



# MWPC

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**Mendocino Women's Political Coalition**

## Here and There

Wow! Who would have believed the year we have been through? We have a year-end revenue of a couple of our high spots.

## Women's History Gala 2021

It's a new year, thank goddess. Typically MWPC would be deep in production of our annual Women's History Gala on the first Sunday in March. But we are not back to typical yet. So what do we do in 2021 to celebrate women in our county and fundraise for our political advocacy work for women?

- Have the Gala later in the year outside
- Have an on-line/virtual Gala

Other ideas? Want to help make this year's Gala the unique event it deserves? There is the Honoree selection process, publicity, the program, the fundraising element, and logistics. If you have something to offer, please contact Lynda McClure at 895-3243 or [lynda@pacific.net](mailto:lynda@pacific.net)

Due to Covid shut downs, which went into effect right after last year's Gala, none of the New Experiences were done, though I'm sure you all had some new experiences over this PAST year. The New Experience hosts are still ready to provide their offerings, and people who signed up for those will still enjoy the experiences when they can be presented.

*Lynda McClure*

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

**Call Val Muchowski (234-9000), or e-mail it to [vjmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:vjmuchowski@gmail.com)**

## Calendar

**January 20, 2021**  
**Inauguration of**  
**Joe Biden**  
**And**  
**Kamala Harris**



## January 6th

Vice President Pence is about to be in an awkward position: Next week he'll be presiding over the final confirmation that Joe Biden won the 2020 presidential election.

Pence is supposed to serve as the presiding officer when Congress meets Jan. 6 to confirm the electoral college's results. That's got some Trump allies hoping they can find a way around the law to get Pence to actually award the election to President Trump.

Rep. Louis Gohmert -Tex.) has filed a lawsuit in federal court trying to throw out an 1880s election law that governs Pence's role in the process. He is not shy about why: He wants Pence to have total control over counting the votes from states, and then award the election to Trump.

It's extremely unlikely courts will take his legal challenge seriously. Pence will almost certainly have to declare Biden the winner as his boss refuses to concede. Here are the limited options facing the vice president on Jan. 6.

First, what happens on Jan 6 and what Pence's role is

When Congress meets to confirm Joe Biden won the election, Vice President Pence has an administrative role.

Under federal election law, states send their electoral college vote totals to Congress to be counted and confirmed. It's the final confirmation that Biden won; after this, all that's left is to inaugurate him. The process is largely a formality, since election law says Congress has to treat results from states approved by Dec. 8 as "conclusive." This year, as in most years, all states approved their results by then.

## Membership

**Thanks** to the 56 Women who have renewed their membership. Many at a Sponsoring or Sustaining Level.

**Welcome:** Rebecca Sandridge

## Join us!

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Mail your Regular Membership \$25 check to:  
MWPC, PO Box 1140, Ukiah, CA 95482

Or visit our Webpage! <https://mendocinowomen.org/> Join using PayPal!

Or you may wish to contribute more any amount will help women!

Sponsoring Membership (Yes, I d like to make sure that all women belong.) - \$50

Sustaining Membership (I wish to contribute more to accomplish our goals.) - \$100.

Your Name:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

Cell phone:

*Janice Lombardi*



**Carre Brown**

When Carre Brown retired from the Board of Supervisors, MWPC wrote the following letter to the Board.

Dear Carre,

The Mendocino Women’s Political Coalition thanks you for your years of service to Mendocino County. For 12 years you have taken a thankless job and handled it with dignity and grace. These years have not been easy. There has been drought, fire, economic depression and now a pandemic.

We really appreciate your

service to the Women of Mendocino County. You have honored our local women by proclaiming March “Women’s History Month”, writing the Proclamation each year, presenting it to the Board, publicizing it in the local papers and participating in the ceremony itself. You came with your tablecloths, worked with the silent auction and made sure that local honorees were celebrated

You have served on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) with distinction. This important organization gave you the ability to conference with other counties, testify before the State Legislature and become an advocate for Mendocino County.

You have been a favorite speaker at the MWPC campaign trainings where you have shared your campaign experience with humor and wisdom while giving needed encouragement to local aspiring politicians.

As the only woman on the board, you have spoken up for minority and low income women. You served as a role model for those who will come after you. Thank you!

