

EQUAL WRITE



Alice Paul 1885-1977

Chapter Program Meeting December 13th, 2017



South Jersey NOW Annual Holiday Party!

7:30 PM First Baptist Church,
19 West Main Street, Moorestown, NJ

Please join us for our annual Holiday Party in place of our usual Program Speaker. Besides the beautiful holiday decorations provided by Dea Evans and Roxanne Sutocky, we will have extra special refreshments, music and, best of all, a White Elephant game MC'd by Gina Marie Santore. If you want to participate in the White Elephant game, bring a wrapped gift (either a gag gift, a \$10-15 gift card, a bottle of wine or something homemade). You will go home with a gift that someone else has brought. We will also play other games and award prizes.

As we have done in past years, we will also be collecting gifts cards (Shop Rite, Target, gasoline, Kohl's, restaurants) as well as non-perishable food for clients of the Women's Opportunity Center (see top of calendar, page 2). Food donations should be proteins (peanut butter, canned tuna or meat, stew, chili, beans, mac and cheese, spaghetti and meatballs), shelf-stable boxed non-refrigerated milk, 100% juice, whole grain pasta, pasta sauce, oatmeal/breakfast cereal, pancake mix and syrup, rice, instant mashed potatoes, soup, granola bars, nuts, unsweetened applesauce, canned fruits and vegetables.

We hope you will join us for quality time and a lot of fun with your feminist friends!

Program includes announcements, refreshments, and letter writing.

Meetings are open to members and non-members

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Chapter Events

Open to members only
Planning Meeting: Wed, Dec. 6th 7:30 pm, at the home of President, Judy Buckman (see Contacts). If you are a chapter member, please plan to attend (call for directions).

Open to members and non-members
NOW in the Afternoon, Wed, Dec.6th 12:30 pm, at Ponzio's, 7 West Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, (856) 428-4808, 12:30 Questions: Marion Steinger, 856-772-0689.
Program Meeting Wed, Dec. 13th, 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 19 West Main Street, Moorestown.
Newsletter Mailing: Sun. Dec. 17th, 10am-noon, home of Judy Buckman (see Contacts). We'll train and feed you. The work is easy but important; a great way for new or longtime members to get to know us.

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Feminist Calendar

For phone numbers of chapter members referenced below, see *Contacts*, page 7.



Facebook and Twitter are great ways to keep informed about Chapter Events and to connect with Chapter Members and other like-minded Feminists. Please support your Chapter by "Liking" our FB page & following us on Twitter @SJNOWAlicePaul today!

Be A Newsletter Contributor

Would you like to see your name in print? How about submitting an article to the South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul chapter newsletter? Maybe you have an idea or an issue that you would like to publicize? Please send any articles to our newsletter editor at four10us113@yahoo.com. The deadline for submitting articles is the first Friday each month.

Please note that all articles and advertisements submitted for printing are subject to the discretion of the editor.

Women's Opportunity Center,

Riverfront Branch YMCA of Burlington and Camden counties, 302 Commerce Square Blvd, Burlington 08016 (make appointment to discuss their services). WOC assists women who have lost financial support due to separation, divorce, death or disability of spouse by providing a support group, computer classes and career services. Childcare available (reservations needed), 856-231-9622, ext. 224, www.woc-bc.org. WOC is now on Facebook (like their page by visiting their website and following the Facebook link).

NOVEMBER 8-DECEMBER 15

Intro to Feminism, five-week class taught by Kris Myers, Alice Paul Institute Program Director and Women Studies professor. Camden County College-Rohrer Campus, Rm 206, Cherry Hill. 4:30-7pm, 856-227-7200, ext. 4333.

NOVEMBER 15

Chapter Fundraiser: Panera's Centerton Square (between Wegmans and Costco), Mt. Laurel. From 4-8pm, eat-in or take-out your dinner/snack and South Jersey NOW will get 20%. Bring flyer enclosed with last newsletter OR tell cashier that you're supporting South Jersey NOW--Alice Paul chapter. Info: Fran Forte-Gomolson, ffortegomolson@gmail.com or 856-577-5826.

