



MWPC

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Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Here and There

Next year we will celebrate 100 years of Women getting the Vote. It will be a great cause for celebration. Every 5 years, we have celebrated on the Coast at the Kelley House: 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 with speakers, music, poets and a parade. What will we do 2020?...We have a early March primary. Which means candidates for Supervisor will file in November-December to run in 2020....There are elections in District 1 (Carre Brown), District 2 (John McCowen) and District 4 (Dan Gjerde). We are having a Candidate Training on June 10 and July 20. Let us know who is running or would like to help those running....Happy Birthday to Paula Samonte. We are having a great celebration at Kristy Kelly house as a fundraiser for MWPC.



Fiona Ma in 2015



Heidi Kraut in 2015



Kit Elliott in 2015

Calendar

June 15
Running to Win
Training - Part 1
Redwood Valley Grange

July 20
Running to Win
Training - Part 2
Redwood Valley Grange

September 22
Annual Meeting
Kit Elliott's House

November 11-
December 6
Candidate filing for
2020 Primary

March 3, 2020
Primary Presidential Election

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Do you have an item to include in the next newsletter?

Call Val Muchowski (895-3543), or e-mail it to vjmuchowski@gmail.com

Supervisors

Elections are in March for Supervisors in the 1st, 2nd and 4th. We need to find some candidates for the First District. If you know of someone in Potter Valley, Redwood Valley, Deerwood, Knob Hill or Talmage, send me their name. We are offering a training Running to Win on June 15th and July 20th at the Redwood Valley Grange from 10-3 pm. It is for folks who would like to help out as well as folks who are running for office.

Members

New Members: Linda Flier, Rebecca Sandridge

March Primary

With the March primary election quickly approaching - the Elections office is always looking for Poll Workers - all over the County; the South Coast, Little River, Caspar, Comptche, Albion, Fort Bragg, Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville, Ukiah, Redwood Valley, Hopland and Boonville. Please contact Gina in the Assessor/Elections office at 707 234-6808. *Katrina Bartolomie*

Happy Birthday Paula Samonte

Greetings MWPC members, don't miss this great offer!

Paula Samonte has been a long-time favorite and supporter of women's issues and the arts in our community. It's time for us to enjoy her at this special event concert and MWPC fundraiser.

We are offering our membership this special price of \$25 per ticket or 2 for \$45 for this one-time performance by Paula Samonte at the home of Kristy & Kevin Kelly.

Please join us Sunday, June 2nd @ 3:00 at this unique celebration with one of Ukiah's musical stars!

Please, no birthday gifts for Paula; your presence is her present. Contact Bonnie Tillotson at jonnibean@me.com for tickets.

MWPC Special Event Fundraiser



PAULA SAMONTE
BIRTHDAY CONCERT CELEBRATION
Sunday, June 2nd



TICKET SPECIAL
MEMBERS ONLY PRICE - \$25 OR 2 TICKETS FOR \$45

Paula Samonte Concert and Birthday Celebration
Sunday, June 2, from 3:00 to 5:00

Drinks, nibbles and birthday cake will be provided. Come enjoy Paula's delightful musical gifts and celebrate another trip around the sun with local treasure in the Ukiah home of Kristy and Kevin Kelly.

A unique and truly special event!

25 people - \$45 per person

Reservations email: jonnibean@gmail.com

Rent Party

Help the Democrats pay the rent on a campaign office for the 2020 election. Sunday July 21 at 2. Call Ellen Weed for more info: 707 462 6366 Tickets at BrownPaperTickets.com and Mendocino Book

Wendy DeWitt and Kirk Harwood invite supporters to The Church of Boogie Woogie for music, food and the general good.

Wendy travels the world playing and teaching boogie woogie and blues and recently worked with Joe Louis Walker in the Caribbean, performed on the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise and returns to Port Townsend, Washington's Centrum Blues Workshop/Festival this summer.

With drummer Kirk Harwood, who performed with Norton Buffalo, Wendy performs original songs and classics of the world of blues and boogie woogie. If you missed the recent House Concert supporting MWPC, be sure to attend this fun and inspiring day to support Democracy!

California Democratic Convention

Thanks to the many folks who trekked down to Santa Rosa and stood in long lines to get Helen Sizemore and I elected. We will be attending the Convention at the Moscone Center in San Francisco May 31 - June 2. There are 12 presidential candidates who will be attending. Learn more at <https://www.cdpconvention.org>. I will be running for Vice Chair of the Senior Caucus. Want to come down and vote for me. Join the Senior Caucus at Moscone Center Room 206 on May 31 from 4:45PM - 6:30PM.



