

**TO HELP YOU GET ACQUAINTED  
WITH THE NATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN....**

The National Organization For Women (NOW) is the largest organization of feminist activists in the United States. NOW has half a million contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NOW was founded in 1966, just three years after publication of Betty Friedan's THE FEMININE MYSTIQUE. After the President's Advisory Council on the Status of Women had shown overwhelming discrimination against women in all phases of life, women and men met in Washington, D.C. to organize in order to establish the required social changes, and started NOW with 28 members.

Mid-Suffolk NOW is an outgrowth of the original Stony Brook University Campus Group, formed in the early 1970's, which then became the StonyBrook Campus Committee of the newly formed NOW chapter.

Monthly meetings are held and open to membership and the public. Committees are continually in formation, and members are encouraged to become involved in issues that are of particular interest to them.

**Dictionary Definition of a FEMINIST:.... a person who believes in the theory of political, economic and social equality of the sexes.**

**MID-SUFFOLK NOW  
COMMITTEE ACTIVITY & OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY**

**CHILD CUSTODY** - Advocate activity for equality and fairness in child custody legislation and implementation. Keep current with legal developments in the field, plus feedback on lawyer performance.

**CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING** - Informal sessions of members sharing experiences of bias in the workplace, social groups, academe, family, media, schools.

**EMPLOYMENT - PAY EQUITY** - Equal Pay for Equal Work has been the battle cry of NOW for the past 35 years. While progress has been made since the 70's when the disparity was 59 cents for every dollar a male worker earned, we still have a way to go: the current disparity is now about 76 cents to the dollar. Gender Discrimination, Sexual Harassment and Family Medical Leave Act issues.

**LGBT RIGHTS** - Educational outreach in support of the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities in education, hate crimes, housing, civil unions/marriage, employment, finance.

**MEDIA WATCH** - Individual and Chapter responses to media outrages by "Letters to the Editor", group discussions on responses to television ads, programming content that degrades women and girls. This committee is great for raising community awareness of our issues.

**POLITICAL ACTION** - Mid-Suffolk NOW is a participating member of the NOWPAC - Political Action Committee on the State and National levels. Candidates for local elective office are screened and referred to N.Y. State NOWPAC for endorsement.

**REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS** - NOW is committed to a woman's basic civil right to choose her reproductive choices. We are committed to the prevention of unintended pregnancy and elimination of "the Gag Rule", which hinders the free speech of doctors and health care providers when counseling patients.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU** - Speakers on Women's Rights subjects are available to speak before professional, school, church, trade, business, education and service groups. Historical record of discrimination against the girls and women of Long Island is the subject of one talk, supported by newspaper clippings, NOW chapter newsletters and Women's Liberation memorabilia.

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Membership Form for Joining NOW - The National Organization for Women

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

Enclosed is my check for Regular dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40) Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Reduced Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Sliding scale from \$15-\$39

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print clearly.  
(Very important we have your email address to defray cost of contact re meetings)

Check Committee of Interest - Coordinator will contact you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Custody / Marriage / Divorce   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgender Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consciousness Raising / Awareness    | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Watch                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DataBase Management                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education / Preservation of Title IX | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law/ Pay Equity           | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women and Health                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Court Reform                      |

These committees offer an excellent opportunity for you to express yourself, and to develop leadership skills to promote gender equality. Sign up today & get involved!

Make check payable to: MID-SUFFOLK NOW & Mail to:  
Gail Segui, Treasurer, Mid-Suffolk NOW, P.O. Box 330, Stony Brook, NY 11790

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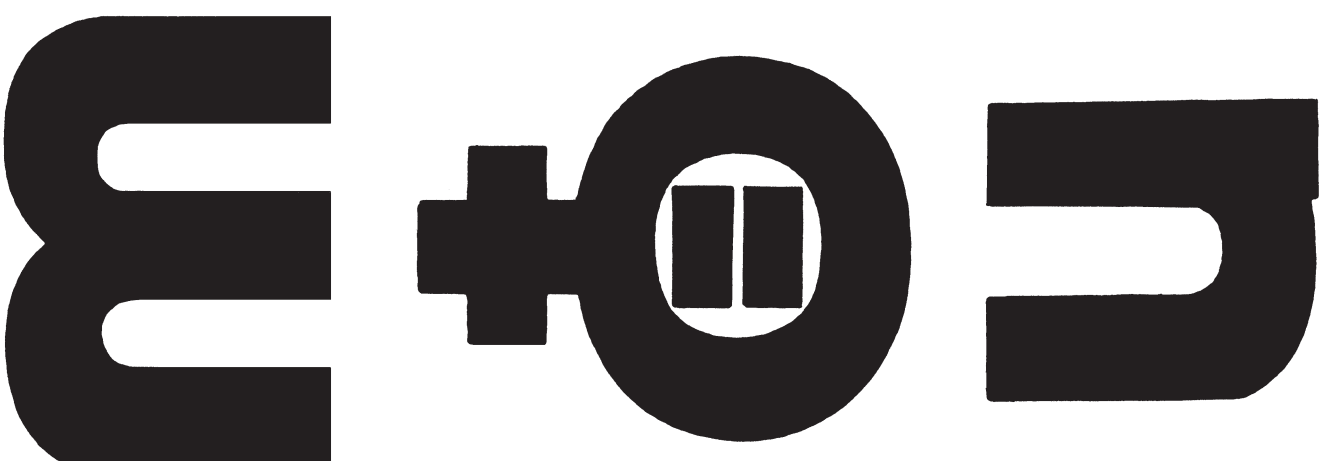
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### ERA - EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Equality of rights shall not be denied on account of sex.  
For current status of the ERA, go to [www.ERACampaign.net](http://www.ERACampaign.net)



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