



## EVENT CALENDAR \*\*2017\*\*

- **Jul 1**—Young Feminist Salon in Fay
- **Jul 11** —Tuesdays with Tillis protest, NC NOW Prez speaks
- **Jul 22** - Charlotte NOW leader speaks on Public Education.
- **Jul 29**— Women’s Rally in Wilmington, NC NOW Prez speaks there.
- **Aug 8**—“The Hunting Ground” at NCSU—Q&A led by Annie Clark .
- **Aug 24—Aug 31** Screenings of Equal Means Equal around NC
- **Aug 24** Press Conf. for women’s equality march&rally, 10am, Durham
- **Aug 26**—Women Rise Up NOW—march and rally in Durham, 9:30-1
- **Aug 26,27**—Charlotte Pride
- **Sep 5**—Cities for CEDAW with Durham City Council, 9am-noon.
- **Sep 10—Sep 17** Campus Screenings of Equal Means Equal in NC
- **Sep 18**—EME screening in Cary
- **Oct 21**—NC NOW State Conference in Fayetteville, 9-4

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### Local NOW chapter monthly mtgs

- Asheville NOW**—second Sundays at 3pm. Email: [nowaville@gmail.com](mailto:nowaville@gmail.com)
- Charlotte NOW**—contact them for next ones—email: [cltnow@yahoo.com](mailto:cltnow@yahoo.com)
- Durham NOW**—7pm, the second Tuesday of each month. Starbucks at 54/55. Email: [henryesthe@aol.com](mailto:henryesthe@aol.com)
- Fayetteville NOW**—7pm, third Tuesdays, Quaker House on Hillside Ave. Email: [heq57@aol.com](mailto:heq57@aol.com)
- Raleigh NOW**—7:15pm, the first Tuesdays, 2912 Highwoods Blvd, in back. Email: [president@raleighnow.org](mailto:president@raleighnow.org)
- Triad NOW**—7pm, first Tuesdays in Winston-Salem, NC. email: [president@triadnow.org](mailto:president@triadnow.org)
- Crystal Coast NOW**: starting soon! Contact [president@raleighnow.org](mailto:president@raleighnow.org).

## Women Rise Up NOW! March and Rally in Durham

Join us for the Women’s Equality March on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm! We will celebrate the getting women the right to vote and rededicate ourselves to eliminating all discrimination against women. This year’s theme is “Women Rise Up NOW!”

Participants will gather at 9:30 am at the Durham County Register of Deeds Office (known as the Old Durham County Courthouse) on 200 E Main St and march to the American Tobacco Campus on Blackwell St. to enjoy a terrific rally, excellent speakers, performance artists, live music, tabling, children’s activities and good food from local restaurants at the American Tobacco Campus.

In conjunction with this event, you’re also invited to attend a press conference August 24th at 10 am at CCB Plaza Downtown Durham. The new banner shows the coalition of organizations working on the event. This picture is from the 2015 march and rally.

#womenriseupnc  
#womensequalitydaync



### Gailya’s voice:

June and July were full of serious threats to healthcare via slashing or repealing ACA, both from Trump and Congress. 70% of adults on Medicaid are women. 75 million Americans depend on it. Read about how those bills target women more than you may know—on pg 4.

Read about other events in June & July and an action to take on pg 2. Feminist 5K was a great success. The Young Feminist Committee of Fay. NOW’s held first event. Take action on the outrageous attacks on the first woman to hold statewide executive office in NC, Elaine Marshall.

“Tuesdays with Tillis” highlight a different topic every week. NC NOW and others spoke on the devastation Trumpcare would cause on Jul 11. Senator Tillis’ office is reacting to continued protests—both on pg 2.

August 26 is Women’s Equality Day—read about it on pg 3. Learn other rights women don’t have at Equal Means Equal showings around state—both community showings and campus showings on pg 5.

There are many ways you can make a difference. Joining and staying a member of NC NOW is the easiest—membership form on pg 6. Join an existing chapter or make your own chapter and start learning together and planning education or protest events.

