100th Year Celebration
Women Win the Vote!

2020 Tournament of Roses Parade
“The Power Of Hope”

January 1, 2020
Our Riders hail from many States and represent our strength and diversity as a Nation and our dedication to the principles of our Constitution. We are grateful that our Float will be seen by millions around the globe and bring our Mission Message of Hope and Courage to one and all. We celebrate the essence of the 19th Amendment, that all men and women are created equal.

We, Pasadena 2020, our Float Riders, and the 100 Out Walkers accompanying the Float understand and are grateful for the unique opportunity that Pasadena and the Tournament of Roses provides for the nation to celebrate our values and our diversity, and with our Symbol, the Statue of Liberty, to speak out to the world -to send to them Hope and Courage to find their voices and demand equal rights, not just for this generation or the next, but for all the peoples on our beautiful and fragile planet who depend on US!!

Happy 2020
Nan Johnson
In honor of a new world unfolding that includes the full presence of the Feminine, the year 2020 will commemorate 100 years since women won the right to Vote, changing the course of our history. It is my honor to be part of “her-story in the making” symbolically honoring the rise of the feminine. This is a victory celebration and an ultimate triumph of all that is good and right. This is also a Victory Celebration for America and all of humanity; this speaks directly from the heart and soul of America to the world.

I joined this project because of the enthusiasm and passion of Nan Johnson. Over the past year, I have learned more about women’s suffrage and look forward to celebrating this moment in history with this majestic float on Colorado Blvd. I am humbled by the people who are celebrating with us on January 1st.
"It is my honor to be part of this historic event - CELEBRATING 100 years of women’s right to vote in the United States by the passage of the 19th Amendment. I do believe Hope and Courage will continue to Light the Way forward, and I also believe that our younger generations will embrace, value and honor their right to vote as we pass the torch...” Women of the world will be watching....

I am a woman and a person of color and I joined this grassroots organization to fight for all people the right to vote without suppression from governments or political parties. I am a proud member of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated carrying on the belief that all people are equal.

More than 40 years ago I worked on ratifying the passage of the ERA state by state which failed, but it gave me an understanding of how important winning the Right to Vote for women was and continues to be. Women play a major role in all areas of life, and honoring and celebrating the right to vote allows women to continue and expand this important role.

Celebrating the Centennial of Women Winning the vote in 2020 is a culmination of my work in Suffrage history. I have lived to see this year! I made a film to celebrate VOTES FOR WOMEN for the 75th Anniversary, Now I get To honor our brave, determined, and dedicated suffrage sisters with the world and with the women who made this float possible. And to those who will Carry our Torch forward.
Proud to be part of history in the making for 100 years.

We stand on the shoulders of powerful women who fought tirelessly for equality. I am proud to serve on a committee that honors them.

I love a parade. My first was as a girl scout walking in the Memorial Day parade in Wilton, CT. In 1982, I organized an ERA parade in Century City, CA with 10,000 people, kids and dogs. So, participating in the Rose Bowl parade celebrating the 100th anniversary of women winning the vote was a must do, for me.

Ratification of the 19th Amendment is an incredibly important milestone toward securing the vote which was essential to achieving women’s economic, social, and political equality. Celebrating this 100th Anniversary in 2020 recognizes the past efforts and brings a focus on the need to continue the struggle. I am honored to be a part of the movement.
Voting Rights can not be separate from Civil Rights. As an African American and a woman, I am proud to take part in this historic event of inclusiveness as I stand on the shoulders of many before me for the rights of all women.

Participating in the 131st Rose Parade led by Laura Farber, the first Latina president of the Tournament of Roses, during the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote, Ayesha feels honored to work with and to have learned so much from the strong and powerful women of Pasadena Celebrates 2020, meet the legacy float riders and out walkers, and share all of these historic and special moments with her mother, Barbara Lindsey from Inglewood, California.

I treasure the experience of seeing an idea become reality and knowing I was part of it and that I helped other women of color participate.

I joined the effort to work on the Pasadena Celebrates 2020 float for a few reasons, to emphasize the power of women, the sisterhood of women that will work to bring ideas to fruition that we believe as our sisters have before us.
Jean Owen

“Those who worked so hard 100 years ago would be SO pleased with this 2020 group of amazing women who have come together and worked so hard to have a float to celebrate the suffrage movement.

Susan Kane

I have been proud to be a small part of Pasadena Celebrates 2020, to help honor the suffrage movement, those who made it happen, and the many more who continue to fight for civil rights in this country.

Suzanne and Dale Burger

Suzanne and I have enjoyed processing the check donations for the 2020 Suffragettes float. We have always felt supported where needed and appreciated for what we were doing. We have bragged about our relationship to the float and encouraged others to look for it in the parade.

Marguerite Cooper

Representing the National Women’s Political Caucus, I joined the small group of women planning “Pasadena Celebrates 2020” from its beginning. I acted as the group’s scribe, drafting the early letters reaching out to local leaders and organizations to participate in our effort to finance the float, and conduct their own celebratory projects.
“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”
—Harriet Tubman

Dr. Helena Johnson

I will be forever grateful and proud to represent women empowerment. "Whatever glory belongs to the race for a development unprecedented in history for the given length of time, a full share belongs to the womanhood of the race."  Mary McLeod Bethune

Jenna Kever

Jenna Kever is a marketing professional who has been heavily involved in the social media marketing for Pasadena Celebrates 2020. She is very excited to be a part of something so inspiring and to use her talents to benefit a great cause.

Executive Committee

Lois Bass

Chair
Sign
Management,
Member
National
Council of
Negro Women,
Incorporated

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—Harriet Tubman

Jessica Sofia Valle

Social Media
Management

Technology has allowed our Voices from the ground up to be heard. Grassroots organizations often start from an idea of a need or further a cause. This is why I said YES to this cause. I believe that our voice can become bigger than ever by utilizing the Rose Parade to continue to tell this story. By creating the Hash tag #CelebrateHER100 we've allowed anyone to use it to raise awareness of diverse causes and allows for anyone to empower women, men, children and different initiatives that need a voice. A voice that the 19th Amendment gave us.

National Vice President &
Co-Convener
Southern CA areas
National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated

Co-chair
Social Media
The adoption of the 19th Amendment in 1920, eight years after the founding of Girl Scouts, represented a new beginning for girls, women, and all of America. For more than a century, Girl Scouts has worked to ensure the girls of every generation were equipped with the courage, confidence, and character they would need to be leaders in their own lives and in the world. Today, we are honored to take part in the Rose Parade and to be honoring the brave and resilient women who helped make this historic achievement possible.

MiMi Aung

I can remember being a young girl sitting at my Mother’s side in Malaysia, watching & marveling at the beauty & well-executed complexity of the American Rose Parade. That my personal journey has taken me not only halfway around the world, but to stand along with these amazing, accomplished women, is a monumental moment for me. It is my hope that there is some young girl watching & marveling at this year’s Parade who will see all these beautifully-accomplished women standing with me, and realize that they too can do amazing things.

Julia T Brown, ESQ

My legal work has included employment discrimination & representing women who have suffered disparate treatment and bias based on gender. Having an opportunity to participate in the parade commemorating the passage of the 19th amendment would be like stepping into and living the pages of history. The amendment was a pivotal point in the battle for civil and equal rights for women in this country. While we still have a great deal of work to do, this single act had and continues to have monumental impacts on our country.

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Like the League of Women Voters, the Tournament of Roses Parade is an American tradition and it is an honor to be recognized as we kick off our centennial year. As a life-long Californian, the Rose Bowl Parade has a special place in my heart. I am looking forward to kicking-off 2020 by celebrating the brave suffrage women who fought for the right to vote.

Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, PhD

Occupying a space on this Suffrage Centennial Parade Float is confirmation of the engagement of African American women in the struggle for civil rights and women’s rights. In the tradition of our founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and iconic leader of NCNW, Dr. Dorothy I Height, we continue to work in the interest of women of African descent, our families and communities - work that contributes to equal rights for all. We believe in the power of hope, we know the necessity of courage and we espouse the efficacy of action.

Chris Carson

National President, League of Women Voters

The opportunity to participate as a float rider on the 100th Anniversary Commemoration Float for 2019 is truly an amazing opportunity. This historical event has taken place in Pasadena for 131 years and the theme of Hope is perfect for such an event. “The Power of Hope” can mean many things, to different people depending on the context. For me, I always watched the Rose Parade and hoped to one day be a part of this historical moment and today I have the opportunity.

Genetha Cleveland

Gold Award Girl Scout

Being able to participate on the Years of Hope. Years of Courage float at the Rose Bowl Parade at the beginning of the centennial year 2020 is an incredible honor for me. My great-grandmother, Ida B. Wells, worked tirelessly for women to have a voice in politics. I feel that the work she did is being recognized and appreciated. Because of the sacrifices of Ida B. Wells and all other suffragists, women not only have the right to vote, but are now holding elected office at almost every level of government.

Michelle Duster

Author, Educator, Speaker, Diversity Consultant, Chair & 7th President of the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated

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As a Native American Woman, Advocate, Mother, and for someone who strives to advance democracy & voting rights in Indian Country, I’m honored to represent resilience of all women. Equity can be obtained, through the tenacious spirit of hope & courage and may we collectively demonstrate that we are not done yet, in this year’s 2020 Tournament of Roses - The Power of Hope!

Morning Water (traditional name).

Coline Jenkins

“My great-great grandmother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, demanded “elective franchise” - THE VOTE - in 1848. Her demand at the first women’s rights conference, Seneca Falls, New York, was deemed ridiculous. Elizabeth persisted as she viewed the vote as the fundamental right of citizenship. Her victory and that of the world’s greatest bloodless revolution is for us to enjoy. In honor of our foremothers and Suffragents, VOTE."
Marci Magnatta

It is truly an honor to carry on the legacy of my Aunt Susan B. Anthony and my great grandma Ester Dietrich to participate in this historic event celebrating a 100 years since women had the right to vote; it is awe inspiring, I am humbled with gratitude and look forward to the future ahead.

