

FEMINIST NEWS AND VIEWS

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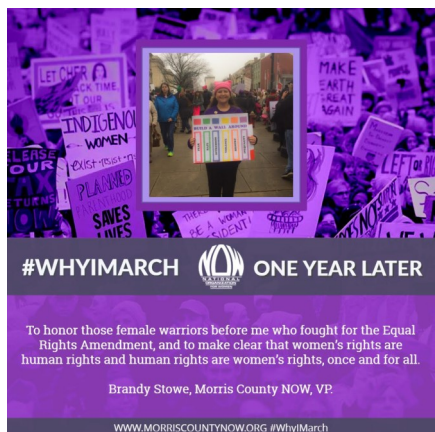


#WHYIMARCH One Year Later By Tori Hartnett and Brandy Stowe

Morris County NOW has launched a Why I March; One Year Later social media campaign in anticipation of the 2018 Women's March. This campaign is a call to action to stand against all oppression, recognizing that racism, sexism and homophobia are interrelated and combine with other forms of oppression such as classism and ableism to keep power and privilege concentrated in the hands of a few.

All are encouraged to participate in this campaign! To participate, please email a photo of yourself and a few sentences about why you will be marching to morriscountynow@gmail.com. We will make a meme, similar to the ones below, with your photo and message, and post it to our official social media accounts.

Morris County NOW is an official sponsor of the Women's March on New Jersey 2018, which still take place in Morristown on Saturday, January 20th 2018 at 11 am. For more information on the march, visit www.womensmarchnj2018.com.



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Tell us why you'll be marching, and look for us in Morristown!

A Feminist Voice #MeToo By Karen Lontka

“I am shocked, shocked to find that sexual harassment is going on in here!”¹ The headlines of the past few months would seem to imply that we have just discovered that sexual harassment exists in many of our institutions. In fact, we have known, we have always known that it has been lurking just behind the glossy veneer of public and private life until the #MeToo² movement gained traction. The glare of publicity that only Hollywood can generate about Harvey Weinstein’s lascivious acts finally emboldened the victims to rise up in a single voice and shout “Enough is Enough!” to the country. As monumental as this seemed at first, it was but the spark that ignited a conflagration. This flame of justice-denied is spreading into politics, sports, journalism and other private arenas causing the once great and powerful to crumble to dust.

The Me Too slogan has its roots in 2006 as the motto of Just Be Inc. a non-profit begun by Tarana Burke in response to the experiences of a sexually abused 13-year-old girl. In October of 2017 the actress Alyssa Milano converted it to a Hashtag and began the social media frenzy. Some women of color were chastised because the efforts of Ms. Burke did not receive the support, over the years, of prominent white feminists who quickly lauded Ms. Milano tweet.³ The Weinstein affair was the tipping point of the rubbish pile built by many other famous names like Bill Cosby, Bill O’Reilly, Roger Ailes, Donald Trump, Bill Clinton... and the list goes on. The most current installment in the story is that of passenger, Katie Campos, on a United Airlines flight from Newark to Buffalo who was accosted by the male passenger seated next to her. While the man was remanded into custody upon landing, very little was done to restrain him or protect her during the flight. This is far from an isolated incident, the FBI reports a 66% increase into midair sexual harassment cases between 2014 and 2017. Airline flight attendants rarely have training in how to handle these situations and while in flight, in a crowded plane the options can be limited.⁴ We have a very long way to go before women can believe that our institutions have policies and procedures designed to protect everyone.

This catharsis is unquestionably good for the soul of America but it does pose a moral dilemma, is there a minimal requirement that an accusation must meet before excoriating the accused in the public forum? No woman’s testimony can be dismissed out of hand; however, is there a minimal vetting of the facts that can be done before going public? We must be careful to not create an excuse for a backlash by overplaying our hand. The protectors of the “old boy’s club” are just looking for an excuse to pillory the courageous women who have spoken up. We must eliminate the legal loopholes that allowed these stories to be suppressed. There should be no statute of limitations on sexual assault. Payouts of large sums of money to settle assault cases must not be tied to non-disclosure agreements. Our governments, national, state and local, must disclose “hush money” payments made with taxpayer money. Our society may be finally maturing but as Winston Churchill said, “this is not the end, this is not even the beginning of the end, but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning”.

