



# Sonoma County NOW April 2018



National  
Women's  
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Project

## President's Message

April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**, an annual campaign to raise public awareness about **sexual assault** and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent **sexual violence**. Each year, state, territory, tribal and community-based organizations, **rape crisis centers**, government agencies, businesses, campuses, and individuals plan events and activities to highlight sexual violence as a public health, human rights, and social justice issue and reinforce the need for prevention efforts.

I want to acknowledge two community activists, Evelina Molina and Maria Halyna Lewytzkij-Milligan, for organizing the showing of the film, "The Rape of Recy Taylor." A shout out to the Rialto in Sebastopol for making the film available and for allowing all the funds received that evening to go to Verity, There was an amazing panel discussion presented by, Sheriff Robert Giordano, District Attorney Jill Ravitch, Jade de la Cruz, self-defense instructor, Christine Castillo, Executive Director of Verity, and myself,

Special announcement – as you know on June 5 we are going to the polls to elect a new Sheriff for Sonoma County; this is the first election in decades we have a choice of more, John Mutz and Ernesto Oliveras, [olivaresforsheriff.com/meet-ernesto](http://olivaresforsheriff.com/meet-ernesto). I want to encourage you to listen to the special election interview I did on April 3, 2018: [womensspaces.com/2018%20Political.html](http://womensspaces.com/2018%20Political.html)

A shout out to the youth of this country: "Marching for Our Lives" had a turnout of over 1,000,000 individuals with 800 marches across the country, which included Santa Rosa and Sebastopol with a turnout of over 2000. It is important we support these young people who are standing up for their future. I attended the march in Old Courthouse Square and was so impressed with the speeches and passion demonstrated. Thanks to the Sonoma County Junior Human Rights Commission for helping to make this happen. We are proud of you and stand with you as you express your First Amendment rights and demand common sense gun laws and safety for you and future generations,

Reminder: NOW meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1–3 p.m. at Round Table Pizza, Guerneville and Marlow Roads, Santa Rosa. Now more than ever we need to become involved; everyone welcome. Hope to see you there and April 18 at the Rincon Valley Regional Library, 6959 Montecito Blvd, Santa Rosa, at 6 p.m. for a discussion on women's rights and organizations.

*Something to think about: "A woman is like a tea bag—you can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water." —Eleanor Roosevelt*

**NOW SONOMA COUNTY**

**MEETING April 18, 2018**

**@ 1:00 P.M.**

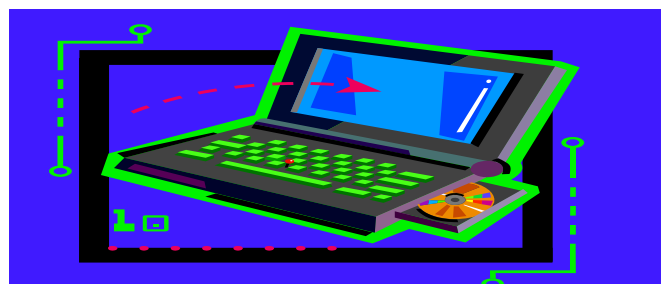
**ROUND TABLE PIZZA**

**MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE**

**SANTA ROSA**

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## NOW Sonoma County Minutes of March 21, 2018 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 12:57 by Marion Aird

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as submitted

Financial report notes there are no changes

**Website** - current website names will be researched and updates/renewals will be completed as needed

**Old Business** - The Rental Permit has been secured for the August 11th event at Howarth Park - for the hours from 9 AM to 9 PM  
Suggestions for entertainment were discussed - availabilities and charges will be researched.

**NOW national memberships** need to be obtained for Sonoma members as well as information about new brochures.

**New Business** - there is a benefit film and discussion for Verity on March 29; Elaine Holtz, president of Sonoma NOW, will be on the panel following the film.

Elaine wrote a letter to The Press Democrat and sponsors of the Women in Conversation event pointing out that no mention of the supportive services of Verity nor of the NOW organization were made.