Leslie Masson

“I am honored & excited to be part of the incredible grass-roots project that is Pasadena Celebrates 2020. The 19th Amendment has, so far, acknowledged the right of four generations of women in my family to participate in our democracy as individuals & adults. Like the Pasadena Celebrates 2020 project, it took women & men from all walks of life to see it to fruition. I choose to represent the Fistula Foundation on my sash because they do one thing and they do it well: treat obstetric fistula.

Dr. Lori J Morgan

As the first female president and CEO of Huntington Hospital, it is a great honor to be celebrating women and the right to vote in the 2020 Rose Parade on the Pasadena Celebrates float. Equality, human rights, diversity and inclusion belongs in every city, and I’m proud to be representing not only our hospital and the field of medicine, but every woman in our community. I stand with you to offer hope and courage as you pursue your dreams.

Kenneth B Morris, Jr.

“During a visit last summer to the Women’s Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, I had the opportunity to see Frederick Douglass's name etched into the granite wall memorializing the signers of the Declaration of Sentiments. Humbling is the best way to describe the experience. I look forward to commemorating my great ancestor’s lifelong commitment to fighting for women's rights by riding on the “Years of Hope. Years of Courage.” float in the 2020 Rose Parade.”

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Ernestine (Tina) Martin Wyatt

Nurse, Educator, Artist and the Great, Great, Grandniece of Harriet Tubman

My participation in this historical event and riding on the float, Years of Hope. Years of Courage, enables me to publicly display my honor for this great woman Harriet Ross Tubman and the women of that time. Her life then and still continues to display courage in an environment void of hope, yet through her faith in God she became hopeful for a better tomorrow and took on the fight to bring forth justice and equality, a fight that is still ongoing.

Teresa C Younger

President & CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women

The Ms. Foundation for Women transforms our democracy by building women’s collective power. Guided by a gender and racial justice lens, we resource grassroots movements that center women and girls of color, advance feminism in philanthropy, and advocate for policies that improve women’s lives across the country. Since 1973, we’ve opened up worlds of possibility for women and girls. But to finally achieve justice for all, we need you in our fight. Learn more and get involved at ForWomen.org.

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Out Walkers

Elizabeth C Archuleta

Arizona
Coconino
County
Board of
Supervisors
Flagstaff, AZ

Arizona is proud of our history as the 10th state to approve women’s suffrage by an overwhelmingly favorable vote in November 1912 & walking in the 2020 Rose Parade is an honor to represent all women & the beautiful multicultural diversity of Arizona.

Marilyn Artus

Oklahoma
City artist,
activist &
suffrage era
nerd
Oklahoma
City, OK

I am an artist, activist and suffrage era nerd. I am on the road going to all 36 states that ratified the 19th Amendment into law, working on a HUGE collaborative art and travel project called herflag.com. This is a dream come true to walk in this amazing parade.

Hester L Bell

Altadena, CA

Persistence lead to the ratification of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution & to the founding of the League of Women Voters. For 100 years, the non-partisan LWV has promoted the idea that “Democracy is not a spectator sport”. I am proud to walk in the footsteps of the suffragists & with League of Women Voters. We persist.

Barbara Bellfield

Author & local historian for our “Two Trees” landmark in Ventura County
Oxnard, CA

Today’s divisive political environment illustrates how incredibly important it is for everyone to exercise their right to vote & support meaningful change in our society. It is a privilege to participate in this year’s Rose Parade as a visual reminder of the brave women who risked their lives & freedom by fighting for all Americans, and in particular women, to have the ability to exercise the right to vote.

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The entry in the Pasadena Rose Parade presents a perfect intersection of Ellen's passions: women's history, historical costuming and how it reflects society's attitudes about women, and advocating for equality and respect of all people. A resident of California, Ellen is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a 46-year career. She specializes in domestic violence treatment.

As an advocate for justice & equality, I am excited to be included in the Rose Parade to celebrate the efforts & tenacity of the women and men who, for decades, fought tirelessly for women's rights to vote, & to affirm our continuing commitment to protect our voting rights. As both a lawyer involved in voter protection efforts & an avid fan of the Rose Parade, this event is an amazing opportunity for me to celebrate a cause about which I am passionate.

Being a part of the Pasadena Celebrates 2020 group & celebration has been a rewarding experience. Being a women represents, Courage, Strength and Life. As a young woman of color in her 20s, I chose to honor those before me who fought so that I could exercise my 19th amendment right. And by being in this celebration, I hope I inspire the next generations to continue the work that is before us.

I am walking in the 2020 Rose Parade for my daughter, Natalie. I want her to know how thankful I am for the sacrifices the suffragists made to claim our right to vote, and how committed I am to the ongoing quest for gender equality in this world. I’m walking to experience and celebrate the joy of sisterhood. Votes for Women!

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I’m Honored to be an Out walker in the TOR 2020 Rose Parade walking representing our organization PACEF, a foundation to support educational & charitable activities for the benefit of the greater Pasadena community. Women change the conversation at the table when elected. African American women stood up and refused to be at the back! Together as allies, over the next decades & beyond we can PERSIST. VOTE 2020!

I am the Founder and Executive Director of the only website in the United States dedicated to encouraging Iranian-Americans in CA to register to vote and to learn more about the electoral process. I am honored to be apart of this historical event and to carry on the legacy of women who bravely fought for our right to vote.

I am honored to walk in the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade representing the amazing women who fought for us to have the right to vote. Generations will forever be indebted to the courageous women who fought for each one of us. As we walk together let us remember the women at the heart of this event and their Power of Hope!.

Nearly 50 years ago, I'd listen to the radio and sing along with Helen Reddy's "I am woman, hear me roar, in numbers too big to ignore...". And now, I'm thrilled to be walking with 100 women as a suffragist in the 2020 Rose Parade.
Cindy Bulloch

Iron County
Assessor
Parowan, UT

Political involved is in my blood. My father also served as Iron County Assessor. My great-grandmother Lillian Dalley was 2nd vice president of Summit’s Women Suffrage Association. Utah was the first state in which a women, Saraph Young, voted. Utah elected the first female state senator, Martha Hughes Cannon. I am honored to represent a vast personal, local and state history. Supporting from home, my husband, Jeff, our children, Rashell, Shera, Jeff and Bailey, their spouses and our eight grandchildren.

Julia Burrows

Senior Policy Advisor
Sacramento, CA

The Pasadena 2020 Celebration is a tribute to the struggles and victory for passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in America. I participate to honor their legacy, to pay tribute to those still fighting for a more inclusive and just society and as a personal reminder that I must do my part for gender parity, environmental justice, and opportunities for future generations of women.

Melanie Caldwell-Holden

Real Estate Agent
Pasadena, CA

The suffragists made a monumental step toward having a voice in American politics when they won the right to vote on August 26, 1920. I am honored to be an Out Walker, and help to symbolically put an exclamation point on the suffragists’ achievement 100 years later when Pasadena Celebrates 2020, on January 1, 2020.

Maureen Charles

Board Chair for Aid Still Required
Pasadena, CA

A Pasadena native & lifelong educator, I recently completed my MFA degree in Writing for Children. I write fiction & non-fiction stories featuring strong female characters and am committed that women and girls everywhere experience freedom, safety, autonomy, representation, and self-determination. I walk today in honor of Margaret Stevenson Scott, my great grandmother 10 generations removed, who was hanged for witchcraft in 1692 – the last execution of the Salem witchcraft trials. We’ve come a long way, ladies!

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Catherine Alvarado Cifone

I’m a 7th generation Texan and march to honor my grandmother, Maclovia Uresti Alvarado, one of the first women to vote in Texas in 1920. She told everyone, “I had my card to vote and I was going to vote and no one was gonna stop me.” Wish you were here Grandma Mac!

Geena Clonan

As a Fairfield, Connecticut resident and the Founding President of The Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame, I am proud to showcase our mission to Honor the pioneering women who came before us, Preserve their stories of struggle and triumph, Educate the public through women’s history and Inspire women and girls to be all that they can be. I walk for the daring women of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Anne Coon

Anne C. Coon, from Rochester, New York, is proud to be representing the National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House. She is walking to honor the legacy of Susan B. Anthony and the “magnetic circle of reformers” who lived in New York State and dedicated their lives to abolition, suffrage, and education reform.

Roberta Davis

I have been involved with the League of Women Voters since 1975 and I know how important it is to participate in the democratic process. I never miss an election day and am always terribly dismayed when I hear someone say that they never vote. I want my participation in this celebration to help remind all parade viewers of the importance of this fundamental right and of what our foremothers sacrificed for it.

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Out Walkers

Guadalupe Diaz

I participate as "Out Walker" because this is a chance of a lifetime to honor all the Women who suffer and die for the 19th amendment they had years of hope and courage; they are in the History Books. Woman’s Clubs all over the world continue to make history and I will be making history by being part of the 2020 Rose Parade; this will be a memorable experience. I am happy and excited to be part of the 2020 Rose Parade.

Elizabeth Dietz

Growing up in Pasadena, CA walking in the 2020 Pasadena Rose Parade is a dream come true, especially in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. I am walking in honor of my mother Anita Dietz, a strong woman who was my inspiration to stand for women’s rights and equality.

Dawn Dyer

I am walking in the Rose Parade to honor the sacrifices made by our foremothers; to educate people about the need for full participation in our Democracy; and to inspire women to Use Your Voice! Use Your Vote! I live in Ventura County, CA.

Natalie Edwards

I’m marching as an Out Walker not only to commemorate the hard-won fight of our sister suffragettes 100 years ago but also to continue that fight, as millions of Americans’ voices are still being silenced by tactics of voter suppression. Like the women who came a century before me, I believe the right to vote should be the right of every citizen, regardless of identity or party, and no person or system can take away that right with impunity.

