

## Calendar

September 27  
 NWPC Executive  
 Board Meeting  
 Walters  
 920 N. State St.  
 Ukiah  
 5 pm

October 2  
 Local Women  
 Musicians  
 Nelson Ranch  
 1-5 pm

October 5  
 Candidate Forum  
 Ukiah Civic Center  
 6 pm

October 7  
 Mary Stanley's BD  
 Fresno 6pm

October 8  
 Women Winning  
 Val Muchowski  
 Susanne LaFaver  
 9:30  
 Ramada Inn  
 Fresno

Oct. 9-11  
 Bi-annual Conference  
 Ramada Inn  
 Fresno

November 2  
 VOTE!!!

## Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Women Getting the Vote

We celebrated with great gusto in Mendocino County. On August 22nd, we took over the Kelley House lawn with speeches, poetry and oral presentations. The Mendocino Coast Women's Chorus sang. The sun shone and it was a joyous occasion. Thanks to the League of Women Voters (our cosponsor), the Kelley House (for their lawn) and all those who participated...On August 26th, the actual day, Patti Darland, S u s a n n e



LaFaver and I went to Sacramento to help them kick off the California Women's Appointment Project. NWPC was well represented with Teray Stephens, our chair, Carole Nutt, our Northern Coordinator and the Mendocino contingency.... Then it was off to Ukiah where Katarzyna Rolzinski had a well planned event at the Ukiah Civic Center that included proclamations by Ukiah (thank you Mari Rodin and Mary Ann Landis) and Mendocino County (thank you Carre

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 Chair of the  
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few words. Then Iron Jawed Angels came on. The women were amazed! Few had heard the story of the energy, the suffering and the triumph that it took to bring women the vote. And yet we still have to pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). If you haven't seen this HBO film, rent it. Share it with your kids and grandkids. It is the story of our political past. Then it was on to cake and networking. A time well spent!

*Val Muchowski*

## Here and There

Congratulations to our members who made it through the primary: Meredith Lintott, Holly Madrigal and Wendy Roberts. Now on to November.... Congratulations to our members who didn't have to run for election because no one ran against them: Shari Schapmire - Treasurer/Tax Collector; Meg Courtney, Ft. Bragg City Council; and Patricia Darland, Mendocino Coast Hospital Board.... Good luck to Mary Ann Landis, our member, who is running for the Ukiah City Council.... **To win change, overcome fear.** August 26, 1920, US women finally won their constitutional right to vote. On the

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anniversary in 1991, feminist author and activist Andrea Dworkin made this historic speech, at the home of 19th-century suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Recording courtesy of WEOS-FM; edited for WINGS by Frieda Werden. Link for downloading (right-click and save-as): <http://www.wings.org/ftp/2010%20shows/wings18-10dworkin-equalityday.mp3>....Facts about the passing of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote: The dying wife of Long island Representative Frederick Hicks urged him to leave her bedside to go to DC to vote for the final crucial vote for women's suffrage. His was the final crucial vote, and then he returned home for his wife's funeral. To pass the 19th Amendment, it took 56 referendums, 480 on legislations, 47 State Constitutional Amendments, 277 efforts to influence Presidential Party Platforms and 19 successive Congresses....Watch the kids support the ERA. It is a BRACING experience. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZP4KOFnXbg> ....Prop 25 is the much needed fix of Prop 13. Note that it leaves in place the cap on property taxes. It changes only the percentage vote needed to enact a budget. If Prop 25 passes, the budget (still not passed this year) would require a simple majority to pass the State Legislature. Please let your friends know about Prop 25 and urge them to vote in favor of it according to Janie Sheppard....To get an application for the California Women's Appointment Project, <https://www.cawomenlead.org/cwap/application.html>.... We always have fun in Fresno. This year we will celebrate Mary Stanley's 83rd Birthday (or is it 38? She gets confused). Mary Stanley has raised more money for women and kept the NWPC afloat. If you gone to Democratic, Republican, AAUW, NEA, NWPC, NOW national or state conventions, you have seen her and her table selling tee shirts, buttons and memorabilia. The money goes to our prochoice women candidates. Susanne LaFaver and I will put on a killer candidate's training. There will be voting for next year's leaders of NWPCA and political speeches. Come and join us in Fresno....Rachel Binah put on a great event for Senator Barbara Boxer. She had over 200 people and raised over \$25,000. Good work Rachel! No wonder they keep elected you to the Democratic National Committee.

