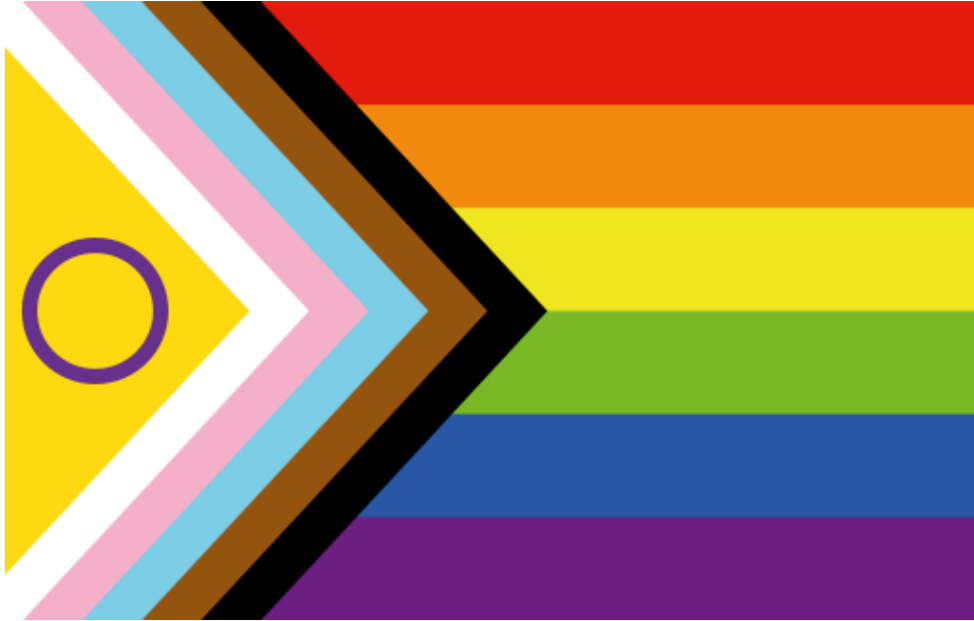


SONOMA COUNTY

**NOW** 



## **NOW in the News!**

### **June 2023**

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Greetings, NOW Friends,

June is Pride Month and a [Pride Parade](#) was held in Santa Rosa today (June 3); it was the largest parade here to date! The president of the National NOW, Christian F. Nunes,

issued a [press release](#) about supporting our LGBTQIA+ community, who is being legally suppressed and/or is attacked both physically and verbally.

Along those lines, you may not realize that gender-based violence has also been on the rise and we want to underscore here our country's **National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**.

Juneteenth this year will be celebrated on June 17th at the Martin Luther King Park in Santa Rosa. Here is the [link](#) to the flyer and the [press release](#) with more details. If you are interested in helping host our table for Sonoma County NOW, please contact Elaine Holtz at [elainebholtz@gmail.com](mailto:elainebholtz@gmail.com) or 707-527-5987.

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On the radio show, **Women's Spaces**, host/coproducer Elaine B. Holtz will be conducting interviews with the following special guests:

1. June 5 - Jane Sorenson, Amy Nykamp, and Celeste Austin
2. June 12 - Tina Rogers

**Jane Sorenson**, creator, bandleader, and performer and founder of the Poyntlyss Sisters Rockin' Show Band, will be interviewed on June 5. Sorenson and her band will be performing June 9th at Hood Regional Park. Live music returns to the historic park with the Summer Concert Series. It opened June 2nd and will continue for 9 consecutive weekends at Hood Regional Park, 1450 Pythian Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95409 <https://fridaysatthehood.com>

Also on the June 5th show, Sonoma County NOW President **Amy Nykamp** and activist, **Celeste Austin** who is in a Woman Loving Woman relationship, will be giving an overview of the annual **Pride Parade** that happened in downtown Santa Rosa on

Saturday, June 3 and which was one of the most successful parades to date.

**Tina Rogers**, well known for her extensive knowledge of music and dance, who has been an educator in multicultural arts for many years, will be interviewed on June 12th to discuss Juneteenth, its history, and the 53rd Annual **MLK/Juneteenth Community Festival Celebration Of Diversity and Inclusion in Sonoma County**. For additional information on this important event go to <https://www.sonomacountyjuneteenth.com/>.

Rogers is a member of the Juneteenth Planning Committee.

Women's Spaces airs on Mondays at 11:00 AM and repeats at 11:00 PM on **KBBF 89.1 FM** and is also on Wednesdays in Petaluma at 11 AM on **KPCA, 103.3 FM**. All shows are archived on [www.womensspaces.com](http://www.womensspaces.com)

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**It's not too late to register for the National Conference!**



National NOW will be hosting the national conference in Arlington, VA, This will be an explosive event that every member should attend. Non-members are encouraged to as well! (Note, I don't have information on whether any of this will be virtual.I). Here is the [link](#) for details.

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Sonoma County NOW is taking a two-month break from board meetings, but we encourage you to be active throughout the summer. Our next Board meeting will be in August and program TBA. Please join us to add your voice to our conversation!

**August 21, 2023 Zoom Details**

*7:00-8:30 PM*

<https://us02web.zoom.us>

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

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**If you are not yet a NOW member** or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up [here](#). If you prefer to write a check, here is a form you can clip and mail.

--Amy Nykamp, President



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**Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660**

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- 3-year membership: \$110
- Reduced Dues: \$10-30/year

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Special dates in June

- 3 Pride Parade, Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa, 11–5
- 10 June 10, 1963: Equal Pay Act enacted
- 11 Jeannette Rankin (1880–1973), suffragist, first woman elected to Congress, peace activist
- 15 Starhawk (1951– ), CA feminist leader, author
- 18 Father's Day
- 21 Summer solstice
- 21 Alicia Sanchez (1951– ), Sonoma Co. rights activist, President, KBBF 89.1 FM
- 23 1972: Title IX signed (equal access to education)
- 27 Emma Goldman (1869–1940), anarchist, writer
- 27 Helen Keller (1880–1968), author, activist
- 30 Lena Horne (1917–2010), singer, civil rights activist
- 29 Memorial Day**

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Visit our Sonoma County NOW site for news, links, and information:

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## About NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

### **Core Issues**

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

### **Reproductive Rights and Justice**

NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

### **Economic Justice**

NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women's freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

### **Ending Violence Against Women**

NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures

and attitudes in our nation.

### [Racial Justice](#)

A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

### [LGBTQIA+ Rights](#)

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

### [Constitutional Equality](#)

NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States Constitution.

For additional information go to: <https://now.org/about/>



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