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CWNY news & updates



June 2020

Upcoming Events Trafficking Panel Webinar

- Tuesday, June 9th at 11 am
- Free [registration](#)

Featuring panelists:

- Jessica Melton (Queens District Attorney's Human Trafficking Unit)
- Amanda Eckhardt (RESTORE NYC)
- Barbara Felton (UNA-USA SNY)
- Kyra Wooden (ECPAT USA NY)
- Tori Curbelo (LifeWay Network)
- Karen Siegel, Ph.D. (Zonta Club of Greater Queens)

for an exploration of the issues of human trafficking, and how it continues even under coronavirus lockdown.

Caregiver Phone Support Group

- Wednesdays 1 pm - 2 pm
- Email events@cwny.org to register

Who is this support group for?

It's for family members who have found themselves taking care of their loved ones. Join us to discuss the issues and concerns of family caregivers.

Conversational ESL Class

To register, send your name, email address, and phone number to events@cwny.org.

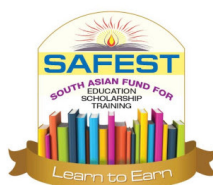
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for South Asian Women

CWNY Hosts South Asian Women's Issues Roundtable

Victoria Pilotti, CWNY President, and Malini Shah, CWNY Board Member, co-facilitated the South Asian Women's Issues Roundtable phone conference on May 7th. Another Roundtable is tentatively scheduled for early June.

Participants included:

- Tasnia Ahamed of Turning Point for Women and Families who addressed domestic violence in the Muslim community
- Urmila Sharma & Anu Khada of GPK Foundation, fostering science, health education & promotion of peace, who discussed issues related to the Nepali community
- Nyma Lhamo of Ghyalsumdo Sewa Samaj America
- Mazeda Uddin of South Asian Fund for Education, promoting job training & civic engagement, refers domestic violence survivors to Sakhi, and refers to SNAP program

June is Gun Violence Awareness Month

Curated links for your perusal:
No Consideration for Our Lives, a song by longtime CWNY member Allison Gordon Mastropieri
About Gun Violence Awareness Month Moms Demand Action Everytown for Gun Safety Friends Committee on Nat'l Legislation Sandy Hook Promise

Zonta Partners with UNICEF to End Child Marriage

Zonta International has partnered with UNICEF to eradicate child marriage worldwide. Victoria Pilotti, CWNY President, facilitated a discussion on April 30 with local Zonta club leaders regarding ending child marriage in the US. The campaign aims to set 18 as the minimum marriage age. In 2018 Delaware and New Jersey became the first two states to end child marriage followed by Pennsylvania in 2020. Child marriage remains legal in 47 states, including New York. In 2017 New York State raised its minimum age to 18 with a loophole of age 17 with judicial consent. In 2019 a bill was introduced to end marriage before 18 and is pending in NYS legislature. Click states on U.S. map for state marriage laws and pending legislation at unchainedatlast.org/laws-to-end-child-marriage. You can take action by writing to your state legislators at act.unicefusa.org/childmarriage. Go to zontausa.org/stopchildmarriages-psa-toolkit for Zonta/UNICEF PSA billboard campaign to stop child marriages.

Victoria voiced her concern with forced marriage to Zonta leaders and shared an anecdote of a young woman from Pakistan who sought help from CWNY in late 2019. Her parents beat her and kept her locked in the basement of their home because she would not marry an older man they had selected for her. There is a fine line between an arranged marriage (with supposed consent) and a forced marriage (unchainedatlast.org).

Zonta USA advocates for Equal Rights Amendment, End Human Trafficking, Zonta Says No! to Violence, and Cities for CEDAW (Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women). To learn more about Zonta USA campaigns to empower and advocate for women and girls, visit zontausa.org. Visit zonta.org for information on international campaigns.

- Chonzom Chonzom Lama of Federation of Indigenous People of Nepal - principal of non-violence and respect for human rights
- Kavita Mehra of Sakhi for South Asian Women - domestic violence support
- Muna Rai of United Kirat Rai Organization America



Zoom Webinar
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
11 am - 12:30 pm

[Click for free registration](#)

Facilitated By Victoria Pilotti, Ed.D., President, CWNY

Presenters:

- ADA Jessica Melton, Chief, HumanTrafficking Bureau, Queens District Attorney's Office, focus: multicultural outreach
- Barbara Felton, Chair, Partnership to Eradicate Human TraffickingCommittee, UNA-USA SNY
- Amanda Eckhardt, Executive Director, RESTORE NYC, focus: economic empowerment of survivors
- Tori Curbelo, Manager of Education, Training, & Advocacy, LifeWay Network
- Kyra Wooden, Youth Outreach Manager, ECPAT-USA, focus: child trafficking
- Karen Siegel, Ph.D., Zonta Club of Greater Queens, Zonta International, focus: global trafficking

There will be a Q & A session after the presentations.





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