

FEMINIST NEWS AND VIEWS

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COMMEMORATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE March/April 2020

IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By Susan J. Waldman

On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified: *The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.* The ratification was the culmination of a long struggle by suffragists who literally suffered through imprisonment, force feeding, violent confrontations, and more.

We are all familiar with the names Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, but what do we know about the women of color suffragists who also fought for the vote? This year as we approach the 100th Anniversary of that momentous event it is important that we recognize some of those women of color.



Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893) was born in Wilmington, Delaware to free parents. Her family home was a stop on the *Underground Railway*. Educated by Quakers, she later taught in the northeastern United States, including in New York City. In 1851, in part due to the second Fugitive Slave Act (1850) which allowed slave owners to recapture slaves in states where enslavement had been abolished, she moved to Canada where she published *The Provincial Freeman*, thereby becoming the first black female newspaper publisher in North America. Returning to the United States during the Civil War, she moved to Washington, D.C., and taught at public schools. In addition she traveled around the U.S. to lecture on women's rights and the women's suffrage movement. She graduated from Howard University in 1883 with a law degree, becoming one of the first black female lawyers in the country. She died in Washington, D.C. in 1893.



Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911) was an early abolitionist and women's suffrage leader. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the child of two free black parents, which allowed her to attend public school. She published her first poetry collection, *Forest Leaves*, in 1845. She was one of the first major popularizers of African American protest poetry. Along with her poetry, Harper was the first African-American female writer to publish a short story. Harper was also a novelist, lecturer, and, in 1896, she cofounded the National Association of Colored Women along with Harriet Tubman, Ida Wells-Barnett and several others. The organization helped all African-American women by working on issues of civil rights and injustice, such as women's suffrage, lynching, and Jim Crow laws. She died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1911.

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Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) whose parents were former slaves, was born in Memphis, Tennessee. A graduate of Oberlin College, she was one of the first African American women to earn a college degree. She then went on to achieve her master's degree in education. She became an activist in the women's rights movement after she moved to Washington, D.C., focusing on getting women the right to vote. She toured the country as a lecturer on this issue. Because of the suffragist movement's reluctance to include women of color, Terrell and several prominent activists, including Ida B. Wells and Harriet Tubman, cofounded the National Association of Colored Women, of which she was elected the first president. She was also a charter member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1950, along with other civil rights activists, she fought against segregation in Washington D.C. restaurants. Ultimately a court-ordered ruling that this was unconstitutional, led to the desegregation of all Washington D.C. restaurants. Mary Church Terrell died in Annapolis, Maryland in 1954. *(Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.)*



Nannie Helen Burroughs (1879-1961) was born to former slaves in Orange, Virginia. After the death of her father, she and her mother moved to Washington, D.C. After graduating from high school with honors, she was unable to get the public school teaching job she sought. It is speculated that the darkness of her skin was the reason the job was denied. Her determination led her to found her own school to train and educate poor African American women. She achieved her goal by raising small donations from black women and children and in 1909 opened the National Training School for Women and Girls. She was also a cofounder of the National Association of Colored Women. She stressed that white and black women should work together for suffrage. Her articles appeared in prominent African American newspapers and magazines where she stressed the importance of civil rights and personal responsibility. She was also a successful playwright. Nannie Helen Burroughs died in Washington, D.C. in 1961. *(Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.)*



Daisy Elizabeth Adams Lampkin became involved in the suffrage movement after moving to Pittsburgh where, in 1912, she began hosting suffragist meetings in her home. Although chronologically she is closer to the present time than the other women highlighted in this article, the information about her is often unclear. Her date of birth is listed variously as 1883, 1884 and 1888, and her birthplace as Reading, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. She was a renowned organizer (organizing black women as consumer activists in the early 1900's) and fundraiser. Lampkin was the first woman elected to the national board of the NAACP, eventually becoming their first field secretary, but there is no consistency in the dates that she held various offices with that organization. She also was involved with the National Association of Colored Women. Lampkin passed away in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 10, 1965.

Source Materials: National Museum of African American History (Smithsonian), Encyclopedia Britannica, Biography.com, Wikipedia, Blackpast.org, U. S. National Park Service, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

And Speaking of the Right to Vote...

