

February 2023 Number 2

Dear MWPC Member;

We are in the planning stage of the annual Women's History Gala, to be held on Sunday, March 5th. There are several ways you can participate in this wonderful event, which is our only fundraiser of the year.

Sponsorship – There are 4 levels of Sponsorship and all are listed in the print program:

Friend for \$25

Sponsor for \$50 includes 2 ticket

Benefactor for \$100 includes 4 tickets

Supporter for \$250 includes 10 tickets

Food & Event Help – Along with our sister organization

co-sponsor, American Association of University Women (AAUW), we provide tasty treats to the Gala attendees. This year AAUW members will provide sweet finger food and MWPC members will provide savory snacks. Please consider making your culinary delight to deliver to the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse the morning of the event.

We also need help with set up, entry table, food serving, silent auction/raffle monitoring and distribution at the end of the event, and clean up.

Fundraising items – Typically we do a Silent Auction and/or New Experiences, and we have done a Raffle as well. Since this is the foundation of our fundraising we need Silent Auction items that are solicited from stores or otherwise produced. Also, we are looking for things groups of people can do as New Experiences. For example, we have a Wildflower Walk at Leonard Lake that is quite popular and the 15 person limit is always reached quickly. Our very own Queen of Boogie Woogie Wendy DeWitt has given house concerts that fill and rock the venue. Over the years we have had various workshops and adventures. Any items or experiences you can contribute will be much appreciated.

This year is shaping up to be another special afternoon, honoring outstanding women in our communities, and celebrating women in politics in our county and beyond. Please join us!

On behalf of the Planning Committee,

Lynda McClure

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MWPC Brunch on the Coast

Join us at Princess Seafood on Saturday, February 18 at 1 pm. We will celebrate the Coast members and have a joyous occasion! Is there someone from Ukiah who would drive some folks over to the Coast? Give me a call (707) 234-9000.

A Word about Women

A Word about Women- a call for artists for the March show at ARt Center Ukiah

How are you affected by gender-based disparities in power, self determination and well-being that continue to affect women worldwide in overt and covert ways? We would like to be witness to your story of womanhood in the 21st Century; in any medium that incorporates the use of printed WORDS as an important focus of your art. Have your say in two or three dimensions, in any kind of text, any size of graphic, in one or many words.

Open to all Mendocino and Lake County residents, \$10 fee for each entry (limit of 3), with checks made out to Art Center Ukiah. Completed entry forms and all ready-to-hang work (NO sawtooth hangers) must be delivered for jurying to the Corner Gallery (201 S State St in Ukiah) on Tuesday February 28 between 11 and 5 or on Wednesday March 1 between 11 and noon. Artists are encouraged to email photos of their submissions to acuentries@yahoo.com by the middle of February for possible inclusion in the publicity for the show. Entry fee check will be returned with any work not accepted in the show.

All unsold work must be picked up from the gallery at the end of the show on Friday or Saturday March 31 or April 1, 11-5.

The First Friday opening of this show is March 3, from 5-8pm.

There will be a free-to-the-public collage art workshop led by Elizabeth Raybee on Saturday afternoon, March 18. Sign up in person at the Corner Gallery (201 S State St in Ukiah), via telephone (707 462-1400) or online at acuentries@yahoo.com.

Laura Fogg

Coast Brunch

February 18, 2023

Princess Seafoood 32096 North Harbor Drive

Fort Bragg Donation \$20 - No Host Bar

Mendocino County Women To Be Honored: 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration, March 5th

by Katarzyna Rolzinski

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) with AAUW-Ukiah presents the 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration on Sunday, March 5th, Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, 107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah. Everyone is encouraged to arrive at 12:00 to enjoy refreshments and to bid on the Silent Auction items to raise funds to support the work of MWPC. The program will begin at 12:30.