Happiness and the Holidays: How to Find Peace. People in Transition 7-9pm. Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC), 1400 Tanyard Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080, 856-468-5000, www.RCGC.edu. People in Transition assists women who have lost financial support due to separation, divorce, death or disability of a spouse by providing counseling, community referral, job search skills, vocational/ personality surveys, and life skills. You do not have to be a Gloucester County resident to attend. Similar programs at Women's Opportunity Center, Burlington and Camden County's program (see top of calendar).

NOVEMBER 16

Designer Handbag Bingo. Win one of a dozen high-end designer handbags. Alice Paul Institute fundraiser to support leadership training programs for girls and continued preservation of Paulsdale, National Landmark in Mt. Laurel that honors the childhood home of suffragist and equal rights activist Alice Paul who helped women gain the right to vote. Moorestown Community House, 6-9pm. Tickets, \$25; VIP tickets for \$35 include

cocktail reception and additional bingo cards. www.alicepaul.org

Hate Post-Charlottesville: Throughout the United States and in Your Backyard. Camden County College--Blackwood, Civic Hall, 7pm. vconcordia@camdencc.edu.

NOVEMBER 17

Job Search Using Technology for In-Demand Careers. Popular job websites, set up search profile, upload resumes, research potential employers. Prior to workshop, attendees must have completed a WOC-approved resume and standard cover letter; both documents must be e-mailed to your account. Women's Opportunity Center (see top of calendar), 10-noon. Free but must preregister.

NOVEMBER 20

Chapter's Free Support Group for Separated and Divorced Women facilitated by therapist Dr. Donna Pellegrino, third Monday of each month, 6:30-8pm. The Psychology Group, 1030 N. Kings Hwy, Suite 303, Cherry Hill 08003. Reservations required!! Some participants are not doing this; if you don't call ahead, the group might not continue. Leave name and daytime phone on Dr. Donna's voicemail, 856-667-9277 (speak slowly and clearly, repeat number twice). You'll be called if the group is cancelled. Next meeting is 12/18 (reserve now!).

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 31

This is The Week That Is. Political comedy takes on the most unpredictable administration in modern history. Get ready to laugh. Bigly. The Philadelphia Inquirer said "Two-plus hours of laughter. If you're a political junkie, this is for you". Plays and Players Theatre, 1714 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, www.1812productions.org, 215-592-9560.

NOVEMBER 28

#GivingTuesday. In its sixth year, #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated after Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. You don't have to be a world leader or a billionaire to give back. This is about ordinary people coming together doing extraordinary things. Please consider celebrating #GivingTuesday by donating to the Judith Glick Buckman Fund for the Future at

<http://www.igbfundforthefuture.org>. Enjoy the photos from our recent Celebrating Women's Voices event, then click on the Donate link at the top of the page.

NOVEMBER 30

Hillary Clinton in Philadelphia to discuss her experience as a woman in politics, her book, *What Happened*; what's next; her story of resilience; how to get back up after a loss; and how we can all look ahead. Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St, Philadelphia, www.kimmelcenter.org.

DECEMBER 2

NOW-NJ State Board Meeting hosted by Northern NJ NOW in Dumont, 9:30 am. To car pool, contact Dea Evans, Rita Spaulding, Anita Sopenoff, Jen Groves or Rick Gray.

DECEMBER 4

Learning to Say "No!" People in Transition (see 11/15), 6-8pm.

DECEMBER 5

South Jersey NOW—Alice Paul chapter and SJNOW Indivisible Dinner. Ginger Asian Cuisine, 7 Wilkins Station Rd, Medford (609-953-7888). Please join us in a private room for some of the best Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese or Japanese food you've ever tasted. Order from the menu and pay for your own meal with cash or credit card, 6:30. Please RSVP by 12/1 to Eileen or outreach@southjerseynow.org. Please don't let the cost of this dinner (or future

dinners) keep you from attending! A generous donor has given us funds to pay for your meal. To take advantage of that offer, contact Judy Buckman or Eileen Hill (see contact box).

