



MWPC

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Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Here and There

The election season is approaching. Candidates are beginning to line up. The candidates that we have trained so far are: District 1- James Green. District 2 - Maureen "Mo" Mulheren and Joel Sionila. There are others including District 2 Supervisor McCowen. If you hear of others let us know. Folks will be looking for signatures (in lieu of filing fees) starting September 12th. You can sign their forms without pledging to vote for them (although they might assume that)...Katherine Elliott, Mendocino County Counsel, has taken a position as Nevada County's County Counsel. We will miss her. She has been an involved participant in the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition and our County...Presidential Candidates are lining up and falling out. The next debate will be September 12 -13. Or maybe just September 12th as only 10 candidates qualify. Want to form a Watch Party for the debates. Let us know...We are having our annual Fiesta Familiar on September 22 at Bainbridge Park in Fort Bragg. We invited all folks. It's a celebration of the independence of several Hispanic countries which occurs between Sept. and Oct. each year.

Members

New: Sandra Lin, Sharon Marshall, Marita McDonagh, Jini Reynolds,

Renewals:

Sharon J. Marshall

A former advertising and marketing executive, Sharon moved to Ukiah in 2004 when she accepted a position as Grant Analyst at the Mendocino Community Health Clinic (MCHC) where

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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

Calendar

**September 22
Annual Meeting
Kit Elliott's House**

**November 11-
December 6
Candidate filing for
2020 Primary**

**February 3, 2020
First Day for Absentees**

**February 17, 2020
Last Day to Register**

**March 1, 2020
Women's History**

**March 3, 2020
Primary Presidential Election**



she later became Executive Assistant to the Chief Operations Officer as well as Credentialing Officer, serving in that capacity on the MCHC Board of Directors.

She retired from MCHC in 2011 when she also completed her second term on the Ukiah Senior Center Board of Directors. After a two-year hiatus, she was elected to serve as President of the Board and recently completed her second term in that position. She continues to volunteer for a variety of functions at the Senior Center.

For many years she was active with her husband, Dr. Craig Zachlod, in Global Community College (GCC), a non-profit educational organization he founded in 1993. She worked for GCC as staff coordinator for U. S. Department of Education Grants and related projects and supported Craig's efforts to bring knowledge of emergency preparedness to the Ukiah School District. She is a FEMA-certified Advanced Public Information Officer.

Sharon provides proofreading and editing services through Make Every Word Count and is active in the Ukiah Chamber of Commerce.

Jini Reynolds

Farmer, musician, grandmother,
and woman

Working towards a healthier planet
and a healthier community.

We may not have it all together, but
together we have it all!



Time to Renew

Now is a great time to renew your membership. Memberships are all up in September of each year. A very few of you have renewed already or newly joined and for that we thank you. Others, renew now and be in good standing until September 2020. For only \$25 a year, you get to attend our many interesting and educational events, including candidate nights, Anniversary celebrations and more. You also, and most importantly, get to vote on endorsements for candidates and for officers. You can also join committees and run to be an officer yourself. Please send your check to MWPC, PO Box 1140, Ukiah, CA 95482.

100 Years of Women Getting the Vote

In 2020, we will celebrate 100 years of women getting the vote.

Lynda McClure will be planning our Women's History Celebration for March 1, 2020. If you are interested in helping give her a call at lynda@pacific.net or 895-3243.

Katryzna Rolzinski will be planning countywide events. To help her contact her at katarzyna@pacific.net or 468-9003.

Val Muchowski will be planning our Coast event on August 22, 2020. We have celebrated every five years: 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and now 2020 at the Kelley House in Mendocino. At our first event in 1995, Fionna Perkins wrote a poem for us.