**Planning** ahead for the 2020 Event, there will be a brochure created with all of the Women's organizations and supports available in this county - plus advertising. Marion will meet with Lynda Hopkins to help plan this event.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM

# WE MARCHED EVERYWHERE



## N.O.W. Sonoma County

### AGENDA April 18, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Minutes of February 2018 meeting
4. Financial Report
5. Web site Report
6. Old Business
7. NOW National memberships - Information
8. NOW local memberships
9. Event Schedule

**April 18, 2018 MEETING 1:00 p.m**

Round Table Pizza  
Guerneville & Marlow  
Santa Rosa, CA

Members and interested persons

are encouraged to attend.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

### **NOW OFFICERS 2018**

**President: Elaine B. Holtz**

**Recording Sec'y: Pro Tem-Eileen Bill**

**Corresponding Sec'y: Mary Chouinard**

**Newsletter Editor: Marion Aird**

**Telephone Helpline: Eileen Bill**

**Webmaster: Mark Franacszek**

**Media Contact: Elaine Holtz**

### **WOMEN'S SPACES**

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

[www.womenspaces.com](http://www.womenspaces.com)

Show airs: **Mondays** on **KBBF 89.1FM**

Calistoga Santa Rosa

Time: **11am Live and replays at 11pm**



## April Highlights in U.S. Women's History

April 2, 1931 – 17-year-old Jackie Mitchell, the second woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees and strikes out both Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. The next day, the Baseball Commissioner voided her contract, claiming baseball was too strenuous for women. The ban was not overturned until 1992

April 5, 1911 – 100,000 to 500,000 people march in New York City to attend the funeral of seven unidentified victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in late March

April 7, 1805 – Sacagawea begins helping the Lewis and Clark Expedition as an interpreter

April 7, 1987 – Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the first museum devoted to women artists

April 9, 1939 – Marian Anderson sings an Easter Sunday concert for more than 75,000 at Lincoln Memorial

April 13, 1933 – Ruth Bryan Owen is the first woman to represent the U.S. as a foreign minister when she is appointed as envoy to Denmark

April 19, 1977 – Fifteen women in the House of Representatives form the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

April 22 – Earth Day, honor Rachel Carson today, a woman who changed America and greatly influenced the environmental movement with her revolutionary book, *Silent Spring*.

April 26, 1777 – American Revolution heroine Sybil Ludington, 16 years old, rides 40 miles on horseback in the middle of the night to warn the American militia that the British were invading

April 28, 1993 – First "Take Our Daughters to Work" Day, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, in 2003 it became "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day

**309 Women Are Now Running for Congress. That's a Record. And that number keeps growing.**

Kara Voght

Apr. 5, 2018 5:25 PM

A record-setting number of women are running for seats in the US House of Representatives, a new analysis by the Associated Press finds. The 309 women who so far are seeking House seats this year breaks the previous record of 298, set during the 2012 election cycle. The number is expected to grow even higher, as candidate filing deadlines have not yet passed in more than half of states.

According to the AP, which used data compiled by the Center for Women and American Politics, most of the women candidates are Democrats—one of many ways in which women's participation in Democratic politics has surged in the aftermath of President Donald Trump's election and the #MeToo movement. Democratic women candidates in 2018 thus far outnumber their Republican counterparts more than 3-to-1, the highest ratio for any congressional election year dating back to 1992.

The increase in women candidates, however, probably won't lead to gender equality in Congress' lower chamber. Just 19 percent of House seats are currently occupied by women, and some high-profile contenders—such as Marie Newman, a Bernie Sanders-backed candidate who challenged Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-Ill.), a conservative incumbent Democrat—have already lost their primary battles. Men still vastly outnumber the women seeking office.

**Record numbers of women are running for other political offices, as well. The AP notes that 40 women have declared their candidacies in gubernatorial races, which beats a previous record of 34 set in 1999.**

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2018/04/309-women-are-now-running-for-congress-thats-a-record/>

[www.nowsonoma.org](http://www.nowsonoma.org)



