



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN
Palm Beach County Chapter

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You are invited to NOW's 45th Annual Susan B. Anthony Awards Luncheon. We will be honoring Palm Beach County Commissioner Paulette Burdick and human rights activists Ruth Berman and Connie Kurtz.

We hope you can attend our luncheon and also place your support advertisement in our program booklet. Below is information to forward your copy or artwork.

The invitation and biographies of the award recipients are on the following pages. We are looking forward to your attendance at this worthwhile event.

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Program Journal at Luncheon

ADVERTISING RATES: Program ad deadline is March 1, 2018

Full page ad (4 1/2" x 7 1/2")	Color ad \$150	Black & white ad \$100
1/2 page ad (4 1/2" x 3 3/4")	Color ad \$100	Black & white ad \$75
1/3 page ad (4 1/2" x 2")	Color ad \$75	Black & White ad \$50

Make check payable to PBC NOW and mail to: PO Box 7322 • Delray Beach FL 33482

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State/Zip: _____

National, State and Local dues: \$40 yearly membership

Amount enclosed: \$ _____
Additional donation: \$ _____
Total \$ _____

To be completed by Chapter Treasurer only.

Chapter Number **FL0540**

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For **52** years, NOW's activists have made a difference in the lives of women in the United States and worldwide, but we need to stay vigilant to maintain these advances. **Palm Beach County NOW** is the largest chapter in the state of Florida and we are growing every day. Our determined activists need continued financial support. Membership dues covers only a fraction of the costs of our efforts, therefore, this annual luncheon is our only fund raiser.

**Palm Beach County
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**

is proud to honor

Paulette Burdick

Palm Beach County Commissioner

45th Annual Susan B. Anthony "Feminist of the Year" Award

Ruth Berman & Connie Kurtz

Rusty Gordon Human Rights Award

Keynote Speakers

Bill & Karen Coolman Amlong

Civil Rights Attorneys

Boca Country Club

Sunday, March 18, 2018 • 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

17751 Boca Club Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida *(off Congress Ave. opposite Costco)*

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Quantity of tickets: _____

Amount enclosed: _____



**Tickets: \$52 per member • Group Table of 10 is \$500
\$67 for non-members or \$87 (includes luncheon and one year membership)**

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Include names & organization - send before March 1, 2018



RUTH BERMAN & CONNIE KURTZ
Rusty Gordon
Human Rights Award

Long time chapter members, Connie and Ruth have been working for LGBT rights for over thirty years. Recently U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch

reintroduced to Congress the LGBT Elder Americans Act, named after the Jewish lesbian couple from West Palm Beach. Congress passed the Older Americans Act to ensure their access to essential health care services. LGBT seniors are at even greater risk of discrimination for needed services.

In 2002 an award winning documentary about their lives titled “Ruthie and Connie: Every Room in The House” received a standing ovation from those attending the event. “For forty-four years and counting, our love has kept on growing as we became immersed in the battle for equal rights”, said Ruth. They became known for their battle for LGBT rights in 1988 when they sued the New York City Board of Education for domestic partner benefits.

“We have been proud of everything that has been achieved thus far, but the fight for equal rights is far from over”. Teens are bullied and are not treated with respect, but hate. Connie and Ruth started branches of PFLAG, Parent, Friends and Families of Gays and Lesbians in New York and in Florida.

They were married in New York by Rabbi Sharon Kleinman on July 26, 2011, only two days following New York State allowing same-sex marriage.



RUSTY GORDON

A long time active member of our NOW chapter until she passed away in 2009, Rusty was a pioneer in the LGBT movements. She was listed as one of the women in the book “Feminists Who Changed America” by Barbara J. Love in 2007. In 1967, she founded the Whimsy Political Clearinghouse in South Florida, with a focus on women’s

studies and LGBT issues. She began producing women’s concerts and festivals in the 70’s and was an early supporter of lesbian musical artists.

She helped found the LGBT Democratic Caucus South Florida. Along with Davilyn Whims, her Life-Partner of over twenty years, they were a team coordinating the political work, the music businesses and producing Women’s Music Festivals. She was involved with NOW since its founding in 1966.



PAULETTE BURDICK
Feminist of the Year

County Commissioner Paulette Burdick is proud of being a citizen-politician. Her first run for office was in 1994 to the Palm Beach County School Board because of her concern for our public schools. She served sixteen years and is past-president of the South Florida Consortium of School Boards. She was recognized by the League

of Cities in 2004 as School Board Member of the Year.

In November 2010, Paulette was elected to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners from District two. A fiscal watchdog, she has been directly involved with finance, including all facets of countywide budgets and she has always taken a hands-on approach. She is dedicated to improving the lives of all our citizens.

Paulette is a graduate of Northeastern University. In her free time she enjoys spending time in the outdoors, particularly kayaking and gardening. She also volunteers with the homeless at The Lord’s Place in West Palm Beach.



THE AMLONG LAW FIRM
has long been protecting the rights of employees in the workplace. Cases include sexual harassment, LGBT rights, hostile work environment, unpaid wages and overtime and employer retaliation.

Karen Coolman Amlong was the first state coordinator of the Florida chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW), and a national board member in her 20’s. She was the first woman from Broward County elected as a state legislator in 1974.

Before becoming a lawyer, **Bill Amlong** was an investigative reporter for the Miami Herald, covering, among other things, national politics. The Miami Herald nominated him for three Pulitzer Prizes.

On March 25, 1998 **Faragher v. City of Boca Raton** was successfully argued in front of the **U. S. Supreme Court** by Bill Amlong as a violation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The case centered around the sexual harassment of two female lifeguards by their supervisors. Beth Ann Faragher is now a practicing attorney in Colorado, inspired by her involvement in this historical decision.

Sheila Jaffe had met with these two lifeguards after our NOW chapter held a demonstration at a beach in Boca Raton where a young woman had been raped. They told her about the sexual harassment they were enduring, and we contacted the Amlongs, who took it from there all the way up to the Supreme Court.