¹ Paraphrased from Captain Renault in Casablanca, Warner Bros, 1942

² [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Me_Too_\(hashtag\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Me_Too_(hashtag))

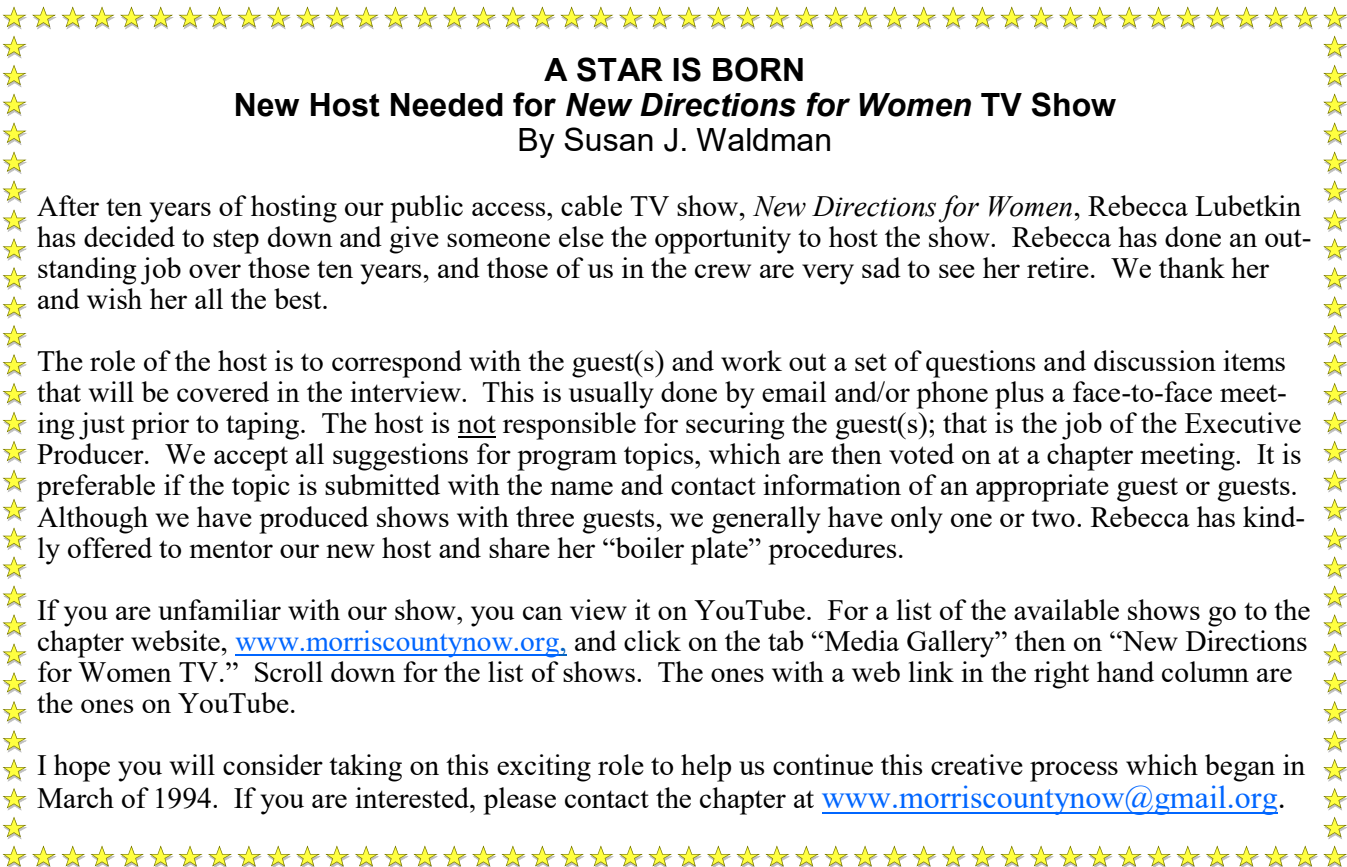
³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/20/us/me-too-movement-tarana-burke.html? r=0>

⁴ <http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/27/politics/women-sexual-assaults-harassment-commercial-flights/index.html>

Garage Sale

It may still be chilly, but it is never too early to think about spring cleaning! Now is the time to start saving up any unwanted items for our spring garage sale. Our goal is to find a new home for your unwanted items. Thanks in advance for thinking of us.