Hard Times for Women

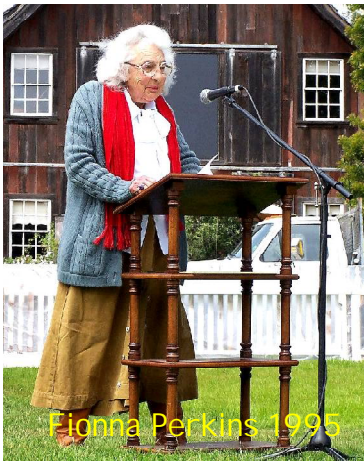
*Listing my chores for the day,
the decade, the next century, I note
that the planet needs saving - by
screaming, I suppose, our on
the street like a rapid banshee,
hoisting a placard, shaking a fist,
when I'd rather ride by
in a carriage, smiling
and doing my queen wave.*

*I hate being jostled by bodies,
roared at, hassled, arrested,
going limp in debris a disgrace
to my mother, a public nuisance
-how often
I'm told, and
at times I agree.*

*If ever a man did as he promised
to cherish the ground I walk on - our
earth - I'd never again stall his
traffic and hear myself cursed.
I'd rather be home
in my garden, pruning
and pulling weeds.*

*Yet it's still the same s always,
whether wanting the vote or saving the
world, stopping a war, needing a pay
raise or care for the children,
out in the street
with my banners and bitches
marching and going to jail.*

Fionna Perkins
August 26, 1995
Mendocino



One Woman, One Vote

The census will be taken next year and in 2021 new lines will be drawn based on where folks have moved in the last ten years. California will draw new districts based on the population determined by Citizens Redistricting Commission, a group of 14 people (5 Democrats, 5 Republicans and 4 Independents). You can have input. There will be hearing throughout the state and lines will be drawn to reflect communities of interest. Lines will also be redrawn in Mendocino County. Local citizens can have their input. The 5th District needs help. Lines will also be redrawn in Ukiah School, Mendocino County Board of Education and Mendocino Lake Community College Districts. You can volunteer to help draw those lines.

Debates

The Democratic debates are 9/12 & 9/13. Looking for someone to host a Watch Party inland. On the Coast, it will be at the Mendocino Hotel Garden Room (back room) no host bar/food.

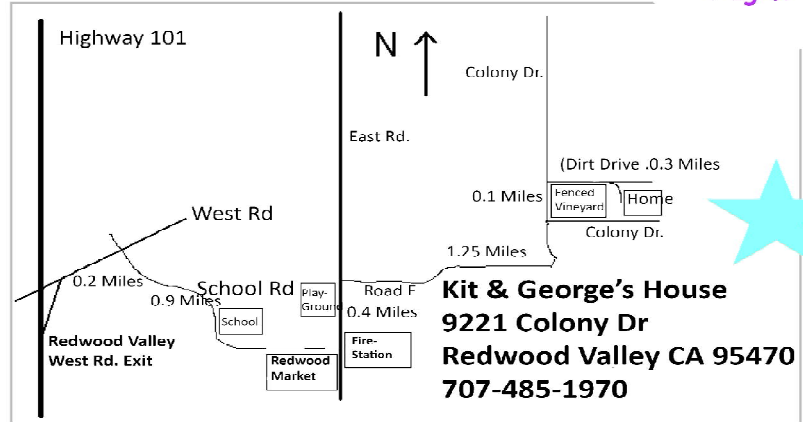




Come and Celebrate Women's Equality Day
 Mendocino Women's Political Coalition
 Annual Meeting

RSVP: Janice Lombardi 707.391.7505
jmjmj@pacific.net

Kit & George's House
 September 22, 2019
 4 - 7 pm
 Potluck
 Bring friends



Kit & George's House
 9221 Colony Dr
 Redwood Valley CA 95470
 707-485-1970

Jane Vartarian

Jane Vartanian, 94, passed away Aug. 11, 2019, after a fall at home, breaking her hip and further complicating her existing health issues.

Jane was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and attended St. Anthony's School for Girls from kindergarten through high school. She graduated from Harris Teachers College in St. Louis. Her first three years of teaching were at Madison School, which her grandmother had attended nearly 80 years before.

She taught in the Alameda Unified School District for 34 years. While there she taught elementary science at the seventh and eighth grade level. She believed in "hands-on" science learning. She was instrumental in getting counseling into the middle schools. She worked with NAACP, HOPE (a fair housing organization), was active in teacher/board of education relations, and was active in the Democratic Party at county and city levels. She received many awards for her efforts including: PTA Teacher of the Year; City of Alameda Recognition for Outstanding Service to the city; CTA WHO Award (we honor ours); CTA Gold Award; and the Bass Teacher-in-Politics Award.

