



President's Message

Wow what a month; shout out to Leslie Graves, coordinator for the Wednesday Market in Santa Rosa who organized a successful Families Belong Together Rally in Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa with an estimated 3000 in attendance. Special shout out to all the folks who attended and the variety of organizations that showed up letting people know how they can get involved. Every time I saw a mother with a child I could not help but imagine what a horror it must be to have your child pulled away from you.

Elaine at Families Belong Together Rally Santa Rosa Court House Square.



Some concerns I have: Really Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (BOS)! You are cutting staff funding for the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women at a time when women's productive rights are in jeopardy and there is an effort to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. We have included an overview of this commission on page four. A good example of that is on the federal level: Trump and his fellow Republicans are still trying to defund Planned Parenthood. With a majority of women on the Board, how was this allowed? Have they forgotten whose shoulders they are standing on and the continuous struggle to have a significant place at the table.

In addition the BOS is cutting the staff funding for the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission (HRC) at a time when The United States has pulled out of the United Nations Human Rights Council, with Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley calling it "a mockery of human rights" for allowing China, among other countries, to join, and for a statement that scrutinizes Israel's treatment of the Palestinian people. In cutting county staff support, in my mind, they are degrading both commissions thus creating a potential to fail. See page four for detailed information. There is a letter that was presented to the HRC by one of their Junior Commissioners on

**NOW SONOMA COUNTY
MEETING July 18, 2018
@ 1:00 P.M.
ROUND TABLE PIZZA
MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE
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page five an example of how vital this commission is. **I encourage you to call your supervisor and let them know this is not acceptable to you.**

Lots happening in our community and look forward to seeing everyone on August 11 for the **"RISE UP!" A NOW Garden Party and Summer Social Featuring: Haute Flash Trio – Gypsy jazz inspired women**

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Minutes of June 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM

Introductions were made and guest, Laura Vezetti, was present.

Minutes of May 2018 were approved as submitted.

Agenda was approved with additions (federal filings and Haute Flash audio information).

Financial Report - still no statements have been received from the bank - this status will be researched. There were no significant changes beyond the phone bill.

Web Site Report - contact will be made with Mark to get the passwords so the work on the website can be carried on by Ken.

Old Business - verification will be made to check that the Federal filings have been accomplished for this year.

NOW National Information - What is the schedule and when will Gloria Allred be appearing? Who from this chapter will be attending? The schedule may decide on who will go and for what length of time. So, "to be determined."

Contact NOW so they can inform us as to what the Chapter details regarding dues and membership are that they have in their files. We would, also, like to have a way of finding out what other NOW Chapters are doing; to have copies of their newsletters; to be able to connect better with them.

City Parks require additional information re:the audio needs of the performers, Haute Flash, for our August event. Paperwork will be completed at the end of this meeting.

Information from Lynda Hopkins is required to find out her cooperation/plans for the 2020 event planning

Update on August Event - Rebecca will make flyers and the basic information will go out to all local organizations (Democratic Clubs, Women's Groups) and there will be a request made for speakers or other participants. There is stationery as well as graphics available for special events. Suggestions for speakers include Julie Combs, Noreen Evans, Mike McGuire...

President Elaine is working on a Resolution to present at the **Human Rights Council** on Tuesday June 26th at 5:30. She is waiting to see if this topic will be on the agenda. **MSC**:to be sure that the most current information will be presented at that time.

Marion is the liaison for the **2020 Event** and will continue in that position. The meeting for future planning will be determined and Elaine will go to the first meeting to introduce Marion and then leave the meeting. This group will continue to meet once a month.

Marion pointed out that the United States has been far below other countries (91st) in the number of women in elected office. She will update us with the current status at the next meeting. We need to make a determined focus on getting people to vote. There have been too many occurrences of only about 25% of the qualified voters who actually vote.

President Elaine is disappointed that this Chapter has not grown larger. Marion gave a vote of confidence to Elaine which was validated by the group and was told to "hang in there!" Questions abound about how to inspire activism.

Announcements - We received a "Thank You" letter from the Ombudsman Program for our donation (\$50) to their Mothers Day Flower Project. It was agreed by all that we need better responses from the National NOW offices.

Paperwork for the August event performers was filled out and Marion will return them to the Finley Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM

July 18, 2018 MEETING

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

Members and interested persons
are encouraged to attend.

NOW OFFICERS 2018

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WOMEN'S SPACES

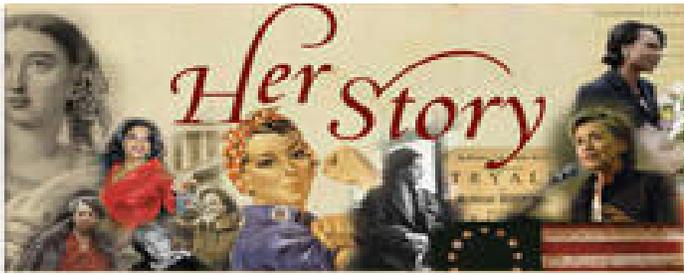
Elaine B. Holtz Producer/Host "Women's Spaces"

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



In July we celebrate essential democratic anniversaries — the birth of the United States on July 4, 1776 and the birth of the Women's Rights Movement on July 19-20, 1848. Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Conference (July 19 and 20)

On July 19-20, 1848, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott spearheaded the first women's rights convention in American History. Over 300 women and men came to Seneca Falls, New York to protest the mistreatment of women in social, economic, political, and religious life. This marked the first public meeting calling for women's right to vote.