A STAR IS BORN
New Host Needed for *New Directions for Women* TV Show
By Susan J. Waldman

After ten years of hosting our public access, cable TV show, *New Directions for Women*, Rebecca Lubetkin has decided to step down and give someone else the opportunity to host the show. Rebecca has done an outstanding job over those ten years, and those of us in the crew are very sad to see her retire. We thank her and wish her all the best.

The role of the host is to correspond with the guest(s) and work out a set of questions and discussion items that will be covered in the interview. This is usually done by email and/or phone plus a face-to-face meeting just prior to taping. The host is not responsible for securing the guest(s); that is the job of the Executive Producer. We accept all suggestions for program topics, which are then voted on at a chapter meeting. It is preferable if the topic is submitted with the name and contact information of an appropriate guest or guests. Although we have produced shows with three guests, we generally have only one or two. Rebecca has kindly offered to mentor our new host and share her “boiler plate” procedures.

If you are unfamiliar with our show, you can view it on YouTube. For a list of the available shows go to the chapter website, www.morriscountynow.org, and click on the tab “Media Gallery” then on “New Directions for Women TV.” Scroll down for the list of shows. The ones with a web link in the right hand column are the ones on YouTube.

I hope you will consider taking on this exciting role to help us continue this creative process which began in March of 1994. If you are interested, please contact the chapter at www.morriscountynow@gmail.org.

2018 Meeting Scheduling

There is a scheduling conflict at the Morris Plains Community Center where we hold our meetings. Our first meeting of the year will be held on January 9th, the second rather than the first Tuesday of the month at our normal hours of 7:30 to 9:30 PM. The meetings in February and March are still tentatively on the first Tuesday but the day or time may change, we may need to start the meeting an hour later. Final arrangements will be resolved early in January. Please check the upcoming events at <http://morriscountynow.org> or our February calendar at <http://morriscountynow.org/calendar.html#year=2018&month=2&day=1&view=month>

Holiday Party and Election of Officers

A good time was had by all at our December Meeting and holiday party. The White Elephant Swap was great fun, and the refreshments were delicious.

The following officers were elected for 2018:

- President: Karen Lontka
- Executive Vice President: Brandy Stowe
- Treasurer: Shirley Henderson
- Secretary: Lily Marks
- Membership Vice President: Tori Hartnett
- Fundraising Vice President: Susan J. Waldman

Congratulations to our new officers.



New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking Update

By Susan J. Waldman



**Uniting NJ Communities to
Abolish Human Trafficking**

A **Virtual Summit** is planned for Thursday, January 11, 2018, Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, 901 Route 10 East, Whippany, NJ will host an interview-style setup to be broadcast live on Facebook. You can tune in on a variety of subjects presented during the day. See information and schedule below:



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Thursday, January 11, 2018
8am - 3pm

**Registration
& more information:**
www.njhumantrafficking.org

Access summit from wherever you are via:

facebook:
facebook.com/njhumantrafficking
facebook.com/CAN.abolition



**location:
facebook**

Limited Seating for studio audience at:
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest
901 NJ-10, Whippany, NJ



SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am**
Student Abolitionist Education
NJCAHT Interns
- 9:00 am**
Speakers Bureau Fundraising
Board of Trustees
- 9:30 am**
It's the Law:
30 minute HT-101
30 minute joint interview
- 10:30 am**
Fair Trade & The Marketplace Technology
Arts
- 11:30 am**
Service Providers Healthcare
- 12:30 pm**
Survivors Speak Out
- 1:00 pm**
Airline Ambassadors
Truckers Against Trafficking S.O.A.P.
- 1:40 pm**
Community Mobilization
Legislation
Professional Training
- 2:30 pm**
Community Leaders
- Everyone-Everywhere-Everyday Abolition**

