



## Sonoma County NOW Newsletter September 2024

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Hello NOW Friends!

As you can see from the Table of Contents, we have a plethora of news for you this month!

We had a successful CA NOW Conference on August 10th with over 120 present! The theme was "Moving Forward and Igniting Change," at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses. We were inspired by our speakers: Bear Atwood, Vice President of NOW, and panelists Molly Murphy McGregor, Dr. Kim D. Hester Williams, and MaDonna Feather Cruz, as well as by Dr. Addie Ellis who enlightened us with her workshop on what it truly means to be not just an ally, but an advocate. That was all followed by a fabulous catered lunch and another presentation on pushing those in power to publish the Equal Rights Amendment; followed by the attendees creating a giant Get Out the Vote banner

to use at rallies.

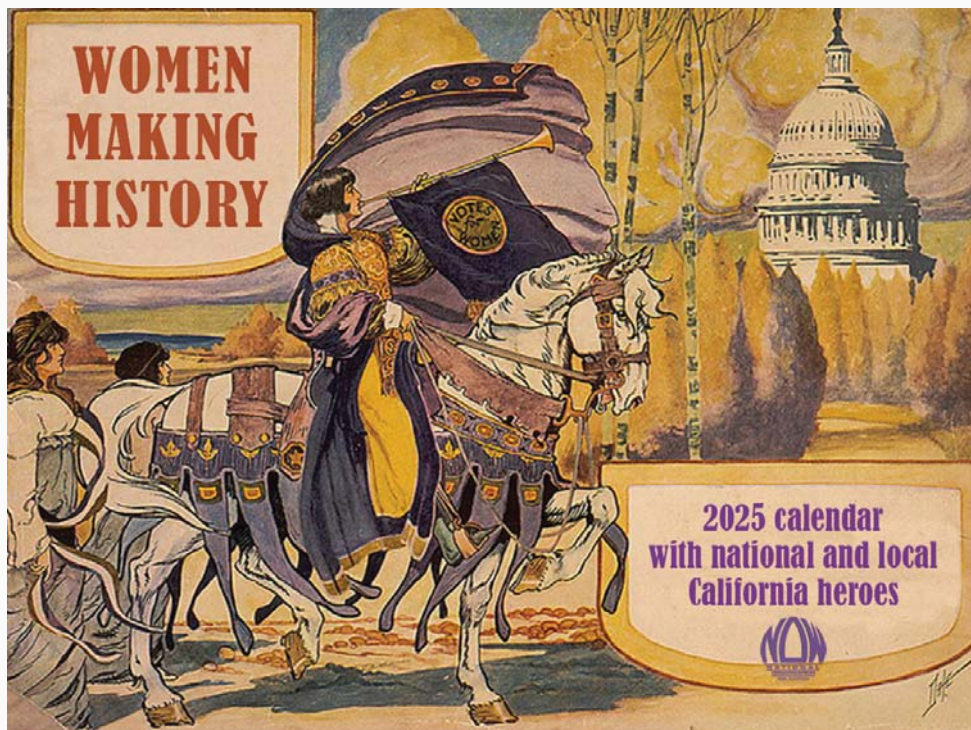
We had a full house and more than a dozen organizations participated. **We thank the following:** Addie Ellis, Black Womxn United, CA NOW, Contra Costa NOW, CRAMPs, Generation Housing, KBBF Radio and Women's Spaces, the League of Women Voters, LGBTQI+ LEGACY Sonoma County, National Women's History Alliance, Sign4ERA, SoCo LGBTQI, Sonoma County NOW, and The Sonoma County Democratic Party.

**We also thank Avid Coffee** in Montgomery Village and **Trader Joe's** on Cleveland Avenue, for donating coffee and pastries to our conference, and we encourage you to give them your patronage for their thoughtfulness; breakfast was delightful!

In addition, we had two sponsors underwrite our conference expenses: **Beyond the Hero/Media for Change** and **TriBallistic Selene**, plus numerous individual donors.

For a PDF of the program, please write to [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org). We received great [press coverage](#) afterwards in the *Press Democrat* by Austin Murphy.

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**If you liked our Centennial calendar** that was published in 2019, you'll love our brand new one! For a donation of \$15 or more, we'll give you our 2025 calendar (Women Making History) on the spot. We're featuring national and local women, on whose

shoulders we stand, including Kamala Harris! These will mostly be available at events like the conference, but if you write to [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org), we can arrange to provide you with a calendar.

**Many thanks go to the Santa Rosa Democratic Club** for allowing us to offer the calendars to their members at their monthly meeting in August and at future ones until we run out.

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**We are in need of a treasurer beginning in December!** Elaine B. Holtz is stepping down from this role at the end of November and we are looking for someone with this skill. Our finances are simple at this time and training will be provided as needed. Please consider whether you are able to fill this vital role in our chapter and let us know at [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org) as soon as possible.

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**Calling all members!** We'd love to get to know you better. We are looking for submissions to appear in the newsletter, such as a short bio, an event you wish NOW members to attend, an article you find important and think our readers would appreciate, a poem you've created, even a photo of you. Up to two submissions per member allowed at a time and these will be published at the discretion of the editor. Please send submissions to [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org). Our newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. We hope to hear from you!

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All are welcome to our next board meeting:

**September 16, 2024 Zoom Details**

7:00-8:30 p.m. PDT

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09)

[pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nkc2tYQXkydz09)

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

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If you are interested in joining our board, please write to [info@nowsonoma.org](mailto:info@nowsonoma.org). We'd love to be able to do more in the county and need your skills for many different types of special projects, including planning upcoming events, particularly as we consider how we might grow our chapter to be more present in the community.

