

FEMINIST NEWS & VIEWS

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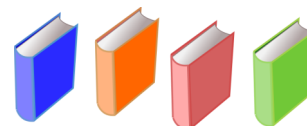
March/April 2018

March is National Women's History Month!

Book Club



We are forming a book club!
Our first book will be:



What Happened,
by Hillary Rodham Clinton

We will meet in the spring. If you are interested in joining, please let us know if you would prefer to meet during the morning, afternoon or evening by contacting Nancy Critchley at nancycritch@optonline.net.
We hope you join us!

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Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade

Join us 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.

New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking Update

By Susan J. Waldman



Uniting NJ Communities to
Abolish Human Trafficking

January 2018 Events Recap

Virtual Summit

The New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Coalition) produced its first Virtual Summit on Thursday, January 11, 2018, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, at the Jewish Federation in Whippany. The interview-style program was successfully broadcast live on Facebook. The Coalition was unable to track the day's total viewership as people could randomly tune in, but records indicate that one of the segments was viewed by 2000 people. You can view the summit at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/173199526349091/videos/564983777170662/>

Liberator Awards Celebration Gala

On January 28, 2018, the Coalition celebrated the accomplishments of the people and organizations that have worked hard to help fulfill its mission to UNITE NJ COMMUNITIES TO ABOLISH HUMAN TRAFFICKING. The Gala was held at Calvary International Temple in Wayne, a beautiful venue that only added to the outstanding event. From the delicious hors d'oeuvres to the closing speech by Coalition President, Dr. Esmilda Abreu-Hornbostel, everything ran smoothly. I was honored to write the awardee bios for the website, the tribute journal and the award ceremony and to introduce each awardee as they came up to the stage. The awards were presented by State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. See photo below.

Also below is a photo taken just after the presentation of a special, surprise award to Coalition leaders Mandy Bristol-Leverett and Kate Lee. The award was "commissioned" by the Nominating Committee of which I am chair. More photos can be viewed at the following website:

<http://ncjwestmorris.org/new-jersey-coalition-against-human-trafficking-liberator-awards-gala/>

The Awardees

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



(L-R) Susan J. Waldman, Mandy Bristol-Leverett, Kate Lee



(L-R) Susan Neigher, State Senator Tom Kean, Jr., Susan Panzica

Internship Program

The 2018 Coalition Internship Program was a rousing success. Now in its second year, the program received many more applicants than available openings. The interns produced a video entitled “*How NJ is Battling Human Trafficking: A Public Service Announcement.*” It can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/eaf9FZsqhyY>. A measure of the program’s success is that several of the 2017 interns have become much more involved in the issue and have brought it to several college campuses.

Legislative Update/Take Action

State Legislation

Assembly Bill A1428, is a bill that “Establishes a Child Trafficking Awareness Pilot Program in the Department of Education to train school district staff about warning signs and how to prevent child trafficking.” I, along with other members of the Coalition and Deb Huber, President of NOW-NJ, attended the Assembly Women and Children Committee hearing for this bill in Trenton on February 12, 2018. I am happy to report that the bill was unanimously passed out of committee. At this time, however, there is no companion senate bill.

Per the bill’s published statement dated February 12, 2018, “this bill directs the Commissioner of Education to develop and administer a three-year Child Trafficking Awareness Pilot Program to provide school district staff in selected districts with training about the warning signs and risk factors associated with child trafficking and how to prevent it. The purpose of the pilot program will be to train public school teachers, staff, and students about child trafficking, including risk factors and warning signs, and ways to identify student victims of child trafficking and help prevent child trafficking in schools.” A graduate of Jefferson Township High School’s Project Stay Gold, Nathaniel Hirschman, testified eloquently about the importance and necessity of this legislation from a student’s viewpoint. Nathaniel is currently a student at The College of NJ (TCNJ). Note that the program includes training students on how to recognize child trafficking. I will keep you posted on future developments on this bill.

Federal Legislation

As reported in prior newsletters, 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.”

The following New Jersey Representatives have still **not** signed on: Norcross (1), LoBiondo (2), Gottheimer (5), Pallone (6), Sires (8), Pascrell (9). Please contact these Representatives and ask them to cosponsor HR 1865. Find their contact information at <https://www.congress.gov/>. Note that both New Jersey Senators have signed on to the companion Senate bill.

Since this bill has undergone some changes, the Coalition is pushing for a return to the original language before it is passed. Here is the bill statement: “To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of such Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sexual exploitation of children or sex trafficking, and for other purposes.”

Other News

Spanish Resource

The Coalition is proud to announce the release of their new resource in Spanish, “En Español,” which “has been crafted to reflect the Coalition’s mission and vision to promote the awareness of human trafficking to our Hispanic population; as well as to become a resource hub for learning, sharing, and interacting with our communities. It includes downloadable RED FLAG information, videos, and a way to contact one of our Spanish-speaking volunteers.” Here is the link: <https://www.njhumantrafficking.org/en-espanol/>

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Members in Action: Sharing Experiences from the 2018 Women's March, New Jersey & Beyond!



"I attended the March down in Sarasota, Florida. The newspapers estimated that over 12,000 turned out." - **Jo Sippie-Gora**

#RISEUPIN18



"The large turnout in Morristown was so inspiring, and a reminder that we aren't fighting alone"
- **Spencer Cranston**

#TOGETHERWERISE



"I stopped to look behind me and it was an never ending sea of people. I was so impressed, parents had their sons and daughters there. I get goosebumps just thinking of the march".

