

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## NOW TIMES

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**Feminism is the radical notion that women are people.**

**“There is nothing complicated about ordinary equality.” Alice Paul**

**The Equal Rights Amendment** **MEETINGS:** usually the fourth Monday of the month, **except not in** Equality of rights under the law August and December, at **\*Calvary United Methodist Church,** shall not be denied or abridged by 16 E. Park Ave., Ambler **(This is a new location. Check website for map or call.)** No meeting in bad weather! any state on account of sex

**VOTE!! Primary Election is May 18 (Information inside)**

“Men their rights and nothing more: women their rights and nothing less” Susan B. Anthony

**Failure is IMPOSSIBLE!** Susan B Anthony

Newsletter: A \*on your newsletter envelope or email message means you need to renew if you have not done so yet or you can contact the chapter for help.

**Program Meetings, 8 PM (New Meeting Location) \*June & August No Meetings**

**April 26 Topic: Primary Election and Voter’s Guide** A guide of women’s right to choose will be discussed along with information about SEPA NOW PAC, PA NOW PAC and NOW PAC endorsements.

**May 24 Topic: NOW Campaign to Appoint Third Women to Supreme Court** A discussion of Supreme Court nominees chosen by President Barack Obama. There needs to be gender equality on the Court.

\* **July 26 Topic: Update on CEDAW** A discussion of the NOW campaign to Ratify the Women’s Rights Treaty.

\* **September 27 Topic: Gender Inequality Found in Title XI Audit of Pittsburgh Public Schools** Audit reveals not a single school is offering girls a fair share of athletic opportunities.

**October 25 Topic: General Election and Voter’s Guide** A discussion of our **Voter’s Guide for the November 2 General Election** and the three NOW PAC’s endorsed candidates.

**VOTE!! General Election is November 2 Your rights depend on it!**

**“The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind.” Maya Angelou**

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### 2010 Officers

**President – Kathleen DeFrees-Shank**

**Vice President – Brian Jones**

**Treasurer – David Grunfeld**

**Secretary -- Kathy Maniscalco**

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### **Renew eScrip ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)) Fundraiser**

Renew or sign up for eScrip online (or at Genuardi’s). Online click “renew” or if you are a new member click “sign up.” Our Group ID#2350940. Use your Genuardi’s Club card number to sign up, or instead of Genuardi’s register your credit card(s) at eScrip online to buy at other local area stores. They are: Macy’s, Office Max, Eddie Bauer, Orvis, and Sierra Trading

## Chapter Fundraisers

**eScrip** has been an important, consistent source of additional monthly funds for the chapter. **Thank you to those who have contributed so often over the years!** Contact chapter if help is needed.

**Staples Business Rewards** is another opportunity for much needed chapter funds. If you shop at Staples use our phone number, 215-646-5184 when you check out so we will receive credit. The chapter receives a reward coupon on a regular basis to be used to reduce the cost of paper and ink.

## Attend PASSi Gala With Chapter Members

Again this year our chapter members will attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Asian Senior Services(PASSi) Gala. The event is Friday, May 21 at the Lai Lai Garden Restaurant at 1144 DeKalb Pike in Blue Bell. It is from 5:30 to 9 PM. The cost is \$100 per person. To make reservations email: [Jennifer@passi.us](mailto:Jennifer@passi.us) or call 215-572-1234 by May 14. PASSi is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. When you make your reservations please let them know you are a member of our chapter.

Our chapter will also have a membership ad and form in the program book as in previous years.

## Chapter Member Ruth Damsker Endorsed by SEPA & PA NOW PAC

Our chapter has joined with Philadelphia and Bucks County chapters to form a new PAC named "Southeastern PA NOW PAC(SEPA)." The SEPA NOW PAC promotes a stronger grassroots presence for progressive, feminist issues by endorsing political candidates in support of our issues at the local level in Southeastern PA. On March 11 SEPA held a press conference at the Court House in Norristown to announce candidate

## endorsements by SEPA and PA NOW(PA)

PACS. They were SEPA for **Ruth Damsker** (later also PA), a candidate for State Senate – 12<sup>th</sup> District(Dist.); PA for **Joe Hoeffel**, a candidate for PA

Governor; SEPA for State Senator **LeAnne Washington** for State Senator – 4<sup>th</sup> Dist.; SEPA for State Rep. **Vanessa Brown of Phila.** and later SEPA for **Pamela Delissio**, State Rep. – 194<sup>th</sup>; SEPA for **Tina Davis**, Bucks, for State Rep. – 141<sup>st</sup> SEPA & PA for **Democratic State Committee Member** is Mont. County, **Ruth Damsker**, Dist. 48; Philadelphia, **Karen M. Bojar**, Dist. 504, Ward 9, Div. 2.

**For Ruth make checks payable and mail to: V.O.T.E. Damsker Committee, 308 Primrose Dr., Upper Gwynedd, PA 19446. Write on the memo part of check. "Member Mont. Co. NOW"** For SEPA NOW PAC, P.O. Box 4, Ft. Washington, PA 19034. **Write same check memo information.**

## Difficulty With the PA NOW Dues Increase?

Are you unable to renew your **membership** in our chapter with the 2009 increase of dues from \$35 to \$45? Our chapter wants to know if you are having difficulty. **We need your help to achieve justice and equality. Please renew. Use reduced dues from \$20 to \$44 if necessary.** We understand these are difficult economic times.

PA NOW Newsletter Changes to Email  
The PA NOW Times newsletter will be sent by **email** instead of U.S. mail. Please send your email address to [panow@panow.org](mailto:panow@panow.org) if you have not given your email address to National NOW. Put "**PNT email**" on the subject line. If you do not have email, write the office to request a copy by U.S. mail at: P.O. Box 68, Bellefonte, PA. 16823.

## \*\*\*NOW Campaign for Third Woman

**ACTION: Urge President Barack Obama to nominate a woman to replace Justice Stevens on the Supreme Court.** Since there are only two women on the Court, let the Court be an example for the ideal of equality and justice. The woman selected should support abortion and reproductive rights, full rights for all sexual orientations, equal opportunity and affirmative action laws plus enforcement of fair pay laws. Write to: The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20500; E-mail: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov); phone 202-456-1414; Website: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). Need more information go to [now.org](http://now.org)

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