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Get e-mails notifying you when important civil liberty issues are before your state or national legislature, governor or president and letters are needed to be sent to help pass or defeat legislation.

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Visit Us at The Petaluma Progressive Festival Sunday, September 2nd

We will be at the Petaluma Progressive Festival. Walnut Park, D St. & Petaluma Blvd., Petaluma, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Help table - Call Victor Chechanover at 778-7302

Volunteer for an ACLU Committee:

Use the reverse side of this newsletter to volunteer.

SISTER HELEN PREJEAN TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY & DINNER

Sister Helen Prejean, known internationally for her book *Dead Man Walking* will give the keynote address at the chapter's annual award ceremony & dinner March 7, 2002.

Her best selling book, *Dead Man Walking* chronicles her first visits to death row as she began to counsel two men awaiting execution in Louisiana and the profound changes it brought about to the men, the families of the victims and herself. Her book has been made into a movie and most recently an opera performed by the San Francisco Opera Company.

An outspoken critic of the death penalty, she also speaks out about the victims of crime and their need to be heard.

Sister Prejean is a wonderful speaker whose sometimes humorous, always thought provoking style will guarantee you an evening you will not forget

The dinner is moving to the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building across from the fairgrounds.

Mark Your Calendar!



Sister Helen Prejean

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Willing to help with our high school student essay contest? Let us know. People are needed to help contact local high school teachers, stuff envelopes, put up posters, and more. Call Susan Williamson at 579-1561

COME MEET YOUR CHAPTER'S BOARD AND HELP SET THE CHAPTER'S PRIORITIES

The Sonoma Chapter is setting up a series of meetings to talk to you about what the chapter has been doing and get input as to where we should focus more attention on. After meeting with our members we will meet with other community groups and set our agenda for the coming year. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

9/11 Petaluma Library 100 Fairgrounds Drive

9/25 Sebastopol Library 7140 Bodega Avenue

10/8 Sonoma County Library 3rd & E St., Santa Rosa

RSVP: 765-5005

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VOLUNTEER FOR A COMMITTEE A FEW HOURS WORK & YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Sonoma Chapter currently has openings in all of its committees and is seeking volunteers who are willing to give a few hours work to make a difference. Our committees are:

- Annual Dinner
- Chapter Website
- Death Penalty
- Economic Justice
- Education Student Essay Contest
- First Amendment Privacy
- Gay/Lesbian
- Police Practices DWB Citizen Review

The committees usually meet once a month to work on civil liberties issues that arise in Sonoma County. The committees allow the chapter to work effectively on a broad range of issues

This does not involve a lot of your time, but produces a lot of positive results. Prior experience is not necessary, just the desire to make a difference.

If you want to volunteer, fill out the form below, fold over the top of this page so the top of this page with the chapter's address is on the outside and mail it back to us. Or call the committee chairs: Annual Dinner/Website/Police Practices-DWB-Citizen Review: Steve Fabian 823-1667 Death Penalty: Victor Chechanover: 778-7302 Economic Justice: David Grabill 528-6811 Education/Student Essay Contest: Susan Williamson 579-1561 First Amendment/Privacy:

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> "It is through our committees that the ACLU can do its most effective work in the community. Invest some time in civil liberties"