SAVE THE DATE

LIBERATOR AWARDS CELEBRATION

On January 28, 2018, the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking will celebrate the accomplishments of the people and organizations that have worked hard to help fulfill our mission to UNITE NJ COMMUNITIES TO ABOLISH HUMAN TRAFFICKING. The Liberator Awards Celebration will be held at 7:00 PM at Calvary International Temple in Wayne.

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Awardees as follows:

- FOUNDER: Melanie Gorelick and the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest
- HEALER: Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro and DreamCatchers
- INNOVATOR: Susan Panzica and Justice Network
- LEADER: Assemblywoman Valerie Vanieri Huttle
- STUDENT: Project Stay Gold
- SUPPORTER: Community Foundation of New Jersey

For more information on these events and on the Coalition, please visit the Coalition’s website: www.njhumantrafficking.org.

Take Action

The following bill is meant to stop backpage and others from posting pictures of children for sale for sex: **House Bill HR 1865**: "Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Trafficking Act of 2017."

At this time the following New Jersey Representatives have **not** signed on: Norcross (1), LoBiondo (2), Gottheimer (5), Pallone (6), Sires (8), Pascrell (9). Note that both New Jersey Senators have signed on to the companion Senate bill.

A major reason for legislators NOT signing on is that these bills are strongly opposed by Tech companies, and they give lots of money to the legislators. Also, some law enforcement agencies like the FBI say they use these listings to help them find and rescue victims. The Coalition believes that prohibiting these postings would save more victims from being trafficked.

Please contact these Representatives and ask them to cosponsor HR 1865. Find their contact information at <https://www.congress.gov/>.






Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Join us this year on Saturday March 10th, 2018, as we march in the Morristown St. Patrick’s Day Parade. We have participated in the parade since 1995. Bring your family and friends, the event is fun for all ages, and all are welcome.

The parade steps off from behind the Morristown Town Hall, 200 South Street at 12:00 noon. We begin to gather and decorate our “float” at 11:00 AM, and typically step off by 1:15pm. Wear something green & come prepared for fun! Questions? Call Susan at 973-895-2218.

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Follow us on Twitter [@MCNOWNJ](http://www.twitter.com/mcnownj)
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Follow us on Instagram [@morriscountynow](http://www.instagram.com/morriscountynow)

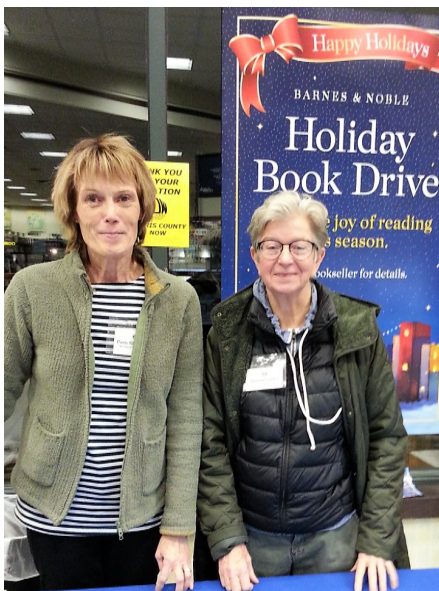
GIFT WRAPPING WRAP UP It Takes A Village By Susan J. Waldman

Another great season of gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble. Our team of wrappers extraordinaire in order of appearance: Sharon Guarino, Nancy Critchley, Jo Sippie-Gora, Karen Lontka, Winifred Bunch, Madeleine Pasteelnick, Carolyn Lowther, Angie Prasad (our newest wrapper), Pam Sheldrick, Shauna Canter, Rosemary Lontka, Rebecca Lubetkin, Ann Huber, Nancy Wilson, Anna Keenan, Sue Rosenthal, Brandy Stowe, Tori Hartnett, Shirley Henderson, Marvann Covington (who joined us from the Essex County Chapter), and Lily Go, Shauna's daughter. I'm not exaggerating when I say "it takes a village." Thank you all.