— **Doreen Manno**,

Pictured with fellow NOW members & marchers at the Morristown NJ Women's March

"I was there with the League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area! It was a great event!!"
- **Marie Fornaro**

#POWERTOTHEPOLLS



“I attended Morristown March. The same friend went with me last year to NYC. I was amazed at huge turnout in Morristown & so organized with great speeches. It was empowering in a year that often gets me down - thinking Trump & his group represents U.S”.

—**Susan Solomon**

#WHYIMARCH

“I attended the Morristown, NJ women's march. I marched as an expression of my resistance to and outrage against the racist and xenophobic policies of the Trump administration that disproportionately harm black and brown women and girls in the United States and abroad.”

—**Traci West**



I was at the Morristown NJ March with many members of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, speaking up for our values, too many to list all of them here - but suffice it to say that our congregation and our denomination have long been standing on the side of love - in the form of marriage equality, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, Black Lives Matter, reproductive rights, protection of our planet, etc. These areas of activism stem from our denomination's seven principles. There were lots of other people from the Fellowship in other groups, including our Youth Group. Our Director of Religious Education, Wendy Pantoja was at the head of the whole march.

- **Barbara Castellana Stasiak**

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The Coalition's NJ Legislative Priorities for 2018

- Posting a single hotline number widely throughout the state to improve victim referrals and data collection.
- Improving first responder training.
- Ensuring children and those who work with children are educated about the risks posed by traffickers.
- Implementing a prostitution users program to reduce demand.
- Helping victims to become survivors through better court processes and clean slate laws.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2018

Orientation session, Thursday, March 1, 2018, 9:30 am – 10:30 am
 You are invited to stay for the Steering Committee meeting from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
 Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, 901 Route 10 East, Whippany, NJ

March 18, 2018

Maximizing Our Impact: Engagement, Collaboration & Your Organization
 Action Planning Summit 2018, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Middlesex County Fire Academy, 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ

This interactive workshop is open to all members of the NJ Coalition – Past, Present and Future. We will explore how the Coalition, as an organization representing over 150 diverse other organizations, can increase our statewide impact to end human trafficking in New Jersey.

- If your organization is a full participant in our work - join us to explore how we can maximize our impact.
- If your organization has been a long-time member of the Coalition, and would like to become more actively engaged - please join us to explore how we can work together collaboratively. If your organization is not yet a member of the Coalition, but has an interest in this work, we invite you attend and help us develop ways to involve your organization and its membership.

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nj-coalition-against-human-trafficking-maximizing-our-impact-tickets-42980952185>

April 16, 2018

Human Trafficking: Surviving & Thriving with Business Solutions,
 Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ

April 28, 2018

SOAP Program. Location to be determined.

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

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.



**The Union County NOW
 chapter has been revived!**

**For more information, contact
 acting Co-Presidents Jill Lazare
 & Anjali Mehrotra at
unioncountynow@gmail.com.**

National NOW Conference

NOW's 2018 Forward Feminism Conference will be held July 6-8 at the Doubletree by Hilton in San Jose, CA. Rooms start at \$129 per night, plus taxes and fees. Access the special NOW rate using an exclusive reservation link found in the February FYI NOW, or by calling [408-453-4000](tel:408-453-4000) and referring to the National Organization for Women conference in July.

Members are welcome to submit a workshop proposal for the conference by visiting: <https://nationalnow.wufoo.com/forms/p2jg1zofnp606/>.

The deadline for complete submissions is **March 15, 2018**. Workshop selection will be finalized by the first week of May to ensure panelists have adequate time to arrange travel.

Morris County NOW is hosting the March NOW-NJ State Board Meeting!

Saturday March 17th, at 9:30 AM
Morris Plains Community Center
51 Jim Fear Drive, Morris Plains NJ

Breakfast and Lunch will be available: \$5
Breakfast and \$10 Lunch -\$15 for both

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

Thursday March 1, 2018

NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Orientation Session
Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, Whippany
9:30 AM

Tuesday March 6, 2018

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Morris Plains Community Center
7:30 PM

Saturday March 10, 2018

Morristown St. Patrick's Day Parade
Morristown Town Hall
12:00 PM
(See Article Page 1)

Sunday March 11, 2018

NOW-NJ, Songs to Celebrate Women's' Suffrage
Ethical Culture Society, Teaneck NJ
Register at www.nownj.org
2:00 PM

Saturday March 17, 2018

NOW-NJ State Board Meeting
Morris Plains Community Center
9:30 AM

Sunday March 18, 2018

NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Maximizing Our Impact
Middlesex County Fire Academy, Sayreville
1:00 PM

Tuesday April 3, 2018

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Morris Plains Community Center
7:30 PM

Tuesday April 10, 2018

Equal Pay Day
This date symbolizes how far into 2018 women must work to earn what men earned in 2017.

Monday April 16, 2018

NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Surviving & Thriving with Business Solutions
Villa Walsh, Morristown

Monday April 16, 2018

SOAP Program
Location to be determined

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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Advertising Rates (business card size)
Members: \$15/issue; Non-members: \$25/issue
Tiered pricing available for larger advertisements

Meetings

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, except July, at the Morris Plains Community Center, Morris Plains NJ at 7:30 pm. (See Article Page 3 for update)

For Information

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New Directions for Women Program Schedule feministtv@optonline.net

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