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Greetings NOW friends,

Here's hoping you have been enjoying your summer and are refreshed and ready to go into fall. Our board has also had time to relax, but we have been closely following the news—how more states are reducing or removing abortion rights, limiting voting rights, and noting how the ERA has not yet been ratified by certain states. Speaking of which, we are pleased to announce that our August speaker will be **Zakiya Thomas, President & CEO of the ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality!**

This speaking engagement is perfect timing because **Women's Equality Day is Saturday, August 26th** and we encourage all of you to commemorate it in some way—wear purple, gold, and white, or donate to an organization supporting women's rights, such as NOW. Another great way is to research what women in your area are running for any office and help them as you are able. (If you have info about women who are

planning to run please let us know so we can follow up!) Perhaps you can help us set up pre-election forums.

On the radio show, **Women's Spaces**, on **KBBF 89.1 FM**, host/co-producer Elaine B. Holtz recently had the honor of interviewing Zakiya Thomas, and you can listen to this informative and inspiring recording [here](#).



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. Women's Spaces Radio Show is also available on your favorite podcast venue with links to subscribe.

August 21, 2023 Zoom Details

6:30-8:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09>

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

Please join us at our August 21st meeting to hear Zakiya Thomas' presentation, where you will have an opportunity to hear what is happening with the ERA and how you can support their organization. It is also a chance to learn more about our chapter's doings. It is our hope that you will be inspired to join our local NOW chapter, if you are not yet a member, or even to join the board. See above for the monthly Zoom link and below for more details on becoming an active participant in this powerful organization.

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

Photo courtesy of Zakiya Thomas



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Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660

- Regular membership: \$40/year
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Congratulations to Elaine B. Holtz, Co-Producer/Host of *Women's Spaces*. Elaine was honored at Santa Rosa's 53rd annual Celebration of Juneteenth on June 17, 2023. 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.

Nancy Rogers, Juneteenth's Committee Chair, presented Elaine with a special plaque at the event to recognize her long-standing service to the Juneteenth celebration and the community. According to Rogers, Elaine is a leader in the community who has an

unwavering commitment to educating people about racism with the hope that one day racism will be dismantled. "Elaine was presented with the award to appreciate her faith and commitment to racial healing and women's issues," stated Rogers.

Elaine had no idea that she was getting the award and was overwhelmed when she heard the announcement and her bio being read by Juneteenth Committee member Tina Rogers. When handed the microphone, she said, "I am never without words, but today all I can think to say is, thank you."

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San Francisco Public Library

Lillie Hitchcock Coit

Special dates in August

- 1 Beatrice Medicine (1923–2005), anthropologist
- 3 Maggie Kuhn (1905–1995), founder, Gray Panthers
- 6 Inez Milholland Boissevain (1886–1916), suffrage leader
- 13 Lucy Stone (1818–1893), abolitionist, suffrage leader
- 19 Mary Ellen Pleasant (1814–1904), abolitionist, Bay Area rights leader

21 Annette Kolodny (1941–2019), ecofeminist writer, educator, activist

22 Dorothy Parker (1893–1967), writer, poet, civil rights activist

23 Lillie Hitchcock Coit (1843–1929), San Francisco philanthropist

24 Tye Leung Schulze (1887–1972), San Francisco civil rights leader, suffragist

26 Women's Equality Day: 19th Amendment ratified in 1920. Wear purple, gold, and white!

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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.

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