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### Bi-Annual Conference

Save the Date for the NWPC CA Bi-Annual October Conference on October 8 -10, 2010 at the Ramada Fresno-University, 324 East Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93710. Make Reservations: (559)224-4040. On Friday, Oct 8, 10AM-4PM Campaign Training; on Sat, Oct 9, All Day Conference and on Sunday, Oct 10, 8AM -1PM. The cost for conference is \$125 if paid by Sep 30; \$150 if after Sep 30. Other Events: Oct 7: Mary's Roast and Celebration of 35th Anniversary of the Fresno NWPC Caucus, \$35 at door; Oct 8: Campaign Training \$50 online by Oct 1 or \$60 at door.



Dear Member:

The NWPC CA Bi-Annual Conference is just around the corner: October 8 - 10 in Fresno, and with perfect timing for the very important midterm elections! We have some exciting events planned for the weekend that you won't want to miss. Hope you can make it! Register Online at [www.nwpcca.org](http://www.nwpcca.org)

### California Women's Appointment Project

The California Women's Appointment Project is up and running. The kickoff was in Sacramento on August 26th. The website is [www.cawomenlead.org/cwap](http://www.cawomenlead.org/cwap). We are trying to get the word out to all women. The new Governor will be making up to 7,000 appointments. He/She will need your expertise, humor and feminist bend so jump on line and apply. Mendocino women who have been a major factor in state government: Jerilyn Harris, the current Chair

of the STRS Board, Marge Handley, formerly of Department of Transportation Advisory Committee, Janet Harwood, Formerly of the Forest Advisory Board. Pass the word on. Have you ever thought about applying for an appointment to a state board or commission? Visit [www.cawomenlead.org/cwap](http://www.cawomenlead.org/cwap) and find out how we can help you make it a reality!

### Members

**Welcome New Member:** Toni Orans, Annette Zeni  
**Due in September:** Jessica Thompson

**Due in October:** Caren Callahan, Sue Cameron, Madelin Hotkamp, Jennifer Poole, Barbara Rice, Arleen Shippey, Ruth Valenzuela

**Due in November:** Carre Brown, Judy Campbell, Meg Courtney, Katharine Elliot, Noreen Evans, Nancy Nanna, Wendy Pollitz, Mary Ann Villwock

### Mendocino Coast District Hospital Report

The hospital has been very busy and has made great progress in the past few weeks with the delivery of the Diagnostic Imaging Center module delivery which will house the new state of the art equipment and provide the many new and improved diagnostic services to the coast residents. The DI Center is due to open in early 2011.

One of the greatest fund raisers which helped to get this project off the ground has been the annual Winesong



sponsored by the Mendocino Coast Hospital Foundation. The Winesong festivities are set to occur Saturday, September 11, 2010. Time is 11-5 at the Coast Botanical Gardens. Prior to the main event, there is a barrel tasting on Friday September 10 at the Little River Inn from 12-4 PM. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Visit [www.winesong.org](http://www.winesong.org) for more information

MCDH, in keeping with its Healing Hospital approach is sponsoring its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Health and Wellness Festival and Expo. The opening festivities include the Noyo River Run 5K on Saturday October 2, 2010. For more information call the Wellness office at 707-961-4657

Finally, the new Board of Directors will start its new year in December with Dr. Kerman and I running as the unopposed incumbents for our four year seats. Mike Del'Ara is retiring from the Board and Dr. Buzz Graham ran unopposed for that four year seat. I look forward to working with a dynamic Board in 2011 and feel confident that the hospital will continue to grow and provide excellent service to the coast residents.

*Patricia Jauregui-Darland,  
Member MCDH Board of Directors*

### Mary Ann Landis

Mary Anne Landis, a 32 year resident of the Ukiah valley is actively involved in the pursuit of a brighter economic future for Ukiah. She is a mother, and an educator of a wide variety of learners ranging from adults to young students with disabilities. In recent years she built a small infill cluster of homes on the west side of Ukiah. She believes that our tradition and our strength are



our forests, our farmland and our micro enterprises. Well-paying jobs will result from staying true to our traditional values when they are complimented by the innovative use of the 21<sup>st</sup> century's technology and sustainability.

