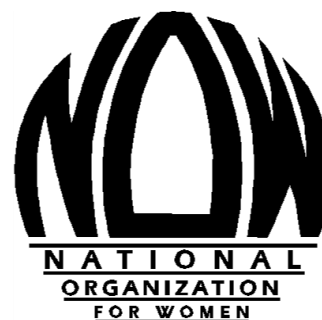


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The National Organization for Women and the Fight for Racial Justice

By Susan J. Waldman

We are witnessing a seminal moment in the United States and in countries all around the world. People of color and their allies are focusing on the issue of racial injustice regarding police brutality; inequality in healthcare; inequality in education; black schoolchildren being disproportionately disciplined, suspended and expelled, sometimes known as the “school to prison pipeline”; inequality in hiring, pay, and promotion in the workplace; inequality in housing; mass incarceration; and more. Change is happening and it is long overdue.

Along with National NOW, Morris County NOW has been actively involved in this fight for decades. After attending National’s Women of Color and Allies Summit: *Linking Arms in Dangerous Times* in February 1998 in Arlington, Virginia, our chapter along with the Women of Color & Allies Chapter (Essex County) held our own Overcoming Racism Summit at Rutgers in April, 1998. In March 2000 our chapter was a leader in coordinating a Regional Women of Color and Allies Summit in Philadelphia. Over the years, as members of the NOW-NJ Combating Racism Task Force we have marched, picketed, and protested against inequality, and we are continuing to do so today. Our Action Vice President, Stacey Gregg, is a force to be reckoned with. She has spearheaded anti-racism rallies in Morris County and beyond. For example see photo below:



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OUR CONDOLENCES

Morris County NOW extends its sincere condolences to everyone who has experienced loss during this Covid-19 Pandemic.

We also wish to thank first responders, health care workers, service workers, and all who are on the job to keep us well and keep New Jersey going.

We look forward to better times ahead. STAY WELL!



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The National Organization for Women and the Fight for Racial Justice

Stacey has also taken the lead in demonstrations in Bedminster, site of President Trump's golf resort. She is an unstoppable dynamo. Here is a link to the Star Ledger article from Trump's last visit: <https://www.nj.com/news/2020/06/with-trump-in-nj-black-lives-matter-protesters-say-no-bunker-in-bedminster.html>. For postings on future Bedminster rallies, visit the Morris County NOW Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MCNOWNJ/>.

From National NOW, the following is a statement on Racial Injustice by National NOW President, Toni Van Pelt:

"You can feel it in the air – our entire country is crying out against hundreds of years of systemic racial oppression that has come to a head. It is a reaction to the systematic racism, discrimination, daily racial microaggressions, and the prejudiced response to their race as nothing more than a threat that deserves violent submission. Collectively we are all shouting, "we can't breathe."

The National Organization for Women stands with our sisters and brothers around the nation in protest against the racist police that murdered George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and countless other black lives.

We hear, see, acknowledge, and experience the cries of pain and anger in the US and around the world. NOW is committed to diversifying our movement and working toward a world where all people have full access, opportunities, equality, and righteous dignity. Racial justice is a feminist issue and we will stop at nothing to love and protect one another.

*In solidarity,
Toni Van Pelt"*

Currently, National NOW expects to offer Racial Justice Trainings. These trainings are in the planning stages, and the National Board is discussing how they will be rolled out, i.e. nationally, by districts, or available to the individual chapters. Most likely the format will be virtual.

NEW JERSEY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

By Susan J. Waldman



Earlier this year the Coalition entered a contest to win a \$50,000 rebranding from Thinksko. The field was narrowed from 120 contestants to 5 with the winner determined by a month of voting by the public. I am very pleased to say **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Coalition for winning the contest. And a great big **THANK YOU** to all of you who took the time to vote. The process has already begun with the focus on messaging, logo and website. I look forward to the Coalition's new look.

Legislative Update

This summer the Coalition is concentrating on two pieces of legislation. We are contacting all New Jersey State Senators and asking them to cosponsor these two bills:

Expanded Vacatur Bill (S1750/A3596) *"Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims."* The Senate version of this bill was re-introduced on February 13, 2020; the Assembly version was re-introduced on March 5, 2020. Both were referred to their respective Judiciary Committees.

Posting of Notices (S280/A883) *"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.

Earlier this year I spoke with Senator Anthony M. Bucco's Chief-of-Staff, Jeff Hein, regarding S1750, and the senator agreed to cosponsor that bill. I recently spoke to Mr. Hein about S280 and, subsequently, the Senator is now a cosponsor. Senator Bucco represents District 25.

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

Do You Remember Consciousness Raising (C-R)?

Merriam-Webster's definition of Consciousness-Raising: "An increasing of concerned awareness especially of some social or political issue."

Back in the late 1960's, at the beginning of the second wave of feminism, C-R was all the rage. Groups averaged up to twelve members; people spoke using "I" statements; and everything was confidential. To paraphrase, "What was said in C-R stayed in C-R." Each meeting consisted of a series of questions which were answered by the participants based on their personal life experiences. This very effective tool was used by Morris County NOW in the late 1980's. The group bonded, and our friendships continue until this day.

Basically, C-R gets you to think about issues and discover underlying truths about those issues and about yourself. With that in mind, NOW-NJ is thinking about starting C-R on a virtual level. The old questions will need to be updated. For instance on the old questionnaire you might have been asked if you were ever denied credit because you were a woman. Much has changed since then, but many issues still remain.

