

AAUW-NYS GOTV Counterpart Newsletter Get Out The Vote!



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New York State Primary Days

NYS Congressional Primary Day is June 26: Thanks to the 2010 Census, NYS lost two House seats; that has created new district lines for most House seats in NYS and new numbering. Some members have retired, creating open seats. Some sitting members are being challenged in their new districts. You can click on the link [HERE](#) for a map to see where the district lines run. Find out what is happening in your new district and vote on **Tuesday, June 26** if there is a primary in your new district.

When you get your yellow **Where to Vote** card in the mail, pay particular attention as the information may be new this time!

NYS Primary Day: This year it is being held on **Thursday, September 13** in order not to conflict with the September 11 anniversary. This means we have to pay attention to a different date and a different day of the week. Be sure to publicize this in your branch and community. There are redrawn Assembly lines in the state this year in many locations and a new Senate district will be formed near Albany. So watch carefully for information about the changes near you!

Remember, Nothing Else Matters if You Don't VOTE!

As a resident of New York, your registration deadline to vote is **October 12, 2012**. Please do not wait until then to register. Do it today by clicking here:

<https://register.rockthevote.com/registrants/new>

AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College

The AAUW-NYS Summer Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College is on July 20-22. This is an opportunity to network with members from all over the state at a VERY reasonable cost: \$100 for the weekend for air-conditioned private dorm rooms (small suites, 3-5 people in each) and six meals. The information is on the NYS website – click [HERE](#) for details and online registration.

Kimberly Fountain, the AAUW Grassroots Coordinator for GOTV in the states will be with us on Friday night and part of Saturday. She will be explaining the **It's My Vote – I Will Be Heard Campaign** to all of us. Kimberly recently held an **AAUW Voter Outreach Campaign Strategy**

Session with NOW by webinar. She is busy putting together all the resources we'll need for GOTV and to outreach to partnering organizations.

Sign up for Cazenovia – you'll be glad you did! We will formulate our plans for the GOTV Campaign there and coordinate our efforts with AAUW Branches. You can see the preliminary plan outlined at the State Convention [HERE](#):

What at Stake for Women in 2012:

These key advances for women's health and economic rights are under attack:

1. Women's Right to Vote (1920)
2. Social Security Act (1935)
3. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
4. Medicare (1965)
5. Medicaid (1965)
6. Title X, The National Family Planning Program (1970)
7. Title IX of the Education Amendments (1972)
8. *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision (1973)
9. The Violence Against Women Act (1994)
10. The Affordable Care Act (2010)

Join with millions of women from around the country and use your voice and your vote to urge lawmakers who seek to represent you to:

- Stop the attacks on historic advances for women;
- Preserve successful policies, such as Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act;
- Respect women's contribution to the economy; and
- Act on jobs

Learn more at <http://www.hervotes.org>.

AAUW-NYS Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/AAUW.NYS>

Keep checking for updates. It is the fastest way we have to keep you informed. You don't have to be a member of Facebook to read it; only to comment or post!

GOTV Resources:

GOTV Program in a Box:

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/upload/W2W_complete.pdf

Down load the 3rd edition of the Woman-2-Women Voter Turnout Manuel:

http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/upload/WomanToWomanManual.pdf

Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Power-Point

http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/upload/Woman-To-Woman-Voter-Turnout-Presentation.ppt

AAUW's Affirmative Action Resource Kit

http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/upload/AffirmativeActionResourceKit.pdf

GOTV Coalition Partners – Think Outside the Box!

Many branches have local partners you have worked with for years on Voter Education drives. Here are some you may not have thought about working with. If you know of others, please share their contact information!

AARP: The American Association of Retired Persons <http://www.aarp.org/states/ny/>

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people age 50 and over have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole, ways that help people 50 and over improve their lives. Since 1958, AARP has been leading a revolution in the way people view and live life. You can find a local chapter:

<http://www.aarp.org/applications/VMISLocator/searchChapterLocations.action>

The Empire State Pride Agenda - <http://www.prideagenda.org>

The Empire State Pride Agenda is New York's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights and advocacy organization. Our mission is to win equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers and our families. We recognize that while significant cultural, legal and governmental advances have led to greater equality for LGBT New Yorkers, we and our families remain highly vulnerable without the vast majority of rights and protections that most New Yorkers take for granted.