Ms Landis is an innovator who is grounded in practicality and fiscal prudence. She has a reputation for bringing different viewpoints together into a respectful dialogue that produces results. She enjoys linking people who may not always agree with each other but who hold key pieces needed for lasting solutions. She is an approachable leader who will work hard to create the future which we all yearn for in Ukiah. Her website is <http://malandis4citycouncil.org>

**Meredith Lintott**

Thank you for your support. We are in the final days. Seeing your faces on the campaign trail is always an encouragement.

I am very pleased to let you know that I have gained the support of our prosecutors in my run for re-election. The backing of my staff and attorneys speaks to the difficult work necessary to re-build the District Attorney's Office coming in as an "outsider" after the untimely death of District Attorney Norman Vroman.

Our office continues to deliver convictions of violent offenders. Timothy Elliott was convicted of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder for the stabbing death of Samuel Billy during a fight at the Hopland Rancheria. His sentencing will be October 8, 2010. Corey Wake, charged with child molestation was prosecuted by ADA Beth Norman Wade has been sentenced to 8 years in state prison. We plan to have Wade evaluated for Violent Sexual Predator status at the completion of his term.



Our newly formed Elder Abuse Unit has presented educational outreach programs to our senior centers. I received approval from the Board of Supervisors to hire an investigator to assist with the complex issues of elder abuse.

I continue to be the experienced leader with the management skills and prosecution record to continue to lead the criminal justice system in Mendocino County.

I ask for your vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>!



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### Holly Madrigal

### NWPC California Meeting in Torrance

In the 3rd District, the Democratic Party Election Headquarters is up and running. This is the first time the Democratic Party has opened a headquarters in the 3rd District. Please stop by if you're traveling through Willits — we're at 1468 S. Main St., on the south end of town, just north of the Chinese Buffet and McDonalds. You can't miss the big "Holly Madrigal for 3rd District Supervisor" sign 16 feet up on the side of the highway. We have signs, bumper stickers or buttons for our Democratic slate from top to "bottom." Pick up a Boxer button, a Jerry Brown sign, or a bumper sticker for Meredith Lintott, just to mention a few. We'll be doing phone banking evenings and Saturdays, and your help is needed; donations to feed the phone bankers are welcome, too. (checks to support the 3rd District headquarters can be sent to: Democratic Party of Mendocino County, 1468 S. Main St., Willits CA 95490). Call us at 459-9505 to say hello, or if you'd like a list of numbers and a script to make calls from home. We had a great grand opening party, with good food in the back yard, and good cheer — thanks especially to those who came from Laytonville, Ukiah and even Fort Bragg, and to NWPC endorsed candidates Meredith Lintott and Holly Madrigal who both said a few words.

*Jennifer Poole*


President Teray Stephen's Priorities are: (1) Visibility, (2) Membership, and (3) Fundraising. She wants one person from each Caucus to be a liaison for continuing fundraising, especially with corporate sponsors. Remember our Dues breakdown: National = \$40, State = \$15, Local = \$15. Membership: There were 53 member reported for NWPC-Mendocino, giving us 3 votes. NWPC-CA currently has 751 members. Our NWPC-Mendocino member, Patti Darland was appointed as an interim NWPC-CA, Co-Chair of Membership. Patti hopes to be elected as Membership Chair of NWPC-CA. PAC Report: Mendocino was reported as owing PAC \$. Either 25% of what is taken in from a PAC fundraising event or \$5 per member is required to NWPC-CA State PAC. Endorsement Policy: Big Discussion: Needs to be based solely on six bottom line issues and viability/finances. Phrasing from version 4/07 needs to be on all Candidate Questionnaires, see below\*. Other issues, i.e. environment, are not relevant to NWPC but perhaps to environmental endorsements. If a local Caucus denies endorsement, a candidate may request endorsement from NWPC-CA, state endorsement and could receive it. Endorsement Procedures and language will be a session at the October Conference. A committee will be working on this beforehand.

