

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

State Delegate Heather Mizeur at December Meeting

BY NANCY NYLAND

Maryland State Delegate Heather Mizeur spoke at the Montgomery County NOW chapter meeting on December 7, 2009. Del. Mizeur serves on the Health & Human Resources Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee in the Maryland House of Delegates. She is also a member of the group "State Legislators for Health Reform" at statelegislatorsforhealthreform.com.

Del. Mizeur explained that every day there are 14,000 people in this country who lose their health insurance, with over 47 million who are uninsured. It is a broken system, even for those of us who have health insurance. Premiums have increased at three times the rate of wages, and health care costs are predicted to double by 2016 and almost triple by 2025 if we do nothing.

Under the federal health care reform bill, states will be required to maintain insurance for children who are currently covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP. Under CHIP, the usual 50% federal payment under Medicaid will be increased to 60%.

168 million people have employer-sponsored coverage. The reform bill will prohibit employer-based plans from gender rating of premiums. There are incentives in the bill for employers to offer preventive care and other wellness services such as smoking cessation programs.

Insurance companies will be prohibited from excluding pre-existing conditions, which in the past have included breast cancer, childbirth, and domestic violence. Maryland already prohibits a domestic violence exclusion.

In Maryland, the state is expecting a \$1.5 trillion deficit in the 2010 session as of December 7, 2009. Even so, Maryland is in a better position than most other states because of increases in taxes during the 2007 session. The state budget was balanced by federal stimulus dollars in 2009. So far, education funding has been held sacrosanct and not cut as much as other areas.

The federal government subsidizes some services if the states choose to provide them. For example, family planning services are 90% underwritten by the federal government under Medicaid. For an investment of \$3 million in family planning, the state could save \$50 million in the long term.

(see Mizeur, page 3)

County Council Hearing on Crisis Pregnancy Centers

BY NANCY NYLAND

The County Council held a public hearing on December 1, 2009 on a "Resolution to Adopt Board of Health Regulation Requiring A Disclaimer for Certain Pregnancy Resource Centers." Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg sponsored a resolution requiring self-designated "pregnancy centers" which do not provide medical services to disclose that fact to potential clients, both in English and in Spanish. The resolution would affect three pregnancy centers in Montgomery County: Birthright, Centro Tepeyac and the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.

The hearing was chaired by Councilmember Nancy Floreen, and attended by Councilmembers George Leventhal, Phil Andrews, Valerie Ervin and Duchy Trachtenberg. The Council is considering the measure in their capacity as the County's Board of Health. The resolution will be considered by the three-member Health and Human Services Committee, which is chaired by Councilmember Leventhal. The other two members are Councilmembers Trachtenberg and Nancy Navarro.

More than 50 individuals and organizations testified on both sides of the issue. Planned Parenthood, the National Abortion Rights Action League, Montgomery County NOW, Maryland NOW, and the Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force testified in favor of the regulation. The Archdiocese of Washington, Maryland Right to Life, the Rockville Pregnancy Center and the three affected pregnancy centers testified against.

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MCNOW Chapter Meeting

HIV/AIDS and STDs

Panelists:

Soraya Galeas, Planned Parenthood
Mindy McCartin, MD Health Department
Molly Love, Teen and Young Adult Health Connection

Monday, January 11, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Rockville Public Library
21 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD

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MC NOW President's Message

ARE YOU BLOCKING YOUR BLESSINGS?



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The holidays are the season to be jolly! What better way to start a new year than to gather with those we love, those we like and those whose acquaintance we have yet to make.

The holidays can be a challenging time for many people. It is supposed to be a time of joy and celebration, a time to give thanks for all of our blessings. The focus is on family and giving gifts to the ones we love. But what if you did not feel blessed? What if you have yet to receive the gift that you want most of all?

If you have been trying to conceive a child and it has not happened for you yet, you may be harboring feelings toward other people that have been blessed with children. You may try your best to avoid pregnant women. The sight of happy families may make you sad or even angry. Have you ever thought that maybe you did not deserve to be a mother? Or that it may not be in the stars for you to have a family? Have

you ever said: "I hate happy people"?