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I am proud to be honoring the Suffragettes by walking in this year's Rose Parade. With all of the talk about women's rights these days, it can be easy to lose sight of those that passionately and tirelessly gave of themselves to secure our right to vote, to have a voice. Nothing we have today would be possible without their courage, nor could we hope for more.

I am walking in the Pasadena 2020 Rose Parade because I want to honor the brave women and men before us who fought tirelessly to gain women the right to vote and because I want to raise awareness about the importance of making your voice heard and participating in our democracy.

I am proud to commemorate the work of my great-great-grandmother, Catharine Waugh McCulloch. In 1913, McCulloch’s legislation granting Illinois women the right to vote finally passed, making Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi to give women the right to vote. She was an integral part of the national campaign for passage of the 19th Amendment and celebrated when Illinois became the first state to ratify it in 1919 and pass it in 1920.

Voting in this, my chosen country, is something I cherish. Having worked for women’s equality for the last 20 years, this opportunity spoke to me as a wonderful marker of the privilege to vote.

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Karen Fraser

Representing ZONTA, a 100-year-old international organization with a mission to “Empower women worldwide through service and advocacy”, Karen salutes the early Zontians who were all instrumental in the fight for women’s suffrage.

Sarah Gallagher

I am so excited to be a part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. As a teacher, I feel as if I am literally making history come alive.

Brenda Gant

I am thrilled to be representing our foremother suffragettes in the 2020 Rose Parade as we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for securing our basic right to vote. Despite the passage of 100 years, this celebration reminds us all of the many challenges we still face and how women need to work together to achieve our communal success.

Brandy Grace

Brandy’s walk represents women who drive innovation and take themselves, their families, and their communities to the next level. She represents the Utah Association of Counties and women who understand that actually, they can make a difference!

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I'm walking to commemorate the unique place that Arkansas holds in the history of the U.S. Women's Suffrage Movement. Arkansas was the first non-suffrage state to allow women to vote in primary elections (1917) and the 12th state to ratify the 19th Amendment (07/28/1919), one of a few Southern states to do so.

Cheri Helt
Oregon State Representative
Bend, OR

Cheri Helt is a working mom, small business owner, public education leader and Oregon State Representative. While serving on the local school board, she approved the construction of four new schools, new safety entrances, and increased graduation rates by 10%. Cheri uses her voice to continue her advocacy for education, increase the supply of affordable housing, and lead independently through pragmatic, common-sense policies.”

Emily M Jones
Director of Research
Eastman Kodak Co.
Rochester, NY

Having been born 72 years ago when women’s highest aspirations were stifled, I wish to celebrate the tireless courage and passion of suffragist women who opened the doors for me to be the first in my family to attend college and eventually become Director of Research at Eastman Kodak Co.

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Fredie Kay

Walking in the 2020 Rose Parade with the Suffrage float as a representative of Suffrage100MA and Massachusetts is a great honor and opportunity to pay tribute to the many Suffragists of Massachusetts in particular, whose participation was critical to the success of the effort: Abigail Adams, Sarah and Angelina Grimke, Lucretia Mott, Frederick Douglas, Lucy Stone, Susana B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, and so many more.

Emily Lewellen

My name is Emily Lewellen and I live in Indiana. I wanted to walk as a part of the Pasadena Celebrates 2020 float because the moment in history we are celebrating means a great deal to me. The passing of the 19th Amendment was a milestone in history that affected every woman in the United States and it deserves to be celebrated in a fantastic way.

Kate Kennedy

I want to be part of this event so that I can share it with my U.S. History students. Participating in this parade will help bring the suffrage movement alive for my students.

Lindsey P. Horvath

I’m especially honored to participate in the 2020 Rose Parade delegation representing the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment. Having a voice in our democracy through the vote has allowed many important legislative gains to protect and empower women in our society. Visibility in the parade provides an opportunity for awareness of the advances that have been made, as well as for education on the ways we still need to create a more equitable playing field for all women and girls.

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I am walking to celebrate the historic 19th Amendment Centennial with pride and reverence to many (s)heroes of women suffrage, especially the many unknown women of color suffragists.

Nancie is walking as an out walker to represent the strong women who achieved the vote in honor of her mother, Alice Lopez Velotta.

I am thrilled to represent my home state of Minnesota and thrilled to be celebrating the 100th year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Every time I vote, I think of the women who fought for this right, who died for this right, I carry them with me to the polls and I will never not vote as it’s my duty, honor and privilege.

I represent the State of Wyoming. In my everyday life, I advance gender equity for women and girls through the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and look forward to celebrating the Centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment with Pasadena 2020.
Out Walkers

Tara Newman

Deputy Attorney General
California Department of Justice
Pasadena, CA

Tara is thrilled to participate in the 2019 Rose Parade float celebrating 100 years of The 19th Amendment. In another important presidential election year, the message of this float serves as a reminder of the struggle women endured to gain this invaluable democratic tool.

Linda Paquette

Attorney
Pasadena, CA

The float represents everything I have worked for my entire life - equal pay and justice for myself and other women, able to do so now as an attorney, thanks to the suffragettes.

Diana Peterson-More

Conference speaker, Strategic planner, Trainer & coach
Pasadena, CA

Diana Peterson-More is a lifelong feminist and pioneer in the workplace and community groups, having been the first in numerous positions. Diana was raised by a woman ahead of her time – a college educated confident professional, community volunteer, mother and grandmother. Diana’s mother, Eleanor McCullough More was born in 1920, and Diana is honoring her legacy today. Her sash states “Remembering Eleanor More.”

Carolyn Heijn Peth

Retired elementary school teacher & Medical social worker
Sacramento, CA

Carolyn has always been an active volunteer in her community, a world traveler, believer in lifelong learning, and an admirer of valiant women who came before her. Carolyn is proud to pass on her mother’s legacy of strength and self-reliance to her strong daughters and spirited granddaughters. She marches today in honor of her mother, grandmothers, and 62 plus great-grandmothers, who were born without the guarantee of universal suffrage.

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It is my honor as the President of the San Gabriel Valley Section, National Council of Negro Women Incorporated, to be apart of Pasadena Celebrates 2020. This event is particularly significant because I have the opportunity to represent the many African American women such as Mary Mcleod Bethune, Ida B. Wells, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Maria W. Stewart, Henrietta Purvis, Harriet Forten Purvis, Sarah Remond, and Mary Ann Shadd Cary, who fought for and contributed significantly to the Women’s Suffrage Movement.

I want to be apart of this event to honor the courageous women that fought for our right to vote & to celebrate an historical movement. This movement proves when women stand together, we can accomplish great things.

I have wanted to be in the parade since I can remember. My maternal grandmother was the daughter of immigrants from Sweden and she rode in the 1905 Rose Parade. Being that it is the 100 year celebration of the 19th amendment made it to hard to resist!

I want to walk to celebrate woman’s suffrage and to raise awareness for continued equity for woman in America and the world.

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Out Walkers

**Ellen Snortland**

*Board member*

**National Women’s History Alliance**

*Altadena, CA*

Ms. Snortland as a longtime human rights activist and journalist, marches proudly in honor of her grandmothers who were married with children before they could vote. She also marches for her descendants’ rights to vote.

**Elizabeth Tabor**

*President*

**Victor Valley Women’s Club**

*San Bernardino District*

*Victorville, CA*

What an opportunity this is to honor the suffragists and honor the right to vote! I walk as a representative of the Victor Valley Women’s Club, San Bernardino District and member of the GFWC/CFWC.

**Ladeane Taylor**

*Registered nurse*

**Thousand Oaks, CA**

I'm personally proud to walk and represent our Great Grandmothers and Great Aunts, who were Suffragettes, that paved the way for their future Great Granddaughters and Great Nieces. What better way to do so then right here at the Pasadena Rose Parade.

**Brenda Terzian**

*Camarillo, CA*

My name is Brenda Terzian and I was born and raised in Ventura County, California about 1 hour from Pasadena and I have never been to the Rose Parade, however, I watch it every year on TV. I can't wait to experience it!!

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Out Walkers

**Margaret G Van Acker**
Wilton, CT

I am walking to recognize and celebrate those who fought for women’s right to vote. I hope we inspire others to treasure these rights and to get out and vote!

**Riley Wagner**
Spa manager & Massage therapist
Thousand Oaks, CA

This event has always been a dream of mine to participate in. From when I was young I remember volunteering with my mom to decorate the floats with some family friends and that has carried into now having the opportunity to walk the route and be someone representing an incredible group of professional women and business people and live my dream while doing it!

**Bonnie Wallace**

Founder & creator of Power Source Dance
Pasadena, CA

My dance company, Power Source Dance, participated in the Doo Dah Parade, and I began thinking, now I want to be in the Rose Parade. For many years I’ve viewed the floats and watched the Parade, and it’s a pleasure to be able to participate in it this year. Now I can say I’ve done both Pasadena parades. I am doubly excited because I will be walking with my mother! Together we will be celebrating the New Year, a new decade, and 100 Years of Women Win the Right to Vote.

**Lee Anne Wentz**
Santa Rosa, CA

I am marching in gratitude to the women who tirelessly marched 100 years ago for Women’s Right to VOTE despite being slandered, jailed, brutalized and force-fed by men who didn’t want to share power with women and tried to prevent us from having control of our own lives and a say in who leads us and what type of society we want to live in. Today I march in celebration of this great and precious victory on behalf of my family.

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Out Walkers

Elizabeth Warren

Global Logistics Specialist
San Pedro, CA

I am a member of the LA County Commission on Women. My maternal grandmother was in an arranged marriage and immigrated to the United States from Albania in 1928, where she was not allowed to learn how to read & write; my paternal grandmother was the executive assistant & office manager to a powerful Congressman, Andy Jacobs, in Indiana. These two women, from worlds apart, helped shape me into the woman I am today, and I knew immediately that I wanted to participate in honoring them, knowing they will both be equally proud, watching from above.

Geneva Williams

Student
San Mateo, CA

Geneva is a high school student and she is walking because she wants people of her generation to know about the importance of the suffrage movement. She is part of three generations of women from her family participating as an out walker.

