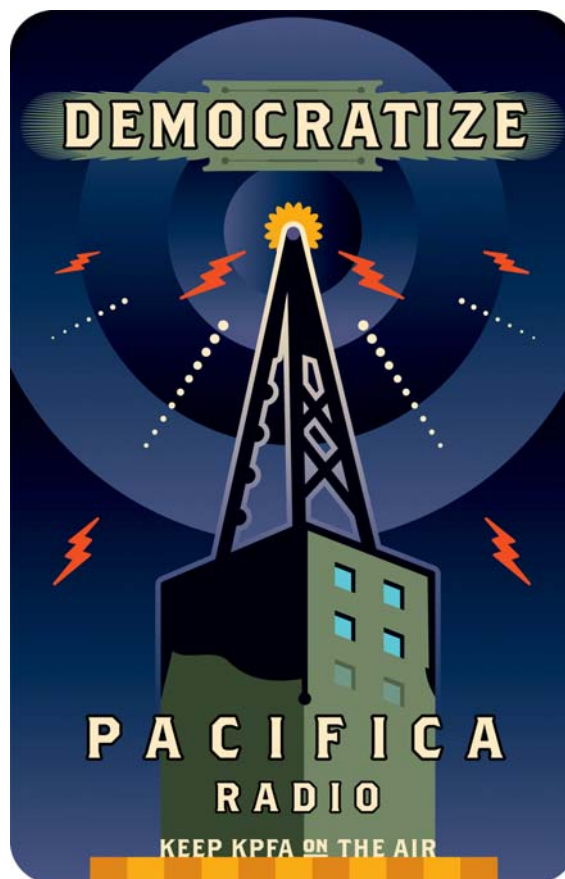


*Carol Spooner JD*



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The MHF is giving Carol Spooner the **2004 Award for Vision and Achievement (AVA)** for her work to save the free-speech mission of the Pacifica Foundation radio stations. In July 1999 during a lockout and occupation of Berkeley radio station KPFA, Carol founded the Committee to Remove the Pacifica Board (CRPB), which ultimately filed what came to be known as the **Listener-Sponsored Lawsuit**.

The Pacifica network includes KPFA in Berkeley, KPFK in Los Angeles, KPFT in Houston, WBAI in New York, and WPFW in Washington DC, and over 150 affiliate stations. By the late 1990s, Pacifica had come under control of a self-selecting governing Board whose goals included selling at least two stations and changing the free-speech format of the remainder.

In 2002, the **Lawsuit** succeeded in protecting Pacifica's founding purposes as a community-based, listener-sponsored forum for the free exchange of ideas. Carol joined the Pacifica Board and played a key role in rewriting the Bylaws, protecting the archives, and reducing the debt from the previous Board.

Today, thanks in large measure to Carol's vision and persistence, **Listener-Sponsors** directly elect Local Station Board members, and the Pacifica Board includes local station delegates. In 2004, KPFA **Listener-Sponsors** elected Carol to the KPFA Board and she continues to serve on the Pacifica Board.

A proponent of free speech and independent media, Carol believes the most radical political action we can take is to encourage people to think for themselves. Hearing many voices in an interwoven counterpoint of harmony and dissonance, she imagines a beautiful, just, and merciful world – and her life has been dedicated to doing her part in making it real.

Carol is a non-practicing attorney, grandmother of three, and mother of two artists. She lives in Santa Rosa, California with her husband, Gregory Wonderwheel, who also is an attorney.