

Thank you to the chapter members that gave their time, donated money and took action for the chapter! Your support is vital to help achieve equality for all.

Rare Opportunity to Elect Three New Judges

This Nov. 3 General Election is a rare opportunity to elect three new judges to the state Supreme Court. It means we would have a majority vote in support of our issues for the first time. Your vote is extremely important, since many people do not know the importance of this election for our state and may not vote.

New Sexual Violence Protection Law

Pennsylvania has had a Protection from Abuse Law since 1976, allowing eviction and stay-away orders to be entered against intimate partners, family or household members as a result of physical abuse or threat thereof.

Now, effective July 1, 2015, is a new law called Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or Intimidation Act. It extends civil remedies, whether or not criminally prosecuted, to unrelated parties involved in rape, sexual assault, or intimidation. It also calls for a statewide registry, training of law enforcement, penalties for non-compliance, emergency relief by minor judiciary, assistance of counselors, and confidentiality.

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PA Supreme Court Suspends A. G. Kane

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has suspended her as State Attorney General for the practice of law. Kane has been arrested for leaking confidential information from a grand jury investigation and is awaiting trial.

The state Supreme Court made it clear that Kane was not disbarred and that her suspension has no affect on her job. However, the Pennsylvania Constitution says the Attorney General must be a lawyer, and the Republican legislature may move to impeach her. Write a letter to your state senator and representative opposing impeachment.

Remember to date, sign and mail letters to the following addresses:

THE HONORABLE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MAIN CAPITOL BUILDING
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-0028

THE HONORABLE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE
MAIN CAPITOL BUILDING
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-0028

Vigil by Chapter Members to Honor Victims

Brian Jones, chapter Vice President, and Tricia Jones, his Mother also a member of our chapter, held a vigil in honor of victims of police violence, abuse and neglect. This happened after Tricia experienced the use of excessive force by police when they investigated to see if she was the owner of her home, because a worried relative wanted police to check on her. Due to misunderstandings Tricia was thrown down, handcuffed and taken to Montgomery County Emergency Services against her will. Tricia did have painful injuries and was traumatized by the incident.

The vigil was covered by the Times Herald on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the East Norriton Township Building. See Article on line.

Campaign to Get a Woman on the \$20 Bill

NOW supports move to have a woman replace President Andrew Jackson on the twenty dollar bill.

The National Women's History Project started this, "The Women on 20's Campaign," earlier this year. There were 600,000 people who voted to choose Harriet Tubman.

In June the Treasury Department announced it would be putting a woman on the \$10 bill with Alexander Hamilton instead.

The National Women's History Project's "The Women on 20's Campaign Team" states "It's time American currency values women as much as it values men." More information at: www.womenon20s.org

Some chapter members think a women's portrait should be on two of the dollar bills, both the \$20 and \$10, since we are more than half the population. Join in the discussion.