

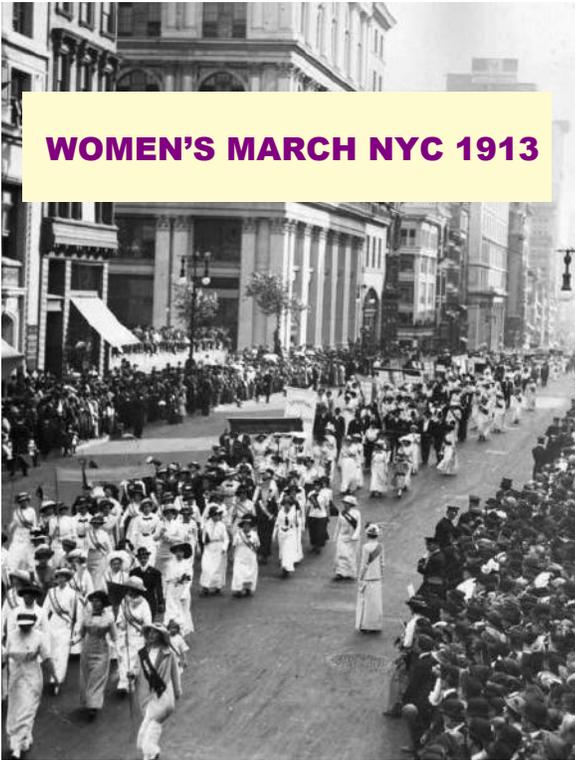
NOW
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
Sonoma County
May 2020
President's Message

What a month it has been, sheltering in place, learning and participating in Zoom meetings, adjusting to being physically away from family and friends. Amazing going grocery shopping and standing on strips of green with "6 ft" boldly printed and everyone conforming. Watching folks taking walks with their dogs, some with masks, some without; all I can think is, "the world is changing rapidly." A shout out to all of us, both for enduring this and for caring for one another via phone calls to check in to see how we are. From what I can see, Sonoma County has learned a lot and has done a great job keeping folks informed and protected. To support and receive updates, the county utilizes the SoCo Emergency Preparedness website: <https://socoemergency.org/> . Included on the site is information on health orders and guidance along with updates by Supervisor Susan Gorin, Chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, who will provide video updates on the Coronavirus and how Sonoma County is responding. You can view the videos on Sonoma County's YouTube playlist at: Sonoma Board Chair Coronavirus Updates. A shout out to Supervisors Susan Gorin and Lynda Hopkins for keeping me informed about what is happening, and to all those front line people for helping to keep essential services open for us.

For the past two months our NOW Executive Board meeting has been done on Free Conference Call, and we will be doing the same for the May 20th meeting (1 p.m.). If you wish to join the meeting, email us at info@nowsonoma.org and we will send you the conference call codes.

Something to think about: "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." — Dame Jane Morris Goodall, born Valerie Jane Morris-Goodall on 3 April 1934), formerly Baroness Jane van Lawick-Goodall, She is an English primatologist and anthropologist.[4] considered to be the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees.

WOMEN'S SPACES
 Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"
www.womenspaces.com
 Show airs: **Mondays** on KBBF 89.1FM
 Calistoga Santa Rosa
Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm



Mothers Day

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Minutes for Sonoma County NOW April 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

Introductions were made and check-in accomplished

Minutes: March meeting were approved as submitted (**MSC**)

Agenda was approved with additions: 2020 celebration, West County Museum and updates (**MSC**)

Financial report: Due to staying in place there have been no visits to PO Box or bank deposits. Mary Chouinard's name has been removed from the checking account as per her request.

Sandy Reynolds of the Santa Rosa Democratic Club sent a letter expressing appreciation for the calendars and thanking us for presenting them at their monthly meetings. When things get back to normal, we may contact the Sonoma County Museum for some type of display of this calendar. The calendars have all been dispersed.

Website: Doing well and everyone is satisfied with it. There was a question as to whether or not we want to start a blog. Requests were made for additional inputs to the site.

Discussion: On proposal of having a ZOOM membership meeting. While some members do enjoy having their small groups via ZOOM others may not have the technology for this type of meeting although it was pointed out that one can join via telephone, as well. There might be a security risk involved with ZOOM meetings. The final decision was to focus on membership growth, first.

