



# LAKE NOW NEWS

January 2016



## January Lake NOW Meeting

### January Speaker

Non-partisan candidate for Lake County Judge, Ben Boylston, will be our guest speaker and will address "Issues women face in Lake County's criminal justice system."

Boylston is seeking the Group 2 seat currently held by Judge Donna Miller, who is retiring and not seeking reelection. "As a lawyer, it has been an honor to practice in front of Judge Miller. Her compassion, hard work, and creativity have always been inspiring to me. If elected, I will have big shoes to fill," Boylston said.

Boylston, 33, founded the law firm of Stuart, Mount, Bleakley, and Boylston in May of 2013 and works in the practice's Tavares office. His career began while in law school at Florida State University, prosecuting cases in Monticello, a small town near Tallahassee. After graduating and passing the Bar exam in 2005 at the age of 23, he became an associate with the Tavares law firm of Graves & Spivey, P.A. He later worked at Stone & Gerken, P.A. in Mt. Dora, practicing civil litigation, contracts, and municipal law.

He serves on the Florida Bar's Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, is on the board of directors for an animal welfare organization, L.E.A.S.H. Inc., and is the current vice-president of the Lake County Bar Association.

Boylston lives in Eustis with his German Shepherd, Ingrid. He moved to Lake County as an infant in 1982. His father, Richard W. "Red" Boylston, served as a Lake County Judge from 1989 until 2010.

\*\* In addition to our speaker, we will also have materials on hand to make signs for our activist event to take place Friday, January 22nd, when we will support Roe v Wade on its anniversary by displaying the signs outside the office of Representative Sullivan at 2755 S. Bay St. in Eustis from 4:30 to 5:30. Contact Nancy Hurlbert at (352) 483-4962 for more information about this event.\*\*

## President's Message

Well, here it is another month and another full issue of your Lake NOW News. With this issue we are beginning a bi-monthly schedule for the full newsletter. In the alternate months, we will send out a one page reminder of

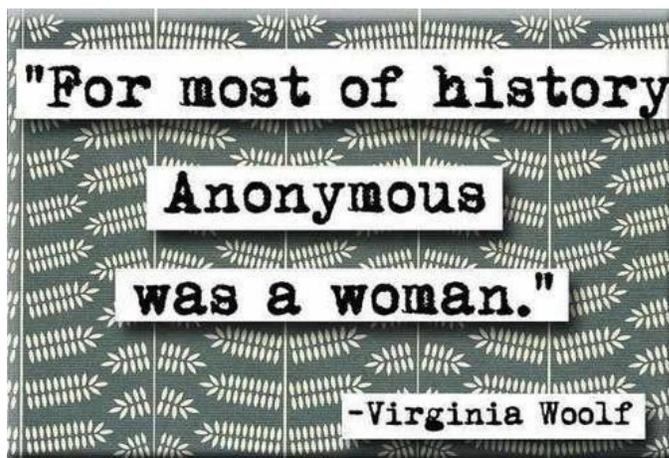


upcoming events, but not a newsletter. We are hoping the change will help to make the newsletter production easier on all who contribute and make it even more welcome when it does arrive!

As usual, your Lake NOW Board has many irons in the fire for the upcoming months. Nancy Hurlbert, Program Vice President, has some wonderful events to celebrate Black History Month, Women's History Month and Equal Pay Day. By the time we get through all these events, it will practically be summer.

One important event that is happening at our February meeting is the annual elections. The nominating committee is wrapping up their work to present a slate of candidates to the membership. The slate will be announced at our meeting this month, and sent out via email to the membership as well. As always, nominations from the floor are welcome for any position both at the announcement and at the election. Decision making is an important part of the function of our organization and everyone should have a chance to participate.