July Women's History Events

July 2, 1979 – The Susan B. Anthony dollar is released

July 2, 1937 – Amelia Earhart's plane is lost in the Pacific Ocean near Howland Island

July 2, 1964 – President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act; Title VII prohibits sex discrimination in employment

July 4, 1876 – Suffragists crash the Centennial Celebration in Independence Hall to present the Vice President with the "Declaration of the Rights of Women" written by Matilda Joselyn Gage

July 6, 1957 – Althea Gibson is the first African American woman player to win a Wimbledon title in women's tennis singles

July 7, 1981 – President Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman Supreme Court Justice?

July 12, 1984 – Representative Geraldine Ferraro (D-New York) is chosen as the first female to run for Vice President of the United States on the Democratic Party ticket with Walter Mondale (D-Minnesota)

July 14, 1917 – 16 women from the National Women's Party were arrested while picketing the White House demanding universal women's suffrage; they were charged with obstructing traffic

July 19-20, 1848 – The Seneca Falls Convention, the country's first women's rights convention, is held in Seneca Falls, New York Women's Rights Movement

July 20, 1942 – The first class of Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) begins at Fort Des Moines, IA

July 29, 1974. "Philadelphia Eleven" deacons (Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig) ordained as the first women Episcopal priests

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This is an overview of the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission and The Commission on the Status of Women, for more detailed information we have included their websites.

Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women

The purpose of the Commission on the Status of Women is to promote equal rights and opportunities that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls, and to address issues of discrimination and prejudice that negatively affect women in Sonoma County.

Role of Commission:

The Commission on the Status of Women was established on December 23, 1975 (Ordinance No. 1850) with the charge to “take affirmative action to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice because of gender in the areas of housing, education, community services, and related fields.”

Since that time, appointed Commissioners have worked tirelessly, on a voluntary basis, to keep Sonoma County’s governing body aware of the issues that impact women and girls in the County.

In support of the mission through 2018 the Commission will focus on the following issues that affect women and girls, **Affordable Childcare, Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health and Suicide** Additionally, the Commission provides mentorship to youth in the form of the Junior Commissioner Project, and through collaboration, outreach, and the work of the Legislative Affairs Committee, the Commission supports community efforts to: Encourage women to seek elected and appointed office, Eradicate human trafficking. Prevent elder abuse and protect the reproductive and healthcare rights of women and girls.
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Status-of-Women/Mission-Statement/>

Sonoma County Junior Commission on the Status of Women:

The Junior Commissioner Project is structured around project-based learning and advocacy. Juniors break into groups to learn more about specific issues facing women and girls today, and create a community service-related project to accompany this learning. Ad hoc committee projects in the past have included drawing more girls into the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) fields; conducting media and computer workshops to residents of assisted living facilities; and educating peers on the existence of human trafficking in Sonoma County. Each year Junior Commissioners participate in a career panel of Sonoma County female leaders in their profession. The professions represented are generally chosen by the juniors themselves. Additionally, some years have included a political panel of Sonoma County female elected and appointed officials as well. <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Status-of-Women/Junior-Commissioner/What-does-the-Junior-Commission-do/>

Sonoma County Human Rights Commission

The primary purpose of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) is to promote better human relations among all people in Sonoma County through education, advocacy, and by initiating action that fosters the recognition of, and appreciation for, the diversity of our community.

Role of Commission:

The role of the County of Sonoma Commission on Human Rights is to provide leadership, guidance, and assistance in assuring that all members of our community — especially those among us who are marginalized or disadvantaged — enjoy the full range of human rights to which every person is entitled. The actions that the Commission will undertake in fulfilling its mission will include (but not be limited to):

Creating awareness of human rights issues faced by members of our community, advocating for policy necessary to protect human right at the local, state and federal levels and Responding to, and advancing concerns raised by members of our community by making referrals to appropriate support resources. Responding to, and advancing concerns raised by members of our community by making referrals to appropriate support resources.
<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Human-Rights/>

Junior Commission on Human Rights

The Junior Commission on Human Rights was created to provide a means to engage high school youth ages 14 to 18 in education and activism around human rights issues within Sonoma County, as well as provide an opportunity to foster leadership skills by educating their peers, develop a voice for advocacy, and bring awareness to human rights issues affecting members of our community. The students are encouraged to be active participants in their community, engaging with elected officials and human rights organizations. The program also provides a vehicle by which County Supervisors are able to learn about current concerns and issues important to youth and important to advancing human rights in Sonoma County. <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Human-Rights/Junior-Commissioner-Project/>



Statement on Family Separation

June 21, 2018

I would like to begin with a few powerful words from Emma Lazarus's 1883 sonnet, "The New Colossus":

*“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

Such tangible hope is encompassed within these few lines-- of which are embossed on the feet of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, a universally recognized symbol of all the good qualities of the United States-- compassion, hospitality, international relations, and the promotion of diversity. All qualities which United States of America still has the capacity to exude and emanate today.

However, if we as a nation are more than capable of exhibiting great volumes of hospitality and humanitarian behavior, WHY aren't we? In what world does the United States, the land of the free, a culture which has been irrevocably shaped by immigrants-- turn its back on children and families seeking refuge from persecution? How can we sleep at night in good faith knowing that our government is ripping apart innocent families seeking safety?

Separating asylum seeking families is a flagrant violation of human rights, and goes against the grain of the values upon which our country is built upon. The recent Executive Order is NOT enough. Change is paramount; we have yet to truly lift the lamp beside the golden door of immigration.

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