Stay up to date through email, our [NC NOW website](#) and facebook pages, [NC NOW](#) and chapters. Helpful to share email when join or signup online.



## What's been going on...



### Feminist 5K included Wonder Woman!

NC NOW was proud to support the first Feminist 5k event, which included a blocked off route, and chips to keep track of time with fancy start/finish lines. Participants were invited to run/walk/roll the Feminist 5K, which began at Chavis Park in Raleigh on 6/17/17

A popular and welcome outfit theme was Wonder Woman!! A group of women came in Wonder Woman outfits (red shirt with gold, short blue/white skirt), and here's a photo of another woman with a Wonder Woman shirt and Miss North Carolina sash!

*Photo Credits: Gailya Paliga*



The official count was 245 participants, including NC NOW members. Some great community organizations wererepresented—including NC NOW ERA-NC Alliance, & Women's March of Raleigh. Thanks to Lisa Grafstein and Kathy O'Donnell for organizing it.



We raised \$3700 for the Women's Center of Wake County. In addition, generous race participants donated a full station wagon and half a hatchback of personal supplies, food, and clothes for the women served by the Women's Center.

### Fayetteville NOW: Young Feminist Salon

The Young Feminist Committee of Fayetteville NOW aims to promote thoughtful discussion around a variety of feminist topics. The name of the meeting refers to salons of the 17th and 18th centuries in France and Italy, and the Blue Stocking Society of Britain.

First topic: Female Friendships and Empowerment

Date: July 1, 2017

Time: 2pm-5pm

Place: Quick-Melchor Meeting House at

669 Country Club Dr, Fayetteville

There were light snacks and an engaging afternoon.



Next YF Salon: Sep. 2. on Birth Rights, doulas, etc.

### Don't Forget Outrageous Attacks on SOS Elaine Marshall

It's more than intimidation - it's a witch hunt. NC's House of Representatives has done some terrible things since 2011, but this is a new level. On June 28th, up pops a new bill - House Bill 925 - Creation of House Select Investigatory Committee, introduced by Rep. Chris Millis. Millis and the House leadership are trying to impeach an outstanding public servant on unsubstantiated charges. [As PoliticsNC wrote](#), "The House Rules Committee voted to begin an investigation into allegations that Marshall illegally commissioned notaries of public who are not citizens. It's nothing more than political bluster that was debunked during her re-election campaign last year. **Action to take:**

- Tell your representative how outraged you are by this witch hunt. Use [Who Represents Me](#).
- Contact the Representative who instigated this. Email [Chris.Millis@ncleg.net](mailto:Chris.Millis@ncleg.net)/919-715-9664.
- Feel free to set up meaningful protests!

### "Tuesdays With Tillis" - Tillis Is Disrespecting His Constituents

The "Tuesdays With Tillis" rally on 7/11/17 in Raleigh. The topic was "Don't Cut Women and Children's Healthcare. NC NOW President Gailya Paliga made important points on how much Trumpcare would devastate women, and

hurt North Carolinians disproportionately. Dr. Erica Pettigrew (pictured) told stories of patients who need more coverage today, already. She talked about how \$4 prescriptions can't handle serious medical



problems. One of her patients was having a heart attack and was afraid to go to the hospital because of no insurance. All it takes is one expensive issue to ruin/bankrupt a family.

Tillis' office has called in troops to watch the weekly peaceful protests. Their SUVs took up the parking in front of the federal building. And they roped off most of the area in front of the building too - we now get only the sidewalk to the street. He is refusing to communicate with protesters.

### Feminist 5K Organizer Lisa Grafstein Quote

**"At its best, feminism is about equal dignity and respect - the simple idea that women are people and no person is less than any other. The current wave of progressive activism, including the Women's Marches that took over cities all over the world, is a continuation of the fight for equal dignity for all, and an affirmation that if you show up to participate in something larger than yourself, you belong - and that our visibility matters."**

## Women's Equality Day History – Right to Vote Not Enough

By Gailya Paliga

Saturday August 26 is Women's Equality Day, which celebrates women getting the right to vote. This right was granted by the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. It is shocking to realize that American Women didn't win the right to vote until 1920. We won this right after many hard fought battles lasting over 72 years, counting from 1848 and [Seneca Falls](#), when the fight got more focused. In truth, the women's suffrage movement dates as far back as the Revolutionary War. Still, not all women got the right to vote in 1920.