If you have been thinking thoughts like these, you likely feel a bit ashamed for feeling this way. You may even be reluctant to share these thoughts with others for fear that they may think you are a horrible person. Wouldn't it be great if your heart could be filled with feelings of joy instead of envy? The good news is that with a little work, this is possible. You may be blocking your own blessings without even knowing it.

Unknowingly, you may be choking your own blessings with negative thoughts and hopelessness. Negative thoughts are like aggressive weeds that take over the garden that is your mind. Their roots run deep and their leaves and stems crowd the room in the fertile soil that blessings and positive energy must have to grow and flourish. Perhaps your garden is so overrun with these invaders that you cannot even see the blessings that lay in front of you. They may be taking up so much of the space in your heart that it has become nearly impossible for you to feel joy for others when they receive good news. Maybe you envy or feel anger toward those who do not face the same kind of challenges you do. Because blessings need positive energy to sprout and stake their claim in the garden, they may be dying before they even have the chance to make their impact on your life.

In order to really allow positive energy to flow into your life, you need to pluck out the negative thoughts by the root so that they do not continue to spread. They will continue to return, and you will need to continue to pluck them. Like a garden, your mind needs to be tended and fertilized. You must be diligent in keeping the weeds out of your beautiful garden. It will take some time for you to become a master gardener, but there are a few things you can do right away to help put a stop to the invasive weeds.

Create some good karma for the new year. Volunteer for a charity that benefits those less fortunate. Comfort someone who is hurting. Adopt a family and give them a holiday that they could not have without you. The compassion that you will feel is sure better than the feelings of envy and sadness that take over your mind.

A new year is just around the corner. Make a list of everything that you can be grateful for this season. You may not feel like celebrating right now, but by keeping positive and taking care of yourself, you are nourishing your garden. Good things can't help but sprout up in the near future. Happy New Year and a toast to everyone's health and happiness!

Pass It On, Act & Learn

Mizeur (continued from page 1)

The unearned income tax credit lifts four million people a year above the poverty level, even though 20% of those who qualify do not file a tax return. Maryland has a generous unearned income tax credit, in addition to what the federal government allows.

The Family and Medical Leave Act currently defines family as children, spouses and parents. Maryland may add siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, domestic partners and children of domestic partners.

Legislators look at how proposed laws will compare with neighboring states, for example, when raising the corporate tax. They try not to put Maryland at a competitive disadvantage in the mid-Atlantic region, so that businesses won't move out of Maryland.

When the legislature is not in session, a three-member Board of Public Works consisting of the Governor, the Comptroller, and the State Treasurer is empowered to make budget decisions. The Maryland state legislature goes into session on January 13th, and they expect to have the Governor's proposed budget around January 21st.

Pregnancy Centers (continued from page 1)

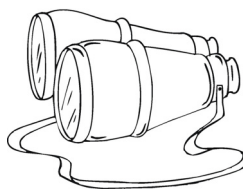
Three Maryland legislators also appeared to speak in support of the regulation: State Senator Jennie Forehand and Delegates Roger Manno and Anne Kaiser. Del. Manno had introduced a similar statewide bill which did not pass. However, a similar ordinance was recently passed in Baltimore City. The texts of the Baltimore ordinance and the Montgomery County regulation can be seen at www.prochoicemaryland.org/instate/billwatch.shtml.

The non-medical pregnancy centers provide the same self-administered pregnancy tests that are available to be purchased by anyone in grocery stores and drug stores. If their client decides to carry the pregnancy to term, the pregnancy centers may also provide material assistance such as diapers and baby clothes. If a pregnant woman is seeking an abortion, they will not provide a referral to an organization that does provide comprehensive reproductive health care, including abortion and family planning services.

