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Women's Equality Day Celebration

The Palm Beach County chapter of NOW, National Organization for Women celebrated Women's Equality Day on Saturday August 24th at the Delray Beach library. The event was so successful that for many there was standing room only. Over two hundred members and guests celebrated the 99th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U. S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.

Former state legislator Anne Gannon was awarded the Alice Paul award as an outstanding feminist for her lifetime commitment to women's rights. She has been a NOW member since she was seventeen years old and is a past president of the local Palm Beach County chapter.

Florida NOW's campaign, if successful, will make our state the 38th and final state needed to ratify the ERA, Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution will legally guarantee equal rights regardless of sex. Numerous Florida NOW chapters throughout the state are waging a postcard campaign to the Governor and certain legislators pertinent to its passage. Thousands of postcards are being mailed to them and demonstrations will be held for the next year.

Dr. Robert Watson, professor at Lynn University and author of forty books was the keynote speaker on women's suffrage, the ERA and Madam President. His power point presentation educated the audience on women's history and future politics. He proudly received a T-shirt from NOW that read "this is what a feminist looks like". He was warmly received by all present.

Florida Atlantic University, FAU NOW president Joi Dean, a third year student of Online and Social Marketing, educated the audience with a presentation on Intersectionality and Human Rights. FAU has had an active NOW chapter over the years and professors at the university were responsible for the formation of the Palm Beach County chapter in 1973.

Adele Guadalupe, a Families Against Court Travesties, Inc. (FACTS) founding member spoke to the inequities in Family Court. FACTS has succeeded in getting Senator Lori Berman to write up and sponsor a bill that would mandate electronic recordings in custody cases. They are currently seeking a Representative to co-sponsor the bill. Since this is a volunteer group that actually goes to hearings and trials to Court Watch and report, their activism is appreciated.

Feminists and activists are preparing for the important 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020. Women's vote will be critical in the upcoming elections. NOW is working with other organizations to get citizens registered to vote and to get them to the polls.

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