



Sonoma County
NOW
August 2019
President's Message

What a month it's been with all the racist remarks we have been bombarded with over the past month, a reminder of NOW's position on [Racial Justice](#): NOW condemns the racism that inflicts a double burden of race and sex discrimination on women of color. Seeing human rights as indivisible, we are committed to identifying and fighting against those barriers to equality and justice that are imposed by racism. A leader in the struggle for civil rights since its inception in 1966, NOW is committed to diversifying our movement, and we continue to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and reproductive rights. <https://now.org/about/our-issues/>

Western Sonoma County Historical Society in Sebastopol, reproduced the 19th Amendment Victory Flag. As the 19th Amendment made its way through the approval process, the National Women's Party sewed a star on their "ratification banner" after each state ratified the amendment. They needed 36 states. The flag will be used in the 2020 Apple Blossom Parade and hung in the West County Museum during its suffrage exhibit in 2020.

A reminder: on August 18th we will be celebrating the 99th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees all Americans the right to vote.

The Santa Rosa Democratic Club presented *A Voice of Her Own: Women's Suffrage* performed by the Readers' Theatre to honor the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment at the July Dinner Meeting. The play was written, directed, and narrated by Bill Trzeciak. Performers were Shirley Bennett, Nanci Hoban, Millie Olson, Bill Montgomery, and Chris Rogers, with an excellent PowerPoint presentation by Janet D. Reynolds.

As part of the 2020 celebration next year, Sonoma County NOW is developing a calendar that will focus on local women both past and present that impacted our community. If you have any special pictures of events in Sonoma County or any ideas about what you would like to see in the calendar, I hope to see you at our meeting on Wednesday, August 21 from 1-3 at Round Table Pizza on Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa. Visit our website at www.nowsonoma.org.

Something to think about: "o me, it was shocking that a government of men could look with such extreme contempt on a movement that was asking nothing except such a simple little thing as the right to vote." Alice Stokes Paul was an American suffragist, feminist, and women's rights activist, and one of the main leaders and strategists of the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits sex discrimination in the right to vote.

WOMEN'S SPACES

Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"

www.womenspaces.com

Show airs: **Mondays** on KBBF 89.1FM
 Calistoga Santa Rosa

Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm

NOW SONOMA COUNTY MEETING

August 21, 2019 @ 1:00 P.M.

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE

SANTA ROSA

Please join us

**IF VOTING DIDN'T
 CHANGE ANYTHING**

WE'D STILL HAVE:

**NO WOMEN'S RIGHTS,
 NO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
 NO 40-HOUR WORK WEEK,
 NO CIVIL RIGHTS ACT,
 NO SOCIAL SECURITY,
 NO MEDICARE AND MEDICAID,
 NO FOOD ASSISTANCE,
 NO MINIMUM WAGE,
 NO WORKERS COMPENSATION,
 NO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS,
 NO SAFE ABORTIONS,
 NO CONSUMER PROTECTIONS,
 NO RIGHT TO HEALTH INSURANCE.**

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Minutes of Sonoma County NOW - July 17, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM

Minutes were approved as submitted (MSC)

Introductions were made - visitors include Sandy L. and Connor (Case Manager for Mary Isaak Shelter)

Agenda was approved with additions (MSC)

Financial Report - Two bills (phone and internet) were accepted to be paid (MSC)

Website - The newsletter is being delivered successfully; there is a request that Ken explain several questions about the website - approved.

Two vigils at Courthouse Square regarding immigration and locking children up in cages will be posted along with photos.

Plan 2020 - EH has the list of contacts; Those in charge of the event ("Advocacy Group") are going very strong and are meeting weekly. As African American women were left out of the original suffrage movement, this lack is being corrected. The focus of the event is on Lynda Hopkins for leadership.

Calendar Update - RD has put forth many ideas for main pages and is working on a mock-up of the calendar; Sonoma NOW needs to acquire funds for the production.

New Business: Funding - Need to find out how much each calendar would cost and how much to charge "per page" and other elements. After getting a funding package together, we can solicit support.

Next Event - We are searching for a new location. One idea is the Carpenter's Union with the help of KBBF studio for technical aid. (MSC)

A possible date is the third Wednesday in October (our usual meeting date) but held in the evening while also having our NOW meeting at the regular 1 PM time on the 16th.

There will be a rental fee for the Hall and a donations jar for contributions (for the Hall and 2020 Event).

Letters to Editor - NOW board members to collectively write letters to the Editor regarding closing the immigration camps and the imprisonment of children, and "The Squad." Congress women.

