

The Gazette

Women's Rights Action Group



Gigi Tsonotos of WTLC gives Karen an informative tour of their organization

Christmas in June!

When Amanda Standish Wainwright asked Karen Nichols, founder of WRAG, a few weeks ago if she knew of any groups that would be a good candidate for Tapestry's Christmas in June Item Drive, she immediately thought of Women's Transitional Living Center, Inc. (WTLC)!

Karen met with Gigi Tsonotos, the CEO of WTLC at their office to learn more about their organization. Although unable to tour the housing facilities due to privacy issues, Gigi did walk Karen around the main building where they provide childcare, counseling and other supportive services. Gigi explained that although the majority of those they assist are not in need of housing, there are currently 64 people including families living in their shelter. In 2016

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JANE GOODALL:

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

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STEP UP!



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DON'T MISS IT!

RBG

In theaters now. Profile of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

MARK YOUR



CALENDARS!



June 17

Celebration of Ellen DeYoung's Life
1-3pm

Plaza de Magdalena
next to Sundried
Tomato American Bistro

31781 Camino
Capistrano, San Juan
Capistrano

In lieu of flowers,
suggested donations
to Friends of OC
Detainees

[http://
friendsofocdetainees.org/](http://friendsofocdetainees.org/)

WTLC offered the opportunity for those seeking their shelter facility to bring their pets and became the first shelter in Orange County to do so. This enables domestic violence victims to escape their abuse and not leave their beloved pet behind.



"WTLC utilizes a three-pronged approach: Shelter, Supportive Services, and Community Education & Advocacy. WTLC is committed to serving all survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, including women, men, and families. We accept populations that would normally struggle to find help including re-entry victims coming out of the prison system, victims with ongoing mental illness problems, victims struggling with alcohol and drug addiction, transgender victims, and emancipated youth. . . "

Check out all the supportive services they offer: <http://wtlc.org/>

In the News:

US to strip funding from women's health providers – Trump's new rule will hit poor women and women of color hardest

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/05/22/us-strip-funding-womens-health-providers>

Trump Rule would bar some abortion advice at federally funded clinics

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/22/us/politics/trump-abortion-limits.html>

Upcoming Events:

OC Planned Parenthood Advocacy Nights, Santa Ana, Thursday, June 21st, 5:30-7:30pm

Please contact Co-Champions Rona at rona.s.henry@gmail.com or Debbie at debbiesalahi@gmail.com if interested in carpooling.

Women's Rights Action Group (WRAG) Monthly Meeting, Bourne Hall at St. George's Episcopal Sunday, June 24th, 12:45pm

IN MEMORY OF ELLEN DE YOUNG

At the end of January 2017, when I first conceived the idea of organizing a Women's Rights Action Group at Tapestry, I spoke to two close friends who encouraged me to move forward. One was Carol Wheeler, aka our Gazette Editor extraordinaire who jumped in 100%.

The second person was Ellen DeYoung. At the very beginning and beyond, even as she battled stage 4 lung cancer which was diagnosed at the same time I was starting this group, she was my #1 cheerleader. As recently as last month after reading the April Gazette, she once again complimented me on what a great job I've accomplished with this group. Make no mistake, I know that the group's success is due to the very cool WRAG group members and Tapestry congregants who stepped up and engaged, and a bit from my organizational skills. However, I'm not going to lie, it's been pretty sweet to have a dedicated personal cheerleader who thinks I'm awesome and often told me so.

Ellen was a kick-ass activist in ways known far and wide, but more importantly she was my amazing, unique and beautiful friend. I so wish we had more time.

~ Karen Nichols

