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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jane Gray
SBWPC Board President

As you all know, this is a monumental year for the WPC.

It is our 25th Anniversary—a quarter century of empowering women leaders throughout the South Coast and indeed, the county. We, as an organization, have such a broad and deep legacy to draw on. We have embraced the character and examples of the women who have made us strong and brought us here.

As we stand at this most amazing moment in time, both in the organization and our nation's history, it is a time for reflection, but also a time of action.

Now, more than ever, we need to propel the WPC and ourselves into a richer and more complex environment—one with more competition, but also more opportunities. Now is the time to seize on the advances women have made, increase our impact and ensure true and lasting 50%-50% equality.

For our part, this year, the SBWPC is focused on making the WPC even stronger, more diverse and further reaching. To these ends, every month thus far, we have had at least one event, if not two, including an event with **Sandra Fluke** at UCSB, a budget workshop with Next 10, **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson** and **Assemblymember Das Williams**, and a countywide reception for elected and appointed women in Santa Maria, as well as a fun

and dynamic event with the incredible **Dolores Huerta**. And it doesn't stop there.

We have monthly events that take us through January 2014. Some events are educational, some are social, some are skills trainings, but ALL are fun and ALL are focused on ensuring that WOMEN ARE EQUALLY REPRESENTED AND THE NORM (not the exception) IN ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES.

Over the past year, the SBWPC has been actively involved in the campaigns of the majority of candidates who are currently in office, from Water and School board to US Congress.

We have vigorously advocated for the appointment of women to boards and commissions—and we have been effective.

We have supported existing work in important coalitions and joined new coalitions

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Contributions to the SBWPC support the following activities: advocacy and lobbying on issues of importance to women, community education and outreach, recruitment and training of feminist candidates, direct endorsement of candidates, campaigns and candidate support. We welcome and greatly appreciate your donations for the realization of these aims and to bring feminist women into office. Because of the political nature of the work, contributions are not tax-deductible.

President's Message continued...

advocating for needed reforms. The SBWPC has persevered and we are here to stay.

We—the Board and the members of the WPC—tirelessly, passionately and fruitfully advance the mission and vision for the future. This year, and every year after, we hope that each and every one of you will take an active role in shaping the next 25 years of the SBWPC.

Onward!

Jane Gray, *Board President*
SBWPC



Special 25th Anniversary SBWPC Membership Offer!

Stay involved and don't miss out on all that an SBWPC membership offers! **In honor of our 25th Anniversary, SBWPC is offering a special anniversary individual membership for NEW MEMBERS for \$25!!**

To get the special rate, either as a new member or as a gift for a friend, please go to our website.

You may use the form on the back of this newsletter to renew, join a sub-committee or make a donation. Or, go to www.sbwpc.org for online access.

Protecting the Rights of Survivors: State Senate Bill 400



Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara) has introduced legislation aimed to protect survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Specifically, Senate Bill 400 would prohibit discrimination against and provide employment protections for survivors.

Almost one half of domestic violence victims report that they have lost a job due to, at least in part, their status as domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking survivors. Worse, **50% of sexual assault victims report losing jobs in the aftermath of the crime**, according to a 2011 study by the Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center, one of the sponsors of Jackson's SB 400. Other sponsors include the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Although California law allows survivors to take time off work to attend court hearings or get other assistance related to their abuse, it does not prohibit employers from firing employees for being victims or require employers to provide simple accommodations, such as a new office extension number or relocating their desk. Six other states—Illinois, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Hawaii and Oregon—have similar laws to protect victims from these forms of discrimination.

Jackson, who is vice-chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, represents the 19th Senate district, which includes Santa Barbara County and western Ventura County.

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SBWPC'S 25th ANNIVERSARY...

by Susan Rose

The years 2012 and 2013 have been times for celebrations and political victories for the feminist movement. *Ms. Magazine* recently published its 40th anniversary edition. January 22, 2013, marked the 40th year since *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark Supreme Court decision, established the fundamental right to abortion.

