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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month the focus is on the annual Women's History Gala event on Sunday, March 20, at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse. As most of you know, AAUW Ukiah co-sponsors and supports this event every year by attending (buying \$10 tickets), by providing savory refreshments, and by participating in the Silent Auction, which is a fundraiser for MWPC (we are not asking you for auction items).

This year we will be using strict Covid Safety standards--vaccinations required, masks to be worn at all times inside, social distancing, and offering refreshments outside only, after the program. When you arrive, there will be hot and cold drinks on the front porch to hydrate yourselves before entering the building and we will have "to go" bags with savory (from AAUW) and sweet goodies (from MWPC) to enjoy afterward. There will be chairs set up outside if you wish to stay and socialize following the program. Attendance will be restricted to 100 people so be sure to RSVP your intention to buy a ticket and come.

You will be receiving calls to ask for your food donation and to fill a few volunteer jobs on the day of the Gala if you can. There is an option to purchase or prepare savory foods yourselves, all of which must be packaged individually to put into each bag using recyclable or biodegradable wrappings, or you can donate money and we will purchase and bag the food for you. The suggested donation is \$20-\$30 and the person who calls you has a list of items that would work well in the "to go" bags. If you opt to donate money, it should be sent to AAUW, Box 1626, Ukiah 95482 asap.

It will be wonderful to see you all in person and to honor these outstanding women who "Provided Healing and Promoted Hope"

Thanking you for your participation in this worthy and fun event.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY GALA – MARCH 20

AAUW Ukiah celebrates our Annual Women's History Gala on Sunday, March 20 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, 107 South Oak Street. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Program is from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." The program includes music, speech and honoring local women who are selected this year.

This year honorees are:

Cindy Savage is the executive director of the *Willits Daily Bread* since 2010. Her healing efforts are manifold: feeding anyone who is in need and offering vital care, giving people willing a chance to work, develop skills, and give back, coordinating pet food donations, raising funds for kitchen renovations via annual events such as Sip Some Soup, and promoting hope through engaging community support and facilitating interpersonal connections

Camille Schraeder, with over 39 years of experience, has an extensive history of community involvement and is a strong advocate for abused, neglected, and at-risk Children, Youth, Families at the local, state, and federal levels.

Shirley Matilton Feather is a Native-American entrepreneur. She is the owner of the first Native-American owned salon and developed a unique Native American Beauty Supply Chain.

Our guest speaker is Malia Cohen, Chair of the California Board of Equalization who is running for California Controller.

Wendy DeWitt will host the program which will include a live auction. We have need of Silent/Live auction items. Please call Kyle Mayers at (707) 331-0046 or e-mail her at mayers4ky@gmail.com if you have an auction item to donate.

Don't forget your savory treats to share with the group. Because of Covid, seating will be limited to 100 people. To secure a ticket, mail a \$10 check with your name to MWPC, Box 1140, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Val Muchowski
Public Policy Chair

38th Annual

WOMEN'S HISTORY GALA CELEBRATION



WOMEN
PROVIDING HEALING
PROMOTING HOPE

SUNDAY MARCH 20

1-3 PM

Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse
107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah



2022 Honorees



CYNTHIA SAVAGE
Willits Daily Bread



**SHIRLEY MATILTON
FEATHER**
Native American entrepreneur

CAMILLE SCHRAEDER
REDWOOD
COMMUNITY
SERVICES



with
Elizabeth MacDougall
pianist

THE MENDOCINO GAGGLE
OF RAGING GRANNIES

**SILENT/LIVE
AUCTION**

REFRESHMENTS

EVERYONE WELCOME
SUGGESTED DONATION
\$10 AT THE DOOR



Featuring:

MALIA COHEN, speaker

*Chair of the State Board of Equalization. Formerly
President of the SF Board of Supervisors, Cohen
supports women in leadership roles*



GEORGINA MARIE GUARDADO
poet

*Lake County Poet Laureate, the first
Mexican-American and the youngest to
receive the honor*

Presented by MENDOCINO WOMENS POLITICAL COALITION, UKIAH AAUW -- supporting women in leadership and Sponsored by SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLUBHOUSE, CLOUD FOREST INSTITUTE

LOBBY “DAY” IS NOW LOBBY “WEEK”!

Mark your calendars for April 11 through April 15.

The time is fast approaching to spread the word about our priority bills to our state representatives, and once again we are enlisting the help of our branch members. This year we are introducing “Lobby Week” in place of Lobby Day. We will be arranging meetings for members with their state representatives in their district offices the week of April 11-15, while they are home on spring break. The idea is to get the impact of in-person meetings (where possible) without the cost of travel to Sacramento.

We sent an e-mail to all members fully explaining the process, but we are calling on branch leaders to encourage their members to participate and to lead by example by being the first to register.