2020 Celebration - since so many major events have been canceled, Marion proposed a "ribbon" event where ribbons of white, purple and gold (Suffragette colors) would be placed on doors, mailboxes, trees, etc., to emphasize the 100th anniversary celebration of women gaining the right to vote. A flyer will be created and sent to the various women's groups so that they can relay the information to their members to also celebrate in this manner. The ribbons will be displayed on August 26th. (**MSC**)

Local museums have wonderful displays of the history of women gaining the right to vote and relevant issues. When the museums are open again, we will plan on having group visits by members. Letters will be sent to the museums regarding this plan and requesting best dates for our visits.

The Santa Rosa Rose Parade has been canceled

Alice Paul radio interview - was profiled by Elaine on her Women's Spaces radio show portrayed by Kathleen Haynie. Marion and Eileen presented bouquets to physicians at two clinics that perform abortions in recognition of Nation Abortion Providers' Appreciation Day 3/10/2020.

For the next meeting: think of the future of this chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM

NOW Sonoma County May 20, 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

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

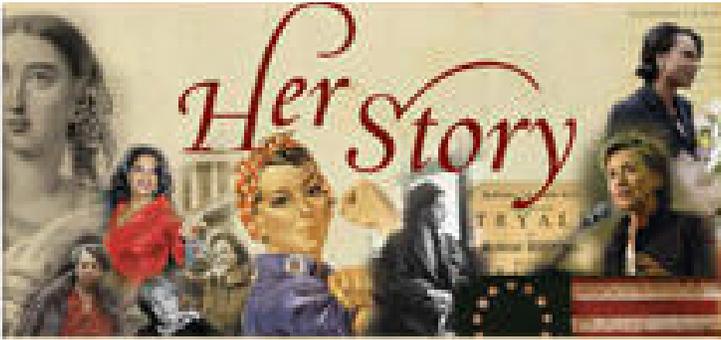
Recording Sec'y: Pro Tem-Eileen Bill

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Celebrate Mother's Day and Memorial Day. May Highlights in US Women's History

May 1, 1950 – Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate) in 1985

May 5, 1938 – Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis at a meeting of the American Pediatric Association

May 6 – 12 Nurses Week

May 8, 1914 – President Woodrow Wilson signs a Proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day

May 10, 1872 – Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president for the Equal Rights Party

May 12, 1968 – A 12-block Mother's Day march of "welfare mothers" is held in Washington, D.C., led by Coretta Scott King accompanied by Ethel Kennedy

May 15, 1970 – Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals, becoming the first women to do so

May 21, 1932 – Amelia Earhart Putnam becomes the first woman to complete a solo-transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours

May 21, 1973 – Lynn Genesko, a swimmer, receives the first athletic scholarship awarded to a woman (University of Miami)

May 29, 1977 – Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500 car race

May 29, 1943 – "Rosie the Riveter" by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

These photos show the staggering food bank lines across America. **Mother Jones**

More than 40 grocery workers have died from COVID-19. **New York Magazine**

Thanks to the pandemic, last month was the first march since 2002 without a U.S. school shooting. **Common Dreams**

Many anti-abortion pregnancy centers in Colorado are continuing to operate even as non-essential businesses have been forced to close and non-essential medical procedures have been suspended. **Colorado Times Recorder**

The Trump administration is working to slash the wages of migrant farmworkers, even as it works to send direct aid to farmers and ranchers hurt by the coronavirus pandemic. **Democracy Now**

Immigrants are scared of getting coronavirus treatment because of trump's crackdown. **Buzz-Feed News**

The Army this week gave a politically connected Montana firm half a billion dollars—not to manufacture ventilators or protective gear to fight the novel coronavirus, but to build 17 miles of Trump's southern border wall. **Daily Beast**

China has spent the last few days trying to manage a damaging story about how local authorities in the city of Guangzhou have been targeting black African migrants for eviction and forced coronavirus testing. **Quartz**

What do countries with the best coronavirus responses have in common? Women Leaders. **Forbes**

#NotNormal

Trump cut U.S. funding to the World Health Organization during a global pandemic. **Intelligencer**

The Treasury Department ordered trump's name printed on stimulus checks, a process that possibly slowed their delivery. **Washington Post**

Trump played a propaganda video during the White House coronavirus task force briefing. **The Hill**

Christians were fined \$500 for attending a drive-in church — the trump administration is supporting them in court. **BuzzFeed News**

The time Trump turned away in disgust while a man was bleeding to death in front of him. **Daily Beast**

VOTE 2020 !



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 rades a personal colorful statement of that momentous event will be publicly recognized by a highly

With an effort spearheaded by Sebastopol City Council member Michael Carnacchi, suffrage centennial banners are flying in downtown Sebastopol. Carnacchi notes: "One fact to note is that during the 19th Amendment time period, in addition to fighting for the right to vote, the women and citizens of that day were also battling the Spanish Flu Pandemic."

