



Sonoma County

NOW

October 2018

President's Message

Well it happened my Great Granddaughter Satori Trinity Jensen was born on Sept. 6 at 3:03pm weighing 7 lbs. 11oz. I was so blessed I got to see her when she was three minutes old. As I looked at this little miracle I thought to myself, how could anyone hurt a child and how sad it is to think so many children across the globe are suffering. As women we have been given the responsibility of brining life into this world and I do not care what color you are, what religion you are or what country you are from, as women we need to stand up for the future of our children. If one child is not safe no child is safe.

Trailblazer Helen Rudee passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Fortuna, CA, on Wednesday September 19, 2018, after suffering a stroke. Helen was 100. She was the first woman elected to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 1976 and served three four-year terms in the seat representing District 3. Please see page__ for more information about this wonderful woman who will be greatly missed. One of the proudest moments for our chapter was when Congressman Mike Thompson honored her at the NOW 50th Anniversary Celebration. Condolences to her family and friends. A memorial celebration of the life of Helen Rudee is set for 2 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses funeral home in Santa Rosa.

I encourage you to read the message Re the Cavanaugh issue from your Executive Board on Page five. Make sure to share the message. Remember we meet the third Wednesday of the month at Round Table Pizza on Marlow Road from 1-3. If you are a member it is important to support your chapter and renew you membership and I would like to encourage you to ask a friend to join.

Something to think about: "If American women would increase their voting turnout by 10 percent, I think we would see an end to all of the budget cuts in programs benefiting women and children." -- Coretta Scott King (April 27, 1927 – January 30, 2006) was an American author, activist, civil rights leader, and the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr.

A reminder Nov. 6 is Election Day – Mail your absentee ballots on time.

NOW SONOMA COUNTY

MEETING October 17, 2018

@ 1:00 P.M.

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE

SANTA ROSA



**OCTOBER
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**

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Minutes NOW Sonoma County September 20, 2018.

Meeting was called to order at 1 PM.

Introductions were made which included guests Anita Lafolette and Connie Ross.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial statement will be presented at the next meeting due to this month's absence.

Web Site is now OK and a Blog was set up; the continuing cost will be \$50/month.

Plan 2020 - The first meeting of the planning group was held on August 29th. Sonoma Lynda Hopkins is the leader of this planning group. **SEE PAGE 4 FOR EXTENDED REPORT**

Our emphasis will be on getting people registered and out to vote! Each member is requested to write up a plan for what they feel additional focus shall be.

New Business: Funding was cut for the Commissions on the Status of Women and of Human Rights. Space has been provided for their meetings but not as efficient or of high quality as needed. An article was printed in our newsletter as well as in the Press Democrat. It was pointed out that there is a majority of women on the Board of Supervisors and the actions of this Board do not provide a reflection of local issues. The fact that these two very important Commissions has, in effect, been demoted proves the point. Have the members of the Board of Supervisors been updated on the repercussions of this demotion?

MSC: President Elaine will write letters to the women on the Board of Supervisors, to the Senate and to the New York Times regarding the importance of investigating Kavanaugh and interviewing others before any decision is made to appoint him to the Supreme Court. This appointment should be postponed until a proper investigation is performed. "Time is of the Essence!"

Building our local chapter: Elaine is going to the Junior College and Sonoma State to inform and encourage people to join this and other NOW chapters. Nationally, there are 500,000 members.

Occupy Sonoma County: Sonoma NOW chapter will support Occupy's community event happening on January 22, 2019. The focus of the event is Trans Rights and Feminist Rights. We will endorse this and lend any support as needed. Through this event, NOW will be promoted as we, also, will promote their event. A letter will be sent to California NOW and information will be in our newsletter and the Peace and Justice news. **MSC:** NOW Sonoma County. Will co-sponsor..

Announcements: On the issue of housing the un-housed, there is a need to buy buildings. The Veteran's buildings are either for sale or empty and this is an issue for veterans and the un-housed.

Thanks were given to Rebecca for the great number of chairs that she provided for the ice cream social. Screamin' Mimi's was also thanked for their ice cream donation as were the Haute Flash Trio who provided the music. Everyone agreed that this event was very successful and fun!

Meeting adjourned at 2 PM

AGENDA NOW SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER October 17, 2018 MEETING

Call To Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of July Meeting

Financial Report

Web Site Report

Newsletter Report

Old Business

New Business

Centennial Planning

Announcements

Adjourn



GET OUT THE VOTE!

October 17, , 2018 MEETING

1:00 p.m
Round Table Pizza
Guerneville & Marlow
Santa Rosa, CA

Members and interested persons
are encouraged to attend.