This program will be dedicated to Mary Norbert Korte [1934-2022], a poet who left her life as a Catholic nun in the sixties to dedicate her life to her dual passions, beat poetry and the preservation of the redwood forest. She spent five decades living in a cabin among the trees she sought to protect and typing her poems on a manual typewriter. Her decades of fighting

led to victory, the preservation of more than 400 acres of old-growth forest. Ukiah Poet Laureate Emerita, Linda Noel, will read one of Korte's poems from her new book, Jumping Into the American River: New and Selected Poems, published by Argus Books/TKS.

Three Mendocino County women who embody the 2023 National Women's History Month theme, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" have been selected as Honorees. Representing diverse backgrounds and each making her mark in a different field are: Dot Brovarney, Fort Bragg; Sarah Reith, Ukiah; and Ellen Weed, Ukiah. Through their inspiring speeches, the 2023 Honorees will encourage women and girls to chart their own paths in making our history visible.

After living in Ukiah for many years, Dot Brovarney, recently moved to Fort Bragg. A dedicated historian, Brovarney has committed her life to telling stories. She researched and



published The Sweet Life: Cherry Stories from Butler Ranch, and she was guest curator and developed an exhibit of Carl Purdy for the Grace Hudson Museum. Brovarney says, "I am fascinated by the ever-changing relationship between people and the land. I live in a rural region of Northern California that still retains open spaces and wildlife habitats, aided by conservation efforts, both private and public. Intimacy with the land continues to inspire my creative work."

When Dot Brovarney tells our story in Mendocino Refuge: Lake Leonard and Reeves Canyon, the "our" deepens and widens to reveal the depth and breadth of a vast interconnecting web of one place over recorded time. Brovarney pursued the truth of one place over recorded time, respecting the veracity and power of cultures of the oral tradition

as well as written historical records and scientific documentation.

Sarah Reith was born into a circus family in San Francisco and ran away to join the army as soon as she turned 18. She was a parachute rigger at the jump school in Fort Benning, Georgia, where one of her incidental duties was jumping out of an airplane ahead of a class of airborne students so the instructors could check the wind conditions. She used her GI Bill to earn a BA in creative writing at Mills College for Women. Her worklife included being a bike messenger and a barista before going back to school in Germany, where she earned her MA in German Literature in the shadow of a medieval castle. She is currently working as a reporter in Mendocino County and writing her second novel.

Reith joined KZYX as a community news reporter in 2017. In 2018-2019, she worked with local theater maven, Kate Magruder and reporter. Laura Hamburg on "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Or

2018-2019, she worked with local theater maven, Kate Magruder and reporter, Laura Hamburg on "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendoicno County." The half-hour programs aired weekly on KZYX for a year. You can find Sarah Reith's byline at KZYX, KMED, Redheaded Blackbelt, and Mendo-Fever. She covers local politics, the environment, law enforcement, and the arts in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties



Born in New York City, Ellen Weed attended her first acting class at age eight and performed on NY television the next year. She was accepted by NYC's prestigious Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater with a full scholarship through graduation. Weed was then hired by Summer Stock theater in Aurora, IL, where among other shows, she performed lead roles in "Barefoot in the Park" and "Romeo and Juliet." She joined the Chicago company of the stage comedy "Room Service" which won the Chicago Critics Award for Best Comedy. In Chicago she also acted in a number of movies.

After moving to Mendocino County in 1971, Ellen Weed moved to Ukiah in 1977. In 1978 she was among the founders of the Ukiah Players Theatre, where she directed, taught, and performed and was also the Artistic

Director. She has taught and directed Theater Arts for MCOE, Ukiah Unified School District, Mendocino College, and Dominican College. Weed was honored by her peers with a statewide award as Mentor Teacher.

