

The Gazette

Women's Rights Action Group



Just in Time!

Thank you Tapestry for participating in our latest drive in April. Because of your generosity, Karen N dropped off 2,171 donated personal hygiene products to Collette's Children's Home (CCH) in Huntington Beach. Patti and Lacey from CCH were very grateful as their supply of these products was very low!

Since its inception in 1998, CCH exists to heal homelessness for women and children who have nowhere to turn. CCH is one of the few homes that serve homeless women who suffer from economic hardship, domestic violence, mental health issues, and substance abuse.

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UU WOMEN'S RETREAT

May 3-5, 2019

Looking forward to Spring Retreat at Camp de Benneville Pines!

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COLLECTING DVD'S

Upcoming action to provide fun relief for female soldiers. Contact Nancy n.thrush@cox.net

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SNACKS!

Shout out to Debbie & Karen for April snacks! Need volunteers for June & July. Contact Karen.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



May 26

Women's Rights Action Group Meeting

Sunday, 11:45am,
2nd Floor Youth Rm
(Last Sunday Each Month)

If you are unable to attend but want to share ideas/thoughts, email Karen at kbbingo@hotmail.com



May 30

O.C. Planned Parenthood Advocacy Nights, Santa Ana 5:30-7:30pm

Contact Co-Champions rona.s.henry@gmail.com or debbiesalahi@gmail.com for carpool/other info.

Fighting for Women's Rights in Sacramento!



Debbie S, 2nd from left, visits Sacramento

As one of several co-champions for Planned Parenthood, WRAG member Debbie S. travelled to Sacramento to meet with representatives on several bills impacting the lives of women. Debbie met with a high-level aide of her State Senator, Pat Bates.

The major request was for Bates to support the Governor's proposed budget to allocate \$100 million in Proposition 56 dollars to reproductive health care. Other asks included

support for **SB24** (Medication Abortion on College Campuses), **AB241** (Breaking Illicit Attitudes & Stereotypes in Healthcare), and **AB 1264** (Providing Birth Control via Telehealth Modalities). Thank you Debbie for your activism!

Learn More About Collette's Children's Home in Huntington Beach

Since 1998, CCH has taken over 4,300 homeless women and children off the streets. Their three core housing programs include:

Emergency Shelter Program – provides emergency services up to 30 days

Transitional Housing Program – provides shelter and supportive services for an average 5 months.

Permanent Housing Program – provides permanent, affordable housing to grades and members of the community.

<http://www.coletteschildrenshome.com/>

TARANA BURKE AT UCI – BEYOND ME TOO

Tarana Burke, originator and leader of Me Too, spoke to a full house at UCI on April 22, 2019. Carl & Lauren S, Carol W, and Karen N attended. The audience easily related to Ms. Burke's down-to-earth and casual demeanor. She spoke to how the popularity of the movement often leaves out the "work" needed to address the experienced trauma of sexual assault, and the use of empathy in customized healing required for survivors to feel safe and empowered moving forward in their lives. She put to rest rumors of discord with actress Alyssa Milano. She called out the media on the reluctance to refer to Black Women as "leaders" in the Civil Rights Movement, and noted that she's often referred to as a "founder" but not a leader. Overall, the event was riveting and inspiring.



Highly recommend checking out her TED talk:

https://www.ted.com/talks/tarana_burke_me_too_is_a_movement_not_a_moment#t-963080