



**President's Message**

March is an exciting month; besides being my birthday month, March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is **"Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women,"** and in Sonoma County/Santa Rosa, California we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of Women's History Week (the week of March 8, 1978), which led to the celebration of National Women's History Month in March. Few people know that since its inception in 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) has been headquartered here in Santa Rosa.

In honor of Women's History Month, Molly Murphy MacGregor, Executive Director, Co-Founder, and Chair of the National Women's History Project Board of Directors, will give a talk about the history of NWHP, its impact on women, and its future at the **Sonoma County Museum on Thursday, March 15th with a meet-the-speaker reception at 6:30 p.m. and the talk beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 425 7th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.**

**Special Announcement:** As producer/host of Women's Spaces, I want to encourage all of you to listen to the interview that I facilitated with **Attorney Gloria Allred** on our March 5th show on [www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSKBBF/WSA180305.html](http://www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSKBBF/WSA180305.html). Allred is an outspoken women's civil rights attorney and has won hundreds of millions of dollars for victims. Ms. Allred also founded and is currently president of the Women's Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund (WERLDEF). She is featured in the documentary "Seeing Allred." She was also a former president of NOW in Los Angeles.

Hope to see everyone at the special screening of the documentary, **"The Rape of Recy Taylor,"** a one-day only screening to benefit Verity <http://www.ourverity.org/>, happening at the **Rialto Cinemas in Sebastopol on March 29.** Verity was founded in 1974 as Women Against Rape, a grassroots organization for those traumatized by the rape of women. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be a special panel discussion.

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**NOW SONOMA COUNTY MEETING March 2018 @ 1:00 P.M. ROUND TABLE PIZZA MARLOW & GUERNEVILLE SANTA ROSA**



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## Minutes N.O.W. Sonoma County February 21, 2018

**Meeting** was called to order at 1:05 PM

**Introductions** were made and guest, Royelyn Wooten, was recognized.

**Minutes** of January were approved as submitted.

**Financial Report-** Donations were deposited; New checks need to be ordered - **MSC**; It was also approved to pay the Hosting Matters two bills for \$24 each. **Noted:** The P.O. Box fee of \$96 has been paid.

**Website** - The Newsletter was emailed successfully; The site does need improvements and changes. Discussion was held for a contract to be considered for Ken to improve the design of the Website at a charge of around \$200. **MSC**

**Old Business** - we need to get rid of the old yahoo account and the old email address

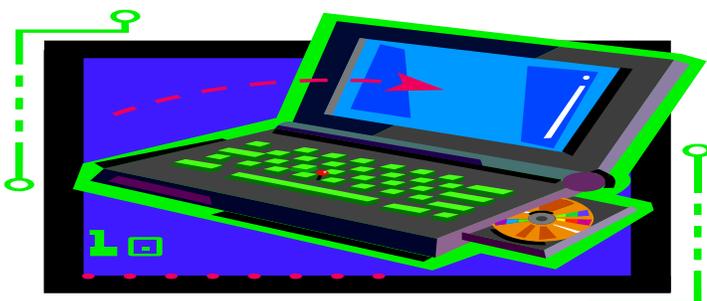
**New Business** - Discussion of the summer event - Finley's outside gazebos and Howarth Park are two possibilities. Decision was made to reserve any Saturday available in July or August. Will there be a Paella feast or ice cream social? A main speaker is to be decided. More people of color are encouraged to participate. Providing some form of music, as well, is considered.

March 15th is Molly MacGregor's event to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the National Women's History Project. Marion will speak about the 2020 event/parade and we now have a "Donations" can for use at various occasions.

Planning for the 2020 Event - Elaine spoke with Supervisor Lynda Hopkins who will help spearhead this event and encourage the help of the other supervisors. A meeting will be held soon with various women's groups, libraries, and schools involved.

Announcements: Elaine will be interviewing the three sheriff candidates on her radio show.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.



