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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I hope that all of you are aware that our annual Spring Dinner is *just a week away*, Tuesday, May 10 at Rivino Winery, arrival time is 6:00 p.m. It is URGENT that I hear from you about whether you are coming or not, and whether you choose the Chicken, the Tri Tip Steak or the Vegetarian option so I can tell the caterer (Big Earl BBQ) in time for him to place his orders. Dinners will cost \$30. **Please decide ASAP**, the next day or two at the most. E-mail sulinbell@gmail.com or call and leave your message at 707-462-5747. Please include information about your guests as well. To date I have only heard from 9 of you! The caterer was told to plan for 40 dinners.

Also, if any of you are willing to stand behind the buffet to help serve the meal, please let me know this as well. We are following safety procedure and will be calling up one table at a time for proper distancing. Servers will wear gloves and masks and can then sit down to enjoy their meals.

On the agenda for the Spring Dinner is a time for us as a group to participate in updating our local AAUW chapter in preparation for the coming year.

*We will be discussing our current priorities as a membership,

*Development of our programmed events,

*The current needs of our leadership positions.

*We welcome new ideas, honest assessments, and potential changes of our past formats.

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This year's programs have been completed, and we are thankful to Janet Chaniot for creating such informative and entertaining events. See the following articles for more about this last program. Janet's term as Program Chair expires this year and she is looking for someone to help with programs for next year. Fortunately, Janet is willing to guide and mentor.

Our new Treasurer Kyle has been doing an outstanding job in getting finances organized and has been volunteering to help in many other areas of need.

Also, Sharon Marshall has taken on both the position of Board Secretary and putting out the monthly newsletter. As a relatively new member of AAUW she has come through all of the many unknowns and is doing a great job.

Norma Marks and Janet Chaniot have been successful in getting our relationship with Mendocino College established and our first AAUW Student Club will begin in the Fall semester.

Five Accolades have been awarded last Wednesday in a touching ceremony at Ukiah High School planned by Mary Ann Villwock and Beverly Spence and attended by teachers, parents, friends and AAUW Board members.

This year's Scholarships and the Tech Trek Program have been launched and are currently in process.

Val Muchowski has been doing her usual excellent job of keeping us in touch with the State and National programs, legislation and political issues that form the base of our organization. She has also been involved with MWPC, the UDJ and the Mendocino Voice in planning Candidate's Night, May 9 at Ukiah Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. This is an important opportunity to learn more about how you want to vote in the upcoming election in June. Especially important is hearing from the two candidates for Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools and for the two candidates for 5th district supervisors.

All in all it has been an eventful year and we now look forward to the summer break and our reunion at the Fall Dinner – details of which to be announced.

Enjoy the Summer, be well,

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AAUW CA SPONSORS CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Guided by our member-approved Public Policy Priorities for 2021-2023, the AAUW California Public Policy Committee has selected the bills that we will be supporting as they move through the 2022 Session of the California Legislature. Here are the six highest priority bills:

AB 92—creates an equitable sliding scale for family fees to alleviate the burden on working families struggling to pay for childcare and early childhood education services. Co-sponsor
AB 1666—enables persons to come from outside California for abortions and not be impacted by laws of other states. Co-sponsor

AB 1968—mandates the creation of websites at CSU/UC campuses to assist sexual assault survivors.

AB 2881—Student parents get priority enrollment, registration, and access to basic needs centers, enabling them to remain in California colleges.

SB 523—Expands contraceptive coverage by requiring health plans to provide point-of-sale coverage without cost-sharing.

SB 1375—updates statutes relating to abortion care to allow nurse practitioners to practice under standard protocols to provide first-trimester abortion care.

Within our Public Policy Priorities, six bills are related to Economic Security for All Women, seven are related to Equal Access to Public Education, and 18 are related to Social and Racial Justice for all Members of Society.

AAUW California is experiencing greater visibility among elected legislators by sponsoring/co-sponsoring bills.

The Public Policy Committee members spent many hours in March researching bills, and in discussions over two days, to select bills to support. AAUW members are working to improve the lives of women and children in California!

Val Muchowski
Public Policy Chair

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT
MONDAY MAY 9TH 6 PM
UKIAH CIVIC CENTER

Bring your questions!

