



# LAKE NOW NEWS

October 2015

## October Lake NOW Meeting

**Wednesday, October 21st:** Those of you who did not attend FL NOW's Conference this summer missed the opportunity to meet the new officers. We will remedy this by having two State Officers join us - FL NOW President, Terry Sanders and FL NOW Vice President, Laura Fausone.

In a recent press release, President Sanders noted: "The Florida National Organization for Women applauds the ACLU of Florida for filing a lawsuit against the state of Florida and Governor Scott asking the courts to block the just-signed 24-hour mandatory waiting period for abortion care. This law is unconstitutional under Florida statutes which grant women equal treatment. This law targets only one medical procedure that only impacts Florida's women. It is a law designed purely to cause undue hardship and burden on women who have already been fully informed of the procedure as mandated by existing law."



Terry spent over 30 years in various areas of systems technology working for large corporations. A graduate of Golden Gate University in San Francisco with a degree in Information Systems, her career over the last 10 years has been focused on Human Resource related software system support at Aon Corporation. But her passion is women's rights and women's issues. Starting as a teenager, she joined the National Organization for Women and subscribed to MS. Magazine. She was so moved after the death of abortion provider Dr. Tiller in 2009 that she joined the local Brevard chapter of NOW to help make a difference. She has been actively involved in many conferences, workshops, rallies and inter-organizational groups working on supporting women's rights...and she has been the President, Vice President and Secretary of Brevard NOW as well as Legislative Director for Florida NOW and current State NOW President.

President Sanders will be speaking about the activities/focus of FL NOW and how the local chapters fit in. Do not miss our meeting on October 21st at W.T. Bland Library at 7 PM!! Let's show the top two officers of FL NOW how involved Lake NOW is!!

We will also be having our display of used books (mainly feminist) and buttons/bumper stickers at the meeting. Please come browse and make your choices. All available for a modest donation (suggested \$1).

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

We encourage members to submit articles for our monthly newsletter. Submissions submitted after the first day of the month may need to be placed in the next month's issue. Please send to [contactLakeNOW@yahoo.com](mailto:contactLakeNOW@yahoo.com). Please type your newsletter submissions directly into the body of your text formatted email and 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.

## September's Field Trip to Rollins...

Nancy Hurlbert, Jane Hepting, Linda Robinson, Linda Nagle, Melind Joy & Bobby Miller, Lucinda & Peter McGinn, Janet Manchon and Barbara Hill challenged the thunderstorms and enjoyed an evening at Rollins' Winter Park Institute with 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Leymah Gbowee. Ms. Gbowee's tales of discrimination, harassment and death threats while trying to improve conditions in Liberia for women and girls rang true for what is still going on in our world. Her main message was, "Advocate for Change". You missed an endearing message which resonated with all of us!

## FAMILIES in TRANSITION

Lake NOW has collected personal items (toothpaste/brushes, hygiene items, etc.) over the last couple years to benefit FIT. Last year, we collected bottled drinks for the FIT Fair. This year we will be collecting NEW or LIKE NEW books for students Preschool, kindergarten and Grades 1-3. Please ask your family/friends for contributions; maybe you have grandchildren who no longer use their LIKE NEW books!! Or consider stopping by the Dollar Tree and purchasing a few books. Our goal is to collect 100 books for students in grades K-3...**Bring your books to our Oct. 21st Lake NOW Meeting or drop-off to Nancy Hurlbert (352-483-4962/954-254-1000)**



## Book Review

### "Midwives" Book Club Review...by Nancy Hurlbert

Just three of us gathered on Tuesday, September 8th to discuss *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian over ice cream and dill pickles ( I wanted us to share shots of scotch, but was discouraged), but a lively discussion ensued anyway. *Midwives* is a fiction novel about Sibyl Danforth, who has been a dedicated midwife in the rural community of Reddington, Vermont, for fifteen years. But one treacherous winter night in 1981, in a house isolated by icy roads and failed telephone lines, Sibyl takes desperate measures to save a baby's life. She performs an emergency Caesarean section on its mother, who appears to have died in labor. But what if - as Sibyl's new intern, Annie, later charges - the patient wasn't already dead, and it was Sibyl who inadvertently killed her?

The incident is recounted by Sibyl's precocious fourteen-year-old daughter, Connie, by referring to Sibyl's "notes" as she testifies at trial, but in actuality was her diary kept throughout her life. The ensuing trial bears the earmarks of a witch hunt except for the fact that all its participants are acting from the highest motives - and the defendant increasingly appears to be guilty. As Sibyl Danforth faces the antagonism of the law, the hostility of traditional doctors and the accusations of her own conscience, *Midwives* engaged us, moved us, and transfixed us to the very end - and the jury's verdict.