**Save the Date: Convention Days 2020 ** Legacy of our Foremothers
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 17, 18 & 19, 2020 ** Seneca Falls, New York**

Women's Rights National Historical Park is proud to announce Convention Days 2020 which commemorates the First Women's Rights Convention in America on July 19-20, 1848. This three-day event will include live performances, historic tours, children's activities, hands-on art projects, and scholarly speakers. Our keynote is Coline Jenkins, Elizabeth Cady Stanton's great-great granddaughter. Join us as we explore the legacies of our foremothers! It is a story of struggles for civil rights, human rights, and equality; global struggles that continue today. The efforts of women's rights leaders, abolitionists, and other 19th century reformers remind us that all people must be accepted as equals.

Northern NJ NOW (Bergen County) and Morris County NOW members are planning to attend this historic event. Hotel and travel arrangements are on your own. For more information on the event check out this website: <https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm>.

NEW JERSEY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

By Susan J. Waldman



Gift Card Drive for Survivors

The Gift Card Drive for survivors, which closed at the end of January 2020, collected \$10,500+. (Catholic Charities contributed over half of this amount in gift card collections.)

Locker Slam

The Locker Slam magnets were sent to 61 New Jersey schools; between 24-25,000 were distributed. Here is a link to the Twitter feed: https://twitter.com/NJ_Coalition. Just scroll down to see Locker Slam postings. Find more postings by clicking on the hashtag #NJStudentsForFreedom.

NJCAHT Scholarships

The NJCAHT's annual scholarship program awards several \$500 scholarships to current high school seniors attending a college, university, or technical school in the Fall 2020 semester; to current college students; and to survivors of human trafficking (labor or sex trafficking) who are pursuing their GEDs or college.

Program Guidelines:

This program is open to trafficking survivors (male, female, sex or labor trafficked survivors); plus graduating high school seniors and current college students with a strong record of advocating for human rights and standing against human trafficking.

- An essay is required (2 pages double spaced) reflecting upon and articulating how his/her education and future career goals will contribute to raising awareness/prevention of human trafficking, OR survivor applicants may write about their hopes for the future after experiencing trafficking.
- A letter of recommendation is required from an educator or community leader familiar with the applicant's status as a trafficking survivor or familiar with the applicant's experience in human rights and/or human trafficking advocacy and character.

Online application deadline is **March 27, 2020**. Late applications are not accepted. Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee consisting of NJCAHT members, and scholarships will be awarded in May 2020.

For more information visit the website: www.njhumantrafficking.org and click on Who We Are - Education

Legislative Update

Funding the State HT Commission (A4218) substituted by S2691). Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking. This bill was signed into law by Governor Murphy on August 23, 2019. Although the governor released the balance of the "held" funding on January 17, 2020, we still don't know where the money is. I spoke to Renee Trabert, Senator Kean's Chief of Staff, on January 17, 2020, and she said that, "Treasury said it was never encumbered." The senator is still trying to find the money. I will keep in touch with Renee.

Additional Note: I attended Advocacy Day in Trenton, Thursday, January 16, 2020 and spoke to Senator Tom Kean about the Commission funding. He assured me he was trying to learn the status. The next day the governor released the funds, but we still don't know the status of the money. The Coalition is investigating this issue with the Governor's office. In addition, the discussion will include the status of the Commission members who were appointed in 2013 after the "Prevention, Protection, and Treatment Act was signed into law in May 2013.

Pending State Legislation

S280 (formerly S1449) and A883 (formerly A931) "Directs the development and posting of notices containing information for victims of human trafficking." These bills were re-introduced on January 14, 2020. Both were sent to their respective Judiciary Committees. They are not exactly the same. They do appear to include all the locations and the national hotline that were added through amendments to the prior session's bills.

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Expanded Vacatur Bill (A5085/S3678). *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. In the Senate, Primary Sponsors: Nilsa Cruz-Perez and Thomas H. Kean, Jr. Co-sponsors: Richard J. Codey, Joseph Pennacchio (Kean, Codey and Pennacchio are from Morris County districts), Vin Gopal and Troy Singleton. In the Assembly, Primary Sponsors: Gabriela M. Mosquera, Valerie Vainieri Huttler; Co-sponsors: Christopher P. DePhillips, Raj Mukherji, Mila M. Jasey, Jay Webber (Jasey and Webber are from Morris County districts), Annette Quijano and Linda S. Carter.

