

# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

## NOW

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

### Membership Mtg

NOW meets at 1:00 PM on Wed Jan 6, 2010, at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Our speaker in January will be Victoria Lopez, the ACLU's Immigrant Rights Advocate for ICE detainees. Ms Lopez is the former Executive Director of the Florence Project. The impact of immigration on women & children will be the focus of her presentation.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### Jan 6 Wed @ 11:30 AM

NOW Book review  
@ UU Church prior to Mem mtg  
Bring your own lunch

#### Jan 27 Wed 10:30 AM

Herberger Theater, Phx (\$6)  
Day in Life of Sadie Alexander  
Car pool from Trader Joe's, SC

#### Jan 28 Thursday 11:30 – 1:30

End of Life Choices  
Rally at State Capital  
For info & free bus see Irene Weitzman

#### Feb 5 Fri

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

#### Feb 25 Thurs 10:30 to 1:00

Luncheon to honor Lilly Ledbetter  
Sponsored by AAUW Scottsdale &  
Scottsdale Community College  
Location & price yet TBA

#### Mar 20 Sat 3:00 PM

NOW Women's History Month  
UU Church, Surprise

#### April 17 Sat 9 AM to 4 PM

NOW State Conference  
UU Church, Surprise

### Roe v Wade Luncheon

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, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

### Herberger Theater Outing

We are planning an outing for Wed Jan 27th to the Lunchtime series at the Herberger Theater. We will see a one-act one woman play about a day in the life of Sadie Alexander who was the first black woman to earn a PhD and the first black woman to be admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar. Doors open at 11:40 AM and curtain goes up at 12:15 PM. Ticket Price is \$6.00. We are planning to car pool from the old Trader Joe parking lot, 99th & Thunderbird, in Sun City. We can either brown bag it for lunch or go out after the performance. **Leona Gilman 584-0144.**

### Fair Pay Matters

Save the date of Thursday, Feb 25, 10:30 to 1:00 for a luncheon to honor Lilly Ledbetter. She will tell her compelling story of pay discrimination. Remember how she worked for a large firm at a management level & earned a nice salary, tho unknown to her, much less than her comparable male counterparts. When she finally discovered the pay discrepancy (after many yrs), she filed suit for pay discrimination based on her gender. The case reached the US Supreme Ct who denied her claim because she did not bring the suit within the first 12 months of the noted harm – even tho she did **not know** about the harm until yrs later. In May 2009, NOW, AAUW, & other organizations sent letters to each member of Congress to support the Paycheck Fairness Act.

President Obama signed the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act earlier this yr. The purpose of the luncheon is to raise awareness of these issues, particularly in AZ. For info, contact Jean Johnson (AAUW) [jiteach403@cox.net](mailto:jiteach403@cox.net), 602-826-3551 or Jane at [jadrian@cox.net](mailto:jadrian@cox.net) or 480-710-0353.

**National NOW Action Center** applauded, in early Dec, what seemed a victory when the Senate voted to table the horrible Stupak-Pitts (anti-abortion) amendment that was attached to the House version of the Health Care Reform Bill. NOW encouraged our members to speak up against the pro-life efforts of certain members of the House & Senate by writing letters to the NY Times. We needed to counter the false claims of the pro-lifers & support the pro-choice legislators. See below & Thanks to Betty!

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#### **Appreciation to Senator Mikulski**

Dear Senator Mikulski:

Thank you for your role in defeating the Nelson-Stupak amendment to the Senate Health Insurance reform bill.

Our Sun Cities NOW is continually aware of legislation that both helps and hinders women and their families. We are particularly proud of women who are elected to the highest offices in our U.S. Government and then use their office for the higher good for women. We hope you will be successful as you work for health care that includes all our citizens, that has cost containment, and that is of high quality, without sacrificing women and their health needs.

**Sincerely, Betty Roberts**

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#### **Compassion & Choices**

Join Compassion & Choices AZ on Thursday, January 28, 2010: rally at the state capital for end of life choices 11:30-1:30.

We will let the legislators know that the residents of the state of Arizona want an Oregon-type aid-in-dying bill for the terminally ill. This bill will be introduced to the senate by Senator Linda Lopez (D-Tucson). A free bus will stop at Sun City West then proceed to the Unitarian Church then to Sun City as the last stop before proceeding to the State House in Phoenix. Return is 1:30.

Come, demonstrate your support for Senator Lopez and her compassionate bill. If walking is difficult; you can participate just by sitting and holding a death with dignity balloon. Sign up for a free seat now by contacting Irene Weitzman at: [ireneweitz@aol.com](mailto:ireneweitz@aol.com) or call, 623-214-6552. Seats are limited!

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#### **Book Club**

At 11:30 AM at the UU Church (prior to the Jan 6 membership mtg), we will discuss Ellen Johnson

Sirleaf's: *This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President.* Everyone welcome; bring your lunch.

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#### **Women's History Month Program**

The theme: Men their rights & nothing more; Women their rights & nothing less. It is a production in 5 episodes, using the actual words of women & the songs & actual newspaper accounts of the long struggle for women to gain the right to vote. It all occurs Mar 20, 3:00 PM at the UU Church.