Announcements - Visitor Sandy spoke of her support group named Peanut's Corner which meets at Mary Isaak Center in Petaluma. It provides a platform for people (often unsheltered) who have been harassed by police and had their possessions "stolen" by them. It is a venue for those who find it difficult to advocate for themselves. The involvement of attorneys will be beneficial. It was also announced that Mary Issak Center is now providing daily breakfast and lunch for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

AGENDA NOW SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER August 21, 2019 MEETING

Call To Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of July 2019 meeting

Financial Report

Web Site Report

Newsletter Report

Old Business

New Business

Centennial Planning Report

Announcements

Adjourn



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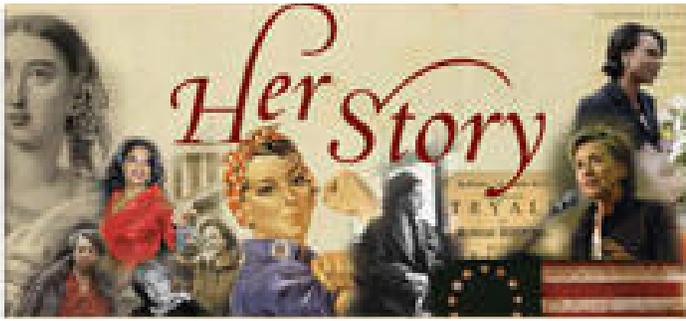
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August Women's History Events

August 6, 1965 – The Voting Rights Act outlaws the discriminatory literacy tests that had been used to prevent African Americans from voting. Suffrage is finally fully extended to African American women

August 8, 1969 – Executive order 11478 issued by President Nixon requires each federal department and agency to establish and maintain an affirmative action program of equal employment opportunity for civilian employees and applicants

August 9, 1995 – Roberta Cooper Ramo becomes the first woman to hold the office of president of the American Bar Association

August 10, 1993 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg is sworn in as the second woman and 107th Justice to serve on the US Supreme Court

August 12, 1972 – Wendy Rue founds the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), the largest businesswomen's organization in the United States

August 14, 1986 – Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper retires from active duty in the US Navy. A pioneering computer scientist and inventor of the computer language COBOL, she was the oldest officer still on active duty at the time of her retirement

August 23, 1902 – Fanny Farmer opens the "School of Cookery" in Boston, MA

August 26, 1920 – The 19th Amendment of the US Constitution is ratified granting women the right to vote

August 26, 1970 – Betty Friedan leads a nationwide protest called the "Women's Strike for Equality" in New York City on the fiftieth anniversary of women's suffrage

August 26, 1971 – The first Women's Equality Day, initiated by Representative Bella Abzug, is established by Presidential Proclamation and reaffirmed annually

August 28, 1963 – More than 250,000 gather for a march on Washington, DC, and listen to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech

August 30, 1984 – Judith A. Resnick is the second U.S. woman in space, traveling on the first flight of the space shuttle Discovery

Mrs. Betty Bowers

@BettyBowers

Mike Pence has always been more ambitious than smart, more pious than caring. So it is fitting that he is now the best-known face of #FakeChristianity.

Congratulations, @VP on your well-deserved fame -- & for temporarily dethroning your very competitive rival, Jerry Falwell, Jr

Why Megan Rapinoe is America's badass sweetheart

In the week since leading the US to World Cup victory, she has gone from football star to global sensation.

When the celebrations die down, Team USA will disperse to their regular season teams in the National Women's Soccer League. For team co-captains Megan Rapinoe and striker Alex Morgan that means Reign FC in Washington state and Orlando Pride in Florida, respectively.

Brimming with confidence, Rapinoe is known for her agile style of play as a midfielder and winger, a skillset that has taken the team from international triumph to international triumph. With the World Cup battle won, Rapinoe, Morgan, forward Carli Lloyd and defender Becky Sauerbrunn filed a lawsuit against the US Soccer Federation claiming that they should be paid the same as the men's team for international games.



While Rapinoe's place as a US women soccer superstar is assured – she's been described as her generation's Muhammad Ali – she is always careful to attribute her success to the team.

"This group ... is just so badass," said Rapinoe during last week's parade. "There is nothing that can faze this group. We're chilling. We've got teasing. We've got celebrations. We've got pink hair and purple hair. We've got tattoos and dreadlocks. We've got white girls and black girls and everything in between. Straight girls and gay girls."

It won't be long until we see them again. Next summer, in fact, at the Tokyo Olympics.

"I worked with Alice Paul for three months
before I saw her with her hat off. "

Winifred Mallon



The Intelligence of Suffrage Hats

The most iconic symbol of Suffrage, both UK and USA, is hats. It was not a conscious choice as much as an outcome. Ladies, working women, even school girls wore hats. Rather, it was the invasion of hats into men's sphere that was new. Like a swarm of bees, hats buzzed into the man's world. In 1910, there were no hats in Congress, on lobbyists heads or in chambers, as gentlemen removed their hats. In fact, hats became a suffrage tool of making a spectacle. One could not ignore ladies marching up to Congress for the VOTE. Government men complained that the 64th Congress was occupied by ladies heels constantly clicking on the white marble floors. The more the men objected, the more ladies showed up. From the gallery to the offices, there was a constant parade of hats under which ticked an unwelcome insistence for a voice, a vote, an office, full equality. One congressman said, "Women don't know anything about politics. Did you ever hear them talking together? Well, first they talk about fashions and children and housework, and, then perhaps, about churches and, then perhaps, about theaters, and, then perhaps," he finally added, "Do you think I want my wife working against my interests?" These militants had the hearts of warriors, the tactics of soldiers and the fashion sense of Selfridges. They intentionally dressed as women of means, carried chalk in their handbags for public announcements and wore hatpins, good for defense if needed. Alice Paul assigned each of her army a member of Congress to follow, track, and stay in their view.