A special thank you to Rosemary Lontka who convinced the Morris Plains morning manager to call the Ledge-wood store and secure a new roll of Barnes & Noble paper, which Karen picked up and brought down to us. Without that paper we would have been in trouble since there was almost nothing left on the roll we were using and no additional stock in Morris Plains. This was Friday, December 22nd with two more wrapping days to go.

We wrapped for three whole days, two Fridays and a Sunday (Christmas Eve), and went through about 12 rolls of our own wrapping paper and probably hundreds of bows. We heard many compliments including how professional we are, everyone will know I didn't wrap this, I love it when you are here, etc. Everyone was pleased except for one gentleman. Before he gave us his gifts to wrap, he questioned us about NOW. He then moved to a chair several feet away from our table and apparently did some research on our organization. All of a sudden he popped out from behind the magazines and was next to our table saying that he would pray for us to change from being pro-choice. He disappeared and then reappeared in front of the table yelling that we should have a sign that says "pro-choice" and then see how many people would come to us. I admit we were not silent during his outburst. Our current customer, a very nice woman, announced "I'm pro-choice!" then followed him toward the door. She returned to our table since we were still wrapping for her. (I don't know if she said anything to him.) He came back one more time to return the post-it notes we had given him and then he finally left. Meanwhile another woman, who did not have anything for us to wrap but must have overheard the "conversation" yelled out "I'm making a donation," and then with a deliberate motion put money in our tip jar. It was quite an adventure. Nothing else as exciting occurred after that.

The day after Christmas I hit Target and Home Goods to replenish our supply of bows and wrapping paper. All is calm, all is bright at least until next year.



*L-R Pam Sheldrick, Shauna Canter
Photo by Susan J. Waldman*



*L-R Carolyn Lowther, Susan J. Waldman,
Madeleine Pasteelnick, Angie Prasad*



L-R Shirley Henderson, Susan J. Waldman, Brandy Stowe, Tori Hartnett, Karen Lontka



Susan J. Waldman with one of her beautifully wrapped gifts



*L-R Winifred Bunch, Rebecca Lubetkin, Rosemary Lontka
Photo by Susan J. Waldman*

Increase your Involvement in Morris County NOW!

It's a new year & a great time to take action on the issues you care about. Is there a women's rights issue you would like to get active around? Here's your opportunity. All are welcome. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Plains Community Center, 51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains. We are seeking volunteers to help improve the chapter and participate in more actions.

Currently we need to fill the following positions:

- ◆ Publicity Chair—Create press releases
- ◆ Program Chair
- ◆ Fake Clinic Chair and Committee (See [May/June Newsletter](#))

For more information, call our chapter phone or visit www.morriscountynow.org.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR WOMEN IS RELOCATING!

By Susan J. Waldman

On Wednesday, November 29, 2017, a new era in the life of our public access, cable TV show, *New Directions for Women* (*New Directions*), began.

First, some background on the reason for the change. We were notified in August that we would no longer be able to tape the show at the Cablevision studios in Randolph after October 1st. We were offered the use of their studios in Newark, but that was unacceptable to the crew, citing the commute to Newark during rush hour among other considerations. An intensive search for a new venue was undertaken.

Barbara Castellana Stasiak, one of the directors of our show, had connections to County College of Morris (CCM). She contacted Ray Kalas, CCM Professor in the Communication Department, and he offered us the chance to tape a program at their campus studio with the caveat that CCM students in the department perform all the crew positions with the exception of host. We accepted, and the show was taped on November 29th. It was a great success! Several of our crew members were there to help facilitate the taping, and things ran smoothly, especially considering it was our first time at CCM. This collaboration is a win-win situation, both for the students, who will experience working on an actual TV show, and for our chapter which will be able to continue producing our feminist TV show. The studio itself was large and much more up-to-date than what we were used to at Cablevision. We have some things to work out, mainly taping schedules, but we look forward to an excellent ongoing relationship with CCM. Special thanks go to Barbara Castellana Stasiak and Professor Kalas.

