Hello NOW Friends!

Our state conference is August 10th—coming soon! The theme is "Moving Forward and Igniting Change." This year the conference will be held in Santa Rosa, at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses. It's a day of action! We are excited to have as panelists, leaders in Sonoma County and beyond: Molly Murphy McGregor, Hester Kim, and MaDonna Feather Cruz. We will also have workshops, activities, and a social time at the end. We expect people from all over the state to attend and we hope you will come! In addition, the conference will be a hybrid one, though attending in-person is preferable.
The conference is free; donations are welcome. We do each need to register so the organizers know how many to plan for. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information on the conference and to register, click here.

Since this is so close to home for many of us, we have an opportunity to help in a variety of ways. One important role is running the Zoom side; another is being a moderator on Zoom. Besides those two roles, there is a wide range of assistance to give, such as setting up, registering attendees, and/or cleaning up. If you have special skills, please let us know of them! There are more details in the official state conference volunteer image below. You can use the QR code or click here to link to the volunteer form.

Santa Rosa held a wonderful Juneteenth Parade and Festival on June 15th, filled with great music, dancing, speeches, and a host of vendors. The photo below shows some of the planning committee with their Gold Resolution from the County Board of Supervisors, as well as two (unnamed) representatives from Sutter, who helped sponsor the event. Besides the two Sutter reps, from left to right are Chris Coursey, Supervisor, District 3; Tina Rogers; Elaine B. Holtz; Nancy Rogers and daughter Natalie Rogers. Photo courtesy of Michael Jean Guillory.

Rosita Stevens-Holsey is being presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, the State University of New York (SUNY), in Cortland, during a reunion at the school July 11-14. To quote Rosita,

"My heart swelled to read that the work I have been doing to uplift the legacy of my aunt, Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, was a principal component in the deciding factor when bestowing this accolade upon me. Mentioned was my work as a board member with the Pauli Murray Center of History and Social Justice and the book, Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist, (co-authored with Terry Catasús Jennings). My founding and being President of Preserving Pauli Murray, LLC and my involvement with the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians as the organization's Vice President was cited, as well. The Alumni Association indicated that my work for
women's history, especially Black women's history, heavily influenced this decision. Noted was my work as a contributor, supporter and Executive Vice President of the National Women's History Alliance (NWHA), the organization responsible for establishing Women's History Month, and a founder of the Black Women's History Committee of the NWHA. My speaking engagements, both virtual and in-person, were an important factor, as well as, my travel to schools, churches, organizations, private functions and/or sit for interviews, Zoom presentations, panels, special events, etc."

Congratulations, Rosita!

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Women's Spaces Corner

Women’s Spaces, hosted by Elaine B. Holtz had the honor of doing several important shows that she has hosted and wants to share with you. All shows are archived on: www.womensspaces.com

Photo by Martha McCoy

On Monday July 1, 2024, the show features Dr. Raquel Holmes (shown above), founder of the Freedom Festival. This is the second year the Freedom Festival happened. You can listen to the interview on https://www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSA24/WSA240701.htm

The Freedom Festival, which runs from Juneteenth (June 19) to Independence Day (July 4). The festival includes events across the U.S., both in-person and online, featuring conversations on freedom, justice, and liberty, and celebrating Black activists and artists. It also offers music, games, and opportunities to play. Additionally, we'll learn about Opal Lee, who advocated for Juneteenth to become a national holiday, which was achieved in 2021. (Ken Norton – Co-Producer/Webmaster Women’s Spaces)

Monday, July 8, 2024, 11 AM PT # repeats 11 PM PT, the show will feature guest Sherry Glazer, Entertainer and Tarot Reader. Sherry is also an author with Kym Trippsmith of the book, “Mama's First Pocket Chicktionary,” Radio KBBF 89.1 FM, North SF Bay or live streaming at https://kbbf.org/live. This show will be in the archives by July 10.

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The Petaluma Historical Library and Museum has begun a new exhibit, which runs from July 5 through August 25, and is entitled, "Her Side of the Story: Tales of California Pioneer Women". For more information, click here.
Calling all members! We'd love to get to know you better. We are looking for submissions to appear in the newsletter, such as a short bio, an event you wish NOW members to attend, an article you find important and think our readers would appreciate, a poem you've created, even a photo of you. Up to two submissions per member allowed at a time and these will be published at the discretion of the editor. Please send submissions to info@nowsonoma.org. Our newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. We hope to hear from you!

Our next meeting:

July 15, 2024 Zoom Details
7:00-8:30 p.m. PDT
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09
Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

If you are interested in joining our board, please write to info@nowsonoma.org. We'd love to be able to do more in the county and need your skills for many different types of special projects, including planning upcoming events, particularly as we consider how we might further partner with the NAACP and other organizations.

—Amy Nykamp, President
MOVING FORWARD + IGNITING CHANGE
2024 Statewide Conference
Saturday, August 10 2024

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? CA NOW seeks dedicated and passionate individuals to help at our conference. Join us in creating a positive experience for our attendees while participating in the conference activities. Become a volunteer today!

SHIFTS AVAILABLE

- 8 AM - 11 AM
- 11 AM - 2 PM
- 2 PM - 5 PM
- All Day 8 AM - 5 PM

Please use QR code on the right to sign up to volunteer today.

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Special dates in July

1  Ellen Clark Sargent (1826–1911), California suffrage leader
2  Civil Rights Act signed (1964)
4  Independence Day
4  Matilda Joslyn Gage presents *Declaration of the Rights of Women*, 1876
6  Frida Kahlo (1907–1954), Mexican artist/visionary
8  Elisabeth Kübler-Ross (1926–2004), pioneering psychiatrist, author
16  Clara Shortridge Foltz (1849–1934), first female lawyer on West Coast; legislation author, suffragist
16  Ida B. Wells (1862–1931), rights leader, journalist, suffragist
19  Seneca Falls Convention for women’s rights, 1848
24  Amelia Earhart (1897–1937), aviator, suffragist
24  Bella Abzug (1920–1998), activist, attorney, legislator
28  National Parents’ Day
28  Lucy Burns (1879–1966), suffrage leader, educator
30  Eleanor Smeal (1939– ), NOW and Feminist Majority leader

If you are not yet a NOW member or need to renew your membership, please join our growing
organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#). If you prefer to write a check, here is a form you can clip and mail. You can also pay for membership or donate to us anytime by using the QR code.

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Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660

- [ ] Regular membership: $40/year
- [ ] 3-year membership: $110
- [ ] Reduced Dues: $10-30/year

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About NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women’s movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women’s rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW’s purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

Core Issues
NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women’s rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women’s health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

Reproductive Rights and Justice
NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

Economic Justice
NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women’s freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

**Ending Violence Against Women**
NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures and attitudes in our nation.

**Racial Justice**
A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

**LGBTQIA+ Rights**
NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

**Constitutional Equality**
NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States Constitution.

For additional information go to:  [https://now.org/about/](https://now.org/about/)