



NOW

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
SONOMA COUNTY, CA

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June 2020

President's Message

June is upon us, with memories of warm summers and vacations; however, it feels different now with Shelter In Place and people protesting over the wearing of a mask. Across the nation there are protests, some peaceful, some violent, and some destructive over the murder of George Floyd, an African-American man murdered by law enforcement. As bad as the protest looks, I cannot help but feel they are protesting for me, for all of us, for the soul of our country.

Frustration and disappointment are at an all-time high, and it is my hope we all understand that, and not let fear guide our decisions. To help me with my fears and frustrations, I was reminded by Sen. Mike McGuire what Martin Luther King said more than half a century ago: "A riot is the language of the unheard." At this time many of us are not being heard about climate change, unfair treatment of immigrants, children at the border, fair wages, and choice. It is a time when we need to speak out and turn our fears into action.

At the end of June I will be stepping down as President. I believe three years is enough and new energy is needed. We have accomplished a lot over these past years and I want to encourage people to get involved. NOW is a national organization with a voice and that voice needs to be supported.

We will be having our regular monthly meeting on June 17 via conference call. If you are interested in attending please call or email us for the details.

Special announcements – On June 15 from 11 a.m.–12 noon on 89.1 FM or streaming on www.kbbf.org, we'll have an interview with attorney/activist Gloria Allred. We will be talking about the new film, AKA Jane Doe. What an eye-opener seeing the film was, and I look forward to hearing Allred's opinion.

On Thursday, June 18 our chapter is planning a special membership meeting via Zoom from 7:00–8:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending email us at info@nowsonoma.org and we will send you the meeting ID and password.

Stay safe, wash your hands, wear a mask when you are out, and remember, this too shall pass.



JUNE IS LBGTQ PRIDE MONTH

We will be having our regular monthly meeting on June 17, at 1:00 pm via conference call. If you are interested in attending please call or email us for the details, www.nowsonoma.org or 707 545 5036.

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Minutes of Sonoma NOW May 20, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:18 PM

Minutes of April 2020 were approved as submitted (MSC)

Agenda was approved with 2 additions (National news and Ribbon project). (MSC)

Financial Report - Money from Calendar donations was deposited; bills paid for telephone.

Website - Caller reported Website was liked; corrections were made on dates.

Ribbon Project - the flyer for the announcement has been edited but we are waiting for the final edit. Before it is sent out, we need to compile a list of the many organizations and people to whom it will be sent. Board members will submit their findings for addresses.

Current Membership list - we are still waiting for this list. Contacts will continue to be made to National NOW and California NOW

New Business:

Where do we go from here? President Elaine is unable to continue in her position. Frustration abounds as to inability to get others involved such as the Jr. College and Sonoma State University students; there seems to be a difficult task in getting younger people involved.

Plans will be made to have a Zoom meeting for NOW members in June. Information will be given in the newsletter and an email sent to the group nearer the time of that meeting (June 18th at 7 PM)

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM

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

*Summer Solstice
June 20, 2020*



NOW Sonoma County **June 17, 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. Update on Centennial Celebrations. Ribbon Project Update
- ### **New Business**
8. Discuss alternatives to Centennial Celebration events.
 9. Develop Save The Date Card for 4/19 Event Approval
 10. Review Letter for 4/19 Event to be sent to Environmental Groups
 11. Announcements
 12. Adjourn

**THIS MEETING WILL BE TELEPHONE
CONFERENCED. PLEASE SEE
nowsonoma.org FOR
ACCESS INFORMATION.**



President: Elaine B. Holtz

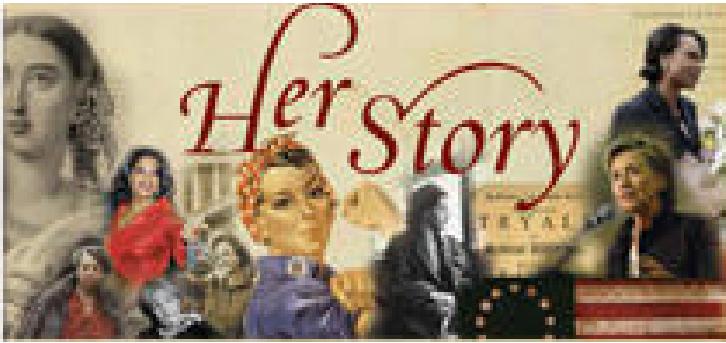
Recording Sec'y: Pro Tem-Eileen Bill

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June 2020

**Celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month
June Highlights in US Women's History**

June 1, 1993 – Connie Chung becomes the second woman to co-anchor the evening news, 17 years after Barbara Walters became the first in 1976