If you are interested in participating in Lobby Week 2022, please contact Val Muchowski at (707) 234-9000 or e-mail vjmuchowski@com.

On a different note: Giving a heads-up to save the date of March 19 for a Title IX 50th Anniversary virtual event presented by the Santa Clara County IBC. Please contact Marian Sacco at Marian.sacco@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 7 – Mandatory webinar for Lobby Week

April 11-15 – Lobby Week

PROGRAM NOTES

by Janet Chaniot

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.” --Mother Teresa

Camille Schraeder, M.A., is Executive Director of Public Policy and Program Development, as well as a founding member of Redwood Community Services, Inc. Her long title is reflective of the breadth and depth of her work providing services to the families and others in need in our county. Camille was the moderator of the February 22 program described below, as it was presented to our members and other interested constituents:

Healthy Families Make a Better World – Supporting and Enabling an Equitable, Accessible, and Just Community for Women

Camille Schraeder facilitated a “living room conversation” with several of our long-time County Leaders: Anne Molgaard, Director, Public Health of Mendocino County, and an Ukiah Unified School District Board Trustee; Bekkie Emery, Director, Mendocino County Department of Social Services, and Dr. Jenine Miller, Director of Behavioral Health Services. These accomplished and passionate citizens shared their stories of mentorship, leadership, and advocacy as well as the programs that impact women and families. This conversation was a safe place to share some of the experiences women have had in their workplaces, and personal lives that affect their sense of strength, and equitable place in society.



Jenine Miller, Camille Schraeder and Bekkie Emery

And indeed, this is exactly what happened. A small but appreciative group of members and guests gathered, in spite of inclement weather and Covid-19 restrictions, to participate in a discussion of their life experiences in Mendocino County and elsewhere. They were greeted at the door by Ky Mayers and offered refreshments provided by Kristana Arp and Norma Marks. Happy to be meeting in person, they chatted and caught up with events in their lives until the program began.



Anne Molgard discusses her duties as Public Health Director with Mary Ann Villwock



Janet greets Katarzyna Rolzinski

Note: The third program of the year will be April 19. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. (6:30 – 8: 00 p.m. at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse.) The theme will be “Women in the Mendocino County Economy”, moderated by West Business Development.

Thanks to Val Muchowski for the photographs.

Mendocino College Student AAUW Ukiah Club

Norma Marks presented the idea to AAUW Ukiah two years ago. I volunteered to work with her to develop the club. Having served for 17 years on the MLCCD Board of Trustees, I was excited by the possibilities offered students and AAUW Ukiah in a club.

Over the past several months, we have worked with Dr. Tim Karas, Superintendent President of the college, and Donna Lilly, California State AAUW college-club liaison, to bring the club to our area.

The latest step in forming the club happened recently as Norma and I participated in the Associated Students of Mendocino College (ASMC) officers zoom meeting. We enjoyed talking with the students and their advisor, Professor Phil Warf.

It looks as though we will be welcomed to the college community and recruiting club members by early April. We will introduce the founding members of the Mendocino College-AAUW Ukiah Student Club at our April 19 program and spring dinner.

Note: April 19 will be my last program as your Program Director. Beginning In July we will need a new Director. Please let us know if you are interested. I will help a new Director transition into the position, but will not continue planning and facilitating the three or four programs each year.

Janet Chanot

BOOKMARKS

by Katie Gibbs

The next book is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Fascinating book by Native American botanist, storyteller and professor of botany at SUNY.

The next meeting is Thursday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Katie's, 4561 Eastside Calpella Road, Ukiah. 707 228-6143.

UKIAH SENIOR CENTER SEEKING NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director oversees the Ukiah Senior Center's mission to serve local seniors through various on-going programs, services and activities that address the needs of seniors in the greater Ukiah area. The ED reports to a Board of Directors and manages five full-time and thirteen part-time staff along with 160 volunteers overseeing multiple programs with an annual budget of \$750,000. This is a full-time (40 hours weekly) exempt position that includes medical, dental and vision benefits along with vacation and sick leave. Compensation is based on applicant's experience. Range of Annual Salary: \$62,400-\$70,000 DOE.

Candidate must have prior management experience (3-5 years minimum) in a non-profit organization, grant writing and fundraising experience, ability to work with volunteers and people of all ages. Must have excellent communication skills and the ability to form collaborative partnerships with other non-profits, local businesses, and government agencies to strengthen USC's programs and expand USC's community involvement. Experience with special events and volunteer recruitment preferred. Bachelor's Degree in Business or similar field, Master's preferred. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs is required. Experience with QuickBooks accounting software is desirable.

Complete job description and application are accessible on the Senior Center website:
www.ukiahseniorcenter.org

See "Employment" under the "About Us" tab. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

