



# MWPC

## Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

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

With March being Women's History Month, our Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) has been drawing our annual theme from the National Women's History Alliance to select three Mendocino County women to honor who embody the theme. This year the theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope". The Women's History Gala will be on March 20, 2022 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse with doors opening at noon. The program will run from 1 -3 pm.

Traditionally, the Gala includes music, poetry, speeches from the Honorees, a silent auction, and a featured elected CA State speaker. MWPC has been leading this major Mendocino County event for 39 years with all of the electeds from the area in attendance. This is the only fundraiser for MWPC to help us provide training for candidates to run successful campaigns for political office; to sponsor public candidate forums; to endorse women and men candidates who actively support and promote our core purposes; and to provide campaign assistance and financial contributions.

We are excited to have Wendy DeWitt as our M.C. Malia Cohen will be our guest speaker. We will honor three wonderful Mendocino Women. You get to pick them.

#### **Nominations Are Open for Honorees: 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration**

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC), Ukiah AAUW and the Cloud Forest Institute has launched the planning for the 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration to be held at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse in Ukiah. Mark your Calendars & Save the Date: March 20, 2022. Three women in Mendocino County will be honored to represent the 2022 theme: **"Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope"**

The National Women's History Month theme for 2022 honors women who, in both public and private life, provide healing and promote hope for the betterment of all. Our Mendocino County 2022 Honorees may represent many diverse backgrounds and each may have made her mark in a different field. Our theme is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

While each Honoree will be extraordinary, each will also be ordinary in her own way. Most importantly, the 2022 Honorees will inspire women and girls to follow.

Please send your nomination via email to [vjmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:vjmuchowski@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. **Name** of nominee to include her telephone number(s) and email address.
  2. Two sentences to explain how your nominee fits the 2022 theme.
  3. Three paragraphs to describe why your nomination deserves to be a 2022 Honoree.
  4. **Deadline:** All nominations must be received by February 4, 2022
- If you submit more than one nominee, please remember to send a separate email for each of your nominations. When you prepare your email submission, make the subject: 2022 Nomination.

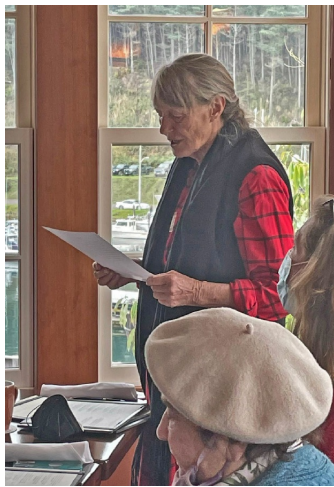
### **Silent Auction**

What do you have to contribute to the silent auction? Sailing with you on San Francisco Bay? Studio in Berkeley Hills? A 5 course all-vegan Brunch for 8? A One-Hour Massage? Jewelry? Wine? Contact Val at [vjmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:vjmuchowski@gmail.com)

### **New Experiences**

What do you have to contribute to New Experiences? Making creme puffs? A walk around Leonard Lake? A concert at your place? Contact Val at [vjmuchowski@gmail.com](mailto:vjmuchowski@gmail.com)

### **Coast Holiday Party**



**Lynda McClure**



**Irene Malone**



**Maggie Watson**

## Malia 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, served as Chair in 2019, 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.

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.

She announced her candidacy for State Controller during the California Democratic Party (CDP) 2021 convention.

*"I am running because I am committed to equity, empowerment, hope and opportunity for all Californians,"* Cohen said.



### Coast Holiday Party



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## **Holiday Parties**

Instead of an Annual Meeting, we decided to have two Holiday Parties. We held the Inland Holiday Party at Miss Saigon in Ukiah. We held the Coast Holiday Party at the Noyo River Lodge in Fort Bragg. We will sprinkle pictures through the newsletter. MWPC paid for everyone's lunches and through donations, a 50/50 raffle and Wendy Dewitt and Kyle Mayers' skillful live auction, we came out a few hundred dollars ahead.

## **Members**

**Welcome New Member:** Nicole Glentzer

**Thank You Renewals:** Rachel Binah, Vergilia Dakin, Beverly Dutra, Martha Hyde, Mary Flannery Kraut, Jone Lemos, Lois Lockart, Susan Nutter, Virginia Reynolds, Katarzyna Rolzinski, Tanya Smart, Bonnie Tillotson

## **Nicole Glentzer**

I started my career in education over 26 years ago when I took a job as a bilingual paraprofessional. I fell in love with working with students and decided to become a teacher and later an administrator. Ten years ago I became the superintendent of Potter Valley and I currently serve as Assistant Superintendent for HR of Ukiah Unified.