Serene Williams

Women’s history teacher
San Mateo, CA

Serene is a women’s history teacher and is walking in honor of her late grandmother, Alice Lopez Velotta, who was born 1 year after the ratification of the 19th amendment. She is part of three generations of women from her family participating as an out walker.

Marilynne Garrison Kennedy Wilander

Retired Educator, Member League of Women Voters
Arcadia, CA

This is such an exciting year celebrating the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote and this is also the first year that my two oldest grandchildren Leah Kennedy, and Elliot Kennedy, will be voting. The Rose Parade is a great opportunity to show the world that the right to vote is essential....and must be protected. I want to share my passion for voting rights with the thousands who will be along the parade and watching on TV.

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It will be a momentous day for me to return to Pasadena, my hometown and be a part of a history making day celebrating the achievements of suffragists. It is an opportunity to continue "writing women back into history" and acknowledging those who led the way and those who continue the fight for equality.

My parents have watched the parade faithfully in person and on television for more than four decades. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to march in the parade and share this moment with them.

I am so proud to have been chosen by the Living Beauty Foundation to represent the women cancer survivors supported by this wonderful group and to follow in the footsteps of suffragists throughout the world. My profound wish is to inspire all who view our float to exercise their privilege and get out and VOTE!

While researching women’s suffrage for my novel, Remember the Ladies, I developed a deep gratitude for the women who fought with courage for the freedoms we enjoy. I walk in honor of them and my charity, Girls Love Mail, that gives hand-written letters to women with breast cancer.

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I want to walk in the Rose Parade honoring suffragettes because I feel that it’s vitally important that we never forget the sacrifices that those who came before us have made so that we may enjoy the rights they fought and in some cases, died for. Further, as an African American woman, I feel that we must teach our children the roles that All women have played in the fight for equal rights.

Daniella is proud to represent one of the first 36 states to ratify the 19th Amendment in the 2020 Rose Parade. She dedicates her participation to her mother, daughter, sister, grandmothers, aunts, and daughter-in-law, and to women and girls everywhere. Empower women and girls: your community will be stronger, wealthier, and healthier!

I march today in honor of my mother and grandmothers who taught me the value of being an informed voter and working to remove barriers in this country to ensure eligible citizens get to vote and have a voice.

It is my privilege to march with the Years of Hope, Years of Courage float to represent my hometown of Johnstown, New York, the birthplace of Elizabeth Cady Stanton. May my participation honor the courageous women who came before me, the extraordinary women of my family and my community, the wise women of the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites, and the young women that I teach.

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I am walking to represent and honor my wife, Miranda, my daughters, Elinor and Annabel, and my mother-in-law, Nan Johnson, for her lifelong dedication to women’s rights and her vision for this celebration. I also walk in memory and honor of suffragists past, including Kate Heffelfinger (a relative of Nan’s), whose courage and sacrifice moved society forward.”

I am from Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s hometown and I’ve always felt strongly about women’s rights. I do work through a nonprofit (Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Ass.) that helps women in need as well as promoting ECS and local tourism. By walking in the parade behind the float celebrating Women’s Suffrage, I’ll feel like I’m a part of an historical era and honoring Elizabeth’s legacy.

I love a parade. My first was as a girl scout walking in the Memorial Day parade in Wilton, CT. In 1982, I organized an ERA parade in Century City, CA with 10,000 people, kids and dogs. So, participating in the Rose Bowl parade celebrating the 100th anniversary of women winning the vote was a must do, for me.

I treasure the experience of seeing an idea become reality and knowing I was part of it and that I helped other women of color participate.

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Alexis Bailey

As a politically engaged young woman, I am honored to be commemorating the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage by representing Rider University and the state of New Jersey. I am proud to be marching in Pasadena Celebrates 2020 to represent my school and build upon the legacy of so many suffragists who ensured I would have the right to vote and pursue a career in government today.

Sarah Bell

I researched the Kansas woman suffrage movement for my PhD and gained an appreciation for the state from studying these courageous women. Having the opportunity to represent Kansas in the Rose Parade is the perfect culmination of many years of research on suffrage.

Marsha Weinstein

As the President of the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites I am honored to be part of the grand tradition of the Tournament of Rose Parade to honor our suffrage foremothers. My goal is to network with other parade Out Walkers enabling us to use our shared passion to inspire a new generation of women leaders to grasp the legendary torch and continue to demand equal rights for all.

Dr. Kimberly Salter

I want to be part of this historic event in gratitude for all the women who fought for my right to vote but never got the opportunity themselves. The least I can do is walk in their footsteps.

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Out Walkers

Cynthia Sanders (Cindy)
President
GFWC
Mount Diablo District
Tracy, CA

The General Federation of Women’s Club emblem was approved in 1920. The design shows a crusader’s shield signifying enlightenment, emerging from the darkened world and courage for eternity. The GFWC currently has 80,000 members worldwide with a motto “Unity in Diversity”. This organization was instrumental in helping women to win the right to vote. It is an honor to represent the GFWC at this year’s Rose Bowl Parade.

Dr. Philunte’ Riddle
Pasadena, CA

Even though Negro women were not included in the 1920 voting rights act, these brave women stood in the face of threats, abuse and jail to spread awareness of unequal treatment. My grandmother and mother weren’t allowed to cast their first vote until a century later in 1965. I am a proud African American woman walking in the memory of my great-grandmother, grandmother and mother, who were all born in Birmingham, Alabama.

Andrea Chambliss

I volunteered to become an Ambassador because a Women’s right to vote is an historic and monumental event. Our contribution to the fabric in American society is undeniable. I have a passion for social justice and I consider it an obligation to serve humanity. We have a commitment to create a just, sacred, and sustainable world for women to have a powerful impact that will stand for future generations.

Sherri Sisson

I am honored to belong to this organization that provides unbiased political information. Our democracy is only as strong as the knowledge of our citizens. We are an organization that works to improve the general welfare of the people. I was born just after my home state of Hawaii was granted statehood, now living in Irvine, California married to my high school sweetheart. Working, mother of two independent adult children

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Ambassadors

**Sharelle Jones**

I'm in this year's Hope & Courage activity for my African American ancestors. The ladies of AKA fought for our rights to vote and I want to serve in their memories.

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**Kathryn Kay**

I am honored to serve as a Rose Parade Ambassador for Pasadena Celebrates 2020. I cannot think of a better way to step into the next decade than to celebrate the passage of the 19th amendment, and acknowledge the women who worked tirelessly to secure the right to vote for future generations. As a mother and grandmother of young women, I am grateful to all the women, past, present, and future who stand united with hope and courage for a better world”.

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**Melody Scott**

The reason I chose to volunteer is 2-fold. One I want to honor the work of the women who made it possible for me to vote. Second, I enjoy volunteering to work in parades, so this opportunity was a great match for me.

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**Marcie Bradshaw**

I am volunteering because of the importance of the Women's Suffrage movement which represents the strength of all women. I believe that the 2020 Celebration is an opportunity for Pasadena to continue to be represented on the world stage as a forward thinking City.
When women see other women working together it keeps us inspired to continue in our quest to control and define our destiny.

I give homage & praise to the African American women who were not promoted in the struggle to obtain voting & individual equality rights but through their dedication I experience the right to vote and more today.
Out Walkers

Lisa Allswede
Andrea Clifford
Ariella Cubero
Mary Dickson
Ilissa Gold
Tanyalynnette Grimes
Joan Hardie
Amy Howorth
Julie Lansing
Costantino Magnatta
Isabela Martinez
Amber McReynolds
Tunisia Offray
Jennifer Pinkerton
Lena Taylor
Lizette Villalobos
Riley Wagner
Kathryn C Wiita

Ambassadors

Veronica Polite Weir
Carolyn West

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YEARS OF HOPE.  YEARS OF COURAGE.
AND A YEAR FULL OF GRATITUDE.

We proudly acknowledge these generous donors and volunteers who made this float possible.

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Vice Mayor, City of Pasadena, Tyrone Hampton & Tara Hampton
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We also thank the hundreds of supporters from diverse backgrounds and different regions who contributed their pennies to dollars. And a giant thank you to our float riders and the one hundred walkers representing states, organizations and voices marching to honor our suffrage sisters and brothers. This float was achieved by many hands and hearts to commemorate this landmark in our nation’s history.
The Strength of Community.

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The 100th Year Anniversary of The Passage of the 19th Amendment
2020 Centennial Woman Suffrage Float

Years of Hope Years of Courage

Float Designed by Artistic Entertainment Services

Float Concept Description - describe from front of float to back Front of the float will have our theme Years of Hope. Years of Courage with the front of the float representing the future, moving forward. We will have 3 banners in the front of the float (Passing the Torch - #Equality - Votes for All). The middle of the float will be the Statue of Liberty creating a sense of Victory and Celebration. The Statue of Liberty will hold a book that has the 19th Amendment written across the front and back which portrays the 100-year celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women in the United States the right to Vote! The Statue of Liberty is inspiring all people and a positive future moving us forward. The Back of the float represents history acknowledging the suffrage movement that through hope, persistence and courage moved the country forward winning women’s rights to vote. There will be three banners in the back of the float (Women Win the Vote - 1920 - Failure is Impossible - The Woman of the Future is yet to be). The flowers throughout the float will represent the colors of the suffrage era: purple, gold and white. There will also be a red, white and blue band of flowers around the oat representing the American ag. Pasadena Celebrates 2020 logo will be displayed on the float. We will have riders dressed in costumes. We are also planning to have 100 Out Walkers dressed in costume.

Flowers and Dry Materials Used for Decorating-
Includes unique uses and pronunciation. The statue will be covered mainly in eucalyptus leaf. The torch in yellow straw flower. All the banners will be in purple statice, gold clover seed, white rice and yellow straw flower. The ribbons around the float will be covered in blue statice, red cranberry seed and white button mums. The stars will be in combinations of white coconut, white rice, white beans and white mums. The float base will have thousands of purple irises, gold roses, white roses and yellow roses.
Primary Message to be Conveyed to Audience

PAST – PRESENT - FUTURE “Upon their shoulders we won the vote. Upon our shoulders, we protect the vote. We celebrate and build for the future.”