The 2012 election resulted in some formidable firsts for women. Although the percentage of women in the U.S. Congress still remains low (18%), they broke several glass ceilings in both the U.S. Senate and House.

And on the Central Coast, the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a year-long series of events.

However, in today's political climate, there is not only unfinished business for the feminist agenda, but an imperative need to secure the gains that have been made. To do that, **more women must run for national office starting with local and statewide candidacies.** The political process can be daunting—so how can women candidates get started in politics? Is there a pipeline and if not, can one be created?



Gayle Binion, a UCSB political science professor who became the group's first president, and **Lois Phillips**, then associate dean of Antioch College, the group expanded over time.

The founders included a list of Who's Who among woman activists in the community: **Ruth Ackerman, Marty Blum, Cindy Bowers, Diane Bury, Vesta Clinton, Margaret Connell, Sylvia Curtis, Anita Perez Ferguson, Nancy Franco, Carla Frisk, Hannah-Beth Jackson, Barbara Lindemann, Lily Maestas, Sandy Robertson, Mary Rose, Selma Rubin, Ruth Rodriguez Schaffer, Naomi Schwartz, Sarah Shoresman, Deb Sills, Catherine Swysen, Janet Vandevender, Marya Weinstock and Jana Zimmer.** (In full disclosure, this author was also a founding mother.) We asked the question—can women have a significant

impact at the local level? Reflecting on 25 years of political activities, the answer is an unqualified YES. Using an activist model, these feminists created a pipeline to elective office.



The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC) was born in January of 1988, with a raucous reception at a popular watering hole called Zelo's that brought out 250 women and men. **Betty Friedan** was the keynote speaker that evening and anti-choice opponents picketed the event.

Each of the founding Board members brought her rolodex to the outreach effort. Sharing these contacts helped get the word out across sectors and disciplines, increased attendance at events and quickly built a membership base that today includes both women and men. The time was right to organize!

From the beginning, the SBWPC defined itself as a feminist organization. Its mission states:

"The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action, and educational activities. As a political action committee, we endorse the candidacies of women and men who actively support our goals and promote a feminist agenda." <http://sbwpc.org/>

During these last 25 years, the SBWPC has pursued gender equity through many avenues, but with the goal of creating social change through public policy. SBWPC's belief that female elected officials would do more to make a difference in the lives of women has since been documented by academic institutes like the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University. **Additional research from Stanford University has demonstrated that female legislators perform better than their male counterparts once in office.** The organization has supported many women for school boards, city councils, boards of supervisors, the state legislature, California statewide offices, Congress and the Presidency.

In 1988, the SBWPC endorsed the candidacies of **Dianne Owens** and **Gloria Ochoa**, the first women to serve on the County Board of Supervisors. The smell of victory was sweet! During the 1990s, more women began to run for office.

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Santa Barbara County has been represented by a woman in Congress since 1999. Women have comprised as much as 80% of the County Board of Supervisors, and served as mayors and district attorneys and in both houses of the state legislature. They also hold many positions on school boards and local commissions. During its 25 years, the SBWPC has endorsed and contributed financial support to 95 candidates. A total of 56 of those were women (59%). Only four of the women lost. All candidates supported the feminist agenda.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee has created a culture where women in public office are the norm not the exception. Success is best demonstrated by their impact on public policy and governance. Issues and legislation introduced by women elected to office in Santa Barbara have covered a broad range of topics.

