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March 2020

President's Message

March is National Women's History Month, a time to remember and celebrate the contributions of women. To celebrate International Women's Day, on Sunday, **March 8th**, 11–2 in Courthouse Square, there will be a **Santa Rosa Rosie Rally 2020**, honoring Rosie The Riveter, a cultural icon of World War II representing the women who worked in factories and shipyards during that time. The special presenters are Phyllis Gould and Marion Sousa, two sisters who both worked at the Richmond Naval Shipyard during WWII. Phyllis was a welder, and Marion was a drafter. For more information about Rosie go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosie_the_Riveter. **NOW** will have a table at the event, and I look forward to seeing everyone; if you'd like to help table please email us. Come in period clothing if you wish!

I am so excited about this! Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 19**. In celebration of Earth Day and in collaboration with The Arlene Francis Center, our chapter will present Lilith Rogers performing her one-woman show about the life of Rachel Carson, who in 1962 (58 years ago) wrote *Silent Spring*, which documented the adverse environmental effects caused by the indiscriminate use of pesticides. We will have a special guest that night, NOW California President Kolieka Seigle.

Important Announcement: The Sonoma County Chapter of NOW, along with the ACLU of Northern California, which took two months extensively evaluating this measure, have endorsed The Evelyn Cheatham Effective IOLERO Ordinance. This petition needs 21,000 signatures by May 11th to get the measure on the ballot in November 2020. This ballot measure amends and expands the existing Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO) Ordinance adopted in 2016 by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and will result in a more independent, transparent, and effective civilian oversight office. Volunteers are collecting signatures, and if you need more information go to <https://socoeffectiveoversight.org/>. We will have petitions at our meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting on March 18 at the Round Table Pizza on Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa at 1 p.m., or come early and have lunch. Suggestion: There is a music video, "Bad Romance - Women's Suffrage (Inspired by Alice Paul)" on YouTube, that lets us know why we are celebrating this month, Enjoy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gvu3krCs8ec>

2020 Museum Exhibits

Several Museums in Sonoma County are honoring the centennial of Women's Right to Vote with exhibits highlighting either the Suffrage Movement or the history of Women in Sonoma County. Some of these museums include the following: Museum of Sonoma County, Petaluma Museum, West County Museum and others are being added. Our calendar will have dates and details of their upcoming exhibits.

Visit:

<http://sonomawomen2020.org/programs> for more information.



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Meeting of SonomaCounty NOW Feb. 19, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1 PM

The Minutes were read since they were omitted from the Newsletter; they were then approved as read (MSC)

The Agenda was approved (MSC)

Financial Report: Bank Statement from January was received and past statements have been received after a delay in renewing the Post Office mailbox. We still need a notice of renewal.

Website: Continues to do well; Thanks to Rebecca for submitting the itinerary of upcoming events.

New Business

The Calendar count is down to 18 remaining but no new ones will be ordered for now.

Events to attend: Mike McGuire will be having a community meeting on the 20th. Elaine will present him with a calendar. On Sunday the 23rd, there will be a presentation - "Discussion of Privilege" - relating to Women's Suffrage. On March 1st at the downtown Santa Rosa library there will be meeting Honoring Service Women. On March 8th, on the Santa Rosa Square, will be a Rosie the Riveter event; NOW will have a table; on April 15th, there will be an Environmental Expo.

There are plans to start a NOW chapter at Sonoma State University.

The Event originally planned for March 21st will now be on April 26th. Lilliith Rogers will perform her presentation of Rachel Carson. Various environmental groups will have a presence. There will be a charge of \$10. Ken Norton, who was at the First Earth Day, will present a talk on his experience.

Plans need to be formed for participation in the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade (April 18). We would like to be in the Suffragist Contingent.

There will be a Sonoma County Climate Activist Summit on March 15th at the Oddfellows Hall.

There had been a previous announcement by Elaine Holtz, President, that she would be resigning from this Board in March but has extended her stay through June.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.