Lucinda



## Lake NOW Calendar

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 4:30 p.m.	Roe v. Wade Anniversary We will meet at the office of Representative Jennifer Sullivan at 2755 South Bay Street in Eustis. Contact Nancy Hurlbert at 352- 483-4962 for more information.
Wed. Feb 3rd	Social - Tillie's Grill - 31 Magnolia, Eustis
Wednesday, Feb 17, 2016	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting, celebrating Black History Month with the Democratic Women's Club. Movie "Selma" is planned
Wednesday, March 16 5 p.m.	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! We will be having a "new year's" party to celebrate the time of the year when women have finally made enough money to "catch up" to what men made in 2015. Look for details in our March newsletter!

## January Highlights in US Women's History

- **January 3, 1949** – Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) starts her tenure in the Senate, where she stays in office until 1973, becoming the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as she previously served in the House (1940-49)
- **January 5, 1925** – Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (Governor of Wyoming)
- **January 7, 1896** – Fanny Farmer's first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements
- **January 7, 1955** – Marian Anderson is the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera
- **January 8, 1977** – Pauli Murray is ordained as the first female African American Episcopal priest
- **January 11, 1935** – Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America
- **January 12, 1932** – Hattie Wyatt Caraway (D-Arkansas) is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, becomes the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first to serve as the Senate's presiding officer
- **January 25, 1980** – Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4 1/2 minutes, running it at 4:17.55
- **January 29, 1926** – Violette Neatly Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court

And speaking of Women's History...

## Women in U.S. History

As we all know, history is written by the victors and for centuries men have been the victors. Consequently, little history has been written about women. Less than 25% of the U.S. citizens know the names of women who played pivotal roles in U.S. history other than the usual Betsy Ross (famous for making a flag), Martha Washington (famous for being married to an important man), Abigail Adams (famous for being married to another famous man) and a handful of others.

This is the first in a series of women in U.S. history who all Americans should know and appreciate. These articles will honor women for what they did, not who they married.

### *Sybil [Sybbell] Ludington (1761 – 1839)*

Most of us know the name of Paul Revere, the silversmith who rode through the night to announce, "The British are coming" (although that is not what he really said). He was an amateur compared to Sybil Ludington. Sybil was the eldest of twelve children. Her father was a military man and farmer who had been loyal to the crown but had joined the rebel cause in 1773. He was then put in charge of a local rebel regiment. One night in 1777 a rider came to the Ludington household to alert Colonel Ludington that a British attack was planned. The rider was too tired to continue so Colonel Ludington asked Sybil to carry the alarm to members of his regiment who had all gone home for planting. Sybil rode through the night to tell the members of the regiment to prepare for battle. When Paul Revere made his ride, he was 40 years old and rode a distance of less than 16 miles; Sybil Ludington was 16 years old and rode a distance of forty miles. She was later personally congratulated by General George Washington. After the Revolutionary War ended, Sybil married Edmond Ogden and had one child, Henry. She was honored in 1935 by New York State with the erection of markers along her route. In 1975, a commemorative stamp in the "Contributors to the Cause" United States Bicentennial series honored her contribution to our liberty. Since 1979, the Sybil Ludington 50K footrace has been held in Carmel, New York. This hilly race approximates the route of her ride and ends at a statue of Sybil.

Bet your history teachers did not tell you about her!

## 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.

## 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.*

**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).

## 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.

**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

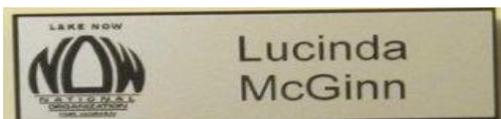
These books will be discussed by the Lake NOW Book Club.

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.