Note the wide-ranging accomplishments of women who have been supported by the SBWPC:

- **Congresswoman Lois Capps** has been committed to women and families by supporting legislation on health care, the environment and education including the Affordable Health Care Act;
- **State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson** has emphasized domestic violence and reproductive rights. Jackson's legislation assisted victims of abuse and created access to affordable reproductive care;
- **District Attorney Joyce Dudley** has worked to expand rape laws, eliminate rape kit backlogs and increase timely testing of all kits. Dudley is a strong advocate for truancy programs;
- The late **County Supervisor Naomi Schwartz** chaired both the local First Five Children's Commission and the California Coastal Commission making children and the environment her hallmark issues;
- **County Supervisor Janet Wolf** has focused on health care and gender balance in public appointments. Wolf has worked to expand breast cancer digital mammography services for underserved women;
- As **Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, Helene Schneider** has established a focus on living wage, housing, homelessness, human services and education.

In its early days, the SBWPC founding Board of Directors created a set of tools that enabled them to ensure the election of feminist women to office. They included:

- Position papers;
- Recruitment strategies;

- Campaign skills workshops;
- Candidate assessment teams;
- Endorsements;
- State and federal PAC money;
- Media support.

These tools are still in place today and guide the Board in their decision-making.

Many of the first candidates to be endorsed by the PAC were founding Board members. As they left to run for office, others took their place. The Board itself became a source for candidates, creating an early pipeline, joining public boards and commissions and becoming staff members to the newly-elected women.

As part of their current organizational structure, the SBWPC has a standing pipeline committee that focuses on recruiting women for future elections.

The question of supporting male candidates arose in the early years. On the occasions when they did not have women candidates, the SBWPC endorsed men who, in turn, supported the SBWPC agenda. As a result of this policy, today the endorsement of the SBWPC is highly sought after by all candidates in Santa Barbara.

While other feminist organizations have declined or disbanded, the SBWPC has been able to sustain itself over 25 years because of a diverse board of women and a membership committed to addressing issues that are current and compelling.

With a Board of Directors of 19 women, the 2013 organization is led by **President Jane Gray** and an executive committee that includes **Lisa Guravitz, Yesenia Curiel, Carol Keator** and **Kate Silsbury**. This new generation of activists has increased the visibility of the organization and is adept at using social media. They are also reaching out to women in northern Santa Barbara County. <http://sbwpc.org/board-of-directors/>

In Santa Barbara County, women have achieved political and electoral success by grass roots organizing, marching, mentoring, advocating and campaigning. The organizational model developed by the SBWPC has been tried and tested over the years and can be replicated in other communities. ***The SBWPC has worked on a local level, why not nationally?***



—Hon. Susan Rose
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, Ret.

WELCOME TO THE SBWPC BOARD...



Marjorie Lakin Erickson

I was born in New York City and attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, majoring in biology. I worked as a textbook editor before moving to Los Angeles to attend Loyola of Los Angeles Law School, from which I graduated magna cum laude.

I practiced law in private firms as a business and entertainment litigator before joining the Federal Trade Commission as the Assistant Regional Director for the Los Angeles office, where I supervised the legal work of the office. After that, I became the Assistant United States Trustee for the Los Angeles office, whose function is to oversee the bankruptcy system to ensure compliance of debtors, creditors, attorneys and private trustees with the law.

I left that job to move to Santa Barbara to become a Senior Trial Attorney in the Santa Barbara United States Trustee's office. I retired from that job and subsequently worked in private practice as a bankruptcy lawyer. I completely retired in January 2012.

I have volunteered for the Environmental Defense Center working on various projects. From July 2002 to January 2005, I served as Third District Parks Commissioner.

I am providing pro bono legal advice and serving on the Board of Directors of the Infinite Compassion Foundation USA, whose aim is to foster democracy and to establish and promote basic human rights; to promote education; to raise awareness of animal rights in general and, in particular, to encourage better treatment of animals used by humans for food and to perform work; to encourage better education of underprivileged children; to encourage sustainable living practices; and to support access to better health care for the underprivileged.

As a board member of the Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society that promotes Natural History education in the Santa Ynez Valley through field trips and lectures, I am one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of the Society and I provided the legal work to form that organization.

With great joy, I participate as a volunteer counter for the Gray Whales Count, enjoying wonderful views of gray whale mothers and their babies as they pass through our channel.