Ellen Weed has been recognizing deep personal human issues and creating storytelling as a means of healing and inspiration. When the Redwood Complex Fire struck, Weed organized the Fire Survivors Ensemble with participants describing their escapes and losses. "Coming Up for Air" was another group she formed to help participants share their stories of disastrous Covid. Groups of women of all ages were guided in writing and performing pieces of their lives in the "First Personal Plural" monologues that were presented over a number of years with growing numbers of participants. Weed's most recent Narrative Theater class at Mendocino College was "Death and Dying," an examination of laws, rituals, personal stories and self-written obituaries.

Everybody is invited to attend this Women's History Gala Celebration. Music and First Nation presentations will also be included in the program. Gala tickets are \$10 at the door. Further information: mcclurelynda48@gmail.com

Information on the rest of program will be forthcoming.



My second story for the UDJ is mostly about Buffi Schmidt and Corine Pearce

— so you will be able to better appreciate how fortunate we are to have them as our featured speakers. The first UDJ story, about the Honorees, has been sent quite a while ago but not printed yet.

This Friday evening 2/17 @ 6:30, Grace Hudson Museum, Poetry Reading Benefit for Cancer Resource Centers. Poets: Theresa Whitehill, Linda Noel and Devreaux Baker.

Buffie Schmidt

In today's UDJ, 3rd page, is half page about the current finalists for the AAUW Mascot Fundraiser & Celebration @ Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse 2/18 @ 2:00 — everyone is invited to attend. Sulin is making refreshments. Michelle Hutchins' goat is currently in first place.

What a wonderful community we have! Love, Katarzyna

Corine Pearce

Corine Pearce received a Silver Award for Community Engagement in the 2nd Annual

Anthem Awards "Education, Arts and Culture" category. She joins fellow winners Amanda Gorman (poet), Quannah Chasinghorse (activist, fashion designer) and Gloria Steinem (feminist).

Corine's work revitalizes and celebrates Pomo life cycle traditions through diverse community engagement and outreach programs. She is constantly teaching and encouraging new basketweavers throught in-person presentations, field classes,



roundtable dialogues, and remote/recorded (audio, video webinar) talks by Pomo culture bearers in collaboration with over twenty Pomo tribes and tribal communities located in Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma counties, and with regional learning centers, public radio stations, museums, and art galleries.

The Anthem Awards was launched in response to the prevalence social good has taken within the national conversation and cultural zeitgeist in recent years. The 2nd Annual competition received nearly 2,000 entries from 43 countries worldwide. By amplifying the voices that spark global change, the Anthem Awards are defining a new benchmark for impactful work that inspires others to take action in their communities. A portion of program revenue will fund a new grant program supporting



Proclamations

Ukiah City Council will Proclaim March Women's History Month on March 1, 2023 at 6 pm at Ukiah City Coucil Chambers. Can you be there? Thank you Mari Rodin.

Mendocino County will proclaim March Women's History Month on February 28 at 9 am at the Board of Supervisors Chambers on Low Gap Road. Can you be there? Thank you Mo Mulheren.

Banner

Women's History Banner will fly over State St in Ukiah during March.



Members

New: Jackie Orozco, Raleigh Page-Russell,

Thank You Renewed: Beverly Dutra, Jane Person, Carre Brown, Rachel Binah, Kathy Wylie, Mary Flannery Kraut, Susan Sher, Katarzyna Rolzinski,, Lee Finney, Laura Fogg, Carlin Diamond, Nancy Nanna, Meg Courtney,

Barbara Rice

Barbara Rice has been appointed Trustee on the Mendocino-Lake Community College District Board representing Trustee Area #5 which includes the communities from Caspar and Fort Bragg and north to Leggett. Ms. Rice was formerly a trustee on the Redwoods Community College District Board from 2009 – 2018 when the Mendocino Coast area was transferred to Mendocino College. She had a long career in community colleges in Oregon and served for six years as the Campus Vice President of the College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast Campus. She will serve until 2026.

Swearing In (2023)



Darcie Antle (CEO) Katrina Bartolomie









Chamise Bubbison



Love Science?

