



LAKE NOW NEWS

September 2013

Former President's Message

Dear Lake NOW Members,

It is with heartfelt sadness that I tell you I am resigning as the President of Lake NOW. My personal life has taken me to a life in the Villages. I have not been able to dedicate the time and attention that I would like, and feel that it is the right thing to do to turn over the Presidency at this time.

I want to say what a wonderful pleasure it has been to serve, even though a truncated period, as your President! I believe in the values and mission of NOW and am very proud to be a part of it! Since the new Board's election early this year, we have accomplished many significant things:

- Strategic Planning is near completion – includes short and long term goals, actions, etc.
- Development of Bylaws – ready for review by membership
- Website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts developed
- Many new activities for membership, including a Book Club, routine Socials, and more
- A host of enjoyable and educational programs have been presented
- Financial processing and accounting has been improved
- Lake NOW will be hosting the FL State NOW conference
- Exciting events have occurred and are being planned (WalMart protest, 'The Vagina Monologues' play being planned, and more)
- Lake NOW has developed and led the Lake County Equality Steering Committee (with membership from ACLU, Rollins College Professors, Educational Professionals, Federal Government Activists, PFLAG Leadership, NOW members, and more.)

Lake NOW has a wonderful membership and is working to encourage greater involvement by our members. I believe that with this current board at the helm, Lake NOW will THRIVE AND GROW. At our Strategic Planning session on September 3rd, we covered a GREAT deal of wonderful planning for the future of Lake NOW. The current board is composed of extremely professional, talented, capable, and dedicated women who will lead you through the remainder of this year/term.

I wish to encourage EACH of you to seek out ways to help advance the causes of Lake NOW. I can only assume you are a member because you CARE about women's issues

in our country, state, county, and communities. PLEASE, get involved and help make the difference!!

Thank you very much for honor of being your President, and please, support Carol King as she assumes the Presidency for the remainder of this term. She and the Board are tremendous, and we ALL thank you for your support of Lake NOW!

Sherrie Aly, CDR, USN, (Ret)

President's Message

I'm looking forward to continuing the leadership of Sherrie Aly and directing the mission of Lake NOW. We have a good team focusing on the future and with the support of the entire membership we should be able to meet our goals. To this end we are reactivating our Committees and hope you all will participate.

You will be hearing a lot more from me during the upcoming months. Hope to see more of you at our monthly meeting.

Carol King, Lake NOW President

Treasurer's Message

HELP WANTED: ASSISTANT TREASURER

Responsibilities:

Monitor financial transactions

Record receipts

Classify expenditures

Report to the membership

Qualifications:

Current Lake NOW member

Training provided

If anyone would like to step up to this challenge, please contact me. There is a minimal amount of time required and your help will be most appreciated.

Karen Salvat, Lake NOW Treasurer

Lake NOW Board

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Secretary's Message

Hope you all had a great summer! I am looking for a "few good women (or men)" to write letters/e-mails either to our local governing board (school board, commission) or the newspapers regarding any issues that may peak your interest. My issues right now are many: school board – busing, teacher pay, gay/straight alliance clubs; commission – restricting new developments without the proper infrastructure, which effects all residents of Lake County. Also, remember, next year is an election year and your Governor is out there trying to rectify (with not much success) the huge errors he made his first few months in office, including requiring teachers to pay for their retirement which reduced their already meager salaries by 3%; decimating statewide land development regulations; restricting actions of the water management districts to our detriment; omitting the ombudsmen working in nursing homes to ensure our most vulnerable seniors and the disabled are not mistreated. I could go on and on, but I am sure a lot of you have some of the same concerns, as well as many others. It's our job to get the information out there for all to see!

Barbara Hill, Lake NOW Secretary

Membership Director's Message

Even when you believe strongly in the principles of an organization, it is sometimes hard to make the time to participate like you would like. Life gets in the way. It happens to all of us. We understand so we are trying to find lots of ways for members to participate. We are also scheduling events at different times of the day and different days of the week. Tuesday afternoon Book Club, Wednesday early evening socials, and Wednesday evening monthly programs are all examples of this. Special events such as the Pink Tea in August and **The Vagina Monologues** in March are other examples.

Still, if our organization is to grow and become the force for change in Lake County that we know will benefit Lake County citizens, we need to do more. Consequently, we are asking members to get involved in more ways. We need members and chairs of committees, an assistant treasurer, letter writers, and so much more. Below are some of the standing committees that need members.

Membership	Builds membership
Finance	Fund raising and Lake NOW budget
Communications	Communications through Web page and other social media, newsletter, and more
Political Action	Tracks legislative issues and reports to membership; organizes rallies and protests
Publicity	Develops Lake NOW literature for advertising; networks with other organizations
Strategic Planning	Plans and implements Lake NOW's short- and long-term direction
Nominating	Finds and nominates candidates for Lake NOW Board

We also need volunteers for committees that will be working on special events such as **The Vagina Monologues** and the 2014 Florida NOW convention.

No experience or special knowledge is needed for any of these committees. You will have opportunities to learn and build skills that can benefit you in so many ways.

Please contact any member of the Lake NOW Board and tell them which committee(s) you want to join.

The Vagina Monologues

Lake NOW is proud to announce we will be producing **The Vagina Monologues** in partnership with the Bay Street Players on March 15 and 16, 2014. This world renowned production is a series of monologues about women's experiences. This will be a benefit for The Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties which provides aid to victims of domestic abuse. A portion of the proceeds will also benefit V-Day: Until the Violence Stops, an international organization that works to end violence against women.