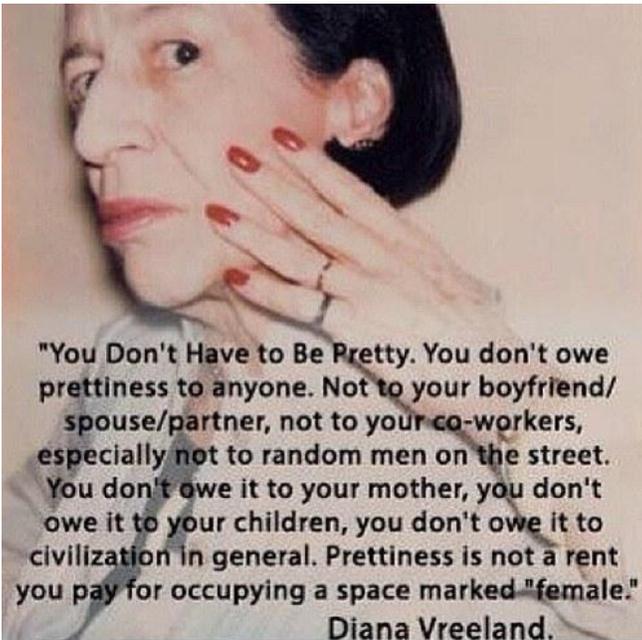
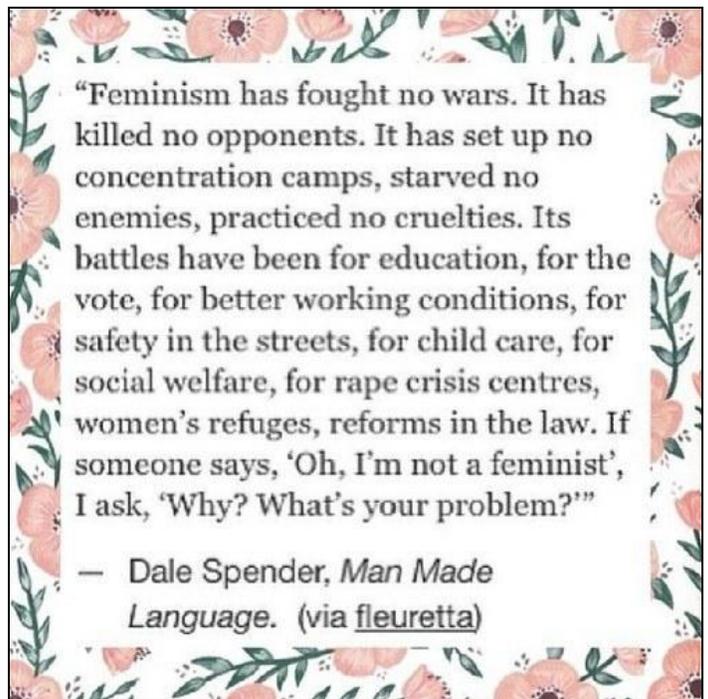
## Lake NOW Badges

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

<b>President:</b> <a href="mailto:labrys57@gmail.com">labrys57@gmail.com</a>	<b>Lucinda McGinn</b> (352) 602-7057
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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.



### Lake County

National Organization for Women  
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Facebook: Lake-NOW  
Twitter: lake\_now

Meetup: Lake NOW (National Organization for Women)

Lake NOW is a chapter of the non-partisan Florida and National Organization for Women (NOW).

