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Association (100 percent).

A mother of three in California started MMOB. Through the organization's "Adopt-A-Swing-State" campaign, individuals in swing states such as Oregon send personalized letters and voter registration cards to unregistered women. The names come from a national database compiled by WVWV.

"We're 'moms' because we target mothers, not because all of our letters writers are moms," Knight told me, although most of the people involved are parents. Some writers ask their children to illustrate the letters they're sending.

Knight has divided an estimated 250 letter writers in the Eugene-Springfield area into groups of four or five, each headed by a captain. The small group format is a familiar form of grassroots organizing. "I can give away 500 names a night," Knight said, which

is sometimes faster than the addresses arrive from MMOB's central office in California.

Knight estimates having distributed 5,300 names of unregistered moms since joining MMOB June 3. She has also written several pamphlets and has financed the Eugene action, although she is now fundraising. I asked if her daughter, Rosemary, has decorated any of her own letters. Knight smiled and said, "I haven't had the chance to write any."

The dialogue between voter registration activists and non-voters includes many voices. A woman may choose to vote in support of a candidate. Another may vote to select the figurehead of a system she fights. Another may choose not to vote. "The work I see myself doing," Mitzel said, "is open, honest communication with human beings on this planet." **EW**

RESOURCES

- Women's Voices, Women Vote (WVWV): www.WVWV.org
- Women's Action for New Directions (WAND): www.wand.org
Susan Cundiff, Eugene Program Director, 344-6443
- League of Women Voters of Lane County: 81 E. 14th Ave., Eugene, 343-7917,
e-mail: league@lwvwc.org
- New Voters Project: www.newvotersproject.org
Justin Barker, Eugene canvas director, 338-8141
- Mainstreet Moms Oppose Bush (MMOB), www.themmob.com
Holly Knight, Eugene coordinator, 344-9948, e-mail: tomholly@willamette.net
- Mother Kali's Books: Open 10-6, Monday through Saturday, 720 E. 13th Suite 102,
343-4864, email: info@motherkalis.com
- UO Student Vote Coalition: Amy DuFour, 346-0628
- NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon: www.prochoiceregon.org, www.oregonwomenvote.com
(available Aug. 18), (503) 223-4510 ext.14
- Emma Goldman's work can be found at Mother Kali's Books, the Eugene Public Library and on the Internet.

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