- **NYS LGBT Network** -

<http://www.prideagenda.org/Our-Programs/NYS-LGBT-Network.aspx> - The New York State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health and Human Services Network (“the Network”) is a coalition of over fifty LGBT-specific and LGBT-supportive nonprofit groups and organizations that provide health and social services to LGBT New Yorkers and their families. By focusing on non-HIV related health needs, Network members have worked diligently with New York State government to recognize the continuum of health care needs in the LGBT communities. Founded in 1994, the Network is supported and administered by the Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation and operates on a democratic, consensual basis through a Steering Committee and the participation of Network members in a variety of work groups.

- **PFLAG** - <http://community.pflag.org> - Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a national non-profit organization with over 200,000 members and supporters and over 350 affiliates in the United States. There are **20 Chapters in NYS**: <http://community.pflag.org/page.aspx?pid=803>

League of Women Voters, New York State

<http://lwnvy.org/localLeague/LLcontact.html>

There are **54 LWV Chapters in the New York State**. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The Long Island Women's Agenda - <http://www.liwa.org/>

The Long Island Women's Agenda (LIWA), a not-for-profit, nonpartisan coalition of women's organizations and individuals, is an advocacy organization that provides a voice for Long Island women on issues, policies and programs affecting the lives of those living and working on Long Island.

MomsRising: <http://www.momsrising.org/>

MomsRising takes on the most critical issues facing women, mothers, and families, by mobilizing massive grassroots actions to:

- [Bring](#) the voices and real world experiences of women and mothers straight to our nation's leaders;
- [Amplify](#) women's voices and issues in the national dialogue & in the media across all platforms (from print, to radio, to blogs, social media, and more);
- [Accelerate](#) grassroots impact on Capitol Hill and at state capitols across the country;
- [Hold](#) corporations accountable for fair treatment of women and mothers & for ensuring the safety of their products.

MomsRising is also a [new media outlet](#) with over 700 bloggers and a combined estimated blogging and social media readership reach to over 3 million people. Their key issues include:

- [Maternity & Paternity Leave](#)
 - [Open Flexible Work](#)
 - [Toxics](#)
 - [Health Care for All](#)
 - [Early Care & Education](#)
 - [Realistic & Fair Wages](#)
 - [Sick Days, Paid](#)
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The National Association of Social Workers

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies. There are over **10,000 members in the NYS Chapter**: <http://www.naswnys.org/> Here is a map of the **10 NASW Divisions in NYS**: <http://www.naswnys.org/divisions/index.htm>

One of the primary goals of NASW-NYS is to provide comprehensive political and legislative representation for our membership and the populations they serve. The NASW-NYS policy staff, in conjunction with the Advocacy & Government Relations Committee, works to identify issues of importance to our membership and to the social work profession at large. These issues reflect the diversity of the profession and range from mental health parity to social work reimbursement rates, and from mandatory continuing education to same-sex marriage.

The National Association of Women Business Owners - <http://nawbo.org/>

Founded in 1975, the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) is the unified voice of America's more than 10 million women-owned businesses representing the fastest growing segment of the economy. There are **four NAWBO Regions in NYS**:

- [NAWBO Buffalo Niagara](http://www.nawbonf.org/) - <http://www.nawbonf.org/>
 - [Greater Rochester Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners](http://www.nawborochester.org/) - <http://www.nawborochester.org/>
 - [NAWBO New York City](http://www.nawborochester.org/) - <http://www.nawborochester.org/>
 - [NAWBO Long Island](http://www.nawboli.org/) - <http://www.nawboli.org/>
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New York Communities for Change - <http://www.nycommunities.org/>

New York Communities for Change is a coalition of working families in low and moderate income communities fighting for social and economic justice throughout New York State. By using direct action, legislative advocacy, and community organizing, NY Communities' members work to impact the political and economic policies that directly affect us. Through neighborhood chapters and issue-based committees, we are working to ensure that every family throughout New York has access to quality schools, affordable housing, and good jobs. It is through the power-in-numbers approach that NY Communities is able to win REAL change for our towns and neighborhoods.