June 9, 1949 – Georgia Neese Clark confirmed as the first woman treasurer of the United States

June 10, 1963 – Equal Pay Act enacted: "To prohibit discrimination on account of sex in the payment of wages

by employers engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." (PL 88-38)

June 11, 1913 – Women in Illinois celebrate passage of a state woman suffrage bill allowing women to vote in presidential elections

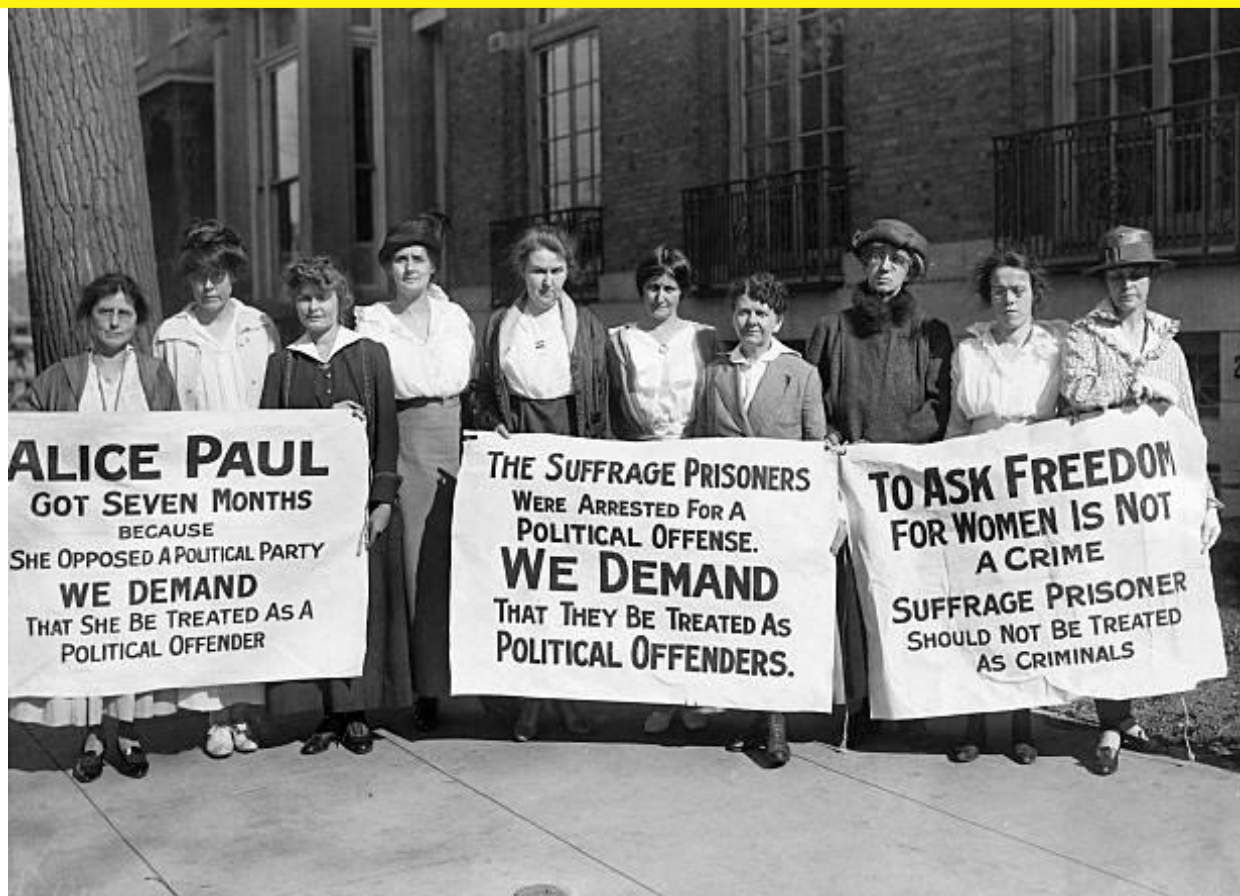
June 17, 1873 – Susan B. Anthony's trial starts for illegally voting in Rochester, New York, on November 5, 1872

June 20, 1921 – Alice Robertson (R-Oklahoma) becomes the first woman to chair the House of Representatives

June 21, 1997 – The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) plays its first game

June 23, 1972 – Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is signed by President Nixon, one of the most important legislation initiatives passed for women and girls since women won the vote in 1920. This legislation guarantees equal access and equal opportunity for female and male students in almost all aspects of our educational systems

June 25, 1903 – Marie Curie defends her doctoral thesis on radioactive substances at Université de la Sorbonne in Paris, becoming the first woman in France to receive a doctoral degree



WITH ALL THAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THE SHOOTING OF GEORGE FLOYD WE THOUGHT THIS PERSPECTIVE WOULD BE WORTH POSTING. OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FLOYD FAMILY.