DECEMBER 6

NOW in the Afternoon. South Jersey NOW's first-Wednesday-of-the-month Feminist Lunch for those unable to attend evening meetings but anyone can participate. Ponzio's, 7 West Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, (856-428-4808) at 12:30. Questions: Marion Steinger, 856-772-0689.

South Jersey NOW Planning Meeting

at Judy Buckman's home, 7:30. If you are a chapter member, please plan to attend (call for directions).

Feminist Book Club: Everyday

Sexism by Laura Bates who collected stories from women and men of abuse regarding catcalling as well as sexism through social media, women in politics, on campus, and in the media. Cherry Hill Library, 7-9pm. Free, open to the public, registration required: lmann@chplnj.org

DECEMBER 7

Ntozake Shange discusses her new book *Wild Beauty: New and Selected Poems*, Free Library of Philadelphia, 7:30, free event (see 11/2).

DECEMBER 8

South Jersey NOW newsletter deadline. Submit stories, articles or information to Janis Hines.

DECEMBER 9

Shape NJ's Future and Yours: Appointments to State Boards and Commissions. Sponsored by Center for American Women in Politics (CAWP) and Women's Political Caucus of NJ, "The Nuts and Bolts of the Appointments Process" and "The Politics of Getting Appointed". Douglass Student Center, Rutgers-New Brunswick, 100 George St., 8:30-12:30, \$25, Megan Hutton, 908-202-8386, info@wpcnj.org

Alice Paul Institute Holiday Open House. Food, drinks and a chance to purchase a wide variety of unique gifts that you won't see anywhere else. Free, www.alicepaul.org/newsevents.

Second Saturday Tour at Paulsdale, Alice Paul's birthplace/childhood home, 12-2pm. See 15min. DVD, walk around house and grounds, view new exhibit, learn about site restoration and present-day use as a women's history center and leadership institute for women and girls, \$5 per person. No registration needed but large groups should call: 856-231-1885, info@alicepaul.org

DECEMBER 12

Women's History Lecture with Jean Perry, former South Jersey NOW president and retired history professor. Topics on the G's: Women Geniuses, The Garment Industry, Grimke Sisters and Martha Griffith (member of Congress). Moorestown Library, Church St. and 2nd St, 7pm.

DECEMBER 13

South Jersey NOW-Alice Paul chapter Program Meeting (see front page). Open to members, non-members and their guests.

Conflict Management. People in Transition (see 11/15), 6-9pm.

DECEMBER 17

Chapter Newsletter Mailing, 10am-noon, Judy Buckman's home (see contact box). We'll train and feed you. The work is easy but important; a great way for new or longtime members to get to know us.

DECEMBER 21

Chapter Fundraiser: Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap, East Gate Shopping Center (behind Moorestown Mall), 10am-10pm. Shoppers give us donations to wrap their purchases. It's fun, easy and you will work with a partner. Santa hats available for anyone who wants to wear one! Please contact Natalie Sykes to sign up as a substitute for a shift (sykes977@comcast.net).

FREE FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

We are offering free first-year South Jersey NOW—Alice Paul chapter memberships, entitling you to our monthly newsletter. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please send a membership form (on page 7 of our newsletter or available at our website) to outreach@southjerseynow.org

PROGRAM MEETING SET-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We could really use your help if you could come to the First Baptist Church in Moorestown at 6:30 on our Program Meeting nights (second Wednesday of each month). This job involves setting up tables and chairs and distributing agendas and handouts for attendees. If you can't stay for the Program Meeting, you can leave at 7:30 (after helping yourself to some refreshments!). If you can volunteer one month or several, please contact Judy Buckman (see newsletter contact box for phone number) and she will send you a list of possible dates.

