



# MWPC

**February 2020 NO. 1**  
**Mendocino Women's Political Coalition**

## **March is Women's History Month**

2020 marks a significant year in our country's democracy. It's the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment securing women the right to vote. It's a presidential election year. It's this decade's census to determine distribution of government resources and representation.

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) celebrates our 37th Annual Women's History Gala on Sunday, March 1st. This year's theme is Valiant Women of the Vote.

The program includes music, spoken word including student contest selections and historical figures, and honoring local women who are selected this year.

It is also MWPC's only fundraising event of the year. With those funds we:

- Promote women in politics by local outreach, mentoring, leadership training and financial support
- Host candidate and other educational forums including with state and national representatives
- Conduct campaign trainings
- Donate to community organizations, causes and emergency relief funds

Our fundraising largely depends on the generosity of businesses and individuals who offer their goods and/or services for our Silent Auction/Drawing (something one person wins) and New Experiences (something a number of people can attend/do).

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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](mailto:vjmuchowski@gmail.com)**

## **Calendar**

**March 1**  
**Women's History**  
**Celebration**  
**Ukiah Saturday**  
**Afternoon Clubhouse**  
**12:00 noon**

**March 3**  
**Primary election**  
**VOTE!**

**August 22**  
**Women's Equality Day**  
**Kelley House**  
**Mendocino**  
**2:00 pm**

Do you have something to offer MWPC's fundraising drive?

Cloud Forest Institute, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, sponsors MWPC's Women's History Gala. Your donation is tax deductible for the amount of money the item brings in. An In Kind Donation Form is available upon request.

### **Our Guest Speaker**

Fiona Ma, is the Treasurer of the State of California. Fiona Ma is California's 34th State Treasurer. She was elected on November 6, 2018 with more votes (7,825,587) than any other candidate for treasurer in the state's history. She is the first woman of color and the first woman Certified Public Accountant (CPA) elected to the position.

The State Treasurer's Office was created in the California Constitution in 1849. It provides financing for schools, roads, housing, recycling and waste management, hospitals, public facilities, and other crucial infrastructure projects that better the lives of residents. California is the world's fifth-largest economy and Treasurer Ma is the state's primary banker.

Her office processes more than \$2 trillion in payments within a typical year. She provides transparency and oversight for the government's investment portfolio and accounts, as well as for the state's surplus funds.

Treasurer Ma oversees an investment portfolio of more than \$102 billion, approximately \$20 billion of which are local government funds. She serves as agent for sale for all State bonds, and is trustee on over \$100 billion of outstanding debt.

### **Our Honorees**

#### **Barbara Bristol**

Barbara Bristol has been a lifelong fighter for equity and diversity. As a teacher she worked with "tough" students teaching them the importance of becoming a good citizens. As AAUW President she



helped the organization to raise money for girls to attend STEM classes at Stanford University and developed scholarships for reentering students and nursing students to attend Mendocino College. As a genre author, she has published 14 books.

#### **Carrie Durkee**

Carrie Durkee practices democratic citizenship by working in committees to establish County Measures and State Propositions that work for the

Common Good. As a member of the Grassroots Institute, she co-facilitates effective community workshops and forums teaching Self Government whereby We the People can progressively develop solutions to the economic and environmental challenges facing us today.

#### **Jackeline Orozco**

Jackeline Orozco has worked very hard to identify people in the Spanish speaking community who are eligible to vote. And then she is there to help people navigate the voting process -- not an easy task for non-English speakers from a country with a different voting system. Through the newspaper she co-edits, *Al Punto*, and the corresponding FaceBook page, Jackie brings people the information they need to participate fully in our community.



#### **Val Muchowski**

Val Muchowski will be given the Bella Abzug\* Passion in Politics Award for 40 years training women to be involved in the political arena.



**\*Bella Abzug**

Bella Savitzky Abzug (July 24, 1920 March 31, 1998), nicknamed "Battling Bella", was an American lawyer, U.S. Representative, social activist and a leader of the Women's Movement. In 1971, Abzug joined other leading feminists such as Gloria Steinem, Shirley Chisholm, and Betty Friedan to found the National Women's Political Caucus.

In 1970, Abzug's first campaign slogan was, "This woman's place is in the House the House of Representatives." She was later appointed to co-chair the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year created by President Gerald Ford's executive order, presided over the 1977 National Women's Conference, and led President Jimmy Carter's National Advisory Commission for Women. Bella legislated Women's Equality Day.

**Mendocino Women's Political Coalition  
Endorses**

The membership voted to endorse:

**Glenn McGourty Supervisor, District 1**

We recommend Glenn McGourty for Mendocino County Supervisor

Glenn McGourty is a farmer, applied scientist and educator. Glenn's professional and volunteer projects have benefitted our community. His work on the Technical Advisory Community for the Ukiah Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency insures that we are not overdrafting ground water. He has been involved in environmental protection and climate mitigation for most of his career. He knows the issues and will work with the other members of the Board to protect Mendocino County.