Val and Kamala Harris

Appeal to Womanhood throughout the World

Again, in the sight of the Christian world, have the skill and power of two great nations exhausted themselves in mutual murder. Again have the sacred questions of international justice been committed to the fatal mediation of military weapons. In this day of progress, in this century of light, the ambition of rulers has been allowed to barter the dear interests of domestic life for the bloody exchanges of the battle field. Thus men have done. Thus men will do. But women need no longer be made a party to proceedings which fill the globe with grief and horror. Despite the assumptions of physical force, the mother has a sacred and commanding word to say to the sons who owe their life to her suffering. That word should now be heard, and answered to as never before.

Arise, then, Christian women of this day ! Arise, all women who have hearts, Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears ! Say firmly : We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We, women of one country, will be too tender of those of another country, to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice. Blood does not wipe out dishonor, nor violence vindicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of council.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take council with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, man as the brother of man, each bearing after his own kind the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient, and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

Julia Ward Howe

The "Appeal to Womanhood throughout the World" (later known as "Mother's Day Proclamation") by Julia Ward Howe was an appeal for women to unite for peace in the world. Written in 1870, Howe's "Appeal to womanhood" was a pacifist reaction to the carnage of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. The appeal was tied to Howe's feminist conviction that women had a responsibility to shape their societies at the political level.

In 1872 Howe asked for the celebration of a "Mother's Day for Peace" on 2 June of every year, but she was unsuccessful. The modern Mother's Day, was established by Anna Jarvis 36 years later. While the day she established was different in significance from what Howe had proposed, Anna Jarvis was reportedly inspired by her mother's work with Howe

Report Back from U.N. Meeting on Women

Fort Bragg resident Mary Rose Kaczorowski just returned from the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations headquarters.

Kaczorowski said. "It is a little known fact that the first CSW was convened in 1947 at Lake Success, New York, after the establishment of the U.N. in 1945 in San Francisco. The 15 government representatives to the first meeting of the CSW were all women. The CSW is dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empower-



ment of women. As a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), CSW was established by the U.N. Security Council in June 1946 . "

According to a U.N. Women press release, "As the single largest forum on gender equality and women's rights for UN Member States, civil society organizations and other international actors, this year's CSW saw a record number of attendances. Participants included more than 5,000 representatives from civil society organizations around the world, nearly 2,000 Member State delegates and 86 ministers."

This year's session of the CSW, "Reaffirmed the access to social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure for women and girls as key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)." Kaczorowski points out, "That governments around the world, including our own, have agreed to the SDG's as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity'."

"Many people might remember the landmark Beijing Platform for Action," said Kaczorowski, "and that meeting of the 4th World Conference on Women made history. The Platform for Action is a living document and still emphasizes that women share common concerns that can be addressed only by working together and in partner

ship with men towards the common goal of gender equality around the world'.

According to the U.N. "The SDGs, adopted by all U.N. Member States in 2015, are a call for action by all countries - poor, rich and middle-income - to promote prosperity while protecting the environment. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, equality and job opportunities while tackling climate change and working to preserve our ocean and forests."

Kaczorowski said, "I am perplexed that the mainstream media practically ignores the distinct goals and measures that that were adopted as blueprints to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all."

During its long history, the CSW was instrumental in moving forward and drafting the early international conventions on women's rights including the first international agreements on women's rights in marriage in 1953, the Convention on the Political Rights of Women, and the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women that was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1993.

Kaczorowski said that this is an important time for women worldwide and locally, to claim the language in the Beijing Platform for Action and spur its implementation in their home localities. Next year is the 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action and for more information, about CSW and the Beijing Platform for Action go to <http://www.unwomen.org/en>. Kaczorowski can be reached at [maryrose95437\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:maryrose95437@gmail.com).

Mary Rose Kaczorowski



Original Date: 11/8/2001

Mary Rose Kaczorowski with Ambassador and U.S. Representative for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations Cherith Norman Chalet at an event for NGO representatives hosted by the U.S. Mission in New York City during the 63rd U.N. Commission on The Status of Women.



Climate change

Here is an update about the meeting we had with the Supervisors this week,. Ellen Drell, Walter and I met with John McCowen and Ted Williams in Ukiah on Wednesday. They make up the Ad-hoc' the BOS created at the April 16th meeting to work on the continued negotiations with the Resource Conservation District (RCD) and our group about staffing the MCCAAC.

The meeting was very positive, and we were able to make progress on a number of issues.