Administrative experience in one of our county's smallest districts, as well as our largest gives me unique insight to how the County Superintendent can better serve our Districts and students. I also have the perspective of a Mendocino County parent. My husband and I have a son who graduated from Potter Valley High in 2019 and our younger son currently attends Ukiah High School.

The role of the county superintendent of schools is to provide support and oversight to school districts in the county. Specifically, the county office of education provides fiscal oversight and technical assistance in matters such as budgets, accountability plans, and keeping up with changes from the California Department of Education. Additionally, the county superintendent should be a source of support for the district superintendents.

This is a significant area of need in Mendocino county, which is why I am running for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools. In conversations with teachers, staff, administrators, and parents across the county, it is clear that Mendocino County Office of Education needs new leadership to overcome the challenges we face. My 26 years of experience in education, as a paraprofessional, teacher, and administrator give me the unique ability to rise to the occasion. To find out more about me and my campaign, go to [ElectNicoleGlentzer.com](http://ElectNicoleGlentzer.com).



Our members are always involved.

**Lois Lockart** was appointed to the Mendocino County Behavioral Health Advisory Board representing the First District.

## ERA

What is the MWPC asking participants interested in the ERA to do?

Rally for the ERA - On the two-year anniversary of the final ERA ratifying state, Jan 27, and in partnership with the ERA Coalition, Feminist Majority, and NOW is hosting a rally in Washington DC, followed by a march to the Department of Justice. You can also attend this rally virtually. To find out more, please visit: <https://www.eracoalition.org/events/jan27>



We're less than one month away from one of the most important days for our movement for equality. We couldn't be more excited over here at the ERA Coalition!

Since Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment on January 27, 2020, we've been waiting for the constitutionally mandated two-year waiting period to end. January 27, 2022 marks the end of that wait.

It's the day that every constitutional requirement has been met. It marks the day that the ERA should be officially published to the Constitution. But there's one catch. Congress failed us by adding a time limit and it's the only thing that is stopping history from being made.

For more than 100 years, we have shed blood, sweat, and tears to get to this point. And we never gave up. We won't give up now when we're this close.

Will you donate to our Certify the ERA Fund before 2021 closes out? With your support, we'll be able to ratchet up our actions even more in January, so the U.S. Senate and Department of Justice hear us loud and clear: no excuses, no time limits!

Thank you for speaking out and showing everyone that it's time for the ERA.

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## bell hooks

Trailblazing feminist thinker and author bell hooks who is known for her work on sexuality, gender and race dies aged 69 after 'extended illness'

bell hooks, the groundbreaking author, educator and activist whose explorations intertwined race, gender, economics and politics, has died

The 69-year-old, who was one of the most influential thinkers of her time, died of an 'extended illness' according to the college she worked at

Starting in the 1970s, hooks' published dozens of books that helped shape popular and academic discourse

hooks was born Gloria Jean Watkins in 1952 in the segregated town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, She later gave herself the pen name bell hooks in honor of her maternal great-grandmother Author Saeed Jones.





### Remembering Sarah Weddington

Sarah Weddington was a recent law school graduate when she met Norma McCorvey, better known as Jane Roe who was seeking an abortion in Texas. Weddington took on McCorvey's case and argued it all the way to the Supreme Court, where she was just 26 years old when she presented her arguments. They won. Sarah was elected to the Texas House of Representative for three terms. She also served as an assistant to President Jimmy Carter. In later years Sarah taught law at the University of Texas-Austin and at Texas Women's University.



Wendy DeWitt



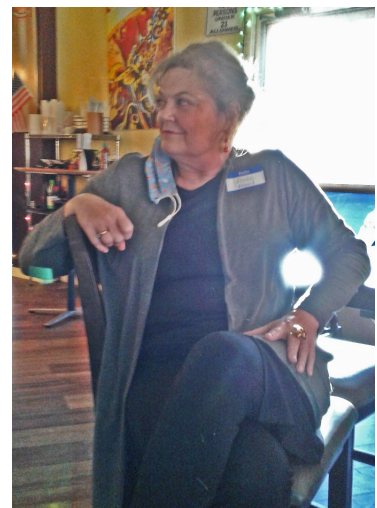
Helen Sizemore



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