Jane had boundless energy and thirst for learning new things. She retired in 1986 and settled in Fort Bragg. She was active in her church, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

She was active on the Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Board and the Mendocino Coast Gem and Mineral Society. She volunteered for Fort Bragg Public Library and Channel 3, Fort Bragg's public access TV station. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. She was considered a professional



videographer, editor and producer, and won third place in the American Federation of Gem and Mineral Society for her video on ivory carving. She enjoyed her hobby of repairing 2- and 4-cycle gas engines.

Jane joined Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Zeta Chapter in 1972, and transferred her membership to Iota Zeta in 1990. She served on many committees and was elected Second Vice President, First Vice President and President. She continued to practice the tenets of journalism by keeping their membership files current with clippings from local newspapers.

Jane was a faithful member of the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition. She worked with the Coast group setting up interviews for endorsement of candidates and participated in MWPC meetings and events.

Elizabeth Warren's Plan for Native Americans

After years of failure, it's finally time for Washington to fully recognize its historic and ongoing trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations.

For generations, the federal government robbed Native Americans of over a billion acres of land, suppressed their languages and cultures, and literally stole children from communities in an effort to eradicate entire cultures. It's a history of violence, theft, and broken promises.

Despite this history, Tribal Nations and indigenous peoples have proven resilient, and continue to contribute to a country that took so much and keeps asking for more.

But Washington must do better, including by...

Ending the corruption that empowers giant corporate interests to desecrate Native American sacred sites and violate Tribal treaty rights

Protecting historic monuments and public lands



Taking steps to stop violence against Native people, especially women and girls

Ending the neglect that allows Congress to chip away at nutrition assistance, health care, education funding, and other programs

And to truly make big, structural change, we must ensure that America's sacred trust and treaty obligations are binding legal and moral principles not merely slogans.

That's why I've teamed up with Representative Deb Haaland, one of the first Native American women to serve in Congress, on a proposal called the Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act. And it's why I've put forward a set of additional ideas to uphold the federal government's trust and treaty obligations with Tribal Nations and to empower Native communities.

Washington owes Native communities a fighting chance to

build stronger communities and a brighter future.

I have fought for a brighter future for Tribal Nations during my time in the Senate, and I'm proud to come together on this proposal with Representative Haaland in the House. And when we take the White House, here's what I'll work on as president:

1. Guaranteeing vital resources: Our bill will ensure predictable, guaranteed funding for vital programs for Indian Country no matter the circumstances in Washington. Trust and treaty obligations do not vanish because of political games, and funding these programs is not optional.

2. Elevating Tribal priorities to the highest levels of federal government: I know that when it comes to government decisions, it matters who's in the room and what authority they have. As president, I will lead forward-looking efforts to ensure full access to new economic opportunities. For example, a number of Tribal Nations view cannabis as an important economic opportunity. I support full marijuana legalization and have advanced the STATES Act, a proposal that would safeguard the ability of Tribal Nations to make their own marijuana policies.

5. Housing: The housing crisis in Indian Country isn't new, but its severity is shocking. In far too many places, extreme overcrowding is the norm. My housing plan would substantially expand the Indian Housing Block Grant to \$2.5 billion and build or rehabilitate 200,000 homes.

6. Health care: I am calling for a new commitment to Native health care that replaces the current, chronically underfunded regime with one that guarantees funding for all necessary services, ensures access to adequate medical providers throughout Tribal lands, and

includes specific programs designed to zero in on behavioral health and chronic disease issues. And when we achieve Medicare for All, coverage disparities for Native populations can be eliminated.

We also need to ensure new resources to combat substance use disorder, empower tribes to resolve the suicide crisis, and address childhood trauma. I have advanced several legislative proposals to address these issues, from the CARE ACT to the American Indian and Alaska Native Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

7. Education: We will involve Tribal governments as the local administrators of Universal Child Care, fully fund Bureau of Indian Education Schools, and ensure that all students understand the important place Native Nations occupy in American history. Our plan for universal free college would also make it possible for students at Tribal Colleges and Universities to graduate without paying a dime in tuition or fees.

8. Honoring Native veterans: Native Americans serve in the military at among the highest rates in the country. We should honor this service and guarantee that Native veterans receive the services they have earned, including housing assistance to combat the disproportionate risk of homelessness for Native veterans.

9. Public safety and criminal justice: Washington has refused to fully respect tribal sovereignty in criminal justice matters. This has deprived countless crime victims of the opportunity to get justice and fed the ongoing epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women.