1. MCCAAC Structure and Protocols Resolution

At the April 16th meeting, the BOS unanimously approved our proposed MCCAAC Structure and Protocols, retaining almost all of our original language. They directed staff to turn this document into a Board Resolution and add it to the consent calendar for approval on May 7th. This Tuesday the item appeared on the agenda as scheduled, but the version proposed by staff was quite different than the one approved by the Board, with the suggested 'seats' from diverse communities and the

protocols for sharing information with local Tribal Governments both left off. Supervisor Williams pulled the item from the consent calendar for discussion, and County Counsel was on hand to explain that there was an issue with the legality of 'quotas' around ethnic or racial diversity requirements. Several of us requested the Board pull the item and allow the Ad-Hoc to look into getting the version as approved included in the Resolution.

At the meeting with Ted and John, they affirmed that they intend to get the accurate Resolution back on the agenda in two weeks for approval.

It will be good for us to keep an eye on the Board Agenda when it comes out each Thursday evening so we can make sure the version that ends up on the calendar is true to our proposal.

2. MCCAAC Application: Next steps

We asked about the next steps for getting the application for the MCCAAC live on the County website so people can start putting their names in for consideration to be appointed to the MCCAAC. It is our hope to include some supplemental information on the application webpage about the time commitment, purpose, and areas of expertise that might help identify strong MCCAAC candidates.

We were encouraged to provide a 1-2 paragraph statement, which the Board will provide to staff along with instructions to post the application. Staff will be directed to do this at the time the vote is taken on the Structure and Protocols Resolution, mentioned above, in two weeks.

3. Negotiations with the RCD

Of course, we spent a good amount of time talking over the RCD's role in administering the County's allocated funding for a staff person/program director of the MCCAAC.

At the April 16th Board of Supervisors meeting, our group raised concerns about the limited scope of the RCD's mission, Water/Forests/Soil, which appears in the contract language to limit the work they can do for focus groups outside of these three areas. IT APPEARED TO

US THAT lots of the proposed MCCAAC focus groups solid waste, energy, transportation, etc fall beyond the RCD's scope. If the Board approves the RCD contract, the MCCAAC might still have to find additional administrative support elsewhere for the substantial amount of work outside the RCD's mission.

Alicia Littletree Bales

Census

Every 10 years we count the folks in Mendocino. Based on the population counts the census:

1. Ensures fair POLITICAL REPRESENTATION
2. provides number to allow REDISTRICTING and enforcement of civil rights laws.
3. Provides for the DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL FUNDS, more than \$800 Billion each year to state, local and tribal governments.
4. Allow communities and businesses to PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. We will change the boundaries of Supervisors districts, Assembly districts, State Senate districts and Congressional districts due to population shifts over the past 10 years. (Redistricting). It determines the amount of money Mendocino will receive. The money will change due to the population. Mendocino county is grossly undercounted. YOU can help out. There are jobs. More questions?

Paula Cohen (707) 937-1914 or pcohen@mcn.org



Redistricting

Based on the population, the boundaries of all representative political districts will change. You can be part of the change. Apply: The initial application period is from June 10, 2019 to August 9, 2019 You can find more about the process here: <https://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/>

Abortion

States have been whittling away at the right to choose since the Supreme Court technically reaffirmed that right in a case called *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in 1992. *Casey* upheld that core concept of *Roe v. Wade* that women had a right to privacy over their reproductive choices but invented a new standard that allowed states to severely restrict women's options and autonomy over their own bodies. Over the past 27 years, legislators and judges have carefully, almost surgically, turned abortions into a service that is technically legal but functionally unavailable in many of the states they control.

That is what was happening before Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy was replaced by Brett Kavanaugh. Now that they have successfully forced him onto the Supreme Court, the surgical approach has been discarded. In its place, red states have adopted a sneering, combative attack on women's rights befitting the man they hope will support them. It's not a coincidence that the Alabama legislature passed a bill forcing rape victims to serve as unwilling incubators only now that he sits on the high court. Kavanaugh's personal controversy has always been a feature, not a bug, for these terrible people.

The hubris of Alabama, and Georgia which passed the most restrictive "fetal heartbeat" abortion ban in the country before Alabama went all "hold my beer" on the issue might backfire. These states think they're laying a trap for *Roe*: lower courts will likely overturn these laws, leaving the Supreme Court to reanimate them and overturn *Roe v. Wade* in the process. But because of the excesses of these laws, progressives really only have one option. Spring the trap, and fight to the death for the rights of women.