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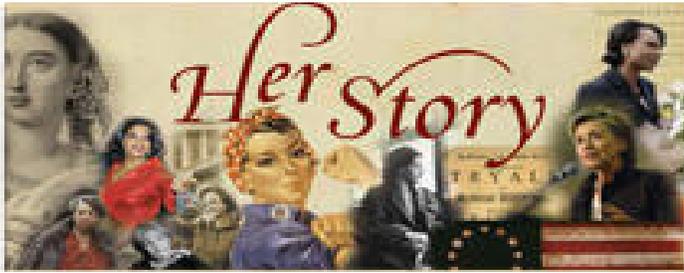
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October Highlights in U.S. Women's History

October 3, 1904 – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida

October 4, 1976 – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)

October 4, 1993 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice

October 8, 1993 – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature

October 10, 1983 – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements

October 11, 1984 – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to “walk” in space during Challenger flight

October 15, 1948 – Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy

October 16, 1916 – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.'s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York

October 23, 1910 – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight

October 24, 1956 – Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church

October 28, 1958 – Mary Roebing is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)



SCOTUS APPOINTMENT!

It's all over but the voting. The die is already cast. There is a minuscule chance that a couple of Republicans will vote not to confirm, but that's doubtful. They will follow the party line, most likely, and vote to confirm. That's what has happened so many times in the past, and what will probably happen again.

We'll probably lose this round, as we've lost so many others. How we react will make the difference in November. Our reaction **MUST** be to redouble our efforts to get voters to the polls to make a change. If we do that, we can win. If we do not, we will abdicate our government to the Republicans.

Frankly, I don't know what will happen next month. The optimist in me says that people will turn out in droves and sweep many Republicans out of office. The realist in me says that I always think that and am too often disappointed.

The Kavanaugh confirmation has already been decided by today. Those Republicans we're counting on have already decided what they're going to do. As usual, they will probably disappoint us, once again.

Sen. Heitkamp statement as to why she is voting NO is exactly right...

From her statement: “I voted for Justice Gorsuch because I felt his legal ability and temperament qualified him to serve on the Supreme Court. Judge Kavanaugh is different. When considering a lifetime appointment to Supreme Court, we must evaluate the totality of the circumstances and record before us. In addition to the concerns about his past conduct, last Thursday's hearing called into question Judge Kavanaugh's current temperament, honesty, and impartiality. These are critical traits for any nominee to serve on the highest court in our country.”

<https://politicalwire.com/2018/10/04/heitkamp-will-vote-against-kavanaugh/>

He proved during the hearings that his temperament, honesty and impartiality are called into question--That is besides the accusations of rape.

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1920 -2020 Centennial Update

DISCUSSION OF NOW SONOMA COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Sonoma Lynda Hopkins is the leader of this planning group. Now group has a current need for a definite plan for this event. One main factor will be to rent Rosie the Trolley for a definite date. We, also, have the possibility of a horse lined up for the parade. One member wonders what "fuels" the Rosie trolley. If it is gas, she is not interested. Members will research the mode of fuel source for Rosie or to determine if there are any electric trolleys.

The question arose of what would be the involvement of the Women's History Project.

HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 29, 2018 MEETING NOTES

This is a **very** brief synopsis of the minutes of the first Centennial Committee planning meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Celebration: Parade plus weekend long event. Events in cities and unincorporated communities.

City/Countywide efforts: County Fair theme.

Year long effort: Media campaign, social media, time capsule, commemorative publications.

Potential Donors and Participating organizations. Educational and Inspirational.

Visit www.nowsonoma.org for expanded notes & information.



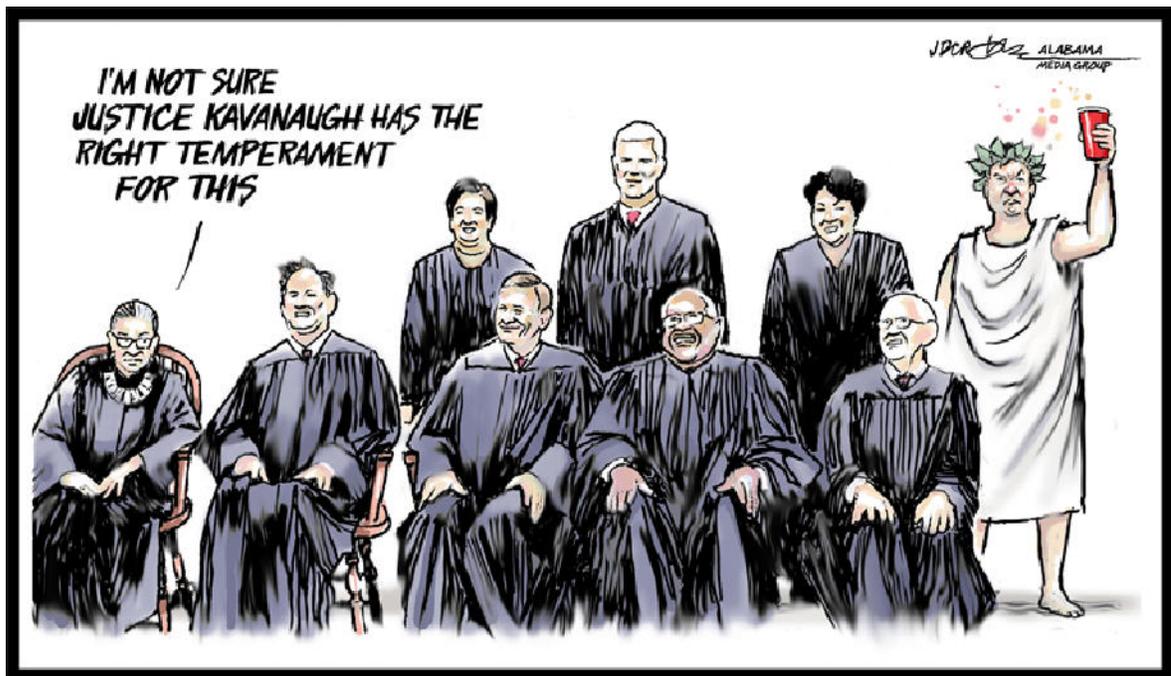
Helen Rudee addressing members of NOW Sonoma County at the NOW 50th Anniversary Celebration