Though the 19th Amendment granted suffrage to all women on paper and in theory, **women of color and poor women were still disenfranchised and prevented from voting.** The Southern poll tax "resulted in the disproportionate disfranchisement of millions of women," according to "[The Illusion of Suffrage: Female Voting Rights and the Women's Poll Tax Repeal Movement After the Nineteenth Amendment](#)." People of color were prevented from voting in different ways. Immigrants from many countries were not allowed to become citizens, and therefore not allowed to vote. In 1922, the Supreme Court ruled in *OZAWA V. UNITED STATES (1922)* that [people of Japanese descent couldn't become citizens](#), thus they could not vote. The next year (1923) [a court did the same to Asian Indians](#). State laws across the country [barred Native Americans from voting](#), and [unjust barriers like literacy tests](#) made it nearly impossible for many thousands of African Americans and Latinas to vote. So while the 19th Amendment was necessary and moving us in the right direction, something closer to universal suffrage wasn't guaranteed for everyone until [1965, when the Voting Rights Act](#) passed Congress. The right for women to vote was very unevenly granted.

Here is quick history of Women's Equality Day itself. On Aug 26, 1970, the 50th anniversary of the 19th



The police would not close the street for the march, so the women

linked arms, and blocked the major thoroughfare during rush hour! The "[Women's Strike For Equality March](#)" was organized by the National Organization for Women. The strike's goals were to publicize the feminist movement and ideas and to expose the many injustices experienced by women.

Exactly one year later, in 1971, Congress officially declared Aug 26 as Women's Equality Day, a celebration of women's suffrage. Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced the Women's Equality Day bill.

Important to note that it wasn't until 1971 that North Carolina **finally** made the symbolic gesture of ratifying the 19th Amendment – after blocking ratification time after time.

People need to realize that **the right to vote is the ONLY specific right women are guaranteed under the Constitution** of the United States of America. The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) didn't pass in 1982, and it hasn't become law yet. But need for ERA has never been more clear so there is a stronger push for it! [NC NOW is a lead organization of the ERA-NC Alliance](#). The Constitution still does not fully acknowledge that WOMEN were created equal too. Women remain an unprotected class of citizen. And as we're seeing, **it's dangerous to be excluded from your own Constitution.** With every passing day, the extremism of our NC legislature– not to mention the president– demonstrates why. Our hard-earned legislative and judicial victories are being attacked and reversed.

Women's Equality Day is an occasion to recognize the progress that women have made, but it's also a time to remember how far we still have to go. We'll hear about some of the issues women still face at the [Women Rise Up march on Saturday, Aug 26, 2017, in Durham](#).

Our work is not done until all American women have social, economic and political equality.

*Note: The women's-suffrage movement in the U.S. dates as far back as the Revolutionary War, but women's-rights trailblazers, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott, spearheaded the strong push for equal voting rights in the mid-19th century.*

*-Time.com in "Top 10 American Protest Movements."*

## Cruel Senate Trumpcare Bill Targets Women, by Gailya Paliga

While even President Trump described the House Trumpcare bill as 'mean,' his colorful verdict is an uncommon understatement as it applies to the House and Senate bills' treatment of women's healthcare. Trumpcare is 'cruel' to women, and especially harsh to North Carolinians.

Trumpcare allows the elimination of women's access to healthcare, letting insurance companies refuse to provide maternity care, slashing Medicaid payments (by \$834 billion in the House bill/\$772 billion in the Senate bill), and restricting Title X reimbursement. Medicaid is the nation's public health insurance program for people with low incomes, the disabled and the elderly. The Medicaid program [covers about 75 million Americans](#), or 1 in 5, including many with complex and costly needs for care. Seventy percent (70%) of the adults covered by Medicaid are women. Title X is a federal program which provides funding family planning services to people beyond Medicaid, like low-income women who are not Medicaid-eligible. Their recipients? Women.