Roe, in spirit, has already been defeated in vast parts of the country. *Roe* does not guarantee access to an abortion to anybody if there are enough in their state legislature, and it hasn't for some time. It is a shell that has been systemically hollowed out on the inside. Smart folks like keeping *Roe* around, because they know it works as an effective boogeyman that keeps some segment of their Bible thumping base voting against their own interests. Meanwhile, even though 67 percent of the country (including 73 percent of independents and a whopping 81 percent of Democrats) don't want to see *Roe* "overturned," as long as *Roe* is not "overturned," they seem to think the right to choose is more or less secure. *Roe* gives false hope to its supporters not all, but enough and inspires committed activism from its enemies.

The preferred attack plan has always been to keep *Roe* as "good law," but allow the states to vitiate the right to choose out of existence. Rich white women will still be able to fly to Los Angeles or New York or London to get an abortion when they need to. Even if a state only has one functional abortion doctor, rich people will find a way. Sugar daddies will still be able to coerce abortions when they want to. They will still have an issue to prattle on about when the usual inducements, tax breaks and bigotry fail to churn up enough votes. And suburban women outside of Philadelphia will not go to the mattresses to protect a black woman's access to health services in Alabama. The important thing to understand is that the plan was working, brilliantly (or tragically depending on whether or not you think women are people). They were destroying the functional right to choose, without the overwhelming majority of people who support that right much noticing.

Judges are coming for women's rights now. Not tomorrow, not theoretically, not only in red states, but now and everywhere and for real.

They are confident that their side is more motivated about this issue than the majority of us. We must prove them wrong. As Doctor Strange might say, it's the only way we'll win this one.

Elie Mystal
Nation Magazine

Membership in Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to reproductive choice, equity and equality. Dues will run from September 2018 to September 2019

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual MWPC Dues, \$25

Yes. I would like to donate _____ to the MWPC PAC to put more women at the tables where decisions are made that affect all of us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(H) _____ W) _____ Cell: _____

Please check (x) your special interests/skills:

By-Laws: _____ Membership: _____ Website: _____

Newsletter: _____ Candidate Endorsements: _____

Appointments to Boards/Commissions: _____ Events: _____

Hospitality/Food: _____ Mailings: _____ Fundraising: _____

Other Skills or Ways to Help:

Issues I would like to see MWPC address:

Are you interested in being a MWPC officer? Which position? _____

Mail with your enclosed check to: MWPC, P.O. Box 1140, Ukiah CA 95482

MWPC

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a multipartisan, multicultural grassroots organization dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political field and creating a political power base designed to achieve equality for all women. Founded in 2012, the MWPC prides itself in increasing the number of pro-choice women elected and appointed into office every year. Through recruiting, training and financial donations, the MWPC provides support to women candidates running for all levels of office regardless of political affiliation. In addition we reach out to women in communities across the county to better assist them in their dreams of being elected into office.





Carole Hester/The Daily Journal

Women are diligently at work on preparations for this year's Women's History Gala. From left are Kristy Kelly, program; Candle Dickinson, decorations, Dot Brovarney, Grace Hudson Museum coordinator; Mary Ann Villwock, committee member and Val Muchowski, chairwoman. Missing are Anne Lavandier and Carole Hester.

Women celebrate contributions

By CAROLE HESTER
for The Journal

Booths to browse, networking, celebrating women's contributions to history — these are all part of the annual Women's History Gala.

Congresswoman Barbara Boxer is the featured speaker for the event on March 10 at the Ukiah Civic Center.

This year's affair has been enlarged to include a pre-gala event, "Portrait of Imogen," a film about Imogen Cunningham. This will be at Grace Hudson Museum public room that Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m.

A panel discussion entitled, "The Feminine Eye" will follow the film's showing.

Those attending the film are encouraged to travel the short distance to Ukiah's Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, where the gala will commence.

Mendocino County Supervisor Liz Henry will be the mistress of ceremonies. Rachel Berry, copastor of Ukiah United Methodist Church, will give the invocation. Those attending will be treated to music by Karen Almquist and poetry by

Robin Rule.

A slide tribute to Elsie Allen, famed Native American basket weaver, as well as an Elsie Allen Memorial by Susan Billy, will be a focus of part of the program.

Various awards will be presented in recognition of outstanding women making a difference in their community.

Boxer, a democrat, has been elected to Congress five times from the 6th District encompassing part of San Francisco, Marin County and parts of Sonoma and Solano counties.

Preservation of the California coastline has been the hallmark of her legislative program. Her attacks on waste and abuse in the Department of Defense have brought her national attention.

This annual event is sponsored by Mendocino County National Women's Political Caucus, along with American Association of University Women and the Commission on Status of Women.

Tickets are \$10 (or sliding scale) and available at Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah, Leaves of Grass Bookstore in Willits and Boontling Farm in Boonville. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.



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Women's March 2019