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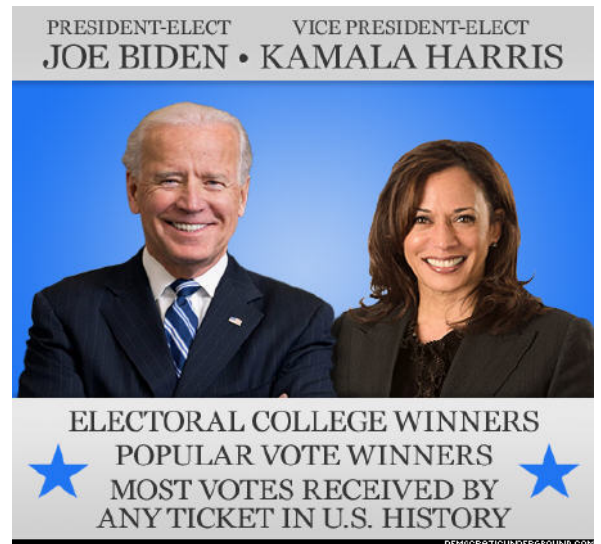
Is it really November 2020? As I write this, I can feel the weight on my shoulders lifting as I listen to the announcement that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have won the election. What a historic moment, particularly for women. In Sonoma County we have had some historic wins. Measure P, which NOW was the first organization to endorse, received 66% of the vote and passed. Another historic moment was the recent annexation of Roseland into the city of Santa Rosa District 1. For their first election, District 1 seated candidate Edward Alvarez, who is the second Latino elected to the Santa Rosa City Council. I am proud to say our county had a record turnout of 65%. A special congratulations to all the candidates who won, and to all who ran. You can see all the results for Sonoma County at <https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CA/Sonoma/107135/web.264614/#/summary> . Remember, we must continue to work for justice and peace.

I would like to apologize for the confusion over October's meeting. Our eventual goal is to Zoom, and unfortunately not all of us were ready, and we had to switch gears. It is interesting working with all this new technology and trying to get everyone trained and on board. It has taught me to be a little bit more patient.

We are taking a holiday break and plan to meet Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., either by phone conference or Zoom. We will let members know.

I have been your President for over three years, and am proud of all the events we held and the publication of the historic 19th Amendment Centennial 2020 Woman Suffrage Calendar, and proud that we consistently have met each month. However, I believe it is time for me to step down, and I need members to come forward with suggestions of who might fill this position along with helping the chapter grow. It would be heartbreaking to see this national organization leave our county because of lack of leadership. Give this some thought and email me at info@nowsonoma.org or personally at elainebholtz@gmail.com

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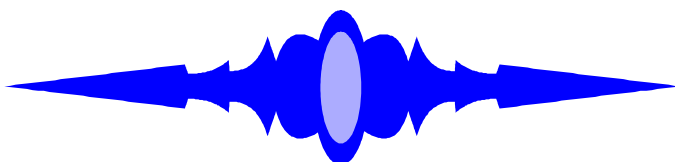


Pic Of The Moment: You're Hired!

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**Sonoma County NOW
Chapter Meeting 10/28/20 Teleconference Minutes**

Present: Elaine Holtz, President; Marion Aird, Treasurer; Rebecca Dwan, Secretary; Eileen Bill; Cynthia Axel