--Amy Nykamp, President

## KBBF Announcements

**Join Jodie Evans on Women's Spaces** with Elaine B. Holtz Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> on radio station KBBF 89.1 at 11am & 11pm. Jodie will be talking about her recent book, *The Local Peace Economy*, which will cover local peace economy strategies. The Workbook and website are designed to help shift from a war economy to a more nurturing future. This interview will cover ways to connect with others committed to building resilient, caring local systems. She will also provide an update on what CODEPINK is involved with.

Jodie Evans is co-founder and board member of CODEPINK, and has been a peace, environmental, women's rights, and social justice activist for fifty years. She advocates for peaceful conflict resolution and promotes local peace economies by encouraging divestment from war. Evans is also co-founder and board chair of 826LA and serves on boards including Rainforest Action Network and the Institute of Policy Studies. A Lifetime Director at the Hereditary Disease Foundation, Evans is a mother, grandmother, and regenerative farmer. She co-edited "Twilight of Empire" and "Stop the Next War Now" and her latest publication is *The Local Peace Economy*.

**Shout out to KBBF's radio host Ana Salgado**, the host of the show *Compartiendo y Aprendiendo* (Sharing and Learning) every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Last month, Ana joined a group of people who traveled to Washington to have proceedings with different representatives asking for support and commitment "...for immigration relief for more than 8 million people who would leave the shadows if an update were made to the registration law HR1511 and S2606." You can hear Ana talk about her experience in Washington DC archived on [www.womensspaces.com](http://www.womensspaces.com) (9/02/24).



## **Mad Hattie Saves the World! Get Tickets Now!**

A fanciful musical and dramatic journey, taking you back to your creative spirit by Performing Artist and National Endowment Recipient, Katie Ketchum.

THU, 12 SEP @ 1 PM

THU, 10 OCT @ 1 PM

Sebastopol Center for the Arts 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol

Reservations suggested: [katieketchumband@gmail.com](mailto:katieketchumband@gmail.com)

Cost: donation

Performances in San Francisco and Florida to be announced.

Travel back in time in Mad Hattie's time machine to meet Mary Cassatt and Clara Schumann, who share how they kept their creative spirits alive through many challenges.

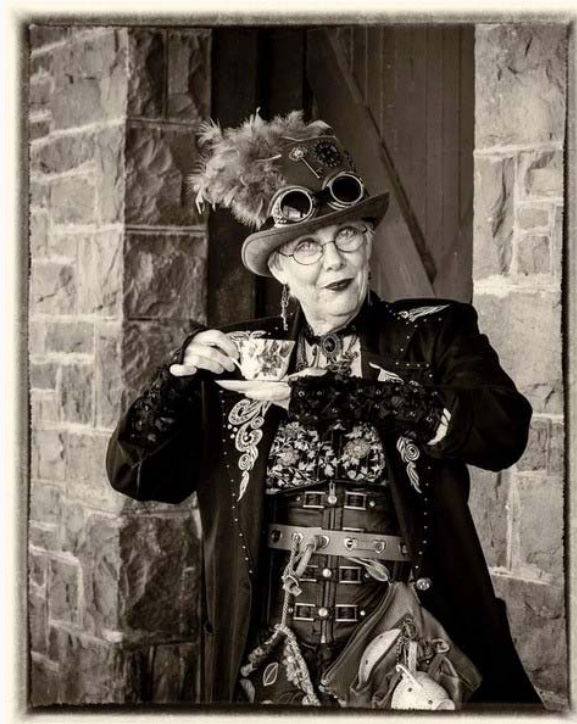


Photo of Mad Hattie by Roger Bolt



## **Candidate Forums**

### **Monday September 30**

#### **Petaluma City Hall**

11 English St, Petaluma, CA 94952

**6:00 – 6:45 pm**

**Petaluma City School Board Area 4**

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Petaluma City Council**

Districts 4, 5, and 6

Candidates will answer questions posed by a moderator to explain positions on Petaluma city and school issues.



**Be Informed**  
**Vote Your Values**

The Forums will be recorded on the LWV YouTube Channel.



## **Be informed before you vote! NOW says NO on Prop 34!**

"The National Organization for Women is opposed to the 'Restricts Spending by Health Care Providers' proposition, which is a dangerous initiative that has long-term repercussions for women's reproductive health advocacy."

[See more about Prop 34!](#)

Resources with non-partisan voter information can be found on the [Sonoma County Library Voter Resources page](#).



## Special dates in September

- 1 Labor Day
- 3 Caroline Bañuelos (1959– ), President, Sonoma Co. Latino Democratic Club
- 6 Jane Addams (1860–1935, shown above), suffragist, peace activist,  
Nobel laureate, social reformer, cofounder ACLU
- 7 Grandparents' Day
- 14 Margaret Sanger (1879–1966), activist, educator
- 22 Fall Equinox
- 22 Elsie Allen (1899–1990), Pomo leader
- 23 Victoria Woodhull (1838–1927), suffragist, freethinker, first woman  
to run for U.S. president
- 23 Mary Church Terrell (1863–1954), activist, suffragist

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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. You can also pay for membership or donate to us anytime by using the QR code.





**MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL FORM**

**Sonoma County Chapter #CA0660**

- Regular membership: \$40/year
- 3-year membership: \$110
- Reduced Dues: \$10-30/year

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**Mail with check to:** National Organization for Women  
1100 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005

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

<http://www.nowsonoma.org/>

**P.O. Box 6223  
Santa Rosa, CA 95406**

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonomacountynow>  
**YouTube:** [https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7\\_29T8COX2MNuI\\_Q8g](https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7_29T8COX2MNuI_Q8g)

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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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