Please call me, 973 895 2218, or email the chapter, morriscountynow@gmail.com if you are interested in joining a NOW-NJ Consciousness-Raising group. Especially let us know if you have any ideas for possible questions. For more background information on the early years of C-R, you can visit the Chicago Women's Liberation Union website: <https://www.cwluherstory.org/conscious/how-to-start-your-own-consciousness-raising-group>

And speaking of Consciousness-Raising, on May 4, 2020, I read an article about the anniversary of the shooting at Kent State University. It prompted me to write the following Letter to the Editor:

"As a third wave feminist, my consciousness was raised many years ago. Today, as I do every day, I was reading the *Star Ledger* and something jumped out at me in the article about the tragic Kent State shooting fifty years ago. This is the paragraph that caught my eye: "*The Justice Department and officials of the National Guard launched separate investigations of the gunfire outburst which took the lives of two girls and two young men.*" Does anyone else see what's wrong with this sentence? Why are the females referred to as "girls" while the males are "young men?" Aren't the females "young women?" Why not call the males "boys?" All are college students. This article is not attributed to a specific reporter so I cannot connect with whomever that is. However, perhaps anyone who reads this letter will also get their consciousness raised." Susan J. Waldman

Well, perhaps because it wasn't related to politics, sports or the coronavirus, the letter was not printed; however, thank you for taking the time to read it.

HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE Recent Supreme Court Decisions

Much to the relief of all of us who support gender equality, immigrants rights, and reproductive rights, the Supreme Court has issued some recent rulings that we can all applaud.

Gay and Transgender Rights

On June 15, 2020 the court ruled that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects gay and transgender workers from workplace discrimination. Employers can no longer discriminate against workers based on sexual orientation or gender identity, thereby extending federal workplace protections nationwide. Justices ruling in favor: Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Stephen G. Breyer, John Roberts, and Neil M. Gorsuch

Immigration

On June 15, 2020 in [Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California](#), the court ruled that the Trump administration cannot immediately shut down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program (DACA). Although this decision does not close the door to future attempts by the Trump Administration to end the program, it does give the estimated 700,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and allows them to work. Justices ruling in favor: Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Stephen G. Breyer, and John Roberts

Abortion

On June 29, 2020 in [June Medical Services v. Russo](#), the court ruled that a Louisiana law requiring that doctors who perform abortions must have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, violated the Constitution. Justice Roberts' decision was based on the precedent of a Texas law struck down for the same reason. Justices ruling in favor: Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Elena Kagan, Stephen G. Breyer, and John Roberts

WHAT'S HAPPENING OR NOT

Chapter Meetings

Until further notice our chapter meetings will be virtual on Zoom. Here are the details:

Time: July 7, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every month on the First Tuesday, until safe to meet in person.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlodeusqzkrE9UtSH9_0ZF1YC2E4Va5B6tB/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGuqzkoHtGXsRCGRpwAGYjoa-jwmHpcj_poiCzNWh8DWCWnD8EQF-ZJEY3y

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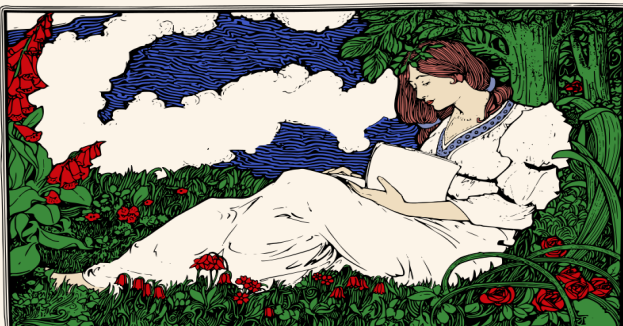
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For chapter meeting updates please check our website: www.morriscountynow.org

NOW National Conference

Most likely a virtual meeting some time in September. The National Board is working on the many necessary details.

Seneca Falls 100th Anniversary of the Right to Vote: Legacy of our Foremothers July 17—19, 2020. This event has been cancelled for 2020. It is possible that there will be a virtual event. The park is closed now. Check back at the Women's Rights National Park website: <https://www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm>



We would like to hear how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected your life. Please send your stories to Morriscountynow@gmail.org.

All submissions are subject to editing before publication.

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

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



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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

¹ Source: National Women's History Museum

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Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
7:00 PM
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Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Possible Zoom Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Morris County NOW Chapter Meeting
Possible Zoom Meeting

Women's Suffrage in the United States¹

1848

Seneca Falls, New York is the location for the first Women's Rights Convention. Elizabeth Cady Stanton writes "The Declaration of Sentiments" creating the agenda of women's activism for decades to come.

1850

Worcester, Massachusetts, is the site of the first National Women's Rights Convention. Frederick Douglass, Paulina Wright Davis, Abby Kelley Foster, William Lloyd Garrison, Lucy Stone and Sojourner Truth are in attendance. A strong alliance is formed with the Abolitionist Movement.

1866

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony form the American Equal Rights Association, an organization dedicated to the goal of suffrage for all regardless of gender or race.

1919

The Senate finally passes the Nineteenth Amendment and the ratification process begins.

August 26, 1920

Three quarters of the state legislatures ratify the Nineteenth Amendment.

American women win full voting rights.

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- \$35. Regular Dues
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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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