

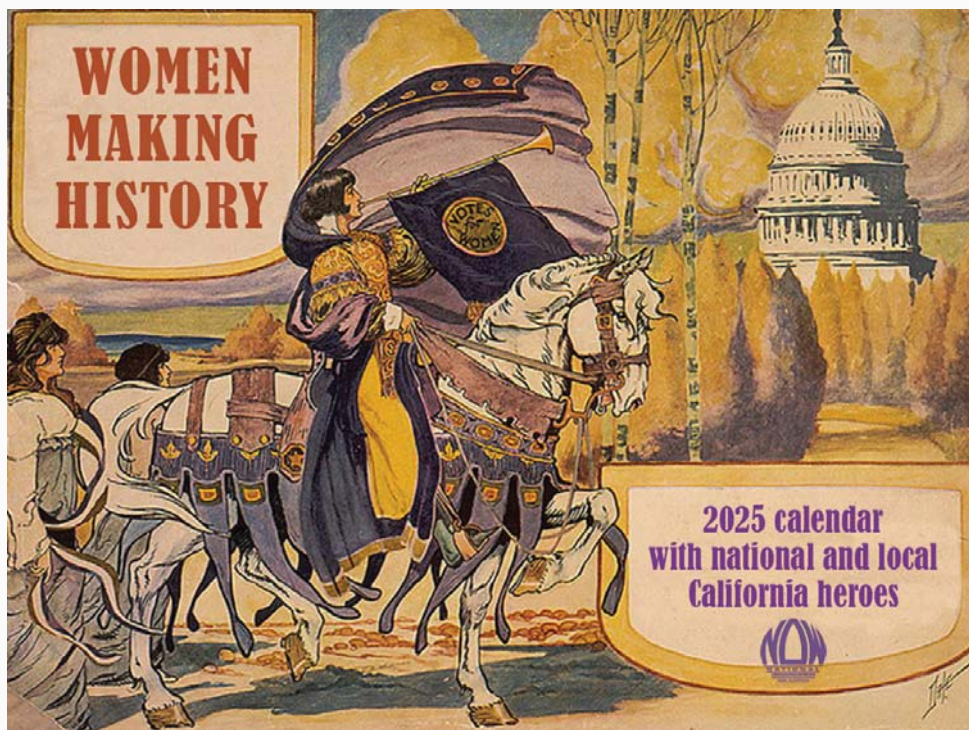
Sonoma County NOW Newsletter October 2024

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Hello, NOW Friends,

Happy October! Another letter full of news about events in the county. If you haven't registered to vote, now's the time, especially if we women want to continue to keep our voting rights safe! There are a number of non-partisan events around the county to discuss the ballot measures, both county and national. The League of Women Voters is offering two of them through the Sonoma County Library. There's one on October 5 (at Central Library in Santa Rosa) and another on October 8 (virtual). For more information, click [here](#).



If you liked our Centennial calendar that was published in 2019, you'll love our brand new one! We still have some left and they make great gifts. 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, or call Elaine at 707-527-5987, we can arrange to provide you with a calendar.

In the new calendar, we highlight the struggle to finalize the ERA. Send one to your friend(s) and help with awareness of the Equal Rights Amendment, and inspiration from many local heroes such as Alicia Sanchez, Alice Waco, Dolores Huerta, and lots more. It would be great to send this out to teachers!

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

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** as soon as possible.

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**. Our newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. We hope to hear from you!

All are welcome to our next board meeting:

October 21, 2024 Zoom Details

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

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

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Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

If you are interested in joining our board, please write to **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



Women's Spaces Announcements

Get Out the Vote Actions interviews on Women's Spaces

Hosted by Elaine B. Holtz, this episode features **Judy Armstrong**, founder of **We Are the Women**, who emphasizes the importance of voting and grassroots actions for the 2024 election, including door-knocking and canvassing. They discuss their new video, "**We Are the Women**," inspired by "We Are the World," aiming for viral reach. The full song is shared during the interview and is available on [YouTube](#).

We Are the Women Interview

<http://www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSA24/WSA240923.html>

Additionally, **Diana Carpenter Madoshi**, co-Chair of the **Silent Sentinels**, highlights their **October 5th** national action. Participants will stand silently with signs reading "Vote," recalling the sacrifices of women suffragists from 1917-1919, who faced severe consequences for their activism. She stresses the importance of cherishing and exercising our voting rights, urging participation in this symbolic action.

Silent Sentinels Interview

<http://www.womensspaces.com/ArchiveWSA24/WSA240916.html>



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Women's March Nationwide

**Make or download a sign with BIG LETTERS . . .
join us at the corner of Main and Bodega in Sebastopol
12–1 p.m., attend another local march, or just get out
there on the street, anytime during November 2 (which is
also All Souls Day; let's honor our foremothers!).**

Here is a link for the Women's March site, where you can

find existing organized marches or set up your own:

<https://www.womensmarch.com/>

Verity's Golden Jubilee: Celebrating 50 Years of Service

On November 2, 2024, Verity will be celebrating fifty years of service to Sonoma County at The Backdrop in Santa Rosa. The significance and celebration is to mark the milestone of commemorating fifty years of unwavering dedication to our community. This momentous occasion will not only honor Verity's legacy of service but also stand as a testament to the resilience and strength of survivors of sexual assault.

Their mission is to lead Sonoma County in the elimination of sexual assault and human trafficking through prevention, and the support of survivors through intervention and healing. Verity envisions Sonoma County without sexual violence.

They serve all Sonoma County residents, and anyone assaulted in the county, regardless of their residence. If you need help outside Sonoma County, we'll refer you to the appropriate resources. Therapy services and their crisis line at (707) 545-7273, any time, day or night. All calls are anonymous.

For further information about the gala and their programs, go to <https://www.ourverity.org/>

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.

THURSDAY, 10 OCT @ 1 PM

Sebastopol Center for the Arts 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol
Reservations suggested: 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

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 October

- 3 Latina Equal Pay Day**
- 7 Fannie Lou Hamer (1917–1977), activist, civil rights leader**
- 11 (1911) California suffrage passed by special referendum**
- 12 Eleanor Roosevelt (1884–1962), author, diplomat, activist**
- 13 Indigenous Peoples Day**
- 20 Kamala Harris (1964–), first female Vice President**

- 21 Alice Gray (1917–2006), cofounder Sonoma Co. NAACP, Community Baptist Church (*shown above with daughters, from our 2025 calendar*)
- 27 Hillary Clinton (1947–), US senator, activist, former Secretary of State
- 31 Halloween

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

Name

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1100 H Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005

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

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Santa Rosa, CA 95406

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sonomacountynow>

YouTube: https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCIqTr7_29T8COX2MNuI_Q8g

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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