

# Missouri NOW

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## Missouri NOW

Greetings!

Missouri NOW has grown this past year with two new chapters (Kansas City and Laquey, see page 2). NOW chapters were very involved with candidates and the 2010 election (see page 3). However, after the election, we have a very different political landscape. Women's reproductive rights are jeopardized in the Missouri legislature and in Congress. In fact, Speaker Boehner has made cutting abortion services a priority of his, and his Chief of Staff has met with domestic terrorist Randall Terry, who advocates for violence against abortion care providers.

In a recent interview, Justice Scalia stated that women are not protected under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Right now, five justices have the power to pick and choose when women should be considered full citizens. This reiterates our need for the Equal Rights Amendment!

In the year 2011, we would hope that women would be protected and equal rather than subjugated under the radically conservatives oppressive measures. So it's obvious that our fight isn't over.

With renewed determination, join Missouri NOW and our chapters as we fight for our rights and for our equality.

In Sisterhood,

Tiffany Reynolds, President

### 2011 Pro-Choice Lobby Days

**Wednesday, March 30th      Tuesday, May 3rd**

Join pro-choice supporters as we advocate on behalf of reproductive health this legislative session! You have opportunities to **make your voice heard!**

Come to one or come to them all!

State representatives *need* to know what you think.

The pro-choice movement needs you!

Sign up today! Contact Tiffany Reynolds for more information/RSVP.

Email: [president@missourinow.org](mailto:president@missourinow.org) or Phone: 314.571.9184

### Local Chapters

- Columbia
- Kansas City
- Kirksville
- Laquey/Ft. Leonard Wood
- St. Louis

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## Local Chapters

There are five local chapters throughout the State. Each chapter hosts a variety of events throughout the year. For example, Kansas City Metro NOW is organizing a Court Watch surrounding an Equal Pay/Anti-Age Discrimination case. They will attend the court dates and monitor the case. St. Louis NOW is planning a Legislative Panel with local legislators. Northeast Missouri has hosted State of the Union Potluck watch parties and volunteered for Rep. McClanahan's campaign.

Our local chapters are active and encourage more members to participate. For more information on your local chapter, contact your president (see below). If you are not near a local chapter, Missouri NOW can use your help by participating a Lobby Day in Jefferson City, send email alerts to our family/friends list, or call our members with updates. Refer to the next page of how you can sign up.

### Local Chapter Events

#### Greater St. Louis NOW

is hosting a Legislative Panel Saturday, March 12, 2011 10am at the Center of Clayton Come hear from our progressive legislators and learn about the political landscape this legislative session. Also, they will participate in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure and PRIDEFest this summer.

#### NEMO NOW

They have been active counteracting the anti-choice movement in their area with a "Choice is a Community Value" yard sign campaign. More events are being planned.

#### Kansas City Metro NOW

KC Metro MO NOW is holding it's first fundraising event April 9th from 6-9 pm. At the Scarlett Garnet (504 E. 18th Street). The event will include a silent auction provided by local artists. Join us as we celebrate KC Metro NOW's first anniversary. For more information, contact Melissa Whitener (See below)

#### Columbia NOW

joins in Choice demonstrations at Planned Parenthood. They are participating in several Lobby Days. Contact Seileach Corleigh at 573-445-7144 or email her at columbiamonow@yahoo.com

Missouri NOW will host a state council meeting on April 9th in Kansas City and another in August in St. Louis. These meetings are open to all NOW members. Details will be posted on our website.

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#### Columbia Area NOW

President: Mary Mosely  
Phone: (573) 642-6354  
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#### Northeast MO NOW

(at Kirksville)  
President: Jane Maxwell  
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#### Greater St. Louis NOW

President: Tiffany Reynolds  
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#### Kansas City Metro NOW

President: Melissa Whitener  
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#### Laquey NOW

(at Ft. Leonard Wood)  
President: Elizabeth Rivera  
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If you do not reside near a local chapter, you can participate with **Missouri NOW**

President: Tiffany Reynolds  
Contact info same as above.

If you would like to create a chapter in your area, contact Tiffany Reynolds.

# Become involved with NOW

## Join our Volunteer Program

Yes! I want to help NOW.

I will join my fellow members and do the following:

- Call Legislators in support/opposing legislation
- Participate in a Lobby Day
- Host an open house to recruit members
- Send email alerts to my email list
- Call fellow members with updates

To stay informed about our activities, sign up for our emails at [www.missourinow.org](http://www.missourinow.org)

To sign up, cut this section and remit to:

Tiffany Reynolds, President  
PO Box 16142, St. Louis MO 63105

Please include your name and preferred way to be contacted. Or email your information to [president@missourinow.org](mailto:president@missourinow.org)

## November Election Wrap

The Missouri NOW PAC made it's endorsements for the 2010 General Election. Candidates were sent a survey asking about their various positions. To be considered, candidates were required to complete the survey and answer 100% in favor to the mission of NOW.

The PAC board endorsed fourteen candidates throughout the state (See chart at the right) and they received financial support from our PAC. In St. Louis, progressives gained two additional seats (Genise Montecillo and Mary Nichols).

This election was tumultuous at best. With the rise of the tea-party movement and the anti-incumbent sentiment among voters, progressive candidates faced a challenging (re)election to say the least. **We must continue to support and encourage our friends who take on the challenge of running for office.** We at Missouri NOW want to thank our fourteen candidates who ran this election and wish them the very best.

A very special thank you to NOW member Pam Ross, who hosted our PAC fundraiser at her home.

Name	District	Status
Keri Cottrell	House, 1	Defeated
Vicki Boedeker	House, 13	Defeated
Jean Peters-Baker	House, 39	Won
Jeanette Mott Oxford*	House, 59	Won
Susan Carlson	House 64	Won
Genise Montecillo	House, 66	Won
Rory Ellinger	House, 72	Won
Margo McNeil*	House, 78	Won
Mary Nichols	House, 79	Won
Vicki Englund*	House, 85	Defeated
Jeanne Kirkton*	House, 91	Won
Deb Lavender	House, 94	Defeated
Barbara Fraser	Senate, 24	Defeated

\* denotes Incumbent

**Help us support our friends in the Legislature.  
Sign up to participate in a Lobby Day**

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**NOW National Conference**  
“Daring to Dream: Building a Feminist Future  
June 24-26  
at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Tampa, FL

For more information, contact NOW at  
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**Renew Your NOW Membership or Rejoin!**

Your continued membership is important! NOW is dedicated to protecting and expanding the rights of all women and we need your help to do it.

Tear this portion and remit your \$40 to:

National Organization for Women

PO Box 1848 | Marrifield, VA 22116

Fax: (202) 785-8576 | Or renew online at [www.now.org](http://www.now.org)

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize NOW to charge :\$\_\_\_\_\_ to the credit card provided.

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_