In 2007 and 2008, the NARAL Pro Choice Maryland Fund did an investigation of crisis pregnancy centers. Their report, entitled *Maryland Crisis Pregnancy Center Investigations: The Truth Revealed*, is available on the Web at www.prochoicemaryland.org/issues/cpc.shtml. In July 2006, the House of Representatives published a report, *False and Misleading Health Information Provided by Federally Funded Pregnancy Resource Centers*. The report was requested by Rep. Henry Waxman of California, and has been posted on the Web by the Consumer Health Sourcebook at www.chsourcebook.com/articles/waxman2.pdf.

As I See It

BY HOLLY JOSEPH, MCNOW POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE PRESIDENT (joseph.holly@gmail.com)



When I get mad at myself for not being observant of some things around me, I am no less amazed at my sensitivity in picking up on certain other things. The fact that gender inequities come to my attention quite naturally and

randomly – and unwanted – is part of the reason I have stayed active in NOW. Steps forward are accompanied by steps backward. We celebrate the former and decry the latter. And in our MCNOW chapter we find reassurance in others who believe similarly. We have had particularly good meetings that serve to inform us on issues of concern to women in our county and globally.

A feminist mother we know was surprised recently to be asked by her son if women could shoot guns. She did not need a gun to demonstrate to her son that women were certainly allowed to shoot guns, and that some do so quite well. Where was Annie Oakley when we needed her? It reminds us that while women's talents and accomplishments are apparent to us feminists, we must educate others generation by generation.

Shouldn't we be making greater and faster progress on gender equality? I would like to know how others feel about how we measure progress in gender equality. Doors have been opening to women in choosing careers and, anecdotally, I hear that female students are doing increasingly well in school. Wouldn't you expect to be a more serious student if you believed your studies would increase your chances of getting a better job? Or study science if you knew you could be admitted to medical school? Or learn languages if you believed you would be considered for an international position?

The year ahead offers our chapter the opportunity to support, through our Chapter's Political Action Committee, the candidates who are most interested in forwarding women's issues. We evaluate the candidates in order to give our endorsement and support for them in their political races, which is important to many candidates.

Winter can be a time of thoughtful reflection – and there are many worthy subjects for us to contemplate!

Organizations Working for Women

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

“AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Since 1881, AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) has been the nation’s leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls. For more than 127 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.” www.aauw.org

Catholics for Choice

“Catholics for Choice (CFC) was founded in 1973 to serve as a voice for Catholics who believe that the Catholic tradition supports a woman’s moral and legal right to follow her conscience in matters of sexuality and reproductive health.” www.catholicsforchoice.org. Catholics for Choice has produced a series of “Catholic Health Care State Reports.” Their report on the state of Catholic health care in Maryland is available on the Web at www.catholicsforchoice.org/topics/healthcare/documents/MarylandReport.pdf

Clearinghouse on Women’s Issues (CWI)

CWI has monthly meetings with speakers on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December, July, and August) from 12 to 1:30 pm in the 8th floor conference room of the American Council on Education at One Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. Meetings are free and open to the public and reservations are not required. www.womensclearinghouse.org
E-mail: cwi-info@womensclearinghouse.org

Feminist Majority Foundation

“The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) was created to develop bold, new strategies and programs to advance women’s equality, non-violence, economic development, and, most importantly, empowerment of women and girls in all sectors of society. All programs of the FMF endeavor to include a global perspective and activities to promote leadership development, especially among young women. Along with reproductive rights and access to reproductive technology, the FMF’s programs have focused on the empowerment of women in law, business, medicine, academia, sports, and the Internet.” www.feminist.org

League of Women Voters

“The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League’s enduring vitality and resonance comes from its unique decentralized structure. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels.” www.lwv.org

League of Women Voters of Maryland: www.lwvmd.org
League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, MD: mont.lwvmd.org

Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform

“The Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform envisions a nation where every resident has access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality health care. The Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform is an alliance committed to bringing comprehensive health care to Maryland. In our state, where approximately 1.6 million people are either uninsured or under-insured, the Coalition seeks solutions and advances reforms to provide every resident with affordable, accessible, high quality health care that is always there.” www.mdhealthcarereform.org