All of the Book Club readers recommend this book, including:

"I enjoyed the book and loved how it was written. At first I was annoyed with the excerpts from her "diary" but realized then how important they were. I know it was fiction, but the characters really grew on me. A book I would recommend" ...*Karen Salvat*

"I really enjoyed the book and thought it gave a very stark contrast between the traditional roles of women as midwives and men as doctors who are essentially performing the same service. The men/doctors have so much more credibility granted to them while the women/midwives are questioned. I would recommend the book to others and have enjoyed other books by Chris Bohjalian" ...*Sandee Paradise*

"So well written that I actually felt like "pushing" during the birthing scene" ...*Janet Manchon*

"I couldn't believe this book was written by a man. The emotions invoked by Bohjalian during the birth episode, during the contentious trial and the relationship between mother and daughter, was so well portrayed that it changed my mind in believing could only be done by a female author" ...*Nancy Hurlbert*

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## Program Suggestions

Lake NOW wants your suggestions for upcoming programs. Feel free to send ideas for things you might want to know more about to the Lake NOW vice-president, who is responsible for arranging programs.

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## President's Message

It's October now and the year will be winding down before we know it. With the passage of time inevitably come changes and Lake NOW is experiencing changes both sad and good. The sad change I am referencing is the



resignation of Lake NOW Treasurer Kelda Senior. For all the right reasons, Kelda was no longer able to fulfill her role. She has moved to another area to start a new job and while that is exciting for her, it left us with a vacancy in the Treasurer role. One of the good changes is that we have identified a member who has accepted our appointment to finish out the term. Barbara "Cookie" Wright has been a member of Lake NOW since earlier this year and has been at some of our board meetings already as a member attendee coming early for the socials. She has participated with us in discussions and now will be doing so as a member of the board. We are very pleased to have Cookie join us! Another good change is being back on Meetup with our group. We are hoping to reach out to a group of women who may be interested in the goals of NOW, but may not hear about us in other ways. I myself was lucky enough to hear of meetup through an item that appeared in the Triangle News Leader a few years ago. Since the item is not run every issue or even every month, it was fortunate that my spouse first saw it and brought it to my attention. I've been with Lake NOW ever since.

Another transition that will be coming up is our annual meeting with elections next year. For that to happen, we need to have a few volunteers to work as our nomination committee to solicit members who are interested in running for office. If you may be interested in making this commitment, which should only be a short term commitment, please contact me by email, phone or in person. We would like to know we have a committee ready for action in time for our November board meeting on the 4th.

Also, we need people to review our bylaws so that we can present any proposed updates to the membership at least a month ahead of our annual meeting in which we would be voting on them. Again, please contact me if interested.

Finally, there are so many things going on and it can be overwhelming trying to keep up. We do have many options for staying informed on social media, and encourage you to like our Facebook page, join our Facebook group and join us on Meetup.com. To stay in touch with our partner organizations, you can like Equality Florida and Planned Parenthood on Facebook as well. Most of all, come to our meetings and join in discussions as they happen.

In sisterhood, Lucinda

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**Cis/cisgender**" The oxforddictionaries.com definition of cisgender is: "Denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity conforms with the gender that corresponds to their biological sex." Beulah Devaney - BuzzFeed Contributor

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## Legislative Update...

by Nancy Hurlbert

### Update on Legislative Districts (reprinted from FairDistricts)

#### First – the Congressional Map:

Because the House and Senate could not agree on a map, it will be up to Judge Lewis in Tallahassee to choose one of seven maps that have been submitted to him or draw one himself (We expect that he will choose a map rather than getting into drafting). The maps he has to choose from include two from the Senate, one from the House, one from the Romo Plaintiffs (Democratic Party) and three from the FairDistricts Plaintiffs (League of Women Voters and Common Cause).

It is our position that the Legislature did a pretty good job of following the guidance provided by the Supreme Court and although there are differences in the three legislative maps, any of them would be acceptable except for how they drew Congressional Districts 26 and 27 in South Dade. (It has been alleged that the Senate drew the Tampa Bay area to favor a potential candidate so we used the House map as the basis for our maps.)

