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Happy New Year!

Sonoma County NOW is undergoing change already. Our longtime boardmember, Elaine B. Holtz, who is not only our past president but who has been our treasurer since mid-2021, has ended her term as of December 31. I have learned much from Elaine and am grateful that I was given the chance to spend this time with her and our chapter has benefited greatly over the years due to her vast network of leaders in the community and nationally, as well as her wealth of knowledge. Thank you, Elaine, for your service and here's wishing you a lot of relaxation!

I have appointed as Interim Treasurer a new member, Tiffany Karwoski, who is beginning her time with us on January 2, and look forward to working together. Tiffany will be an interim until such time as she has met all of the criteria in our bylaws and then we will hold an election. Tiffany comes to us as a law student and a legal secretary for a criminal defense firm in Sonoma County. Welcome, Tiffany!

At our December meeting, we discussed the People's March happening in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, January 18th and we made some plans for holding an equal rights vigil that same day in Sebastopol at the corners of Hwy 12 and Hwy 116. Bring your signs and stand for an hour with us from 12-1. Please help promote our vigil by going to <https://www.womensmarch.com/>. Or, you can organize something in your own area using the same link. We hope to see you that Saturday!

We are still working nationally to encourage President Joe Biden to have the National Archivist publish the Equal Rights Amendment. We have plenty of information further in the newsletter about this. Please pass the word along to everyone to sign the petition!

Our January meeting will be a week earlier due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration the

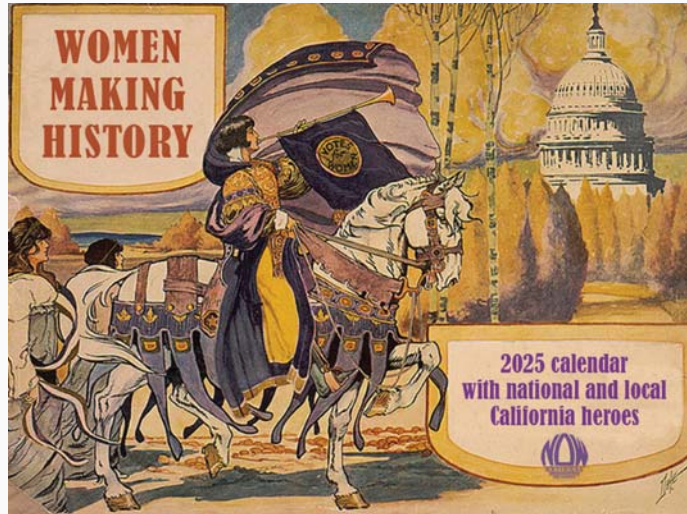
following Monday, and the Presidential Inauguration as well. Please mark your calendars for this change in date. Please join us on Zoom.

January 13, 2024 Zoom Details

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

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

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853



We still have a few dozen historical calendars for 2025 and if you would like one, please contact us at info@nowsonoma.org. We have them for a \$15 donation to the chapter.

Finally, please see the information below regarding an in-person presentation by a well-known activist coming to Sonoma County on February 1. **Peggy Trotter Dammond Preacely** will be hosted by the Saturday Afternoon Club in Santa Rosa. For information and tickets, please contact Ellen Bowen President, Saturday Afternoon Club, at 707-326-8842. Tickets are going fast and are expected to sell out.

Wishing you all the best in 2025!

-- Amy Nykamp, President





Please join us Saturday, Jan. 18 nationwide for People's March. Spread the word but only to trusted friends and lists! We need to avoid hackers and hecklers.

In Sebastopol we will stand from 12–1 at the four corners of Hwy 12 and 116.

If you are not near Sebastopol do your own vigil, and/or sign up with [Women's March](#). Make a BIG sign with your equal rights sentiment. Joan Starker has contributed the lyrics below, so bring them and sing with us!

My Body Lies Under Injustice

(to the tune of *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*)
by Joan Starker

My body lies under injustice
My body is owned by the court
My body lies under injustice
My liberty they shall not thwart

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me, to me
Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me.

My body lies in a back alley
My choices are no longer mine
My body lies in a back alley
My freedom I will not resign
(Chorus)

My body aches under oppression
and fights to hold on to its voice
My body aches under oppression
The only solution is choice!!

Chorus:

Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me, to me
Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me.

SHOUT OUT: RAISE YOUR VOICES FOR JUSTICE!