“Upon their shoulders we won the vote; upon our shoulders, we protect the vote, celebrate, and build for the future.”

Objectives/Goals for Participation in the Rose Parade

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment, securing for women the right to vote. The float is designed as a symbol of inspiration and a reminder for all Americans to recognize the responsibility and the power to Vote. This initiative is under the umbrella of the National Women’s History Alliance, a 501c 3 charitable organization, committed to the goals of education, empowerment, equality and inclusion.

OUR MISSION:

Together with the men and women in every state, the “Pasadena Celebrates 2020” initiative will promote pride in, and dedication to the words of the amendment, its place in our constitution, the expansion of our democracy through the extension of the vote to the other half of the American population, shining a light on women’s accomplishments and the peaceful struggle for women’s equality and justice. The Celebration of Women Winning their Right to Vote, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, marks the extension of America's democracy to the other half of her population. This float will embody the 72-year campaign, showing how courage, dedication, persistence, collaboration and hope can triumph over barriers, opposition, defeats, and intimidation. It is a colorful story and a powerful inspiration for today’s democracy. It is a victory celebration for the citizens of the entire world and speaks directly from the heart and soul of America. The driving forces of this 72-year campaign were justice and hope.

Justice: for the cause of equality and the American promise of liberty and justice for all. And, Hope, which generated optimism and courage to work for their right to citizenship. The victory includes all races and ages, women and men, all classes and workers, calm victories and dangerous protesting, marches of thousands and solitary pickets and petitioners; civil and political action, home front and dinner table campaigning.

Brief Overview of Company or Organization

In 2018 Nan Johnson, retired Political Science Adjunct Professor at the University of Rochester, NY, founding director of the Susan B. Anthony Center and President of the AAUW (Rochester), moved to Pasadena and wondered what could be done to honor the Suffrage Centennial. In September of 2018 she formed a small group of eight women from the Pasadena community to support this initiative. On January 30, 2019, this group of eight women hosted a kickoff meeting to spread the word and get people in the community involved from various sectors ie; schools, government agencies, libraries, arts and many more. With nearly eighty people in attendance a plan was presented to the audience for a 2020 celebration of Women’s Right to Vote float. However, a float would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The group of volunteers pledged to fundraise for this float as a kick-off for this historical centennial. To date, more than half of the funds have been raised through grass-roots efforts from individuals who believe in this monumental tribute to women’s right to vote. Among the organizations supporting this float are the League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women, National Federation of Business and Professional Women, National Council of Negro Women, National Women’s Hall of Fame, Commission on the Status of Women (Pasadena) and the National Women’s History Alliance. Additional individual donors and supporters are Congressman Adam Schiff, Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, LA County District 5 Supervisor Kathryn Barger, President of the NAACP (Pasadena) Allen Edison, and many others.
2020 Centennial Woman Suffrage Float

The float depicts the early days of suffrage parades, through the civil rights movement to the present, where we pass the torch forward toward a brighter future for women. A 30-foot tall replica of the Statue of Liberty lighting the way rises from the center of the float that bears the moniker “Years of Hope. Years of Courage”. The float boasts 18 float riders, including a Bouquet of Descendants, of the early pioneers of the Suffrage movement.

The centennial float is followed by a robust out walker contingent. Walking with the float are 100 people from various organizations sharing their diverse voices. Representing 33 of the 36 states needed to ratify the 19th amendment are women from Maine to Washington State, and from the North to the South. They proudly acknowledge their state’s role in this important landmark for women by celebrating the courage needed 100 years ago to stand up for progress, equality and justice. The diversity of these ratifying states shows how we as a nation can unify around a just cause. Our out walkers symbolize the vast and varied roles women play in our workforce today. Some walkers are teachers and city employees; others are artists and community builders. They’ve raised funds, held bake sales and sold knitted goods to march with us in the parade.

The Pasadena Celebrates 2020 Committee toasts all our out walkers and float riders for bringing their passion for social justice and political equality to the Centennial Woman Suffrage Float. We invite everyone to celebrate with us in unity!
The Out Walkers

The Out Walkers are part of the organizations that represent women voters.

Alexis Bailey
Amber McReynolds
Amy Howorth
Andrea Clifford
Anne Coon
Ariella Cubero
Barbara Bellfield
Bonnie Valachovic
Bonnie Wallace
Brandy Grace
Brenda Grant
Brenda Terzian
Carmen Boykin
Carolyn Peth
Catherine Alvarado Ciffone
Catherine Hanaway
Charlotte Bland
Cheri Helt
Cindy Bulloch
Cindy Sanders
Costantino Magnatta
Daniella Zimmerman
Dawn Dyer
Deborah Hughes
Denise Montoya
Diana Carpenter-Madoshi
Diana Peterson-More
Elizabeth (Liz) Archuleta
Elizabeth Dietz
Elizabth Tabor
Elizabth Warren
Ellen Bowen
Ellen Snortland
Emily Jones
Emily Lewellen
Ciffone Smith
Francine Smith
Fredie Kay
Geena Clonan
Geneva Williams
Gina Mulligan
Guadalupe Diaz
Hester Bell
Ilissa Gold
Isabela Martinez
Jane Guthrie
Janet Braun JJ
Jennifer Pinkerton
Joan Hardie
Julia Burrows
Julie Lansing
Karen Fraser
Kate Kennedy
Katherine Field
Kathleen Plate
Kathryn C. Wiita
Kimberly Plater
Kimberly Salter
Kristina Mitchell
Ladeane Taylor
Lee Anne Wentz
Lena Taylor
Linda Paquette
Lindsay Horvath
Lisa Allswede
Lizette Villalobos
Marcelle Doll
Margaret (Peggy) Guthrie Van Acker
Marilyn Artus
Marilynne Wilander
Mark Haddad
Marni Brook
Marsha Weinstein
Martha Rivera
Mary Ann Borgeson
Mary Dickson
Maureen Charles
Melanie Caldwell-Holden
Nancie Bennett
Nancy Brown
Natalie Edwards
Natalya Romo-Jones
Neda Bolourchi
Patricia Alvarado
Patricia Bourdeau
Pauline Field
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Riley Wagner
Roberta Davis
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Tanyalynnette Grimes
Tara Newman
Tiffany Emhoff
Tunisia Offray
Beverley Morgan-Sandoz
After meeting at the First World Anti-Slavery Convention in London where U.S. female delegates are humiliated, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott vow to advance women’s rights upon their return to America. Eight years later they hold the first ever Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York igniting a seventy-two-year battle for the right to vote! Stanton wrote the Declaration of Sentiments that was presented July 1848 at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Among the rights Stanton declared be granted women, the right to own property, to public speaking, to custody of their children upon divorce; was the right to the elective franchise. The tenacious spirit of this female pioneer that fought to achieve political equality alongside man shocked many of the attendees both male and female.

However, the publisher of the North Star, an Abolitionist newspaper and a free black man, Frederick Douglass, rose to enlist everyone there to sign the Declaration and support women’s rights. Famous for his orator skills and his book, Narrative of A Slave, Douglass argued, “Right is of no sex. Woman is justly entitled to all we claim for man.” Swaying about 100 of the 300 attendees with his call to action, most feared losing their standing in society should they sign the document.

Douglass was also a friend of the venerable Susan B. Anthony. Susan knew Douglass from his visits to the family’s Rochester household to hear her father hold court among the Abolitionists gathered there. Susan always greeted guests on their porch, listened with a keen ear and grew up secure in the belief to marry was to give up all her rights. Susan chose a career as a Teacher and was employed as Headmistress at Canajoharie Academy when the Seneca Falls meeting occurred.

Susan left the profession to work in social reform. In 1851 Susan was introduced to Stanton and the two became fast friends. Thereafter the young woman with the brown curls could be seen running across fields to Stanton’s unruly house to strategize on their next best tactic to advance women’s rights; embarking on a lifelong friendship that would steer the woman suffrage movement toward the 20th Century. The mother of eleven children, Stanton became the voice that wrote the speeches and Susan the legs that carried them forward. Together they wrote the legislature that would eventually pass as the 19th Amendment as well as six volumes of the History of Woman’s Suffrage.

Another pioneer of early suffrage effort was Harriet Tubman, African American freedom fighter for the Underground Railroad. After the Civil War Tubman embraced suffrage rights and equal rights with unbridled passion. Harriet traveled to New York, Boston and Washington to speak in favor of women’s rights. She described her sacrifices as well as countless other women throughout history as evidence as woman’s equality to man. When asked if she believed Women ought to have the vote she replied, “I suffered enough to believe it.”

Carrying the message forward in the latter part of the 19th century was Ida B. Wells. Known as an African American investigative journalist, educator and an early leader in civil rights - Ida was also a persuasive speaker for women’s rights, headlining national and international tours. In 1896 along with Tubman she formed the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs to organize African American women across states. In Chicago Wells formed the Alpha Suffrage Club to further voting rights for women and to teach black women to be civically involved. Ida fully embraced this philosophy in 1913 at the Suffrage Parade in Washington D.C. the day before Woodrow Wilson’s inauguration. Wells was told to march with a colored delegation at the end of the parade, but Wells who had fought against segregation, schooled Suffragists on inclusion by joining the all white Chicago delegation instead.

