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Dear Feminist Friends and Allies,

There's much to celebrate this month: [Supreme Court striking down the Texas abortion law](#) followed by the ruling on [domestic violenceperpetrators rights to gun ownership](#) and the Pentagon ending the ban on [transgender people serving in the military](#). All this and more are up for banter at our **Feminist Happy Hour on July 14th** at our **new location Aut Bar, 315 Braun Ct, Ann Arbor**. We will be joined by Keith Orr, owner of **Common Language, Washtenaw County's only exclusively feminist & LGBTQIA bookstore** and one of the remaining few in the United States. We look forward to seeing you there from **6-8 pm!**

Whatever your preferences may have been during the primaries, it is time to put aside differences and rally behind the feminist who might be the first woman president of this country. Sign up [here](#) for the **MsPresidentNOW campaign** and know the various ways you can play a role in making her-story!

Speaking of her-story, just last weekend NOW celebrated its 50th anniversary with a conference in Washington D.C., and your Board members Cheryl Farmer (President), Anna Vockel (Treasurer) and Pratiksha Menon (Recorder) car-pooled over to join the fun! (see attached photos) The conference was a heady mix of workshops, talks by inspiring leaders across generations and passionate debates. Here are a few highlights:

- **Patricia Hill Collins**, author and Sociology professor at University of Maryland, College Park reminding us that there is "no script" for our journey in social justice work and emphasizing on the importance of finding the "us" in them when building effective intellectual and political coalitions.
- **Brittney Cooper**, founder of the Crunk Feminist Collective and Gender Studies professor at Rutgers, calling out progressive activism for its refusal to see gender as a problem and Brexit as representative of white nationalism.
- **Jamia Wilson**, founder of the Women's Media Center, bringing up some great talking points about why she's a "Millennial for Hillary"

- **NOW's Strategic Action Program for 2016:** 1) End the sex-abuse-to-prison-pipeline; 2) Equal Rights Amendment: Promote ratification & inclusive interpretation; 3) Reproductive justice and access to birth control for all.
- New candidates were elected to the Board, with **Jocelyn Morris of Missouri** and **Barbara Miller of Illinois** chosen to represent the Heartland District, of which Michigan is a member state.

We absolutely can't wait for the 2017 conference in Orlando!

Returning from the conference on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, we spotted a sign for the Flight 93 Memorial and made an unplanned but memorable stop. The passengers on the 4th plane on 9-11 had an inkling that the nation was under attack, and resolved to try to take control of their plane from the hijackers. Instead of hitting it's intended target, thought to be the White House or the Capitol, the plane hit a mountainous meadow going over 500 MPH - plunging it 15 feet into the ground. All were lost. Plane parts were exploded over a 70 acre area, which has now been planted in wildflowers and will be maintained in perpetuity as a mass grave and national park.

If you tried to sign up for a shift at the **Washtenaw NOW booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs July 21 - 24** and were unsuccessful, thanks for trying! Unfortunately, our system wasn't working. ☹️ It has now been fixed, so please try again by **clicking [here to sign up](#)**. Keep those feminist conversations alive with visitors who stop to buy our sassy bumper stickers and T-shirts! 😊

We are extremely sorry that we had to cancel our June event at the last minute due to our speaker taking ill. Professor Denise Sekaquaptewa has been rescheduled to speak with us on the topic of Microaggression on Tuesday August 30, from 7-9 PM. The location will be still be Washtenaw Community College, and the room number should be confirmed for us shortly. Save the date!

Thank you to our member Margo Czinski, who has stepped up to fill Pratiksha Menon's unexpired term as Recorder! Pratiksha will be leaving at the end of the summer for Chicago, to begin her Master's Degree on a full scholarship. We will celebrate her service to Washtenaw NOW with treats at our July Feminist Happy Hour. Hope you can join us in giving her a big send-off!

Regards,

The Washtenaw NOW Team

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Washtenaw NOW Board members with National President Terry O'Neil.jpg
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Pratiksha and Anna enjoying Washington D.C..jpg
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Anna, Ellie Smeal (Founder, Feminist Majority Foundation) and Pratiksha.jpg
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