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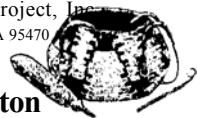


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Working Lunch – Saturday: We broke into three groups to focus new ideas and thinking on (1) 8/29 Celebration of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage & Women of Achievement Awards; (2) October conference; and (3) Membership. The October Conference: October 8 -10/11, 2010 in Fresno. Thursday night:

*\* The purpose of the National Women’s Political Caucus of California, Inc. (NWPC-CA) is to increase women’s participation in the political process and to identify, recruit, train and support women for election and appointment to public office. While in pursuit of this goal, NWPC-CA will strive to win equality for all women;*

Mexican Restaurant, Mary Stanley’s 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday & NWPC-Fresno 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations; Friday: Candidates Training 10:00 – 4:00, Movies in the evening; Saturday: CA Women’s League, CA Appointment Project, Session of Compliance on Endorsements, Fresno State Fair; Sunday: Board meeting & Elections. Other Upcoming Dates: 8/29 — Celebration of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage and 2010 Women of Achievement Awards at the Renberg Theater in Hollywood; 9/18 — Co-Sponsor Candidate Training with Newport Beach Women’s Democratic Club; 10/8-10-11 — Fresno State Conference & NWPC Board Elections; 10/14 — EMMAS, NYC, Cornell Club; 10/15 — National Board Meeting, NYC

*to ensure reproductive freedom; to achieve quality dependent care; to eradicate violence and poverty; and to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, physical limitations or sexual orientation.*

Katarzyna Rolzinski

## SPACE

The nationally acclaimed dance company Na Lei Hulu will highlight the Near & Arnold’s School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education (SPACE) sixth annual luau on Saturday, September 25, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the newly-renovated SPACE Theater at 508 West Perkins in Ukiah.



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The SPACE luau honors past board president Seiji Sugawara and is a vital fundraiser for the SPACE programs which Seiji appreciated especially for their emphasis on cultural diversity.

A traditional Hawaiian feast will again be prepared by Seiji's family to be enjoyed with mai tais amidst the ambiance of island decor and fresh plumeria with exquisite paper leis, handmade for every guest by our member Dorothy Sugawara.

The award winning guest performing group of 25 dancers, Na Lei Hulu directed by Kumu Hula, Patrick Makuakane, presents hula as a full theatrical experience that blends traditional and contemporary forms of Hawaiian dance. A visit to their website [www.naleihulu.org](http://www.naleihulu.org) will give you an enticing taste of these amazing dancers.

Tickets are \$50 in advance. Please contact the SPACE office 462-9370 or Mary Ann Villwock 468-8017 to reserve.

*Mary Ann Villwock*

### The ERA

In the Fall of 1981, several women of the Women Writers Group decided to have a march to support the Equal Rights Amendment. Ann Near suggested that we involve all the women's organizations in Mendocino County. For once a week, 30 women from those organizations met at the County Library in Ukiah in order to divide up into committees to plan the March. It didn't matter what political party the women belonged to, all were committed to making a public statement supporting the ERA. So on December 12, 1981, 200 women, their friends and families carrying signs, banners and chanting walked in the rain through the streets of Ukiah up to the Municipal Park. There, local women spoke about women's rights and about the history of the ERA, which has been introduced in Congress every year since 1923 and it has still not passed!

The words of the Equal Rights Amendment are: ***"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"*** Why have we given up on fighting for the ERA?

*Nancy Nana*



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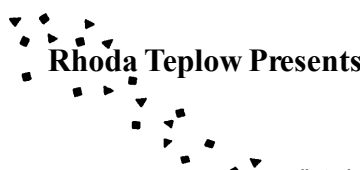
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## ERA on the Fast Track

Dear NWPC CA Members and Supporters,

This week marked the 90th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, but we STILL don't have an Equal Rights Amendment to guarantee equality between women and men under the law. That is why we invite you to join our "Put the ERA on the FAST Track" campaign and help us spread word.

Feminist lawyer and activist, Gloria Allred began a fast on July 27th to bring attention to the Equal Rights Amendment (House Joint Resolution 61), introduced by Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). Her 90-meal solid-food fast ended August 26, the 90th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

You can stand in solidarity with Ms. Allred, show your commitment to passing the Equal Rights Amendment, and demand that your member of Congress take action by visiting [www.nwpcca.org](http://www.nwpcca.org) to sign letters of support for the ERA and pledging to fast for a minimum of 1 hour, if you choose, then forward this information to your friends and colleagues!

If you'd like to sign letters in support of the ERA, we invite you to [nwpcca.org](http://nwpcca.org) to go to our site and sign the petition online.

The goal is to have at least 10,000 people join the "Put the ERA on the FAST Track" campaign by signing letters of support for passage of the ERA, and making a commitment to fast a minimum of one hour, or a minimum total of 10,000 hours. All letters and

pledges will be forwarded to Representative Maloney and the U.S. Congress. Show your support now!

