



LAKE NOW NEWS

May 2016

May Lake NOW Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the W.T. Bland Library, 1995 North Donnelly Street, Mount Dora.
In light of the recently passed legislation requiring rape test kits to be processed within 30 days, we will have a detective from the Lake County Sheriff's Department speak on the process of collecting evidence and follow-up prosecution. Contact: Nancy Hurlbert – TNHurlbert@aol.com.

President's Message

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes conferences for NOW and political conventions once primaries and caucuses have been completed. It certainly will be a pivotal race this year. While we want to focus attention on the presidential contenders, we don't want to forget the congressional races or our own state legislative and county and municipal elections. We need good people all up and down the spectrum.



I am looking forward to the Florida NOW Conference in Melbourne later this month and the National NOW Conference in DC in June. If you can attend one or both you are sure to have a great time and connect with other feminists/activists from across the state and around the country. If you are not able to do that this year, I hope to see you at our meetings in May and June. Check out the calendar for info on those.

Finally, I would like to urge you to check out Lake NOW on social media. We have a Lake NOW Facebook page and a Lake NOW Members and Friends Facebook group. We are on Meetup.com and do post our socials and general meetings there, as well as any actions when we plan them. And we are on Twitter. If you want to tweet to us there, it is @Lake_NOW. See you around!

Lucinda

Lake NOW Calendar

Wednesday, May 4 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Board Meeting Ruby Street Grille - Look for our NOW round and our Lake NOW sign. Followed by... The Lake NOW Social Let's get together to socialize and have some fun. Strategizing about elections or actions is purely optional. Having a great time is the main goal!
Tuesday, May 10 3:30 - 5:00	Lake NOW Book Club "The Painted Veil" by W. Somerset Maugham W.T. Bland Library, Mt. Dora
Wednesday, May 18 7:00 p.m.	Lake NOW Monthly Meeting W.T. Bland Library, Mt. Dora The process of collecting evidence in rape cases and follow-up prosecution. Click here for more details.
May 20-22	2016 Florida NOW State Conference Crowne Plaza - Melbourne Florida Women Running the World Click on this link for details.

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.

Society: Be Yourself

Society: No. Not Like That.

From "Wipe Out Transphobia" Facebook Page

Women in American History Series

This is another in a series of articles about women in American history.

Harriet Tubman and the Currency of America

by Susan Green Jaillet

Certainly you know the image of Harriet Tubman will replace the image of Andrew Jackson, our seventh president, featured on the face of the \$20 bill since 1928. What you may not know is even though Jackson is being replaced on the front of the \$20, he will remain on the back. A Tennessee slaveholder and the man responsible for the infamous "Trail of Tears," Jackson will remain on the back of the bill alongside a picture of the White House.

As we've all been told, Tubman was part of the Underground Railroad and played an important part in freeing at least 70 slaves over an eleven year period, then later helped others escape to Canada. She was a slave herself, having been born in Baltimore to parents who were slaves. Eventually she was able to escape to Philadelphia, and Maryland placed a \$300 bounty on her head.

As a slave Tubman was a victim of physical violence, recalling one time she received five lashes before breakfast. Later a brick thrown at another slave by that slave's overseer hit her in the head resulting in lifelong seizures. Throughout her life Tubman's injuries caused health problems which grew worse as she aged. In later years she underwent surgery on her brain to alleviate pain and to stop the constant "buzzing" she heard. After having served as a nurse in the Civil War, she chose to undergo the surgery without anesthetic, instead biting down on a bullet as she had often seen Civil War soldiers do when undergoing amputation when no anesthesia was available. Eventually she was admitted to a nursing home named in her honor and two years later in 1913 died of pneumonia.

Tubman had an eventful life. After escaping to the north and becoming a part of the Underground Railroad, she carried a revolver and threatened to use it on anyone who wanted to return to the plantation rather than continue to follow her on the hazardous escape to freedom she led. It's rumored she spent at least one night in the home of abolitionist Frederick Douglass, himself a former slave.

She was introduced to abolitionist John Brown and helped recruit volunteers to help in his attack on Harper's Ferry. During the Civil War, she became active in the Union Army, first as a nurse and a cook, later becoming an armed



scout and spy. Eventually she led an armed expedition, becoming the first woman in the war to do so, and she guided the Combahee River Raid which freed more than 700 South Carolina slaves. She provided vital information which led to the Union capture of Jacksonville, Florida. She never received a regular salary and was long denied compensation for her work.