Something to think about: “This has been a challenging week to say the least for our nation. The death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police Officers should have never happened. It’s disgusting; it’s heartbreaking and must be a call to action to once and for all end this generational stain on American society - racism. As the LA Times eloquently stated today: “Police violence does not justify the rampages that erupted in Minneapolis. But as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. pointed out more than a half-century ago, “a riot is the language of the unheard.” To focus on the damage and looting misses the point. Were it not for the killing of Floyd, and the history of police behavior, there would have been no protests.” **Posted on Facebook by Senator Mike McGuire representing 2nd Senate District, which encompasses the North Coast region, from Marin County to Del Norte County.**

FIGHT, DANCE, LOVE

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

If the U.S. had begun imposing social distancing measures one week earlier than it did in March, about 36,000 fewer people would have died in the coronavirus outbreak. *New York Times*

The Navajo Nation has surpassed New York and New Jersey for the highest per-capita coronavirus infection rate in the U.S. -- another sign of COVID-19's disproportionate impact on minority communities. *CNN*

A new observational study conducted on the effect of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine on COVID-19 patients found that the medications provide no benefit and are actually “associated with an increased risk of in-hospital mortality.” *Intelligencer*

44 percent of Republicans believe that Bill Gates is plotting to use a mass COVID-19 vaccination campaign as a pretext to implant microchips in billions of people and monitor their movements. *Yahoo News*

Trump issued a sweeping executive order that directs federal agencies, like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to roll back or fail to enforce a wide range of regulations that could include environmental and health protections. *NRDC*

Georgia Republicans canceled an election for state Supreme Court, so the governor could appoint a Republican. *Vox*

The woman behind ‘Roe vs. Wade’ didn’t change her mind on abortion. She was paid. *Los Angeles Times*

#NotNormal

Trump revealed he's taking hydroxychloroquine, a controversial drug that he's championed as a potential treatment for coronavirus despite limited evidence from the medical community. *The Hill*

Trump refused to wear a mask for the public part of a Ford tour to spite reporters. *HuffPost*

Trump escalated his assault against mail voting, falsely claiming that Michigan and Nevada were engaged in voter fraud and had acted illegally, and threatened to withhold federal funds to those states if they proceed in expanding vote-by-mail efforts. *New York Times*

An official portrait unveiling for President Barack Obama at the White House isn't expected to occur anytime soon as his successor, Trump, accuses him of unsubstantiated and unspecified crimes. *CNN*

Eric Trump used his latest Fox News appearance to push an absurd conspiracy theory about COVID-19. *Vox*

GOOD NEWS, VICTORIES & HEROES

The coronavirus pandemic

Shelter-in-place orders saved nearly 250,000 lives. *Mother Jones*

Moderna, the Massachusetts biotechnology company behind a leading effort to create a coronavirus vaccine, announced promising early results from its first human safety tests. *Washington Post*