1. Call to Order 1:02 p.m.
2. Introductions, Check-In
3. Approval of Minutes: September minutes were not on view. Elaine and Marion reported not receiving them and they were not in the newsletter. However, Rebecca had emailed Elaine and Marion the September minutes on Sept. 16, 2020.
4. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
5. Financial Report: Marion Aird. \$800 in savings, approx. \$3000 in checking account after \$300 paid out for website costs. New account started due to hacking last month.
6. Website Report: Rebecca requests fixing wording on Events page, which appears to be a link when it says "Click to Select" at top of page. Elaine will ask Ken to fix. Marion request the Yes on P section to be removed after the election.
7. Where Do We Go from Here: Elaine met with Kolioka Seigle, CA NOW President, for ideas on how to continue our chapter. Kolioka will contact the SRJC Black Student Union regarding activists who may be interested in joining or leading the chapter. Elaine will report on results in our next meeting on Zoom November 18, 1 p.m. Marion suggests an outdoor meeting.
8. Secretary position: Rebecca will continue for time being.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Report: Zoom meeting for Measure P (IOLERO): 12 attendees. NOW was one of the initial supporters of Measure P. Presentations from Jerry Threet and Susan Jones.
10. Possibilities for NOW meetings Thanksgiving and Christmas:
— Elaine will make list of local women electeds and set up invitees for our November meeting Zoom — a celebration of local elected women, Wed. Nov. 18, 1 p.m.
11. NOW membership brochure:
—We need a resupply of 14" brochures to hand out. Eileen will look for existing PDF. Elaine will ask Kolioka if there is a new more current version.
—Rebecca offers to insert the proper Sonoma County NOW info in the membership form. Needs to make sure the last paragraph says to send the form to National, not our chapter. Also need to make sure dues amount shown is still current.

—Motion passed to get quote for printing and folding 100 brochures, once we find the PDF.

12. NOW newsletter: Elaine wants basic info about NOW to be on page with membership form: why should I join/renew Sonoma County NOW? NOW's mission statement, and our local chapter's accomplishments to date.

Meeting adjourned 1:55 p.m.
Rebecca Dwan, acting secretary

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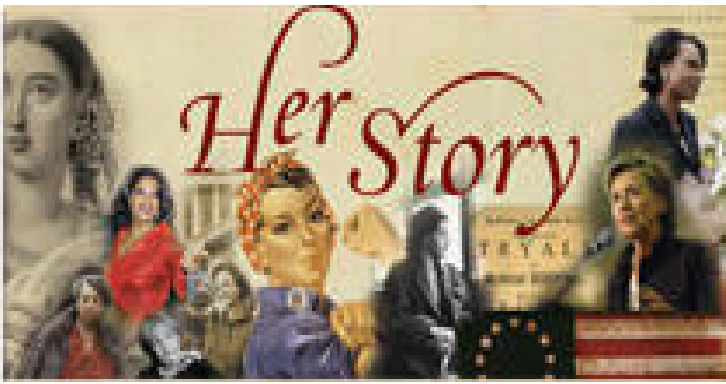


President: Elaine B. Holtz
Recording Sec'y: Pro Tem-Eileen Bill
Newsletter Editor: Marion Aird
Telephone Helpline: Eileen Bill
Webmaster Ken Norton

Something to think about: "People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do." Dorothy Day (November 8, 1897 – November 29, 1980) was an American journalist turned social activist, who, along with Peter Maurin, founded the Catholic Worker Movement.

WOMEN'S SPACES

Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"
www.womensspaces.com
Show airs: **Mondays** on KBBF 89.1FM
Calistoga Santa Rosa
Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm



November Highlights in US Women's History

November 1, 1848 – First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, opens, in 1874 it merges with Boston University to become one of the world's first co-ed medical schools

November 8, 1910 – The state of Washington passes a constitutional amendment to guarantee woman suffrage

November 8, 1984 – Dr. Anna L. Fisher, a physician on the shuttle Discovery, becomes the first American mother and third American woman to fly into space

November 11, 1979 – Bethune Museum and Archives opens in Washington D.C. as a center for African-American women's history, honoring Mary McLeod Bethune

November 11, 1993 – The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after being conceived by former army combat nurse Diane Carlson Evans and sculpted by Glenna Goodacre to honor the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era

