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President's Message

It's August 2020 and we are celebrating the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted American women the right to vote, a right known as women's suffrage, and was ratified on August 18, 1920, ending after 72 years of protest. Many believe that women were not given the right to vote; women won the right to vote. In 1971, the US Congress designated August 26th as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment.

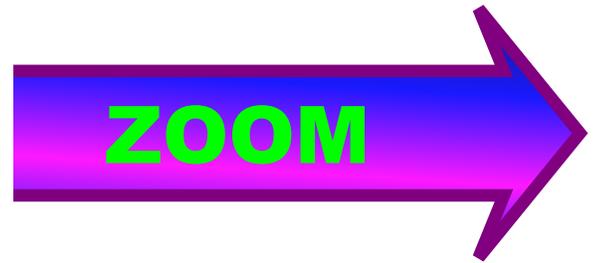
As part of this celebration NOW will be hosting a "Membership and Guest Zoom" on **August 13th**. We will have two special presenters: Kolieka Seigel, President of California NOW, and Dr. Kim D. Hester Williams, a professor at Sonoma State in the American Multicultural Studies Department, where she teaches courses in Ethnic and African American literature and culture along with Film Studies and Women and Gender Studies. She will be talking about "African Women in the Suffrage Movement," along with what is happening today.

On **August 10th** Molly Murphy McGregor, one of the founding members and Executive Director of the National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA), founded here in Sonoma County in 1980, will be a guest on KBBF's Women's Spaces radio show. Their motto is "Our History is Our Strength."

Thank you, Leslie Graves, for letting us know that the Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project is hosting a Countdown to the Suffrage Centennial Series, **August 18–August 26, 2020** to coincide with the date that the 38th and final state ratified the 19th Amendment and the date of its signing into constitutional law one hundred years ago. Each weeknight a discussion, local oral history, or performance will be presented on Facebook Live starting at 5:30 p.m., and on weekends at 3 p.m. Visit www.socowomen2020.org for more series information.

There is a lot to celebrate this month. A special shout out to all those individuals who have hit the street in support of "Black Lives Matter." We have come a long way during these 100 years and still have a long way to go.

Something to think about: "Any great change must expect opposition, because it shakes the very foundation of privilege." Lucretia Mott was a 19th-century feminist activist, abolitionist, social reformer and pacifist who helped launch the women's rights movement. ... She also co-wrote the Declaration of Sentiments in 1848 for the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, which ignited the fight for women's suffrage.



**Zoom information
see page three.**

We will be having our regular monthly meeting on August 19, at 1:00 pm via conference call. If you are interested in attending please email us for the details, at:

info@nowsonoma.org

**August 26th is the
100th Anniversary
of the Passage of the
19th Amendment.
See Page Four to Celebrate
Despite Conditions!**



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Minutes of July 15th, 2020 Sonoma County Chapter

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM via conference call

Introductions and check-Ins.

Minutes were approved as submitted (MSC)

Agenda was approved as submitted (MSC)

Financial Report - was submitted earlier on line.

Website - a compliment had been received; MSC on adding separate items of interest was shared

Ribbon project - A press release will be sent to the various addresses previously noted; information will be released on the radio station (Women's Spaces); pictures of ribbon placement samples will be added to the announcement. Final draft of announcement will be distributed for the final approval to be completed by Saturday noon (18th).

Where do we go from here? After discussion with National NOW, there needs to be a person listed as President. Elaine will extend her title until December. Elaine met with Wine Country Dems and Pat Sabo will also spread the word of information about joining and getting active with NOW. Next action will be to have a membership meeting via Zoom - in the evening. Elaine spoke with Dr. Williams who teaches at Sonoma State (Women and Gender Studies) about perhaps creating a class project based on NOW.

Museum Reports - Even though the museums have closed again, there is still some possibility of adding NOW information to the exhibits in Santa Rosa and Petaluma. If no inside showings are available, we might do an "outside" project.

New Business

Mailbox - We received a card from former president, Anne-Therese Ageson. We plan on honoring her in our next newsletter. We will send a belated Mother's Day Flower donation to Senior Advocacy Services for \$25 (MSC); We will also send a donation to the National Women's History Project (\$35) (MSC); There was also notice in the mailbox that the Luther Burbank Rose Parade had been canceled

Zoom account - MSC: to set up an account for one year. We could have future meetings via Zoom or "special" ones involving a unique attraction. Elaine will contact Dr. Williams to see if she would present in August.