NYCC Chapter Home Pages:

- [East New York](#)
 - [Capital Region](#)
 - [Long Island](#)
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New York State Nurses Association - <http://www.nysna.org>

The New York State Nurses Association is the nation's oldest and largest multipurpose state professional association for registered nurses. It also is New York's largest union solely dedicated to promoting the interests of RNs and their patients. With more than **37,000 members**, NYSNA has been the voice for nurses in New York State for more than a century. NYSNA supports and enhances the practice of the registered professional nurse and improve the public's health by providing leadership in changing the healthcare environment.

Objective IV: Engage in Effective Political Action

1. Mobilize members around individual legislative issues
2. Increase the number of members involved in political advocacy
3. Be a leader in legislative issues that impact the nursing profession

4. Ensure funding for nursing education and health care remains viable in the NYS Budget
There are **19 district nurses associations throughout New York State** that provide nurses with leadership, resources and services on the local level. <http://www.nysna.org/districts/districts.htm>

New York Women Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.nywcc.org/>

Founded in 2002, the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to assisting women, minorities and other disadvantaged individuals achieve success and economic independence through business, micro-enterprise ownership and self-employment. NYWCC advocates and actively works to create equal and fair business opportunities fostering an environment that nurtures the growth of women and minority-owned businesses in the City and State of New York.

NYS Women, Inc. (Formerly BPW in NYS) www.nyswomeninc.org/

NYS Women Inc's mission is to build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information. There are **36 Chapters in 11 Districts in the state.** <http://nyswomeninc.org/Chapters.aspx>

NOW: National Organization for Women

<http://www.now.org/chapters/ny.html>

There are **16 NOW Chapters in NYS**, as well as the state-wide organization.

<http://www.nownys.org/>

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW is an activist rather than a direct services organization. This simply means that NOW seeks to effect change through lobbying, advocacy, education and protest, and does not serve clients. **NOW is one of our partners in the It's My Vote Campaign.**

OCCUPY New York State - <http://www.occupynewyorkstate.org/>

The Occupy movement is organized to address critical issues about the nation's economic crisis, consolidation of wealth and power, and the ability of citizens to meaningfully participate in a democracy unshackled by the interests of big money. Check the state website for the location of an Occupy movement near you – there are many!

OWL: Older Women's League - www.owl-national.org/

There is an OWL Chapter in NYS located in NYC and an OWL Chapter in Brooklyn. OWL is a national, grassroots organization that focuses solely on improving the status and quality of life for midlife and older women. OWL educates and advocates for:

- [Economic Security](#)
 - [Quality of Life](#)
 - [Healthcare Reform](#)
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PTA Votes / Election Activities - <http://www.nyspta.org/>

Outreach to your local PTA – Parent-Teacher Association. NYS PTA Region Map <http://www.nyspta.org/contact/regionmap.cfm> has contact information.

- It is critical that all PTA members demonstrate their role as child advocates by becoming educated about candidates for public office and their positions on legislative issues that are important to children and public schools. By exercising our democratic right to vote, we are able to give children a voice. This is especially critical in the upcoming elections on November 6, 2012.
- In the 2012 federal elections, voters will determine our president, our vice president, all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and 33 U.S. senators. In state elections, voters will elect 13 governors, thousands of state house and senate members, and countless mayors, regents, city council members, boards of supervisors, county officials, and school board trustees. Your vote can make a difference for our children and communities. If you want to learn how your PTA can participate in the election process, download or access the following resources:
 - [PTA Votes 2012 Election Guide](#)
 - [Elections and Candidates](#) - Browse races by state, or enter your zip code to identify upcoming elections and locate your polling place
 - [Register to vote](#)

Planned Parenthood, Local & State Offices in NYS

<http://www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/affiliate-and-state-offices.htm#NewYork>

Planned Parenthood works to improve the sexual health and well-being of individuals and families everywhere. There is a state-wide organization and **10 regional chapters**.

