



# MWPC

**July 2021 NO. 3**  
**Mendocino Women's Political Coalition**

*"Val and the MWPC are a rockstar coalition of ethical, hardworking, civil and humanitarian political coalition that has fought for civil rights and egalitarian values for decades. They have my great respect and complete confidence that they will always be on the side of truth and justice., "*

*Delaine Eastin,  
Ret. Superintendent of California Schools.*

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## Calendar

*July 18*

*Thank You Carre Brown  
Grace Hudson Room  
431 S. Main St.  
Ukiah  
2 - 4 pm*

*August 21*

*Celebrate Women Winning the Vote  
Kelly House Museum  
45007 Albion St.  
Mendocino  
Parade 1:30 pm  
Program 2:00 pm*

*September 14*

*Recall Election  
**VOTE!***

## YOU ARE INVITED!

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at [jmjmj3@comcast.net](mailto:jmjmj3@comcast.net) or (707-391-7505)

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### Letter from Carre Brown

At first I had a hard time over being retired! I would wake up 4-5am and ask myself where do you need to be?, have you gone over all your meeting material?, etc., etc. I also routinely went over all the agendas for the BOS meetings and the other bodies I sat on. Listened into their proceedings. Due to the State restrictions for one year after leaving office, I am disallowed to advocate/lobby with certain exceptions. I told myself I had to stop and I have! I know people will call or email if I can be of help. Actually they have, lots early on, but lately it has been quiet except for issues on our drought. Having chaired the County Drought Task Force in 2014 (w/o any staffing) I had knowledge to share and to help.

It will be wonderful to see everyone on July 18th. I have kept myself sheltered in mostly even though I have been vaccinated. With the reopening, yahoo!

Let me know what works,

*Carre Brown*

### Attending Fiona Ma's birthday for MWPC

Actually Fiona Ma's birthday is in March. She wanted to wait to celebrate until she could have an in person event without masks. Her friend opened her home a beautiful three-story with waders carrying food to the third-floor where she was holding court. There was an outside deck with couches and people and an inside room with couches as well.

The caterers were busy in the kitchen on the first floor making delicious bite-size nibbles for a beautiful and also a young man playing the grand piano on the first floor. I talk to some interesting people - Troy and Betty in real estate, Atash moving from Kaiser (nonprofit) to pharmaceuticals. I enjoyed the adventure and the party. It was fun to dress up again.

*Helen Sizemore*



### Our Members

#### Anne Molgaard

Anne Molgaard, "a team player," to Lead Public Health Mendocino County has named Anne Molgaard as the Transition Director for the Public Health Branch of Health & Human Services. Ms. Molgaard is a skilled administrator with over 30 years experience in health and human services both in the nonprofit and government sectors.

CEO Carmel J. Angelo said, "Anne will lead Public Health through this transition from Health and Human Services to separate departments. She is known for her organizational analysis and practical approach to public service. While the Board of Supervisors conducts its strategic planning process and makes a final decision about the configuration of health and human service departments, Anne will ensure that Public Health services continue."

Board of Supervisors Chair Dan Gjerde added, "Anne Molgaard is perfect for this new role. She has a well-earned reputation for listening, evaluating a situation, and bringing forward thoughtful solutions." She joined the County as Chief Operations Officer for the Health & Human Services Agency in 2016 where she streamlined contracting processes, simplified hiring practices, and increased transparency in communications both internally and with the public. According to Supervisor Maureen Mulheren, "Anne is a responsive and effective manager. She is supported by County employees and the community."



Before joining the County Health & Human Services Agency, Ms. Molgaard was the founding Director of FIRST 5 Mendocino, where she served for 16 years. Anne worked closely with Public Health while at FIRST 5 Mendocino, collaborating to develop the county-wide children's health insurance program, Healthy Kids Mendocino, the Pediatric Dental Initiative, and home visiting program. Supervisor Ted Williams remarks, "I believe in Anne's competency to extricate Public Health." Molgaard stated, "My directive is to evaluate Public Health resources and to stabilize the department."



### Wendy DeWitt

Hello world! Sure feels good seeing you dancing, loving on each other, and enjoying music live and in person. We've got some good news... Hopland Tap is hosting Blues Invitational every Wednesday at 7. Each week a differ-

ent guest gets the spotlight, and the last set is a rollicking time with a varying line up of experienced blues artists who'll keep your feet moving and your soul happy. The Blues Invitational Jam is top notch and you never know who will be there.

Takezo joins us... The Soul Man From Japan! Bird & Beckett on July 10.

Boogie Workshop live stream! One good thing we picked up last year is realizing we don't have to drive all the time. Zoom on in and pick up some tips to lively up your boogie woogie playing. Sunday, July 11 at 2:00. World wide.

Music is love, let's share some...

Drop us a line at [wette@wettemusic.com](mailto:wette@wettemusic.com)

Visit the web site at [WendyDeWitt.com](http://WendyDeWitt.com)

Stop in at Twitter at or Facebook at TQOBW

Booking: 707/467-9343

### Mari Rodin

Who could have predicted how events would unfold in the Fall of 2020? Life for all of us was as freakish and aberrant as it has ever been with Covid-19 and sheltering in place. But add campaigning to that and a surprise diagnosis of ovarian cancer a month before the election and things get even weirder! Disorienting. Unpredictable.

I had surgery in early October and then chemotherapy. I began to think in January, when I was about half way through chemo, that I needed to ground myself after so much upheaval. That is, do something familiar and do it consistently. I also wanted

to be involved in something that mattered, interesting, and bigger than me. That's when it occurred to me that perhaps I should consider vying for appointment to the Ukiah city council seat vacated by Mo Mulheren when she was elected to the Board of Supervisors. The more I thought about it, the more excited I felt. Certainly I felt qualified, since I'd already served in the position for 11 years from 2002-2013. Thus, I would know what I was doing no disorientation. I would be familiar with most of the issues facing the City and familiar with much of the staff. Perfect!