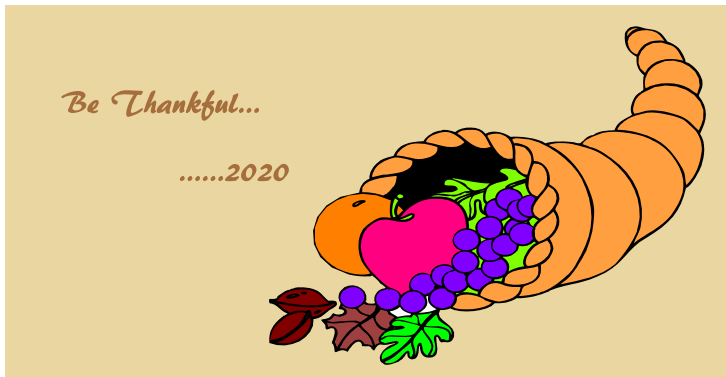
November 13, 1938 – Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini is beatified, the first American woman citizen to become a saint

November 14, 1889 – Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sails around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds, beating the fictional record set by Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*

November 14, 1903 – The U.S. Women's Trade Union League is established

November 14, 1946 – Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

November 28, 1881 – The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW)



Dear Friend,

"STOP THE COUNT!" Donald Trump tweeted Thursday morning. He is declaring himself the winner of the presidential election while he's trailing in Electoral AND popular votes. Now, Trump is suing to stop the vote count in the states that will give Joe Biden and Kamala Harris an Electoral College victory.

Sorry, Trump, that's not how it works. There's nothing Donald Trump won't do in order to hold on to power. We have to make sure that every vote is counted and every voice is heard. But that's just the beginning.

We need to enact a new, feminist agenda in Washington that protects abortion rights, stands against racial injustice, promotes gender equality and guarantees pay equity.

Your special year-end gift to NOW today will help us in two important ways. First, the next few days will be critical, and we have to be ready to mobilize our grassroots to stand up to Trump's last, desperate power grab. But we'll also use your support to prepare for a new chapter in the history of women's rights.

With your help, we can work with the new leaders in Washington to undo the damage of the Trump era and promote policies that protect women.

We must not let the energy and commitment we mobilized in this election slip away. There's too much left to be done—and there's no stopping us now.

**In Solidarity,
Christian F. Nunes , President
National Organization for Women**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed by a slim 52-48 vote. The 48 senators who voted against Barrett represent 13.5 million more people than the 52 senators who voted for her. *Vox*

For decades, America led the world in humanitarian policies by creating a sanctuary for the oppressed, admitting more refugees annually than all other countries combined. That reputation eroded during Trump's presidency as he cut the number of refugees allowed in by more than 80%. *ABC News*

Trump will open up more than half of Alaska's Tongass National Forest to logging and other forms of development -- stripping protections that had safeguarded one of the world's largest intact temperate rainforests for nearly two decades. *Washington Post*

GOOD NEWS, VICTORIES, & HEROES

Voting & Elections

The past four years have birthed a progressive movement so extraordinary it just might survive the forces that threaten its extinction. *The Cut*

The Supreme Court once again rejected an attempt by Pennsylvania Republicans to block the state's extended ballot deadline. *NPR*

The Supreme Court denied a Republican bid to block a mail-ballot extension in North Carolina. *The Hill*

Texans have already cast more ballots in the presidential election than they did during all of 2016. *AP*

An historic number of women of color, at least 117, are nominees for the House and Senate this November. *CBS News*

Native women in Arizona lead the way for voting access on tribal reservations. *The 19th*

Twenty former U.S. attorneys — all of them Republicans — publicly called Trump “a threat to the rule of law in our country,” and urged that he be replaced in November by Joe Biden. *Washington Post*

Tim Curry, Lance Bass, Jason Alexander to appear during 'Rocky Horror' Halloween event For Wisconsin Democrats. *Billboard*

The Coronavirus Pandemic

Death rates have dropped for seriously ill COVID patients. *New York Times*

COVID-19 antibody therapies show promising early results in separate trials. *CNN*

Taiwan has reached a record 200 days without any domestically transmitted cases of COVID-19. *The Guardian*

