



Sonoma County

NOW

March 2019

President's Message

March is Women's History Month, and it is important to remember that at one time we had access to very little of our history. Thanks to Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett, and Bette Morgan's great work and lobbying skills, on March 12, 1987 the celebration became official when Congress passed legislation designating March as Women's History Month in the United States. The theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." Go to www.nwhp.org for a listing of all nominees and additional information.

On the morning of Friday, February 22, a group of children and teenagers ranging from 7 through 16 from organizations including Youth vs. Apocalypse (<https://350bayarea.org/youth-vs-apocalypse>) and the Sunrise Movement (<https://www.sunrisemovement.org>) went to Senator Dianne Feinstein's office in San Francisco to ask her to vote for the Green New Deal. When I saw the interaction between them on video I was disappointed in Senator Feinstein. These young people were there to express their concerns and encourage her to vote for the New Green Deal, and they did not get a fair hearing.

What rattled me the most was when she told them (and I quote from the video), "I've been doing this for 30 years and I know what I'm doing." All I could think of was that it's been over 30 years since the first Earth Day, and where are we? We need to listen to our youth; the powers that be are throwing our youth's future away, in my opinion. I want to encourage everyone reading this to watch the interaction for yourself and see what it inspires for you. The video can be seen on www.youtube.com/watch?v=2EfHOAZg3xc.

I want to invite you all to our monthly meeting at Round Table Pizza on Guerneville Road (at Marlow), Santa Rosa. We are going to be showing a 27-minute film, "The Legacy of Mary Ellen Pleasant," starring Susheel Bibbs. Pleasant was an abolitionist and successful Gold Rush entrepreneur. She was a free woman of mixed race who dedicated her life to equality for African-Americans. From helping with the Underground Railroad to suing for the right to ride on segregated streetcars in San Francisco, and a prominent Sonoma County rancher, Pleasant seldom rested. The pizza is on us; see you at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 20th, the first day of spring.



NOW SONOMA COUNTY MEETING

March 20, 2019

@ 1:00 P.M.

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE

SANTA ROSA

Please join us

Only six countries have equal rights for men and women, World Bank finds

Source: CNN

London (CNN) The world is moving towards legal gender equality -- but it's moving very, very slowly.

Only six countries currently give women and men equal rights, a major report from the World Bank has found.

That's an increase -- from zero -- compared to a decade ago, when the organization started measuring countries by how effectively they guarantee legal and economic equality between the genders.

But the rate of progress means that, by CNN calculations, women won't achieve full equality in the areas studied by the World Bank until 2073.

Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxembourg and Sweden scored full marks of 100 in the bank's "Women, Business and the Law 2019" report.

Read <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2019/03/02/europe/world-bank-gender-equality-report-intl/index.html> more:

WOMEN'S SPACES

Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"

www.womenspaces.com

Show airs: Mondays on KBBF 89.1FM
Calistoga Santa Rosa

Time: 11am Live and replays at 11pm

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**The Minutes of the NOW Sonoma County Chapter
February 20, 2019 Meeting**

**AGENDA NOW SONOMA
COUNTY CHAPTER
March 20, 2019 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Introductions were made

The minutes were accepted as submitted

Approval of Agenda- Addition of J. W.'s request re: his daughter

Financial Report- Post Office bill of \$106. approved for payment.

Website Report- minutes and President's Report will be emailed to Rebecca.

Planning for 2020 Report/Update- Next meeting June 2019.

Newsletter Report- discussed ideas for more exposure. "Around Sonoma" offered to highlight upcoming events.

Upcoming Events -Elaine Holtz to provide "Upcoming Events copy for NOW Newsletter.

Old Business- Eileen to contact Mr. W. re: daughter's situation at new high school.

New Business- Discussed "Day of Dialogue" idea for local high school to address bullying/assault issue.

Event in March for Women's History Month, film and pizza discussion.

Looking for April event. Researching 3rd Street Cinema for movie event.

Announcements- R. D. suggests posting in the newsletter attending the SF Tour honoring Mary Ellen Pleasant which includes walking to her landmarks in San Francisco to celebrate her contribution as an abolitionist and women's rights advocate.

Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Call To Order

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of February 2019 meeting

Financial Report

Web Site Report

Newsletter Report

Old Business

New Business

Centennial Planning Report

Announcements

Adjourn



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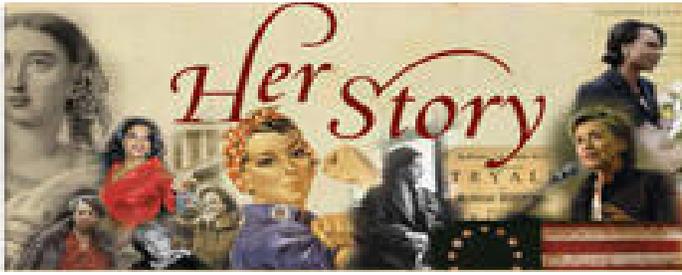
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March 1, 1978 – Women’s History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California

March 1, 1987 – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women’s History Month

March 2, 1903 – the Martha Washington Hotel opens in New York City, becoming the first hotel exclusively for women

March 3, 1913 – Women’s Suffrage Parade in Washington, DC, where over 8000 women gathered to demand a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote

March 4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress

March 4, 1933 – Frances Perkins becomes United States Secretary of Labor, the first female member of the United States Cabinet

March 8 – International Women’s Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women

March 8, 2014 – National Catholic Sisters Week www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org established to raise awareness of the contributions of Catholic sisters

March 12, 1912 – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting

March 12, 1993 – Janet Reno is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

March 13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska

March 17, 1910 – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls

March 17, 1917 – Loretta Perfectus Walsh became the first woman to join the navy and the first woman to officially join the military in a role other than a nurse

March 20, 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe’s novel Uncle Tom’s Cabin is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century

March 21, 1986 – Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship

March 23, 1917 – Virginia Woolf establishes the Hogarth Press with her husband, Leonard Woolf

March 31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women’s organization in the U.S.