### 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**



**Other Events**

Thursday, January 14 Carpool departs 8 am from Winn Dixie parking lot at SR 19 & CR 44A	<b>Ocklawaha Valley Audubon Society Field Trip.</b> The field trip will be to Wildlife Drive at Merritt Island NWR in Titusville. This is also a premier birding site for Roseate spoonbills, Am. Avocets and many species of wintering ducks. Most birding will be done from vehicles. Lunch at Dixie Crossroads in Titusville. Contact Russ Melling, Leader, at 352-223-7381.
Friday, January 15 5 p.m.	<b>Plantation Democrats Club Regular Meeting</b> - Hermitage Hall at The Plantation of Leesburg, 25201 U.S. Hwy 27 in Leesburg. The meeting will feature Phyllis Hancock, who will be speaking on the important topic of Restoration of Civil Rights for Felons. Ms. Hancock is a dynamic and well-informed speaker. Contact Barry Hye at 352-365-9663.
Saturday, January 16	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Parade</b> Leesburg at 11 a.m.
Monday, January 25	<b>The League of Women Voters (LWV) of The Villages/Tri-County Area Regular Meeting.</b> Community Bank & Trust Company, CR466 & Parr Drive, The Villages. Our guest speakers will be Lesha Buchbinder and Roseann Fricks, Executive Directors of the Lake County Early Learning Coalition and Marion County Early Learning Coalition, respectively. They will be speaking about the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program in Florida. For further info, contact Joanne M. Coen: <a href="mailto:joanne.m.coen@gmail.com">joanne.m.coen@gmail.com</a> or 352-750-1366
Friday, January 22	<a href="#">Roe v. Wade 43rd Anniversary</a>
Tuesday, April 12, 2016	<a href="#">Equal Pay Day!</a>

**Legislative News - 2016 FL Legislative Session**

The 2016 Florida Legislative Session begins two months early this year due to the Presidential Primaries in March. The Session will run from Tuesday, January 12th - March 8th, 2016. Many bills have already been filed and have had Committee Hearings.

As in the past, I am encouraging Lake NOW members to send postcards to our legislators, letting them know a bill(s) that you oppose/support. Below are addresses of our legislators and a few bills I recommend we oppose/support. I will have our "Women Are Watching" postcards at our next meeting for you to take a few minutes to complete.

<i>Senate President</i> Andy Gardiner 409 The Capitol 404 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100	Sen. Alan Hays 320 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
Sen. Dorothy Hukill 305 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street	
<i>Speaker of the House</i> Steve Crisafulli 420 The Capitol 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300	Rep. Jennifer Sullivan 313 House Office Building 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
Rep. Larry Metz 222 The Capitol 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300	Rep. Marlene O'Toole 313 House Office Building 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

**Bills we OPPOSE:**

**HB 43/SB 110 – Pastor Protection** – addresses an *invented* problem and will allow discrimination against the LGBT community.

**HB 1/SB 602 - Physicians Admitting Privileges** - Could severely restrict a woman's access to safe and legal abortion in Florida by requiring physicians to obtain admitting privileges at a local hospital.

**HB 401 - Right of Religious Refusal** - This is a sweeping expansion of religious exemptions in several areas of Florida law. It allows for-profit companies, day-care centers, adoption agencies-- even government employees-- the right to refuse goods and services to LGBT Floridians, women, even interfaith and interracial couples. 'Right of Religious Refusal' even allows hospitals, physicians, nurses, and pharmacists the right to refuse medical care or prescription drugs due to their own "religious or moral convictions." This bill is intended to discriminate against and hurt others, not protect religious freedom.

**HB 169/SB 344 – Expansion of "Stand Your Ground"** - Favors defendants who claim self defense under the *Stand Your Ground* law. Currently self defense has to be proven by the defendant; this turns the table and requires the prosecution to show it was NOT self defense. How is this accomplished when the victim is often dead?

**HB4001/SB 68 – License to Carry Concealed Weapon Weapons or Firearms** – Allows concealed weapons and firearms on college campuses (which current law prohibits)

**HB 553/SB 250 and SB 668 – Alimony Law** – Changes the way alimony is handled in the courts; takes away judges judgment and makes alimony a prescribed formula.

#### **Bills we SUPPORT:**

**HB 7/SB 454 – Employment Discrimination** – "Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act" – equal pay for equal work for women.

**HB 21/SB 164 – Legislative Apportionment & Congressional Redistricting** – Creates independent commission on leg. Apportionment redistricting. There are several redistricting bills.

**HB 45/SB 120 – Prohibited Discrimination** – Creates "Florida Competitive Workforce Act" Discrimination prohibited based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression and provides exceptions for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.

**HB167 and HB 179/SB 636 - Rape Kit Testing** - Both bills address the rape-kit backlog in the state of Florida and attempt to prevent this kind of backlog from happening again. Increase funding.

