



LAKE NOW

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JULY 2013 LAKE NOW NOTES



Upcoming Events to Get on Your Calendar

Lake NOW JULY Meeting
WEDNESDAY,
July 17th, 7:00PM

M.T. Bland Library in Mt. Dora

Guest Speakers from

The Haven

Victims of Domestic Abuse

There will be
NO LAKE NOW MEETING

in

AUGUST

Regular meetings resume on
Wednesday, September 18th

2013 NATIONAL
NOW Convention
HAPPENING NOW

Friday, July 5– Sunday 7th
Chicago, IL
Our Delegate is Judi Jones
Phillips. We will be anxious
to hear all about the Confer-
ence.

GENERAL LAKE NOW NEWS

***Lori Bajares and Karyn Newman of The Haven
Present Discussion on Victims of Domestic Abuse
When: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7 p.m.
Where: W. T. Bland Library***

Lake NOW presents Lori Bajares and Karyn Newman, Advocates for The Haven, a shelter for victims of domestic abuse, who will discuss violence against women. The Haven provides 24-hour counseling and emergency shelter services, a 24-hour crisis hotline for domestic violence, as well as one for sexual assault, among other services, for adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence.



Lake NOW Has Fun Filled Social at Hurricane Grill

A group of women gathering for a wonderful social and dinner on Friday, June 28th. Existing members and other gathered, and two new members joined us 'on the spot!'

Sandee has sent a note out asking for input on preferred dates for our upcoming socials. We hope you'll be joining us for some good times together!



Planned Parenthood Speaks to Lake NOW

At the June meeting of Lake NOW we were very fortunate to have as a speaker Anna Eskamani External Affairs Manager of Planned Parenthood of Greater Orlando. Her presentation was informative and educational. Although there are 24 PP health centers across Florida, Orlando is the closest to us but Anna did say they could have a workshop with Lake NOW if we are interested. The Health centers provide exams for Women, information on Birth Control Methods, and education for over 14,000 teens and adults each year about STD and pregnancy prevention. We have contact numbers and Emails for any one who would like more info about PP or would like to speak with Anna or her staff.

Some photos



The Vagina Monologues



Lake NOW is awaiting approval from the Bay Street Theater board for a production of The Vagina Monologues on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 8 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 2 p.m. Members who are interested will be able to audition for parts in the production (and we hope many of you do!). We are also planning a private reception at Bay Street before the Saturday event for NOW members and select guests. If approved, 90% of the profits will go to the Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties with the remaining 10% being returned to V-Day to help fight violence against women worldwide. Cross your fingers, give up a prayer to your favorite divinity, kiss your lucky charm, whatever it takes so that we will be approved!

President's Note



I hope you're all really enjoying our Florida summer! After seeing Linda Bystrack's impressive Florida rivers, lakes, aquifers presentation, I, for one, am very glad to see all the rain we've been having!

I must also say how PROUD I am to be an American at this time when EQUALITY and JUSTICE have prevailed in our Supreme Court. The ruling overturning DOMA was monumental in the fight for civil rights for ALL Americans.

Without the ardent work of activists all over the country, this could not have happened. Many Americans have suffered, made sacrifices, and worked so passionately to achieve this milestone event in EQUALITY! I know I speak for ALL of our Lake NOW members when I say 'Thank You' to all of you and the others who have worked on this and many other issues related to justice for all.

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Sherrie Aly

Lake NOW OFFICERS' REPORTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP



Vice President —Carol King

At our April meeting , I distributed pieces of paper and asked everyone to write down three topics of interest that they would like to see covered at future meetings or at field trips or socials or other events. We have already held two programs that came directly from the ideas of our membership, “Planned Parenthood”, “Ongoing FL Legislative Update”, and have held a ‘social’, ALL based on YOUR inputs. Below are more of the wonderful ideas submitted:

- The Haven—laws affecting Domestic Violence
- How can we make Lake NOW more ‘public friendly’ and dispel “we hate men” public thinking
- Pink Tea in lieu of regular meeting
- Speaker on Famous Women of Lake County
- Develop a seminar/program to incorporate political activism into daily routine and to examine roots of anti-abortion movement
- Education of Lake County on Women’s Issues
- Affordable Healthcare for 2014
- Clothing Exchange Fundraiser

- Women’s Safety issues and helpful tips
- Women Local Artists
- Community Volunteer Needs
- Prochoice Issues—ERA
- Guardian Ad Litem program
- Women’s Fitness—Healthy Eating and Cooking
- Historical Museum / Walking Tour / Notable Women in Mt. Dora and surrounds
- Coffee/Tea Social
- Disparity in Pay in Central Florida / Orlando Sentinel had a write up

We thank you SO MUCH for all your input! We want Lake NOW to satisfy your needs as most valued members! Keep your ideas coming, and we look forward to seeing you at all of our gatherings!



Secretary—Barbara Hill

As your Secretary, I work on capturing minutes from both our Board meetings as well as the regular membership meetings. I am also assisting on development of program brochures, advertising, and assisting with organizational documents, such as Bylaws.

I hope you find all of our documentation helpful and informative!



Treasurer—Karen Salvat

Thank you to all who have renewed your memberships in a timely fashion. This makes all of our jobs easier. We are so happy you are supporting the mutual cause for all. You will see at our next meeting that the financial report has been updated and we hope this will pass more information to all our members. Any questions and comments you have are always welcome. If you cannot be at the meeting, just send me an email and I will send the report to you. We will be working on the budget in the next few months and look to any input our membership would like to contribute. Remember: Take some weight off your pockets at our meetings and donate your change into our NOW bucket. THEN we can really make CHANGE for all.



Lake NOW OFFICERS' REPORTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP



Membership Director — Sandee Paradise

The Lake NOW Book Club had its first meeting in June despite a torrential downpour. We had a lively discussion about *In the Name of Honor* by Mukhtar Mai. On July 9th we will be discussing *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. This novel is based on the long-standing legend that there was a female pope for two years in ninth century. All Lake NOW members are welcome to join us. We meet at the W. T. Bland library at 3:30 p.m. in the back meeting room. There will be no meeting of the Lake NOW book club in August but we will resume on September 10th at 3:30 p.m. with a discussion of *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan. Come join the fun!

The Lake NOW board has agreed that a membership committee should be formed. This committee will work together to help drive ideas to build membership. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Sandee Paradise. The only qualification is that you are a member in good standing. I hope to have the first committee meeting at the beginning of August.

Special Recognition

As a Founding members of our Chapter, Mary Flanagan and Nancy Hurlbert have been active drafting documentation not only for our Chapter, but for FL and National. Mary has most recently drafted a document to revise and improve the current "Dues" collection and rebate process which will be considered by National. Nancy and Mary worked on Bylaws and Nancy developed a Strategic Plan for Lake NOW. Thanks for your contributions, Mary and Nancy!

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Lake NOW 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. NOW focuses 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 reproductive issues and health /abortion rights
- Stemming violence against women
- Improving and promoting diversity/ending racism
- Encouraging economic justice and labor rights.

Consistent with the foregoing, it is Lake NOW's purpose to embrace members of all races, ages and sexual orientation.