

2024 BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce a slate of three members to fill vacancies that will occur at the end of the current term. The election will take place at our annual meeting on Sunday, March 10.



Vicki Dodson, RScP



Mary Munat



Maxine Wilkinson

Vicki Dodson, RScP was brought up in a military family that moved frequently. She had to change schools often—sometimes in the middle of the school year. Vicki says that these experiences as “the new kid” helped her to become more flexible and able to adapt to new situations and environments. Vicki says, “As an adult, I visited different churches in hopes of filling an emptiness I felt inside. It wasn’t until I started attending services and classes at the Center that I learned about spirituality and realized that I was not empty inside at all—that I had only to open to Spirit. I have been on a conscious spiritual journey ever since. I have been a Practitioner for over ten years, and I embrace serving my spiritual community through prayer and service.” Vicki attended Humboldt State University obtaining a bachelor degree in Social Services. She worked for the County of Sonoma for 26 years in the Victim Assistance Program and is now retired. Vicki lives close to her adult son and young granddaughter, whom she has cared for since she was a baby. She enjoys tending to an overflowing assortment of house plants, walking her dog, lunching with friends, thrift shopping, and taking excursions to the beach and snow country.

Mary Munat is an environmental activist and the owner of Green Mary, a thriving Sonoma County business that keeps waste from ending up in San Francisco Bay Area landfills. She has been a member of the Center since 2013 and these two pursuits are the pillars of her very active life. Mary starts each day with Science of Mind magazine and a variety of spiritual readings that set the tone for success, peace, and happiness. She is powered by the need and desire to do good and that makes her feel good. One of her mottos is “I’m going to be doing something with most every waking moment; why not be doing something good and/or kind?” This includes good for self-activities such as regular meditation and quiet time in nature. Motivating, entertaining, leading, educating, and lifting up are a few of her many skills. Mary is active in the local Humane Society, leads workshops and gives talks about living lighter on the planet, and regularly donates her time and service to many causes around Sonoma County. An avid reader, traveler, skier, and friend, Mary excels at prioritizing that which causes her spirit to flourish and looks forward to contributing to the Center as a new trustee.

Maxine Wilkinson was a 19-year-old mother of two when she began her lifelong career at Sonoma Developmental Center, first as a psychiatric technician and seventeen years later as a registered nurse where she served in many capacities from floor nursing to management. Maxine says, “I am fortunate to have made many friends throughout my time at SDC. I hold staff and clients I served in the highest regard.” In retirement Maxine is on the go, exploring places near and far. She volunteers at the Center once a week where she cleans, vacuums, dusts, washes laundry, and organizes supplies. She also enjoys helping a friend with farm animal chores and taking long walks at Spring Lake. Family connections are a high priority and Maxine hosts birthday and holiday parties at her home. Her latest, greatest joy is caring for her eight-month-old grandchild.