The Senate Trumpcare bill would cut Medicaid by almost \$1 trillion dollars (that's trillion with a 't'). These policies have disproportionate and disastrous consequences for women - young, middle-aged, and elderly, alike - especially in North Carolina. More than half of all births in North Carolina are covered by Medicaid - [54% in North Carolina in 2014](#), while other states vary from 24% to 72%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Trumpcare allows insurance companies to refuse to cover maternity and newborn care as part of the 10 essential health benefits that insurance companies would no longer be required to cover.

Most people have heard that Trumpcare attacks Planned Parenthood, but many assume this has to do with federal funds going to abortion. It doesn't. Planned Parenthood serves 1.5 million of Title X's over 4 million patients each year. Contrary to popular misconception, no federal funding received by Planned Parenthood goes toward abortion, with the exception of cases of rape, incest, or when the woman's life is in danger.

The attack on Planned Parenthood is a precision assault on low-income women's health care. [More than half of Planned Parenthood facilities are in rural or medically underserved areas – 54% of them](#), according to the US Department of Health and Human Services. These areas are underserved either because they are too rural or because there is a shortage of health professionals. Women in these areas will be left without the preventive medical services they provide, including life-saving cancer screenings, HIV testing, and birth control.

The attack on Medicaid disproportionately harms elderly women, as well. As National Organization for Women President Terry O'Neill pointed out at [a press conference on 6/23/17](#), Trumpcare doesn't just impact women with

low incomes and women of color, but also middle-income women who rely on Medicaid for nursing care, and women with disabilities. [Medicaid covers three in five nursing home residents \(60%\)](#). Seventy percent (70%) of people in nursing homes are elderly women. Eighty percent (80%) of women in nursing homes are covered by Medicaid.

The Senate Trumpcare bill is particularly damaging in North Carolina. According to a [study from the Center for American Progress \(CAP\)](#), [1.3 million people in North Carolina will lose healthcare coverage due to the Senate Trumpcare bill](#). CAP found this number to be more than double the national average - no other state seeing a higher percentage of its population losing coverage than NC.

Slashing Medicaid would also close hospitals, especially in rural areas, because there will not be enough paying customers without Medicaid as insurance.

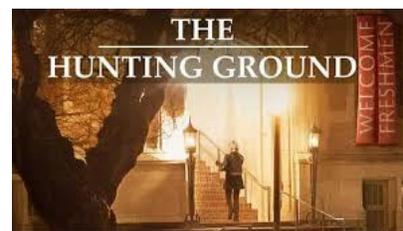
Both versions of this horrific bill would literally kill people, after drastically lowering quality of life for millions. **The untold story is that most of these people are women.**

See the whole report at [www.northcarolinanow.org](http://www.northcarolinanow.org) 6/28/17.

### Learn about Campus Danger for Women, 8/8/17 at NCSU

I talked to a policeman at a campus visit to UNC-Charlotte in July. He was proud of talking a young woman OUT OF pressing charges of sexual assault. Police spoke with both students to reinforce that the consequences for the undergraduate and alleged attacker are dire. The woman decided she wasn't absolutely sure anymore. The policeman was also proud of few if any cases prosecuted - not the same as assaults not happening. I was appalled. These sexual assaults are happening whether or not they are prosecuted.

Learn what the policeman didn't understand about sexual assaults on campus. Consider how to prepare yourself/your child/your niece/your grandchild.



This event was co-sponsored by Raleigh NOW, WomenNC and the NCSU GLBT Center. **For future: Raleigh NOW has a copy of this DVD.**

Topic: Sexual Assault at universities/colleges

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Time: 6:30pm - 9

Place: SAS Hall, Room 2203, at NC State University

Address: 2311 Stinson Drive.