*In sisterhood,  
Val Muchowski  
MWPC Chair*



**Carrie Brown Replies**

Thank you all for your support in originally getting me elected and during my tenure of service as an elected official for the County of Mendocino. Truly, it has been an honor to serve and I know I will miss this commitment.

The last 12 years as a County Supervisor has been very challenging with one disaster after another! I compare it to being on a roller co-star ride without wearing a seat belt. Just hang on tight and do the work expected by constituents.

The past months with the pandemic has been very different but prepared me for being home. No fewer meetings, or less hours in prep work, however, the commutes to be in attendance did lessen the 24/7 the job requires.

I am ready to slow down, but will not stop doing public service or volunteering in my community. I do have several efforts in mind that I will embrace in the future.

Every group needs a woman serving! I am so pleased the Board of Supervisors will continue with a female serving, in fact only the seventh in Mendocino County history. Go Mo!

## Mo Elected

This evening I officially resigned from the Ukiah City Council. I served the community as a Council Member and Mayor for six years. On Monday 1/4/20 at 11:30am I will be sworn in as the Second District Supervisor for Mendocino County.

Some of the tasks that we tackled on the Council seemed small and insignificant, others seemed like big changes to our community but they were all important. I will be eternally grateful for my relationship with my colleagues as well as for our friendship. I have grown as a leader with the support of my fellow Council members, the community and the MWPC team and I look forward to serving the residents and community as the Second District Supervisor for Mendocino County.

I will continue to work hard for our community to build connection and create positive change. For those that are interested I will keep regular updates on my Facebook page @ Mo4Mendo and on my website at [www.MaureenMulheren.com](http://www.MaureenMulheren.com)

Best wishes for a Happy New Year,

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## Lois Lockart

My Dear Friends,

How can I say thank you for your friendship and kindness through the years.

I want to explain my current situation. On June 25 of this year the sprinkler system in my apartment caused the ceiling to fall into my bedroom and part of the living room! The owner and his insurance company said it was normal wear (?) And tear (?) Of the system therefore he was not financially liable for my personal loss!?

So, I've had to rent two storage units for damaged goods to be stored with the hope I may find some items re-usable!!

I am currently in temporary housing through Northern Circle Indian Tribal Property Management (in Ukiah - Waugh Lane). I'm hoping to get in line for the current new apartment construction I see around Ukiah. Anyway, I'm using my daughter's home residence address: 250 Pinoleville Drive, Ukiah, 95482. My new telephone is (707) 462-2314. Boy Have I learned the cracks in senior assistance through this nightmare!!

I am currently serving on the Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury, the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Board, the Mendocino County Archaeological Commission because I serve as an alternate/tribal elder/Sherwood Valley Rancheria and appointed this year to the Mendocino County Museum/Cultural Department. The first tribal person to be seated there in Mendocino County!!??

So anyway, the COVID issue has not be beneficial to doing county business in a good way!!

Hope all of you are enjoy the Christmas Holiday Season and have a Happy New Year -2021! Can you believe it!! Miss seeing you Wonderful Ladies - take care of yourself!

*Sincerely, Lois Lockart*

*(Redwood Flower, Daughter of the late Ceremonial Chief Lukiah - AKA Lou Lockart, a man of his word)*

### **Vergilia Dakin**

Henry S Dakin, From Physics to Metaphysics, Guns to Toys. Laura Drewes, with me helping, put 108 stories together that describe mostly his working life in San Francisco. There are many historic gems that have to do with the very early years of computers, helping to end the Cold War with Russia through Citizen Diplomacy, and being on the side of conservation wherever possible. It is a good read ... the book is now available at Mendo Books on consignment. Otherwise, it is available at Amazon:

*Vergilia Dakin*

### **Notes from JRebecca Sandridge's Holiday Letter**

#### **2020-2021 WINTER HIGH HOLIDAYS**

We're lucky to be alive today's dark elongated major health and economic and political losses affecting where and how we live. It is truly time to bring back and strengthen correct growth in our American Democracy. But not asleep at the wheel.

Peace love joy respect & understanding!