Alice's List Contributions

Thanks so much to all of our generous chapter members who sent contributions to our six ALICE'S List endorsed candidates. Each of the candidates was sent contributions totaling \$120 to \$365, for a grand total of more than \$1510. I know that each of the candidates was pleasantly surprised and extremely gratified by your support. This issue of the newsletter is going to press before Election Day, so we can't report who won their races, but as far as we are concerned, they are all winners!

Happy 96th Birthday, Lucile!

Lucile Harkness Pfleeger, former chapter president, founder of our Clinic Defense and Escort Task Force, the Gloucester County battered women's shelter plus Rainbow Place for LGBT youth in Woodbury (and so much more!) turned 96 years old on October 29. She has been in assisted living for more than a year and misses her friends in South Jersey NOW—Alice Paul chapter. She'd love to know that you are thinking of her. If you would like to send her a card or a note, her address is: Summit Place of Southpark, Room 213, 2101 Runnymede Lane, Charlotte, NC

28209. If you prefer to call, her phone number is 980-226-5069.

Changes to SJNOW Indivisible

Thanks so much to all of you who have joined our SJNOW Indivisible effort (if you have not, please go to www.indivisible.org/guide, then see contact info at the bottom of the newsletter's front page). While SJNOW Indivisible will continue its invaluable Calls to Action, the group's focus will shift from protesting at Congressman Tom MacArthur's office (author of the terrible Trumpcare bill that threatened to replace the Affordable Care Act) to getting his opponent, Andy Kim, elected to Congress.

This effort is not limited to Congressional District 3, MacArthur's territory! We also need chapter members in District 1, 2 and 4 to get involved. Andy Kim has already gotten campaign contributions from 48 out of 50 states because even people in North Dakota hate MacArthur as much we do and for the same reasons. MacArthur already has attack ads against Andy Kim ready to go. That tells you he's worried and knows that he's vulnerable.

If you are not familiar with Andy Kim, he grew up in Marlton's Kings Grant neighborhood. He is a Rhodes Scholar with a PhD in International Relations from Oxford University. He served in the Obama administration and as a national security official, and worked under David Petraeus in Iraq and Afghanistan. He's the real deal. To quote Dr. Eileen Hill, chair of the SJNOW Indivisible team, Andy is "an honest, sincere, empathetic, brilliant progressive Democrat who will do the right things for our country". Eileen is looking for volunteers to stuff envelopes for an hour or do other tasks. If you can help, please send Eileen your name, phone number and e-mail address. Let her know if you have any campaign experience. If you know of others Andy should contact, tell her that, too. Finally, Eileen wants to assemble a list of organizations that might endorse Andy (for example, Planned Parenthood and the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence; you don't have to be a member of the group to add it to the list).

As we said when SJNOW Indivisible was getting formed (it now has 350 members!): "Are you ready to give up feeling depressed, angry and hopeless because

Donald Trump got elected by 27% of the population? We have a simple, easy, powerful solution that has already had a tremendous impact. No one has to do everything; you just need to do something. We promise that you will feel better immediately".

Tom MacArthur needs to go. You can make that happen. Please contact Eileen Hill at IndivisibleSJNOW@gmail.com. And please join us at our monthly South Jersey NOW—Alice Paul chapter/SJNOW Indivisible dinners (see calendar) for updates on what SJNOW Indivisible has done and will be doing.

'If Not Me, Who?' Thousands of Women Plan Their Political

Takeover by Charlotte Alter, www.time.com, 10/29/17

The women were making to-do lists: Call your neighbor and ask her for money. Open a campaign bank account. Get the party's voter file. Find the right doors in your district. Knock on them. They sat cross-legged on the floor in overpacked rooms, listened quietly, took notes in neat handwriting, then closed their notebooks and stowed them in their purses. When they got back to Illinois or New York or Utah or Indiana, they'd unpack their notebooks, open the lists and start crossing things off.