The photos below are from our November 29th taping of “Addressing Human Trafficking from Awareness to Survival” at CCM:



L-R: Claudia Ratzlaff, CEO of The Women's Center of Atlantic County, Dawne Lomangino-DiMauro, Dream Catcher, Director of Statewide Human Trafficking Services, Rebecca Lubetkin, Host.



L-R: Sam MacKenzie, Director, Liz, Graphics

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Join our mailing list

Morris County NOW wants your email address so we can keep you aware of important up-to-the-minute chapter news. Perhaps there is an upcoming event or action on an issue important to you that came up after the newsletter was published.

Please write to us at morriscountynow@gmail.com to join our mailing list and stay updated!

National NOW's Top Six Priority Issues

- ◆ **Abortion and Reproductive Rights**
- ◆ **Economic Justice**
- ◆ **Ending Sex Discrimination**
- ◆ **Lesbian Rights**
- ◆ **Promoting Diversity & Ending Racism**
- ◆ **Stopping Violence Against Women**

Be A Newsletter Contributor

Would you like to see your name in print? How about submitting an article to the Morris County NOW newsletter? Maybe you have an idea or an issue that you would like to publicize? Please send any articles to our email address, morriscountynow@gmail.com. As our newsletter is published bi-monthly at the beginning of the "odd" months (July, September, November, etc.), the deadline for submitting articles is the third Monday of the "even" months (June, August, October). This also applies for advertisements.

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR OUR MEMBER'S CORNER

Please note that all articles and advertisements submitted for printing are subject to the discretion of the editor.

Chapter Calendar

Tuesday January 9, 2018
 Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
 Morris Plains Community Center
 7:30 PM

Wednesday January 11, 2018
 NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
 Human Trafficking Virtual Summit
National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

For more information visit www.njhumantrafficking.org (See Article, Page 4)

Tuesday January 23, 2018
 NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
 Screening of "I Am Jane Doe"
 Calvary International Temple
 Wayne, NJ
 7:00 PM
(See Article, Page 4)

Sunday January 28, 2018
 NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
 Liberator Awards Ceremony
 First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains
 Pompton Plains, NJ
 7:00 PM
(See Article, Page 4)

Tuesday February 6, 2018
 Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
 Morris Plains Community Center
 7:30 PM
(Time & Date May Change, See Article Page 3)

Tuesday March 6, 2018
 Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
 Morris Plains Community Center
 7:30 PM
(Time & Date May Change, See Article Page 3)

Saturday March 10, 2018
 Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Morristown Town Hall
 12:00 PM
(See Article Page 3)

Help Us Go Green!

Thank you to all the members who replied to our "Going Green" campaign. You can still let us know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email only. Contact us by phone, 973-285-1200, or by email, morriscountynow@gmail.com.

Membership Application

Morris County NOW (NJ0200)
P.O. Box 394
Morristown, New Jersey 07960

I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

National, State, and Local Dues:

- \$35. Regular Dues
- \$15-\$34. Reduced Dues
- Additional support
- \$5. Newsletter Only

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please return form with your check to the address above.

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Morris County NOW TV Coverage

Mondays

Comcast: Channel 21, 6:30 p.m. (Morris/Hunterdon)
Channel 208, 6:30 p.m. (Somerset)

Wednesdays ****Now at 7:30 p.m.****

Morris Cablevision, Channel 21, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland Cablevision System, Channel 76, 7:30 p.m.
Bergen Cablevision, Channel 77, 7:30 p.m.

Throughout Philadelphia

DUTV, Channel 54, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. and Fridays,
10:00 a.m.

Feminist News and Views

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Meetings

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New Directions for Women Program Schedule feministtv@optonline.net

January: "Black Lives Matter"

February: "Dream Catcher: Addressing Human Trafficking from Awareness to Survival"

March: "Gender and Race Based Violence in Dangerous Times Forum; Part 1"