



March 2025 Newsletter:

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Greetings to all,

We are kicking off our celebration of Women's History Month with a vigil being held in Sebastopol on March 8 from 12:00-1:00. That is International Women's Day and this year it is also a national day of protest. See more information and sign up to attend here:

<https://action.womensmarch.com/events/international-women-s-day-unite-resist-in-sebastopol>

We're taking to the streets to fight back against the fascist takeover. Join us to defend our rights, our bodies, and our future. No permission needed—just show up and bring others.

This is a one-hour vigil, not a march. Please make a sign with BIG letters. (**Ideas: RESIST . . . WE WON'T GO BACK. . . .**)

We will be peaceful and respectful of others. We can stand on the four corners—chants and songs are welcome.

Allow time for parking. We can stand on the four corners (highways 12 and 116).

If you can't make it to Sebastopol, Santa Rosa is hosting an event from 11:00-1:30 in Courthouse Square; you can register here: <https://action.womensmarch.com/events/international-women-s-day-unite-resist-in-santa-rosa>. **Spread the word**—hit the streets like never before and if there is not one in your area, host your own!

Elaine Rock, a well-known local author, is doing a special presentation at our March meeting! She recently published a book on Dusty Roads, a pioneer in the feminist movement. We will hold a Q&A and we encourage you to read her book (see the box below), if you haven't already, but you'll enjoy Elaine's presentation nonetheless.

March 17, 2025 Zoom Details

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

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

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

A reminder to take action against the SAVE Act, which we need to ensure doesn't pass!

From the Santa Rosa Democratic Club:

Urgent action item: please call your member of Congress today and ask them to vote NO on the SAVE Act. Passage of the bill would likely disenfranchise millions of citizens, including low income people, rural voters, married women who change their names, and minorities in particular.

This bill is a Republican priority and on a fast track for passage this month. Nonprofit VOTE states, "The issue with the SAVE Act is that the bill would require all voters to provide in person, documentary proof of citizenship – a passport or birth certificate (with a photo ID) in most cases – anytime they register or update their registration. A Real ID would not be acceptable, nor would military IDs, without accompanying documentation like a birth certificate." This would also mean that we would no longer be able to offer voter registration at local events such as the Farmers' Market and Fourth of July Celebration.

For further information:

HR22, the SAVE Act <https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/hr22/BILLS-119hr22ih.pdf> An article by the Center for American Progress <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/the-save-act-would-disenfranchise-millions-of-citizens/>

Contact info for our Federal Representatives:

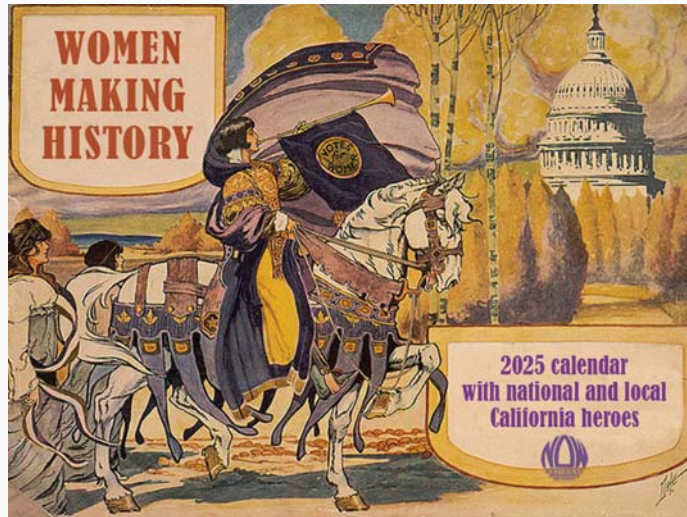
Senator Alex Padilla: Washington, DC 202-224-3553; San Francisco 415-981-9369

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Congressman Jared Huffman (CA2) Washington, DC 202-225-5161; Petaluma 707-981-8967
Congressman Mike Thompson (CA4) Washington, DC 202-225-3311; Santa Rosa 707-542-7182

It is important for our California Congressional Representatives hear from us even though they will probably vote against this bill. They need to know we are here.

Thank you!



Calendars on discount! We still have a few of our 2025 historical calendars (with local women heroes) and if you would like one, please contact us at info@nowsonoma.org. Now for a donation of any amount to our chapter. Hurry before they're gone!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

— Amy Nykamp, President



Calling All Women Under 32 ...