# The 2018 Women's Marches by the Numbers

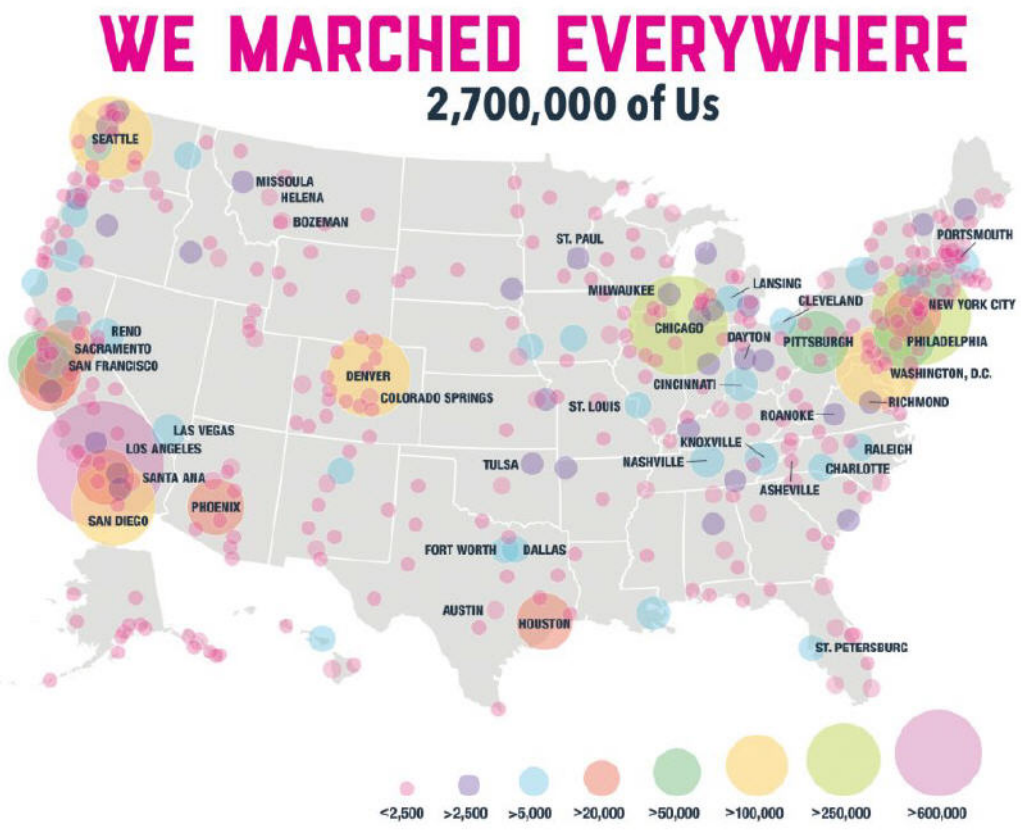


*This post is excerpted from—and expands on—a feature that appears in the Spring 2018 issue of Ms. [Become a Ms. member today](#) to get a copy before it hits newsstands.*

“The naysayers tried to dismiss the Jan. 21, 2017, Women’s Marches as a one-time event,” Eleanor Smeal, president of Feminist Majority (and publisher of Ms.), told the crowds at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. this January, at the city’s anniversary Women’s March. “But they know now what we knew then: that we will not go away and are determined to change the direction of this nation.”

One year after the historic Women’s Marches following Donald Trump’s inauguration, we were at it again. Out came the pink pussy hats and nearly 2.7 million people joined at least 419 Women’s Marches in the U.S. and its territories, in red states and blue states, in all 50 states, and at least 131 marches in 33 other countries around the world.

And, as we did last year, Ms. recorded the crowd counts from every city in the U.S.





## National Women's History Project

Each time a girl opens a book and reads a woman-less history, she learns she is worth less. ~ Myra Pollack Sadker

History helps us learn who we are, but when we don't know our own history, our power and dreams are immediately diminished.

Multicultural American women are overlooked in most mainstream approaches to U.S. history, so the National Women's History Project champions their accomplishments and leads the drive to write women back into history.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life – science, community, government, literature, art, sports, medicine – has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.

With an emphasis on positive role models and the importance of women from all backgrounds, the NWHP has developed a nationwide constituency of teachers, students, parents, public employees, businesses, organizations, and individuals who understand the critical link between knowing about historical women and making a positive difference in today's world.