Today we can’t imagine the courage it took to speak out against society’s norms so long ago. We can’t imagine the hope Suffragists had to hang onto for seventy-two years while fighting for the vote. Today we acknowledge these early pioneers of the suffrage movement. Standing upon their shoulders we won the vote. Upon our shoulders we protect the vote. We celebrate and build for our future.
Our Bouquet of Descendants

Coline Jenkins is a legislator, author, television producer, and the great, great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who launched the Woman Suffrage Movement in 1848. She is also the great granddaughter of Harriot Stanton Blatch, a major organizer of New York State woman suffrage during its 1913-1915 militant period. Ms. Jenkins grew up campaigning for women's rights and firmly believes equality is attainable. President and co-founder of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust, Coline shares its treasures with Museums, Presidential Libraries, Documentary Film Makers, TV programs and Publishers. Dedicated to inspiring both awareness and pride in Woman's History, this lending practice fulfills their mission - To preserve the history of the women's rights movement, to educate the public on this history, and to promote advancement of women's rights. Ms. Jenkins is a resident of Greenwich, Connecticut where she has served as a municipal legislator for thirty years. Her 2009 testimony before the U.S. Senate contributed to federal legislation being passed to create a national trail of historic sites known as The National Votes for Women Trail. Ms Jenkins tireless work as the Vice President of MonumentalWomen.org will prove valuable for years to come with the creation of the first statue of real women in New York’s Central Park of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth, in recognition of the centennial of the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment.

Kenneth B. Morris Jr. is the great-great-great-grandson of Frederick Douglass. He is an ambassador for human rights first, sits on the board of directors at the young Americans performing arts organization, has served as a partner at C&A marketing, and was an international entertainer at the start of his career. He is a world traveler who always remained rooted in family throughout his adventures and accomplishments. In late 2005, Ken read a national geographic magazine cover story called “21st century slaves.” The caption below the headline stunned him: “there are more slaves today than were seized from Africa in four centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.” When he read and absorbed this, he realized that his ancestor’s legacy was part of a calling for him – a calling to leverage history in order to help change the future for those held in modern-day slavery. The life he had been living all of those years ended abruptly, and, like Frederick Douglass, he too became an abolitionist. Call it fate or fortune, destiny or DNA, he had been chosen by this path. Bringing along his diverse talents and newfound awareness about modern slavery Ken embarked on a new career in 2007, that of co-founder and president of Atlanta based non-profit Frederick Douglass family initiatives (FDFI). Here he was able to dispel myths, while educating the public on America’s history of slavery and the immense role his ancestor played in emancipation and education pre and post America’s civil war. Ken couldn’t have predicted that one day he would be defined by characteristics that so closely defined his ancestors, as his esteemed heritage does not stop there - Morris is also the great-great-grandson of educator and founder of Tuskegee Institute, Booker T. Washington. Inheriting Douglass’s gift for oration and Washington’s zeal for education, Morris further fulfilled FDFI’s mission, as a prolific lecturer at universities, featured guest of tv and news programs, and award-winning documentaries. Morris has also been honored to be a keynote speaker at the United Nations on several occasions. Project Protect, a partnership with California-based nonprofit organizations, 3strands global foundation and Love Never Fails, provides online grade-level appropriate, state standard-compliant human trafficking training for educators and prevention curricula, to California schoolchildren from grade school to high school, as well as, the one million abolitionists project where FDFI is endeavoring to giveaway one million copies of a special bicentennial edition of Frederick Douglass’s first autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave,* to students everywhere. In addition to his many awards, Ken was the very first man to be awarded women’s e-news - 21 leaders for the 21st century Ida B. Wells Award for Bravery in Journalism.
Ernestine (Tina) Martin Wyatt is the Great-Great-Great Grandniece of Harriet Tubman, and like her ancestor Tina fights for change through activism. In high school Tina fought successfully to have African American history and literature included in her public high school’s curriculum and just like her Aunt Harriet, she flourished in a long career in nursing. Also, a teacher, Tina taught art to children in Pre-K-6th grades for the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) system, where she was instrumental in implementing an object-based learning curriculum in partnership with the Smithsonian Department of Education. This was designed to broaden a child’s lifestyle of learning, thereby achieving a higher level of critical thinking skills while making real life connections. Tina received her Bachelor of Art in Studio Art and Art History from the University of Maryland and her Master of Art degree in Museum Studies from George Washington University. One of Tina’s recent accomplishments is the addition of her artwork to the permanent collection of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. Currently, Tina seeks to promote the legacy of Harriet Ross Tubman. One of the ways is as cofounder of Harriet Tubman Day in Washington District of Columbia. Through the “Celebrate to Educate” ceremony she works to inspire and bring accurate awareness of Harriet Tubman’s life, her participation in the Civil War and life in the Nation’s Capital. In addition, Tina is working on partnering with the “Harriet Was Here” project of the “John Brown Lives” organization, which will bring understanding of Harriet’s time in the Nation’s backyard to schools in DCPS. Tina enjoys life while residing in Washington, D.C. with her husband and family, to whom she passes down the same belief she shares with her famous Aunt Harriet, taking yourself out of the center of things to serve the needs of others.

Michelle Duster is an award-winning author, speaker, public historian, and writing professor at Columbia College, Chicago. She has written, published and contributed to a total of nine books, including the anthology, *Michelle Obama’s Impact on African American Women and Girls*, and two, which feature the writings of her paternal great-grandmother, Ida B. Wells. Duster sees some similarities between her great-grandmother and her Whitney Young High School classmate Obama. “Both faced a lot of criticism in a very public way and they didn’t let that distract them from focusing on their work. They both managed to live by their own terms. They are Americans who defined and redefined Black womanhood,” says Duster. In addition to her writing, she works tirelessly to promote the contributions that African Americans and women have made to the United States. In Chicago she has worked to honor the legacy of Wells by contributing to efforts to have a major downtown Chicago street renamed to Ida B. Wells Drive, making it the first downtown Chicago street named after a woman or person of color. Duster was also involved in the implementation of an honorary street named Ida B. Wells Way and a historical marker to honor where the Ida B. Wells Homes stood in a Bronzeville neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago from 1941 to 2002. She has worked on a committee for eleven years to create a Chicago monument to Wells to be installed in 2020. Duster has also provided input into monuments and honors to Wells in Memphis, Washington DC, and several Mississippi locations. Currently, Duster is involved in creating a documentary film about Wells and the tributes and monuments honoring her iconic great grandmother. She is also busy assembling a coalition, to create statewide honors for Illinois suffragists, as well as working on a pop culture biography of Wells, and co-editing an anthology about activism.

Marci Magnatta is the seventh cousin of the beloved Susan B. Anthony by way of her great, great grandmother Ester Deitrich. Ester was very rich in heritage. Ester shared the same set of Grandparents as Susan B Anthony did and Ester’s father, Eliza Lapman, was awarded New York’s highest medal for his work on the Underground Railroad. After Ester married, she had six children, one was a boy named Gerald. Marci is the granddaughter of Gerald through her mother Janette. Back, in 1933 Ester was the closest living relative to Anthony at that time. Ester served as the Grand Marshall in the Susan B. Anthony Parade in Rochester, New York. Marci was the thrilled 10-year-old child to walk along side her great, great grandmother Esther. She recalls how Ester proudly carried a picture of mother Elma Lapman with her. This was when Marci visited cousin Susan’s home, which had become a landmark to preserve Anthony’s legacy. The red-brick Susan B. Anthony home in Rochester, New York, displays both Elma Lapman’s and Esther Dietrich’s portrait in the entry way. In the past, ancestors have gathered at Rochester’s Susan B. Anthony Festival, where they celebrated the 19th Amendment and kicked off a month-long Voter Registration Drive with the help of Wegmans Food Markets. Today, Marci’s grandfather Gerald and his brother Al Deitrich, are Susan B. Anthony’s closest living relatives. Currently, Marci serves as the lead for the Visitor Museum Experience for the Catalina Island Museum. She is very proud to represent Susan B. Anthony and all she stood for.
**Historical Organizations Promoting Women’s Rights**

**After the 1848 Convention** other conventions sprung up across the country to forward women’s rights and the declarations set forth in Seneca Falls. Women everywhere started to question society’s norms and expand their career possibilities. While teaching children was open to females, rising to higher positions and obtaining higher education remained closed to advancement except for a privileged few. In addition, girls were not encouraged to participate in outdoor activities or tasks society deemed unsuitable for women. Inspired by the forthright philosophy the suffrage leaders put forward, women became more confident in expressing their discontent with male dominance. It wasn’t long before myriad diverse women began to coalesce around advocating for equal opportunity to express themselves, and organizations to support them appeared across the nation.

The **League of Women Voters (LWV)**, was formed about six months previous to the passing of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote in August of 1920. Founded by Emma Smith Devoe, leader of the National Council of Women Voters and Carrie Chapman, leader of the National Women Suffrage Association. LWV continued to educate women on the election process and how to lobby for favorable legislation, bringing the power of numbers to their merger. That summer their prolific efforts proved fruitful and they celebrated their hard-won victory of winning the vote with the entire nation. This unifying participation that began as a political experiment grew into a stalwart organization that has more than gained it’s standing in our democratic society 100 years later. They set to work immediately gathering research and forming committees to further voting rights for women of color whose voting rights were still being suppressed. The League promptly lobbied for establishment of the U. N. and subsequently became one of the first groups to receive status as a non-governmental organization within the United Nations. League positions support equal access to education and employment, woman’s reproductive choices, equal pay for women, environmental health, governmental fiscal responsibility and the Voting Rights Act. LWV created National Voter Registration Day, when volunteers statewide register new voters and remind existing ones to vote. The League of Women Voters is officially nonpartisan and does not support or oppose candidates or parties, it does however support myriad progressive positions that

**The American Association of University Women (AAUW)** is the creation of truly visionary women, who in 1881 sought to form an organization of women college graduates that would assist women in finding greater opportunities to use their education, as well as to promote and assist college attendance. Empowering women as individuals and as a community for 139 years, AAUW has worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. Its mission is: To advance gender equity for women while espousing non-partisan, fact-based values that lead with integrity, inclusion and intersectionality. Their history lies with Marion Talbot and Ellen Swallow Richards who invited 15 alumnae from 8 colleges to a meeting in Boston. The organization subsequently branched out into an association of its time period that fought to dispel the belief that a college education would result in infertility. They published a report in 1885 with the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor; showing proven data demonstrating higher education did not harm a woman’s health or her childbearing ability. In the late 1800’s AAUW developed a Fellowship Program to support the education of women that remains in place today. After merging with the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae, a group whose committees encompassed, fine arts, outdoor occupations, domestic professions, press journalism and higher education; they expanded their efforts towards gaining the elective franchise for women. Afterwards, the ever-growing grassroots organization merged with the Southern Association of College Women to create the modern day AAUW. Its efforts over the years make AAUW one of the world’s largest sources of funding exclusively for women college graduates and pioneering research on women, girls, and education. In addition, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is the U.S.’s largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination against women in higher education. Its work today, under the leadership of **Julia Brown**, also includes advocating for preserving women’s health and economic rights, as well as encouraging and assisting women everywhere to get out and vote not only nationally but locally.

