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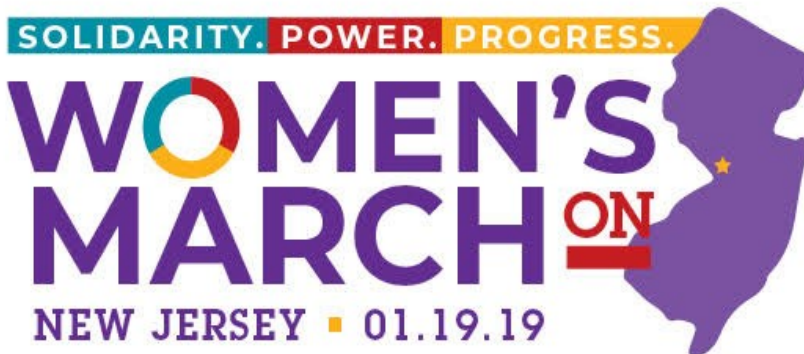
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January/February 2019

*Morris County NOW Wishes You
A Happy, Healthy and Equal New Year !!*



THE MISSION OF THE 2019 WOMEN'S MARCH ON NEW JERSEY is to bring together kindred spirits of women, grounded in diversity, and celebrating the unique beauty of our strengths and differences. Our aim is to be a movement of authentic inclusivity – where no woman is left behind. Not because of her religion, education or lack thereof; not for the color of her skin, her economic status, or because of the person she loves. We will strive to successfully accomplish what has not been accomplished before – an unyielding solidarity borne out of love, tolerance, understanding, support and respect.

DATE: Saturday, January 19, 2019 • **TIME:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State House Annex, 131-137 W State Street, Trenton, NJ

HOSTED AND SUPPORTED BY MORE THAN 30 ORGANIZATIONS

For a complete list of hosting organizations and sponsors please visit our website.

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



OFFICIAL WEBSITE:
www.2019womensmarchnj.org



FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/events/305970636795741/



TWITTER:
[@2019wmonj](https://twitter.com/@2019wmonj)



INSTAGRAM:
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NOW-NJ is a Supporter and Steering Committee Member of the 2019 Women's March on New Jersey

The March returns to Trenton where it all began. First, we marched together in Trenton, and then we rose together in Morristown. For our third New Jersey march, we return to our state capital, Trenton. We'll meet at the Trenton War Memorial at 11am, march through the capital and return to the War Memorial for a speaking and performance program. The event concludes around 1pm.

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ELECTIONS UPDATE

United States Congress

Following are the New Jersey Congressional Candidates endorsed by the National NOW PAC who won in 2018:

District 1	Donald Norcross
District 3	Andy Kim
District 7	Tom Malinowski
District 11	Mikie Sherrill
District 12	Bonnie Watson Coleman, and Bob Menendez, who won his third term as Senator.

How Does The Endorsement Process Work?

The NOW-NJ PAC evaluates all the candidates running in New Jersey for federal office and recommends its choices to the NOW-NJ State Board. The State Board then reviews the recommendations and votes on whom to recommend to the NOW National PAC. The National PAC then decides whom they will endorse.

NOW-NJ Election of Officers

The bi-annual NOW-NJ State Conference was held on September 22, 2018. Because of a controversy over proposed state bylaws changes, the Conference was left open to be continued at the December 15, 2018 State Board Meeting.

At that December 15th meeting the following NOW-NJ State Officers were elected:

President	Anjali Mehrotra
Administrative V.P.	Jill Anne LaZare
Secretary	Elena Maria Gonzalez
Treasurer	Marvann Covington
Action V.P.	Margaret Ellis
Technology V.P.	Karen Lontka
Membership V.P.	Rick Gray
Legislative V.P.	Deb Huber



Retirement is Over! Susan J. Waldman is back as Newsletter Editor.

MORRIS COUNTY NOW ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of officers has been nominated for election at the January 8, 2019 Morris County NOW Chapter meeting:

President	Karen Lontka
Executive V.P.	Vacant
Secretary	Nancy Critchley
Treasurer	Shirley Henderson
Membership V.P.	Stacey Gregg
Fundraising V.P.	Susan J. Waldman
State Board Delegates	Rosemary Lontka, Shirley Henderson and Susan J. Waldman
Alternate Delegate	Margaret Davey

Commemorate the Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Decision

The West Essex Section of the National Council of Jewish Women* (NCJW) presents:

Ending the Stigma of Abortion

with Lizz Winstead, founder of Lady Parts Justice League** and co-creator and head writer of *The Daily Show*.