Mendocino County Office of Education has an exciting opportunity for you to take part in an amazing countywide student event. Come and volunteer at the Mendocino County Science & Engineering Fair on March 18th at Mendocino College. You don't need to have a background in Science! Call 707-467-5001 to sign up as a volunteer.

Nicole H. Glentzer

Mary Rose Kaczorowski

Can MWPC help me with attending the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women that will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023 at the U.N. . This years working session themes are:

Priority theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls Review theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session)

The theme for International Women's Day, 8 March 2023 (IWD 2023) is, "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality". This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming U.N. 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

I will be attending the CSW -67 at the United Nations this March as one of the members of the NGO (Non-governmental organization) Women's Intercultural Network delegation.

I have been offered housing for the two weeks during CSW-67 in Brooklyn. That means I still have to cover airport transfers to and from NYC, NYC metro fares to and from the U.N., meals, etc. It looks like I have airfare covered.

NON-Tax deductible Contributions are very much APPRECIATED and welcomed for these basic expenses.

Checks can be sent to: Mary Rose Kaczorowski, P.O. Box 1684, Ft. Bragg CA 95437.

My Best Regards,

Mary Rose Kaczorowski

Sage Circle

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is donating \$100. To Mary Rose Kaczorowski's trip to the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women. We are asking her to provide a meeting on the Coast informing us about the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women and what actions took place there.

Fiona Ma

Fiona Ma is running for Lieutenant Governor

Over the past 20 years, I've established a proven track record as a problem solver on the state's toughest issues and improving the lives of every day Californians. I am excited to continue my work on housing, climate, education and economic development as the next Lt Governor. My calling is to serve the public. I humbly ask that you continue to support me to move



California forward.

Please join me at my upcoming birthday month events on March 14th (San Diego), March 16th (Los Angeles), March 30th (San Francisco), March 31st (Brea), and April 13th (Century City).

Your support would be tremendous, I greatly appreciate your help!

For inquiries and to RSVP please reach out to Christina Kegeyan-Pappas at 310-597-0830 or ckegeyan80@gmail.com.

If you cannot join us and would like to donate to my campaign, please donate. I hope to see you there!

In Peace and Friendship, Fiona Ma, CPA

California Legislature

The California Legislature that reconvenes is the most diverse ever: It includes a record number of women, occupying 50 of 120 seats, with one still being contested. It also includes an all-time high of Latino legislators, as well as lawmakers who openly identify as LGBTQ. And it now includes its first Muslim and Sikh members.

Nancy Pelosi

Full Transcript of NANCY PELOSI's Speech as recorded by New York Times.

The first and only female speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi announced that she would step down from leadership in January but would remain in Congress.

"For me, the hour has come for a new generation to lead the Democratic caucus that I so deeply respect."

As we gather here, we stand on sacred ground: the chamber of the United States House of Representatives, the heart of American democracy. I will never forget the first time I saw the Capitol. It was on a cold January day when



I was 6 years old. My father, Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., was about to be sworn in for his fifth term in Congress representing our beloved hometown of Baltimore.

I was riding in the car with my brothers, and they were thrilled and jumping up and down and saying to me, "Nancy, look, there's the Capitol." And I keep — every time I'd say: "I don't see any capital. Is it a capital A, a capital B or a capital C?"

And finally, I saw it. A stunning white building with a magnificent dome.

I believed then, as I believe today, this is the most beautiful building in the world because of what it represents. The Capitol is a temple of our democracy, of our Constitution, of our highest ideals.

On that day — on that day, I stood with my father on this floor as he took the sacred oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. All of us who have served in this House have taken the hallowed oath of office. And it is the oath that stitches us together in a long and storied heritage. Colleagues who served before us are all our colleagues. Colleagues like Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster, Shirley Chisholm, Patsy Mink and our beloved John Lewis.

Personally, it binds me as a colleague to my father, a proud New Deal congressman and one of the earliest Italian Americans to serve in the Congress. And this is an oath we are duty bound to keep, and it links us with the highest aspirations of the ages.

