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Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

Here and There

The election season is shaping up to be a game changer. With both Carre Brown and John McCowen stepping down and Dan Gjerde being challenged, there could be three new members on the Board of Supervisors....Malia Cohen stopped in to visit the MWPC in Ukiah. Carre Brown alerted us and we scrambled to put together a group to greet her. We had over an hour during which time she filled us in on her background, asked which issues were Mendocino interested in and how the "slipt roll" initiative will impact Mendocino. Thank you Mo Mulheren for loaning us your office....Next Democratic debate will be December 19th. Anyone for a Watch Party. The Coast has the option of the Mendocino Hotel. The Inland Democratic Club may have Slam Dunk.



Holiday Party

We will gather to celebrate the holiday season at Janice Lombardi's house, 420 Eastlick St in Ukiah on December 15th from 2 - 5 pm. Please bring finger food. Park on the street. See you there.

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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

December 15
Holiday Party
Janice Lombardi's House
420 Eastlick St
Ukiah
2 - 5 pm

January 16
League of Women Voters
Candidate Forum
Town Hall
Fort Bragg
6 - 8:30 pm
Endorsement Recommendation Follows

January 28
MWPC Candidate Forum
Ukiah Civic Center
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah
6 - 8:30 pm
Endorsement Recommendation Follows

March 1
Women's History
Saturday Afternoon Club
Ukiah

Members

New Members Welcome: Linda Filer, Sandra Linn, Marita McDonagh,

Thank You Renewals: Katrina Frey, Kate Gaston, Josie Herndon, Madelyn McCauley, Ellie Shaeter, Irma Turner, Kristen Turner

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held at Kristana Arp's lovely patio on a warm but not too hot afternoon in September. We approved the bylaw changes and an annual budget.



Coast Meeting

We meet on the Coast on a bimonthly basis. Join us. Check our website for where and when.



Candidate Forums

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, American Association of University Women and the Ukiah Daily Journal have selected January 28th for their Candidate Forum at the Ukiah Civic Center. They will interview 1st and 2nd Supervisor Candidates. The MWPC members will make a recommendation for endorsement of candidates after the forum.

The League of Women Voters will hold a Candidate Forum for the 4th Supervisor Candidates on January at Town Hall in Ft. Bragg from 6:30 to 8. The MWPC members will make a recommendation for endorsement of a candidate after the forum.

Elections

Candidate Filing - November 11 - December 6

Candidate Filing Extension (If Incumbent fails to file) - December 7 - December 11

Judicial Notice of Intent - October 28 - November 6th

Sample Ballots begin to be mailed out - January 23, 2020

First Day for Absentees - February 3, 2020

May begin opening absentee ballots - February 21, 2020

Who is Running?

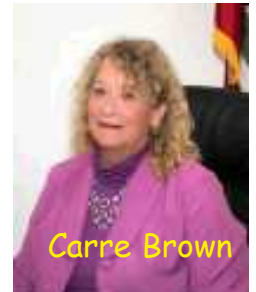
1st District Supervisor (Carre Brown is retiring)

James Green

Jon Kennedy

John Sakowitz

Glen McGourty



2nd District Supervisor (John McGowen is retiring)

Mo Mulheren

Joel Sionila

4th District Supervisor

Lindy Peters

Dan Gjerde

Judges

Patrick Pekin was the only person to file for the open position to fill John Behnke's seat and the deadline has passed. So he is unopposed and I think his name does not appear on the ballot. He would not take office until Jan 2021, tho perhaps the Gov would appoint him to serve in the meantime.

Also same re Jeanine Nadel. No one opposing her. I think they both are not on the ballot. Her new term would start 2021.

Victoria Shanahan was appointed to fill David Riemenschneider's vacancy.

So, as of 2021 the judges will be 5 women: Ann Moorman, Jeanine Nadel, Carli Dolan, Cindee Mayfield, Victoria Shanahan and 3 men: Clay Brennan, Keith Faulder, and Patrick Pekin. Pekin and Faulder have strong minded attorney wives and Clay has the ear of strong minded women.