When: Thursday, January 24, 2019
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

(snow date: Thursday, January 31, 2019)

Where: Congregation B’Nai Jeshrun,
1025 South Orange Avenue, Short Hills, NJ

Cost: \$20, Includes Buffet Lunch

Fighting for reproductive rights is no laughing matter, but the Lady Parts Justice League, a team of comedians, writers and producers, uses humor in their efforts to protect reproductive rights. A panel discussion, moderated by Lizz Winstead and featuring a reproductive rights activist and an abortion provider, will follow.

*NOW-NJ is a cosponsor of this event.

**Lady Parts Justice League may use strong language in their program.

To register, visit www.ncjwessex.org or call (973) 740-0588.

2018 GIFT WRAPPING WRAP UP

By Susan J. Waldman

Another banner year at the Morris Plains Barnes & Noble. Thank you to all the members, friends and family who participated (in order of appearance): Nancy Critchley, Rosemary Lontka, Karen Lontka, Madeleine Pasteelnick, Stacey Gregg, Angie Prasad, Pam Sheldrick, Ann Huber, Marvann Covington (from Essex County NOW), Shauna Canter, Lily Go, Pauline Hahn, Jo Sippie-Gora, Nancy Wilson, Shirley Henderson, Rebecca Lubetkin, Anna Keenan, Margaret Davey, Helen Dodick, Pauline Dodick, Melissa Wood, Winifred Bunch, and Sue Rosenthal. As you can see, it takes a village to gift wrap for three days. What a fantastic crew!

Additional thanks to Pam Sheldrick who brought extra wrapping paper and to Shauna Canter who brought more bows. Also to the volunteers who stood at the door facing the cold and drafts to let customers know that we were wrapping gifts behind the magazines. Their help was immeasurable. Not to forget Pauline Hahn who snagged a large tip at the door just because we represented NOW. Shauna Canter's neighbor, Melissa Wood, who is not a member, joined us again this year because she had such a good time volunteering last year.

As usual there were times of absolute quiet and times of absolute frenzy. We went through at least 15 to 20 rolls of our own wrapping paper which we supply as an added benefit along with ribbons and bows. By Christmas Eve afternoon there was none left. This was unprecedented. Could it be that the purple and gold Barnes & Noble paper did not have the expected Christmas look? We can only speculate.

This year's favorite quote occurred when Shirley Henderson was working at the door. A man entered the store, walked around the front displays, and then approached her. She expected him to ask her one of the frequently asked questions such as, "Where are the restrooms?", but instead he said, "It's nice to see that in the era of Trump, people still read books!"

I must also add that the Barnes & Noble staff were wonderful, which only added to the overall experience. A great time was had by all, and we are already looking forward to next year. See photos below.



(L-R) Winifred Bunch and Rosemary Lontka staffing the door and Sue Rosenthal at the table. (Photos by Susan J. Waldman)

(L-R) Shauna Canter and her daughter Lily Go, Marvann Covington, Stacey Gregg, Ellen Goldberg and her mom Madeleine Pasteelnick. (Photos by Susan J. Waldman)



(L-R) Ann Huber, Melissa Wood, Rebecca Lubetkin, and Pauline Hahn. Note the paper in the foreground. (Photos by Susan J. Waldman)

Angie Prasad wrapping from the floor. (Photo by Susan J. Waldman)

(L-R) Susan J. Waldman and Karen Lontka. (Photos by Stacey Gregg)

Gloria: A Life A Review By Nancy Critchley



I read that there was a play opening in New York City about Gloria Steinem, so I immediately got my sister Janet to agree to an outing. After purchasing the tickets I realized that the Daryl Roth Theater wasn't in midtown, but at 101 East 15th Street. OK, we'll figure it out. (Actually it's a couple of blocks from the 14th Street PATH Exit out of Hoboken, and very close to Union Square.)