Daisy Gonzales



Daisy Gonzales is a second-year Doctoral student at the University of California, Santa Barbara Department of Sociology.

She grew up in the Los Angeles foster care system and attended Mills College, where she received a B.A. in Public Policy. She is a 2009–10 California Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellow and former Budget Consultant for the Assembly Budget Committee, where she was responsible for \$9.7 billion in State Department funding.

Her academic work explores the role of women and minorities in the California State Budget process. She serves on the Mills College Board of Trustees and is the founder and mentor of the United Friends of the Children Mentorship Program for UCSB foster youth.

Daisy lives in Santa Barbara with her partner, Enrique Ruacho, and currently serves in the SBWPC Legislation and Advocacy Subcommittee and the Elections and Appointments Subcommittee.

Welcome, New SBWPC Members!

Sylvia Acevedo • Megan Diaz Alley • Tricia Backelin

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SBWPC Endorses...

Helene Schneider for Mayor, City of Santa Barbara Janet Wolf for the 2nd District Supervisor, Santa Barbara County

SBWPC proudly endorses **Helene Schneider** for Mayor, City of Santa Barbara.

In making the finding to re-endorse Mayor Schneider, the Board of the WPC cited her dedication to fiscal responsibility, providing of critical community services to residents, support of the arts and cultural programs and her clear and resounding voice on protecting the environment.



The SBWPC Board also cited Mayor Schneider's participation and leadership on issues of reducing gun violence in our community.

SBWPC proudly endorses **Janet Wolf** for 2nd District Supervisor, Santa Barbara County.

In making its findings for re-endorsement, the Board cited Supervisor Wolf's professionalism and indefatigable commitment to the community, women's issues, gender-balance and LGBT issues.

They also cited her impressive support and action on environmental matters, health and human services, education and her reasoned and balanced approach to finances. Supervisor Wolf radiates effective decision-making and strong leadership.



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APIA Caucus Honors Santa Barbara Activist Sharon Hoshida

by Josh Molina, communications specialist for Assemblyman Das Williams



The Asian & Pacific Islander American Legislative Caucus honored longtime community activist **Sharon Hoshida** in two special ceremonies in the state Capitol.

Hoshida, the former director of the UCSB Women's Center, received the Excellence in Public Service honor. She was first recognized during the daytime Assembly floor ceremony. Later in the evening, several hundred people gathered for a gala event at the Sacramento Convention Center organized by the Asian & Pacific Islander American Legislative Caucus. The APIA Caucus works to promote and support the history, culture and heritage of Asian- and Pacific Islander-Americans.

"Through her outreach and activism, Sharon Hoshida is one of the cornerstones of our community," said Assemblyman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, board secretary for the Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Foundation. "She is a role model and inspiration for all of us."

Hoshida was a founding member of the Minority Faculty and Staff Association and the Asian-American Faculty and Staff Associations at UCSB. She advised several student groups and participated in summer bridge programs for freshmen from underrepresented populations. The Bridge Over Troubled Waters fund was established in her honor to provide emergency grants for students who are single parents at UCSB. She also served on the board of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee from 1998-2011. She is a founding member of the Women's Literary Festival Santa Barbara.

Sharon states, "I am grateful for this recognition, having worked for social justice issues for so many years. It is slightly amazing when you look back to see that collectively, those everyday commitments, letters, speeches, demonstrations, solidarity stands, marches, hunger fasts, organizing, early morning and late night gatherings, silent vigils, precinct walking, phone calling, banner painting, overpass protests, and just being there, adds up to an activist's life.

By my actions and my stated beliefs, I have been lucky enough to be in a position to lead by example among that population of human beings who are just beginning to emerge as their authentic selves, exploring and seeing in ways they didn't when living at home—and my favorite part—witnessing their discovery of passion, power, and potential.