As one member of Congress remarked

"Mss Paul and her ladies turned the halls of Congress into a Millinery Establishment."

Make no mistake, these ladies were conscious, dedicated and knew precisely the task at hand. They marched in procession, walked the halls of Congress, stood at the White House fence, always calculating their moves on the road to full constitutional equality. Hat and gloves, they wore their costumes which said, **WOMEN ARE READY TO VOTE**. One Hundred years later many of us are sewing commemorative costumes, creating replica signs, and making a hat. Remember this, poor women, working women, wealthy women, union women, rancher women, farming women, pioneer women, debutantes and socialites all dressed to tell the country, women are ready to vote. Wear a Stetson, a bandana, a Liberty Gage hat, or a fabulous ballcap, we are all ready and longing to vote. **Suffrage is not finished until every American can vote.**



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

The trump administration proposed a rule that would end food stamp benefits for 3.1 million people. Bloomberg
trump vetoed a series of measures approved by bipartisan lawmakers that were aimed at blocking the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia. NPR

trump filed suit in federal court against the House Ways and Means Committee, the New York state attorney general and the New York tax commissioner to prevent the disclosure of his tax returns. CNN

trump could lose by five million votes and still win in 2020. Cook Political Report

Senate Republicans blocked two election security bills and a cybersecurity measure on Wednesday in the wake of former special counsel Robert Mueller warning about meddling attempts. The Hill

The Justice Department reinstated the federal death penalty for the first time in 16 years. AJ+

A new study found that 15,000 people died because their state didn't expand Medicaid. Mother Jones

Without swift action on climate change, heat waves could kill thousands in U.S. cities. NBC News

It is #NotNormal...

...for the President of the United States to say that the Constitution gives him "the right to do whatever" he wants.

GOOD NEWS, VICTORIES & HEROES

Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló resigned after 12 days of protests. Vox

The Senate passed a bill to ensure a fund to compensate victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks never runs out of money — and that first responders won't have to return to Congress to plead for more funding. NBC News

The Senate Finance Committee released an ambitious bipartisan drug-pricing proposal that would cap seniors' out-of-pocket costs and limit price increases in Medicare. Washington Post

The trump administration's near-total asylum ban has been blocked by a federal judge. CBS News

A judge has ruled that trump, his company and three of his children must face a class-action lawsuit in which people claim they were scammed into spending money on fraudulent, multilevel marketing ventures and a dubious live-seminar program. Bloomberg

trump gave a speech in front of a fake presidential seal altered to mock him as a Russian puppet. MSNBC

CNN will host a Democratic presidential town hall in September focused on the climate crisis. CNN

Former Texas state Senator Wendy Davis is running for Congress. Texas Tribune

Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed legislation to alter sentencing requirements for young offenders, which advocates are calling the most significant reform to hit the state's juvenile justice system in a quarter-century. OPB

Lawyers and advocates in Miami-Dade County will roll out a new plan to counter the disenfranchisement of people with felony convictions. The Appeal

A federal judge has ruled that North Carolina can't ban transgender people from using bathrooms that match their identity. The Hill

Lawmakers in two states have recently recognized the importance of the mental health of their students by allowing them to take sick days just for that. New York Times

Free pads and tampons will now be required in all gender-neutral and girl's bathrooms in public middle and high schools in New Hampshire. CNN

Without these women, a man would have never landed on the moon. New York Times

Women continue to contribute in record numbers heading into 2020. OpenSecrets

Four automakers from three continents have struck a deal with California to produce fleets that are more fuel-efficient in coming years, undercutting one of the trump administration's most aggressive climate policy rollbacks. Washington Post

A five-acre plot in Washington D.C. will soon be home to 5,000 solar panels, making it the capital's largest ground-based solar array to date. Its owner? The Catholic Church. Grist

The California Condor population is rebounding after the bird species nearly went extinct. Yahoo

In a moving display of solidarity, a group of people in Tennessee formed a human chain around a man and his 12-year-old son to protect them from ICE agents who were attempting to take the father into custody. The Cut

Good Samaritans stopped on the highway in a dramatic rescue of a pickup truck driver whose vehicle overturned in Illinois. The group banded together to flip the truck on its side and help the driver climb out of the truck. ABC News

Japan elected its first openly-gay male politician to national parliament. Gay Star News



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