

Dear PA NOW Member,

We hope you can join us for the PA NOW State Convention on Saturday, March 24 At the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Cast your vote for PA NOW's next Officers and Executive Committee members, attend presentations on a range of issues that concern us all, meet with politically active feminists from around the state, and enjoy hearing from our always inspiring speaker, Eleanor Smeal, who will speak at the Luncheon at noon.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to share ideas and strategies, learn about pending legislation, and renew your energy and enthusiasm for the fight for equality and justice. You'll be delighted with how good it feels to be surrounded by those who are as eager to change the world as you are, and agree on what that change must be.

Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The convention gets underway at 9:00 AM with the opening plenary, during which you'll meet our candidates for PA NOW positions, and our special guest, Ellie Smeal, past president of the National Organization for Women, and co-founder and director of The Feminist Majority, publisher of Ms Magazine.

Workshops begin at 10:15, and continue after lunch. You'll be able to choose one in each session provided by Fair Districts PA, Planned Parenthood, Chatham College Women in Politics Institute, Pittsburgh Against Rape, New Voices, Hear Yourself Think, and Healthcare 4 All PA. Throughout the convention an exhibit of feminist history in Pittsburgh will be on display.

At noon, you may choose to enjoy the Education Fund luncheon with Ellie for a separate fee, or to have lunch on your own. The deadline for making lunch reservations is March 17, 2018. The convention resumes with workshops at 1:30 followed by the final plenary which will include an announcement of our election results. It's all over by 5 PM.

If you plan to stay overnight on Friday, March 23, please call PA NOW at 814-280-8571. You're welcome to attend the State Board Meeting at 6 PM in our hospitality suite or visit with us there.

The convention registration fee is \$60, but NOW members may pay what they feel they can afford. Everyone who attends the luncheon will pay \$50. Those who pay the full price for registration and attend the lunch will be charged \$100 for both.

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for your continuing support of PA NOW!

Please pay by credit card or PayPal on our website at <u>http://pennsylvanianow.org/2018-state-conference-order-page/</u> or send checks payable to Pennsylvania NOW to:

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Reminder: The deadline for lunch reservations is March 17, 2018. After that we cannot guarantee a luncheon seat for you.

Convention registration can be paid at the door, though to help us in planning, we prefer that you pay in advance.

Susan Woodland Vice President PA NOW