



President's Message

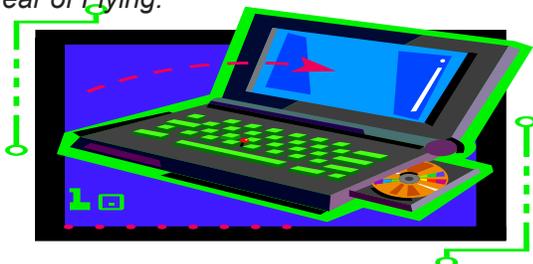
June is already proving to be very busy. On June 2nd I attended the dedication ceremony took place for Andy's Unity Park. A special shout out to all those community members whose dedication made this possible. It felt bittersweet to me as I sat and listened to the presentations remembering the killing of this young thirteen-year-old boy. I was reminded in those moments that what happens to one mother's child can happen to my child. Almost five years since the incident, and justice still has not been served; however, there is a beautiful park that has been established in his memory.

On June 5th we had our primary election, and congratulations to our new Sheriff/Coroner, Captain Mark Essick; County Clerk-Recorder –Assessor, Deva Marie Proto, and District Attorney Jill Ravitch were elected. For complete voting results go to: <http://vote.sonoma-county.org/content.aspx?sid=1009&id=2456>

Mark your calendars for the 48th Annual Juneteenth celebration in Sonoma County happening on June 16 at Martin Luther King Park in Santa Rosa. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juneteenth> . This year there will be a special presentation, "Unshackled," presented by Legacy Showcases. This is a dynamic stage presentation giving one the feeling of what it was like for human beings to work under slavery.

I am looking forward to attending the 2018 National Organization for Women's "Forward Feminism Conference" in San Jose on Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8. The conference will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose, CA 95110. To find out additional information go to <https://now.org/conference/> . I hope to see you there.

Something to think about: "If you don't risk anything, you risk even more." —Erica Jong is an American novelist, satirist, and poet, known particularly for her 1973 novel *Fear of Flying*.



NOW SONOMA COUNTY

MEETING June 20, 2018

@ 1:00 P.M.

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE

SANTA ROSA

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Minutes NOW May 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Financial Report - Remains the same with the subtraction of the phone bill.

Website - Ken is in touch with Mark and the website should be updated and ready by next month.

Newsletter - None was published last month due to a medical matter.

Old Business - Our local NOW information has been sent to National and California NOW. Conference will be held in San Jose on July 8 - 10. Santa Rosa members will be attending.

President, Elaine Holtz, was part of a presentation at the libraries relating the history of the women's movement, birth of the Women's History Month in Sonoma County that is now a national movement, and other women's issues. Representation was also made by Verity and the Commission on the Status of Women, among others.

Letters to and from the Press Democrat may have led to the increase in coverage of women's issues in the paper. Eve Ensler will be a part of the "Conversations with Women" in November. We will make sure that the organizers are aware of our local women's groups.

Plans for 2020 - the list of women's groups has been given to Lynda Hopkins. Meeting with her before the NOW convention will be necessary so that we can announce our Sonoma events there.

New Business - Details of the August 11th event were discussed. Contact will be made with Haute Flash to specify what their performance needs will be. The menu (ice cream social? Barbecue?) is yet to be determined. Search will be made for music (Suffrage songs) as well as speakers or other performers.

The National NOW Convention will be held in July and notice will be in the Newsletter and on the website.

Elaine will contact SSU and the Junior College with the thought of them starting a student NOW group on their campuses. Also, we will research the idea of our local group giving a presentation at the schools. These students will be invited to our August 11th event so that they can be informed about the organization.

We may have another movie presentation in the Fall.

Everyone needs to express the importance of voting!