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help shape policy and inform citizen participation at all levels. Today LMV thrives under the leadership of Chris Carson and Virginia Case. We congratulate LMV on their Centennial Anniversary.

For Women of Color obstacles remained steadfast as some states continued to block voting rights. Practices to segregate communities, deny education, refuse employment, block citizenship, and put social rules in place that prohibited integration in all aspects, were still standard custom that affected economic stability in communities across our nation. The facts remain while the 19th Amendment granted all women citizens the right to vote, many groups were yet to be recognized. Native Americans were given the vote in 1924, Chinese Americans in 1943, our Voting Rights Act in 1965 protected racial minorities, and in 1971, the 23rd amendment gave the vote to all citizens eighteen years of age and older.

The NCNW, National Council of Negro Women, founded in 1935 by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune played an important, imperative role in the struggle for human and civil rights. As the largest and most enduring organization of and for African American women, the NCNW organized a nationwide network “to collect, interpret, and disseminate information” about African American women’s activities. Their committees immediately got to work demanding the Poll Tax be eliminated, an Anti-Lynching Bill be passed, to end discrimination in the Armed Forces, and to have African American History taught in Public Schools. Dr. Bethune, with the full support of the NCNW, pressed for establishment of the Fair Employment Practices Committee and served as a Delegate at the U.S. International Conference that was charged with designing the United Nations’ UN Charter. During the Civil Rights Movement under Dr. Dorothy Heights’ leadership, the NCNW concentrated their efforts on housing for Negro communities, civil rights, voter registration, and programs that provided social services and economic assistance. Today the NCNW continues to be the paramount center for research and advocacy for black women fulfilling its mission to: Advance the opportunities and quality of life for African America women, their families, and communities. Under the leadership of Dr. Johnnetta Cole, NCNW’s national and international programs include educational initiatives, a publication entitled African American Women as We Age to educate women on health and finances, a National Obesity Abatement Initiative, Worldwide Technological and Entrepreneur Empowerment Programs, as well as maintaining their consultative status with the U.N.

The Ms. Foundation for Women mission is: To build women’s collective power in the U.S. to advance equity and justice for all. Achieving their mission by investing in and strengthening the capacity of women-led movements to advance meaningful social, cultural and economic change in the lives of women. Formed in 1973 by four visionary women to elevate women’s voices and create positive change, the organization continues to be a powerful entity leading the charge on women’s issues nationwide. The Foundation advocates for change for all women, especially bringing attention to women of color and low income, and tirelessly works toward national and statewide policy for true equality, equity and opportunity. Continuing in the founders influence current president, Teresa Younger, honors Patty Carbine, Letty Cottin-Pogrebin, Gloria Steinem, Marlo Thomas and Marie C. Wilson by carrying on the Foundation’s positive influence in an ever-changing world, breaking down barriers as they go.

Women’s voices continue to rise and while we’ve come a long way, the glass ceiling still exists. However, globally women have connected and collaborated on the ground and in the ether to form strong alliances to continue the fight for equal rights for all. Technology has played its part in building global communities to educate, advocate, network and create further change.

The Women’s Intercultural Network was formed in 1995 as a consultative organization to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and participated in the 4th World Conference on Women, known as the Beijing Conference; where 40,000 women and girls from 189 countries joined together to form a Platform for Action, partnering with Apple Computer to link all the women leaders at the NGO Parallel Forum in China. This Platform was modeled in its California headquarters, where it became known as the California Women’s Agenda. WIN’s mission is to assure that all women and girl’s voices are heard in all forums and to give full participation in their governments and economies. Connecting women and girls across cultures for collective action on the ground and on the worldwide web, WIN creates a practical space for exchanging ideas and skills in professional, economic and political leadership. Win designs new models for women’s joint advocacy globally, to seek solutions to mutual concerns by adapting information technology and new media systems for access to all women and girls. The Network develops a common language of activism and hosts females in leadership roles, providing space and opportunity for women to come together and share their voices and call to action. Promoting collaboration to create change, WIN believes in building bridges across cultures,
classes, ages, religions, lifestyles and abilities, sharing their philosophy “It is the girl who shapes the woman”. Elahe Amani, is honored as president to carry on their mission.

Our Branch of Notable Women Who Represent These Organizations

Julia Brown, Sylvia Acevedo, Chris Carson, Virginia Kase, Johnnetta Cole, Teresa Younger & Elahe Amani

Julia T. Brown, Esq., is Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a member of the New Mexico Municipal League and the International City/County Manager’s Assn as well as two affiliates of ICMA, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators-NFBPA and the Local Government Hispanic Network-LGHN. She’s also been Sunland Park City Manager since January 2018. Prior to this position she served as Dona Ana County Manager from 2013 to 2017 and has a wealth of experience in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Brown is a licensed attorney who graduated from Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma College of Law, where she was law class President. She has worked at all levels of government in Oklahoma, Washington, DC and California, and in Corporate America. A former Assistant District Attorney and a former Assistant Attorney General in Oklahoma; Julia also served both as an enlisted soldier and an Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps (JAG) Officer, Julia retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, and Deputy Commander of the 75th Legal Support Organization. As City Manager, Brown is the sole direct-report employee of the City Council overseeing day-to-day operations of the city. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors related to her work experience and community and civic volunteer efforts. Ms. Brown’s undergraduate degree in political science was earned at Oklahoma State University. Her LLM (Masters) in Military Justice was awarded by the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s School at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Julia has done further graduate studies in Public Policy and Public administration at the Maxwell School (Citizenship & Public Affairs) Syracuse University, NY and the L. B. J. School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin.

Sylvia Acevedo, a life-long Girl Scout, was appointed CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA in May 2017. She served as a member of the GSUSA Board of Directors from 2009 to 2016 and as an officer and member of its Executive Committee. Since assuming leadership at Girl Scouts, Sylvia’s bold initiatives have underscored the organization’s commitment to serving all girls with cutting-edge, research-backed, and girl-centered programming that ensures the country’s workforce pipeline is filled with true go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders - what Girl Scouts call G.I.R.L.s. Sylvia was one of the first Hispanic students, male or female, to earn a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University - an MS in industrial engineering - and she holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in industrial engineering from New Mexico State University. She began her career working as a rocket scientist at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Sylvia has held positions with some of the world’s most respected companies, serving in executive and engineering roles at leading technology companies such as Apple, Dell Computer Corporation, Autodesk Inc and IBM. She has been widely recognized for her accomplishments in STEM and business, for her education advocacy, and for ongoing work to bring more girls into the STEM pipeline. She is the author of Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist, a memoir for middle school students meant to inspire them to live the life of their dreams.

Chris Carson is the president of the League of Women Voters of the United States. Ms. Carson has been a member of her local League for over 30 years, serving in every leadership role available. As a longtime League leader in California, in 2011 Ms. Carson served as the state League’s Redistricting Program Director. She led redistricting reform efforts, serving as one of the drafters of California’s historic redistricting reform, as well as spearheading the California League’s effort to pass this ballot measure. She has also worked on effective implementation of this reform, interacting with a statewide coalition, including voting rights groups and minority language groups. She continues to serve as an advisor to Leagues around the country on local redistricting reform. Ms. Carson is a third generation California native with a B.A. from Immaculate Heart College and an M.A. in History from the University of Southern California. Ms. Carson taught American history and government.
**Virginia Kase** is the CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States where she is leading the organization through transformation and growth, focused on building power centered around issues of voting rights and democracy reform. Prior to joining the League in 2018, she served as COO of CASA, an organization at the forefront of the immigrant rights movement. Earlier in her career, Virginia spent eight years serving as the National Technical Assistance and Training Manager at the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) in Washington, DC addressing issues of urban violence, economic, racial and social inequality. Virginia has more than 20 years’ experience working in the non-profit sector and is a passionate activist and advocate for social justice. She has appeared on various television news programs, published multiple opinion pieces for The Hill newspaper, and been quoted in news articles including *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *Glamour*.

**Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Ph.D.** is a noted educator, author, speaker and consultant on diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion in educational institutions, museums and workplaces. After receiving a Ph.D. in anthropology, Dr. Cole held teaching positions in anthropology, women’s studies, and African American studies at several colleges and universities. She served as President of both historical Black colleges for women in the United States, Spelman College and Bennett College, a distinction she alone holds. She also served as the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, as a Principal Consultant at Cook Ross, and as a Senior Consulting Fellow at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Dr. Cole is currently the Chair and Seventh President of the National Council of Negro Women. The NCNW is an advocacy organization for women’s rights and civil rights. Throughout her career and in her published work, speeches, and community service, Johnnetta Betsch Cole consistently addresses issues of race, gender, and other systems of inequality.

