

# 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 Dec 2**. State Representative Kyrsten Sinema will join us on Wednesday, December the 2nd at 1:00 pm to discuss the impact of current legislation on Arizona's women and children. Representative Sinema is now the Assistant Leader to the Democratic Caucus in the House of Representatives. She is also the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations' Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. Many of you will remember that she received the Golden Apple Award as a new legislator.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 2 Wed @ 11:00 AM  
 Eve's Place Luncheon  
 Skye's Restaurant

Feb 5, 2010 Fri  
 Roe v Wade Luncheon (\$75)  
 Sponsored by Planned Parenthood  
 Biltmore Resort  
 Send check to Leona Gilman

### Golden Apple Award

At our December meeting, the Golden Apple Award will be presented to Shirley McAllister, for the vision and the work she has done on behalf of women. She realizes that the basis for better lives for women is for good laws to be written. To that end, she has devoted her life to the Democratic Party, by offices in districts, by operating Democratic Headquarters in the West Valley, by working for candidates with platforms that benefit women and their families. She supports Planned Parenthood, going to their annual Roe v Wade luncheons. **CModeen**

### Book Club

In Jan at 11:30 am, we will review: "This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President" (of Liberia) by Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

**Roe v Wade 75TH Anniversary Luncheon** is being held by Planned Parenthood on Friday, February 5th, 2010 at the Biltmore Resort. Tickets are \$75 per person (includes 1 year membership) Let's get our usual table(s) reserved as quickly as possible ( it's sure to be a sell-out). Send your check made out to Planned Parenthood to Leona Gilman, 20402 Broken Arrow Drive, SCW AZ 85375

### Donations to KJZZ (NPR – for DV)

Our bundled donations to NPR (back in Oct) were impressive again this year. The report is that we sent in \$450 total. Stacey will feature our domestic violence spot on a high listening program, and let us know when to listen for it. **CModeen**

### Kudos to Alberta Meyers

Following our NOW member's 95th birthday, Alberta Meyers, opened the Cardinal's season by throwing out the "First Pitch" at Busch Stadium in September. Alberta has followed the Cardinals since sitting at her father's knee in 1912 while listening to the Cardinals very first game.

Her news coverage continues. Recently she received a note from a nine-year old girl, which said, "When I grow up, I want to be just like Alberta." (Alberta returned to MO after spending several years in Sun City.) **ATimmer**

### Hello NOW Ladies:

AAUW Scottsdale is honoring Lilly Ledbetter in Feb 2010 and we would be pleased to have NOW participate in this event.

NOW is well known as an organization which supports women and pay equity. By coming together at this event with AAUW and other organizations we CAN raise awareness of this issue, engage in meaningful discussion and focus on creative planning and sharing. If you have questions, please contact me or Jane Adrian, AAUW Scottsdale President at [jadrian@cox.net](mailto:jadrian@cox.net).

Thank you. Jean B. Johnson AAUW Scottsdale

## **NOW Board Mtg Nov 11, 2009**

Location: Lee Ormsbee's Presiding: Marge Mead.

**Present:** Ormsbee, Perkins, Schulze, Herman, Hupperts, Knudson, Lindfors, Timmer, Modeen, Mead, Carlson, Roberts. **Minutes** approved as printed in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Same As Membership Minutes (SAMM) We received \$24 from pass-the-hat.

**Legislative Report:** SAMM. We should call our representatives and senators about abortion in the health care bill.

**Program:** Dec: Kyrsten Sinema; Jan: Immigration and Human rights (ACLU); February: Diversity; March: Reproductive Rights; April: Homeless; May: Abuse of children.

**Networking Report:** SAMM. We should send a formal letter to the presidents of the organizations we want to co-sponsor WHM.

**Golden Apple:** Shirley McAllister is coming, Modeen is writing her presentation speech and making the apple golden; information will be given to Roberts for the certificate.

**Women's History Month:** Opal Saxton, who has many college courses on Theater Arts, has agreed to act as coach. A practice session for the Principals (Lindfors, Knudson and Smiley) is scheduled for 2pm, Monday, 23 Nov., Robert's apartment 327. Program is as follows: Draft 4 Nov 09 Men, their rights and nothing more Women their rights and nothing less Susan B. Anthony: A production in five episodes, using the actual words of women and the actual newspaper accounts and songs of the long struggle for women to gain the right to vote. The march played when the suffragists march in, is from the Ladies home Journal, November, 1905 Episode 1: World Anti-Slavery Conference, 1840 Episode 2: Women's Rights Convention, Seneca Falls, N.Y. 1848 Episode 3: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Bible Episode 4: Susan B. Anthony joins the battle Episode 5: Woman's Suffrage at last, 1920. Proceeds go to a scholarship for a female high school graduate and to Eve's Place, a local woman's shelter The Cast, in order of appearance The Chorus: Marilyn Schulze, Helen Perkins, Joan Carlson, Clarice Burke, Ruth Herman Chorus Director and Pianist: Carolyn Modeen Narrator: Mary Smiley Congressman Edwin Yates Webb and 2 clergymen: Poem Narrator: Lillian Hentel Lucretia Mott: Ruth Herman Elizabeth Cady Stanton: Mary Knudson Reader: Jacklin Lindfors Susan B Anthony: Ann Timmer Carrie Chapman Catt: Lee Ormsbee Alice Paul: Marge Mead Gloria Steinem: Kathleen Abernathy The Committee: Carolyn Modeen, Betty Roberts, Opal Saxton, Ann Timmer, Vivian Wood, Carolyn Modeen Sign

Makers: Betsy Gilchrist, Lee Ormsbee, Connie Hupperts Refreshments: Marilyn Schulze, Helen Perkins, Ann Freidenreich Ticket Masters: Leona Gilman, Ruth Herman Publicity: Joan Carlson and Ann Timmer Greeters: Opal Saxton and Ann Winsor Diane Valdez might be a good consultant for wardrobe. Roberts will put something in NOW Newsletter.

**State Conference:** Date; Saturday, 17 April, UU Church, Surprise. First workshop 10:00-10:45: Beth Meyer, Center for Progressive Leadership. Second workshop: 11:00-11:45: Shirley McAllister on campaigning for political office. Lunch: 12:00-1:00 (walk to 5 and Diner in the new mall near the UU church). Keynote speaker: 1:00-1:45: female legislator, preferable from Tucson. (Amanda Aguirre) Third workshop: 2:00-2:45 Eric Ehst on ballot measure process. Fourth workshop: 3:00-3:45 (ACLU, PP, NARL panel) Assault on reproductive rights. Registration fee should be sliding: \$15 for students, \$25 for others.

**Next fall** we will hold 2 NOW meetings on Saturday mornings, in an effort to attract younger, working people.

**We need** a new web page: Perhaps a friend of Mary Knudson, who has not yet joined.

**Nominating Committee** should recommend a replacement for co-chair Becky Smith, who has suffered a stroke. **Betty Roberts, Recorder**

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NOW Member Mtg Oct 7, 2009

Minutes not received.

## **NOW SC/WV Board**

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