March 31, 1776 – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, *“Remember the ladies...”*

Event - EMMA GOLDMAN DAY March Ninth

Jessica Litwak’s Emma Goldman Trilogy explores the life and work of the in/famous anarchist Emma Goldman. Filled with excitement, humor and pathos, the plays portray Goldman’s time in prison, her public life, and her relationship with her life-long comrade Alexander Berkman: one of the most unusual love stories of all time. There will be a panel discussion and themed refreshments after each play. Developed with support from United Nations Women, No Passport Press, La MaMa ETC, TheatreLab, The Womens Project and Productions, The Lark Theatre and The Emma Goldman Papers.

Short video about the project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DudJidYBPSE&t=4s>

Doors 1:00 - No late seating for the plays so please (if you are not doing the marathon) Arrive before:

2:00 for Love, Anarchy and Other Affairs (circa 1901) (meal and discussion: 3-4)

4:00 The Snake and The Falcon (circa 1919) (meal and discussion 6:00-7:00)

7:00 Nobody is Sleeping (circa 1936) (meal and discussion 8:30-9:30)

Surrounding Events:

March 8th 6-8:

Celebration of International Womens Day - Drinks and Discussion: What Does International Womens Day mean to you?

March 10th 1-6

Afternoon workshop: Writing and Performing Womens History - \$25 General, \$15 for Seniors and Students with ID.

Jessica Litwak is a playwright, performer, educator, puppet builder and leader in the field of socially engaged theatre. She is the Artistic Director of The H.E.A.T. Collective, a core member of Theatre Without Borders, a Fulbright Scholar, and the founder of Artists Rise Up NY. Her award-winning plays have been produced all over the world.

Arlene Francis Center

99 6th Street

Santa Rosa, CA





A Samoan slam poet, transgender spirits, and a Latina youth scholar are among the empowered figures showing up during Women's History Month at [Our House](#), SRJC Petaluma's Intercultural Center. ---

-----**Word! Spoken Word & Open Mic Featuring Terisa Siagatonu**
Wednesday March 6, 4:00PM – 5:15PM

Our House Intercultural Center, Jacobs Hall PC 116Hailing from the Bay Area, [Terisa Siagatonu](#) is an award winning poet, arts educator, and community organizer whose identity as a queer Samoan woman deeply informs her work. She has performed everywhere from [national poetry slams](#) to the UN Conference on Climate Change to the White House, where in 2012 was awarded the Champion of Change Award by President Obama, recognizing her work as an



artist and activist. -----

-----**“Girlhood in the Borderlands” Talk by Dr. Lilia Soto**

Thursday March 7, 1:00PM – 2:15PM

Our House Intercultural Center, Jacobs Hall PC 116Dr. Lilia Soto grew up in Napa, CA, and is Associate Professor in Latina/o Studies and American Studies at University of Wyoming. She will share findings from her new book, [Girlhood in the Borderlands: Mexican Teens Caught in the Crossroads of Migration](#), a multi-sited study based in Napa and Michoacán of the lived experiences of Mexican teenage girls raised in transnational families, and the varied ways they make meaning of their



**GIRLHOOD
IN THE
BORDERLANDS**

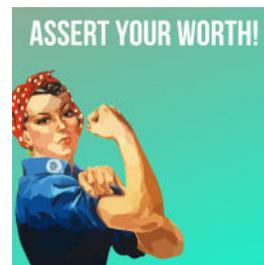
lives. -----

Assert Your Worth! Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop for Women

Tuesday March 26, 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Our House Intercultural Center, Jacobs Hall PC 116

The gender pay gap is real: Women earn 80 cents for every dollar a man makes. Learn the precious life skill of how to negotiate pay. Through role play and discussion, you'll learn how to identify and articulate your personal value, how to develop an arsenal of persuasive responses, and how to research and benchmark a target salary and benefits. Presented by AAUW (American Assoc. of University Women).



The National Women's History

Theme for 2019

*Visionary Women: Champions of
Peace & Nonviolence*



1920-2020

Get ready to celebratE the
100 th Anniversary
Passage of 19th Ammendment



2020
WOMEN'S VOTE
CENTENNIAL
INITIATIVE

Celebration planning and
progress, visit
2020centennial.org

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.

'Yes Means Yes' Law

California is the first state to create the 'YES Means YES' law encouraging and enforcing affirmative consent. This law is designed to create a standard for consent and sex including 'empowerment programming for victim prevention, awareness raising campaigns, primary prevention, bystander intervention, and risk reduction' on college campuses. This is a big step in a positive direction for consent-education.

The law approved by California Governor Jerry Brown in 2014 states that, 'Affirmative consent means affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be *assumed to be an indicator of consent.*'

**The entire bill can be viewed in its entirety on the California Legislature Website at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB967*



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