Representation

Pope Francis will elevate Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington to cardinal next month, making him the first African American to hold the title. *Washington Post*

Chile's new constitution will be the first to achieve gender parity. *The Lily*

Yosemite National Park's acting chief and Bay Area native Cicely Muldoon will take the top job at the park, becoming just the second woman to hold the post. *San Francisco Chronicle*



FIGHT, DANCE, LOVE BREATHE, VOTE

Election Day proved as unwieldy as the year 2020, taking us from a state of haywire adrenaline to carb-loaded anticipation. While Tuesday night didn't give us a definitive victory, it has given us time to ponder our messy, fragile, and precious democracy. How Americans voted will take some time to unpack, but a few things are evident.

This election could have easily turned into a major catastrophe what with the pandemic, the need to switch to mail-in voting mid-stream, the shenanigans with the USPS, etc. Thanks to all the groups and their deep level of coordination behind the scenes, things have gone as smoothly as they have. Unsung heroes are working hard to ensure that every vote is counted, that the process remains calm and peaceful, and once finalized, that the results are protected.

We weren't able to gain a Senate majority and it wasn't due to a lack of funds. Fundraising records were broken, but money alone doesn't win votes. While we reflect on why we didn't win the Senate, all eyes are on Georgia for two Senate runoff contests on January 5th. Every devout Democrat owes Stacey Abrams a debt of gratitude for creating Fair Fight and getting the state ready for a chance like this.

Keeping a Member of Congress in office, no matter how effective, is up to the constituents, not the donors. Some notable losses are Donna Shalala's and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell's seats where the GOP's anti-socialist message won over Cuban-American and Venezue-

lan-American votes in a county that solidly chose Hillary Clinton in 2016.

There will be an end to trump's reign of chaos and betrayal. Soon, those of us who have agonized over the damage he has caused will breathe a huge sigh of relief. A more truthful, more solutions-hearted, and more science-based leadership is on the horizon with Joe Biden at the helm as a president for all Americans, not just for those who chose him. Patience, patience, patience.

The last four years have changed us. While it's hard to ignore how divided we've become and even harder not to lament the 70 million voters who chose trump, this election brought us the most number of voters in history. More people are engaged and invested in what happens next. That is a step in the right direction.

We come from diverse backgrounds and we don't all have the same priorities. Some of our differences are significant and will require commitment and hard work to confront. But just because we don't see eye to eye doesn't mean we can't co-exist. Just because a united America remains an idealistic concept doesn't mean it's not a worthy goal. And just because we can't fathom how anyone could vote for someone so detrimental to the world does not mean their right to vote should be suppressed.

When we lost the presidency in 2016, we said we wanted to save democracy. It looks like we have. Now, we'll have a chance to save the soul of America. And with some much-needed soul-searching and a willingness to face brutal truths, anything is possible.

