

Hi, Fred Nelson for Community Comment,

Are you interested in the history of Humboldt County? There is an organization that you might find enlightening. The group is on Facebook and is titled "Remember in Eureka When" or "RIEW". This group has grown to over 4000 members in a little over two years. Although the title leads you to believe it is limited to history about Eureka only, that is not entirely true. Actually the interest in history goes far beyond Eureka into the reaches of Humboldt County. There is another Facebook group covering the history of southern Humboldt but there is no reason why a person couldn't join both if they are that interested. Some may think that the members are a bunch of old fogeys, trying to live in the past. Nothing could be further from the truth. The members consist of all ages and walks of life. Some reside in Humboldt with many living throughout the United States. Most have been in Eureka or Humboldt County at one time or another. The common thread is the interest in the history of our area whether it concerns an event back in the 1800s or something more recent. Pictures and printed articles of ships that used to visit Humboldt Bay, trains that operated in our area, events of the past and historical buildings are always of interest. Old schoolmates find one another due to the posting of school class pictures. People find one another from discussions of old neighborhoods. This area, like any other area, has lots of history. Most of us don't have the time to research through books and records for the information that we might need to answer a historical question. Often, members will post historical questions, that have been on their minds and, surprisingly, someone out there will be able to give an answer or be able to refer to an informational source. RIEW is an amazing site. Some members, with family roots going back many years in Humboldt, are willing to provide interesting information from their memories and experiences. You can learn a lot from reading these posts. You can spend as little or as much time as you wish on the site. It is up to you. If you don't particularly care for a subject being posted, the "delete" button is always handy. If you are interested in joining this group, you first must be a member of "Facebook". On the top left of your Facebook page, enter "Remember in Eureka When" in the search box labeled "Search for people, places and things". To join, follow the instructions. There are some rules to follow as a member. Very simply: be kind, don't be harshly critical with fellow members and don't use the site for a political platform or a personalized agenda. The administrators are more than fair but will remove posts that are offensive.

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