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## N.O.W. Sonoma County

### AGENDA March 21, 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

**March 21, 2018 MEETING** 1:00 p.m  
Round Table Pizza  
Gueneville & Marlow  
Santa Rosa, CA

Members and interested persons  
are encouraged to attend. **PLEASE**  
**JOIN US**

### **NOW OFFICERS 2018**

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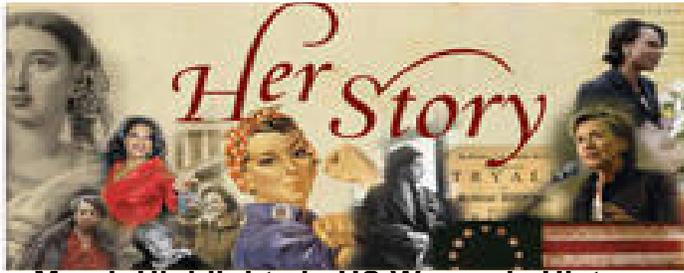
### **WOMEN'S SPACES**

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**



## March Highlights in US Women's History

**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](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org) established to raise awareness of the contributions of Catholic sisters

**March 11, 1993** – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

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

**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..."



## History of Women's History Month

In the 1970s, feminists based in Sonoma County, California became concerned with the lack of information about women's contribution to society found in history books and started to remedy this issue.

**Women's History Week was born after their efforts in 1978** and they decided it should be held around the same time as International Women's Day, which had become an official event marked by the United Nations three years earlier.

The organizers started to hold '**Real Women**' essay contests and hundreds of women took part ahead of a parade held in Santa Rosa, California.

In 1979, an organizer Molly Murphy MacGregor attended a Women's History Institute conference in New York and the celebration soon spread across the nation.

President Jimmy Carter proclaimed the first national Women's History Week for March 2 to 8, 1980 which was followed by President Ronald Reagan doing the same.

**In 1987, Congress passed a proclamation that saw the week evolve into Women's History Month.**

When is Women's History Month 2018?

Women's History Month is always held in March so that it coincides with the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8.

**In 2018, Women's History Month will be from March 1 to March 31 and is marked in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.**

## Fabric from Christo's famed 'Running Fence' resurrected in Marin exhibition



The Artist-Madeline Nieto Hope

It has been 42 years since "Running Fence" subdivided the rolling hills of Marin and Sonoma counties in Christo's answer to the Great Wall of China.

The 24-mile art installation lasted just 14 days before its materials were given to the ranchers whose property it crossed. Some of it is out there still, and this is how Point Reyes artist Madeline Nieto Hope came upon a swath of the white nylon fabric to turn into art of her own.

Her two pieces, "Panel of Grommets" and "Fleeced," are on display in a group exhibition dedicated to recyclables and junk at the Bartolini Gallery in the Marin Civic Center.

The exhibition, titled "Found in Our Own Back Yard," features Marin County artists who scour the beaches, trails, ranches and recycling centers to find the raw material for their art. The other artists are Claudia Chapline, Dickens 44, Tess Felix, Judith and Richard Lang and Angela Gonzales. Some use historic materials, but only Nieto Hope's work uses historic materials repurposed from an original artwork.



**Christo's 24.5-mile-long, 18-foot-high *Running Fence* graced the hills of two California counties for two weeks in September 1976.**



An ecstatic Hillary Clinton celebrates at the conclusion of the Democratic National Convention on Thursday, July 20, 28, 2016 in Philadelphia.

Post from DemocraticUnderground. Worth the read.

"We hear a lot about "mansplaining" these days, and so I'm going to do something I have only dreamed of (something our gal Hillary Rodham Clinton nobly refrains from) and drop some Middle-Aged Ladysplaining down right here.

Almost anyone who hates Hillary Clinton - and certainly anyone younger than 40 who hates her - hates her because of sexism, plain and simple. But they don't understand that they do, because the sexism of hating Hillary Clinton does not exactly resemble any other form of sexism. It is unique.

Hillary Clinton is historically unprecedented, and will be historically unfollowed. She exists in a very specific time in history as a very specific person, and the sexism she faces is a concentrated, nuclear, Godzilla-scope sexism that is a product of the culture wars that have transpired in her lifetime.

There are people of voting age who grew up in a culture that hates Hillary Clinton...they're like fish in water who don't even know it exists. This generalized distaste is a simple reality: a fact of life. It is gaseous, and congeals into solid form around various issues - war, Benghazi, emails, Goldman Sachs. All of which could be legit on their own merits, but all of which are also easily seized Trojan Horses in which to transport the diffuse miasma of Hillary Hatred that fills the American Air.

