

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

**National Organization For Women**  
10015 W Royal Oak Rd #256, Sun City, AZ 85351

## Membership Meeting

NOW meets at **12:00PM** at the UU church **Wed October 7**. Joan Carlson will present the movie, "Not Yet Rain." Board members should arrive at 11:15, & they will provide a salad luncheon for our members at noon. Also bring your donations (checks made out to KJZZ) for Dom Viol announcements & give to Carolyn Modeen.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 3, 2009 Sat at 1:00 pm

Free showing of film: Sin By Silence  
UU Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts  
Surprise (sponsored by NOW)

Oct 8 Thurs 9:30 AM

AAUW Chapter Mtg  
SC Country Club  
Speaker: Linda Lopez  
Lunch: \$11 Phyllis Fisch (see Announcements pg3)

Oct 24 Sat noon

UU Church in Surprise  
WV United Nations Luncheon  
Speaker: Trish McCarty (about Liberia)  
Reservations: 977-8280 or 972-6273

Nov 14 Sat @ 1:45 PM

Compassions & Choices Mtg  
Speaker: Linda Lopez  
SCW Foundation, 14465 RHJohnson, SCW  
Info: Irene Weitzman

Nov 21 Sat

NOW State Board Mtg  
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## Sin by Silence Film Showing

On Saturday, Oct 3 @ 1:00 PM at the UU Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts, Surprise (where we hold our mtgs) SC/WV NOW will show the film (for free) "Sin by Silence," an emotionally packed documentary that examines the stories of women incarcerated for killing their abusive husbands. We'll see dom viol from a survivor's perspective & what

each has learned. The film will be followed by a discussion including a survivor, the filmmaker, & local dv experts.

Please come & support this worthy cause & NOW. For more info go to [www.SinBySilence.com](http://www.SinBySilence.com) or [mfschulze@cox.net](mailto:mfschulze@cox.net) or call Marilyn Schulze 623-975-7411

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## Donations to KJZZ (for DV)

Tis our custom--we'll do it again: bundling our contributions to National Public Radio (make checks payable to KJZZ). Bring your contribution in a sealed envelope to the October NOW mtg. Carolyn Modeen will mail them into our local NPR radio station (KJZZ) for their Fall fund raising campaign. This will pay for spot announcements drawing attention to the hot line run by AZ Coalition for Domestic Violence (ACADV) for victims of domestic violence. **Carolyn Modeen**

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**NOW National Conference** was June 19 – 21. Paula and Augie (age 90) returned from attending the NOW Conference in Indianapolis & sent the following letter to our Ann Timmer:

The team that was endorsed by Kim (and AZ NOW) lost by 8 votes. It was sad because the team that won used negative campaigning and interrupted plenaries. The reality was that they flew enough people in by the time we voted. I hope Terri O'Niel and her team can carry the organization forward in the next 4 years. AZ NOW had 10 delegates at the conference. Allison Hilliker represented Sun Cities NOW and was on a workshop panel for women with disabilities. Allison is legally blind. Since she is employed she cannot attend your chapter meetings. For NOW,  
Paula

**The National NOW Board** will appoint several new committees, task forces and teams this fall. Tho the deadline to apply for appointment is past (September

10), you can ask Ann Timmer about the 10 plus Committees if you are interested.

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### **NOW Action/Planned Parenthood Rally**

A band of 6 NOW members and a friend attended the Planned Parenthood rally at Hance Park, Phoenix on 26 June. The weather was hot, but we were under a big tree and got along quite well. Members attending were Ann Timmer, Helen Perkins, Marge Mead, Becky Smith, Betty Roberts and friend, Peter Hirschfield. Brian Howard, CEO of Planned Parenthood of AZ spoke and welcomed "Those invincible women of Sun City NOW" (or words to that effect). Other speakers were legislator Ed Ableser, Dist. 17, and staff members from Planned Parenthood.