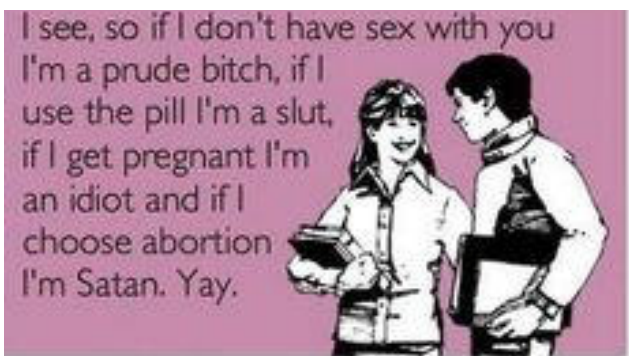
NOW Sonoma County **March 18, 2020 Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Agenda – Any additions
5. Financial Report
6. Website Report
7. Participation in the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade on April 18.

Blossom Parade on April 18.

New Business

8. Report on Santa Rosie 2020 attended on March 8.
9. Talk about Rose Parade, do we want to attend.
10. Develop Save The Date Card for 4/19 Event Approval
11. Review Letter for 4/19 Event to be sent to Environmental Groups



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WOMEN'S SPACES

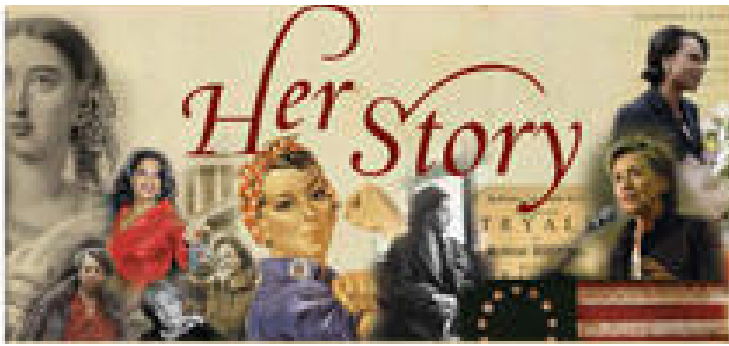
Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"

www.womensspaces.com

Show airs: **Mondays** on KBBF 89.1FM

Calistoga Santa Rosa

Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm



March Highlights in US Women's History

March 1, 1978 – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California

March 1, 1987 – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month

March 2, 1903 – the Martha Washington Hotel opens in New York City, becoming the first hotel exclusively for women

March 3, 1913 – Women's Suffrage Parade in Washington, DC, where over 8000 women gathered to demand a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote

March 4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress

March 4, 1933 – Frances Perkins becomes United States Secretary of Labor, the first female member of the United States Cabinet

March 8 – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women

March 8, 2014 – National Catholic Sisters Week www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org established to raise awareness of the contributions of Catholic sisters

March 12, 1912 – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting

March 12, 1993 – Janet Reno is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

March 13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska

March 17, 1910 – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls

March 17, 1917 – Loretta Perfectus Walsh became the first woman to join the navy and the first woman to officially join the military in a role other than a nurse

March 20, 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel Uncle Tom's Cabin is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century

March 21, 1986 – Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship

March 23, 1917 – Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf

March 31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S.

March 31, 1776 – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

Western Sonoma County Historical Society Apple Blossom Parade 2020



The Western Sonoma County Historical Society (WSCHS) has planned an entry for the Sebastopol 2020 Apple Blossom Parade with the Suffrage Movement as the theme. We are looking for 50 men, women or children to walk the short five or six blocks, which we will carry signs, flags, or banners, all provided.

The WSCHS volunteers from the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm and The West County Museum will be participating, but we really want to make an impression in this parade entry. Our plans for a dramatic lead of an historical woman figure combined with the colorful flags and signs and chanting are sure to draw attention. We will also have 100 yellow roses to hand out.