After the war she returned to Auburn, New York, where she purchased a house, took in boarders, and did various jobs to support her elderly parents. She later married one of the boarders, a Civil War veteran and bricklayer 22 years her junior; they adopted a baby girl. Throughout her life, Tubman struggled financially, yet continued to help others.

Tubman became active in securing women's right to vote, working alongside Susan B. Anthony and Emily Howland. She traveled to New York, Boston and Washington, D.C. to speak on women's rights.

Over the past year, *Women on 20s*, a non-profit grassroots group, generated over 600,000 on-line votes for women to appear on the new \$20 bill. The results were presented to President Obama and helped convince Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew to make this important change, and ultimately change the face of the \$20 bill rather than the \$10 as Lew wanted.

In addition to being the first black woman on United States paper currency, Tubman has a national day of her own designated in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush as March 10. In 1944 the United States Maritime Commission launched the *SS Harriet Tubman*, its first Liberty ship named for a black woman. In 1978 the United States Postal Service issued a stamp in her honor; in 2005 she became a National Historic Person of Canada. She's also an Episcopal saint and dozens of schools have been named after her.

The new \$20 bill is scheduled to be released in 2020 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. Tubman's image is not the only change coming to America's currency. The \$10 bill will still honor Alexander Hamilton, but the back will feature Lucretia Mott, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Alice Paul, all suffragists who were part of the 1913 demonstration outside the Treasury Building. The newly redesigned back of the \$5 bill will portray significant moments at the Lincoln Memorial and will include Marian Anderson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Will these historic changes really affect the currency of America--a currency that in 2016 is still often spent with racial and misogynistic nuances? Maybe not, but it certainly is an in-your-face reminder to Americans of the past struggles and efforts many unknown and unrecognized women made to make our country free.

Harriet Tubman suffered much of her life due to slavery

and injuries experienced as a slave and a black woman, then worked diligently and long to help others in their search for freedom and equality. Let's hope the image of her face on our \$20 bill will be a reminder of her dream. To quote Harriet Tubman: "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

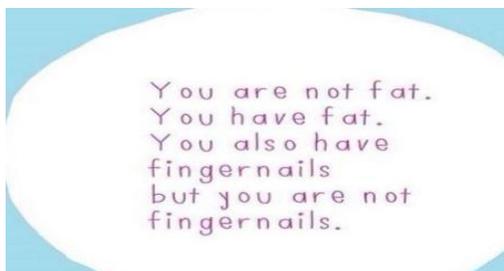


Lake NOW Book Club 2016-17

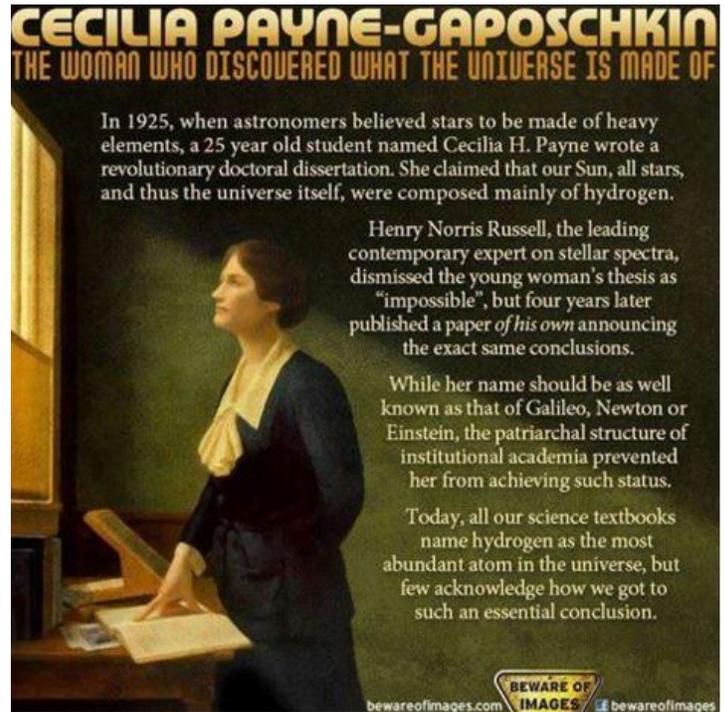
These books will be discussed by the Lake NOW Book Club.