The Supreme Court in July ordered that the original CDs 26 (Curbelo) and 27 (Ros Lehtinen) needed to be redrawn because the Legislature had split the City of Homestead and pushed African American Democratic voters into CD 27 to make CD 26 more favorable to the Republican Party and the incumbent. The high court ordered the Legislature to remedy this problem by keeping Homestead whole. In all of the Legislature's proposed maps, Homestead is kept whole in CD 26. That required the mappers to find other population to put into CD 27. But rather than following logical boundaries and neutrally choosing population to move, the legislature's mappers departed from major roadways and local boundaries to reach out and grab other African American Democratic population to move into CD 27, thus making CD 26 even more Republican than in the original map, clearly a violation of the FairDistricts Amendments.

During the Special Session we put the legislature on notice of this problem and one Senator offered an amendment to cure it. Our notice and the amendment were essentially ignored. So we have submitted three maps that cure this obvious gerrymander in three different ways.

Judge Lewis has until October 17 to choose one of the submitted maps and then the Florida Supreme Court will review that choice. We expect this to move very quickly.

*You can watch the hearing at*

*<http://www.TheFloridaChannel.org> starting at 9:30  
Thursday morning.*

#### Next up – the Senate map.

After the Senate admitted that it had drawn its map with intent to favor the Republican Party and agreed that the existing map could not be used for the 2016 elections, the Legislature called a special session to redraw the map. The session will take place from October 19 to November 6. We have submitted several different alternative maps for

consideration. All of them would yield opportunities for representation that would reflect the political preferences of Florida voters.

The process for the October Session has not yet been announced. But we do know that the circuit court has scheduled a trial for the week of December 14 to review the resulting map (if there is one) or to choose a map or draw one.

Our legal team has been working round the clock to provide the best possible representation for the people of Florida. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude for bringing us this far. They have truly shaken up the political power structure of our state and they are not done yet.



## Lake NOW Calendar

Tuesday, Oct 13th 3:30 p.m.	NOW Book Club, W.T. Bland Library "Blanche Cleans Up" by Barbara Neely
Wednesday, Oct 21st 7:00 p.m.	NOW October Meeting W.T. Bland Library Florida NOW President Terry Sanders and Vice President, Laura Fausone.
Wednesday, Nov 4th 4:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Board Meeting Location TBA
Wednesday, Nov 4th 5:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Social TBA
Tuesday, Nov 10th 3:30 p.m.	NOW Book Club, W.T. Bland Library "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015 3:30 p.m.	NOW Book Club, WT Bland Library "Men Explain Things to Me" by Rebecca Solnit



### From Bay Street to Off Broadway

On Wednesday, September 23rd at The Westside Theater in New York City, Eve Ensler was presented The Absolute Brightness Award. Eve is the author of The Vagina Monologues, which Lake NOW presented with great success in March 2014 in partnership with Bay Street Players. The Absolute Brightness Award is given to a unique individual who is a shining beacon in their community, and an inspiration to live as your truest self. Previous honorees have been LGBT civil rights hero Edie Windsor and Tony Award winning actor and activist Alan Cumming.



### ARE YOU BEING NOTIFIED when something happens?

Do we have your current email address? Phone number? There may be messages that you might interest you but are not in the newsletter or on the web site and an email is sent to all members to keep them informed. If you have changed your address or just want to check to make sure, please contact us at [contactlakenow@yahoo.com](mailto:contactlakenow@yahoo.com).

## Lake NOW Book Club

These books will be discussed by the Lake NOW Book Club.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR....

#### Topic: Birds in Flight

#### Where: Ocklawaha Valley Audubon Society Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Trout Lake Nature Center, 520 E. County Road 44, Eustis, FL 32736. The program will be the showing of the film, "Earthflight: Europe". This beautifully filmed video is from the "Earthflight" series. This time the birds of Europe are featured, from a bird's viewpoint, while in flight. Come and watch as the cranes and geese fly over Venice, the white cliffs of Dover and Edinburg. See the birds over the Loire Valley, London and the tulip fields of Holland. Join us to see Europe from the bird's-eye view. The public is invited. For more information, contact Linda Bystrak at [Linda@bystrak.com](mailto:Linda@bystrak.com).

#### Topic: Water Quality and Availability

**Plantation Democrats Club Regular Meeting: Friday, October 16th at 5:00 p.m.** at Hermitage Hall at The Plantation of Leesburg, 25201 U.S. Hwy 27 in Leesburg. The speaker will be Egor Emery, who will speak about issues related to water quality and availability in Lake County. As always, light refreshments will be available. We hope to see many friends there. If you'd like to attend, contact Kathy Williamson at [uffda\\_fyda@yahoo.com](mailto:uffda_fyda@yahoo.com); 352-460-2145.

