



LAKE NOW NEWS

December 2015

December Lake NOW Meeting

The Lake NOW Holiday Party will be held at Angelo's Italian Restaurant at 2270 Vindale Road, Tavares. Lake NOW Members and Guests will celebrate the joys of the season with some appetizers/hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. We will meet and mingle starting at 6:00.



Lake NOW Book Club

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

Month	Book
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.



Activism Begins Locally

As the year winds down, it is time to start thinking about the upcoming year's annual meeting and elections. We may have opportunities for interested members to join the board in leadership roles. We have a nominating committee appointed, so if you are interested, please feel free to contact one of them - Peter McGinn, chair (narrator56@yahoo.com); Linda Meyer Nagle, member (letscalllinda@yahoo.com) and Mary Flanagan, member (miflanagan30@gmail.com).



Book Review by Linda Jo Pfeiffer

The Lake NOW book club met on November 10th to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* written by 2015 Pulitzer prize winner, Anthony Doerr.

Doerr begins his story with Marie-Laure and her father. They live in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where her father works as a curator of locks. When Marie-Laure turns six, she loses her sight. To acquaint her with the outside world, her father builds a miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way around the city streets. However, they soon flee to the sea side town of Saint Malo to escape Nazi occupied Paris. It is there that the intrigues of the French Resistance become real to Marie-Laure. Juxtaposed to Marie-Laure's story is the plight of an orphaned German boy named Werner. Determined to escape the toil of the mines, Werner becomes an expert at building and repairing radios. His unique ability with radios is his ticket out of poverty. He is recruited as a Hitler youth and schooled in the ways of the Third Reich. As the story progresses, Werner becomes aware that his skill and intelligence are responsible for profound human loss and devastation. Eventually, Werner travels through the heart of the war and finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

Ten years in the making, Doerr produced a work that was well researched on every level. Set in both Germany and France, *All the Light We Cannot See* portrayed the events and lives of people who were caught in Hitler's Nazi regime. Unlike so many novels set in WWII, his characters were all multidimensional. Werner, the German orphan boy commands as much compassion as the blind French heroine, Marie-Laure. Doerr's novel also weaves a history of radio development and how it becomes a conduit that both insights a warped nationalism in Germany and provides an avenue for the French resistance.

The five Lake NOW members in attendance thought that the novel was amazing. Words like "loved it", "an excellent read" and "profound" were bandied about. An in-depth discussion led to further insights and personal reflections. The NOW book club provides a venue that can be enjoyed by all. Check out the reading list and come join us for future discussions.



"The arts are the rain forests of society. They produce the oxygen of freedom and they are the early warning system when freedom is in danger." June Wayne, painter, educator



President's Message

Aw, shucks, another month has gone by and this will be the last newsletter of 2015. Where does the time go? Although there is always too much going on in the world, Lake NOW is taking it easy this month due to the holidays and people's varying commitments to family and friends at this time. We did have a very enlightening presentation last month from [Jeannie Economos](#) and if you weren't able to attend, do check out the work of the Farmworker Association of Central Florida. We included a food drive to provide some items for the farmworkers in an effort to "feed the workers who feed us." Jeannie was touched at the contributions we made toward this food drive.



I really don't have a lot to say, but would like to say that even within this organization we have a range of perspectives on many issues and certainly in the current campaign we as individuals make our own choices about whom to support for a nominee to run on our party's ticket for president. I hope that we can remember to keep our discourse civil and not resort to any mudslinging whatsoever. Let's take the high road and support our candidates for the positions they take and the good work they have accomplished in their political lives.

Here's to a strong, progressive candidate for us all to be proud of in 2016!