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM

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AGENDA June 20, 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
10. Announcements

June 20, 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

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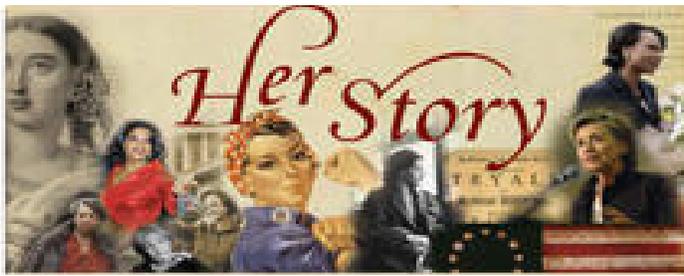
WOMEN'S SPACES

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**



Celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month

June Highlights in US Women's History

June 1, 1993 – **Connie Chung** becomes the second woman to co-anchor the evening news, 17 years after Barbara Walters became the first in 1976

June 9, 1949 – **Georgia Neese Clark** confirmed as the first woman treasurer of the United States

June 10, 1963 – **Equal Pay Act** enacted: "To prohibit discrimination on account of sex in the payment of wages by employers engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." (PL 88-38)

June 11, 1913 – **Women in Illinois** celebrate passage of a state woman suffrage bill allowing women to vote in presidential elections

June 17, 1873 – **Susan B. Anthony's** trial starts for illegally voting in Rochester, New York, on November 5, 1872

June 20, 1921 – **Alice Robertson** (R-Oklahoma) becomes the first woman to chair the House of Representatives

June 21, 1997 – **The Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA)** plays its first game

June 23, 1972 – **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972** is signed by President Nixon, one of the most important legislation initiatives passed for women and girls since women won the vote in 1920. This legislation guarantees equal access and equal opportunity for female and male students in almost all aspects of our educational systems

June 25, 1903 – **Marie Curie** defends her doctoral thesis on radioactive substances at Université de la Sorbonne in Paris, becoming the first woman in France to receive a doctoral degree

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48th Annual Festival

Celebration of Diversity and Inclusion

Contact: **Nancy Rogers** – President
Board of Directors 707-623-2701

Event: **48th Annual Juneteenth Festival**
with Special Entertainment by Legacy Showcases, "Unshackled" and Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow Scholarship Presentation

Date: Saturday June 16, 2018

Place: Martin Luther King Park
1671 Hendley St., Santa Rosa

Time: 10:00am – 6:00PM

Cost: This is a FREE family event,

Background Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.





March For Our Lives Students announce 60-day, 20-state, 75 stop summer bus tour to register young people to vote

The students of March for Our Lives, including survivors of the Parkland high school shooting, today will announce a 60-day, 20-state, 75-stop summer bus tour to register young people to vote and to promote gun law reform.

David Hogg, 18, who graduated yesterday with the other seniors of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, said in an interview Saturday to promote the tour that his biggest surprise as he travels the country has been: "There's a lot more love than hate out there."

The tour launches Friday, June 15, at a Peace March in Chicago, led by students from St. Sabina Academy. From there, students will make 50 stops in states that include Texas, California, South Carolina and Connecticut.

A separate, simultaneous Florida tour will make more than 25 stops in the state, visiting every congressional district.

"More than 4 million Americans turned 18 this year, making them eligible to vote for the first time," says a March for Our Lives news release.

What the students are calling for: "universal, comprehensive background checks; creating a searchable database for gun owners; funding the Centers for Disease Control to research gun violence; ... and banning high-capacity magazines and semi-automatic assault rifles."

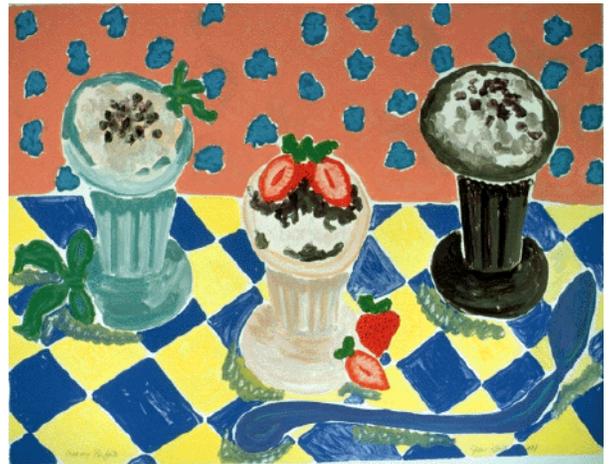
One more thing: MSD students graduated in a Sunday ceremony where NBC "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon was the surprise speaker.