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

“The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA) is the statewide collective voice advocating for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual crimes, and accountability for all offenders. Established in 1982 as a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, MCASA works closely with local, state, and national organizations to address issues of sexual violence in Maryland. MCASA is a membership organization that includes the state’s 18 rape crisis centers, as well as criminal justice agencies, health care personnel, other allied professionals, concerned individuals, survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. MCASA is federally recognized as the state coalition and represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence in the State of Maryland.” www.mcasa.org

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

“Maryland women and their families have a right, by law, to an adequate and sustainable quality of life and an opportunity to develop their full potential. The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is a statewide coalition of women’s groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families. The group advocates for progressive legislation and policy that promotes and protects the well being of Maryland women and their families and provides them opportunities to develop their full potential.” www.mdlegagenda4women.org

Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR)

“Since its inception in 1997, MCSR has led the call to redefine masculinity and male strength as part of preventing men’s violence against women. In 2007, MCSR was named the United States Changemakers winner in the competition to identify the world’s most innovative domestic violence prevention programs, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. In contrast to traditional efforts that address men as ‘the problem,’ MCSR’s pioneering Strength Campaign embraces men as vital allies with the will and character to make healthy choices and foster safe, equitable relationships.” www.mencanstoprape.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV)

“The Mission of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is to organize for collective power by advancing transformative work, thinking and leadership of communities and individuals working to end the violence in

our lives. NCADV believes violence against women and children results from the use of force or threat to achieve and maintain control over others in intimate relationships, and from societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, anti-Semitism, able-bodiedism, ageism and other oppressions. NCADV recognizes that the abuses of power in society foster battering by perpetuating conditions which condone violence against women and children. Therefore, it is the mission of NCADV to work for major societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and children.” www.ncadv.org

National Women’s Law Center

“Since 1972, the Center has expanded the possibilities for women and girls in this country. The Center uses the law in all its forms: getting new laws on the books and enforced; litigating ground-breaking cases in state and federal courts all the way to the Supreme Court; and educating the public about ways to make the law and public policies work for women and their families. An experienced staff of more than 50 takes on the issues that cut to the core of women’s and girls’ lives in education, employment, family economic security, and health — with special attention given to the needs of low-income women and their families.” www.nwlc.org

NARAL ProChoice Maryland

NARAL monitors legislation on reproductive justice issues such as abortion, birth control, crisis pregnancy centers, emergency contraception and sex education. NARAL has speakers available to speak to students, community groups and churches on legislation, how to effectively talk about

pro-choice values, and other reproductive health issues. They provide space on their Web site for you to share your personal story. You can sign up for the Choice Action Network and be alerted by e-mail to current pro-choice and anti-choice legislation at the state and national levels. They produced a report of their investigation into so-called “Crisis Pregnancy Centers” entitled *The Truth Revealed: 2008 Crisis Pregnancy Center Report*. www.prochoicemaryland.org

National Organization for Women

“The National Organization for Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1966, NOW’s goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society. www.now.org

Maryland NOW: marylandnow.org

Montgomery County, Maryland, Chapter of NOW:
www.mcmdnow.org

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

“Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA®) is the nation’s leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate. PPFA also works with partner organizations worldwide to improve the sexual health and well-being of

SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, January 31, 2010**

Women’s Legislative Briefing



2010 Women’s Legislative Briefing

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Lilly Ledbetter, Pay Equity Advocate

TIME: 12:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: University of Maryland, Shady Grove Campus, Bldg II
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland

The Women’s Legislative Briefing will conclude with a reception providing guests the opportunity to meet with County and State elected officials, and to network with advocates and representatives of other women’s organizations.