Did I mention I broke my foot about 2 weeks before the show? I figured a walking cast is made for walking, so there really was no problem.

The play was wonderful. The show is about Gloria's life and about my life and about our history from the 60's to the present. Gloria's personal life is touched upon, but the main focus is on her influence in the fight for women's rights and then for ALL people's rights, on her starting MS magazine, and on being an iconic activist of our time.

Christine Lahti does a great job of actually becoming Gloria. By the end, we forget that she's an actress, not Gloria herself! The diverse ensemble cast was excellent, becoming many different people, both heroines and antagonists, in the fight for equality. There are large screens used to emphasize a particular point and to show historical moments.

At the end there's a twenty minute Q & A, run more like a circle share. On Wednesday Nov 7th, the day after the election, Gloria herself led the forum!

The audience was mostly middle aged & older women, but there were a few men, and a class of about 20 young people. The place was full, and I encourage everyone to go see this play. Take a young person with you who may not have heard of Gloria.

Editor's Note: Per their website, the play is currently running until March 31, 2019.

NEW JERSEY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE By Susan J. Waldman



Coalition News

The President of the Board of Trustees has stepped down due to a family situation. The new Acting President is Danny Papa, creator of Project Stay Gold at Jefferson Township High School.

The Steering Committee voted to create an exploratory working group to look into forming a network of lawyers who will do pro bono work for survivors.

Gift Card Collection

The Coalition is collecting gift cards for survivors. This has been extended through January. Choose stores like Target or fast food shops. You can mail them to NJCAHT, 784 Morris Tpke, Box 111, Short Hills NJ 07078.

Annual Fund

Both NOW-NJ and Morris County NOW have sent donations of \$100 to the Coalition's Annual Fund.

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New Student Outreach—Locker Slam

This project was created by the Project Stay Gold Jefferson High School students. It consists of postcard size magnets that can be put on lockers. An email was sent to the members of the Coalition asking for suggestions of high schools to which the magnets would be given free of charge. There is a cap of 15 schools, first come/first served. Any member of a member organization can suggest a school. The hope is that this will give us an entrée to the schools so other events such as assemblies about human trafficking can be arranged.



There are seven different colored magnets with seven different slogans:

- * YOUR VOICE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
- * PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE FOR SALE
- * SLAVERY STILL EXISTS
- * THERE ARE MORE SLAVES TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE
- * I AM AN ABOLITIONIST
- * BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

For information on how to apply for the magnet program, please visit: <https://www.njhumantrafficking.org/education/>

Human Trafficking Awareness Day/Prevention Month—Events

Coalition Event

On January 11, 2019 the Coalition Interns will be streaming live on Facebook from 12Noon to 1:30PM. This exciting HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY event is entirely student-run by the Coalition's class of sixteen interns. It will not only explore the ways young people are vulnerable to being trafficked, but also how they can be part of ending modern slavery by making students and the community aware of the risks and the signs. Everyone can participate and learn what they can do—both students and non-students. Watch live on Facebook @njhumantrafficking. See [flyer](#) on Page 6.

State House Display

During the week of January 14, 2019, a display will be set up in the corridor between the Annex and the State House in Trenton to be staffed by the Legislative Committee. On Thursday, January 17th, there will be a Legislative Networking Lunch and Awards Program from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the NJ Café to which the legislators will be invited to promote pending legislation (see State Legislation Update, below).

State Attorney General's Event

The NJ Attorney General's office is presenting a Human Trafficking program in Trenton at the War Memorial on January 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Here is a link to the flyer: [Link to flyer](#)

State Legislation Update

Currently the Coalition is tracking the bill (**S2691/A4218 Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking**) The formation of the Commission was mandated by the Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act (Act), signed into law in May, 2013. Since that time the Commission has not received funding, although the Act offers several avenues through a complex system of fines for such funding. This isn't working due to the state's method of handling these fines. This bill would appropriate \$100,000 to the Department of Law and Public Safety from the General Fund to the Commission. It would provide funds to support the administrative duties of the Commission, enabling the Commission to address the directives outlined in the Act. The good news is that the Senate bill was passed by the full Senate on Monday, October 29, 2018. The current Assembly version is in the Assembly Women and Children Committee.

