



## February Meeting Reminder

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Please join us Monday, Feb. 20 for our NOW meeting. Everyone has something to contribute to keep up our progress! Help us keep our chapter alive and give us your ideas for actions in the coming year. Shown above, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson (Wikimedia Commons photo).

The time will be from 7:00-8:00 this month. **Please join us!**

### February 20, 2023 Zoom Details

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

**In January, we were 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. At this time, however, we do not have enough people showing interest in becoming an officer. At this point, I would like to step down as president and allow someone else to lead us into 2023. According to our bylaws [here](#), we need to have a president and a treasurer to run the chapter. We encourage everyone to run for office, particularly because it's easier to be active if we have committee members, a secretary, and vice president(s). Our chapter has been around for decades and we want to continue to be engaged with the community. Please consider what part you can play, how your skills can be useful. 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.

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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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## A New Push for the ERA—You Can Help!

Excerpted from the [ERA Coalition](#):

New joint resolutions on the ERA were announced in both the House and Senate this week!

See the [press conference announcing the legislation](#). And we're asking other elected officials to sign on to the resolutions that will affirm the validity of the Equal Rights Amendment and remove the time limit on the ERA, making it clear that *there is no time limit on equality*.

After the event, [Senate Majority Leader Schumer spoke on the](#)

[Senate floor](#) about the need for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Contact your lawmakers and ask them to sign on as a co-sponsor of this legislation. Add your own story; explain why the ERA is meaningful to you as a constituent and a voter.

—Carol Singer

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## A Letter from Rosita Stevens-Holsey

Greetings,

What a wonderful day! I am pleased to share with you that the U.S. Mint has officially announced the honorees for the 2024 American Women Quarters Program and my aunt, Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray is one of these amazing ladies. I have been holding this information under wraps for so long and I am thrilled that I can finally share this amazing news.

Hopefully now all Americans will know about Pauli's brilliant contributions to society. I am so proud that she is being honored in this way; I think we can all agree that it is well deserved! The only thing that would make this better is if she was here to see it for herself.

Thank you to each and every one of you who has assisted in the ongoing effort to uplift Pauli's legacy. Do you see what teamwork can do?! Thank you for being on my team.

See the U.S. Mint press release here:

<https://www.usmint.gov/news/press-releases/mint-announces-2024-american-women-quarters-program-honorees>

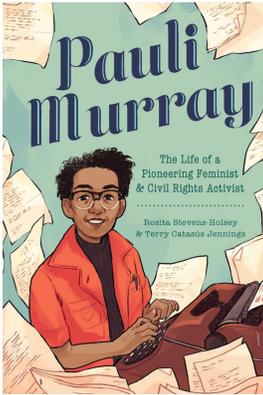
To learn more about the American Women Quarters Program, read here :

<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-women-quarters>

Together we rise,

**Rosita**

Co-Author of PAULI MURRAY: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist



Read about Aunt Pauli's amazing life!

[Link to pre-order & purchase](#)

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[www.preservingpaulimurray.com](http://www.preservingpaulimurray.com)

Streaming now on Amazon Prime is a 90-minute documentary entitled "My Name is Pauli Murray." Please click the following link:

<https://www.amazon.com/My-Name-Pauli-Murray/dp/B09DMPMWCP>

*Ed. Note: You can see Rosita's wonderful presentation on Pauli Murray at our Sonoma County NOW event, plus other events we've produced, [here](#).*

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## *Reproductive Freedom – Where Do We Go from Here?*

Come hear Gilda Gonzales, CEO of Planned Parenthood Northern California, talk about the future for reproductive freedom. Learn more about the situation today, what is being done and how to positively affect the future of this critical component of women's health care.

*March 8                      3:00 – 4:30*

Finley Community Center  
2060 West College Ave., Santa Rosa

Light refreshments will be served.

*This event is free but **RSVPs are REQUIRED** to reserve a seat since space is limited.*

*Please RSVP by February 21 to Deanna Beerman at [deannabeerman@att.net](mailto:deannabeerman@att.net)*

Presented by Santa Rosa AAUW (American Association of University Women)

Questions to AAUW Public Policy Chair, Ty Worley [doughtysky@comcast.net](mailto:doughtysky@comcast.net)





## February birthdays and dates to remember

- Feb. 2, 1861— Alice Locke Park, California suffrage leader
- Feb. 3, 1874 — Gertrude Stein, visionary artist
- Feb. 4, 1913 — Rosa Parks, civil rights leader
- Feb. 4, 1921 — Betty Friedan, feminist author, NOW cofounder
- Feb. 9, 1944 — Alice Walker, author, activist
- Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day
- Feb. 14, 1931 — Toni Morrison (photo above from Wikimedia Commons), author, teacher
- Feb. 18, 1934 — Audre Lorde, author
- Feb. 21, 1918 — Helen Rudee, first Sonoma Co. female supervisor, feminist
- Feb. 21, 1936 — Barbara Jordan, US Representative, rights activist
- Feb. 22, 1892 — Edna St. Vincent Millay, poet, playwright
- Feb. 27, 1897 — Marian Anderson, singer, civil rights pioneer

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