For the finale, we all got on our cell phones and called the Governor and asked her to veto a bill that restricts women's access to abortion.

About 200 feet away were 15 or 20 members of pro-life groups. They had big posters of fetuses and yelled at us during the speeches, but they were far enough away that it did not bother us.

Inspired by our action, we adjourned, along with Karen Van Hooft, to the Spaghetti Factory for lunch.

**Betty Roberts**

NOW members were present for three actions this Spring and Summer. Planned Parenthood held a rally about the legislation that was ultimately passed to make it almost impossible to get an abortion, especially for teenagers. A car full of NOW members went to the Phoenix park by the main library in downtown Phoenix.

When President Obama came to address the VFW, a couple of our NOW members braved the summer heat to lend support. When Senator McCain held a town hall in Sun City, four women (two of us NOW members) placed under the windshield wipers of parked cars statements "I Like my government Medicare", "Healthcare not Warfare" and "Christians for public health care". **Carolyn Modeen**

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### **Book Club**

#### **The Woman Behind the New Deal**

A new book by Kirstin Downey argues that no voice in the FDR administration was more influential in shaping the New Deal than Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, the first-ever woman cabinet member in the United States. The book is called "The

Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience.' NOW will review this book prior to our Nov member mtg.

In Dec or Jan we will read & review: "This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President" (of Liberia) by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

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### **UN Luncheon**

The book that we will discuss before our December meeting, "This Child Will Be Great" about President Sirleaf of Liberia, will be brought closer to home when the West Valley UN brings Trish McCarty of the StarShine Academy to speak on October 24. She runs a charter school that educates all Liberian children living in the valley. In August, she went to Liberia to teach teachers there, who enthusiastically came to learn from her, so that they could better teach their students. October 24 is UN Day. We celebrate with a luncheon at noon, at the UU church.

Reservations: 623-977-8280 or

623-972-6273

**Carolyn Modeen**

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### **Compassions & Choices Mtg**

**Saturday**, November 14, 2009, Senator Linda Lopez (D. District 29) will be the keynote speaker for the Northwest Valley Chapter of Compassion & Choices AZ. Senator Lopez has been fighting for the rights of the terminally ill for many years. Death with Dignity, choices at the end of Life and the Terminal Patient's Right to Know should be a civil right!

She will speak at the Coyote- Quail room, Sun City West Foundation Center at 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd at 1:45. Refreshments will be served. Questions call Irene 623-214-6552 or email her at IRENEWEITZ@aol.com

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### **Death with Dignity, The Last Civil Right**

Join us at the Compassion & Choices Arizona 2009 Statewide Conference on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Registration 8:00; Conference 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Conference fee is \$40 includes lunch and morning treats. Mail to: Compassion & Choices Arizona, P.O. Box 12126, Tucson, AZ 85732. Deadline: October 30. More info available at [www.choicesarizona.org](http://www.choicesarizona.org), or 1-877-535-3600. (Phone unattended Oct 15-22 so leave a msg & your call will be returned.)

Speakers include: Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, (Keynote Speaker) Conference Minister, Southwest Conference, United Church of Christ: How the Separation of Church and State Issue Affects End of Life Choices; Robb Miller from Washington State: How Washington State Legalized Death with

Dignity; Lee Ann Black, Director of Professional and Consumer Education, Hospice of the Valley: The Value of Hospice Care; and Roland Halpern, Director of Community Relations, Compassion & Choices, Denver, CO: Legislative Update and End-of-Life Consultation.

**Where:** Gainey Suites Hotel, 7300 East Gainey Suites Drive, Scottsdale, AZ. Ask for Compassion & Choices Arizona Rates. Call Mon-Fri between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at (480) 922-6969, or 800-970-4666 for hotel reservation. Special rates not available on-line & are available pre- or post the event of Nov 7. Cancellations made within 72 hours (3 days) prior to arrival will result in room & tax charge for one night. **Irene Weitzman**

### **NOW Board Mtg Sept 9, 2009**

Location: Home of Mary Knudson

Presiding: Marge Mead

Members Present: Hupperts, Perkins, Becky Smith, Schulze, Timmer, Ormsbee, Modeen, Gilman, Mead, Knudson, Roberts.