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) Chapters

Go to the home page for WBASNY, www.wbasny.org. In the upper left-hand corner you will see "chapters" and if you click on the drop-down list, you can select a chapter, and the officers and chapter website will be listed. Check to see if there is Chapter in your area. (Thanks to AAUW-NYS Secretary-Bylaws Chair Edwina Martin for this suggestion!)

As the largest statewide bar association dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession and in general, our mission commits us to improving the status of all women in society. WBASNY addresses complex legal issues as we advocate for change for women and children throughout the state and promote the fair and equal administration of justice.

WBASNY's 3,800+ members hail from eighteen chapters across our great State and include individuals from all levels of both the state and federal benches, as well as prominent attorneys practicing in all areas of the law, educators and government leaders.

They have legislative positions on:

- [Position Statement - Reasonable Accommodations for Pregnancy in NY](#)
- [Position Statement - Possession of Certain Condoms as Evidence](#)

- [Position Statement - Health Insurance Related Correspondence](#)
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Women's Studies Programs at Local Colleges

If your local college(s) has a Women's Studies (Gender/Sexuality) program, you can outreach to them for partnerships. This is a great way to connect with students, as well. If your college is a C/U partner, you can invite all students to become e-student members of AAUW for FREE! Win-Win-Win!

YWCA in New York State:

<http://www.ywca.org/site/apps/kb/cs/contactsearch.asp?c=cuIRJ7NTKrLaG&b=7527667&state=NY&submit=submit>

There are **21 YWCA Chapters in NYS**. Check out the contact information to see if one is in your area. YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Here's a goal worth setting & achieving!

New York Could Add One Million Voters in 2013

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/9427-new-york-could-add-one-million-voters-in-2013>

The Equal Rights Amendment

Ask Sen. Schumer to sign on as a co-sponsor to the ERA-related resolution.

The Equal Rights Amendment is not dead. Last year Rep. Tammy Baldwin (WI) submitted a Resolution to remove the seven year deadline. This spring, Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) submitted SJ Res. 39 to remove the deadline. The Resolution will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee in a few months. Florida is working furiously to ratify.

Earlier this year the House in Virginia ratified. Getting the three states is not out of the question. NY Sen. Charles Schumer is on the Judiciary Committee and has not signed on as a co-sponsor.

We need calls to his office **202-224-6542** as soon as possible. Thank you!

Susan Hoover
NYS Public Policy Chair (retiring)
susnhover@aol.com

Environmental Concerns:

Our quality of life is tied closely to our environmental quality. AAUW branches around the state have been long been motivated by concern for the environment. It is another way to connect to your community and create active partnerships.

Hydro-Fracking

Hydraulic fracturing is the propagation of fractures in a rock layer caused by the presence of a pressurized fluid. Induced hydraulic fracturing or hydrofracking, commonly known as fracking, is a technique used to release petroleum, natural gas (including shale gas, tight gas and coal seam gas), or other substances for extraction. This type of fracturing creates fractures from a wellbore drilled into reservoir rock formations.

This is a highly controversial drilling method using billions of gallons of fresh water and highly toxic chemicals to pulverize the rock strata. AAUW members were informed about this at the Summer Leadership meeting last July in Cazenovia. Since then, many branches have gone on to educate their members and their communities.

If this is a concern in your community or if you want to learn more, you can sign up for a daily list-serv of fracking news. E-mail Donna Seymour at onthego@northnet.org to be included on the list.

If you can be in the Syracuse area this weekend, here's a special offer:

**200 Complimentary Tickets left to
Alec Baldwin's Screening of Gasland and Expert Panel Discussion
June 2nd at the Landmark Theater starts at 6 pm**

Join Alec Baldwin, Josh Fox, Dr. Sandra Steingraber, Tony Ingraffea, Kate Hudson to uncover the facts about Hydrofracking once and for all!

Matt Greacen, President of World Grain Organization, has 200 complimentary tickets that were donated from a single individual. The complimentary tickets are going fast.