In this room, our colleagues across history have abolished slavery; granted women the right to vote; established Social Security and Medicare; offered a hand to the weak, care to the sick, education to the young and hope to the many.

Indeed, it is here, under the gaze of our patriarch, George Washington, in the people's House, that we have done the people's work.



My colleagues, I stand before you as speaker of the House, as a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a devout Catholic, a proud Democrat and a patriotic American, a citizen of the greatest republic in the history of the world — which President Lincoln called the last best hope on Earth. Indeed, in the words attributed to another of our colleagues, the legendary Daniel Webster, he said: "Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution of your country and the government established under it. Miracles do not cluster. That which has happened but once in 6,000 years cannot be expected to happen often."

Indeed, American democracy is majestic. But it is fragile. Many of us here have witnessed its fragility firsthand — tragically, in this chamber. And so democracy must be forever defended from forces that wish it harm.

Last week, the American people spoke, and their voices were raised in defense of liberty, of the rule of law and of democracy itself.

With these elections, the people stood in the breach and repelled

the assault on democracy. They resoundingly rejected violence and insurrection, and in doing so gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.

And now we owe to the American people our very best, to deliver on their faith. To forever reach for the more perfect union — the glorious horizon that our founders promised.

The questions before this Congress and at this moment are urgent. Questions about the ideals that this House is charged by the Constitution to preserve and protect. Establish justice. Ensure domestic tranquillity. Provide for the common defense. Promote the general welfare. And secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. Our posterity. Our children. Babies born today will live into the next century. And our decisions will determine their future for generations to come.

While we will have our disagreements on policy, we must remain fully committed to our shared fundamental mission, to hold strong to our most treasured democratic ideals, to cherish the spark of divinity in each and every one of us, and to always put our country first.

In their infinite wisdom, our founders gave us their guidance: e pluribus unum. From the many, one. They could not have imagined how large our country would become or how different we would be from one another. But they knew we had to be united as one. We the people. One country. One destiny.

It's been with great pride in my 35 years in the House I have seen this body grow more reflective of our great nation, our beautiful nation.

When I came to the Congress in 1987, there were 12 Democratic women. Now there are over 90. And we want more.

The new members of our Democratic caucus will be about 75 percent women, people of color and L.G.B.T.Q. And we have brought more voices to the decision-making table. When I entered leadership in 2002, there were eight of us. Today, there are 17 members of the leadership. When I first came to the floor at 6 years old, never would I have thought that someday I would go from homemaker to House speaker.

In fact, I never — in fact, I never intended to run for public office. Mommy and Daddy taught us through their example that public service is a noble calling and that we all have a responsibility to help others. In our family, my brother Tommy then became mayor of Baltimore also. But it's been my privilege to play a part in forging extraordinary progress for the American people.

I have enjoyed working with three presidents, achieving historic investments in clean energy with President George Bush; transformative health care reform with President Barack Obama; and forging — and forging the future from infrastructure to health care to climate action with President Joe Biden.

Now we must move boldly into the future, grounded by the principles that have propelled us this far and open to fresh possibilities for the future.

Scripture teaches us that for everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. My friends, no matter what title you all, my colleagues, have bestowed upon me — speaker, leader, whip — there is no greater official honor for me than to stand on this floor and to speak for the people of San Francisco. This I will continue to do as a member of the House, speaking for the people of San Francisco, serving the great state of California and defending our Constitution.

And with great confidence in our caucus, I will not seek re-election to Democratic leadership in the next Congress. For me, the hour has come for a new generation to lead the Democratic caucus that I so deeply respect. And I am grateful that so many are ready and willing to shoulder this awesome responsibility.

Standing here today, I'm endlessly grateful for all of life's blessings, for my Democratic colleagues, whose courage and commitment, with the support of your families, have made many of these accomplishments possible. In fact, could not have been done without you.