**Announcements:** Linda Lopez will speak at AAUW SC Chapter meeting at SC Country Club, 8 Oct, 9:30. Cost is \$11 for lunch. Send Phyllis Fisch your check (10511 W Highwood Place, SC 85373)

NOW is sponsoring a film on domestic violence, "Sin by Silence" on 3 Oct, 1pm at the UU Church. The survivor featured in the film will be there, as well as the filmmaker.

**Treasurer's Report: (Timmer)** Checkbook balance \$868.82. Emma Patterson paper balance is \$1026.53. National NOW is having money problems. Board decided not to opt-in to get money from National. We will pass the hat at meetings.

**Membership (Modeen):** We have received an email inquiry from a mother and her daughter in Peoria (Kathleen & Allison Hilliker). They plan to attend the October meeting.

**Program (Knudson and Schulze):** **October:** Joan Carlson will present the movie "Not yet rain." Board members should arrive at 11:15, members at 12:00.

**November:** Knudson's daughter-in-law, Syleste Rodriguez (Channel 12 announcer) will talk on women's issues. **December:** Kirsten Sinema, AZ legislator, will speak. **January:** ACLU on Immigration?? **February:** Diversity by Phyllis Stone. **March:** Legislation.

**Golden Apple Award:** We are looking for a big event to award the GA to Shirley MacAllister.

**Women's History Month:** Wood, Timmer, Saxton

and Roberts have written the first draft. Date of the event is 20 March 2010. The topic is the struggle feminists went through for the right to vote. There are parts for 9 people as well as feminist marchers and singers.

**State NOW Conference 2010:** A planning committee has been formed: Knudson, Schulze, Hupperts, Mead, Perkins and Lindfors.

**Legislative Report (Hupperts):** Governor is doing line item vetoes. She has restored education and some of DES.

**Social Activities (Gilman):** The Lunch Bunch at the AZ capitol Museum has a program on 17 March on AZ women in politics. We could have this as a social activity.

**Action (Roberts):** As a group, we attended the Planned Parenthood Rally in June. Over the summer individuals attended the Obama talk and McCain open house.

**Betty Roberts Rec Sec**

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### **NOW Board Mtg May 13, 2009**

Meeting at Connie Hupperts' home, Marge Mead presided.

**Present:** Ormsbee, Schulze, Timmer, Herman, Mary Knudson, Carlson, Gilman, Hupperts, Mead, Becky Smith, Roberts.

**Minutes (Roberts)** were approved as e-mailed.

**Treasurer (Timmer):** Report is same as reported at the meeting: Emma Patterson Fund \$1,026.53 and Bank account, \$1882.22.

**New Officers Introduction: Becky Smith, Co-Coordinator.** Retired 2 years ago from Quest and now is selling real estate. She is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of Democrats of LD-9. **Mary Knudson, Co-Chair Programs.** From Seattle and retired from Boeing. She was one of the first volunteers for Eve's Place, goes to the Unity Church and is a grandmother. She does a lot of RVing and is putting her RV in Prescott for the summer. Her daughter-in-law is a reporter on Channel 12, Syleste Rodriguez.

**Historical note (Timmer):** NOW organized the first women's issue networking group in Phoenix (Planned Parenthood, AAUW, etc)

**Membership (Herman):** Ann Dowling joined last meeting. We now have 78 or 79 members.

**Future Meeting: June 3** meeting is 1pm at Marge Mead's place, 11082 W Timberline Dr., SC. The purpose of this meeting is to make a decision on next year's WHM program. September Board meeting

will be at Mary Knudson's, 13801 N. Gunstone Dr, SC. First membership meeting in fall is October 7, a luncheon provided by the Board.