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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw

individuals and families everywhere. Planned Parenthood has 91 independent local affiliates that operate 850 health centers throughout the United States, providing high-quality services to women, men, and teens. Planned Parenthood often is the only source of family planning for a large proportion of the women we serve.” www.plannedparenthood.org

Planned Parenthood of Maryland:
www.plannedparenthood.org/maryland

Polaris Project

“Polaris Project’s vision is for a world without slavery. Named after the North Star that guided slaves towards freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project has been providing a comprehensive approach to combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery since 2002. Polaris Project’s comprehensive approach to combating human trafficking includes conducting direct outreach and victim identification, providing social services and transitional housing to victims, operating the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) serving as the central national hotline on human trafficking, advocating for stronger state and Federal anti-trafficking legislation, and engaging community members in local and national grassroots efforts.” www.polarisproject.org

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

“The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice was founded in 1973 to safeguard the newly won constitutional right to abortion. The RCRC brings the moral power of religious communities to ensure reproductive choice through education and advocacy. The Coalition seeks to give clear voice to the reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty, and other underserved populations.” www.rcrc.org

Women’s Law Center of Maryland (WLC)

“The Women’s Law Center of Maryland (WLC), a non-profit organization, established in 1971, advocates for an equal playing field in the law for women and children. For more than a quarter of a century, the WLC has fought and won many battles to protect and preserve the rights of women—by educating the public and the judiciary on the effects of legal decisions affecting women, by monitoring compliance with the law, by seeking to change unjust laws and unjust lawmaking, and by implementing innovative programs to pave the way for systemic change.” www.wlcmd.org. Location: 305 West Chesapeake Ave., Suite 203, Towson, MD 21204, Phone (410) 321-8761, E-mail admin@wlcmd.org

Women’s Policy, Inc. (WPI)

“Women’s Policy, Inc. (WPI) champions the interests of women throughout the country on the most significant social, economic, and health issues across the public policy spectrum. WPI is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose sole focus is to help ensure that the most informed decisions on key women’s issues are made by policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels. Audiences include elected officials, regulators, women’s groups, labor groups, academia, the business community, the media, and the general public. WPI achieves and shares its rare quality of insight into relevant issues by researching and producing the best available information in the form of compelling

and unbiased legislative analyses, issue summaries, impact assessments, and educational briefings. This ensures that policy decisions affecting women and their families have the benefit of input from the most objective sources possible.” www.womenspolicy.org

WomenCount

“WomenCount PAC was created in May 2008, in direct response to calls for Hillary Clinton to bow out of the Democratic presidential primary contest. Since then, WomenCount.org has evolved into a watchdog for news about women in politics and has launched three major campaigns to promote greater inclusion of women’s voices in the political discourse. WomenCount is a non-profit political organization that gives women of all generations and backgrounds from around the United States a powerful voice in the political process.” www.womencount.org

Through the Feminist Lens

BY NANCY NYLAND

Recent struggles to achieve breakthroughs in women’s rights have highlighted the good, the bad, and the ugly. The really ugly was the way women’s reproductive rights were sold down the river in the course of the political horse trading that went on behind closed doors to get the federal health care reform bill passed by the Senate. The bad was the disproportionate and inappropriate influence that the Catholic church was reported to have wielded over the legislative process of our supposedly secular government, where, in theory, we are supposed to have separation of church and state.

The good, the rays of hope, were the many organizations that now exist to protect, promote and advance the rights of women: the National Women’s Law Center, the National Abortion Rights Action League, Planned Parenthood, the Feminist Majority Foundation, the American Association of University Women, Catholics for Choice, the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Care Reform, the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, the Clearinghouse on Women’s Issues, the Women’s Policy Institute, WomenCount and, of course, the county, state and national levels of the National Organization for Women. The National Council of Women’s Organizations currently lists 215 non-profit, research and lobbying members on their Web site at www.womensorganizations.org.

If a handful of Catholic bishops have the ear of the Speaker of the House, even though she is a woman, then who will speak to our government on behalf of the feminist majority? These organizations will. To acknowledge their contribution and spread the word about their good work to those who might not know about them, this issue contains a listing of selected organizations working for women and good government in Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, and nationally.