**Maureen "Mo" Mulheren for Mendocino Supervisor, District 2**

plus make a financial contribution to her campaign  
We recommend Maureen "Mo" Mulheren for Mendocino County Supervisor  
Maureen "Mo" Mulheren has shown leadership in her year as Mayor of Ukiah. She feels

a need to contribute to her community. "Mo" understands the need for housing for all. She has worked to increase the housing stock in Ukiah and will play a major role in helping the County meet its housing goals. "Mo" carries important endorsements of SEIU Local 1021, Mendocino County's workers, Sierra Club, Tom Allman and a host of elected and appointed officials.

**Dan Gjerde for Mendocino Supervisor, District 4**

We recommend Dan Gjerde for Mendocino County Supervisor District 4

Dan Gjerde has served 14 years as a city council member and 7 years on the Board of Supervisors. He has delivered new funding for their fire departments, secured funding for the Summers Lane Reservoir protecting Fort Bragg and the Coast economy from future droughts, promoted housing, stabilizing County finances by doubling the reserve and brought about the resurfacing of 31 roads in the 4th District.



## Members

**Thank You Renewals:** Rachel Binah, Barbara Bristol, Candi Dickerson, Beverly Dutra, Susan Gordon, Anne Gould, Kristie Kelly, Norma Marks, Anne Molgaard, Cathy Monroe, Mo Mulheren, Amanda Reiman, Delynn Rogers, Robin Sunbeam, Maggie Watson

**New Members:** Melanie Bagby, Anita Mulheren, Mary McClanahan-Calvert, Beth Powers, Mari Rodin

## Grassroots Institute

Hello Friends of the Grassroots Institute

This spring, as a part of our ongoing effort to educate and engage everyone in our democracy and the economy for the common good, we hope you will join us in a series of workshops on Election 2020: Creating Our Future. With your help and that of many others, we will educate ourselves on presidential primaries and caucuses; races for the US Senate and House of Representatives; the elections of state legislatures; and ballot initiatives in California and across the country. Then we will take actions already being organized by the Resistance Roundtable and other local and national groups. We will be meet **every other Saturday**, starting February 1, at the Mendocino Community Center from 10:00 AM to Noon. Drop ins are welcome.

Only by engaging in our democracy can we make sure that future public policies support long-term, sustainable solutions to our most pressing problems, We look forward to your participation this election year. Please let us know if you are interested in participating or have questions and suggestions for the workshops. You can contact Jim Tarbell at [rtp@mcn.org](mailto:rtp@mcn.org) or Carrie Durkee at [cdurkee@mcn.org](mailto:cdurkee@mcn.org).

Thanks for all.

Carrie Durkee

## Friends of the Hospital

As a member of **Friends of the Hospital**, I, with others, still haven't given up the fight for a woman's right to have her baby here on the coast.

Currently, we are gathering signatures of coastal folks to petition Partnership HealthCare of California (PHP), the Mendocino MediCal arm, to pay what it costs for an actual Labor & Delivery (L&D) birth, rather than the current negotiated fee much below the cost of delivering a baby. Because of this inadequate reimbursement, almost all hospitals lose money on L&D. Some close their L&D department (like they did in Willits) if there's another hospital close by; other more strategic or better run hospitals have departments that make so much money they can cover the losses of L&D.

Everyone wins if PHP increases its L&D payments: our community can be assured of safe births. It would mean additional income for MCDH/Adventist Health, and, in the long run, PHP saves costs for ambulance service/helicopters over the hill and a lifetime of caring for developmental and disabled children born compromised by not having coastal L&D services.

Labor & Delivery deserves to be a community service, not simply judged on whether or not it makes or loses money.

Sincerely,

Linda Jupiter

Fort Bragg

## Rebecca's Rant

Please, please read, think

We the people, we the people,

In democracy use voice, use vote

Come on, come on forward and persistent

HOPE above Fear,

JRebecca Sandridge / Willits, CA

### Town Hall Meeting with John Haschak

Town Hall Meeting with John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor  
Wednesday Evening, April 29th, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Willits, CA  
A perfect time to share with our Supervisor.

Sponsored by:

Little Lake Grange #670, and

Willits Branch, American Association of University Women (AAUW).

For more information call (707)972-7070

### Public Bank

Yes there is a great deal of activity on it. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, and San Diego are all competing to be first. But it takes quite a bit of work coming up with a business plan, and before that they have to come up with the funding for it.

Best wishes,  
Ellen Brown



### Candidate Night for District 1 and 2



Malia Cohen Visits MWPC



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Mo Mulheren is endorsed by MWPC and given a donation to help in her campaign



Fiona Ma speaking on August 2015 Women's Equality Day



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

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**Valiant Women of the Vote**

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Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse 107 S. Oak St, Ukiah

**2020 Mendocino Honorees**

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Jackeline Orozco

Fiona Ma, Speaker  
CA State Treasurer

Kelda Britton  
Speaker

Val Muchowski  
Carrie Durkee

**VOTE**

**MUSICIANS  
HISTORICAL  
PERFORMANCES  
FUNDRAISERS  
APPETIZERS,  
COFFEE/TEA  
DESSERTS**

In support of education and opportunity for women  
to participate in leadership and governance.

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Mendocino Women's Political Coalition  
American Association of University Women - Ukiah  
Mendocino County Office of Education  
Cloud Forest Institute

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
\$10  
SUGGESTED  
DONATION  
AT THE DOOR**