

Voices for Choice



President's Message

Believe it or not, our Grass Valley Reproductive Health Clinic, operated in collaboration with Women's Health Specialists of Chico, is celebrating its second anniversary. In this relatively short period of time, the clinic has counted about 2,800 visits from residents of Nevada County, a sure sign that the health services provided are needed by those who do not have insurance or who prefer the type of service provided.



To commemorate this exciting event, we invite you all to an Open House on Friday, May 30th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The clinic is located at 120 Richardson Street in Grass Valley. You will have an opportunity to tour the clinic, and to talk to clinic staff, as well as to NCCC Board members. We will be serving appetizers and refreshments and expect to have a great time. Please join us – we always love to meet you, our supporters, in person.

This is not all the good news I have to report! Because of the tremendous response of the Nevada County community to the clinic services provided, we will start being open one additional afternoon each week. We will soon announce when the clinic will be open, so watch for an

announcement. I am also happy to report that Women's Health Specialist has hired a new clinic manager to work at the Grass Valley clinic. This should bring about more positive changes.

When I speak of "our" success in regard to the clinic operation, I primarily think of all of you who provide the financial means of running the clinic. Your contributions are very much appreciated and put to good news.

Recently, the NCCC Board of Directors spent a Saturday working on a Strategic Plan to guide our actions for the next few years. Board members had an opportunity to contribute their vision for the future. We all identified a great need for additional Board and Committee members to assure that we can follow through on our ambitious yet doable plan. If you are at all interested, or if you know someone who is, please contact me at IngridElsel@hotmail.com.

I hope to see many of you at a the Clinic Anniversary celebration.

Ingrid Elsel
Celebrate!

WHS Clinic is located at
120 Richardson St
Suite D, Grass Valley
(entrance from rear
parking lot)

Wednesdays
1:00 — 6:00 PM
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ADVOCATING FOR CHOICE

Again this year, NCCC took part in the annual Reproductive Freedom Day in Sacramento on March 25. We do this to learn more about the current challenges and opportunities for reproductive and sexual health rights in California, to network and collaborate with other pro-choice organizations, and to educate our legislators about our positions on key legislative proposals affecting choice. This event is presented by the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom (CCRF).

For the first time, under the direction of your Public Policy team, Elaine Sierra and Peggy Wright, NCCC hosted a legislative advocacy training session and lobby day orientation for NCCC representatives beforehand. We joined with President Ingrid Elsel and Health Educators Sarah Molaro and Kristen Darling for the all-day event. We attended workshops on the Parental Notification Initiative and on intimate partner violence. We engaged in discussions about organizing for comprehensive sex education in our communities and about environmental toxins affecting reproductive health. And, we made legislative visits to urge our Assembly and Senate members to preserve the Medi-Cal safety net in the state’s 2008-2009 budget. Vital women’s health services, including reproductive and pregnancy-related care, are at risk of substantial cuts.

NCCC and CCRF coalition members will be devoting special attention, however, to opposing the third Parental Notification Initiative (PNI), expected to qualify for the November 4 General Election. Like Propositions 73 in 2005 and 85 in 2006, the new initiative is aimed at restricting access to abortions and would add new and onerous requirements, all of which would endanger California teenagers. This Initiative will be a major focus for NCCC and we will report more details in the next edition of this newsletter, in August.

As you can see, threats to reproductive freedom in California are only too real. If you would like to help in opposing these threats, join the Public Policy team or join our e-activist list to receive action alerts by email.

*Elaine Sierra,
Public Policy Committee Chair*

We send our best wishes for continuing improvement to former board member Susan Fivelstad, who suffered a brain hemorrhage on April 20 and is confined to an acute rehab facility in Sacramento. Rod, her husband, reports she is making daily progress in recovering speech and right-sided mobility. We know she is a fighter!

UPDATING OUR LOOK ??

OUR LOGO: We have contacted Katy Hight, a well-known local graphic artist, about giving our logo a new look., and she has agreed to work with us on this. If you’d like to see some of Katy’s portfolio, go to www.katyhight.com.

ADS & GRAPHICS: Thanks to Susan Rogers for connecting us with John Paul of Spiral Studios in Nevada City. John worked for the Equal Rights Amendment and we’re excited that he’s willing to work with us to update our ads and other graphics.

Suzanne Smith,

CLINIC NUMBERS

SERVICE	MARCH	APRIL
Annuals	10	19
STD’s	22	50
BC only	41	52
PS	16	18
OTHER	79	27
TOTAL	168	166

Running Total Visits – 2,714

FROM OUR OUTREACH EDUCATORS

We have several new basket locations: WIC, the Tattoo shop in Brunswick and the Mekka Café in Nevada City. These are great locations as they will reach teens and low income mothers. We also have promises for new baskets at Sierra Mountain Coffee Roasters in Brunswick, Serendipity in Grass Valley, and hopes for two tattoo shops in Grass Valley, the young parents program at the high school, a new recovery/counseling office in Nevada City, and other prospects.

Kristen has also visited the various bulletin boards around town to assess locations and possible future placements.

Sarah Molaro and Kristen Darling

In this photo below, Kristen is at left, Sarah on the right:



“ALOHA” FROM JOHN HOLLAND who writes from Hawaii to to say hello to his many friends and family — he recently celebrated his 80th birthday there with 31 family members.. He is pleased with NCCC’s successes and encourages its ongoing support.

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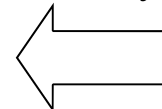
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Anniversary Party !!

Friday, May 30, 4:00—7:00

120 Richardson St, GV

For info 263-0003

Celebrating clinic's 2 years



GRISWOLD v. CONNECTICUT

June 7 marks the 43rd anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision establishing the right of married couples to use contraceptives. The Court found that "The concept of liberty... embraces the right of marital privacy..."

Can you believe it? This didn't happen until 1965.

GOOD NEWS: THE COST OF WOMEN'S HEALTH DRUGS

Wal-Mart recently announced its low-cost prescription drug plan that includes drugs to treat breast cancer, hormone deficiency, menopause and osteoporosis for \$9 for a 30-day supply. Also covered in the discount program are 30-day supplies of several family planning drugs.

Significantly, Target Stores has now announced it will match the major elements of Wal-Mart's program.

(One wonders what led these companies to the light... Ed.)

(As reported in the Wall Street Journal and the AP/New York Times in early May 2008.)

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 10
Grass Valley Elks Club

We are trying something different this year. **IT'S FREE.**

Come and join the celebration of choice Bring a friend. We'll have more than 100 silent auction items , plus some "choice" live auction items, hors d'oeuvres, and open bar (not free). Plan to join us — we hope to see you there!