**Teresa C. Younger**, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, the first (and oldest) women’s foundation, is a renowned thought leader, strategist, advocate, activist and amplifier, having spent over 20 years on the frontlines of some of the most critical battles affecting the lives of women and their communities. Most recently, under Ms. Younger’s leadership, the Ms. Foundation launched its bold new strategic plan, in which the organization has chosen to center women and girls of color and challenge the philanthropic sector around how women, particularly women and girls of color, are invested in. As a thought leader, Ms. Younger’s contributions and expertise to the nonprofit and social justice arenas has been noted in *BIG IMPACT: Insights and Stories from America’s Nonprofit Leaders, the Women’s Leadership Online Summit*. She’s also been recognized by the Council on World Affairs, Aspen Institute, Princeton University, and more. In 2015 she was chosen by Planned Parenthood Federation of America as a Dream Keeper, and in 2016 was named one of the “50 Most Powerful Women in Philanthropy” by *Inside Philanthropy*. She has appeared on MSNBC’s Melissa Harris Perry Show, MSNBC’s UP with David Gura, NPR Radio, *Elle Magazine* with interviews in USA Today, AP, Rewire, BadassWomenLeaders.com podcast and the New York Times. Prior to joining the Ms. family, Ms. Younger’s served as the executive director of the Connecticut General Assembly’s Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and as executive director of the ACLU of Connecticut – making her the first African American and the first woman to hold that position. Ms. Younger is a graduate of the University of North Dakota and an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in Humanities from the University of New Haven. Ms. Younger is also a lifetime Girl Scout.

**Elahe Amani** is the Chair of Global Circles of Women’s Intercultural Network, WIN, a global women’s organization with grassroots circles in Uganda, Japan and Afghanistan. In addition, Amani was the founding member of Iranian Circle of WIN. A gender equality, human rights, and peace activist, she is also a trained mediator, serving as Co-Chair of Mediators Beyond Borders International Institute. Elahe has also lectured through the Women’s Studies Department at CSU Long Beach and CSU Fullerton on issues related to gender, and the cultural and global woman’s movement. She has written extensively on human rights and women’s rights issues in both Persian and English. Having been an active member within the UN Commission on the Status of Women since 1985, she has also been heading workshops and chairing commissions for them since 1998. Elahe was asked to be the Keynote Speaker for the US Women Caucus at the UN in March of 2019. Her many awards and honors include being selected as one of seven Jurors, of the World Court of Women, in Bangalore, India in 2016 and the Peacebuilder Spotlight Award from Mediators Beyond Borders in 2017. Presently, as an Emeriti of CSU, Elahe also serves as the Director of Technology at California State University Fullerton.
These are the historical organizations represented on our Centennial Women’s Suffrage Float. However, we all know the world stage is ripe with organizations and **Change Agents** led by and participated in by a vast diverse group of women. There aren’t enough pages or enough floats to showcase the multitudes of organizations making our world stronger. Whether creating foundations or participating in organizations large and small, women’s contributions have changed the fabric of our world narrative. Through science, technology, medicine, labor movements and everyday humanitarian efforts, women have made the world a better place. Some of these change agents are also showcased on our float. However, we recognize that everyday unsung grandmothers, mothers, and daughters everywhere, continue to carry the torch of liberty forward lighting the way for generations to come.

**Yellow Rose Change Agents**

* Dolores Huerta, Leslie Masson, Dr. Lori Morgan, Lynette Greybull, MiMi Aung & Genetha Cleveland

**Dolores Huerta** is Founder & President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. She co-founded the United Farm Workers of America with Cesar Chavez. A civil rights activist and community organizer, she has worked for labor rights and social justice for over 50 years. In 1962, Dolores and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as Vice President and played a critical role in many of the union’s accomplishments for four decades. In 2002, she received the Puffin/Nation $100,000 prize for Creative Citizenship which she used to establish the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF). DHF is connecting groundbreaking community-based organizing to state and national movements to register and educate voters; advocate for education reform; bring about infrastructure improvements in low-income communities; advocate for greater equality for the LGBT community; and create strong leadership development. She has received numerous awards, among them The Eleanor Roosevelt Humans Rights Award from President Clinton in 1998. In 2012 President Obama bestowed Dolores with The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

**Leslie Masson** is our Gold Star Float Philanthropist. Raised in Altadena, California, Leslie grew up watching the Rose Bowl Parade with thousands of others on the bustling Colorado Boulevard. Later, Leslie viewed the floats at Victory Park. As a student at John Muir High School, Leslie helped decorate floats and rang in several New Years camping out in anticipation of the parade. Leslie’s passion for community involvement led her and husband, Colin Masson, to become the largest donors to make the Women Win the Vote Project a true reality, by joyfully sponsoring our Woman Suffrage Centennial Float. Leslie now lives in Lexington, Massachusetts where she stays active in the community and serves on several local and national boards. We’re deeply honored to have Leslie on our float this year, rather than watching from the sidelines.

**Dr. Lori J. Morgan**, MD, MBA, is the President and CEO of Huntington Hospital, a 619-bed, non-profit hospital in Pasadena, California. For over 127 years, Huntington Hospital has been a leader in creating community well-being through world-class health care delivered with kindness and dignity. Prior to joining the hospital, Dr. Morgan spent eight years as a Corporate Vice President of Legacy Health in Portland, Oregon. She served as President of Legacy Health’s largest facility in Portland, the 554-bed Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, and also as President and Chair of the Board for the Unity Center for Behavioral Health, a psychiatric hospital and emergency room developed in partnership with Adventist Health, Kaiser Health and Oregon Health Sciences University. As a Legacy Health executive, Dr. Morgan participated in setting business strategy, developing annual budgets and evaluating large-scale capital expenditures and major systems initiatives. Dr. Morgan was also a board member for the 2500 member CIN, Legacy Health Partners. Prior to joining Legacy, Dr. Morgan served as a Medical Director of the Trauma Trust in Tacoma, WA for nearly a decade, where she developed a new adult Level II Trauma Center and Pediatric Trauma Service. Dr. Morgan served as a Co-director of the Surgical ICU and trauma surgeon at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics between 1997 and 2000. Dr. Morgan received her medical degree from the University of Washington School of Medicine, completed her surgical residency at Stanford University Medical Center and her trauma/critical care fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center.
Dr. Morgan is a board-certified trauma surgeon and intensivist leading the medical field ever forward. She received her MBA from Pacific Lutheran University where she concentrated on technology and innovation management.

Lynnette Grey Bull, a full-blooded Native American of the Northern Arapaho – Hunkpapa Lakota Tribe and has been an active advocate for Indian Country for over a decade. Ms. Grey Bull is the Founder/Director of Not Our Native Daughters - an organization that focuses on the work and education of Human Trafficking of Native Americans and the Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls crises. Ms. Grey Bull presently serves as Vice President on the Global Indigenous Council, a coalition of over 200 Tribal Nations. She also serves as Wyoming Governor’s Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls Task Force, and the Wyoming Human Trafficking Task Force. Lynnette’s prior work was as Chair of the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs at the Governor’s office in 2015 -2016. Ms. Grey Bull also advocates for diversity and inclusion of Native Americans, cultural competency, environmental justice and advancing democracy & voting rights for Tribal Communities. She is a former Trainer & Advisor Consultant for the DOJ AMBER Alert Program 2014-2017. Lynnette has worked as a Subject-Matter-Expert and Tribal Liaison from various research and documentary projects. Ms. Grey Bull is also committed to, Get Out The Native Vote, and Advance Democracy in tribal communities. In 2018, Ms. Grey Bull successfully, led a team to campaign for Representative Andi Clifford (D-WY), a Native American Woman running for Wyoming State Legislation. Furthermore, she has successfully presented Congressional testimony on The Tribal Heritage Grizzly Bear Protection Act - May 2019, and on Tribal Youth Suicide in 2016 for the American Psychological Association on Capitol Hill. Not Our Native Daughters has educated over 7000 professionals, both on urban and Tribal communities. Ms. Grey Bull strives for the growth of a future where Native Americans prevail in all the same areas other ethnicities succeed in.

Genetha Cleveland, our Gold Star Girl Scout, is a high school senior within the Los Angeles Unified School District. She is involved in diverse activities at school such as the Makeup Club, Black Student Union, Best Buddies Club for Special Needs students, and she serves as Senior Class Secretary. In her personal life, Genetha enjoys being a Sunday School teen helper and National Council Delegate for Girl Scouts USA representing Greater Los Angeles. A passionate Girl Scout, who has been active for 11 years, Genetha declares, “Girl Scouts is very important to me, because it has given me an opportunity to meet new friends, try new things, and develop my voice as a young woman.” Recently, Genetha has earned the highest award, the Gold Award. My Gold Award, Cycle Away, was to teach other Girl Scouts and homeless women in Greater Los Angeles how to create reusable sanitary napkins. Yes, teaching how to make reusable sanitary napkins may sound weird to some, but this will help save the environment and help many other women that don’t have resources to sanitary pads. Genetha is proud to represent GSUSA and to be part of this momentous 100-year celebration. She is looking forward to a brighter future for women, girls and the world at large.

MiMi Aung is NASA’s Project Manager for the first experimental aircraft for another world – the Mars Helicopter. Raised in the Southeast Asian country of Myanmar (then Burma), MiMi Aung learned the value of hard work and the beauty in a well-crafted mathematical equation from her mother, the first Burmese woman to receive a doctorate in Mathematics from an American university. During her primary education, first in Myanmar and then Malaysia, MiMi developed a passion for space and the big questions that continue to exist today, such as, “How does the Universe Work? Is there life elsewhere? Are we alone?” At 16, MiMi traveled solo to the United States to pursue her academic goals. After receiving both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, MiMi joined NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory where she started her career working on mathematical equations for communicating with spacecraft hundreds of millions of miles away from Earth. During her time at JPL, MiMi became interested in the potential of autonomous systems for space exploration and focused her work on incorporating these first-of-a-kind capabilities into future NASA projects. In 2014, MiMi Aung was designated project manager for what would become NASA’s first flight test project for the Red Planet – the Mars Helicopter. In July of 2020, the Mars Helicopter will be launched to Mars on the same rocket, which will carry NASA’s Mars 2020 rover. Ms. Aung is a recipient of NASA’s Exceptional Service Medal. The BBC has chosen her to be one of their “100 inspiring and influential women from around the world for 2019.”
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We are thankful for all the attention you will place on our float. We worked very hard to make this happen. From a Team of 7 to now 50 women + plus helping out and making this an amazing idea come to life. We are thankful.

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