Marian Sousa who at age 17 joined six million women who went to work to support the war effort. Shortly after

the attack on Pearl Harbor, she went to California to care for the children of her sister Phyllis Gould, who was working as a welder in a Bay Area shipyard.

After graduating from high school, Marian took a six-week course in engineering drawing from the University of California Berkeley. "This was a time when the United States was truly united . . . We wanted to get the war over with and bring the guys back."

Congress authorized the medal in 2020, after years of urging by Ms Gould, who died in 2021. Mae Krier accepted the medal and special day of honor for all Rosies. She had built B-17 and B-29 bomber aircraft at Boeing. She turned 98 on March 21, the day Congress designated as Rosie the Riveter Day.

Ms. Krier has a message for young girls today. "Four little words: We Can Do It!"
Source: New York Times Jean Guthrie

Editor's note: Our own Connie Stewart was in the Capitol for Rosie Day and really enjoyed seeing all of the women in red.



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