Mary Ann Villwock

Hospital

At a November 22nd meeting of the Mendocino Coast Healthcare District's Board of Directors it took about two hours to come to a foregone conclusion. The Directors eventually voted 4-1 in favor of a resolution to affiliate with Stone Point Health, a subsidiary of Adventist Health. A second resolution, by the same vote (Director Amy McColley dissenting in each case), sent the affiliation agreement on to the county clerk to place it on the ballot in March for a simple up or down vote.

The ballot wording will be similar to the following:

“With no additional taxes to the taxpayers and to assure continuing emergency medical services, acute hospital inpatient services and outpatient services, with substantial investments by non-profit Stone Point Health to meet the needs of Mendocino Coast residents, shall the Mendocino Coast Health Care District enter into a lease agreement of Mendocino Coast District Hospital for up to thirty (30) years at fair market value to Stone Point Health, per terms approved by Resolution 2019-17 adopted November 22, 2019? YES _ NO _ ”

Taxes

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on November 12 to ask voters to approve a transient occupancy tax on private campgrounds, with an advisory measure directing that the revenue, estimated at one million dollars per year, go to fire agencies. If approved by voters in March, the tax would only apply to the first thirty days of a visit at the campground. Public campgrounds, which comprise about 30% of the camping facilities in the county, are exempt, by state law. Treasurer tax collector Shari Schapmire said that, when her office researched the issue two years ago, public campgrounds cost an average of \$28 per night, while private campgrounds cost about \$41 per night. She thinks it's likely that for this reason, homeless or nearly homeless people who rely on campgrounds for shelter are probably using public campgrounds for the purpose. Visitors staying at private campgrounds will be taxed at the same rate as hotel guests.

People who live at campgrounds will be excluded. TOT doesn't apply after 30 days or where there is a monthly rental agreement.

Ted Williams

Climate Change

The climate crisis is painfully obvious, with deadly hurricanes, droughts, wildfires, floods, heat waves, and melting glaciers. The scientists have been warning us for decades, despite oil companies' and politicians' denials and deception. We face an existential threat to life on earth. We must act now to avoid irreversible catastrophe.

Simultaneously, we face a serious threat to our constitutional democracy. Trump has committed dozens of impeachable offenses, e.g. profiting from his office, obstructing justice, violating court orders, etc. He has openly incited racial hatred and violence. And he himself has confirmed asking a foreign government to meddle in our elections.

All these are well-documented, undeniable facts!

The integrity of our democracy, like the health of our planet, should not be partisan. A president who denies the reality of climate change (going full speed to make it worse) and subverts our Constitution must be impeached and removed from office.

Sincerely,
Madge Strong

Women's History Celebration

This year's Women's History Gala is particularly significant as 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. It also is a rather important election year. With California's primary moving to March we'll have to hit the new year running! This year's event will focus on the youth who are our future. Historical women will be featured, as well.

The theme set by the Women's History Project, with whom MWPC joins in their national celebrations, is Women of the Vote. Nominations for local women who promote democracy and embody political involvement will be due by January 15th.

If you would like to be part of producing this 36th annual Gala, call or email Lynda McClure at 895-3243 or lynda@pacific.net. From basic event logistics and planning to soliciting or providing fundraising items and adventures for auction and new experiences, there is a place for your participation.

Celebrate the Anniversary of Women in the United States Winning the Right to Vote (August 26th)

On August 26, 1920, after three generations of an unrelenting, brilliant, courageous, political campaign, women in the United States won the right to vote. To honor and commemorate the historic date of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced a Congressional Resolution to ensure that this date would be commemorated with the designation of Women's Equality Day, which is celebrated on August 26th each year.

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition celebrates the 100th anniversary of Women Getting the Vote on August 22, 2020. We will use the Kelley House lawn from 2 -4 pm on August 22, 2020 to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment which gave American women the right to vote with music, oral histories, poetry and speeches. This is a proud tradition which we have enacted in 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015. We will be asking the League of Women Voters to join us in this celebration.