In a video of his address, reported by AP, Fallon said: "You are not just the future — you are the present. Keep changing the world. Keep making us proud."

"First thing is this: When something feels hard, remember that it gets better."

Fallon joked that the students "won't be classmates any more. You'll be adults who will Facebook search each other at 2 in the morning for the next 10 years."

https://www.axios.com/march-for-our-lives-parkland-students-msd-summer-tour-e6223292-7d96-4fc8-ad8d-217c43719abb.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=organic



Save The Date

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Summer Social

August 11th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gazebo Howarth Park

Ice Cream, Music, Speakers



Women in the U.S. Senate, 2017

Pew Research Center

There are 21 women serving in the U.S. Senate, a historic high. Of these, 16 are Democrats and five are Republicans. The first woman in the Senate was Rebecca Felton (D-Ga.), who was appointed to the seat as a political maneuver in 1922 and served just one day. Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.), who served in the Senate from 1978 to 1997, was the first female senator who was not initially elected to fill an unexpired congressional term.

Women in the U.S. House, 2017



Pew Research Center

There are 83 women serving as voting members of the House of Representatives in the 115th Congress, comprising 19.1% of House members and down slightly from 2015. Of these, 62 are Democrats and 21 are Republicans. In addition, five women serve as nonvoting delegates to Congress, representing American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Jeannette Rankin (R-Mont.) was the first woman to be elected to Congress, taking office in 1917. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is the only woman to have served as speaker of the House. She was speaker from 2007 to 2011 and is now the House minority leader.



Trump's New Domestic Gag Order Escalates War On Women

By: Sunsara Taylor | May 23, 2018

The Trump/Pence regime has announced a new Domestic Gag Rule that will force healthcare providers that rely on Title X government funds into a lethal and immoral choice. Either these healthcare providers must join a theocratic conspiracy to deny women any information about abortion (even where they might find one at an outside provider), or these healthcare providers will be denied crucial federal funding and forced to deny these same women essential healthcare like breast cancer screenings, contraception care, and screenings for sexually transmitted infections. This law is aimed at all healthcare providers that serve women, including Planned Parenthood.

For anyone who told themselves that Trump didn't really mean it when he promised during the campaign to put an end to abortion, this should be a serious wake-up call.

While Trump has a history of at least claiming to support abortion rights and Planned Parenthood, he has never truly been motivated by any genuine respect for women's humanity and reproductive freedom. For this reason, he had no problem forging a strategic alliance during his campaign with a powerful movement of extreme and politically determined Christian fundamentalist fascists who are hell-bent on criminalizing all abortion. This alliance is concentrated in Mike Pence and Trump couldn't have won the presidency without it. It is also true that since day-one of his presidency, Trump (and Pence) have been steadily delivering what they promised to Christian fascists – from placing Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court along with a record number of other federal judges, to stripping away rights recently won by members of the LGBTQ community, to drastically curtailing women's access to abortion, and even to birth control.



**Forced Motherhood is
Female Enslavement**

File Under "Not Surprised In The Least"

Did you know that Members of Congress are permitted to use taxpayer funds to settle sexual harrasment claims?

The U.S. Senate is currently attempting to pass legislation that will force lawmakers to pay for such settlements out of their own pockets. Seems like a no-brainer, right? But SOMEBODY doesn't want this vital legislation. Guess who?

U.S. SENATORS WHO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION

Every female Democratic Senator	YES!
Every male Democratic Senator	YES!
Every female Republican Senator	YES!
Every male Republican Senator	NOPE!



What's the point of even being in Congress if you can't get the public to pay for your sex crimes?

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