



November 2022 News

Recently, I learned that the *We Are Here To Stay: Our Freedom, Our Choice!* production had to be canceled entirely. Dr. Grayer will still be our speaker on November 21st (see below), though, and is sure to be engaging.

Dear NOW friends,
Election Day is less than a week away. If you haven't yet voted, now's the time! Here are details on finding a [Voting Center](#) in our county where you can go in any day between now and November 8 to cast your vote or

drop off your mail-in ballot.

Last month, Rosita Stevens-Holsey, enthralled us with her many memories of her aunt, Pauli Murray. Her engagement with those present was warm and personable. We had such a great time listening and asking questions, that two hours went by really quickly! Many thanks go to [Women's Spaces](#) and [KBBF 89.1 FM](#) for first reaching out to Rosita, then co-sponsoring her and spearheading a media blitz. This resulted in being featured in the Sonoma County Gazette. Without all of their effort, we wouldn't have had such an extraordinary guest speaker, so we are very grateful to them. The [recording](#) of our meeting is on our YouTube channel. We also want to thank the [Santa Rosa Democratic Club](#) for providing us coverage in their *Donkey Tales* publication.

Elections are upon us--not just for the United States, but also for Sonoma County NOW. When we redid the bylaws recently, we set elections to take place on the 31st of January of a given year, with newly-elected officers to begin February 1 of that year. We also require all officers to have been a member of NOW for at least three months and have attended at least three of our chapter's meetings prior to election. We have our Bylaws [here](#). Please write to info@nowsonoma.org if you are interested in running for office or if you can help with projects in the

coming year.

Our featured speaker this month is Dr. Dianna L. Grayer, MFT, activist, author, playwright, and founder of [Our Lives Matter Theater Company](#). Dr. Grayer will speak of her experiences in Sonoma County and what motivates her to write and produce plays like "We Are Here To Stay: Our Freedom, Our Choice!" We hope you will share this news with all your friends and neighbors..

November 21, 2022 Zoom Details

6:00-7:30 p.m. PST (note, time is earlier than normal)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09>

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

If you are not yet a NOW member or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#).

--Amy Nykamp, President

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November Guest Speaker: Dianna L. Grayer, PhD



OUR LIVES MATTER THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS:

**WE ARE HERE TO STAY:
OUR FREEDOM, OUR CHOICE!**

*A COMPELLING PRODUCTION ON THE INTERSECTIONS OF GENDER IDENTITY.
PLEASE JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TABLE TALK AFTER THE SHOW FOR DIALOGUE.*

SHOW DATES:
11/5/22 7:00PM 11/6/22 3:00PM
11/12/22 7:00PM 11/13/22 3:00PM

LOCATION: 85 LA PLAZA, COTATI, CA 94931

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE! [HTTPS://WWW.OLMTCO.ORG](https://www.olmtco.org)

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows six hands of various skin tones (black, light brown, dark brown, orange, red, purple) raised in a gesture of unity. Each hand is wearing a different colored sleeve or glove.

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

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

YouTube: https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7_29T8COX2MNul_Q8g

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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Regular membership \$40/year \$75 2 yrs \$115 3 yrs
 Reduced dues: \$10–30/year

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Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660

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