#### Topic: How Emotions Impact Political Reality

**Greater Leesburg Democratic Club's Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Leesburg Public Library at 100 East Main Street. **The program starts promptly at 5:30 p.m.** The speaker will be Dr. Sarah Reagan, a clinical psychologist from Washington, D.C., who will discuss how emotions impact political reality. For more information, contact Louis Ward at [poppalouis1@hotmail.com](mailto:poppalouis1@hotmail.com).

#### Topic: Activities and Focus of FL NOW

Your NOW Chapter Meeting - see page 1 or [click here](#) for more details

#### Topic: The Election - Know Your Dates

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Early voting

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Early voting.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – ELECTION DAY!

**"Intersectionality"** Intersectionality is the belief that everyone should be included in feminism, not just the middle-class, able-bodied, white women who usually represent the movement in the press.

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Month	Book
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015	"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015	"Men Explain Things to Me" by Rebecca Solnit
Tuesday, January 12, 2016	"The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins
Tuesday, February 9, 2016	"A Fighting Chance" by Elizabeth Warren
Tuesday, March 8, 2016	"Equal Means Equal," by Jessica Neuwirth
Tuesday, April 12, 2016	"Big Little Lies," by Liane Moriarty
Additional Reading	"The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood; and "Icy Sparks," by Gwyn Hyman Rubio

The Lake NOW Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the W. T. Bland Library in Mount Dora. All Lake NOW members are welcome to participate.

### Reproductive Justice Webinars

The National Women's Law Center and Law Students for Reproductive Justice are co-sponsoring a webinar series comprised of hour-long webinars on the intersection of reproductive justice with other advocacy issues. The webinars will be held on one Wednesday of October and November, and will start at 6:00 PM Eastern. We hope you can join us for these important and informative webinars!

#### If You Care About Economic Justice, You Should Care About Reproductive Justice

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Eastern

#### Speakers:

- Fatima Goss-Graves, National Women's Law Center
- Lina Houston, Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Rachel Easter, National Women's Law Center

Registration Link:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3383873847625702402>

#### If You Care About Racial Justice, You Should Care About Reproductive Justice

Date: Wednesday, November 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Eastern

#### Speakers:

- Lina Houston, Law Students for Reproductive Justice
- Kelli Garcia, National Women's Law Center
- TBARegistration Link:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/3365522998558192642>

## Lake NOW Badges

Lake NOW is selling Lake NOW badges to its members. The badges look like the one shown below with the Lake NOW logo and the member's name. The badges can be purchased through Lake NOW for \$12 each. See an officer for more information.



## 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.

## Committees

The following standing committees are being formed. Please review this information and determine how you can participate in Lake NOW.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership committee is chaired by the Membership Director with the purpose of building, retaining and engaging Lake NOW membership in support of the principles of National NOW.

**FINANCE:** The Finance committee is chaired by the Treasurer with the purpose of managing the finances and budget of Lake NOW.

**NOMINATING:** *The Nominating Committee is chaired by a non-Board member of Lake NOW as approved by Board. The committee's purpose is to find, encourage and recommend members of Lake NOW to be Board candidates. (NOW seeking members!)*

**BYLAWS:** *The Bylaws committee is chaired by a non-Board member of Lake NOW as approved by the general membership. The committee's purpose is to:*

- Review and manage any requested changes to the Lake NOW Bylaws or Operating Rules per the requirements established in the Operating Rules.
- Be knowledgeable in the area of the National Bylaws and Policies; the State Bylaws, Operating Rules and Policies; and the Lake NOW Bylaws, Operating Rules and Policies.

- Serve in an advisory role to the Board of Directors and general membership regarding the interpretation and any discrepancies between the National, State and Lake NOW organizations. **(NOW seeking members!)**

### COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC VISIBILITY:

- Technology: Examine all technological opportunities, such as internet, e-mail, websites, social media and more, to ensure Lake NOW is capitalizing on all available technologies.
- Writers' Committee: Draft letters to newspapers, legislators, local governmental entities, etc. Create a scrapbook to record Lake NOW activities, press releases and other historical documents.
- Public Visibility: Develop information such as tri-fold pamphlets, advertising, etc., for distribution in the community to ensure public awareness of Lake NOW and its Mission Statement. Join with other agencies or organizations to develop networking opportunities, as well as contact local colleges, places of worship and non-profits.
- Telephone Outreach: Aid other committees and officers when networking by telephone is requested.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** Track legislative issues, bills and amendments and report to the membership.