Maureen "Mo" Mulheren

I am Maureen Mulheren and I have been serving on the Ukiah City Council for five years. This year as Mayor has been both challenging and rewarding. We had over 30 Council meetings 15,000 pages of reading and countless other Committee meetings. I have enjoyed my work as the Mayor and wanted to invite you to attend the Mayor's Celebration on Wednesday December 4th from 5:30-5:55p in the Civic Center lobby at 300 Seminary Ave in Ukiah. I also wanted to thank you for following my candidacy for Supervisor. This week, the incumbent announced that he will not be seeking re-election. I'd like to personally thank Supervisor McCowen for his years of service to Mendocino County and wish him the best of luck on a well deserved retirement. Even though I'm now running for an open seat, I'm going to continue to work hard to earn your vote and support. If you'd like to learn more about me and my campaign please visit my website at www.mo4mendo.com and follow me on Facebook and Instagram. I look forward to working with you!

Maureen "Mo" Mulheren



On Thursday I was honored to attend the Veterans Luncheon at the Elks Lodge

Malia Cohen

<http://www.boe.ca.gov/cohen/>

Malia M. Cohen serves as a Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), California’s elected tax commission. She was elected to the BOE in November 2018 and is the first African-American woman to serve on the Board.

As the BOE Board Member for District 2, she represents 10 million constituents living in all or parts of 23 counties extending from Del Norte County in the north to Santa Barbara County in the south. In January 2019, her BOE Board Member colleagues unanimously selected her to serve as Chair of the Board.

A strong advocate for social justice and inclusion, Board Member Cohen pledges to ensure that the views of all who come before the Board of Equalization are considered carefully, with respect, civility, and courtesy. She further commits to collaborate with her colleagues to guarantee that all the actions of the BOE are open, transparent, and above reproach.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Equalization, Board Member Cohen served as President of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. She was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.



As a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, she served as the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. As Finance Chair, she oversaw the adoption of an \$11 billion budget, and measures concerning bond issues, taxes, fees, and redevelopment and real estate matters. She also served as a fiduciary member of the San Francisco Transportation Authority, which manages the proceeds of a half-cent sales tax that generates \$100 million annually for transportation investments in the County.

Previously, she served as a Commissioner of the San Francisco Employee Retirement System (SFERS), which manages a \$23 billion pension fund. As President of SFERS, she led efforts to divest from fossil fuels and thermal coal investments and moved \$100 million into a fossil fuel-free index fund.

Throughout her life, Board Member Cohen has fought for diversity and inclusion. She has championed policies and programs that protect public health, foster economic development, promote new affordable housing, and that create good jobs through protecting and expanding our manufacturing base.

Board Member Cohen was born and raised in San Francisco. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Fisk University, a historically Black university in Nashville, Tennessee, and a Master’s in Science in Public Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Women’s Legacy Fund

The primary purpose of the Women’s Legacy Fund of the Community Foundation of Mendocino County is to support organizations in Mendocino County that assist women and girls to strengthen their physical, emotional, intellectual and financial well-being. Annually a focus area will be determined for the grant-making from the broad fields of economic independence, basic needs, safety, reproductive health, education and mental health. It is open to anyone to contribute to now or at their death with a planned gift of any amount. A named component fund is available with a \$10,000 gift.

Megan Barber Allende

Website

Check it out! Our website has our history, our beliefs, our actions and our newsletters. We will post questionnaires of the candidates who we may endorse. So go to it regularly. [Www.mendocinowomen.org](http://www.mendocinowomen.org)



Celebrating The Fifties with Kristy Kelly

Traci Tarquino, Mary Muchowski and Val Muchowski



In 1984, NWPC Mendocino took 6 young women to the Democratic Convention in San Francisco. We stayed in Berkeley and commuted to San Francisco. We attended all the workshop and parties. The kids got to see Walter Mondale selected. Val got to see Geraldine Ferraro selected.

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?



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