I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a joyous holiday season one filled with good health, peace of mind and loving relations.

FYI, there are 14 religious holidays believers celebrate in December and to find out what they are, go to [www.deseretnews.com/article/865642813/These-are-the-14-religious-holidays-believers-celebrate-in-December.html](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865642813/These-are-the-14-religious-holidays-believers-celebrate-in-December.html) and find out about each one.

It has been truly an honor to be your president for the past year and I am looking forward to a successful 2019. The chapter is moving along and we are involved with the planning of the 2020 celebration. The year 2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote.

Our chapter will be having a holiday celebration at our December 19th meeting at Round Table Pizza on Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa from 1-3pm. We will be serving pizza and some other goodies and hope folks will come by and say hello. There will also be a sign up sheet where you can put suggestions you have to improve the chapter.

The 2019 Women’s March Santa Rosa will be taking place in Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa on Saturday, January 19, 2019 – 10AM to 1:30PM. The march will feature a Rally, Guest Speakers, Community Groups tabling, a March, Music and more. NOW will have a table at the event and will be sponsoring “The Make Your Own Sign” area, Hope to see you at our gathering on December 19.

Something to think about: “I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness; I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return once more.” Annelies Marie Frank was a German-born diarist. She gained fame posthumously with the publication of The Diary of a Young Girl, in which she documents her life in hiding from 1942 to 1944, during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II.
NOW meeting of November 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM

Minutes were accepted as corrected

Introductions were made and guest Cathy Lockhart Seam- man was present

Financial - Some memberships came in and the phone bill was paid.
It has been recommended that we set up a budget for the year 2019.
There remains the question as to how much and when National NOW sends us our percentage of dues. Elaine will re-check with National - a letter will be sent. We need clarification on who the current members are and what they have listed as officers for our group.

Website - is “great.” Everything is working well and any “bugs” have been corrected.

Plan for 2020 - Marion and Elaine attended the second meeting for this event. There seems to be a need for more clarity on the formation of the committee and on the themes. The marketing committee has several options for leaders. A roster is needed of the people on various committees as well as a determination as to how information is dispelled.

We will establish with the 2020 Planning Committee that our chapter’s plan is to hire Rosie the Trolley and will be available to other groups to join us. Looking forward, we must verify the availability of the date. Propose via the 2020 committee to the three women Supervisors to present a motion to the Board of Supervisors to provide a minimum of $50,000 seed money. A meeting will be arranged with Lynda Hopkins on a small group basis for better focus. Also, other small groups which are designated on other aspects of the event projects should meet separately and then give a report at the main meeting.

The parade may be on August 22, 2020, while the actual anniversary day for the passing of the 19th Amendment is August 26.

Women’s March, January 19, 2019 - We will participate in this event at the $250 level (MSC). More information will be gathered on what we will do and how we will participate in this event.

Newsletter - Marion will send a non-PDF copy of the Newsletter to the Board members for proofreading.

Holiday Party - We will have a pizza party here at our usual place (Round Table Pizza) instead of a formal meeting on Wednesday, December 19th. All members and those curious are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to:nowsonoma.org or 707 545 5036.

Announcements - We need new brochures, a working email address and NOW business cards.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM
December Highlights in US Women’s History

December 1, 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US

December 5, 1935 – Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women

December 7, 1941 – Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor

December 9, 2002 – Award-winning ABC News journalist, Michele Norris, becomes the first African American female regular co-host of National Public Radio’s news magazine, All Things Considered, she stepped down in 2012

December 10, 1869 – Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote

December 10, 1938 – Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for The Good Earth

December 13, 1993 – Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135 year history

December 14, 1961 – President’s Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it

December 14, 1985 – Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma – the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe

December 17, 1993 – Judith Rodin is named president of Univ. of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution

December 28, 1967 – Muriel Siebert becomes the first woman to own a seat on the N.Y. Stock Exchange

Oops, He Did It Again...

Donald Trump is doubling down on the issues that he thinks got him elected, and to cement his support among evangelical extremists. He’s looking for new ways to deny women their health care rights, limit their access to birth control and abortion care, and before his term is up, repeal Roe v. Wade.

Recently, Trump has announced new rules that will allow employers to deny contraceptive care to workers on the basis of religious exemptions. Trump went ahead with this dangerous plan despite two federal courts blocking interim versions of these rules.

Trump needs to hear from us.
Demonstrators gather during the Women's March on Washington. The march was expected to draw about 200,000 and at latest count, the crowd was estimated at about 500,000.

2019 Women's March Santa Rosa
Courthouse Square,
Santa Rosa Saturday, January 19, 2019
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

will feature a Rally, Guest Speakers, Community Groups tabling, a March, Music and more

Free community screening of

“Women’s March – A Documentary Film about Democracy and Human Rights.”

January 10th from 6 PM– 7:30 PM

3rd Street Cinemas 620 Third St., Santa Rosa, CA
The mission of the 2020 Women’s Vote Centennial Initiative (WVCI) is to serve as a central organizing and information-sharing entity for programs, projects, and activities that commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, educate the public on the legal and social advances resulting from the amendment, and stimulate dialogue to address the ongoing fight for women’s rights.

**WVCI Vision**

Nearly 100 years ago, women around the US protested, picketed, and were imprisoned to secure their constitutional right to vote. Today, only 19.6% of elected officials in Congress are women, and during the 2016 presidential election, one in every three women eligible to vote did not cast a ballot. 2020 WVCI stands proudly on the shoulders of the brave and brilliant suffragists as we honor their legacy and continue the unfinished business of creating a more equal and just society.

**WVCI Purpose**

The purpose of the 2020 Women’s Vote Centennial Initiative is to ensure that the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment is celebrated and commemorated throughout the United States in ways that:

1) include the influence and stories of the various components of the suffrage movement in ways that reflect the accuracy of the historical record;
2) recognize the legal and social advances resulting from the 19th Amendment;
3) acknowledge the inadequacies of the Amendment’s implementation;
4) describe its continuing relevance to the ongoing struggle for equal rights;
5) encourage involvement in large and small activities at all levels by diverse public, nonprofit, and private organizations and individuals.

**2020 Women’s Vote Centennial**

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**WVCI partners**

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**National Women’s Party activists watch Alice Paul sew a star onto the NWP RATIFICATION Flag representing another State’s ratification of the 19th Amendment.**
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