LATEST UPDATE: The bill will be re-introduced by Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D-District 5). Members of the Coalition's Legislative Committee have been contacting members of the Judiciary Committee to ask them to co-sponsor. I spoke to Senator Bucco's chief of staff on Friday, February 7th and received a return call on Monday, February 10th. Senator Bucco will sign on as co-sponsor as soon as the bill is re-introduced.

Transportation Training Bill (A2638) NEW "Requires public transportation employees to complete training course on handling and responding to suspected human trafficking." Companion Senate Bill (S328). This bill opens up a new area for human trafficking awareness in New Jersey.

A2638 was re-introduced on February 13, 2020 and was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. The Senate version, S328, was re-introduced in the Senate on January 14, 2020 and referred to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Coalition Speakers Bureau

If you know of an organization or school that would like to have a speaker on the topic of Human Trafficking, the Coalition has a Speakers Bureau with speakers from all around the state. During the month of January 2020, the Coalition completed nineteen speaking engagements. To find out more, please contact speakers@njhumantrafficking.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 12, 2020: Volunteer Orientation, 9:00 AM-12 noon, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ, 901 NJ-10 East, Whippany, NJ. A 90 minute orientation followed by the monthly Operating Council meeting.

Sunday, March 22, 2020: S.O.AP. Bergen County, 1:00 PM-5:PM (end times vary based on hotel outreach), Two Bergen County Plaza, 1st Floor Conference Center, Hackensack, NJ (See Flyer Page 5)

Thursday, April 23, 2020: Trafficking & Exploitation via Apps and the Dark Web, 7:00PM-9:00PM, Middlesex County Fire Academy, 1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ. Presentation by Lt. John Pizzura, NJICAC Commander, NJSP Crimes Against Children Unit. (See Flyer Page 5)

Register for these FREE events at www.njhumantrafficking.org

FREEDOM GALA, Wednesday, May 20, 2020, Imperia, 1714 Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ. Join the Coalition for an evening of inspiration and entertainment along with a Tricky Tray and Silent Auction. The Coalition will also be presenting awards in five categories: *DEFENDER, EDUCATOR, HEALER, LEADER and VOLUNTEER*. For more information, visit the Coalition website: www.njhumantrafficking.org and Facebook page: NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. **The Coalition is looking for sponsors.** Tickets and invitations coming soon.

TEST THE RAPE KITS FINAL WORDS

After sending out explanatory letters to all the Morris County districts' legislators and the chairs of the committees involved with the rape kit legislation, I was pleased to receive two letters in return. Assemblyman Adam J. Taliaferro (District 3) who said, "I appreciate your attention to this important matter" and Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. who said, "I appreciated your detailed and informative correspondence and I hope that you will continue to reach out to my office on issues of concern to you and the Morris County NOW."

IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME

By Susan J. Waldman

Spring has almost sprung, and the mild weather we have been experiencing makes the anticipation even greater. Time for a reawakening in your life and in your home. Maybe you are ready to refresh your décor. While you are at it, isn't it time to remove some of those things that you no longer use (or even like) to make room for something new?

What better time to donate to our annual garage sale? In fact, if you come to the sale, you might find just the thing that's been missing in your life. This year's sale is on Saturday, June 20, 2020, 8:30AM-4:30PM, set up at 8:00AM. If you have something to donate, please call me at 973 895 2218. You can drop it off or we will be happy to come and pick it up. And if you enjoy relaxing and interacting with like-minded women, you might want to volunteer to work at the sale. Breakfast and lunch included. Here's the silver lining...If you are a volunteer and see something you like, if the item has not been sold by the end of the sale, IT'S YOURS FREE! I look forward to hearing from you.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

By Susan J. Waldman

Two thousand twenty and 2021 could be the decisive years in the history of the ERA. We now have the 38th state (Virginia) to ratify this amendment to the Constitution. In D.C. the House has already voted 232-183 to remove the ratification deadline. It now falls to the Senate. Here's another reason to vote this year. If we can flip the Senate and the Presidency in November, we will have a good chance of seeing the ERA become law.