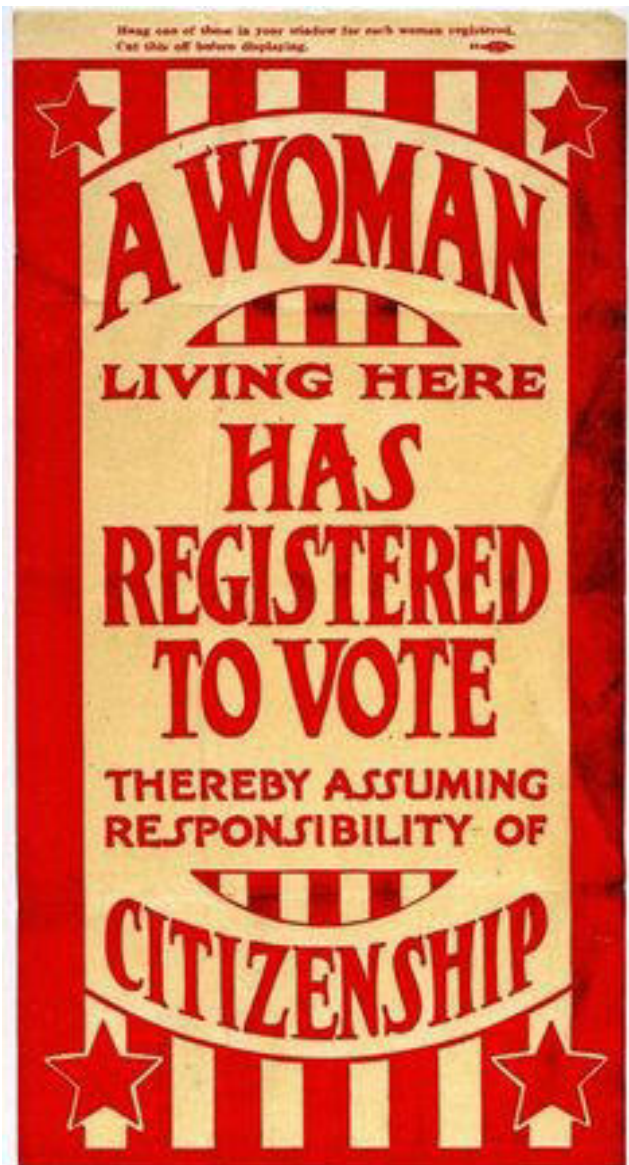
Researchers are finding evidence that patients who test positive for the coronavirus after recovering aren't capable of transmitting the infection, and could have the antibodies that prevent them from falling sick again. *Bloomberg*

New Zealand has found no new COVID-19 cases in the past couple of days, just as a new poll named Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern the country's most popular leader in 100 years thanks to her pandemic response. *Forbes*

Carbon dioxide emissions have fallen dramatically since lockdowns were imposed around the world due to the coronavirus crisis. *The Guardian*

Wildlife is thriving in closed U.S. national parks. *The Guardian*

U.S. Postal Service worker Joshua Crowell leaves handwritten notes and gift cards for 2020 graduates on his mail route. *CBS News*



Let's Celebrate Program

A result of the current health issues in the world is that we have delayed or canceled the celebrations planned for the **100th Anniversary** of women winning the right to vote. It is our most fervent wish that the corona virus 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 life and 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 are purple, gold, white and in the early years green. On the 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.

Even if life has returned to normal and there are celebrations and parades a personal colorful statement of that momentous event will be publicly recognized by 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 and newsletter and National Head Quarters contact capability.

Any questions or suggestions please contact NOW Sonoma County Chapter at:

nowsonoma.org



Christo and Jeanne-Claude, 1976

Christo Vladimirov Javacheff, who was known for his monumental environmental artworks with his late wife, Jeanne-Claude Denat de Guillebon, has died. He was 84 years old.

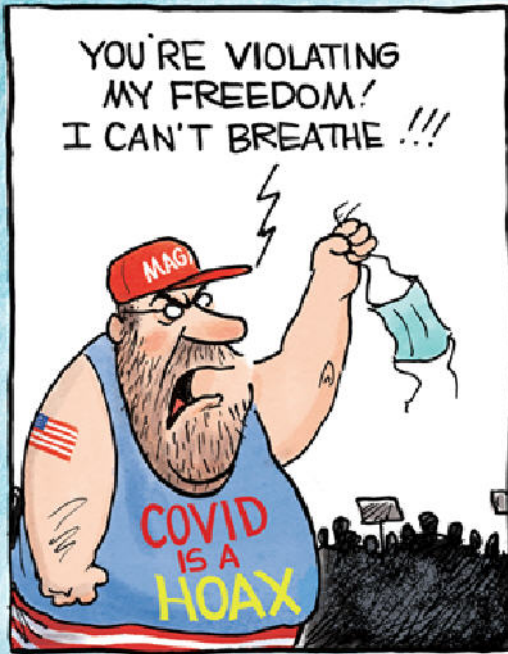
Together, known simply as Christo and Jeanne-Claude, they wrapped iconic landmarks in fabric, such as the Pont Neuf in Paris in 1985 and the Reichstag in Berlin in 1995; and mounted thousands of orange gates in Central Park, redolent of Japan's sacred torii gates, in 2005. **The Running Fence Across Sonoma County, CA.**

The artist who wrapped the Reichstag will take on the Arc de Triomphe next

Christo passed away Sunday 31 May at his home in New York, according to a statement made on the artist's official twitter account.

He is survived by his son, Cyril Christo, a photographer, filmmaker and animal rights activist. Jeanne-Claude passed away following a brain aneurysm in 2009.

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