This may also become a fundraising event for Lake NOW. Details will need to be determined on this.

Lake NOW needs volunteers to work on this important project. We will be working with Bay Street Theater on fundraising, advertising, and hosting the event. Contact Sandee Paradise for more information.

Lake NOW members may also want to audition to read one of the monologues. We will notify members about auditions after they are scheduled.

Pink Tea



The Pink Tea held on August 24th was absolutely delightful. There were three Lake NOW tables as well as other members in attendance. ALL of the money collected goes towards mammograms for Lake County women who otherwise could not afford to obtain one.

This year's Pink Tea theme was the Titanic era featuring a fashion show of vintage clothing worn during that period, including two lovely wedding gowns. Lake NOW member, Nancy Hurlbert was one of the lovely models. Tea was served in china teapots, poured into beautiful cups and saucers and the homemade sandwiches and desserts were luscious.

Next year will be the tenth anniversary of the Pink Tea and hope to see you there.

In case you were unaware, during the time the suffragettes were working towards obtaining women's right to vote, the convening of a "pink tea" was code for a meeting to discuss women's voting rights.

Lake NOW's Mission Statement

Lake NOW is a chapter of the non-partisan Florida and National Organization for Women (NOW) devoted to the continuing improvement of women's rights and freedom from discrimination. Consistent with the foregoing, it is Lake NOW's purpose to embrace members of all races, ages, gender and sexual orientation. Lake NOW will focus on activities that advocate and advance the equal status of women and girls in all aspects of their lives through educational, legislative and political work, while adhering to the bylaws, policies and resolutions of the Florida and National Organization for Women.

Our priority goals, include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing women's health issues and reproductive rights
- Stemming violence against women
- Improving and promoting diversity/ending racism
- Encouraging economic justice and labor rights.

Lake NOW Calendar

Wed., Sept. 18, 7 p.m.	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting Joe Flynn will speak on the Affordable Care Act (AKA ObamaCare) W. T. Bland Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St., Mt. Dora
Wed., Oct. 2, 5 – 7 p.m.	Lake NOW Social JB Boondocks 704 S. Lakeshore Blvd., Howey-in-the-Hills
Tues., Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.	Lake NOW Book Club: Day After Night by Anita Diamant W. T. Bland Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St., Mt. Dora
Fri., Oct. 11, 10 a.m.	Lake NOW Board Meeting Olivia's Coffeehouse, 113 N. Bay Street, Eustis
Wed., Oct. 16, 7 p.m.	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting W. T. Bland Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St., Mt. Dora
Mon., Oct. 21, 1 – 5 p.m.	Lake County Legislative Delegation will meet in Groveland
Thurs., Nov. 7, 7 – 10 p.m.	Purple Passion Event (Fundraiser for the Haven) Al's Landing, 111 Ruby Street, Tavares
Sat., Mar. 15, 2014 2 p.m.	***** MARK YOUR CALENDAR ***** Lake NOW and Bay Street Players present The Vagina Monologues, an internationally known play about women's experiences. Fundraiser for The Haven.
Sun., Mar. 16, 2014 7 p.m.	
May 30-31 and June 1, 2014	Lake NOW hosts the Florida NOW Convention

Lake NOW September Social

About 14 Lake NOW members, family and friends met at Merrill's Market in Mount Dora for our monthly social. Drinks, good food, and lively conversation were enjoyed. These events are a great chance to get to know other members better. All members are encouraged to join the fun. You may also invite friends or acquaintances who may be interested in NOW and would like to meet members in a less formal setting than our monthly meetings.

October's Social will be at [JB Boondocks](#) in Howey-in-the-Hills. This site offers Southern cuisine and lake views. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sisterhood Fund

Our "Bucket for CHANGE" will now become our "Sisterhood Fund." Same rules apply: empty your change in the bucket at our meetings or you can always leave dollar bills. If there is anyone who would like to become a benefactor for our cause, please contact me personally so we can discuss.

Reminder Calls for Socials & Meetings

Lake NOW will soon start using automated reminder calls to help members remember upcoming meetings and socials. If there is anyone who wants a specific phone number called or does not want to receive a call at all, please email Karen Salvat (karwag.sal@comcast.net) so your information can be updated. Be sure to include whatever phone number you want used or not used.

Lake NOW Bylaws

Lake NOW board has reworked our bylaws based on the recommended format provided by NOW. These draft bylaws will be sent out to the membership for review later this month. Please review these documents and send any comments prior to September 24, 2013, to Barbara Hill at bmhill123@comcast.net, or call me at 352 589-1495. The Membership will be asked to approve the ByLaws and Operating Rules at our October meeting so these documents can be sent to National NOW with our annual report.

Another Lake NOW Book Club

The existing Lake NOW Book Club has had a rousing start but it's meeting time of Tuesday afternoons may not be convenient for everyone. Consequently, we are thinking of forming another Lake NOW book club that would meet in the evening or on weekends so that members who work regular jobs might have a chance to participate. If you might be interested, please contact Sandee Paradise and tell her what time would be best for you.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Members are encouraged to submit articles for our monthly newsletter. You may submit proposed articles by sending them to contactLakeNOW@yahoo.com. Please type your newsletter submissions directly into the body of your text formatted email. Please do not use HTML or RTF format or special fonts. Submissions may be vetoed by the NOW board and/or edited for clarity and brevity.

Next month's deadline for submissions: Saturday, 10/7/13.



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Monthly meetings

Every third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.
(exceptions will be announced on the web page)

Meetings held at W. T. Bland Library

1995 N. Donnelly St., Mt Dora, Florida 32757



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