Lucinda

Lake NOW Calendar

Wednesday, Dec 16th 6:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Holiday Party/Reception Angelo's Italian Restaurant 2270 Vindale Road Tavares
Wednesday, Jan 6, 2016	Lake NOW Board Meeting 4:00 pm Social 5:00 p.m. Zellie's Pub 4025 N. Hwy 19A Mt. Dora
Wednesday, Jan. 20th 7:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting, W. T Bland Library New FLA Legislative Session Update and Sign-making for Roe v Wade Action
Friday, Jan 22nd At Dusk	Roe v. Wade Anniversary Activity Details Upcoming
Wednesday, Feb 17, 2016	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting, celebrating Black History Month with the Democratic Women's Club
Wednesday, March 16	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting, celebrating Women's History Month at LSSC - Program by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women
April 12, 2016	Equal Pay Day!

Lake NOW & Golden Triangle Democratic Club Provide Children's Books...



The 4th annual Families in Transition (FIT) Resource Fair took place Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at South Lake High School's cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Homeless students and their families received invitations to attend this event from Lake County Schools' Title I Department. Community partners, charitable organizations, Lake County Schools Title I and Student Services departments and additional volunteers were on hand to help families enjoy several hours of free outreach services, resources and donations.

233 books were collected for FIT, with 110 being donated by the library, 24 from Lake NOW and 99 from GTDC.

Free resources provided to families at this year's fair included:

- Laptops set up for parents and students to learn about and navigate iStation and iReady
- Health Department vision and hearing screenings
- Blood pressure, pulse, and temperature checks by Lake-Sumter State College Student Nurses
- **Reading Corner with free books** and stuffed toys, featuring Read to Sydney - the reading dog
- New winter jacket/coat and haircuts for children
- Employment opportunities and job training information for parents
- Lunch, drinks, and snacks for all participants
- \$10 gas cards and bags of cleaning supplies/paper products for each homeless family participating
- Door prizes, including: gift cards from Target, Publix, Office Depot, AMC Theaters, Rural King and Payless Shoes; meal cards from Sonic, 2 children's bicycles with helmets, various gift baskets, a comforter set, and a handmade quilt.

Families and students received a warm welcome and exited the fair with smiles on their faces and many expressions of thanks. This year, families from 29 of our schools came to the fair, representing a 6% increase in attendance from last year. Our total participation with community partners, volunteers, and Lake County Schools' staff was 323 persons.

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.

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 and 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).

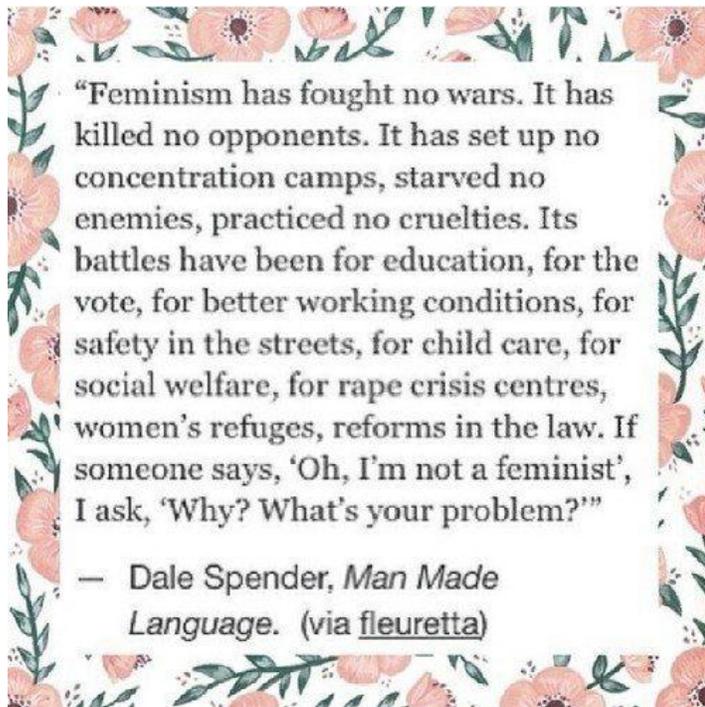
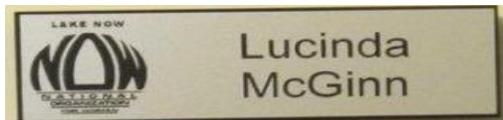
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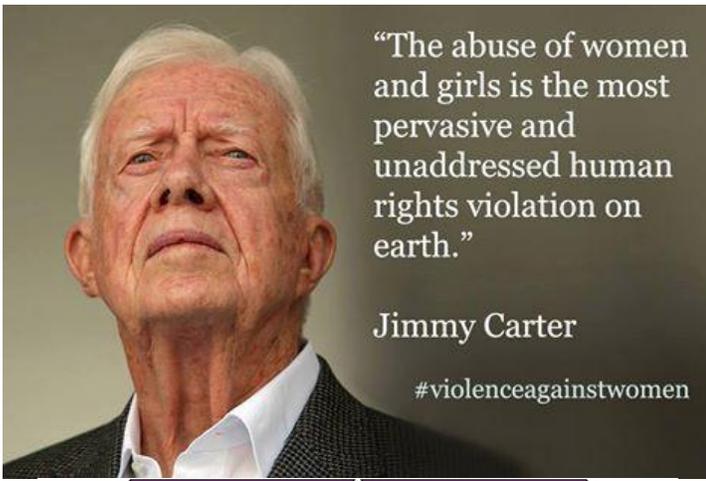
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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 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.