For my dear husband, Paul, who has been my beloved partner in life and my pillar of support, thank you. We're all grateful for all the prayers and well wishes as he continues his recovery. Thank you so much.

For our darling children, Nancy Corinne, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul and Alexandra, and our grandchildren, Alexander and Madeleine; Liam, Sean and Ryan; Paul and Thomas; Bella and Octavio. They are the joys of our lives for whom we — and we are so very, very proud of them and a comfort to us at this time.

And for my brilliant, dedicated and patriotic staff, under the leadership of Terri McCullough, together, working together, the finest group of public servants the House has ever known. Thank you all so much.

And again, for those who sent me here, for the people of San Francisco, for entrusting me with the high honor of being their voice in Congress. In this continued work, I will strive to honor the call of the patron saint of our city, St. Francis. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

In this House, we begin each day with a prayer and a pledge to the flag. And every day I am in awe of the majestic miracle that is American democracy. As we participate in a hallmark of our republic — the peaceful, orderly transition from one Congress to the next — let us consider the words of, again, President Lincoln, spoken during one of America's darkest hours. He called upon us to come together, to swell the chorus of the union, when once again touched as surely they will be by the better angels of our nature. That again is the task at hand.

A new day is dawning on the horizon, and I look forward, always forward, to the unfolding story of our nation, a story of light and love, of patriotism and progress, of many becoming one. And always an unfinished mission to make the dreams of today the reality of tomorrow.

Thank you all. May God bless you and your families. And may God bless — continue to bless our veterans and the United States of America. Thank you all so much.

Nancy Pelosi

The Fiscal Ship

The Fiscal Ship challenges you to put the federal budget on a sustainable course. Measured as a share of gross domestic product, the federal debt is higher than at any time since the end of World War II and projected to climb to unprecedented levels. America is looking at a permanent, growing mismatch between revenues and spending, and policymakers are faced with difficult decisions about how to reconcile important government priorities—including retirement and health benefits promised to the growing number of old folks—with the tax revenues that the current tax code will yield. Today's tax code won't yield enough revenue to pay for basic services of government plus the retirement and health benefits promised to the growing number of old folks. So your mission is to pick from a menu of tax and spending options to reduce the debt from projected levels over the next 25 years. Small changes to spending and taxes won't suffice. The choices are difficult, but the goal is achievable. But budget decisions aren't only about fiscal sustainability. They also shape the kind of country we live in. To win the game, you need to find a combination of policies that match your values and priorities AND set the budget on a sustainable course.

Submitted by Jen Burnstad

The Move Forward of Slowly Carefully & Safely By J. Rebecca Sandridge / Willits, CA / 1 January 2023

People people:

To all and especially you out there

who have reached advancing

Elderkin and its joyful Elderberrying.

Like me both moving away from and

more toward sweet beautiful Rainbow claim.

Nearly 86 years living, most days am

still up early & smiling blink blinking my eyes

in front of the Bathroom mirror

as a tall strong woman smiles & winks back.

Eyes urged last year, "No more jump-in car dear!"

Just let go of your true-blue driving but do remember

being behind the wheel so enjoying

European countries & bits of Canada & Mexico,

and educational history & education from

roving all around our United State States
including driving through a former Mississippi
slave housing area, and a brief stopover at
Times Square 1979 New Year's Eve in NewYork City.
Today, very grateful for Willits Senior Center transportation,
and having lots of magnifying units with lights!
Current time includes learning and grasping the absolute
amazing creation of the human being body
now 800 billion of us spread across Planet Earth.

People people:

Human Being Body functions alike regardless.

of skin color sexual orientation political activity
language religion wealth bitterness or love!

Just as grateful as Democracy being For By & Of We the People:
daily to my HumanBeingBody I hug sing and say to me:
THANK YOU Dear Darling Sweet Honey My Love!



Does anyone remember this woman owned wine bar?

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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 January 2023 to January 2024

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.			
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