



## December 2022 News

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Dear NOW friends,

Our featured speaker last month was Dr. Dianna L. Grayer, MFT, activist, author, playwright, and founder of [Our Lives Matter Theater Company](#). Dr. Grayer spoke of her experiences with racism in Sonoma County and what motivates her to write and produce many plays speaking out about social injustice. While the video didn't turn out well

this time, here is the link to the [audio](#); the recording was turned on just after Dr. Grayer was introduced, so it begins with her speaking. The link will be active until the end of January.

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**Next month, we need to hold elections for new board members.** As previously mentioned, when we redid the bylaws this summer, 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 require all officers to have been a member of NOW (the national organization) for at least three months and have attended at least three of our chapter's meetings prior to election. You also don't have to be female to run! We have our Bylaws [here](#). We are still looking for NOW members to run, for all positions. Our board members have been serving for two years (or more) already and it's time for fresh ideas from our members to move forward. We've had some wonderful events over the years and been very active in the community; help keep us successful. We need YOU!

We ask that all interested parties provide a short bio and why you would like to serve. Please write to [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org) if you are interested in

running for office or if you can help with projects in the coming year.

Our next meeting is December 19th and anyone who wishes to run for office should attend. There is no scheduled speaker this time, but depending on how many candidates are available, a Q&A will be held as part of the business meeting. The time will be from 7:00-8:00 this month.

### **December 19, 2022 Zoom Details**

*7:00-8:00 p.m. PST*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nk>

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

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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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## 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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