I wasn't a shoe-in for the appointment. Eight people were competing. One of them had, like me, served previously on the city council. All of them had strengths to offer the council. After each of the candidates gave short presentations to the four sitting council members via Zoom, the council deliberated. Ultimately, I was nominated and voted in unanimously, which felt great.

It has been almost six months since my first meeting. I am very grateful to have been appointed and extremely happy to be serving my community. I have been able to jump right in to the issues, able avoid most of the learning curve. I frequently notice that my prior experience is contributing to our discussions and to my understanding of the issues that come before us. It is also nice to know how to deal with issues and questions raised by constituents that is, who to go to to get my questions answered. I feel that I am effective.

I am very, very happy these days. I'm feeling well, strong, and just busy and engaged enough to keep my life meaningful without losing balance. Thank you, Val, for inviting me to catch you up on my life on the Ukiah City council.



## Growing the Commons: Spring 2021



### Carrie Duree

Mendocino's future is threatened by epic wildfires, droughts and power outages, directly linked to climate change. It's critical our county fully engage in a common effort to honestly confront climate change with efficient, effective, and comprehensive action.

We are jump-starting this action by recommending to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah and Willits a "do-able" three pronged strategy for action outlined below to reduce county government's dependence on fossil fuel, provide and promote the use of clean solar electricity for tourists and residents using electric vehicles, and modernize the Mendocino Transit Authority's fleet with clean electric buses by dedicating at least 10% of the funds they are receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) funds to implement the following initiatives:

**Installation of Photo-voltaic (PV) Panels on Municipal Buildings** - Photo-voltaic systems have a proven track record providing reliable clean electricity. Once installed, PV systems substantially lower the need to purchase electricity from commercial suppliers, and often provide new revenues through the sale of excess electricity. Installing PV systems is consistent with the City's previously adopted energy conservation and climate change goals. Indeed, the City has already done much of the prerequisite research into which municipal buildings would be best suited to PV panel applications. Installation is a one time capital improvement, which enhances the City's long term fiscal security and sustainability.

**Install Additional Electric Car Charging Stations** - The health of Fort Bragg's economy is strongly linked to tourism. Electric car owners are a growing segment of consumers traveling to coastal destinations. The City's ability to attract a strong market share of tourists using electric vehicles will be significantly increased by ensuring easy convenient access to electric vehicle charging stations. Further, electric vehicles are favored by a growing number of City residents as a clean alternative to fossil fuel. Adding charging stations will directly serve the needs of these City residents. The Grassroots Institute also recommends combining installation of municipal PV systems with installation of electric vehicle charging stations and Public Safety Power Shutoff battery charging stations wherever possible as a way to further capture multiple public benefits.

**Transition Public Transportation to Electric Vehicles** - The Grassroots Institute urges the City to collaborate with the



Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) to convert as much as possible to electric vehicles. Converting the public transit system fleet provides an excellent one time capital investment consistent with grant nature of American Rescue Act funding. The Grassroots Institute further urges the City and MTA explore how smaller more efficient electric vehicles might be used to expand services routes at the same or reduced cost.



Solarize Local Government



Add EV Charging Countywide



Help MTA Go Solar Electric

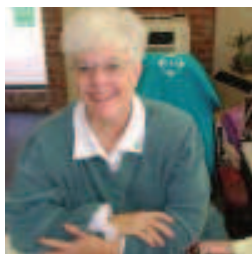
### Carole Hester

I was on the County Grand Jury two years, this past year off, then I'll be empaneled this August for another year's service. People (including family) inquire, "Why?" and I respond, "I'm too old to go in the military (!!!) so this is one way I can serve my country and try to make my County better."

Some people did major projects during the pandemic...I made music, along with friends.

Below are links to video recordings created for personal use and comfort, as well as a resource for churches' worship services during the long months of COVID-19 Pandemic (2020/2021).

Lisa Schafer, Dr. Max Lyall, Mary Ashford and Neil Church are pianists. Blake Phillips is on trumpet, John Hester plays string bass. The women's ensemble Voices of Grace has a number. Videographer is Cheryl Johnson. We all did this as our gift to the world in honor of our Lord.



Sola gratia - by Grace alone  
 Sola fide - by Faith alone  
 Solus Christus - through Christ alone  
 Soli Deo gloria - glory to God alone

To hear more of Carole's music, email her at [carolehester@juno.com](mailto:carolehester@juno.com)

Swing low, Sweet Chariot  
<https://youtu.be/XBtfl1XsFQ4>

Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound  
[https://youtu.be/5-\\_xzHApFLI](https://youtu.be/5-_xzHApFLI)

### Celebrate the Anniversary of Women in the United States Winning the Right to Vote

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 21, 2021. We will use the Kelley House lawn from 2 -4 pm on August 21, 2021 to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment which gave American women the right to vote with music by the Coast Women's Choir, 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 and the Soroptimist to join us in this celebration.

We will also place a banner across State St. in Ukiah and at the Ukiah Civic Center to celebrate Women's Equality Day.



*Maureen "Mo" Mulheron's Family*



*Lynda McClure's Kids*



## Celebrating Women's Equality



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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

**Join MWPC**



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

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Our Website:

<https://mendocinowomen.org/>

Dues: \$25.00

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is more determined than ever to increase the number of women elected to office across California and throughout the country. We do this by what we've always done best: Identifying, recruiting, training, and financially supporting women candidates. The important work of MWPC is made possible by membership dues, especially in election years. Financial backing comes with MWPC endorsement for our women.