She is, reluctantly and uncomfortably, an archetype: the witch, Jezebel, Even though she does not have the personality for this role, she has been thrust into it anyway.

During Bill Clinton's first campaign, when we first nationally noticed her, she was the embodiment of the generalized threat to the patriarchy represented by the 60s counter-culture's transition into 70s feminism. She had a powerful job, she didn't want to bake cookies. She either WAS your mom, or she threatened the validity of your mom. Men hated her because she was the wife that could afford to leave you,

and didn't care about how big her boobs were. Women hated her because her husband was unfaithful and she didn't leave him. She was, is, will always be, a threat to many people on a core level.

When you have watched her closely, for 25 years, as a woman...you get this. It's impossible NOT to see.

But if you're a 25-year-old dude who has breathed it in with your oxygen since literally the minute you came out of someone's vagina, you dismiss it as not influencing you, and you grab onto something on the endlessly rotating Lazy-Susan of intellectually defensible "reasons" to hate Hillary Clinton. Every second of her life she is watched like a hawk, by people looking for new morsels to add to the spread.

Or, if you're a middle-aged woman who has self-defensively aligned herself with patriarchy, maybe you're honest and just say "I don't LIKE her" and that's the end of it.

Our culture will give anyone with the slightest inclination to hate Hillary Clinton a "valid" rack to hang your hat on.

Even though, when one compares her to literally any other politician throughout history, it becomes instantly clear that she is certainly no worse and objectively miles better. There's no question that she would have been an excellent President, by any realistic understanding of that job description. But there was no way that an America that has shaped its identity around rejecting her was ever going to allow her to lead it. Women who come after her will certainly face sexism. Women before her certainly did. But no one will REPRESENT the changing status of women in our culture ever again the way she did, and so no one will ever inspire the passion she has.

America, our beloved white supremacist capitalist hetero-patriarchy, still needs to define itself largely in opposition to everything she is.

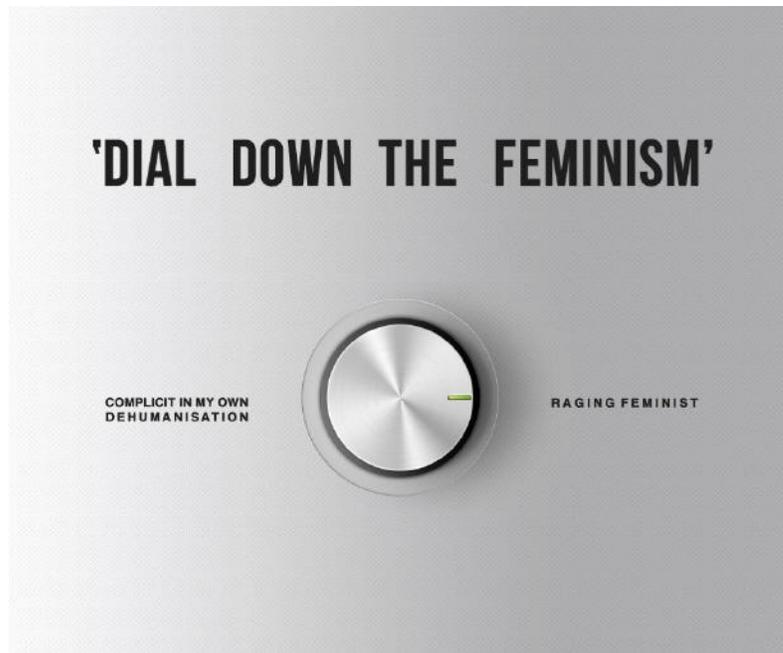
Anyone who pretends to hate her for any other reason simply doesn't get it. I don't pretend to feel otherwise anymore.

People I would otherwise respect constantly pull out their laser pointers and refer to charts and graphs, and appeal passionately to my intellect and character and sense of freedom and justice and outrage, and I just sit there like "mmmm-hmmmm", waiting for them to be done.

I listen to them as well as I can, with as much respect as I can, until their words turn into Peanuts-parent dialogue. I sit there, tired, irritated, knowing that I know why they hate Hillary Clinton, but they never will.

-Emily S."

# 'DIAL DOWN THE FEMINISM'



Last week one of my art teachers suggested I 'dial down the feminism.' Today I showed him my newest piece:

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