While we're waiting, at the most recent NOW-NJ State Board Meeting (February 29, 2020) the State Board voted to convene a new task force: NOW-NJ State ERA Strategy Task Force. The goal is to have a New Jersey ERA, something that is part of several other states' constitutions.

Membership on this task force is open to all NOW-NJ members. Let us know if you are interested by calling the chapter, 973 285 1200, or emailing us at morriscountynow@gmail.com.



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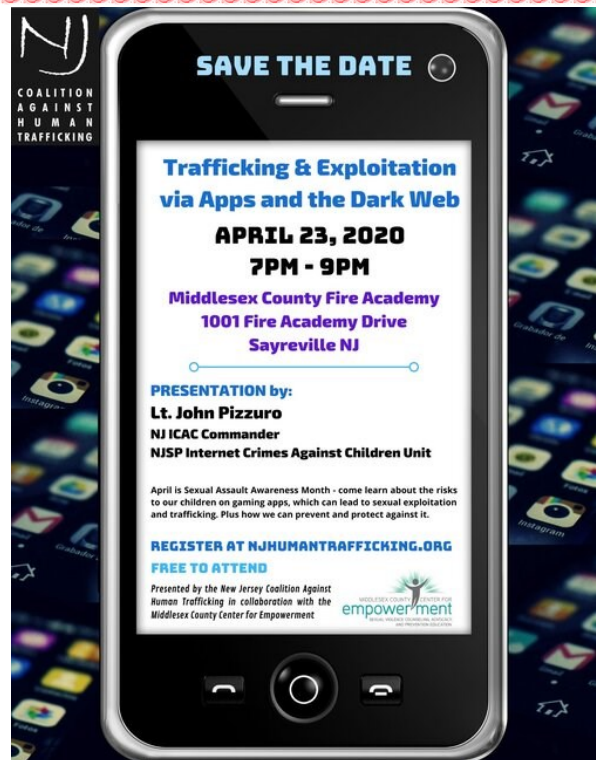
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
*End times vary based on hotel outreach

Two Bergen County Plaza
1st Floor Conference Center
Hackensack NJ 07601

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 TO ABOLISH HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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SAVE THE DATE

Trafficking & Exploitation
via Apps and the Dark Web


APRIL 23, 2020
7PM - 9PM

Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive
Sayreville NJ

PRESENTATION by:
Lt. John Pizzuro
 NJ ICAC Commander
 NJSP Internet Crimes Against Children Unit

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month - come learn about the risks to our children on gaming apps, which can lead to sexual exploitation and trafficking. Plus how we can prevent and protect against it.

REGISTER AT NJHUMANTRAFFICKING.ORG
FREE TO ATTEND

Presented by the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking in collaboration with the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment 

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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 with your email address and you won't be left out again.

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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, March 12, 2020

NJCAHT Volunteer Orientation
9:00 AM—12 Noon
Whippany, NJ
(See Article, Page 4)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

S.O.A.P. Bergen County
1:00 PM—5:00 PM
Hackensack, NJ
(See Article, Page 4 & Flyer, Page 5)

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 EQUAL PAY DAY FOR WHITE WOMEN

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

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

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Trafficking & Exploitation via Apps and the Dark Web,
7:00PM—9:00PM
Sayreville, NJ.
(See Article, Page 4 & Flyer, Page 5)

Saturday, May 2, 2020

NOW-NJ State Board Meeting
At Morris County NOW
Morris Plains, NJ
9:30 AM—4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 NJCAHT FREEDOM GALA

Imperia, Somerset, NJ
(See Article, Page 4)

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 5, 6 & 7, 2020

National NOW Conference
Capital Hilton, Washington, D.C.
Visit www.now.org for more information

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

SECOND TUESDAY DUE TO PRIMARY ELECTION

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

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Morris County NOW Garage Sale
(See Article, Page 5)

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday July 17, 18, & 19, 2020

Seneca Falls Centennial
(See Article, Page 2)

August 13, 2020

EQUAL PAY DAY FOR BLACK WOMEN

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 _____

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National, State, and Local Dues:

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- 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/menownj.

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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