

SONOMA COUNTY

NOW



August 2021 News

Women's Equality Day - NOW

Dear NOW members,

This month is an exciting time for our chapter!

- We have a new Facebook Group!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonomacountynow>
- Our 2020 calendar is being recognized as a historical document!
- Women's Equality Day is August 26! We're hosting a special event!

August 26, 2021 marks the 101st anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment and Women's Equality Day. It is also extra-special for our chapter. The 19th Amendment Centennial 2020 calendar that we produced is being recognized as a historic document by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on August 24! You'll see an

image below of the cover.

To commemorate that occasion, on August 26th, we have invited many of the women leaders from our county, who are either featured on the pages of the calendar or who were instrumental in its creation. All of them have worked for women's rights! Here are just a few of the women who will be present:

- Lynda Hopkins
- Jill Ravitch
- Shirlee Zane
- Elaine B. Holtz
- Gaye LeBaron
- And many others!

They will each address what topics they feel are most important for the Sonoma County NOW chapter to prioritize. Look for a short survey to come soon, so that we can hear from YOU, too. We want to know what you believe WE should be doing for the community.

See below for more details on the event--it will be on Zoom and registration is required due to limited seating. We will be livestreaming this on our new Facebook page.

Hope to see you at both August meetings!

--Amy Nykamp

[View this email in your browser](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

August 19 - Regular Business Meeting 6-8 pm

August 26 - Special Event 6-8 pm



Don't forget to wear purple. gold, and white on August 26!

Join us on Aug 19 (business meeting) and Aug. 26, to honor the women who work for our equal rights!

Both our regular Executive Board meeting and the special event will have the same Zoom information. You are encouraged to attend the business meeting. Check in a few minutes early so we can start promptly at 6:00.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtg
a1Nkc2tYQXkydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtg
a1Nkc2tYQXkydz09)

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 **Passcode:** 035853

Phone in Numbers:

+1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

Locations outside the United States

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kebNSIm8Js>

To register for the August 26th Zoom Meeting, click:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honoring-women-of-sonoma-county-tickets-
166886334519](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honoring-women-of-sonoma-county-tickets-
166886334519)

Join us by Zoom or on our new Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonomacountynow>



Let's all get out there and vote NO to the recalls of Governor Gavin Newsom and our District Attorney, Jill Ravitch!

Equal Pay Day: A look at the wage gap

For every \$1 a white man earns:



Source: Equal Pay Today Campaign based on 2019 U.S. Census data on median earnings for full-time, year-round workers



UPDATE:

Women are still earning 77 cents to every man's dollar.

The **PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT, H.R. 7**,
is now being filibustered in the Senate.

Here is a link to [NOW's information page on HR 7.](#)



August dates to celebrate

- **August 3, 1905** – Maggie Kuhn, founder, Gray Panthers
- **August 6, 1886** – Inez Milholland Boissevain, suffrage leader
- **August 6, 1965**– Voting Rights Act passed
- **August 13, 1818** – Lucy Stone, abolitionist, suffrage leader
- **August 19, 1814** — Mary Ellen Pleasant, Mother of Civil Rights in California
- **August 22, 1893** – Dorothy Parker, writer, poet, civil rights activist
- **August 23, 1843**— Lillie Hitchcock Coit, San Francisco philanthropist
- **August 26, 1920** — 19th Amendment ratified, Women's Equality Day. Wear purple, gold, and white!

Visit our Sonoma County NOW site for news and lots of links and information:

<http://www.nowsonoma.org/>

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About NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

Core Issues

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

Reproductive Rights and Justice

NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

Economic Justice

NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women's freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

Ending Violence Against Women

NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures and attitudes in our nation.

Racial Justice

A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

LGBTQIA+ Rights

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

Constitutional Equality

NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States Constitution.

For additional information go to: <https://now.org/about/>



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