Happy New Year 2019. This past year was filled with lots of actions and activities and I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our National Organization for Women (NOW) Sonoma County Chapter and thank you for the opportunity of serving as your President. I want to thank our Executive Team, Marion, Eileen, and Rebecca and new member Cathy for helping to keep NOW alive in our community. Congratulations Sonoma County: At the last election according to the Registrar of Voters, we had a 78.1% turnout.

http://vote.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1009&id=2456

Lots going on in January and many opportunities to become involved. On January 19 there will be a “Women’s March” happening at Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa, organized by Leslie Graves, a local event producer. NOW will have a table at the event and we are looking forward to meeting lots of members and future members, so please stop by our table and say hello. We want to know how you are doing and how we can lend our support.

On January 10, Leslie has arranged to have a Free Community Screening, “Women’s March —A Documentary Film” at the Third Street Cinemas, 620 3rd St., Santa Rosa from 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and registration is required; go to www.eventbrite.com. Shout out to Leslie for organizing the march and to the Peace and Justice Center and all those behind-the-scenes volunteers.

Helen Rudee, the first woman elected to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 1976, passed away at the age of 100 in September. For me Helen was a pioneer and demonstrated to us that women could lead. I had the honor of interviewing her on Women’s Spaces in 2007 and encourage you to watch, as she is an inspiration. www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSShow/WS070002.html

Something to think about: “We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives . . . not looking for flaws, but for potential.” —Ellen Goodman is an American journalist and syndicated columnist. She won a Pulitzer Prize in 1980. She is also a speaker and commentator.
Minutes of NOW Sonoma County Chapter
December 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM

Introductions were made

The minutes were accepted as submitted

Financial Report- No changes since last month
A "minimum budget" was presented for informational purposes and to prepare for future activities
A fund raiser is needed - suggested was another showing of "Iron Jawed Angels" - an appropriate site will be sought.
Planning ahead for 2020 could require a budget of $2000.

Web site - The new email address is working
The President’s Report will be sent to Rebecca for editing
The Minutes will continue to be emailed to Marion

Plan 2020 - Still need a definite date for the Parade - required before Rosie Trolley can be reserved
Meeting tonight for planning will be in Sebastopol;
(MSC) - above recommendation to be made at 2020 Planning Meeting

MSC: Resolution to cut in funding for Commissions on Status of Women and Human Rights NOW to write a letter regarding this crisis to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Radio Show - Women’s Spaces (KBBF) will have a discussion with President Elaine and Editor Marion on Monday, Dec. 24.

Women’s March - Sonoma Now will have a table
There will be a planning meeting before the March at Marion’s home on Jan 16th at 2 PM.

Trans Rights and Radical Feminism was canceled
There will be a planning meeting on Jan 14th that Elaine will attend.

Announcements - Solstice will be on December 21st

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

WOMEN’S SPACES
Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"

www.womennsspaces.com
Show airs: Mondays on KBBF 89.1FM
Calistoga Santa Rosa
Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm

Happy New Year! 2019

homegirl productions 2019

AGENDA NOW SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER
January 16, 2019 MEETING

Call To Order
Introductions
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of December 2018 meeting
Financial Report
Web Site Report
Newsletter Report
Old Business
New Business
Centennial Planning
Announcements
Adjourn

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

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January Highlights in US Women’s History

January 3, 1949 – Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) starts her tenure in the Senate, where she stays in office until 1973, became the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as she previously served in the House (1940-49)

January 5, 1925 – Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (Governor of Wyoming)

January 7, 1896 – Fanny Farmer’s first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements

January 7, 1955 – Marian Anderson is the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera

January 8, 1977 – Anna Pauline “Pauli” Murray is the first African American woman ordained to the Episcopal priesthood, by Bishop William F. Creighton at Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

January 11, 1935 – Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America

January 12, 1932 – Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Arkansas) is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, becomes the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first to serve as the Senate’s presiding officer

January 25, 1890 – Nellie Bly, journalist, completed her around the world trip in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds after setting sail east to prove she could circle the globe in less than 80 days

January 25, 1980 – Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4 1/2 minutes, running it at 4:17.55

January 29, 1926 – Violette Neatly Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court

2019 Women’s March Santa Rosa Courthouse Square,
will feature a Rally, Guest Speakers, Community Groups tabling, a March, Music and more

Santa Rosa
Saturday, January 19, 2019
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

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
by Carol Singer

I was dismayed but not surprised to hear that the Women’s March may be broken into two factions in some areas this year—apparently one group focusing on claims of anti-Semitism and the other claiming to be more inclusive of women of color. (I apologize in advance for this oversimplified description!) By the time you read this, the controversies will have multiplied and evolved in the media further. The women’s movement has always had these issues, and it is good that they be brought up and discussed.

My point is that as feminists I hope we can be kind to each other. We meet new feminists or young ones who may be naive, may not be PC, may say the wrong thing. The wisest ones know that their own practices and words are flawed and will be found in the future to be racist, or come from privilege, or stem from ignorance.

When a girl, woman, or feminist human of some sort first tries to take action, it is usually small. For many people, the 2017 women’s march was their first march of any type. Whatever they do, it can be a stepping stone to more action, more education. And yes, we should keep talking about all the controversies such as racism, economic privilege, and any other power struggles. We must try to have those conversations without alienating each other. That’s what the patriarchy feeds on — the splintering of progressives, whether it be over issues of equality, economics, or the environment.

To me they are all one issue: that of nurturing versus greed, or helping each other and the world versus unfair power-over. Every kid in every schoolyard knows this.

So, now and then we progressives can come together for a march, with diverse slogans and signs, and maybe the marches will break into various other marches.

But please don’t take the controversies as an excuse to stay home. The fake news trolls will be whipping up all kinds of confusion and scandal for progressive issues in the coming year. If you’ve got your own version of a message or story, get out there and hold a sign on your own street corner, or send out a meme, or talk to your friends or family. Do it on social media if that’s your thing, but also do it face to face.

Single-issue protests (such as last year’s “me too” meme) are the ones that bring out the most new activists. To us seasoned activists they may seem naive or ignorant of the big picture. But the truth is, these “new” activists will not start coming to an event that is generalized in any way or seems as if the movement (and usually, plenty of boring meetings to go to when you join!) will go on too long. So let’s allow every small, local, single-issue action. Truth is, those actions are often very effective. And if we are inclusive and friendly, many of those new marchers will come back and feel empowered to do more next time.
In this cartoon, President Wilson is the fairy godmother from Cinderella. Waving a wand over the "Constitutional Amendment" pumpkin, he says, "The pumpkin shall be a coach; the mice will be the horses to pull it; and YOU shall go to the polls!"

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.

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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.

Registration In New York

The returns for the registration in New York City show that most of the women have registered. The total registration is more than a million—1,014,789. Of this number 414,760 are women who will vote for the first time in a general election in New York in November.
RENEWAL AND MEMBERSHIP FORM
Regular Membership $40/year. $75./two years. $115./3 years.
Reduced dues $15. - $30.

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