After the screening people are making an evening out of the 'Taste of Syracuse' event which is spectacular, Food, Music, entertainment and more. Claim your free tickets right away: Email Kathy@natures-chemistry.com or Contact Joanne Perry or Kathy Cioci at Nature's Chemistry 315-685-2310 for your complimentary tickets.

Note: Every seat has to be filled please make absolutely sure that if you request a complimentary ticket that you definitely attend.

GOTV – Membership Connection!

Remember that every connection you make to a new person or a new group in your area is another way to put AAUW on the map. Many people are willing to belong to several organizations that espouse the goals they value. The 2012 GOTV Campaign is a perfect way to

outreach to others in your community by showing AAUW's leadership and commitment to women and their families.

In particular, think about how to make connections on the college campuses near you. You can recruit students to help with voter registration drives. An important service to offer beyond registering new voters is to have plenty of Absentee Ballots on hand for those students who are registered to vote back home but need to apply in time to get a ballot in the mail.

AAUW's COCKTAILS and CONVOS

Use AAUW's exciting new community outreach program, **Cocktails and Convos**, to connect with women of all ages in your community. You can feature a short program on a pressing economic or political issue for women between now and Election Day to get the conversation rolling.

Read all about how to organize one here:

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/programs/upload/cocktails_and_convos.pdf



For Further Reading:

Arm Yourself with Knowledge!

Before Casting 2012 Ballot, Confront Candidates

Martha Burk, the former chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations. She is currently money editor for Ms. Magazine and host of the public radio show Equal Time With Martha Burk, writes:

- Women are the majority and we have the opportunity to take control and make the changes we need in every election -- but having the opportunity is not enough. We must have the will, firmly grounded in essential knowledge of the issues and a path ahead.
- There are many other pressing national issues we don't normally think about as "women's issues," but that is indeed what they are. The faltering economy, the health care crisis, ongoing and potential wars, tax policies – these all affect women in different ways from the way they affect men, and all are growing concerns.

<http://womensenews.org/story/campaign-trail/120526/casting-2012-ballot-confront-candidates>

Women ponder how they became a campaign issue

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/politics/2018195351_apusamericanpulsewomenandthatwar.html

Equal & Fair Pay Legislation:

Annie-Rose Strasser suggests **5 Things to Know About the Paycheck Fairness Act (The Next Big Legislative Battle for Women)**

[http://www.alternet.org/newsandviews/article/934484/5_things_to_know_about_the_paycheck_fairness_act_\(the_next_big_legislative_battle_for_women\)/](http://www.alternet.org/newsandviews/article/934484/5_things_to_know_about_the_paycheck_fairness_act_(the_next_big_legislative_battle_for_women)/)

Find out why **More Men Enter Fields Dominated by Women**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/21/business/increasingly-men-seek-success-in-jobs-dominated-by-women.html>

or, **Men Move Into "Women's Jobs," Even Though There Are No High-Paying "Women's Jobs"**

http://www.alternet.org/newsandviews/article/933486/men_move_into_%22women%27s_jobs%2C%22_even_though_there_are_no_high-paying_%22women%27s_jobs%22/#paragraph2

And then learn about: **How to Lift Women Leaders out of the 'Pink Ghetto'**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-05-23/how-to-lift-women-leaders-out-of-the-pink-ghetto-.html>

Naomi Wolf, talks about '[What Really Lies Behind the 'War on Women'](#)' in this article from [The Guardian](#) in the UK.

Remember that politicians come in more than just Republican and Democratic flavors and sometimes we can learn about leadership from unexpected places:

- **"It's imperative that Americans start voting for issues and solutions rather than parties and enriching the people who get rich on partisan politics."**

Green party candidate **Roseanne Barr on a Presidential Run**

http://www.alternet.org/story/155586/roseanne_barr_on_presidential_run:_two_major_parties_are_a_bunch_of_prostitutes_who_work_for_big_money

The verdict is in for most people, **89% of U.S. adults say birth control moral**, although expect it to still be a hot topic in both the state's and national level as we move through the election season.

http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2012/05/23/89-of-US-adults-say-birth-control-moral/UPI-35901337828287/