I worked at UCSB for 37 years and during that time, I gave birth to our two children, now amazing and wonderful adults in their own right, but I also mentored and trained and nurtured more than 300 over those years who felt like "my kids". They and their families now populate my Facebook pages with their accomplishments and activities, giving me, in a truly meaningful way, a continued place in their lives. AND I get to continue to love and cherish them as they flutter about, making the world a better place. It is humbling to see my life as something to be honored, because I have just been showing up and doing what I believe is right."

Congratulations, Sharon, from all of your friends at SBWPC!

Past President Sharon Hoshida opens Granada Books
A Community Bookstore located at 1224 State Street, Santa Barbara 93101

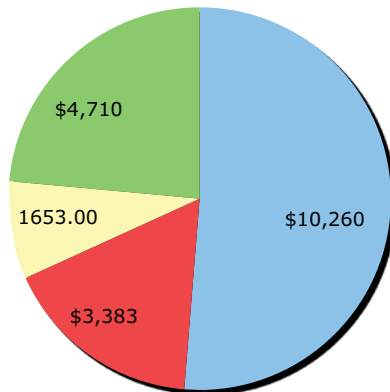
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Granada Books is Santa Barbara's first independent bookstore to open in 20 years! Their mission is to contribute to the cultural fabric of downtown Santa Barbara through partnerships and an active schedule of programs. Granada Books offers a place where ideas and innovations can be shared and presented to local and surrounding communities. See for yourself!

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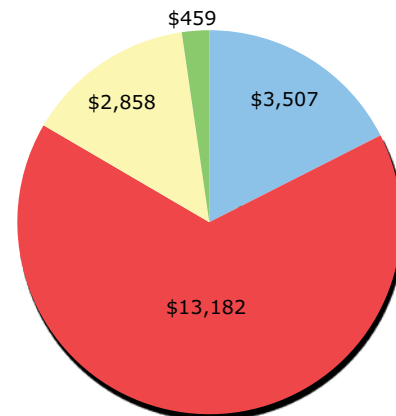
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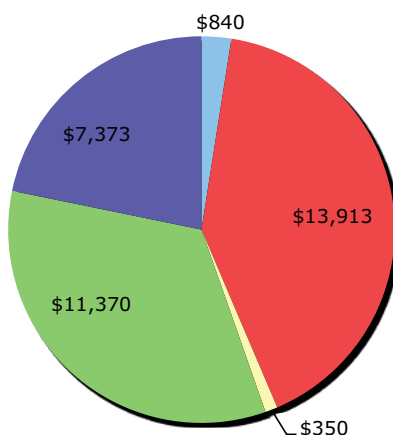
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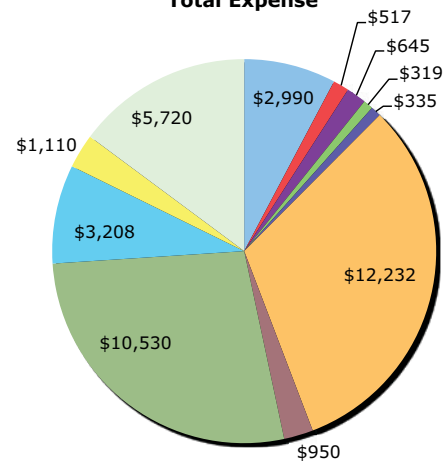
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SBWPC COMING EVENTS

Don't miss the important events that are coming up this year. The SBWPC offers you a diverse selection of informative, pro-active and fun ways to become an active participant in our organization:

July 4

March in the **4th of July** parade with The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee.

July 10

SBWPC Endorsement Meeting

Join us at 5:45 at the Eastside Library for our Endorsement Meeting.

August

Politics in the Park

Join us for a fun afternoon in celebration of Women's Suffrage.

Stay tuned for the day and time.

September 7

Coffee with Lois Capps

From 10-11:30 a.m. at the Contemporary Arts Forum

This special members-only event is a time to hear the latest news from the Capital from our own Congresswoman Capps.