**ACTION COMMITTEE:** Organize rallies, protests, and other activities in order to publicize NOW's support or opposition to current issues.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Organize, develop, implement, and monitor the Strategic Plan of Lake NOW. This committee shall coordinate to ensure proper training and education on Strategic Planning and the philosophy of it. This committee shall report to the President of Lake NOW. At the President's request, the Strategic Planning Committee shall report to the membership on the status of the Plan (accomplishments, amendments, etc).

## Lake NOW Board

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**Tranmisogyny** is a combination of transphobia (hatred of transgender people) and misogyny (hatred of women and feminine attributes). The 2012 GLADD report found that 53% of anti-LGBTQ homicides were against transgender women

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**Monthly meetings**

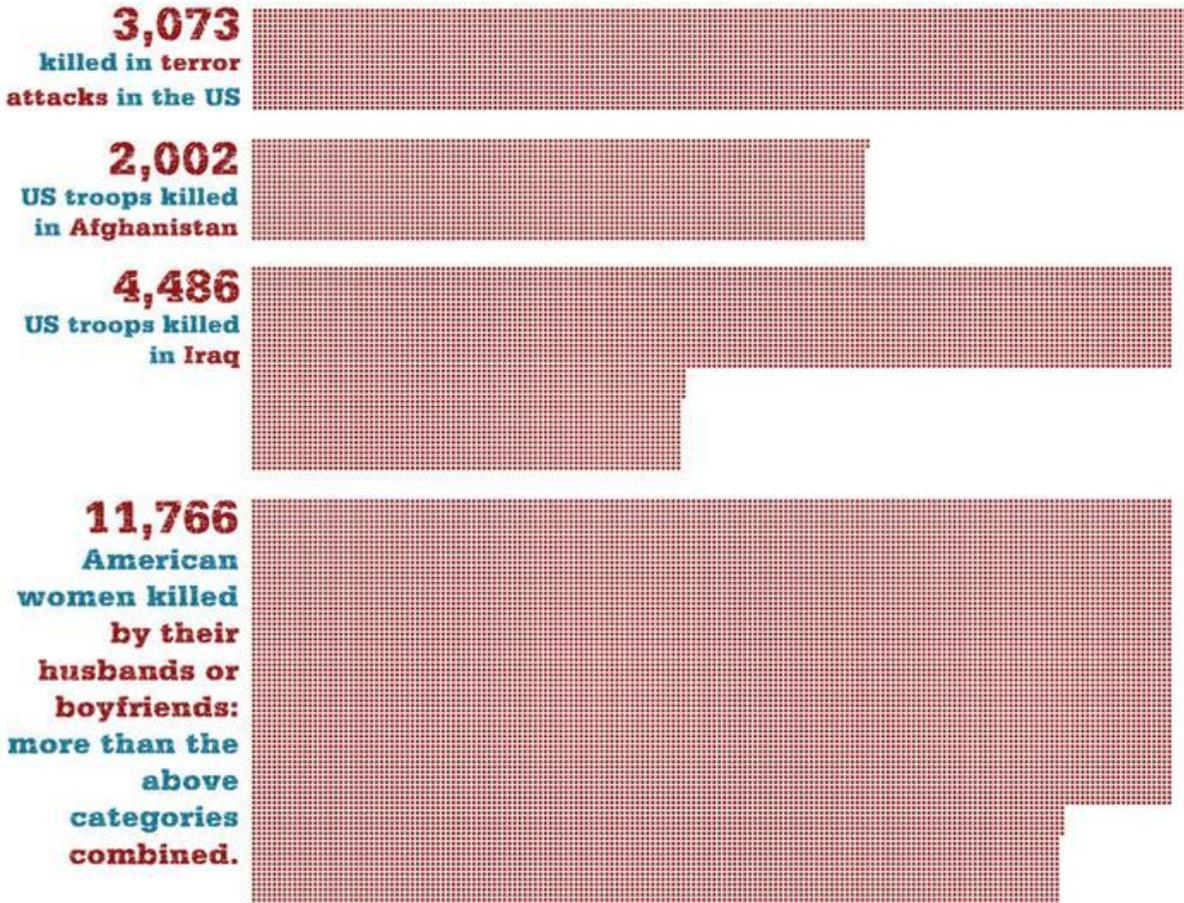
Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
(Exceptions will be announced on the web page  
and in the newsletter)

**Meetings held at W. T. Bland Library**

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



## What War on Women?



Figures from 9/10/2001 to 6/6/2012. Each dot equals one death. Domestic violence stats via Federal Bureau of Investigation. If a loved one is hurting you call 1 (800) 799-SAFE.

How many different ways can it be said?

