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BROOKLYN-QUEENS NOW CHAPTER CALENDAR-2012



Chapter meetings take place the first Monday of the month at 7pm, unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may force the rescheduling of a chapter meeting, so be sure to RSVP to the number provided Or call 718 769-0101. Call the numbers below for exact location and directions.

- Thu.** Oct 4 **Chapter meeting** in Howard Beach, Queens. . Call 718-843-7978.
- Mon.** Nov 12 **Chapter meeting** in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Call. 646-228-7570.
- Wed.** Dec 5 **Chapter meeting** in Forest Hills, Queens. Call 718-263-7638.

Check for Calendar updates on our website: www.brooklynqueensnow.org.

NOW PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT

The following candidates have NOW-PAC endorsements and have been interviewed and recommended by BQNOW-PAC. We encourage you to support their campaigns. It is more important than ever to have feminist goals carried forward by our elected officials.

NYS Assembly: AD25 **Nily Rozic**
Contact: <http://nilyrozic.org> or on Twitter:
NilyRozic @ nily

NYS Assembly: AD40 **Ron Kim**
Contact: ronkimforassembly@gmail.com or
phone: 718 661-3811

NYS Senate: SD22 **Andrew Gounardes**
Contact: <http://andrewgounardes.com> or phone:
347-422-7422

NYS Senate: SD24 **Gary Carsel**
Contact: <http://www.carselforstatesenate.com> or
phone: 718-948-7654

US Congress: CD6 **Grace Meng**
Contact: <http://gracefornewyork.com/page/2/> or
call: 347 809-7252

US Congress: CD11 **Mark Murphy**
Contact: <http://electmarkmurphy.com>, follow
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ACTION ALERTS

PRO-CHOICE IN QUEENS

Clinic Escorts Needed!

On a typical Saturday at CHOICES, anti-choice protesters outnumber pro-choice volunteers 5 to 1. Escorts provide a buffer zone from the lies and harassment coming from the anti's.

Join us on Saturday mornings from 7 to 11am at the CHOICES health clinic in Jamaica, Queens. Located at 147-32 Jamaica Ave, the clinic is close to the E, J, Z and LIRR trains.

OUR RIGHTS OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

By Joyce Mizrachi

The struggle to obtain equal rights for women has achieved considerable success but there is still a great deal that remains to be done. Winning our rights takes time: 1848: The first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls. 1869: American Woman's Suffrage Association was founded to secure voting rights for women by proposing a constitutional amendment. August 26, 1920: The 19th amendment (Women's Suffrage) was signed into law. 1921: The American Birth Control League was established and eventually became Planned Parenthood. During the 1960's and 1970's our movement made great strides: 1966 - The National Organization for Women was founded. 1971 - The initial publication of Ms. Magazine. 1974 - The Supreme Court's Roe v Wade decision established a woman's right to legal abortion. The need to undergo dangerous and illegal procedures had finally been eliminated. There have been additional triumphs but only Women's Suffrage is written in stone. There have been on-going efforts to limit progress and in some instances to reverse what we have accomplished.

Our current President has made his position clear.

President Obama's first act in office was to sign the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act. The law permits victims of pay discrimination to file a complaint within 180 days of their last paycheck. In the past, victims most of whom were women were limited to filing 180 days from the first unfair paycheck. President Obama is committed to not only protecting what we have gained but also to expanding the struggle for women's equality.

Since 1980, the Republican Party has led the attack on women's rights. An extremely and highly dangerous group has evolved within the Republican Party. These individuals have chosen a name drawn from our own history: The Tea Party. Ironically, unlike their namesakes, the goal of this tea party is not to expand the rights of women but to eliminate the advances so many have fought to secure.

Do not ignore the warning. All too often individuals simply take these most precious rights for granted. And do not assume the President and those who support him will have the necessary votes to remain in office.

Yes we have achieved a number of successes but with these new rights come new responsibilities and the primary one is voting. **Get out and vote.** Make certain you do not regret having not participated. We need every vote. We need yours.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION IN BROOKLYN

By Shirley Ranz

State Senator Marty Golden, one of only two Republican State Senators from Brooklyn, has long been a thorn in the sides of women. The Republican majority in the Senate carved out a contorted district for him, encompassing Bay Ridge and far away Marine Park in order to ensure him a Republican voting block. Apparently the Democratic Party considered him unbeatable and until now did not even run a viable candidate to oppose him.

A few months ago Golden made the news when he offered a seminar to help women obtain employment by teaching them, "how to walk like a model and up a staircase elegantly." NBC News quoted BQ NOW's PAC President, Shirley Ranz and Chapter President, Julie Kirshner, saying that Golden is a throwback to the 19th century and that his offer is offensive to women. He subsequently cancelled the seminar.

Now Golden falsely claims that he cosponsored the recently passed Women Workforce Bill. This is particularly galling in light of the fact that he has repeatedly voted against bills that would have helped women achieve equal opportunity in employment. He voted against pay equity, against paid family leave of only 12 weeks, against preventing discrimination of domestic violence victims, against helping businesses provide day care, and these are just a few. He is one of the most anti-women legislators in the State Senate.

Fortunately there is now a good chance of defeating Golden in November with the very viable BQ NOW PAC endorsed candidate, Andrew Gounardes.

If you can give of either your time or money it may make the difference to this election.

Contact Campaign manager, Chris McCreight at chris.mccreight@earthlink.net, 347-422-7422 or go to the website, <http://andrewgounardes.com>.

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PROTECT YOURSELF

By Marilyn Rogers

I recently discovered that voter registration information is public record in NY State. This brought up the subject of PRIVACY and how to protect oneself in this ever-developing online world.

If you are concerned about privacy, please do an online search of your name, using the websites listed below and request that the public information about you be removed. All websites have PRIVACY policies, where the company tells you how to remove your information.

Some of these sites say they simply gather information They recommend that you delete the information from the "source" example: pip1.com says this in their privacy policy. Once

it is deleted from the source it doesn't show up on their files.

Be persistent and create an email address for this purpose – you can deactivate it or delete it later, as many will want to confirm your information by email.

Websites: Spokeo.com, Intelius.com, mylife.com, peoplefinders.com, Zabasearch.com; pip1.com, spock.com, 123people.com, isearch.com.

If we do not object to websites using our personal information they will continue to exploit every opportunity to market us and sell our private information to people for profit. Stand up for yourself by removing your information from the

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If you have been a victim of a violent crime – at least get yourself a P.O. Box and use the P.O.Box as your address for your state drivers license and other information including your income taxes- it is perfectly legal. This way you cannot be tracked to your door. You may need mail addressed to you at a street address in the neighborhood of the PO Box location-to qualify. Just get some mail to come to you locally and present it when applying. The life and identity you save will be your own!

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