October

Policy for the Passionate and Campaign Skills Workshop

The status of women in the state of California has recovered some, but we need more than a few good women! Join us for a special policy and campaign skills workshop that will take you from the academic to the practical in an afternoon.

Stay tuned for the day and time. We need you!

November

SBWPC Annual Dinner

Stay tuned for the day and time.

December

Holiday Party

Stay tuned for the day and time.

★ THANKS TO YOU, THE DEDICATED SBWPC MEMBERS! ★

SBWPC would like to say thank you to all its members. You make the SBWPC a reality and without you, we would not be able to survive. Whether it be by your membership dues, your emails, calls, volunteering at events and on sub-committees or any and all of those things, we just want to say we appreciate you being dedicated to the mission.

With your help, in the past year we have been able to support the campaigns of over 20 candidates and ballot measures, we have been able to sponsor and co-sponsor numerous local events and fund-raisers that benefit our collective feminist agenda, we have been able to organize community forums, educational events, mentor women and operate. You make the difference. Thank you!

SBWPC EVENT RECAP

Over the past few months SBWPC has had some fantastic events. If you took part, thanks for your participation and if you did not, we certainly missed you! Check out the section below and also our [SAVE THE DATE](#) section on the last page of this newsletter to stay in tune with what we have coming your way.

Annual Meeting – January

This year's Annual Meeting was a spectacular event celebrating and underscoring the tremendously defining role women had in making the 2012 election a success. Apart from friends and food, the apex of the meeting was a panel discussion on the tech-savvy ground game of the 2012 election as well as the social and economic dynamics at play. Facilitated by the **Honorable Susan Rose**, the two panelists, **Christine Lyon, Vice President Of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura & San Luis Obispo counties** and **Dr. Beth Schneider, Director of the McNair Scholars Program and Professor of Sociology at UCSB** gave unique insights regarding the targeting of voters through social media, smart phones and nuanced massaging. In addition, the harsh social and economic landscape that many women are negotiating was a particular factor in driving women to the polls to ensure they had a voice and demand the policies they need for themselves and their families. The meeting was energizing, uplifting and set the tone for the year.

What Women Want: An Evening with Sandra Fluke – February

In collaboration with UCSB's Women's Center, our event **What Women Want: An Evening with Sandra Fluke**, was an intimate evening with one of today's most inspiring female icons. Along with **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, SBWPC President Jane Gray** and **Assistant Dean of the Women's Center, Kim Equinoa**, **Sandra Fluke** was welcomed by a warm and enthusiastic crowd. Ms. Fluke spoke on topics ranging from the Violence Against Women Act and Equal Pay to LGBT rights in elementary schools. Not only was she approachable, but her messages were poignant, clear and graceful—but make no mistake, she was powerful and forthright in her speech. We were delighted to have her compelling voice and presence at our event.

Presidents' Circle Luncheon – March



*Keynote speaker Janice Rocco
and State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson*

The Presidents' Circle, comprised of the past presidents of our feminist non-partisan political organization, hosted their **12th Annual Luncheon** on Friday, March 8, for a packed house at the Montecito Country Club. This event offers attendees an opportunity to discuss local, state and national issues and to celebrate local elected and appointed officials who are working in support of SBWPC goals.

The luncheon keynote speaker was **Janice Rocco**, presently **Deputy Commissioner for Health Policy in the California Department of Insurance**, a current SBWPC member, and a past recipient of the Rising Star award from our organization. The audience was closely attentive as Janice gave her thoughts on "What's Next for California Women? The Affordable Care Act and Beyond." Although California is already a leader in addressing needs of those without insurance, the underinsured, and providing insurance

parity, the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) in 2010 will drive changes in federal law affecting numerous areas and millions of people.