Month	Book
Tuesday, May 10, 2016	"The Painted Veil," by W. Somerset Maugham
Tuesday, June 14, 2016	"The Cutting Season," by Attica Locke
Tuesday, July 12, 2016	"Bad Feminist," by Roxane Gay
Tuesday, August 9, 2016	"The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood
Tuesday, September 13, 2016	"Unaccustomed Earth," by Jhumpa Lahiri
Tuesday, October 11, 2016	"When She Woke," by Hillary Jordan
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	"The Japanese Lover," by Isabel Allende
Tuesday, December 13, 2016	"The Sound of Gravel," by Ruth Warner
Tuesday, January 10, 2017	"Left Neglected," by Lisa Genova
Tuesday, February 14, 2017	"My Brilliant Friend," by Elena Ferrante
Tuesday, March 14, 2017	"Americanah," by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Tuesday, April 11, 2017	"Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World," by Linda Hirshman

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.



(from "The Girl God" Facebook Page)



(from "Being Feminist" Facebook Page)

These Democratic party events include a specific speaker or topic of interest to our NOW chapter members. Click on this link to view the full [Lake Democrats event calendar](#).

Monday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.
Greater Leesburg Democratic Club's Regular Monthly Meeting at the Leesburg Public Library at 100 East Main Street. All Democrats and guests are welcome. Come and meet some of the local candidates for the 2016 election. For more information, contact Bill Boyer at (352) 346-6271.

Friday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m.
Plantation Democrats Club Regular Meeting with program to follow promptly at 5:00 p.m. Club fellowship continues after the meeting with dinner at a local restaurant. Location of meeting: Hermitage Hall at The Plantation of Leesburg, 25201 U.S. Hwy 27 in Leesburg.

Our May meeting will focus on the complex issue of guns in America. Balancing public health and safety with individual rights is challenging and sometimes emotional. Our speaker for this topic will be Rebecca Nathanson, Criminal Justice Manager at Lake-Sumter State College. She is well-versed on this issue and will address the facts and legalities of firearm ownership and use. Contact Kathy Williamson at uffda_fyda@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, May 24th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Lake County Democratic Women's Club Meeting at DEC Headquarters, 317 East Main Street, Tavares. A panel of 4-5 female millennials will answer the questions, "What political issues are most important to young women?" "What causes apathy among young women?" "How can we get them more politically engaged?" Contact Nancy Hurlbert - TNHurlbert@aol.com.

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.

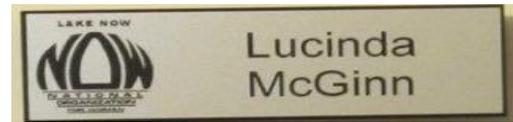
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Track legislative issues, bills and amendments and report to the membership.

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).

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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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.

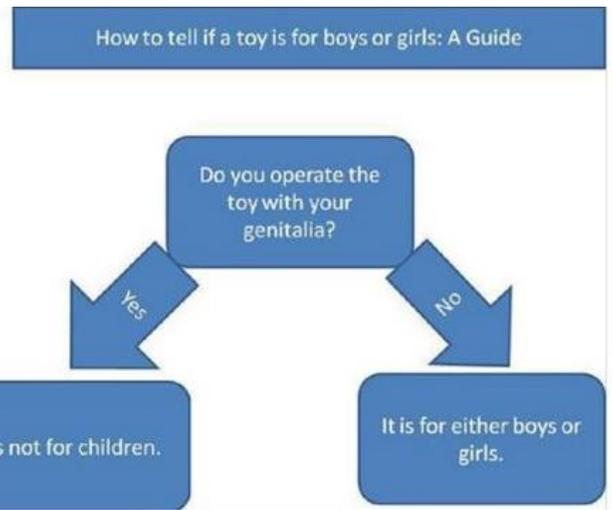
ARE YOU BEING NOTIFIED when something happens? Do we have your current email address? Phone number? There may be messages that you might interest you but are not in the newsletter or on the web site and an email is sent to all members to keep them informed. If you have changed your address or just want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

"Deal Me In!"

You have probably heard Trump's latest anti-woman remark: "If Hillary Clinton were a man, I don't think she'd get 5 percent of the vote." And hopefully you have heard her response. "if fighting for women's healthcare and paid family leave and equal pay is playing the woman card, then deal me in." Click on this [link](#) to see NOW president Terry O'Neil's analysis of the exchange.



(from Being Feminist Facebook Page)



(from Being Humanist" Facebook Page)

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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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**