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The second bill is the **School Pilot Bill, Assembly Bill A1428**. This bill “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.” 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.” Note that the program includes training students on how to recognize child trafficking. This was added based on meetings between legislators and the Coalition. A1428 passed the Assembly on March 26, 2018.

On June 4, 2018 the companion Senate Bill, S2653, was officially introduced in the Senate. On October 18, 2018 it was passed out of the Senate Education Committee and currently sits in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Primary Sponsors are Senator Teresa Ruiz, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and Senator Sandra Cunningham. The following Senators are cosponsors: Thomas H. Kean, Jr., District 21; Loretta Weinberg, District 37; Shirley K. Turner, District 15; Joseph Pennacchio, District 26; Anthony R. Bucco, District 25

After my meeting with State Senator Anthony Bucco on October 16, 2018, he agreed to cosponsor both bills.

League of Women Voters Event

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM, at the Monroe Township Library, the Monroe Township League of Women Voters is hosting a panel discussion called “IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOUR CHILD—HUMAN TRAFFICKING Myths and Misconceptions. Contact: <https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-monroe-township>

Other News

For more information on the Coalition, please visit their website: www.njhumantrafficking.org.

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**Let us help you reach
like-minded women and men**

Come to Our Morris County NOW Monthly Meetings

Wonder what NOW is all about? Looking for sisterhood and good conversation? 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. (Unless indicated in the chapter calendar on our website.) We hope to meet you there. For more information, call our chapter phone or visit www.morriscountynow.org.

COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY IS JANUARY 11

Join us for a special event live streamed on Facebook

BREAKING FREE: STUDENTS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

Friday, January 11 2019
10:30am-12:00pm
Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest
901 Rt 10, Whippany NJ 07981

REGISTER AT: WWW.NJHUMANTRAFFICKING.ORG

This event is presented by the NJCAHT Intern Class of 2019
It is free and open to the public, or can be watched live on Facebook @njhumantrafficking

Be A Newsletter Contributor

Wouldn't 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. Since 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 would apply for advertisements also.

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.

Email Alerts

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.

Since our newsletter is bi-monthly, this can easily occur. In this day and age of instant communication we want to keep in touch with our members.

Please write to us at morriscountynow@gmail.com.

Join Us On Facebook

Morris County NOW can now be found on Facebook, a social utility site that keeps people connected. If you are not already a member of Facebook, it is free and easy to join. You can use the link www.facebook.com/mcnownj



<http://twitter.com/mcnownj>

National NOW's Top Six Priority Issues

- Abortion and Reproductive Rights**
- Economic Justice**
- Ending Sex Discrimination**
- Lesbian Rights**
- Promoting Diversity & Ending Racism**



Chapter Calendar

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Morris Plains Community Center
7:30 PM
Chapter Election
(See Article, Page 2)

Friday, January 11, 2019

Human Trafficking Awareness Day
NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking
Facebook Live Streaming
12 Noon—1:30 PM
(See Article, Page 5)

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Women's March on New Jersey
(See Article, Page 1)

Thursday, January 24, 2019

NCJW Roe v. Wade Lunch & Learn
Temple B'nai Jeshrun
Short Hills, NJ
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(See Article, Page 2)

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9:00 AM—12:00 Noon
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6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
(See Article, Page 6)

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Saturday, March 9, 2019

St. Patrick's Day Parade

STATE BOARD MEETING AT MORRIS COUNTY

Coming in March, 2019
Date TBD

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.

Our TV show "New Directions for Women" is available on YouTube

Most of the shows from 2007 to September 22, 2016, and some from as far back as 1994 are now available for on-demand viewing. More recent shows are in one 29 minute presentation. Because of limitations previously imposed by YouTube, older shows are presented as three separate ten minute segments. To help improve continuity, each subsequent segment begins by replaying approximately the last 20 seconds of the previous part.

As time permits, the archives will expand to include all previous shows (to date we have produced 285 programs). To access "New Directions for Women," go to www.YouTube.com/mcnownj.



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Going Green

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

Feminist News and Views

News and Views is published six times a year by Morris County NOW as a means of informing the membership of current activities and issues.

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