There Are No More Excuses! Equal Means Equal!  
Community Showings in August, Campus Showings in September

**Community Showings around NC for  
Women's Equality Day**

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Covering workplace harassment, domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, healthcare, and the judicial system; the film makes a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the ERA.

**1. Equal Means Equal in Raleigh on Aug 24**

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:40 pm

Place: Regal North Hills Stadium 14 in Raleigh

Address: 4150 Main at North Hills St

Get your ticket using this link -

<https://new.tugg.com/events/equal-means-equal-7-r7>

**2. Equal Means Equal in Triad on Aug 24**

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:40 pm

Place: The Grand 18 in Winston-Salem

Address: 5601 University Parkway

Get your ticket using this link -

[https://new.tugg.com/events/equal-means-equal-v\\_ea](https://new.tugg.com/events/equal-means-equal-v_ea)

**3. Equal Means Equal in Fayetteville on Aug 26**

Speaker: Marena Groll

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Place: North Regional Public Library in Fayetteville

Address: 855 McArthur Rd

<https://www.facebook.com/events/281043652301598/>

**4. Equal Means Equal in Asheville on Aug 28**

Date: Monday, August 28, 2017

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Place: Asheville Pizza and Brewing Co.

Address: 675 Merrimon Ave

<https://www.tugg.com/events/equal-means-equal-gl9c>

**5. Equal Means Equal in Swannanoa on Aug 31**

Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017, 7:30 pm – 10:00pm

Place: Canon Lounge, Gladfelter Hall

(at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa )

<https://www.facebook.com/events/326255357833478/>



**EME making rounds at NC University  
Campuses in Sept. 2017**

We recognize the continued struggle for women to gain full constitutional inclusion in American society.

College women today still need to worry about major issues - safety on and off campus, being treated fairly, being paid fairly, health care coverage, and what happens when they decide to have children. Many don't realize that the only right guaranteed for women in the Constitution is the right to vote. Even today. More in article on WED on page 3.

We are sure that the fix for these and other problems is through the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). See "Equal Means Equal" on the big screen at college campuses around NC from Sept 10-17, in time for Constitution Day (Sept 17). Look for your campus showing at <http://www.nc4era.org/campus-movies-sept-10-17.html> NC4ERA, a project of NC NOW, will track all developments, including panelists.

- **Tues., Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm**  
NC State University – **Raleigh**  
Talley Student Union, 2610 Cates Ave
- **Tues., Sept. 12 at 6:00 pm**  
NC Central University – **Durham**  
Alfonso Elder Student Union,  
1801 Fayetteville St #125
- **Wed., Sept. 13 at 2:00pm - 5:00 pm**  
University of NC—Wilmington – in **Wilmington**  
Wrightsville Beach Room, Fisher Student Center
- **Thurs., Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm**  
Mars Hill University – **Mars Hill (near Asheville)**  
Belk Auditorium, Wren Student Union,  
100 Athletic Dr., Mars Hill
- **Fri., Sept. 15 at 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
University of NC – Chapel Hill, in Chapel Hill  
Hitchcock Rm. Sonja Haynes Stone Center, 150  
South Rd, Ste 101. **Expect a high power panel here—with national figures, state figures.**

Campus4ERA is a developing movement that creates an intergenerational conversation between the activists that pushed for ratification in the 1970s and young feminists of today. Find more at [www.nc4era.org](http://www.nc4era.org). NC4ERA is a project of NC NOW.

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**Be sure to "Like" NC NOW National Organization for Women on Facebook!**

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Count me in! I want to join NOW and commit myself to take action: to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities in a truly equal partnership with men. Mailing label says if it's time.**

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Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
\*(Important!) E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to affiliate\* with my local NOW chapter. (signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Affiliation with a chapter assures that you will receive local newsletters and special notices.)  
 Annual Dues: \$35 (\$15-\$34 -- student / limited income.  
NOW does not wish to exclude members because of income.)

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 I want to make a donation to Raleigh NOW \_\_\_\_\_ or NC NOW \_\_\_\_\_ (check which)  
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