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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

From retiring co-president, Janet Mendell:

It is hot today, and more to come. Stay hydrated, be cool. As Sulin mentions in her comments below, the picnic at Kristana's was a wonderful success. New energy and perhaps enthusiasm were evident.

Perhaps someone will step up with that new-found enthusiasm and take on the positions still available on the local AAUW Board. Please e-mail us about your questions and possible interest.

Janet Chaniot has been engaged in developing an interesting set of programs. Tech Trek continues. Scholarships continue. Women's progress with equality and programs about success in the workplace continue. Our relationship with Mendocino College continues. Public policy and national AAUW engagement in politics continue.

Our Chapter is in dire need of new leadership. Any ideas?

From your other retiring co-president, Sulin Bell:

It has been quite a ride acting as a co-leader, first in a regular year and then through a Covid year. There have been changes of some of the board members, changes from in-person meetings to Zoom meetings, and now back again; changes in the kinds of programs, in scholarships, in the forms of tech trek, accolades, fundraising and dinner meetings--and now live events returning and new ones developing.

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As Janet said above, we are projecting an exciting coming year with not only continuity of our favorite programs but the development of new relationships and experiences for both new and old members. We are hoping that some of you are planning to become more involved with our activities. I think you will find active involvement very rewarding on many personal as well as community levels.

We are currently revising the yearbook that you will receive toward the end of September-- thanks to a wonderful and talented friend from Willits who volunteered her services.

Also, now that Dora's Gourmet Café has unfortunately closed there are possibilities on the horizon of two new restaurants at which we might hold our dinner meetings. We all love delicious food while dining together with friends and hearing interesting updates from AAUW's various involvements. I plan to see you there!

Hoping we are fortunate enough to have a safe and reasonably cool summer.

THE PICNIC FUNDRAISER

We are happy to report that our first in-person event in over a year was very successful! We were all so happy to see each other, unmasked and vaccinated, with smiling faces and lots to share. A special guest, the new Superintendent of Mendocino County Schools Michelle Hutchins attended, and became our newest AAUW-Ukiah member!

Much needed help was received from Kyle and Norma's husbands in picking up and returning borrowed chairs and tables from St. Mary's Church, along with setting up and breaking down help from other board and chapter members.

A few of our members had unfortunate circumstances arise that prevented them from attending; we missed them and hope all is working out best as possible.

The location, Kristana's beautiful back yard, was lovely, set up with white table cloths offered by Irma, roses from Norma's garden, and colorful umbrellas and sail cloth providing shade.

We are grateful for the generous contributions to the silent auction which raised about \$1,500 toward ongoing expenses of our chapter.

Looking forward to a coming year with some exciting programs, events, and surprises currently in the works.

Back in the Saddle - YIPEE! by Janet Chanot

After many months of seclusion and often lonely isolation, we are finally able to think about meeting face-to-face with family members, friends, and groups of activists who are helping to make our world a better place. One of these groups is AAUW.

To pay our bills and support the mission of AAUW to help women achieve their educational and career goals, our group held a successful picnic and silent auction in June. What a fun and purposeful meeting it was! With that event as an example of what we can do together, your leadership team has begun to put together a calendar of events to support women and girls as they work toward achieving their goals with scholarships and a new partnership with the Mendocino-Lake Community College District (MLCCD).

First on our list, though, is to complete the team by inviting volunteers to fill the organizational needs of our group for the next year. At the least, we need a president or co-president and a co-program chair. So please think about calling me (972-6722) or responding positively to a call from me to fill one of these positions on the leadership team. It's not much work, and the rewards are immense!

The following notes are a draft of a calendar we are thinking about offering our members and friends for the 2021-22 year. We hope to hear from all members and friends as these plans are finalized and to see you all in attendance at each event as it happens. Your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Theme: *An accessible and just world for women.*

Programs: (Locations to be announced)

1. Expanding our reach: The partnership between AAUW Ukiah and the MLCCD
2. Creating healthy families (An equitable and just world begins with the family.)
3. Considering women in the economy. (Follow the money.)

Calendar:

September: Dinner (Restaurant or catered)

November: Introducing the Partnership

To be invited: Dr. Tim Karas, MLCCD Superintendent/President, and others

December-January: Fundraiser

February: Family Support Services

March: Women's History Day

April: Finding a Place in the Economy

To be invited: West Company and MC Career Center representative

May: Celebratory Year-end Dinner

2021 PROPOSED PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives to guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, and serve our mission. Every two years we re-assess these directives to determine if updates need to be made in light of an ever-changing cultural and legislative landscape. Members are invited and encouraged to make suggestions through a statewide survey, which was conducted in Fall of 2020, and resulted in comments from over 600 of our members. The AAUW California Public Policy Committee has reviewed all submitted comments and decided on a number of changes for the next two-year period of July 2021 through June 2023. The proposed changes were presented to and adopted by the AAUW California Board of Directors and will be put to a vote by the membership April 16 – May 7, 2021 as required by our bylaws. Thanks to all who submitted comments and thank you for your vote.

The AAUW California Public Policy Program establishes policy directives that will guide our members, inform our legislative priorities, serve our mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, and are consistent with our values of achieving fair and equitable opportunities for our diverse society. Toward that end, AAUW California advocates policies that promote, enhance and ensure:

Economic Security for All Women

Equity in the workplace

Enforcement of anti-discrimination statutes

Security in retirement

Access to job training for career development

Work-life balance, including access to quality affordable childcare and paid sick and care-giving leave

Equal Access to Quality Public Education for All Students

Vigorous enforcement of Title IX

Adequate and equitable funding at all educational levels, including pre-school and post-secondary

Instruction in STEM fields

Opposition to the use of public funds for schools that do not meet public school civil rights and accountability standards

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2021 PROPOSED PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM (continued)**Social and Racial Justice for All Members of Society**

Self-determination in reproductive health

Equal access to quality affordable health care, housing and a healthy environment

Freedom from violence in all its forms and wherever it occurs, including racially-motivated violence

Guarantee of civil and constitutional rights for all, including all forms of identity and expression, and all family structures

Protection and expansion of voting rights

Support for United Nations sustainable development goals which address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.

PIECES

**Quilts, collage, mosaics, stained glass,
assemblage Juried exhibit**



**Art Center Ukiah, 201 South State,
Ukiah July 1st-August 31st, 2021
Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm**

Deliver art before June 30th at 12 pm,
entry fee \$10 each, up to three entries