"I look at my list that I gotta do, if it's make 10 phone calls, fill out four forms, start a campaign bank account, notify seven people," says Val Montgomery, 45, who works in finance at a telecom company and plans to run for Illinois state representative next year. "My goal every single day is to do two items."

"This election made me feel like obviously anyone can hold elected office, literally anyone!" says Shireen Ghorbani, 36, who works in communications and is running for Congress against Republican Chris Stewart in Utah's 2nd district. "I think women have a right to be pissed off right now."

Ten months after the Women's March mobilized the largest protest in U.S. history, the Resistance is getting down to brass tacks. When more than 4,000 women gathered in Detroit's Cobo Convention Center for a three-day Women's Convention, many of them were

there to learn how to run for office themselves. The convention is an attempt to transform the woman's movement's momentum into votes, seats and majorities.

"Marching is just not enough," says Linda Sarsour, one of the national co-chairs of the Women's March, in an interview. "In the short term, we have to win in 2018."

Women are rising to the challenge. More than 20,000 have approached Emily's List about running for office in the year since Trump's election; normally the group has fewer than 1,000 requests at this point in the cycle. The Convention had so many panels on the practical logistics of political organizing that it was impossible to attend them all: they were scheduled at the same time, sometimes in rooms too small to accommodate the lines of women waiting outside to get in. The panelists gave practical advice: which technological tools to use (ActBlue and GroundGame were two suggestions), how much money to raise (more than you think), what works (direct text messaging) and what doesn't (boring social media posts).

At nearly every political organizing panel, the moderators asked for a show of hands to see who was considering running. It was usually about half the room. Women who didn't raise their hands looked sheepish. Some women who started the weekend not sure if they would run were giving interviews about their likely candidacy just hours later.

Some of the women planning to give it a shot describe their candidacy as a duty, not an aspiration. "I almost feel like it's a little bit selfish not to run," says Charlesetta Wilson, 39, who is strongly considering running for Michigan House of Representatives from her Detroit district. "Even though I may have to sacrifice my privacy and things like that, it's for the better of the whole, it's for the better of the community."

Still, desire to run is one thing: practical guidance is another. Some of the advice they got was obvious: be yourself, watch out for embarrassing social media posts, ask your friends and family for money. Other tips were specifically aimed at women who had no political experience and may not be able to hire paid staff. Jessica Morales Rocketto, a Clinton campaign veteran who recently became

the political director of the Domestic Worker's Alliance, had some good advice: learn Excel, because voter files will be useless without it. Master peer-to-peer texting, since many people don't have landlines anymore. If you don't want to run, call city council and ask if there are any appointed positions you can fill. "People are way too focused on social media as a tool," Rocketto said, adding that candidates too often use social media for boring posts like "Happy Pacific Islander Day" instead of actual commentary on the issues. Facebook is worthwhile, she says, but Snapchat is probably a waste of time. Some experts emphasized the importance of appropriate physical contact (handshakes, shoulder grabs) in connecting with voters. Others reminded women that time, not money, was their most important political resource. There was advice on how to vet themselves to pre-empt surprises from their opponents (check your taxes!) and how to manage family life during a mudslinging campaign. "The biggest problem is that your spouse or partner's gonna get really mad," Emily's List President Stephanie Schriock told a crowd of would-be candidates. "You'll be fine, you're tough as nails. They're gonna freak out."

For some women, the nuts-and-bolts approach helped them think of electoral politics as something tangible, a process they could actually participate in. "I've always had vague political aspirations," says Michele Oberholtzer, a housing advocate who is considering a run for Michigan State House. "But I didn't have the tools to even know where to start." For others, the Convention provided a step-by-step guide to achieving what now seemed to be almost a calling. "If not me, who?" says Maureen Martin, 60, who plans to run for county commission in her rural county in southeastern Michigan. "How would someone else have more ability than I have right now? It's an obligation, it's a responsibility."