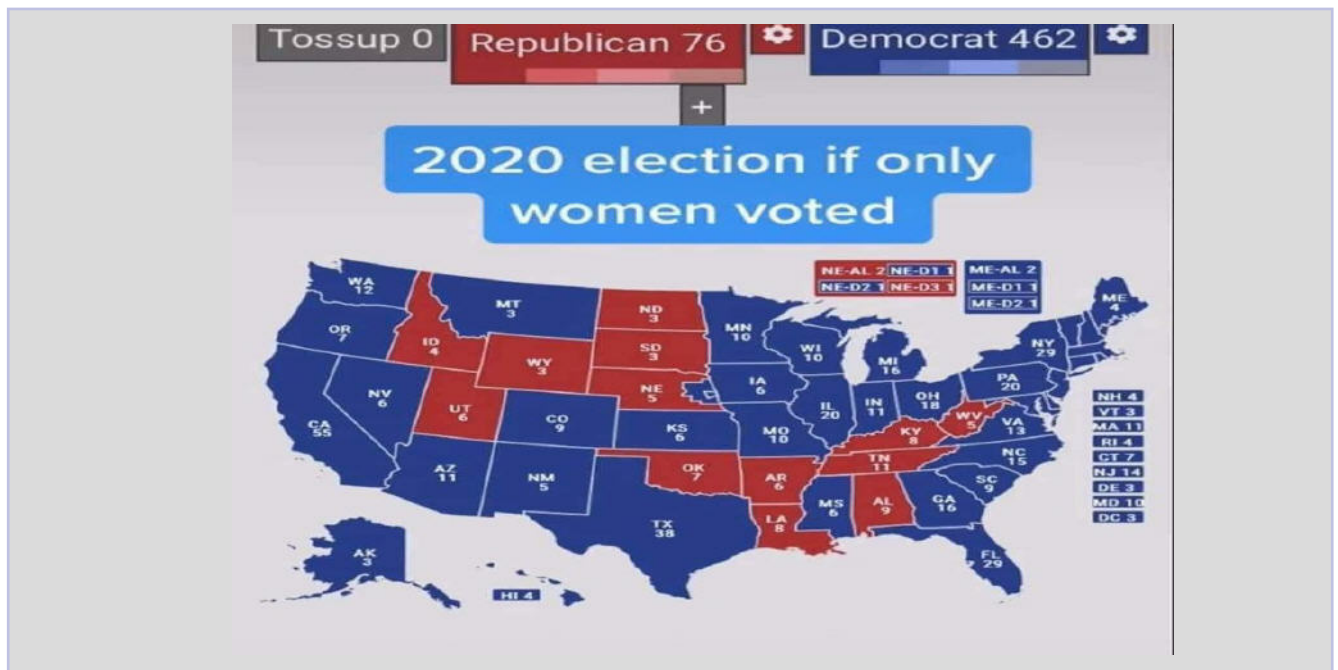
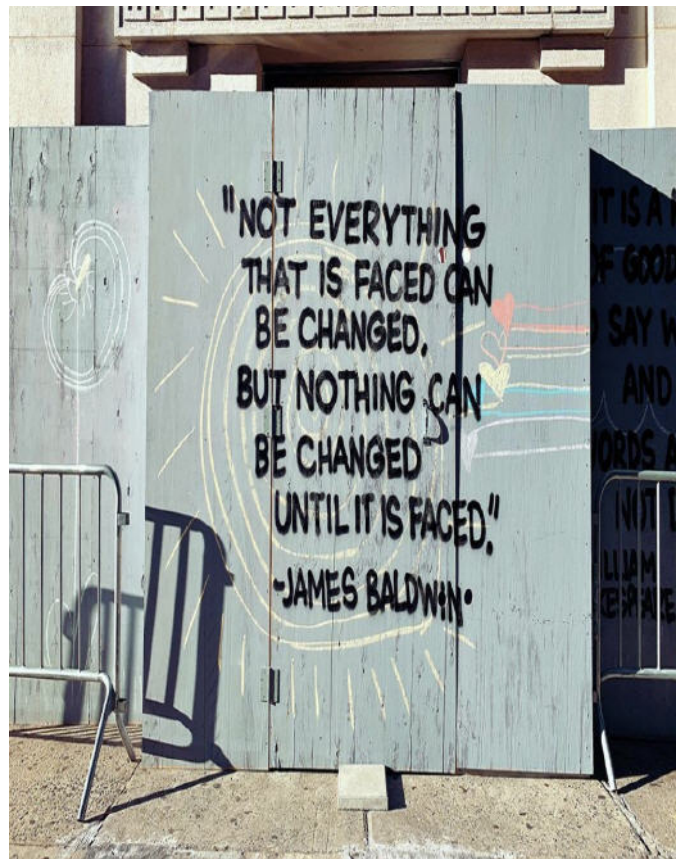


IMAGE OF THE WEEK



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Regular Membership \$40/year. \$75./two years. \$115./3 years.
Reduced dues \$15. - \$30.

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