**SB 6/HB 109 – State Minimum Wage** – Increases state minimum wage – Prohibits an employer from paying an employee at a rate less than the minimum wage.

**SCR 74 / HCR 8001– Equal Rights for Men and Women (ERA)** – Equal Rights for Men & Women to ratify the U.S. Constitution. Florida is 1 of 3 states needed to ratify the ERA to become a U.S. Constitutional Amendment.

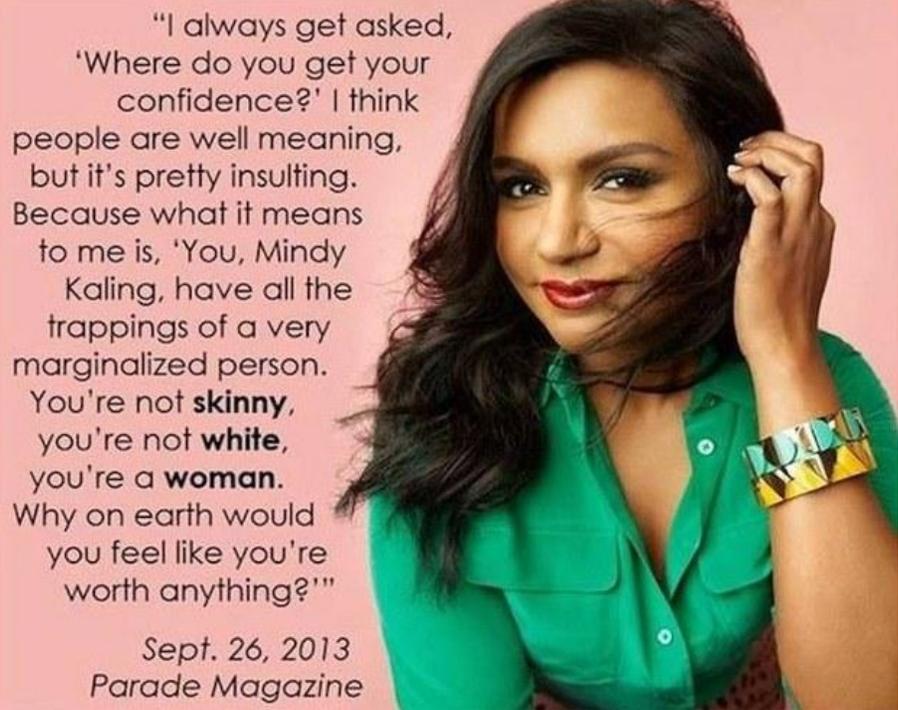
**SB 154/HB 243 – Prohibited Displays of the Confederate Flag or Emblem** – Prohibiting the display of flags and emblems associated with the Confederate States of America on any publicly owned or leased property, etc.

**SB 166/HB 19- Oil and Natural Gas Production or Recovery** – Anti-fracking bill – prohibiting a person from engaging in hydraulic fracturing or performing well stimulation treatments in this state or the waters adjacent to this state; prohibiting a person from disposing of related materials and byproducts of hydraulic fracturing or well stimulation treatments, etc.

**SB 188 – Unemployment Compensation** – If a person has to quit/leave their job due to domestic violence, they can't be denied unemployment compensation.

**SJR 192 – Rights to Vote & Hold Office** – Proposes a State Constitutional Amendment to Automatically Restore the Rights to Vote and Hold Office for Certain Convicted Felons, etc.

**SB 296/HB 185 - Teacher Salaries** – *Creates the Florida Teacher Fair Pay Act requiring the Legislature to fund the Florida Education Finance Program at a level that ensures a guaranteed minimum annual starting salary for instructional personnel; specifying a statewide minimum salary of \$50,000 for all instructional personnel for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.*



Google Page Doodle Image for January 11th, Alice Paul's 131st Birthday

