

Lake NOW

A Monthly Newsletter

September NOW Notes, 2012

September Lake NOW Chapter Meeting:

September 18, 2012

7:00-9:00 PM

Mount Dora Area Chamber of
Commerce, Baggage Room, 341
Alexander St., Mount Dora

Next Election:

VOTE!

November 6, 2012

**We must fight to protect
women from losing their
rights in the next election.**

ONE BILLION RISING:

STRIKE | DANCE | RISE!

February 14, 2013

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

Coming up in September...

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September 18, 2012

7-9 PM

at The Mount Dora Area
Chamber of Commerce

Baggage Room

341 Alexander Street Downtown
Mount Dora

Lake NOW has 100 members!

We will be celebrating at our
September meeting!

Join Us for the Party!

Although we are pleased to reach our goal of 100 card carrying members of **Lake NOW** during our first eight months, but we are also looking forward to getting into action before the upcoming election. After all, we are a Women's Rights activist organization. Now is the time to act!

Our Fall Kick Off meeting on September 18 is outstanding and features the following:

Greetings from our Florida State NOW president **Donna Slutiak**.

Toni Van Pelt, Chair of National NOW Southeast Region will present a dynamic presentation to help us understand how urgent it is to defeat Amendments 6 & 8 to the Florida Constitution. Each is a serious threat to women's issues!

The **Lake NOW board** will share the National NOW plans to elect feminist

legislators, in particular in our own district, **Val Demings**.

Val's Lake County coordinator, **Grant Lewis** will tell us how we can make sure we have a feminist representing us in the US House of Representatives Congressional District 10.

"We won't go back. We must fight back. Never has this rallying cry been more relevant and timely. We have two months until November's elections to save women's lives and women's rights the old fashioned way -- by giving our time, energy, and voice to elect feminist champions...

Everything we fought for is on the line and, beginning right now, we need you and your time, your phone, your walking shoes, your networks and your ferocity to answer the challenges facing us this November."

Terry O'Neill, President NOW



Lake NOW celebrates 100 Members!

Lake NOW Celebrates!

We formed Lake NOW with 50 charter members on January 30, 2012 and set a goal to reach 100 members by the end of 2012.

Many people didn't think we could find 100 feminists to join a Lake County Florida chapter, but we did!

Time to Go into Action...

NOW is nonpartisan, so as a political activist organization we support candidates who support our issues no matter what political party they represent!

Executive Board

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

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Val Demings, Candidate for US House of Representatives Florida's 10th Congressional District.

Lake NOW Supports

Val Demings!

The youngest of seven children, Val Demings was raised to believe she could achieve anything if she put her mind to it. After graduating from Jacksonville's public schools, Demings received a B.S. in Criminology from Florida State University and a Masters degree in Public Administration from Webster University. Demings spent her early career as a Social Worker focused on foster care, and then joined the police force in Orlando. She retired as the Chief of Police after 27 years service.

"I will never let Washington politicians legislate personal decisions that belong to women and their doctors. I will work in Washington to expand paid Family and Medical leave and work toward pay equity so women earn equal pay for equal work."

Val Demings has been endorsed by both the National NOW PAC and the Florida State NOW PAC.

It is critical that we elect Feminist champions to Congress!



Florida Amendments that should be defeated in November!

There are 11 new Amendments to the Florida Constitution on the ballot.

VOTE NO!

Amendments #6 and # 8 are of great concern.

Right of Privacy

"Amendment 6 allows politicians in Tallahassee to intrude between a woman, her doctor and her faith.

Separation of Church and State

Amendment 8 allows religious groups and institutions, who do not pay taxes to receive tax dollars with no oversight or accountability" Donna Slutiak.

Our speaker Toni Van Pelt will be presenting detailed information on both Amendment 6 and 8 at our September 18 meeting.

You don't want to miss it!



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
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Brenda Flagg	Leesburg, Royal Highlands	352-787-3444
Bonnie McKonley	Leesburg, Royal Highlands	352-459-0258
Rachel King	Umatilla	352-455-1433

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

Computer Committee

Julie Bozeman

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

Nancy Hurlbert * (leader)
Judi Phillips Jones
Julie Devin
Angie Ringler

3. 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

4. Member Education Committee (provide our members with education on NOW's history and policies)

Judi Phillips Jones * (leader)
Rachel King

5. 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)

6. 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

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

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

8. 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

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