**Legislative Report (Hupperts):** The AZ Legislature is planning more cuts for 2010, 6M from K-12, 63M Access, 75M DES, 210M Cities and Towns. They don't yet have the votes to pass these cuts.

**Networking (Ormsbee/Perkins):** Joan Ponsiego would be a good contact with AAUW-SCW.

**State NOW Board:** Meeting is 30 May. Ormsbee may be able to go with Ginny-Lee Richardson. Mead cannot attend.

**Announcements:** Oct 8 Linda Lopez will talk to AAUW-SC at Wooddale. All are invited. June 28, Sunday morning, at UU Church Matthew Whitaker will speak "Understanding Interracial Unity." All invited.

**Scholarship (Schulze):** This year, Dysart HS (Valley Vista??) had over 2M in scholarships. They were from ASU, Tufts, Carlton College, NAU, etc. We plan to send a letter to those who did not win our scholarship.

**Correspondence:** Helping Hands sent us a letter thanking us for our \$100 donation. Eve's Place also sent a letter of thanks for our \$200.

**Social Activities (Gilman):** Let Leona know if there is an event you want to attend.

**Program (Schulze & Knudson):** Give ideas to Schulze and Knudson. "No more Tears" is a DVD on African women who have been raped. Senator Aguirre in October; A group called "Respect." Syleste Rodriguez from Ch 12, Linda Valdez from the AZ Republic, Chief Justice MacGregor; Terry Mead on "Law and women's issue". He is speaking 11 June at 9:45am, Wooddale at AAUW SC meeting.

**Action (Roberts):** Let Roberts know of opportunities for action. **Betty Roberts, Recorder**

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### **NOW Member Mtg June 3, 2009**

Meeting was held at home of Marge Mead & she presided.

**Membership:** Allison Hilliker wants to go to the NOW National Conference.

Helen Perkins will co-chair **Networking** with Lee Ormsbee; we will sponsor a scaled down State Conference next year.

**Legislative:** There will be a 16 June demonstration at the State Capitol sponsored by the Commission Against Domestic Violence. The Governor is beginning a media blitz for her budget and tax cut for

Corporate Property Tax.

**Program:** Possibly a film on rape in Ethiopia. Phyllis Stone will do the program on Diversity in January or February.

**Publicity:** We need to put information on our Emma Patterson Scholarship award in the newspapers. Shirley MacAllister will receive our **Golden Apple Award**. Carolyn Modeen and her committee will announce time and place the award will be given (in the Fall), taking into consideration maximum publicity exposure.

**Treasurer's Report:** Wells Fargo account statement \$1883.82, Emma Patterson paper balance \$1026.53.

**Women's History Month:** Several ideas were presented: a program on quilting; talk by Benson, Montini, or Linda Valdez; musical program; prize winning movie; talk on Hildegard of Bergen; talk by David Fitsimmons. We decided to present a program on sayings/writings of suffragists countered by what the press was saying about them. Interspersed will be a NOW Feminist Chorus singing songs of the era. Format will follow a recent Bill Moyers' program on Abraham Lincoln. Committee: Roberts, Wood, Saxton and Timmer (if agreeable). Music Subcommittee: Modeen, Saxton.

**Next Board** meeting will be at home of Mary Knudson, 13801 N. Gunstone Dr, SC, September 9.

**Betty Roberts, Rec Sec**

### **NOW SC/WV Board**

#### **Co-Coordinator:**

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**Action Chair:** Betty Roberts

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**Historian:** Vivian Wood

**Legislative Chair:** Connie Hupperts

**Membership:** Ruth Herman & Carolyn Modeen

**Newsletter:** Teresa Smith

**Networking:** Lee Ormsbee & Helen Perkins

**Program:** Marilyn Schulze & Mary Knudson

**Publicity:** Joan Carlson

**Recording Sec:** Betty Roberts & Vivian Wood

**Social Activities Chair:** Leona Gilman

**Treasurer:** George & Ann Timmer