Equal Rights Amendment Petition--Sign NOW!

The first sentence of the ERA reads, "**Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.**"

If you haven't yet signed the petition to have the ERA published into the Constitution, here is some material to read and listen to, as well as a link to the petition. People all over the country are demanding the ERA be put into place formally so that we can't have our rights taken away by the new administration!

Petition link: <https://www.sign4era.org/?era-coalition>

Interview by Elaine B. Holtz on Women's Spaces with the CEO of the ERA Coalition, **Zakiya Thomas**, who explains what the ERA is all about and encourages folks to sign the petition. <http://www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSA24/WSA241216.html>

Recent *Press Democrat* editorial about the ERA and what President Biden needs to do about its ratification.

<https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/opinion/biden-era-health-and-safety-of-women/>

In Honor of Black History Month
Cospponsored by The Saturday Afternoon Club & The Nubian Café Collective



Peggy Trotter Dammond Preacely
peggytrotterdammondpreacely.com

- Former Freedom Rider and active member of the historic Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).
- Arrested in Maryland and Georgia for her courageous grassroots activism, empowering communities and registering Black voters in underserved rural areas.
- Witnessed history at the March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech, which helped pave the way for the Voting Rights Act of 1964.
- Continued her fight for equality in the North, advocating against the de facto segregation of Boston schools.
- Proud descendant of a historic and influential family legacy:
 - Mary Hemings Bell**, sister of Sally Hemings
 - William Monroe Trotter**, early civil rights pioneer, whose home is a designated National Historic Landmark
 - Ellen and William Craft**, her great-great-grandparents, abolitionists who famously escaped enslavement in 1850s Atlanta through a daring disguise of white slave-owner and his slave.
- Serves on the Monticello "Getting Word" Advisory Board, comprised of descendants of those enslaved at Monticello.

**Acclaimed Freedom Rider,
Civil Rights Activist, Artist & Speaker**

Peggy Trotter Dammond Preacely

is Coming to Santa Rosa!

**Saturday, February 1, 2025
7:30pm**



430 10th Street, Santa Rosa, CA
thesaturdayafternoonclub.com/events

Honoring the first day of Black History Month, 2025, we are privileged to host Ms. Preacely for a presentation that is open to the public. This is a unique opportunity to hear first-hand about the historic Civil Rights Movement.

Tickets are required for entry. Seating is limited.

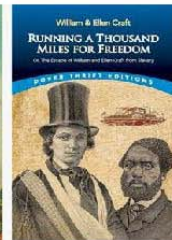
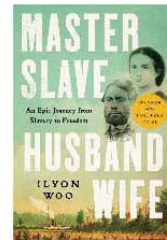
This event is expected to sell out quickly, so early reservations are encouraged.

Organizations can co-sponsor Ms. Preacely's presentation for \$200, which includes 10 admission tickets and recognition in all event publicity.

Individual tickets are \$25 each.

To secure your tickets or become a co-sponsor, please contact:

Ellen Bowen
President,
The Saturday Afternoon Club
707-326-8842






Special Days in January

- 3 Lucretia Mott (1793–1880), abolitionist, feminist activist
Louise Hallberg (1917–2017), Sonoma Co. naturalist, educator
(photo above from Pacific Horticulture)
GracEva Gott Terrell Howard (1926–2013), So. Co. NOW activist/philanthropist
- 9 Carrie Chapman Catt (1859–1947), suffrage leader
- 10 Maud Younger (1870–1936), San Francisco suffragist
- 11 Alice Paul (1885–1977), suffrage leader, ERA author
- 12 Mabel McKay (1907–1993), Pomo leader
- 15 Edythe Briggs (1925–2022), Sonoma Co. peace and rights activist
- 18 PEOPLE'S MARCH NATIONWIDE—Stand with NOW!**
- 20 Inauguration Day
Julia Morgan (1872–1957), Bay Area architect/innovator
Rose Gaffney (1895–1974), Bodega environmental leader
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 23 Marija Gimbutas (1921–1994), pioneer archaeologist
- 27 Kate Wolf (1942–1986), SF/ Sonoma Co. singer/songwriter
- 29 Lunar New Year
Harriet Tubman Day (c. 1822–1913, date unsure), abolitionist, activist

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.



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Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660

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3-year membership: \$110

Reduced Dues: \$10-30/year

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

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Santa Rosa, CA 95406

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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