10. Tribal lands and tribal sovereignty: Washington must stop putting the interests of companies that want to exploit our environment ahead of the interests of Native people who seek to preserve their sacred sites. As president, I will expand federally protected

land that is important to tribes and protect historic monuments and sacred sites from companies that see it as just another place to drill or mine. I will revoke the improperly granted permits for the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines and make respect for sacred tribal religious interests the law of the land by passing a new Sacred Lands Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

11. Voting rights: We must ensure that Native people have full and equal access to our democracy including making voting convenient and secure and wiping out laws that suppress the vote. I have proposed sweeping reforms to achieve this, and will continue advocating for the Native American Voting Rights Act to combat festering discriminatory practices.

These proposals aren't the last word on everything we'll need to do. As president, I'm committed to continuing to engage and work with Native communities to make sure we do everything we can to support Tribal Nations and indigenous peoples.

And we'll fight side by side as a grassroots movement to live up to our commitments as a country.

Elizabeth Warren



The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act will restore over \$11 billion per year to California's senior services, parks, libraries, schools, community colleges, health clinics, and other vital local services by closing corporate loopholes that were part of Prop 13, while maintaining protections for all residential properties. This proposal will be on the November 2020 ballot. Join CARA and Evolve to learn about this ballot measure.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
10AM – 12PM
UUCSR – GLASER CENTER (ROOM 545)
547 MENDOCINO AVE, SANTA ROSA
FREE. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED – YOU MUST RSVP!
 Call Sandy at 707-888-0748 or send email to sreynolds48@yahoo.com
DOOR DRAWING!

<i>Your Castle</i>	<i>SLEEPING BEAUTY'S CASTLE</i>
Property Taxes Owed: 1.40 per square foot	Property Taxes Owed: 1.05 per square foot
	
Average Californian Family Income: \$61,635	Walt Disney Corp. Annual Income: \$42,278,000,000
The average homeowner is paying 8 TIMES what Disneyland pays in property taxes. <small>Voters passed Prop 13 to protect <i>Your Castle</i>, not <i>Sleeping Beauty's Castle</i>.</small>	

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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:

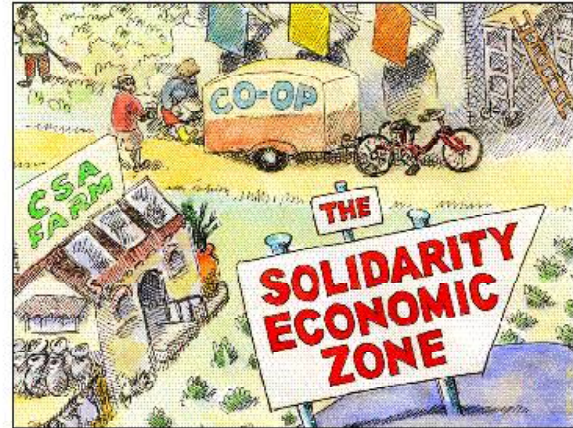
Issues I would like to see MWPC address:

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

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

Fall 2019 Community Workshops:

Building an Economy for Our Common Good
Bringing the Map Alive with
New Organizations and Campaigns



Mendocino Community Center
998 School St.
Mendocino CA 95460

Every Other Saturday
10:00 AM to 12 Noon
8/31/19 - 12/7/19

Jim Tarbell
Author, Editor of *Justice Rising*
Carrie Durkee
Organizer/Educator

Join us in expanding our multi-year mapping project to identify and connect all of the organizations in Mendocino County that are building an Economy for Our Common Good. These enterprises challenge our dominant economic, political and social models by including environmental concerns, social justice and/or economic democracy in their underlying mission. We will also be creating public policies for the common good around housing, the environment, money, education, healthcare, etc

This course takes off from your enthusiastic response to the April, 2019 launching of our map of the Economy for Our Common Good in Mendocino County at the Caspar Community Center. Together we will investigate and clarify the values, rationale and essential elements of Our Economy for the Common Good, while building new organizations and campaigns to support public policies for the common good like public banking and community land trusts. All of this work will guarantee a strong, vital, just and sustainable future in Northern California. Please help us in this important effort. To register for the workshops, call or write Jim at 964-1323 (jtp@mcn.org) or Carrie at 937-2554 (cdurkee@mcn.org).

Go to www.grassroots-institute.org for links to our map and study guides.

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