



# THE CLASSIFIED VOICE

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Greetings! This is a special sneak preview Awards dinner special edition of The Classified Voice. Look for the regular issue (with award announcements!) available by mid-May.

## Milfie Howell

Good Bye, Dear Milfie, your Merritt family shall ever miss you.



Margaret Dixon, Milfie Howell, Pres. Bobby Adams, Fereshteh Mofie, Anika Toussant-Jackson at the (2014?) awards dinner

Margaret Milford Howell passed away the afternoon of Monday, April 10. Milfie was a devoted PCCD employee who, had cancer not struck in 2014, would still be working with Peralta today. Like many of us, Milfie began her Peralta journey as a student. Milfie avidly took nearly every Landscape Horticulture class the department had to offer. Later, she wound up working as the Hort department secretary, later moving on to become Secretary of Division II. She worked in that position for many years until her gig at the Laney College Childcare Center. Milfie was born right here in Oakland, lived in London while studying at the UCL Institute of Archeology, traveled the world whenever and wherever she could, but the Bay Area was truly her lifelong home. Although the Milfie hung in there long past the doctors' prognosis (that was Milfie!), enjoying life to the end. She was blessed to return to her Berkeley home (and garden) these last few months of life, surrounded in the end by loved ones. Milfie is survived by her nephew and his husband of Alameda; her cousin of Walnut Creek; and brother and sister-in-law of Colorado, with daughter Rebecca, of whose accomplishments on and off the basketball court Milfie was so proud. She is also survived by her two devoted cats Leo and Pumpkin; and the many friends who loved her.

## Classified Senate elections: Nominations are due ASAP- MAY 2!

Yes! We need your nominations ASAP as four MCCA senators will be moving on. Would you like the opportunity to represent Merritt's classified professionals by serving on the Classified Senate? Do you think a co-worker may be an ideal candidate? Nominate them! Nominate yourself! Ask your colleagues if they've submitted their nominations. There are four senatorial posts to be filled as we must say farewell to four members either terming out or whose jobs demand 100% (120%?) of their time. Moving on after this term will be President Waaduda Karim, VP Maria Perez, Queen of Fundraising Jamila Saleh, and the ever steadfast and previous MCCA treasurer Charlotte Victorian.

We shan't say "thank you for your service" yet, as they've a little more time to wow us yet. To nominate someone, please submit your ballot to your MCCA election team- either Ron Perez or Maril M Bull (emails below). Can't find that ballot Pres. Karim sent out on 4/2? Ballots will be sent again by May 1, or you can contact your election team and we will provide: Ron:

Milfie forged many lasting relationships in Peralta, and especially treasured her Merritt family. Indeed there are a number of Merritt faculty and staff offspring warmed in their infancy by Milfie's handmade sweaters. Milfie was known for her special brand of wit, so sharp, so dry, so Milfie. She had a deep connection to music and was a lifelong fan of Leonard Cohen and the Beatles, and while there in 1964 among the screaming teens at the San Francisco Cow Palace, surely George noticed her, and surely he and Leonard and many others gone on before are now welcoming Milfie to her new and forever home.



Go Milford! New Zealand 2013