

FEMINIST NEWS AND VIEWS

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What’s New Under the Sun?

By Susan J. Waldman

While trying to clean out my three filing cabinets so that I can fit in new files (my phone message says “You have reached the Source,” and you can’t be the source without lots of backup) I found the file labeled “Legislative Letters.” This is correspondence from legislators I contacted regarding one issue or another. Sometime ago I recycled several of these files from prior years, but I saved this one from 2007-08. It is the last file of actual letters, later ones were received by email and are stored in the computer. As I flipped through the letters, not surprisingly, many of the issues haven’t changed. How about funding the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)? Sound familiar? Or affordable childcare? Or immigration reform and climate change? Here’s a look back:

Paycheck Fairness Act Statement: *To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.*

I have three responses to my inquiry in May, 2007 from Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Robert Menendez, and Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen. The senators were both co-sponsors of this bill which was introduced in the Senate by Senator Hillary Clinton and subsequently referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. In September, 2008 the congressman wrote that the bill had passed the House and was [still] awaiting action in the Senate.

Fast forward to 2019. Currently this bill, H.R. 7, passed the House on March 27, 2019 and is awaiting action in the Senate. Imagine that! Aren’t women still earning less than men for equal work? Not to mention that it’s even worse for women of color. Does this make you angry? I certainly am.

Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women’s Services Act (S2793) (Crisis Pregnancy Centers) Statement: *A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe a rule prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.*

The correspondence dates to May, 2008 from Senator Lautenberg; however this was not the first time this legislation had been introduced. Senator Lautenberg was a co-sponsor as was Senator Menendez. Per Senator Lautenberg: “Unfortunately, certain CPCs use deceptive advertising practices to indicate that they offer a full-range of reproductive health care services – including family planning and abortion services – when in fact they offer neither. Some even go so far as to provide blatantly false information to patients who have entered their center seeking legitimate reproductive counseling. In 2006, an investigation conducted by the House Government Reform Committee found that 87 percent of CPCs provide false or misleading information about the health effects of abortion care.”

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NEW JERSEY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

By Susan J. Waldman



NJCAHT Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Coalition was held at Kean University on June 13, 2019. The newly revised Bylaws were adopted and the new Board of Trustees was elected. The keynote speaker, Dr. Lamont Repollet, Commissioner, NJ Department of Education, gave a moving speech, referencing his daughters and the importance of educating our children on Human Trafficking. He said, "Education is more than awareness, education is PREVENTION." You can watch the recording of the 2019 Annual Meeting [HERE](#).

Pending State Legislation

Funding the State HT Commission (A4218) substituted by S2691. *Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking.* This bill has passed both the State Assembly and State Senate as of June 27, 2019. It is now awaiting the governor's signature. He has until August 11, 2019 or whenever the Senate comes back in session. (Per the NJ State Office of Legislative Services, July 3, 2019.)

Act concerning child trafficking awareness for school districts (A1428/S2653). (Formerly "Pilot") *Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning child trafficking awareness and prevention.* This bill has passed both the State Assembly and State Senate as of May 23, 2019 and is awaiting the governor's signature. He has until July 7, 2019 or whenever the Assembly comes back into session. (Per the NJ State Office of Legislative Services, July 3, 2019.)

Expanded Vacatur Bill (A5085). *Provides for process for a person to vacate and expunge, as applicable, arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, or other dispositions, as well as DNA records, associated with violations of law committed by person while victim of human trafficking.* Introduced on February 25, 2019, referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee. It was moved to the Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee on March 11, 2019, from which it was passed unanimously with amendments on the same day. Next step is to have the Speaker post the bill for the full Assembly. It was introduced in the Senate (S3678) on May 13, 2019 and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Primary Sponsors: Nilsa Cruz-Perez and Thomas H. Kean, Jr. Co-sponsors: Richard J. Codey, Anthony R. Bucco, Joseph Pennacchio (all from Morris County districts), and Vin Gopal.

LATEST UPDATE: *An amendment to the Assembly Bill (A5085) has been proposed. The gist of this amendment is to ensure that any victim of a crime committed by the person seeking to vacate their record is notified and given the opportunity to submit a written statement to the court regarding the impact of said crime.*

Further background information: When New Jersey's current Human Trafficking Prevention, Protection and Treatment Act [A3352] was passed on May 6, 2013, it was praised as one of the strongest anti-trafficking bills in the country. There are now more states with stronger legislation. The provisions in this new bill will serve to strengthen our bill and give greater support to the victims of Human Trafficking. Especially important are the provisions for expunging DNA records and making sure that all filings are automatically kept under seal to assure victims' privacy. This bill will help survivors move on with their lives, allowing them to get better paid jobs and even volunteer in their children's classrooms.

Take Action

Call or write Governor Murphy and ask him to sign S2691 and A1428/S2653 into law. His contact information: 1.609.292.6000, www.constituent.relations@nj.gov, 125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Upcoming Events

Free Screening of *Doing Money*, the BBC feature film based on the true story of Ana, a student from Romania, kidnapped from the streets of London and forced to become a sex slave. Presented by NJCAHT. **WHEN:** Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 7:00 PM. **WHERE:** JCC, 760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ. Register at www.njhumantrafficking.org (See flyer page 3)

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Modern Slavery: 21st Century Solutions, a forum co-sponsored by NJCAHT on Friday, September 27, 2019, 8:00AM –4:30PM, Seton Hall University (See flyer below)

For more information, visit the Coalition website: www.njhumantrafficking.org and Facebook page: NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking



DOING MONEY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Tues., July 23rd @ 7:00 pm
JCC - 760 Northfield Ave, West Orange, NJ

A BBC feature film titled *Doing Money* is based on the true story of Ana, a student from Romania, kidnapped on the streets of London, and forced to become a sex slave in 'pop up brothels' across Ireland and Northern Ireland. The producers hope that telling Ana's story "will give a voice to those women who are too often invisible to the people around them".