We encourage participating walkers to wear all white or other period costumes are also welcomed. Our presentation will be somewhat organized in marching, this will represent the tremendous organization of the women before us. Some scripted chanting will be provided.

wschs.org

Date: 04/18/2020 (Sat.)

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm PST

Location: Sebastopol

Created by:

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Already signed up? You can change your sign up.



What science has gotten so shamefully wrong about women, and the fight, by both female and male scientists, to rewrite what we thought we knew

In Inferior, acclaimed science writer Angela Saini weaves together a fascinating—and sorely necessary—new science of women.

For hundreds of years it was common sense: women were the inferior sex. Their bodies were weaker, their minds feebler, their role subservient. No less a scientist than Charles Darwin asserted that women were at a lower stage of evolution, and for decades, scientists—most of them male, of course—claimed to find evidence to support this.

Whether looking at intelligence or emotion, cognition or behavior, science has continued to tell us that men and women are fundamentally different. Biologists claim that women are better suited to raising families or are, more gently, uniquely empathetic. Men, on the other hand, continue to be described as excelling at tasks that require logic, spatial reasoning, and motor skills. But a huge wave of research is now revealing an alternative version of what we thought we knew. The new woman revealed by this scientific data is as strong, strategic, and smart as anyone else.

In *Inferior*, acclaimed science writer Angela Saini weaves together a fascinating—and sorely necessary—new science of women. As Saini takes readers on a journey to uncover science's failure to understand women, she finds that we're still living with the legacy of an establishment that's just beginning to recover from centuries of entrenched exclusion and prejudice. Sexist assumptions are stubbornly persistent: even in recent years, researchers have insisted that women are choosy and monogamous while men are naturally promiscuous, or that the way men's and women's brains are wired confirms long-discredited gender stereotypes.

As Saini reveals, however, groundbreaking research is finally rediscovering women's bodies and minds. *Inferior* investigates the gender wars in biology, psychology, and anthropology, and delves into cutting-edge scientific studies to uncover a fascinating new portrait of women's brains, bodies, and role in human evolution.

Something to think about: "I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most reforms, most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality." Alice Stokes Paul was an American suffragist, feminist, and women's rights activist, and one of the main leaders and strategists of the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits sex discrimination in the right to vote.

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N.O.W. Sonoma County Supports a More Effective Law Enforcement Oversight Office for Sonoma County

Almost twenty years ago, the California Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights issued a report on "Community Concerns About Law Enforcement in Sonoma County." In response to many incidents of excessive force, the committee recommended that the County "require the immediate creation of [a] civilian review board." The County did nothing.

Andy Lopez was born one month after the report was released. It would take thirteen years and his death at the hands of a deputy of the Sheriff's Office, combined with considerable public pressure, for the Board of Supervisors to create the Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach (IOLERO).

The two primary functions of the office are review of Sheriff's Office investigations of use of force, violations of civil rights, sexual assault, etc. and working with the community to make recommendations for policy improvements to enhance the safety of both the community and officers.

In his three years as the first director of IOLERO, Jerry Threet found many obstacles to fulfilling the office's mission. He has written an ordinance to remedy those obstacles, including increased funding/staffing and adding subpoena and investigatory powers.

The Committee To Support an Effective IOLERO (FPPC#1422712) is working to collect signatures to put the ordinance on the ballot in November 2020. The National Organization for Women Sonoma County has endorsed the ordinance, along with Sonoma County's Democratic Party, NAACP, ACLU, North Bay Labor Council, Green Party and many more.

Read more about it at socoeffectiveoversight.org and when you meet someone gathering signatures for the petition, please consider signing it! We have until May 11th to collect 22,000+ signatures! Thank you.