Trump Administration Loses Battle to Keep Immigrant Teen from

Getting Abortion *by David S. Cohen, www.rollingstone.com, 10/25/17*

The Jane Doe abortion saga is finally over. On Wednesday morning, the 17 year old,

who made her decision to get an abortion over a month ago, was able to have the procedure. After weeks of litigation in state and federal court, justice prevailed.

The ACLU released a statement from Jane Doe Wednesday that tells her story in her own words. "No one should be shamed for making the right decision for themselves. I would not tell any other girl in my situation what they should do. That decision is hers and hers alone," she said.

Just days ago, things were not looking good for the teenager, who is an undocumented immigrant and being detained in a Texas facility. A three-judge panel of the federal appeals court in the District of Columbia ruled late Friday that the federal government could continue to block Jane Doe from getting an abortion until October 31st, and maybe even longer than that.

Late Sunday night, the ACLU appealed that decision to all of the judges on the D.C. federal appeals court. The government opposed that request on Monday morning, and the court, acting almost as quickly as a court can act, ruled 6-3 Tuesday afternoon that the government must immediately allow Jane Doe to get her abortion.

From there, the outcome was still up in the air. The government could have appealed to the Supreme Court, which could have halted the proceedings – and Jane Doe's chances – once again. Or, there could have been complications in getting the doctor to the clinic to perform her abortion. Texas law requires the same doctor to perform the abortion that gave the patient her counseling; Jane Doe had that required counseling last week, and the doctor who counseled her was not scheduled to be at the clinic again this week. So, she could have had to wait until next week for that doctor to return to the clinic, or get a new doctor to counsel her and then wait another 24 hours for the abortion, per Texas law.

Thankfully, none of that happened. Before the government could appeal, the doctor from last week's counseling session came back to the clinic.

For Jane Doe – who never wavered from her decision, despite the attention and the efforts by the federal government to coerce her – this is a huge relief, as it ends the pregnancy she did not want. However, her

fate is still uncertain, as she is still being detained by the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The person who is ultimately in charge of her custody is a rabid anti-abortion activist who has been publicly defied. The shelter has already been accused of harassing and abusing Jane Doe because of her pregnancy. Now that she has had an abortion against the shelter's desires, the harassment and abuse could get even worse while she awaits the determination of her immigration status.

And the same scenario could play out for others in Jane Doe's situation. ORR continues to have a policy of not "facilitating" abortion in any way, and the Tuesday appeals court decision did not find that policy unconstitutional. Until that policy is stopped, more young women are sure to face the same agonizing ordeal as Jane Doe.

And nothing that happened with Jane Doe changes the unjustness of the law that's on the books in Texas and the 36 other states requiring parents to be involved in their children's decision to end their pregnancy – policy that gives other people veto power over a young person's bodily autonomy. Those states require minors to get a parent's consent or inform a parent before a minor has an abortion. If the minor chooses not to do so, because she doesn't have a good relationship with her parents or her parents have abused her, she can go before a judge to make the case that she is mature enough or it's in her best interests to have an abortion. This is what happened for Jane Doe in Texas. But for many minors who are unsuccessful in those efforts, the forced childbirth that was feared for Jane Doe becomes their reality. So yes, after more than a month of obstruction from the Trump administration, Jane Doe was finally able to get the abortion she chose. That is cause for celebration. But the unjust obstacles that others like her – both undocumented immigrants and citizens alike – face in obtaining an abortion remain.

Our Best Chance to Get Single Payer Healthcare (Medicare For All)

Tom Knoche, Board member of NJ Universal Healthcare Coalition (South

Jersey NOW is a member) was a major force in our Single Payer event for women business owners last spring. Now he needs our help. Tom and Kim Meudt (another Board member) are putting together teams to pressure Congressman Donald Norcross to co-sponsor HR 676 (it now has 120 co-sponsors, more than ever since introduced in 2003) and to pressure Senator Robert Menendez to co-sponsor S 1804 (the recently introduced Sanders bill that Senator Booker already co-sponsors). Kim is leading the Norcross effort; Tom is on the Menendez effort. Another group is being formed to pressure Menendez at his Newark office. If you are interested in being part of either team, please contact Tom at knochberg@aol.com or 856-966-3241. It won't involve a lot of time—there will be one joint prep meeting and then meetings with Norcross and Menendez will be scheduled. If either refuse to meet, the teams will organize some kind of action to bring attention to their unwillingness to support Medicare for All.