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 Board

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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.



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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
Organized 2012**



Help Philadelphia NOW Restore Public trust in Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

Philadelphia NOW has created a petition to the Philadelphia District Attorney (DA) Seth Williams to remove Assistant DAs Frank Fina, Marc Costanzo & Patrick Blessington from the DA's office. These men sent, viewed, and disseminated misogynistic, racist, and homophobic emails while working in the office of the Attorney General. Please visit Philadelphia NOW's website for more information: <http://www.phillynow.org>

Sign the petition to
restore public trust in
Philadelphia DA's office



Please share this petition share with your chapter membership, post on your social media sites as well as with your friends and family so that we can make a greater impact. Here is the link to the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/seth-williams-dismiss-the-hateful-prosecutors-that-abused-the-public-trust>

Thank you for your help in fighting to restore public trust in the District Attorney's office.



Save These Dates

December 9, 2015	Lake County Legislative Delegation Meeting, 1-5 PM at LSSC
Friday, December 11, 2015 11:00 - 1:00	The League of Women Voters of The Villages/Tri-County Area Annual Holiday Gift Auction and Meeting - Lake Sumter Landing. The Villages. Featuring guest speaker Beverly Steele . She will talk about the community of Royal in Wildwood. Contact Carolyn Johnson at cgljohnson@comast.net for reservation.
Saturday, December 12, 2015 9:45 a.m.	The Villages Democratic Club Regular Meeting David Koller will be the speaker. Contact Bob Janson at rjanson1939@gmail.com .
Saturday, December 12, 2015 5:00 p.m.	Golden Triangle Democratic Club (GTDC) Holiday Party will be held at Carol King's home, located at 35445 Highland Drive, Eustis. Guests are asked to bring an entrée, salad, dessert, or side dish for the buffet table. Friends of GTDC are welcome to attend. Contact Preston Garrison, President, pjgarrisonpjg@aol.com .
Wednesday December 16, 2015 Carpool leaves at 8:00 a.m.	Oklawaha Valley Audubon Society is sponsoring a free trip to Lake Apopka, North Shore, Wildlife Drive. Carpool departs at 8:00 a.m. from Stony Brook/Publix Shopping Center, one mile south of Hwy. 46 on Hwy. 441, Tangerine. Park near McDonald's. This newly opened location will be one of the premier birding sites in Florida. Most birding will be done from vehicles. Bring picnic lunch. Leader Russ Melling – 352-223-7381.
Wednesday, January 20, 2016	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting - FL Legislative Session Update
Friday, January 22, 2016	Roe v. Wade 43rd Anniversary - Activity TBD
Wednesday, February 17, 2016	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting, celebrating Black History Month with the Democratic Women's Club w/showing of <i>SELMA</i> (location TBD - perhaps the LSSC)
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Lake NOW's November speaker Jeannie Economos of the Farmworker Association of Central Florida talking about the [Lake Apopka Project](#) and related topics.