When talking about Helen Rudee, it is hard not to sound repetitive because Helen Rudee was the first in just about everything she has done. Helen was the first woman president of the Santa Rosa Board of Education. She was the first woman on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. And she was the board's first chairwoman. In addition to her outstanding record in elected office, Helen raised four children and participated in just about every volunteer organization in Sonoma County.

Helen is the recipient of the Konocti Girl Scout Council Jewel of a Woman Award for sharing her leadership skills with other young women in our community. It is truly fitting that Helen was recognize during Women's History Month. Helen Rudee is a woman who has made history, and she continued to make history.

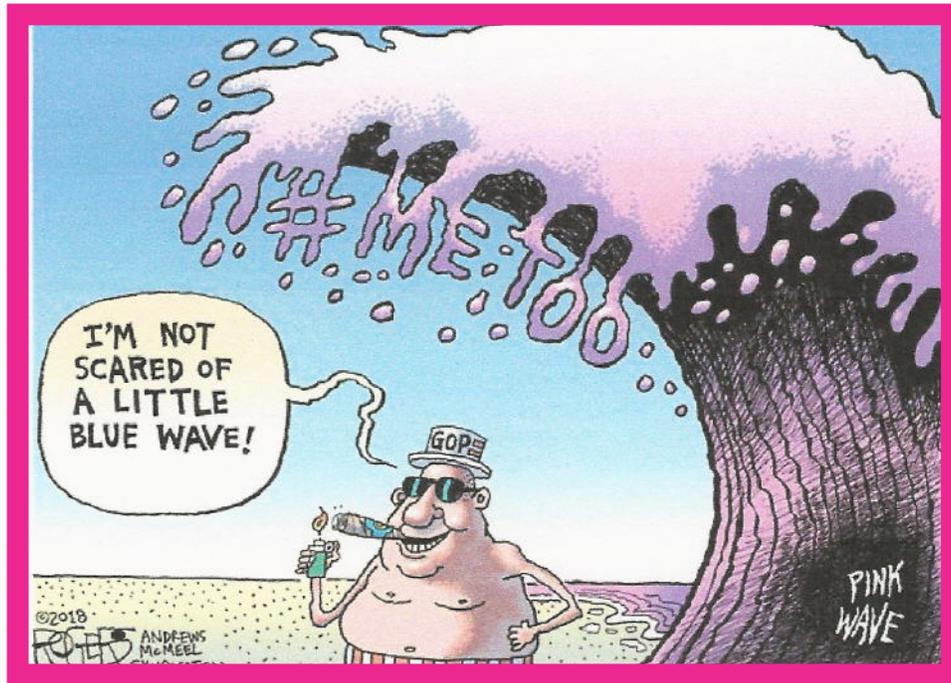


Suffragists marching, probably in New York City in 1913



To my Republican sisters who are inclined to support Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, the highest court in the land – a reminder:

1. Women fought long and hard to get the vote and the men granted it to us by one vote; if we had had one vote less, if a mother had not instructed her son to change his vote, we would still be fighting to get the vote.
2. Abortion – This is not about abortion, this is about the right to choose what is right for us. I do not know any woman who came to the decision of an abortion to brag about it or jump up and down with glee. It is a women's right, the government has no right to interfere, and you have no right to support the abolishment of these rights.
3. You would not be here if not for the women before you. You stepped into what took women thousands of hours of hard work, protesting, and standing up to those who think of us as breeders.
4. Think of your daughters, your nieces, your friend's daughters – think of what their future will be like if you allow this to happen.
5. You are a woman; if you are religious and believe the Creator assigned you the task of bringing life into this world, get off the idea of abortion and get with the idea that as women we must do all we can to give each child all it needs to survive, and for those of us who choose to have children, all that is needed to raise a strong citizen for our country. I am a great-grandmother, and I support my grandchildren with the decisions they made, which they thought out and waited for, and when they decided the time was right I supported that choice was made.
6. A lot is at stake – Stand up, and if you do not you have betrayed, as far as I am concerned, all the women whose shoulders you are standing on.
7. And to you, Lindsey Graham, telling us all how compassionate you were about Kavanaugh's wife and children: Where was your voice when the parents of the many children killed in school shootings were calling for gun control? Where was your voice when Black Lives Matter members were wanting justice for all those black men who were shot down by law enforcement? Where was your voice when they cut education and food stamps? Think about it.



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