 **REGISTER AT:**
www.njhumantrafficking.org



SAVE THE DATE

2019 FORUM ON MODERN SLAVERY: 21st CENTURY SOLUTIONS

featuring keynote address by
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Nadia Murad

Friday, September 27
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Bethany Hall, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ Campus

For details, visit www.shu.edu/traffickingforum

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Unfinished Business Test the Rape Kits By Susan J. Waldman

In this era of “#Me Too” and #Times Up” there is no excuse for rape kits to go untested. In the May/June 2019 newsletter I proposed that Morris County NOW volunteers visit our state legislators’ offices and hand deliver the signed petitions that we gathered last year regarding New Jersey’s unknown number of untested rape kits languishing in various backrooms and who knows where. I heard from a few interested people, but I am putting out the call again to see if more people want to get involved. It looks like we will be scheduling the office visits during the month of August. The legislation involved is S425 and A3956. There has been no action taken on these bills since they were introduced in January, 2018 and May, 2018, respectively.

For more information on the petition, the bills and the Morris County legislators, the May/June 2019 newsletter [is now available here](#).

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Fast forward to 2019. HR 2646 Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women’s Services Act. Statement: To direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes.

This bill was introduced by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney on May 9, 2019. According to Skopos Labs (www.skoposlabs.com) a company that uses a method called Automated Predictive Intelligence, this bill has a 3% chance of being enacted. So where does that leave us? Another year and no chance of reining in these centers that lie to women seeking health care.

Waking Up White, by Debby Irving
A Book Review by Nancy Critchley

Waking Up White, by Debby Irving is the autobiographical account of a woman growing up outside of Boston in an upper middle class home and spending time at the Country Club. She grows up privileged and comes to understand that although there are differences, it doesn't mean one race is better than others. Her growth takes us through some painful (and some stupid) experiences to a self-awareness that those of the dominant race rarely face. She seeks out employment and seminars that increase her awareness and add to her growth. She does not hold back on exposing her embarrassing experiences. She also exposes so many faults in our system and adds to our knowledge, i.e., what can we do about a large percentage of minority children being punished more often and more severely than white children? I know that while my Hispanic godson was in High School and living with us, I was always the only white parent called in to the Vice Principal's Office. I didn't realize it was because they don't send white kids to the Principal's office as often, for the same infractions.

The Presbyterian Church recommends this book and has put out a study guide. Ms. Irving has included questions at the end of each chapter to enhance your reading experience. Though I know we live in a racist society, reading this book increased my understanding of the embedded racism in so many of our institutions. I began pushing myself to have uncomfortable conversations with various people (friends and acquaintances) about racism. Now I try to practice listening more, to really hear different perspectives.

If you want to read and discuss this book, please call me, Nancy, 973-390-1129.

GARAGE SALE THANK YOU
By Susan J. Waldman

Another year, another garage sale. Thank you to my helpers: Shirley Henderson, Karen Lontka, Rosemary Lontka, Doreen Manno and to the essential helper, Ned Waldman.

We had a beautiful, sunny day and lots of satisfied customers. All the leftovers have gone to the Presbyterian Church in Chester for their Peach Festival on August 3rd.

Special thanks to everyone who donated this year, we couldn't do it without you.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!!

Once again Morris County NOW is selling vouchers to the Somerset Patriots' home games. All home games are played in Bridgewater at the TD Bank Ballpark, just off Route 287 at Exit 13 (north or south).

A GENUINE BARGAIN!! The vouchers are selling at the box office for \$12, but we are selling them for **ONLY** \$8.00. They can be redeemed for Upper Box Seats at any Somerset Patriots home game. You don't have to go far to have a fun, family experience!!

Please contact Susan J. Waldman, 973 895 2218, for vouchers and game schedules. If you want to learn more about the team, visit their website, www.somersetpatriots.com.

NATIONAL NOW ANNUAL CONFERENCE — IT'S NOT TOO LATE

You can still register and come to the 2019 National NOW Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The conference "Feminist Agenda Rising: Our Time is Now to Focus on Promoting the Women's Agenda in 2020 Elections" will take place from Friday, July 19th through Sunday, July 21st at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport Mall of America, 3800 American Blvd. E., Bloomington, MN 55425. The full conference agenda is [available here](#) or visit www.now.org.

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**
- LGBTQ Rights**
- Promoting Diversity & Ending Racism**
- Stopping Violence Against Women**

Chapter Calendar

Thursday, July 19 – Sunday, July 21, 2019

National NOW Annual Conference
 Minneapolis, MN
 (See Article Page 4)

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Free Screening — *Doing Money*
 7:00 PM

JCC—760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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

Saturday, August 10, 2019

NOW-NJ State Board Meeting
 Rutgers Law School, 123 Washington St, Newark

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

Friday, September 27, 2019

Human Trafficking Forum
 Modern Slavery: 21st Century Solutions
 8:00 AM—4:30 PM
 Seton Hall University

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Morristown Fall Festival
 Noon to 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 5, 2019

Bottle Hill Day
 Madison, NJ
 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Autumn Lights Festival
 West Milford, NJ
 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

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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.

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.

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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.

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