Is your town showcasing our centennial too? It's actually a good time to have something to celebrate, and the banners stand out when there are few other events being advertised. Contact your town —and put up your own signs too! See item on this page. We can plant gardens as our foremothers did, also, of white, yellow, and purple.



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:

<https://www.palmbeachpost.c...>

Leonard Pitts: **I will not die of stupid**

By Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Posted Apr 26, 2020 at 9:01 AM

Someday, I'm going to die.

This, I grudgingly accept. I have no idea how it's going to happen. Maybe I will die of having a tree fall on me, of eating tainted shellfish, or of being struck by lightning. But this much I guarantee. I will not die of having wagered my life that TV carnival barkers, political halfwits and goobers in MAGA hats know more than experts with R.N.s, M.D.s, and Ph.D.s after their names.

In other words, I will not die of stupid.

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But here's the thing. There's been a lot of talk over who has the power to reopen America's economy. Well, it doesn't belong to the president, nor to the governors. It doesn't even belong to business owners. No, ultimately, it belongs to me. And to you. It belongs to us, as consumers.

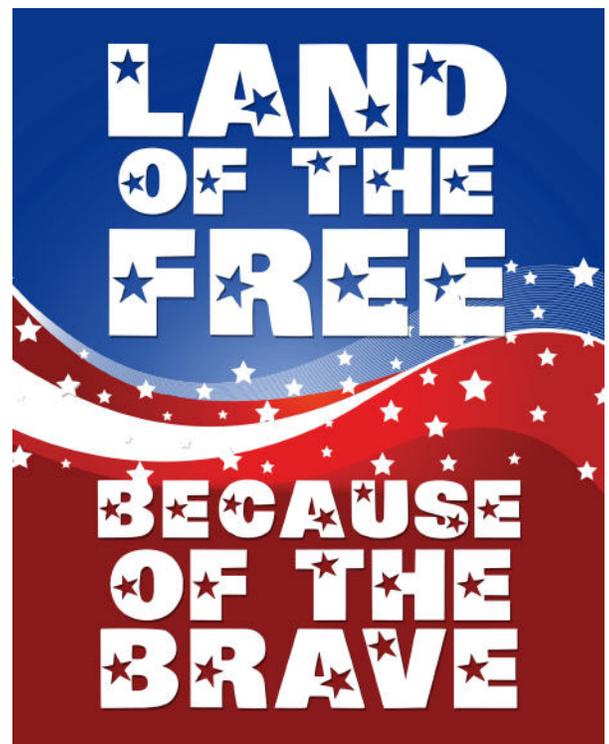
After all, the president and the governors can issue all the orders they want, the owners can remove all the padlocks, but none of it matters if customers are too afraid to walk back through the doors. And I am. I have no idea how many consumers I represent, but I suspect it's more than a few.

I get that businesses are suffering. But I refuse to eat in a crowded restaurant, sit in a packed movie house or fly on a full flight again until I feel I can do so safely. And I am emphatically not assured by TV carnival barkers, political halfwits and goobers in MAGA hats.

No, I need to hear from serious, credible people. I need to know sufficient testing has been conducted and that they feel the virus is no longer a threat. If other people want to die of stupid, I can't stop them. But if America wants its economy back — this part of its economy, at least — it better do whatever is necessary to persuade Dr. Anthony Fauci it's time to give the all-clear.

Look for me two weeks after that.

VOTE 2020 !



HONOR THEM ON MEMORIAL DAY

In the Pandemic, Every State Should Vote by Mail

Voting should not be a matter of life and death.

Recently, Wisconsin voters faced a dismaying choice: Exercise their right to vote or protect their health and safety. As the coronavirus spread, so many voters applied for absentee ballots before the April 7 primary that election officials couldn't send them out in time. The legislature had refused to postpone the election; the courts turned down Governor Tony Evers's attempt to change the rules by executive order. So voters who hadn't received their absentee ballot had to go to the polls despite the pandemic; the plight of poll workers went unaddressed. Wisconsin's case was described as "a narrow technical question about an absentee ballot," according to the 5-4 majority opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court. It was not. It was a matter of life and death.

The outcome—voters in masks standing in long lines at the polls—was all the more tragic and senseless because states have the option of conducting elections entirely by mail. Five states already do: Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Critics of voting by mail, most notably President Donald Trump, have portrayed the system as insecure and skewed. "Tremendous potential for voter fraud, and for whatever reason, doesn't work out well for Republicans," Trump recently wrote on Twitter. A political scientist who has studied Oregon's pioneering system in great detail, and research suggests that these complaints are baseless.



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