The NWHP is the catalyst, the content provider, the behind-the-scenes director of a myriad of activities promoting women as leaders and influential forces in our society. For over 30 years, the NWHP, founded in Santa Rosa, California, has established a nationwide presence as the number one resource for information and material about the unfolding roles of women in American history. The NWHP leads both local and national efforts, consults, publishes, distributes, inspires, advises, and networks with a wide variety of institutions and activists in the field.

Every year in March, the NWHP coordinates observances of National Women's History Month throughout the country. The NWHP originated this widely recognized celebration and sets the annual theme, produces educational materials, and chooses particular women to honor nationally for their work. Women's History Month programs, community events, plays, essay contests, and related projects often have wide-ranging effects.

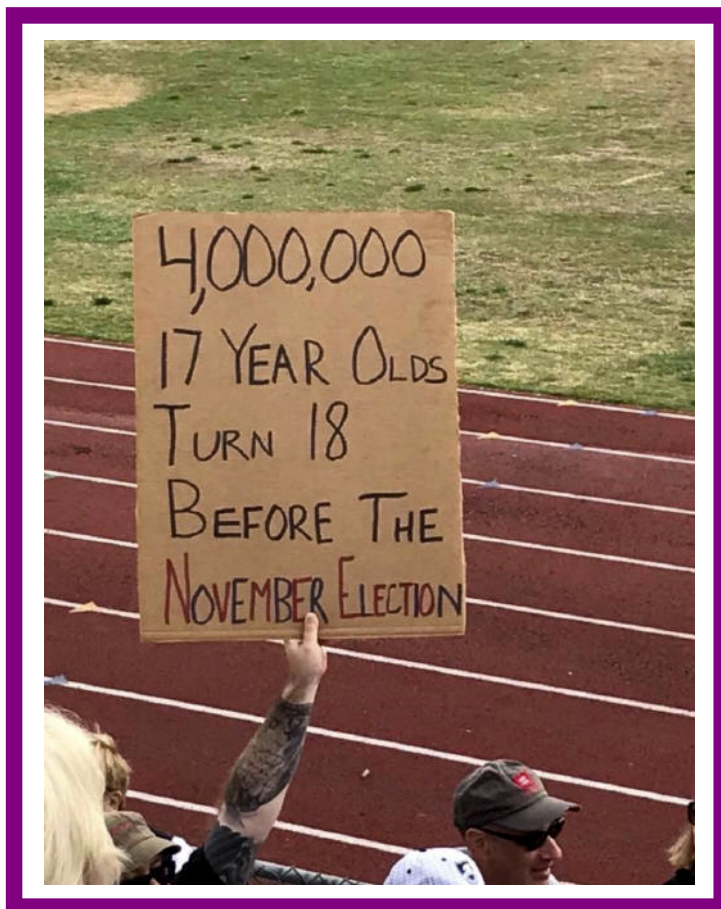
Every year the NWHP, in conjunction with academic institutions, holds workshops and conferences that highlight the role of women in particular areas, such as the Women of the West. These collaborative symposiums provide important opportunities for sharing research and stories about women's roles, struggles, and successes today and throughout our history.

The NWHP also operates an award-winning web site, which makes information about women available and widely accessible. The site, [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org), attracted over one million visitors last year making it the leading destination of its kind. Ongoing expansion and updating keep the site relevant and easy for students, journalists, and anyone else to use. Materials can also be ordered through the NWHP's extensive online store.

In our own personal lives, the NWHP encourages discovering stories about our mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers to help us better understand their lives, the challenges they faced, and ultimately, ourselves and our own times. Recognizing the dignity and accomplishments of women in our own families and those from other backgrounds leads to higher self-esteem among girls and greater respect among boys and men. The results can be remarkable, from greater achievement by girls in school to less violence against women, and more stable and cooperative communities.

The impact of women's history might seem abstract to some, and less pressing than the immediate struggles of working women today. But to ignore the vital role that women's dreams and accomplishments play in our own lives would be a great mistake. We draw strength and inspiration from those who came before us – and those remarkable women working among us today. They are part of our story, and a truly balanced and inclusive history recognizes how important women have always been in American society.

**For those who do not know and those who may have forgotten-The National Women's History Project began in Sonoma County California, by Molly MacGregor Murphy and dedicated women of Sonoma County. Molly resides in Santa Rosa, CA. Visit the website: [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)**



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