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2013

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## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

**October 12, 2013**  
*Community Benefit*  
Woodstock, NY

**October 25 & 26, 2013**  
*What to Expect When  
You're Not Expecting*  
Rosendale, NY

**December 1, 2013**  
*World AIDS Day*

For more information about  
upcoming events, please visit  
[www.ppmhv.org/events](http://www.ppmhv.org/events)

## Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is an exciting step forward for women and families across the country. The new health care law, also known as Obamacare, is already benefiting millions of Americans, and on October 1, millions more began enrolling in affordable new health coverage. Many of these new health insurance plans cover important services including all types of birth control at no cost, as well as doctor visits, hospitalizations, maternity care, ER care and prescriptions. And, under the new health care law, insurance plans will no longer be able to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions like diabetes or cancer. Unfortunately, opponents of the law are still spreading misinformation and working to make it harder for women to get the care they need. That's why it's critical we speak out, spread the word, and make affordable health care available to everyone. Show you stand with Obamacare!

### OBAMACARE WORKS!

**47 million women stand to benefit from birth control, cancer screenings, and other preventive health services without co-pays.**

**Over 3 million young adults can stay on their parents' health insurance.**

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD LAUNCHES SITE TO HELP

Planned Parenthood is here to help. Financial help may be available to make these plans more affordable, so potential enrollees can find a plan that fits their budget. Planned Parenthood's new online site provides information and resources about the new laws and what plans are available in each state. To find out which plans include Planned Parenthood, use our plan finder tool at [PlannedParenthoodHealthInsuranceFacts.org](http://PlannedParenthoodHealthInsuranceFacts.org)

## EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS EVENTS



Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley had a wonderful and successful event season—raising more than \$245,000 in support of its mission serving the many women, men and teens in Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. Events in Newburgh, Cornwall, Warwick, Millbrook, Rhinebeck and Woodstock spanned the season from April until October and more than 700 guests and new friends enjoyed river views, art auctions, local farms, beautiful gardens, amazing homes and delectable food and—of course—wonderful conversations. Ruth-Ellen Blodgett, President and CEO, spoke about our work in the community and how the health care environment is changing with the Affordable Care Act. We thank all who attended or supported these important fundraisers. And—make sure to look for our upcoming 2014 events as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley.

Lucille Pattison, a long-standing Planned Parenthood champion since the 1960s, passed away this past June. A pioneer in the political realm, Lucille holds numerous honors and achievements, most notably: being the first woman elected to the Dutchess County Legislature, and the first woman to serve as Dutchess County Executive—making her the first woman Democratic County Executive in the United States. Throughout her groundbreaking political career, Lucille stood with Planned Parenthood—even restoring funding, previously removed by lawmakers, for some of our critical education programs during a time when anti-choice groups strongly demanded its elimination. We recall Lucille speaking candidly to thousands at a pro-choice rally in the late 80's, "I do not favor abortion. I favor choice. What makes you think that the government is in a position to make a decision about a woman's body?" With these words, Planned Parenthood will always fondly remember Lucille for her integrity, courage and dedication in standing with us in ensuring that women and youth in our communities can continue to access the educational and reproductive healthcare services they so desperately need and deserve. Lucille will continuously inspire the trailblazer in each of us to persist in breaking glass ceilings everywhere—standing up for what is right, no matter what.



## Honoring Pat Ernenwein

*"I had the very best job anyone could have and met wonderful people who remain my friends today."*  
—Pat Ernenwein, April 2013

Friend, neighbor and beloved colleague, our former PPMHV CEO, Pat Ernenwein, passed away in August. Pat's involvement in Planned Parenthood's success spanned more than three decades—as Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Orange-Sullivan in 1979, and after helping effect the Orange-Sullivan/Dutchess-Ulster merger, as co-Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley until 2005. A true pillar in the Newburgh community, Pat helped foster leadership in the next generation and inspired new advocates for a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions. We had the privilege of honoring Pat this past spring, by naming her the first recipient of the Lucy Cohan Humanitarian Award—an award reserved for individuals that exemplify passion and dedication to creating a healthier community. Pat cared immensely for the mid-Hudson Valley and gave freely of herself to ensure that individuals would have the resources needed to lead the most productive lives possible.



Over the years, Pat provided both leadership, vision and unwavering courage to guide Planned Parenthood through the ups and downs of economic forces, strenuous attacks by political opponents and significant changes in health care delivery—and for that, we will be forever grateful.

## Connect With Us in the Community!

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| Oct 9 Wellness Fair & HIV Testing, Ulster County Community College  | Dec 3 HIV Testing, SUNY Orange-Middletown Campus     |
| Oct 12 O+ Festival & HIV Testing, LGBTQ Center, Kingston            | Dec 3 HIV Testing, SUNY Orange-Newburgh Campus       |
| Oct 16 HIV Testing & Tabling, Dutchess Community College            | Dec 4 HIV Testing, Sullivan County Community College |
| Oct 20 Children's Health and Safety Expo, Hyde Park                 | Dec 5 HIV Testing, Ulster County Community College   |
| Oct 29 Ellenville Regional Hospital Harvest Health Fair, Ellenville | Dec 6 HIV Testing, Dutchess Community College        |