According to the Economist YouGov poll, April 2-4, 2017, 60% of Americans now favor "expanding Medicare to provide health insurance to every American." The movement is growing. Tom and Kin need your help to keep sending that message to every elected official!

Senators Discuss 'Me Too' Campaign on Sexual Harassment

*by Julia Manchester, www.thehill.com
10/20/17*

A group of female senators is speaking out in personal terms about sexual harassment and assault in the wake of the "Me Too" campaign, which is aimed at bringing awareness to the issue.

Democratic Sens. Elizabeth Warren (Mass.), Claire McCaskill (Mo.), Heidi Heitkamp (N.D.) and Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) spoke with NBC News about the online campaign in a clip released Friday.

The social media campaign took off this month in the wake of numerous sexual harassment and assault allegations against movie mogul Harvey Weinstein. The online campaign encourages women to share their stories about sexual assault on social media to illustrate how widespread the problem is. NBC said it approached the senators to share their own experiences.

McCaskill and Heitkamp discussed with NBC News their own experiences with the issue as young politicians.

"I was a very young state legislator and in my 20s and I was single. And I was nervous about getting my first bill out of committee," McCaskill told NBC News as part of the interviews airing Sunday on "Meet the Press."

"So, I cautiously approached the dais and went up to speak to the very powerful speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives. And I explained to him the bill I had, and did he have any advice for me on how I could get it out of committee. And he looked at me and he paused, and he said, 'Well, did you bring your knee pads?'" she recalled. Heitkamp also shared a story involving a law enforcement official.

"I had an event where I was speaking and it was a retired officer. I was talking about what happens to women and what happens when there's violence in the home. And after I got done, this very much older law enforcement official came up to me and he pretty much put his finger in my face and he said, 'Listen here, men will always beat their wives and you can't stop them,'" Heitkamp said.

"Usually it's males who are doing this to women, that they should know that this is not appreciated. And it's not cute. It's not fun," Hirono told NBC News.

More than a million tweets and 13 million Facebook posts included the "Me Too" hashtag as of Thursday, according to ABC News.

The movement was originally started in 2007 by activist Tarana Burke to help sexual assault survivors in impoverished areas.

Actress Alyssa Milano reignited the movement on Twitter in recent days, saying, "If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet."

Warren praised the movement's founders, calling the campaign courageous.

"The first women who started the 'me, too' campaign were incredibly brave. And they inspired the next wave. And in turn, they inspired the next wave and the next wave and the next wave. That's how we make real change," she said.

MEMBERSHIP FORM (New Members Only)

I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all rights and responsibilities in truly equal partnership with men.

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___ \$35 Regular membership dues (includes national, state & chapter dues/newsletters)

___ \$75 *Women's Rights Hero* (regular dues, plus contribution)

___ \$20 Newsletter subscription ONLY (as a "friend of the chapter")

___ \$ _____ Contribution only, or in addition to any of the above.

If you are/may be a National NOW member, please check here _____

Make checks payable to: **South Jersey NOW-NJ 0385**. Send form and check to: South Jersey NOW, PO Box 2801, Cherry Hill, NJ, 08034

All membership dues include national, state, and chapter newsletters. To join the chapter or state, you must become a national member. NOW's policy is that no person shall be denied membership because of inability to pay. Special memberships are available on a sliding scale from \$20 to \$35 (based upon ability to pay). Installment payments also available. If you are committed to NOW, but are unable to pay the membership dues, we urge you to speak to our Membership Vice President to make some other arrangement.

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South Jersey NOW-Alice Paul Chapter Offices for February 2017 - February 2018

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