Newsletter Discussion: NOW core values - It had been noted that our newsletter had not included specific actions that our Sonoma Chapter has done or stands for or the various things that National NOW is doing. It was decided to contact National NOW to get a one-page description of the Core Values and actions performed. We can also write up a "Chapter News" section since there are many things our chapter has accomplished.

MSC: Upgrade our Mail-Chimp billing so that we can include our many members since we were over our current limit. Payment schedules will be researched.

MSC: Print 15 ADDITIONAL CALENDARS.

Meeting adjourned 2:22 PM

AGENDA NOW

SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER

August 19, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Call for Approval Minutes of July 2020 meeting

Financial Report

Web Site Report

Newsletter Report

Old Business

Ribbon Update

Museum Placement of Calendar

New Business

Review/Feedback Zoom 8/13/2020

Adjourn

**THIS MEETING WILL BE
TELEPHONE CONFERENCED
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WOMEN'S SPACES

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

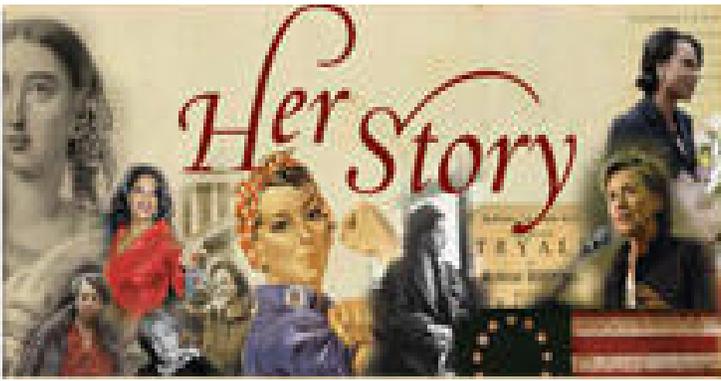
www.womensspaces.com

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

Calistoga Santa Rosa

Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm

Elaine encourages telling others to listen to Women's Spaces to hear the various women interviewed - Gloria Allred, Mary Moore, Jean Shinoda Bolin, etc.



August 26th – 100 th Anniversary of Women in the United States Winning the Vote

August Women's History Events

August 6, 1965 – The Voting Rights Act outlaws the discriminatory literacy tests that had been used to prevent African Americans from voting. Suffrage is finally fully extended to African American women

August 8, 1969 – Executive order 11478 issued by President Nixon requires each federal department and agency to establish and maintain an affirmative action program of equal employment opportunity for civilian employees and applicants

August 9, 1995 – Roberta Cooper Ramo becomes the first woman to hold the office of president of the American Bar Association

August 10, 1993 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg is sworn in as the second woman and 107th Justice to serve on the US Supreme Court

August 12, 1972 – Wendy Rue founds the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), the largest businesswomen's organization in the United States

August 14, 1986 – Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper retires from active duty in the US Navy. A pioneering computer scientist and inventor of the computer language COBOL, she was the oldest officer still on active duty at the time of her retirement

August 23, 1902 – Fanny Farmer opens the "School of Cookery" in Boston, MA

August 26, 1920 – The 19th Amendment of the US Constitution is ratified granting women the right to vote

August 26, 1970 – Betty Friedan leads a nationwide protest called the "Women's Strike for Equality" in New York City on the fiftieth anniversary of women's suffrage

August 26, 1971 – The first **Women's Equality Day**, initiated by Representative Bella Abzug, is established by Presidential Proclamation and reaffirmed annually

August 28, 1963 – More than 250,000 gather for a march on Washington, DC, and listen to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech

August 30, 1984 – Judith A. Resnick is the second U.S. woman in space, traveling on the first flight of the space shuttle Discovery



Zoom Information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87588753750?pwd=SW9nd1B3Y1dHhUphcGw4YW5LTUYyUT09>

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Other numbers for distant locations:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kffdJcW5z>

Zoom Information:



Bad Luck---It Rained on Our Parade...

Let's Celebrate Program

What We Will Do to Celebrate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment

A result of the current health crisis in the world is that we have delayed or canceled many of the celebrations planned for the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote. It is our fervent wish that the coronavirus pandemic we are living through will have passed by August 26th, 2020, and we will celebrate as we had planned.

Meanwhile, we will have our observance and celebration of this historic political event in a way that is highly visible, requires little or no expense, and will make the Let's Celebrate program available to all.

Our proposal is simple: The colors of the suffragists' movement were purple, gold, and white. On Women's Equality Day, August 26th, 2020, a band of ribbons of all, some, or even one of these colors wrapped around your mailbox, tacked to your front door, or even a nearby tree will give notice that we are celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Even if life has returned to normal and there are celebrations and parades this year in your area, a personal colorful statement of this momentous event will be publicly recognized as a highly visible decoration.