As a deputy insurance commissioner, Janice is directly involved with implementing changes in health insurance coverage and costs—changes that will affect coverage of hospitalizations, substance abuse, rehabilitation care, doctor visits, preventive health care, emergency room visits, protection for those with pre-existing conditions, and access to contraceptives. Though health care law

SBWPC EVENT RECAP *(cont'd)*

changes will benefit millions nationwide, Janice warned that insurance rates for some individuals may increase. Another concern for California residents is that health care insurers are presently able to increase premium costs at will; the state department of insurance has no authority to regulate medical insurance costs. Look for a ballot initiative in 2014 asking voters to give regulating authority to the insurance commissioner. There are many details to work out as the new regulations are implemented in 2014 and beyond, and many questions yet unanswered. Janice suggested the web site www.healthcare.gov as a good source of accurate information.

Past presidents of the SBWPC organize, fund, and host the popular President's Circle Luncheon each year. Thanks for the 2013 luncheon go to: **Gayle Binion, Barbara Lindemann, Lois Phillips, Susan Rose, Carol Piceno, Hannah-Beth Jackson, Margaret Connell, Helene Schneider, Alissa Hummer, Janet Barron, Sharon Hoshida, Lisa Guravitz, Mary O'Gorman, Beth Schneider.**

—Carol Keator, *CFO*, SBWPC

Reception for newly-elected Female Mayors as Elected and Appointed Women – April

This year's Reception for Elected and Appointed Officials, held in Santa Maria, honored the newly elected female mayors of Guadalupe and Santa Maria, both whom are the first females ever elected to those positions in the histories of both cities. In addition, the event honored all women who serve on elected and appointed boards and commissions countywide. Taped by the City of Santa Maria to mark this momentous milestone, this truly non-partisan event was a celebration of women and a call for more women, no matter what their station in life to make the leap into elected office. If we as women don't empower each other, no one will. Get out there, ladies!!!!

The Bottom Line: Budget Workshop with Next10 – April

SBWPC hosted **Sarah Henry, Program Director for Next 10**, as she walked our audience through the California Budget Challenge. Our group not only balanced the budget, but we had a surplus—that is what you get when progressive politics wins out!!! The Next 10 Budget Workshop was followed by a panel discussion with our legislators, **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson** and **Assemblymember Das Williams** and facilitated by SBWPC Board member **Daisy Gonzales**.

Our legislators took turns talking about key legislative issues of educational equality, the environment and how and why they make the decisions that they do. They urged their constituencies to make their voices heard so that they could be more effective in office. We urge you to do that, too!

Cosmopolitics – May

This year's **Cosmopolitics**, featuring the incomparable **Dolores Huerta**, was a stellar event with a stellar line up of speakers. She is a co-founder of the group that became the United Farm Workers of America and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

From **2nd District Supervisor Janet Wolf** to **City of Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider** to **City Council member Cathy Murrillo**, the audience was treated to a wave of celebratory energy and accolades that were only matched by Ms. Huerta's tremendous presence and words of inspiration.

As Ms. Huerta adroitly negotiated topics ranging from choice to LGBT to equal pay to immigration, she delivered a fresh, invigorating and hopeful message that resonated with everyone in the room and left the audience vibrating. A special thanks to all who were involved in organizing the event. We were delighted to see so many of our friends in attendance.



Featured speaker, Dolores Huerta



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SAVE THE DATE! Don't miss these important events!

- ★ **SBWPC ENDORSEMENT MEETING:**
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 • 5:45pm • Eastside Library, 1102 E. Montecito St., Santa Barbara CA
The meeting will concern the SBWPC endorsement of candidates and ballot measures for the upcoming election.
- ★ **COFFEE WITH LOIS CAPPs**
Saturday, September 7, 2013 • 10–11:30am • Contemporary Arts Forum
This special members-only event is a time to hear the latest news from the Capital from our own Congresswoman Capps.
- ★ **ANNUAL SBWPC DINNER**
Early November 2013 • Time and place TBA

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