NWPC CA asks you to join Gloria Allred and our campaign to achieve equal rights for women! If you'd like more information on our campaign, please visit [www.nwpcca.org](http://www.nwpcca.org), or for in-depth information on the ERA, visit [www.equalrightsamendment.org](http://www.equalrightsamendment.org).

We look forward to hearing from you,

*Teray Stephens*  
President, NWPC CA

## FIRST 5 Mendocino Grants Available for Projects Serving Children 0-5

FIRST 5 Mendocino is pleased to offer small grants to help families with young children. Non-profit or government agencies are eligible to apply for the grants, which will be available on a competitive basis. There is no formal application. Just send a letter or email by October 1, 2010. To learn more about the grants and guidelines, visit [www.mendochildren.org/grants.htm](http://www.mendochildren.org/grants.htm).

Grants will be awarded to projects that serve local children, ages 5 and younger that focus on one or more of the following service areas: children's health; social-emotional support for children and parents; school readiness; and community-based services and family resources centers. During these difficult financial times, FIRST 5 will give priority to requests that address a family's basic needs. Funds cannot be used to start a new organization, as it is almost always more efficient to provide a service



through an existing agency.

“FIRST 5 Mendocino County is dedicated to keeping children in Mendocino County healthy, happy, and ready to learn,” said Anne Molgaard, executive director of FIRST 5 Mendocino County. “Supporting local programs that share this critical goal helps ensure that Mendocino’s children have every resource available to help them thrive in their FIRST five years of life.”

For more information please call (707) GO CHILD, 462-4453 or visit [www.mendochildren.org](http://www.mendochildren.org).

### PFLAG

You are invited to PFLAG North Bay Awards Night Fundraiser Reception featuring guests of honor and speakers: Molly McKay and Davina Kotulski (Marriage Equality USA) at 6:30pm on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Glaser Center, 547

Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa.

- Wine & beverages with light hors d’oeuvres
- Scholarship Recipient Remarks
- Presentation of 2010 Scholarships
- Keynote Speakers
- Presentation of Rykken-Scull Awards...  
... to non-profit organizations that have helped alleviate bigotry towards gays and lesbians

This is a no cost event in appreciation to you as a past supporter of PFLAG North Bay, but donations will be gratefully accepted. You are welcome and encouraged to bring a potential new supporter as your guest. Please RSVP with guest count to: Lin Campbell at (707)575-1655.



**PROCLAMATIONS BY ELECTED WOMEN  
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 celebration of the  
 world we want.*

*Frances Moore Lappe*



**NWPC LOGO**

*The Greek symbol for women is used to form five circles representing the five races: black, brown, yellow, red and white. Intertwining of the circles means unity: working together, we can achieve anything.*

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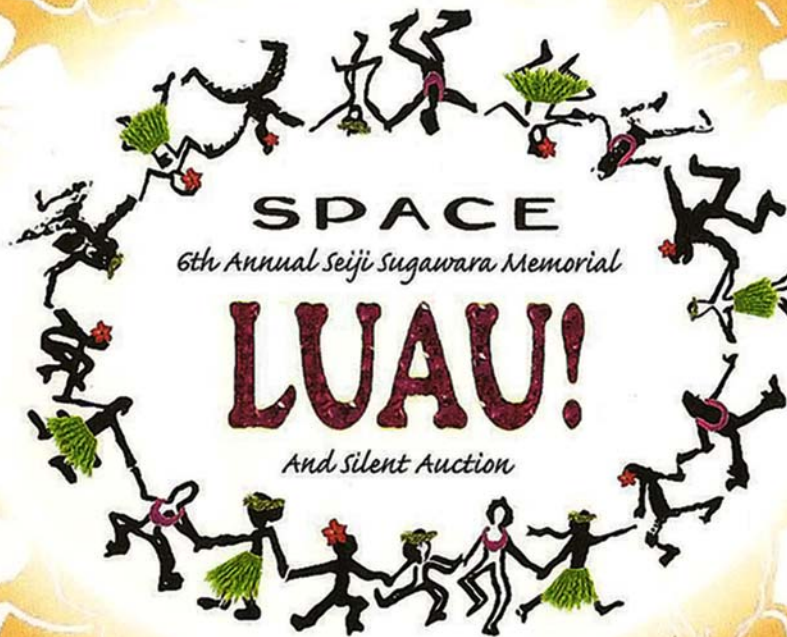
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