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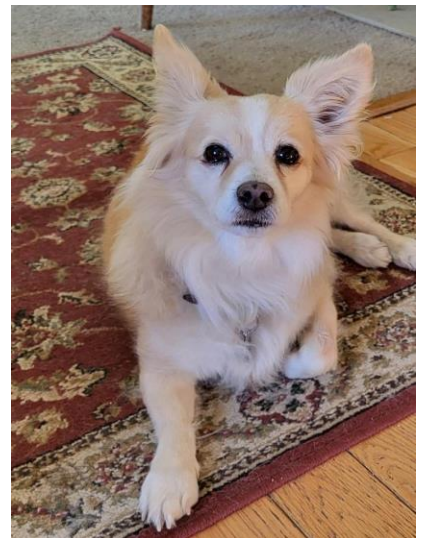
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I am happy to report that our innovation Mascot* Fundraiser was successful! In addition to raising the most amount of fundraising money to support our work in our recent history, we had dual winners in our contest. Licorice the goat brought in the most amount of money and was the *Grand Patron* winner, and Allie the dog had the most number of people voting for her, and was the *People's Choice* winner. Licorice will receive the Grand Prize of a donated Pet Portrait by artist Alyssa Jose. Alyssa brought some beautiful examples of past pet portraits and can be commissioned to do portraits in pastels, watercolor and acrylic which would make an outstanding gift to yourself, family or friends. Personally I am having one done of Allie, the first runner-up –who also happens to be my dog. (Call or text Alyssa at 707-462-4356.)



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Although attendance was low, we all had a great time socializing with each other, voting and enjoying the refreshments. Thank you Kyle Mayers for your work on postings for the fundraiser on our website and working out the voting procedures in general. Also, thanks to Kyle for creating a PayPal option on our website for donations as well as giving us the ability to receive credit card donations. And weren't the new name tags she created so much nicer than the old ones! I especially liked the red ribbons for past presidents. Want one? Your chance to be a president is coming up!



A most delightful part of the program was an “in-person” appearance of the goat coupled with an interesting talk by Jini Reynolds and Michelle Hutchins about the genetic and behavioral characteristics of the Nubian tribe of goats and about the many generations Great Great Grandmother Licorice had birthed and/or cared for in her longer than usual lifetime— so far. I bet it was the first time in the history of National, State, and Local AAUW Chapters to have a live goat at their program—female and with credentials!

Successfully accomplishing our goals of having fun and raising money at the same time was encouraging for continuing to be creative about possible unique forms our future fundraisers might take. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, please be sure to share them with the board members and/or write about your ideas for the newsletter. Send your article to Sharon at sharonjeanmarshall@gmail.com.



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Coming next, save the date for the annual *Women's History Gala Event* on Sunday, March 5 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, doors open at 12:00 and the program--*Women Who Tell Our Stories*, begins at 12:30. More about this event follows. We, AAUW Ukiah, will be providing the Sweet Refreshments this year instead of our usual Savory Refreshments. You have received an e-mail about this and I encourage you to please respond to the request for providing something sweet or donating toward it. Drop off your dish between 11-11:30 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

New Developments: Rocio Ortega, our Program Director, has set up the technology for having our programs be hybrid – meaning we can be streaming live on Facebook as we meet in person. This opens up the possibilities for persons who cannot or choose to not to attend in person still feel connected to the AAUW presentations. In addition, the Clubhouse now has Wi-Fi and wireless microphones to allow better sound and sound location options for future programs and events as well as expanding the use of technology within our programs. Thank you, Rocio.

Stay comfortable, Spring is rapidly approaching.

*Mascot comes from the French term “mascotte” meaning lucky charm. First recorded in 1867, popularized by the opera “La Mascotte” performed in 1880, and entered the English language in 1881. A mascot can be an animal, person or thing adopted by a group as its representative symbol and is supposed to bring good luck. 30.9% of mascots are women and 69.1% are men. Same ratio of inequality reported in many other areas!