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

Where: **Joan Carlson's** house. Presiding: **Marge Mead.**

Next Board mtg: **Carolyn Modeen's**, RO #321.

**Present:** Timmer, Perkins, Ormsbee, Gilman, Modeen, Lindfors, Hupperts, Knudson, Wood, Carlson, Mead, Roberts.

**Treasurer Report (Timmer):**SAMM (Same as Membership Meeting) We will no longer pass the hat since we are receiving money from National NOW. Last month we collected \$22.

**Carolyn Modeen** was thanked for her Golden Apple ceremony.

**Publicity (Carlson):** In spite of efforts, Daily News Sun did not appear at our Golden Apple ceremony.

**Legislative Report (Hupperts):** Public Option is on again, off again. **Modeen** and **Roberts** will compose a letter thanking Senator Mikulski for her work in helping to defeat the amendment that would restrict abortion funding in the health care bill.

**Networking (Perkins, Ormsbee):**Letters have been sent to LWV and AAUWs requesting they co-sponsor WHM. LWV has accepted the offer.

**Program (Schulze, Knudson):** Jan: Immigration and Human Rights (Victoria Lopez-ACLU); Feb. Stories of AZ Families (Syleste Rodriguez-Ch. 12 Anchor); Mar: Reproductive Rights (Addy Bareiss, ACLU); Apr: Homeless in AZ (Jackie Taylor, AZCEH); May: TBA.

**Action: Lindfors** suggested we have an underground action. We will send a sign-up sheet around for each week, people will sign up to send a letter to the editor on an issue we are interested in. Membership agreed.

Daily News Sun: [mmelissa@yourwestvalley.com](mailto:mmelissa@yourwestvalley.com)

AZ Republic: [opinions@arizonarepublic.com](mailto:opinions@arizonarepublic.com)

Be sure to include your name, address and phone no. & send to both papers at once.

**Social Committee (Gilman)** 1)Give your \$75 check to **Gilman** for the 5 Feb 2010 Planned Parenthood Luncheon/Fund Raiser. 2)We will go to Lunchtime at

the Herberger on Wed 27 Jan. Play is on Sadie Alexander, the first black woman to be accepted to the Pennsylvania Bar. We will meet at 10:30 at the old Trader Joe's (Thunderbird Rd and 99<sup>th</sup> Ave) to carpool. Charge is \$6 at the door. A signup sheet will be sent around at the January meeting.

**WHM (Roberts):** An all cast practice is 18 January, 2 pm at the UU church. Date of the production is 20 March, 3pm. Each Board member and cast member will bring 40 tea sandwiches (one or 2 pieces of bread cut in 4 pieces) We will buy little cookies from Costco and serve lemonade with cranberry juice. Refreshment Committee is: **Schulze, Perkins and Friedenreich.**

**NOW State Conference (Lindfors):** SC/WV is the sponsoring Chapter. Committee has yet to meet.  
**Betty Roberts, Recorder**

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### **NOW Membership Meeting Dec 2, 2009**

Meeting held at the UU church, **Marge Mead** presided. Thirty people present.

**Carolyn Modeen** presented the **Golden Apple** award to **Shirley McAllister**, "For meritorious service on behalf of women of the world." **Lee Ormsbee** presented the plaque.

**Connie Hupperts** introduced our speaker, AZ legislator, **Kyrsten Sinema**, Assistant Leader of the Democratic Caucus. Sinema spoke on the problems with the AZ budget (it all goes to educate, medicate and incarcerate) and her book, *Unite and Conquer, How To Build Coalitions that Win and Last*, published by Barrett-Koehler, San Francisco. The forward was written by former Governor, Janet Napolitano. Sinema is exploring a run for the AZ state senate and then would like to run for 2012 new US congressional seat.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

**December Board Meeting:** **Joan Carlson's** house at 16216 N 160<sup>th</sup> Ave, Surprise.

**NOW Book Club:** Meets at 11:30 am before the Membership Meeting, January 6, UU Church. Bring your lunch. We will discuss, Sirleaf: "This Child Will Be Great."

**Eve's Place is holding a toy drive.** Bring toys to Kokopelli winery, December 10, 2-4 pm.

**Compassion and Choices** is taking a free bus to the Legislature in Phoenix on 28 January.

**Roe v Wade Luncheon** is February 5, Biltmore Hotel. Cost is \$75/person. See Leona Gilman.

**Nominating Committee (Timmer, Wood, Ormsbee, Herman)** present **Jackie Lindfors** to be co-coordinator from January to May, to fill out **Becky Smith's** term; Becky suffered a stroke.

**Treasurer:** Bank balance= \$861.11. Pass the hat contributed \$24.20. Emma Patterson Fund=\$26. Newsletter expenses were \$18.16.

**Women's History Month:** There will be a rehearsal in the UU church at 2pm, Monday, January 18. Everyone should be there, cast and chorus. Signs will be done by then.

**New Life Shelter:** **Marge Mead** thanked all who donated.

The microphone was turned over to **Shirley McAllister** who told us of the many attractive Democratic candidates who will be running next term  
**Betty Roberts, Secretary**

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

**Co-Coordinators:**

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**Action Chair:** Betty Roberts

**Cultural Diversity:** Phyllis Stone

**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