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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We are happy to report that several positive changes are happening in our Ukiah AAUW Chapter. The office of Treasurer on our board has been filled by Kyle Mayers, who has enjoyed a highly skilled and experienced career in finance; our past treasurer, Kristana, is remaining on the board backing up Kyle and will also serve as Chair of Hospitality; Janet Mendell will retire from her co-president position and will also remain on the board to be helpful in various capacities as they arise.

Kyle is updating our website. She is also in the process of contacting people who have had their business card in the yearbook in order to make current their participation. **It costs \$25 to appear in the yearbook and we welcome new participants. Contact Kyle at 707-331-0046 or e-mail [kyliebe2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kyliebe2000@yahoo.com)** Appearing in the yearbook is a good way to spread the word about your work. All members will receive an updated version of the yearbook in the Fall.

You may already know from last month's newsletter that Sharon Marshall has taken on the position of editor of the Newsletter and also remains Secretary on the Board of Directors. Sharon has done a good job in putting out her first newsletter. **Please be sure to submit any articles to her by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

Janet Chaniot is developing three interesting programs with this year's theme being *An accessible and just world for women*. She has invited Dr. Tim Karas, the new President of Mendocino College, to speak; Dr. Karas, Norma Marks and Janet are developing programs in affiliation with the college—including offering students free AAUW membership, which will be supported by the college. In addition, there will be programs for family support services and one for women in the economy.

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Val Muchowski, in addition to her work with Public Policy, is working with Katarzyna on the Women's History Day in March. Kristana, Katie Gibbs and Mary Ann Villwock continue working on Tech Trek, Scholarships and Accolades.

Also exciting, our Fall and Spring Dinner Meetings will be held in a new location which will be announced before long. And if any of you have creative ideas for our Holiday Party Scholarship Fundraiser, please feel free to contact me or Katie Gibbs to talk about it. I will remain as the interim president as we continue to seek a replacement. By the way, **anyone who is willing to assist me as I continue on will be greatly appreciated. Please call or e-mail me to talk about what this might entail.**

Wishing you all a healthy happy August.

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#### **PUBLIC POLICY REPORT – AUGUST:**

##### **WOMEN TAKE ON MORE STUDENT DEBT THAN MEN ... BUT ARE PAID LESS AFTER COLLEGE**

Deeper in Debt: Between 1976 and 2014 the price of college attendance more than doubled, but household incomes barely budged. Today most students must bridge the gap between income and cost with student loans—followed by student debt. Women take on more loans and take longer to repay their debt, thus women hold almost two-thirds of the outstanding student loan debt in the United States.

Following graduation, women repay their loans more slowly than do men, in part because of the gender pay gap, and they are also more likely to struggle economically during repayment. This means that women may have to put off saving for retirement, buying a home, or starting a business.

Student debt is a systemic and national problem that disproportionately impacts women. AAUW members can help make changes to reduce women's student loan debt burden:

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1. Congress must protect and expand Pell Grants for low-income students to reduce the amount of student loan debt they must take on to complete a degree.
2. State and federal legislators should increase funding for public colleges and universities and support efforts to move toward tuition- and debt-free options for students.
3. The department of education and lawmakers should make it easier for students to enroll in income-driven repayment options to help mitigate some women's financial difficulties.
4. Institutions can address the academic and financial needs of traditional and non-traditional students, such as access to childcare. Learn more and take action at AAUW National.

This might be a good time to write President Biden about the need to help people with student debt.

Val Muchowski  
Public Policy

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

We recently received notification that Ellie Shacter has moved. Val Muchowski shares the following message from her:

I'm back to San Diego! Mary and her family unexpectedly moved to Santa Monica last October and I moved back here to San Diego last April.

I've certainly enjoyed knowing the AAUW during my eight years in Ukiah and have admired our dedication, vision, and energy. Thank you so much for all that you do!

I'll reconnect with the peace people and groups here, but will always remember the dear friends in Ukiah.

Ellie

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**TECH TREK NEWS:**

Instead of an in-person camp, California Tech Trek organized a five-day long virtual program selected girls can engage in at home this summer. Four girls from the Ukiah area who were selected for the 2020 Tech Trek camp that was canceled decided to participate. Norma and I delivered “goodie bags” full of equipment Norma picked up for us in Santa Rosa. One girl has already completed the camp and three more girls will do so July 26 through July 29. We hope they will be able to tell us about what it was like at the September dinner.

The virtual camp cost quite a bit less than the in-person one, but the fees we paid come from the money that Ukiah AAUW members have contributed in the past. Thanks again for supporting this wonderful opportunity for the girls.

Kristana Arp, Chair  
Ukiah AAUW Tech Trek Committee

## **Celebrate the Anniversary of Women in the United States Winning the Right to Vote on August 26**

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 101st Anniversary of Women Getting the Vote on August 21, 2021. We will use the Kelley House lawn from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. on August 21, 2021 to celebrate the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Soroptimists to join us in this celebration.

We women living here today are the products of the suffragists who fought for us, for our right to vote, and for us to be able to vote to try to shape the way we want to live. Now we are celebrating the 101st Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that was ratified on August 26, 1920. The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) and the City of Ukiah have created two Centennial displays for the community to view beginning August 17th and will continue for two weeks to encourage increased awareness, education, and celebration. Take note of the banner across State Street at Clay Street and the unique display in the front of the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, which will have exterior lighting of purple, gold, and white, the colors of the suffragists. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Civic Center including families and children. Comments on the displays are encouraged: [katarzyna@pacific.net](mailto:katarzyna@pacific.net) or [mdavison@cityofukiah.com](mailto:mdavison@cityofukiah.com).



August 26, 1920 19th Amendment

**WOMEN WON THE VOTE!**  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS & ONWARD . . .

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MENDOCINO WOMEN'S POLITICAL COALITION



## **“Salon d’Automne” September 2021 Art Center Ukiah**

In the Parisian tradition, a salon is an opportunity for all artists to exhibit. We are hoping to fill the walls of Art Center Ukiah to celebrate the diversity of talent in our community. And, unlike this old photo, we will gratefully include WOMEN artists! Juried exhibit, all media, join us September 1st.



**Art Center Ukiah, 201 South State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482  
September 1st to September 29th,  
Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am- 5 pm  
Deliver art before September 1st at 12 pm, entry fee \$5.00 each,  
up to three entries, [acuentries@yahoo.com](mailto:acuentries@yahoo.com), 462-1400**