We ask for the assistance of all women's organizations in passing this Let's Celebrate program on to your members utilizing your email, website, social media, and newsletter capability. Send us a photo if you like and we will post it for others to see (let us know if you would like a credit or reciprocal link).

Questions or suggestions? Please contact National Organization for Women (NOW), Sonoma County, CA Chapter at: info@nowsonoma.org

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

The U.S. Postal Service is experiencing days-long backlogs of mail across the country after a top trump donor running the agency put in place new procedures described as cost-cutting efforts, alarming postal workers who warn that the policies could undermine their ability to deliver ballots on time for the November election. *Washington Post*

Trump has admitted that he failed to mention U.S. intelligence that indicates Russia paid the Taliban to kill American troops during a call with Vladimir Putin last week. In fact, trump said he has “never” brought up the issue with the Russian president apparently because he doesn’t believe the CIA. *Daily Beast*

Senate Republicans have laced their roughly \$1 trillion coronavirus relief package with at least \$7 billion for weapons. Roll Call

12 million people have been excluded from emergency increases in SNAP benefits. *Center for American Progress*

A former Vallejo, California SWAT team commander said he was forced out of the city’s troubled Police Department after he raised concerns that officers were commemorating fatal shootings by bending the points of their badges. *Open Vallejo*

One-third of U.S. museums may not survive the year. *NPR*

#NotNormal

Trump suggested delaying the 2020 presidential election, claiming that the vote will be “fraudulent.” *Time*

Trump’s new favorite COVID doctor believes in alien DNA, demon sperm, and hydroxychloroquine. *Daily Beast*

Trump vowed to protect the “Suburban Lifestyle Dream” and promised that Americans “would no longer be bothered or financially hurt by having low income housing” in their communities. *WTFJHT*

Former President Obama has eulogized John Lewis, Elijah Cummings, and John McCain at funeral services the current President of the United States either stayed away from or was not invited to. *@GeoffRBennett*

GOOD NEWS, VICTORIES, & HEROES

Voting & Elections

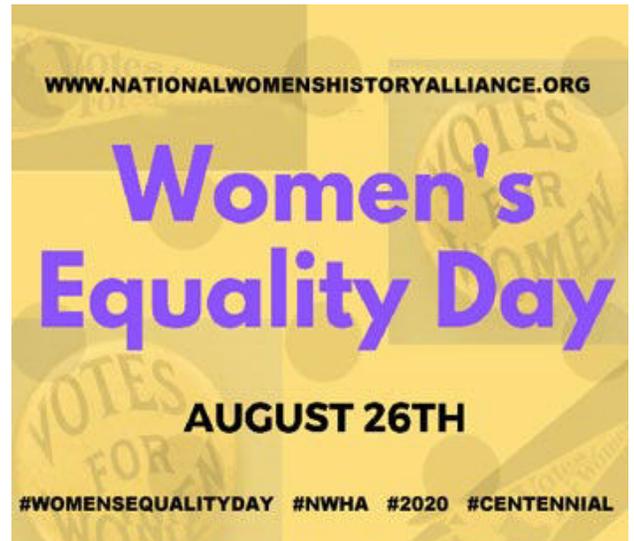
Majority Whip James Clyburn took to the U.S. House floor to rename the Voting Rights Act after John Lewis. It passed by unanimous consent. *NBC News*

A record number of Black women are running for U.S. Congress. *NBC News*

Obama’s John Lewis eulogy is a blueprint for the next fight for democracy. *Intelligencer*

Pennsylvania will use coronavirus relief funds allocated by Congress to pay for postage on mail-in ballots in the November general election. *The Hill*

Michael Jordan and Jordan Brand announced that they are donating \$2.5 million to three partners to combat Black voter suppression. *CBS News*



The Petaluma Museum Association will be presenting a gallery tour and a 3-D video of Petaluma’s Participation in the Suffrage Movement that will be available on August 25. The Exhibit is dedicated to Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey and Mayor Helen Putnam. On August 26 to celebrate "Women's Equality Day the museum will be hosting a Zoom with hosts Congressman Jared Huffman and Petaluma Mayor Teresa Barrett. For details visit www.Petalumamuseum.com

Each time a girl opens a book and reads a womanless history, she learns she is worth less.

*Myra Pollack Sadker
Professor, Author,
Researcher, and Activist*

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