Be an informed voter

- 6 pm - WELCOME FROM MODERATOR WENDY DeWITT
- 6:05 - KATRINA BARTOLOMIE
INCUMBENT CLERK RECORDER
- 6:15 - DAVID EYSTER
INCUMBENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- 6:25 TWO CANDIDATES FOR
5TH DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
- 6:55 - TWO CANDIDATES FOR
MENDOCINO COUNTY
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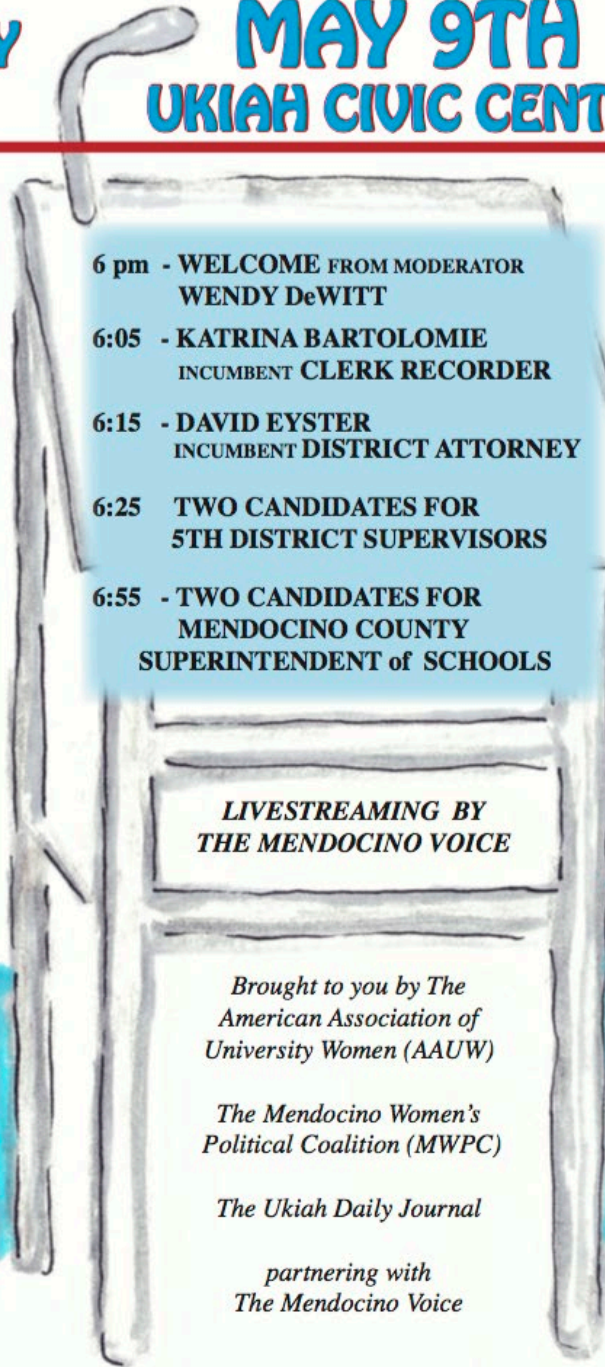
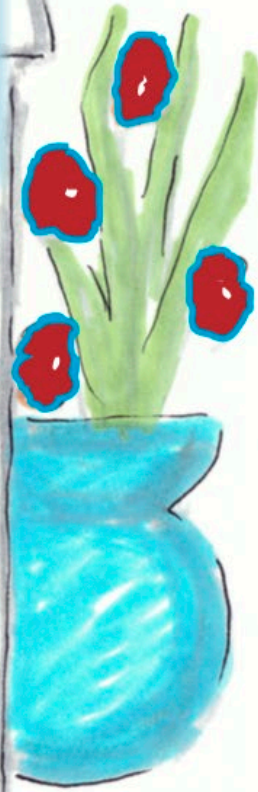
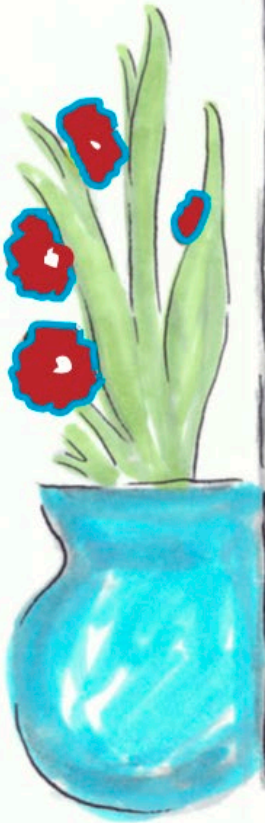
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“Follow the Money” – An event held on April 19 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse:



President Sulin Bell, Secretary/Newsletter Editor Sharon Marshall, and Program Chair Janet Chaniot absorb information about women in the Mendocino County economy from Mary Anne Petrillo, CEO of the West Business Development Center.

Mary Anne Petrillo, CEO of the West Business Development Company and featured speaker at this meeting.



Nicole Glentzer (right) listens as Tylene Johnson (left) shares her experience developing her business, Potter Valley Soapworks. AAUW Ukiah members and guests were pleased to receive gifts of lotion and lip balm.





Mary Anne Petrillo (middle) and Tylene Johnson (right) listen to Rocío Ortega describe the challenges of managing the Saturday Afternoon Club.



Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County Schools Superintendent, arrives for the AAUW Ukiah program at the Saturday Afternoon Club.

ACCOLADES PROGRAM: April 27, 2022

On April 27, 2022 five special Ukiah High School students were honored with the Accolades for Excellence awards at the Ukiah High School Library. The recipients were nominated by their teachers for their academic and personal efforts and accomplishments to receive this award. This year's winners are Alexis Alexander (nominated by Jen Julius), Allison Reedy (nominated by Patty Halpin), Airiana Adams (nominated by Diane Bruns), Audrey Anderson (nominated by Rose Easterbrook), and Katya Galvez (nominated by Angela McClure). Congratulations to all of you! We can't wait to see what your futures hold.

We also wish to thank the family, teachers, friends and others who support and cheer on these amazing young women and help them to be all they can be. Our gratitude as well to Mary Ann Villwock and Beverley Spence who have been heading up this program as well as to Jessica Lee who stepped up this year to become AAUW Ukiah's teacher liaison at Ukiah High. Sulin Bell gave the opening speech; welcoming everyone, explaining the Accolades program and AAUW over all. Well done everyone!

If you have never been to this ceremony before, you may want to consider going next year. It is such an inspiring and wonderful thing that AAUW Ukiah Branch does.

You can visit our website ukiah-ca.aauw.net, click on the ACTIVITIES tap and select the Accolades link to see more pictures.

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BOOKMARKERS

by Katie Gibbs

The next book is *The Unquiet Grave* by Sharyn McCrumb.

We will meet at 2:00 p.m, on Thursday, May 19 at the home of Katie Gibbs, 4561 Eastside Calpella Road, Ukiah.

Never too late to join us, call me at 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.

