# Lake NOW

**A Monthly Newsletter** 

**November NOW Notes, 2012** 

#### The Election is Over:

What do the results mean for women?



Find out at the...

#### **Lake NOW Chapter Meeting**

Nov. 13, 2012 7:00 - 9:00 pm WT Bland Library Mount Dora, FL



NO Chapter Meeting in December

#### **ONE BILLION RISING:**

STRIKE | DANCE | RISE!

#### February 14, 2013

This is a world wide event to demand an end to violence against women.

www.onebillionrising.org

## Coming up in November and December...

Please note that our November Lake Now Chapter Meeting is one week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving. We will meet on Nov. 13.

Our program at the November chapter meeting will be written by history. We will analyze the election results and what they will mean for women. This is a program you don't want to miss!

We will meet at the W.T. Bland Library, 1995 Donnelly Street, Mount Dora in the new community room at 7:00 pm on November 13. December is so busy that the Lake NOW board decided not to hold a chapter meeting in that month, so No Chapter Meeting in December

Thanks go out to all the Lake NOW members who worked to promote our candidates and inform voters on our issues. Many of you worked around the clock for most of the last year because this election was so important for women.

#### **THANKS!**

### No Consent Agenda this month

You may have noticed that the Minutes of our last chapter meeting and this months
Treasurer's report are not attached to this newsletter. Since the board

members have been so busy with the election, our Nov. board meeting has been postponed until Nov. 9, only 4 days before the chapter meeting. We will have both the minutes and treasurer's report presented at the chapter meeting by the Secretary and Treasurer for your approval.

#### Year in Review

This has been an exciting first year for Lake NOW. Our committees are growing and becoming active, and our group has doubled in size since we began in January. Please consider joining a committee or serving as an officer in 2013. There is so much we can do and a such a difference we can make in the lives of women and girls!

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Our visiting National NOW Feminist Volunteers working on Val Demings' Campaign

Lake NOW sign making party to support Val Demings

#### **Lake NOW Action Committee**

October was a busy month for the Lake NOW Action committee and chapter members. National NOW sent 3 visiting feminists to help Val Demings Campaign for the House of Representatives Congressional District 10.

China Fortson, her daughter, Chankara, and her college roommate Shannel arrived Oct. 23rd. They spent a week in Lake County working to help get Val Demings elected.

Lake NOW was asked by National NOW to support these volunteers by providing them with housing.

A big thank you goes to Sandee Paradise who opened her home and two guest rooms to China, Chankara and Shannel.



#### Sign Making and Waving Event

Florida NOW organized a statewide sign waving event for the feminists candidates endorsed by NOW on Oct. 26th.

Lake NOW had a fun sign making party followed by two large groups of sign wavers, one in Leesburg and one in Mount Dora, followed by a "meet and greet" for our visiting feminist volunteers. High winds and light rain added to the excitement of the sign waving event!

Canvassing for Val and Voter Education on the Amendments to the Florida Constitution.

Our visiting volunteers canvassed door to door in South Lake County . They also joined Lake



Lake NOW Sign Waving Event: Leesburg and Mount Dora NOW members in passing out palm cards explaining why to vote **NO** to all the ballot amendments to the Florida constitution, as well as literature supporting President Obama and Val Demings.

Hundreds of flyers and palm cards were handed out at the Heritage Festival, a Food Truck Event, and at the Mount Dora Craft Festival (350,000 attendees)

#### **Executive Board**

The Lake NOW Executive Board is composed of the Elected officers:

Judi Phillips Jones, President; judjones@comcast.net; 352-735-1256

Carol King, 1st Vice President (Programs); carolflam@aol.com; 352-483-2011

Mary Flanagan, 2nd Vice President (Membership); miflanagan@centurylink.net; 352-343-5922

Les Jones, Secretary; <u>joneslesj@aol.com</u>; 352-735-1256

Barbara Kaplan-Arnone, Treasurer; shopqueenlady@gmail.com; 352-435-0094



### LAKE NOW COMMITTEES & Resource Groups

WE HAVE SEVERAL COMMITTEES AND RESOURCE GROUPS FORMED WITHIN LAKE NOW.

Consider joining the committees you are interested in and making a difference in the lives of women.

#### Share a Ride

| Name               | Town                            | Phone        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Judi Jones         | Mount Dora                      | 352-735-1256 |
| Bettie Bailey      | Mount Dora                      | 352-483-1197 |
| Mary Johnson       | Mount Dora                      | 352-409-7771 |
| Carol King         | Eustis                          | 352-483-2011 |
| Bill Boyer         | Lady Lake                       | 352-787-0355 |
| Sandra<br>Paradise | Lake Jem                        | 352-343-2064 |
| Jane Hepting       | Leesburg                        | 352-250-6771 |
| Julie Devon        | Leesburg                        | 352-460-4359 |
| Marilyn Ives       | Leesburg,<br>Royal<br>Highlands | 407-644-4325 |
| Brenda Flagg       | Leesburg,<br>Royal<br>Highlands | 352-787-3444 |
| Bonnie<br>McKonley | Leesburg,<br>Royal<br>Highlands | 352-459-0258 |
| Rachel King        | Umatilla                        | 352-455-1433 |
| Melba Seron        | Eustis                          | 352-589-6654 |

Please keep this list handy when you need a ride.

To add your name, phone number and town to the list contact Judi Phillips Jones by email or phone.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

1. Media Committee: (Writers and Computers): letters to editors of newspapers, write newsletter for members, set up and post to Facebook, Twitter, and website)

#### **Writers Committee**

Rachel King Elizabeth Kapoor Julie Bozeman Merrilyn Karrels Sandee Paradise

#### **Computer Committee**

Julie Bozeman Sandee Paradise

2. **Legislative Committee** (track legislative issues, bills and amendments and report to membership)

Nancy Hurlbert \* (leader) Judi Phillips Jones Julie Devin

3. **Action Committee** (organize rallies, protests, other actions to take in order to publicize our support or opposition to issues)

Judi Phillips Jones \* (leader)
Julie Devin
Alexis Jandreou
Mary Johnson
Evie Waterhouse
Linda Bozeman
Sandee Paradise
Rachel King
Mitchell Middleton
Les Jones
Royalene Millard
Bettie Bailey

4. **Membership Committee** (assist the Vice President for Membership in recruitment of new members)

Mary Flanagan \* (leader) Rachel King Julie Bozeman Brenda Flagg Kali Telana Merrilyn Karrels Melba Seron

#### 5. Member Education

**Committee** ( provide our members with education on NOW's history and policies)

Judi Phillips Jones \* (leader) Rachel King

6. Creative / Dramatic
Committee and Films on
Feminist Issues (use creative and dramatic methods to present our message)

Julie Devin \* (leader) Kelly Devant Deb Streu (winter only)

7. Herstory of Lake NOW Committee (create a scrapbook to record Lake NOW activities, press releases, and other historical documents)

Barbara Kaplan-Arnone \* (leader) Rachel King Brenda Flagg Bonnie McKonley Marilyn Ives

8. Fund Raising Committee (generate ideas and organize fund raising activities to support the Chapter's actions and projects)

Judi Phillips Jones \* (leader) Rachel King Rose Plouf Francine Garcia

Please Contact Judi Phillips Jones or the Committee Leader to join any committee!

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