*Sincerely - JRebecca Sandridge/Willits, CA*

#### ***The following are gifts from JRebecca Sandridge's Holiday Letter***

*In these Dissenting Times  
by Alice Walker (B.1944)*

To acknowledge our ancestors means we are that we did not make ourselves, that the line stretches all the way back, perhaps to God or Gods. We remember them because it is an easy thing to forget: that we are no the first to suffer, rebel, fight, love and die. The grace with which we embrace life, in spite of the pain, the sorrows, is always a measure of what has gone before

*Life's Gifts...from Dreams  
by Olive Schreiner, African*

I SAW A WOMAN SLEEPING. In her sleep she dreamt Life stood before her, and held in each hand a gift - in one Love, in the other Freedom. And she said to the woman, "Choose!"

And the woman waited in: and she said, "Freedom!" And Life said "Thou has well chosen. If thou hast said "Love," I would have given thee that thou didst ask for; and I would have gone from thee, and returned to thee no more. Now the day will come when I return. In that day I shall bear both gifts in one hand.

I heard the woman laugh in her sleep.

### ***The Opening Keynote Address at NGO Forum on Women, Beijing 1995***

The United Nations has recognized that tolerance, human rights, democracy and peace are closely related. Without tolerance, the foundations of democracy and respect for human rights cannot be strengthened, and the achievement of peace will remain elusive"....

There is an outmoded Burnese proverb still recited by men who wish to deny that women

too can play a part in bringing necessary change and progress to their society. "The dawn arises only when the rooster crows." But the Burnese people today are well aware of the scientific reasons behind the rising of dawn and the fall of the dusk. An intelligent rooster surely realizes that it is because dawn comes that it crows and not the other way around. It crows to welcome the light that has come to relieve the darkness of night. It is not the prerogative of men alone to light to this world; women with their capacity for compassion and self-sacrifice, their courage and perseverance, have done much to dissipate the darkness of intolerance and hate, suffering and despair.

### **Fiona Ma**

We are living in uncertain times. But one thing certain is that the California State Treasurer's office will carry out our vital role as the state's banker, and do so in a way that protects staff and the public.

We will keep processing the more than \$2 trillion that comes through our office each year, continue selling bonds and managing bond debt, and carry on managing our investment portfolio of more than \$97 billion. Similarly, the 16 boards, commissions and authorities that I chair will continue to serve the public, hospitals, businesses, and help spur housing and economic development.

I will also continue to share useful information, including resource lists for small businesses and individuals affected by COVID-19.

As we carry on our work, we are practicing social distancing by conducting meetings by phone, remaining vigilant about cleaning and washing hands, and following guidelines for telecommuting so our employees and the public remain safe.

I urge everyone else to do the same. Working together and following safety guidelines is our best hope for saving lives and defeating the pandemic.

*In Peace and Friendship,  
Treasurer Fiona Ma*



# January Planning for 100th Anniversary in San Diego



# February Candidate Forum



  
**Mendocino Women's Political Caucus**  
 Supporting, Training, Electing and  
 Appointing Women to Public Office

**Congratulations to all endorsed Candidates!**  
 The Results from the March 3, 2020 Elections are below!

<p><b>Supervisor District 1</b></p> <p><b>Gavin McQuarty</b> top vote getter Election in November</p> 	<p><b>Supervisor District 2</b></p> <p><b>Maureen McGinnis</b> top vote getter Election in November</p> 
<p><b>Supervisor District 4</b></p> <p><b>Don Gjerde</b> Success</p> 	

**37th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration**  
**Valiant Women of the Vote**

MARCH 1st, SUNDAY, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Program 10:00am  
 Stanley Sherman Conference, 307 S. Oak St., Ukiah

 Barbara Baker	 Jacqueline O'Connell	 Linda S. Smith	 Cynthia S. Smith
<b>2020 Mendocino Honorees</b>			
 Linda S. Smith	 Maureen McGinnis	 Barbara Baker	 Cynthia S. Smith



In support of education and equality for women to participate in leadership and governance.  
 Sponsored by the Mendocino Women's Political Caucus, American Association of University Women - Ukiah, Mendocino County Office of Education, Clear Power Institute.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
 \$10  
 Reservations:  
 708-431-1111



***Black  
Lives  
Matter***





# Ruth Passes



# Fort Bragg





*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

**Join MWPC**



We've had time to smell our flowers,  
now time to invite others to join us.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Mendocino-Womens-Political-Coalition-MWPC-126303984061526/>

Our Website:

<https://mendocinowomen.org/>

Dues: \$25.00

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