How I Became a Proud Feminist

BY LARA WIBETO, ACTION VICE PRESIDENT

I found out in childhood that I was a feminist while attending Girl Scout Camp. My brother and his male counterparts enjoyed canoeing and fishing on a pond at their camp. We Girl Scouts learned to brew Sassafras Tea, to cook over the campfire, and, of course, how to clean the dreaded and much storied latrine. I wanted to run to the Boy Scout Camp, jump into a canoe, fish, and hike with my brother and his fellow scouts. Raised by an outdoorsman, I was a good archer, knew how to read a map and use a compass as well as how to catch a fish. I wanted to do "boy stuff". I could learn to sew a patch or make wilderness tea anytime.

While scrubbing the latrine, I dreamed of wilderness hikes. I wondered why we girls were being treated like adventure outcasts. I thought to myself, "Thanks, but no thanks boys. I'll catch my own fish." We should have been learning survival skills, stringing hooks with big juicy worms on the ends of them, and, after all that fishing, having a Super Girl Scout Fish Fry with a sip or two of barely drinkable, "put hair on your chest," Sassafras Tea.

My feminist attitude grew stronger during my high school years. Army and Marine recruiters showed up in tenth grade at my all girls' school, with about a handful of students taking the military entrance exam. As the granddaughter of a World War II Veteran and daughter of a Vietnam Veteran, I felt that I was next in line to fight for my country during wartime. I took the test, did well, and would get to go to Europe after fighting in Desert Storm. My desire to serve my country and determination "to do anything a man could do and just as well" attitude brought me to join the US Army as a supply clerk.

I first joined NOW as a soldier in Germany. As a college student, I was a student member of NOW. With the ERA still not ratified in all 50 states, I will continue to join with you and all of the strong feminists in our county and country to make gender equality a reality. We will do this not only for ourselves, but also for all who have been working, waiting, sacrificing, and never ceasing to answer the call for equal rights for women and oppressed groups in the United States.

This call to action requires that we work together within our families, at all levels of government, within the workplace, and within our respective communities to ensure that all women's rights are valued, preserved, and promoted to the fullest extent possible, because anything less is unacceptable. With energy and enthusiasm I continue to answer the call. I hope you too will continue to do the same, for NOW and always.

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MC NOW Calendar of Events

Chapter Meetings generally take place on the first or second Monday of each month. All members are welcome.

JAN

- 6 (Wed) 6:30 – 8 pm Separation and Divorce Support Group for Women. A six-week support group for women who are physically living apart from their spouses. Participants must be interviewed before registration. Please contact Louise Hanson, (240) 777-8300. Montgomery County Commission for Women, 401 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Rockville, MD.
- 11 (Mon) 7:00 – 9 pm MCNOW Chapter Meeting Panel on HIV/AIDS/STDs. Panelists: Soraya Galeas, Planned Parenthood; Mindy McCartin, Montgomery County Department of Health; Molly Love, Teen and Young Adult Health Connection. Location: Rockville Public Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850
- 18 (Mon) Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 22 (Fri) Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*
- 25 (Mon) 6:00 – 9 pm Career Advice & Cocktails: Celebrating Alice Paul's 125th Birthday. Enjoy an open bar reception and speed-networking sessions with Washington leaders. Admission \$35 membership to the National Women's Party. Sewall-Belmont House & Museum, 144 Constitution Ave., NE, Washington, DC. www.sewallbelmont.org
- 26 (Tue) 12 – 1:30 pm Clearinghouse on Women's Issues monthly meeting, American Council on Education 8th floor conference room, One Dupont Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. Free and open to the public. No reservations required. For more information: www.womensclearinghouse.org
- 31 (Sun) Women's Legislative Briefing. University of Maryland, Shady Grove Campus, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850. Keynote speaker will be pay equity heroine Lilly Ledbetter. For more information about cosponsorship, volunteering, and general questions, call 240-777-8331 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw.