



## Sonoma County NOW Newsletter

### August 2024

Hello NOW Friends!

We're just 9 days away from our state conference! The theme is "Moving Forward and Igniting Change," happening in Santa Rosa at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses. If you haven't yet registered, there's still time, but **register by August 4** to get lunch. Otherwise, there are restaurants nearby in Montgomery Village.

**Parking:** The church's lot is reserved for those tabling and for ADA spaces. Plenty of parking is available at Montgomery Village in front of Lucky's.

**Schedule:** The day begins with registration at 9:00 and ends with a raffle at 6:30. Keynote speaker Bear Atwood, Vice President of NOW, and panelists Molly Murphy McGregor, Kim Hester, and MaDonna Feather Cruz will join us. We will have workshops, activities, and a social hour. Attend in person or via Zoom, though in-person is preferable.

**Registration:** The conference is free, but please register so we can plan accordingly. Light snacks and lunch will be provided. For more information on the conference and to register, click [here](#). See below for all details.

**Volunteers:** Help is needed for Zoom management, moderation, setup, registration, and cleanup. Let us know if you have special skills! There are more details in the official state conference image below.

We look forward to greeting you there!

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**If you liked our Centennial calendar** that was published in 2019, you'll love our brand new one that will be available to our conference attendees at the venue! For a donation of \$15 or more, we'll give you our 2025 calendar (Women Making History) on the spot. We're featuring national and local women, on whose shoulders we stand, including Kamala Harris! These will only be available at events like the conference because we aren't able to ship.

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**We recommend you watch [this video](#)** put on by "I've Had It," in which the hosts (Jennifer Welch & Angie Sullivan) detail what women's rights have been taken away in various states, such as Louisiana, and what are threatened. What we learned is terrifying and should make us all stand up and say "No More!" Welch and Sullivan have a podcast by the same name and a multitude

of videos. Subscribe to their channel and learn more.

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**Remember that the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum has a new exhibit**, which runs from now through August 25, and is entitled, "Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women". For more information, click [here](#).

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**Calling all members!** We'd love to get to know you better. We are looking for submissions to appear in the newsletter, such as a short bio, an event you wish NOW members to attend, an article you find important and think our readers would appreciate, a poem you've created, even a photo of you. Up to two submissions per member allowed at a time and these will be published at the discretion of the editor. Please send submissions to **info@nowsonoma.org**. Our newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. We hope to hear from you!

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Our next meeting:

**August 19, 2024 Zoom Details**

7:00-8:30 p.m. PDT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQ>

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

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If you are interested in joining our board, please write to **info@nowsonoma.org**. We'd love to be able to do more in the county and need your skills for many different types of special projects, including planning upcoming events, particularly as we consider how we might further partner with the NAACP and other organizations.

--Amy Nykamp, President



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## Ready to Inspire You

- Bear Atwood, Vice President of the National Organization for Women
- Dr. Kim D. Hester Williams, Sonoma State University
- Molly Murphy McGregor, Co-Founder of the National Women's History Alliance
- MaDonna Feather Cruz, Elder Advocate, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

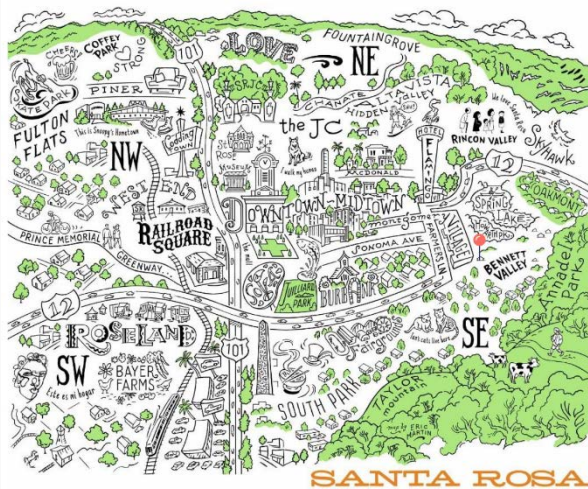




## Moving Forward + Igniting Change

This conference will be both in-person in Santa Rosa and online everywhere on **Saturday, August 10, 2024 starting at 9 AM.**

This collaborative event will feature feminist activists, leaders, a diverse speakers panel, workshops, and a day of action. Join feminists and progressive organizations to be inspired, move forward and ignite change.



## Reserve your Seat

Picture yourself in Santa Rosa on August 10. Attending the Conference is free, so please reserve your spot now. By signing up early, you reserve your seat, access to the program, and lunch.

[RESERVE YOUR TICKET](#)

Get more information about the conference here:

<https://www.canow.org/2024-annual-conference/>.

## Say Yes to Snacks and a Light Lunch

We will have light lunch if you reserve an in-person seat but must reserve a seat before August 4, 2024.

If you have **dietary requirements**, please call us at [909.268.7925](tel:909.268.7925) or email us [here](#). We will let you know if we can accommodate.

## Become a volunteer today!

Are you looking to make a difference at our Conference? We are still looking for a few more willing people to help at our Conference for a few hours. Join us in creating a positive experience for our attendees while still participating in the conference activities. Volunteers will receive a special commemorative token of our gratitude.

## These shifts are available:

- 8 AM - 11 AM
- 11 AM - 2 PM
- All Day 8 AM - 5 PM

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

If you have any questions or want to share something about the conference, please call us at [909.268.7925](tel:909.268.7925) or email us [here](#).



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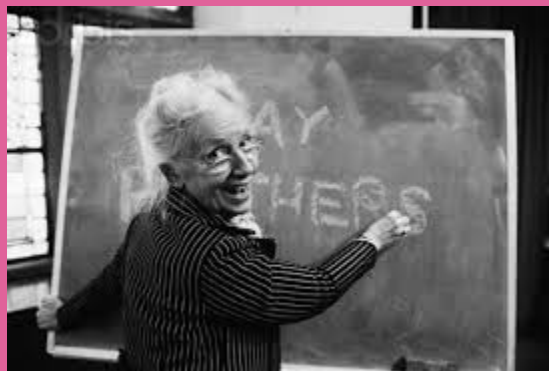
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**Special dates in August**

1 Beatrice Medicine (1923–2005), anthropologist

3 Maggie Kuhn (1905–1995), founder, Gray Panthers (photo from  
Wikimedia Commons shown above)

6 Inez Milholland Boissevain (1886–1916), suffrage leader

**10 California NOW conference in Santa Rosa**

13 Lucy Stone (1818–1893), abolitionist, suffrage leader

19 Mary Ellen Pleasant (1814–1904), abolitionist, Bay Area rights leader

21 Annette Kolodny (1941–2019), ecofeminist writer, educator, activist

22 Dorothy Parker (1893–1967), writer, poet, civil rights activist

23 Lillie Hitchcock Coit (1843–1929), San Francisco philanthropist

24 Tye Leung Schulze (1887–1972), San Francisco civil rights leader,  
suffragist

**26 Women's Equality Day: 19th Amendment ratified in 1920.**

**Wear purple, gold, and white!**

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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](#). If you prefer to write a check, here is a form you can clip and mail. You can also pay for membership or donate to us anytime by using the QR code.





**MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM**

**Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660**

- Regular membership: \$40/year
- 3-year membership: \$110
- Reduced Dues: \$10-30/year

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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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