Only apply if you are
perpetually young, single, and attractive!

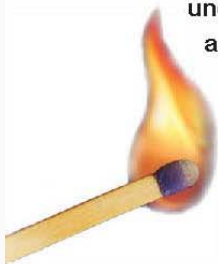
Meet Dusty Roads, the hidden figure who *really* ignited the women's movement! She became the little voice way out in the wilderness where women worked in the world of the 1950s and 60s when it was mandatory for stewardesses to:

- Wear girdles and submit to flick checks to ensure they did.
- Maintain weight standards that would be shocking and unrealistic today.
- Be willing to be paid less than men in the same job.

Phrases like sex discrimination and women's rights hadn't yet entered the nation's vocabulary. Yet.

The captivating story of Barbara "Dusty" Roads begins in the early 1950s and explores her fight against American Airlines' employment policies firing stewardesses at 32 and termination if they married. The airline's leadership belief was that female stewardesses had to be perpetually young, single, and attractive to entice traveling businessmen to buy tickets.

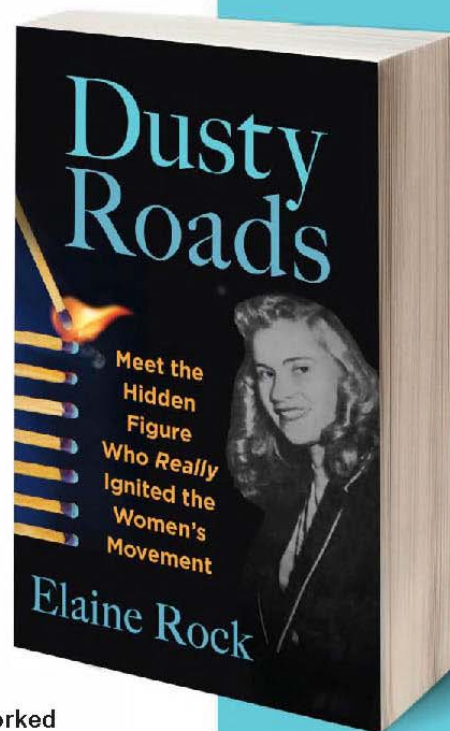
Incensed, Dusty vowed to fight the policy she worked under. She learned quickly that she was fighting for women and against national gender discrimination.



"I should be thanking you for everything you've done. You're the one who started it all!"

-Gloria Steinem

Author **Elaine Rock** used extensive interviews with Dusty Roads to bring her empowering tenacity alive for readers. Dusty was the most influential voice in her union and one of the first female lobbyists in Washington DC. Elaine is a women's rights advocate and former history teacher. Her passion is writing about little-known but courageous and heroic women and men whose persistence and resilience helped shape history and became trailblazers.



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Special Days in March


- 2 Rosita Stevens-Halsey (1942–), author, educator, activist
- 8 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY; NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION.** Take to the streets! Bring the young activists to stand for our future! (And, set clocks forward at midnight. . .)
- 9 Spring begins
- 10 Harriet Tubman Day (c. 1822–1913)
Ina Coolbrith (1841)–1928), San Francisco poet, cultural leader
- 12 All Women's Equal Pay Day
María Rifo (1908–2006), co-founder Alternatives to Violence Project
- 15 Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933–2020, quoted above), Supreme Court Justice
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Elaine B. Holtz (1940–), Sonoma Co. NOW past president, activist, radio host
- 22 Earth Hour 8:30 p.m.: Turn off electronics for one hour! Spread the word to help migrating birds and other fauna. <https://www.earthhour.org/>
Sarah Latimer Finley (1848–1937), Sonoma County suffragist, philanthropist
- 23 Eid-al-Fitr begins
- 24 Matilda Joslyn Gage (1826–1898), suffrage leader, Native rights leader
Alma de Bretteville Spreckels (1881–1968), Bay Area philanthropist/reformer
- 25 Gloria Steinem (1934–), women's rights leader, author, activist
- 26 Sandra Day O'Connor (1930–2023), first woman Supreme Court Justice
- 27 Sarah Vaughan (1924–1990), singer
- 28 Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Doesett (1861–1929), Hawaiian suffrage leader

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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P.O. Box 6223
Santa Rosa, CA 95406

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

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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