Susan Collier Lamont
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GOOD NEWS, VICTORIES & HEROES

The Weinstein verdict is radical. **The Cut**

Rachel Roberts won her special election for Kentucky's 67th House district, a district that trump won. **DLCC**

Lawmakers dedicated the House Oversight and Reform Committee room in honor of the late former Chairman Elijah Cummings. **The Hill**

JPMorgan Chase, the largest U.S. bank and the world's top lender for fossil fuels, has announced that it will stop financing many coal companies and all fossil fuel exploration in the Arctic. **Grist**

The Canadian mining company Teck Resources Limited withdrew a regulatory application to mine 72,000 acres of oil sands in Alberta. **Grist**

Jimmy Carter put solar panels on his farmland and they're now powering half of his Georgia hometown. **People**

This Indigenous town in Guatemala is saying no to plastics. **AJ+**

A new book by Greta Thunberg's mother reveals the reality of family life during her daughter's transformation from bullied teenager to climate icon. **The Guardian**

Colorado is set to become the 22nd U.S. state to abolish the death penalty. **TIME**

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam signed legislation granting parole eligibility to juveniles after 20 years in prison, giving hundreds of people incarcerated for decades since they were children a chance at petitioning for release. **HuffPost**

She started as a receptionist, now she's FedEx's first African American CEO. **BOTWC**

The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School named Erika James as its next dean, the first woman and African-American to head the prestigious business school in its 139-year history. **Wall Street Journal**

Scotland is now a big step closer to becoming the first country in the world to make tampons and pads free to anyone who needs them. **NPR**

Hillary Clinton is planning to launch a podcast in late spring! **Politico**

A female wrestler has made history by winning a state high school wrestling championship in North Carolina. **The Guardian**

Disney has introduced its first self-identifying LGBTQ character to its slate of children's entertainment. **Advocate**

Latino small business owners are the fastest-growing group of entrepreneurs in the U.S. **KQED**

The first body-positive children's book just came out, and it's exactly what the world needs right now. **Glamour**

The founder of Bob's Red Mill Natural Foods unveiled a program giving his 209 employees full ownership of the business. **The Oregonian**

Finland's government gifts all new parents a 60-item baby starter kit. **Business Insider**

Public transport will now be free in Luxembourg. **Fast Company**

A 3-year-old golden retriever named Groot helped locate two lost hikers from Palo Alto. **San Francisco Chronicle**

Scientists documented a rare and very cute interspecies adoption in a national park in India. **New York Times**

The moon has a tiny new friend. **The Cut**
"After a lifetime of reaching for the stars, today, **Katherine Johnson** landed among them. She spent decades as a hidden figure, breaking barriers behind the scenes. But by the end of her life, she had become a hero to millions..." **President Barack Obama on NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, 1918-2020**

Abortion rights face stern new test at conservative U.S. Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT MARCH 1, 2020 / 6:16 AM

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court this week gets its first chance to consider new curbs on abortion rights with President Donald Trump's two conservative appointees on the bench as it examines the legality of a Louisiana law that could force two of the state's three clinics that perform the procedure to shut down.

The court, with a 5-4 conservative majority, is scheduled on Wednesday to hear arguments in an appeal by Shreveport-based abortion provider Hope Medical Group for Women seeking to invalidate the law. Chief Justice John Roberts may be pivotal in deciding the outcome, with Trump's appointees Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch also in the spotlight.

The clinic sued to block the 2014 law, which requires that doctors who perform abortions have a difficult-to-obtain arrangement called "admitting privileges" at a hospital within 30 miles (48 km) of the abortion clinic. A federal appeals court ruled against the clinic and upheld the law.

The Supreme Court struck down a similar Texas requirement in 2016 when conservative Justice Anthony Kennedy, who retired in 2018, joined the four liberal justices to defend abortion rights. Trump has tightened the conservative grip on the court with his 2018 appointment of Kavanaugh, who replaced Kennedy, and his 2017 appointment of Gorsuch.

Read more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-abortion-analysis/abortion-rights-face-stern-new-test-at-conservative-u-s-supreme-court-idUSKBN20O1N9>

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He's proud, she's boastful.
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He's persistent, she's a nag.
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