Sulin Bell
President

AAUW BOOKMARKERS

Our book for March is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

The meeting will be at 4561 Eastside Calpella Road at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

Newcomers are welcome; call Katie Gibbs for directions, 707-228-6143

PUBLIC POLICY

Lobby Days Are Here Again...

Save the dates March 21 and March 22 are the AAUW CA scheduled Lobby Days, so mark your calendars and be sure to sign up to participate when our Lobby Day registration arrives in your mailbox.

Advocating for our top three priority bills is fundamental to achieving our legislative priorities by addressing economic security for all women, providing equal access to public education and insuring social and racial justice for all members of society. We need all members on board and will be counting on you to reach out to our elected officials in the California legislature.

Our Public Policy Committee will make it easy for you to do so. This year instead of a full week, Lobby Day will consist of two days and will occur while the legislature is in session, not on break. Hopefully, this will provide more opportunity to actually speak with a member in lieu of a staffer. Our plans are to make it hybrid – virtual and in-person. Those branches in and around Sacramento would have the option of in-person meetings at the Capitol with the remaining branches meeting virtually or in-person with staffers in the district. So, a bit more flexibility this year as the committee feels it's beneficial to establish relationships with our elected leaders' local staff.

Our AAUW legislative Advocate will be scheduling meetings with the member offices willing to participate, and once you return your Lobby Day survey, the committee will begin to assemble branch participants and match them with Assembly and Senate districts in order to assign teams. We will provide you with material on the bills we are supporting and have scheduled a mandatory training webinar for March 20th, so you'll have the information at your fingertips. If you have participated in Lobby Day in the past, we would love to hear from you on what worked and what didn't, please send your comments to publicpolicy@aauw-ca.org.

Lobby Day is our chance to make a concerted impact on the priorities and values we, as AAUW members, hold dear. It brings out the "advocates" in all us for improving the economic and educational lives of women and girls. And goodness knows, we need that commitment now more than ever. So, mark those calendars and join us on Lobby Days.

Val Muchowski
Public Policy Chair

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

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) with AAUW-Ukiah presents the 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration on Sunday, March 5 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, 107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah. Everyone is encouraged to arrive at noon 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. Ukiah Mayor Mari Rodin will serve as emcee. The program will be dedicated to poet, Mary Norbert Korte [1934 - 2022]. Featured speakers will be Corine Pearce, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo and Buffie Schmidt, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, who both embody the 2023 theme as everything they do involves storytelling and Buffie Schmidt is a Pomo dancer, regalia maker, Pomo basket weaver, and wild indigenous food and medicine gatherer. Schmidt is a Northern Pomo woman enrolled with Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Willits, where she has served as the Vice Chairperson for three years.

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.

California Controller Malia M. Cohen will be a guest at the Women's History Gala Celebration. She was elected in November 2022, following her service on the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), the nation's only elected tax commission responsible for administering California's \$100 billion property tax system.

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 Katarzyna Rolzinski and Val Muchowski

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on March 13 at 11:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending needs to e-mail Sharon at sharonjeanmarshall@gmail.com for the location.

Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) 
American Association of University Women - Ukiah

Dedicated to Mary Norbert Horte
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Women's History Gala Celebration


Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

FEATURED SPEAKERS



BUFFIE SCHMIDT,
Pomo dancer, regalia maker, basket
weaver, language teacher
- Sherwood Valley Rancheria



CORINE PEARCE, Basketweaver,
Author, Educator and Cultural bearer
- Little River Band of Pomo Indians of
Redwood Valley 

HONOREES



ELLEN WEED
Actor, director, teacher



DOT BROVARNEY
Author, historian, curator



SARAH REITH
Author, artist, journalist

Emcee Mari Rodin, Ukiah Mayor

Land Acknowledgement by Lois Lockart

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Noon

Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse

107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah

\$10 donation

* Youth Art Exhibit * Refreshments * Socializing * Silent Auction

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