

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

National Organization for Women
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Membership Mtg

NOW meets at **1:00 PM** on **Wed April 7, 2010**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Our program in April is on Homeless in AZ. Jackie Taylor of AZCEH will be the speaker. Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 17 Sat 9 AM to 4 PM

NOW State Conference

Beginning Anew

UU Church, Surprise

Register: \$25 to AZ NOW (HPerkins)

July 2 – 4, 2010 (Fri – Sun)

NOW National Conference

Loving our Bodies, Changing the World

Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers

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Women's History Month Program

WHM was held on Mar 20 at the UU Church, sponsored by NOW, LWV, & AAUW. The theme was: *Men, their rights & nothing more; Women, their rights & nothing less.* 127 tickets were sold. The event received rave reviews. All the women & men that worked tirelessly toward the success of this great event are to be thanked & congratulated. The proceeds fund a scholarship for a graduating female Dysart High student; as well, a contribution is made to the DV shelter, Eve's Place.

These are some of the comments made afterwards:

1) What can I say? The cast was great, the chorus was great, there were enough tea sandwiches to go around, many tickets were sold, and everyone's relatives/house guests helped in the kitchen! Good job, everyone. 2) I think we all feel good and it all started with a great play, great research, great organization, great direction, great publicity and a bunch of very talented women who work hard to

bring about a better world.....OH yes, and a very talented gentleman. Mary 3) Watching the presentation yesterday made me more aware of the talents and dedication of each of you. It was so impressive and so enjoyable to be a part of this production. The reporter from the Daily News Sun said, "I love this group of women"-and I would second that. Helen and Lynn and Andy made such a difference in the kitchen. Thank you for a good day. Marilyn 4) I am proud and happy to have been an honorary Suffragette! Anytime.....Ken Saunders 5) I think we all loved it and thank you for what you did. Lee 6) I agree with what you (all) say. You did a great job. BonnieSaunders

National NOW Conference July 2-4, 2010

The event will be held in Boston, Mass & will include a summit on health & body image, leading to the theme: *Loving Our Bodies, Changing the World.* There will be speakers, workshops, political strategizing & social networking. NOW wants all of us that can to attend. You can register on line & submit a workshop proposal at now.org.

AZ State NOW Conference

Scheduled for **Sat April 17** at the UU Church in Surprise, there will be speakers & workshops on important issues. Some speakers include Linda Valdez (columnist for the AZ Republic). Michelle Steinberg (Planned Parenthood of AZ), Meg Burton Cahill (AZ State Senator), Olga Vives (former Natl NOW Vice Pres), students from Estrella Mt Community College. Please plan to attend. To register, send check (includes lunch) by Apr 9 (AZ NOW) for \$25 (less if cannot afford – minimum \$10) to Helen Perkins, 18320 N Los Rocas Way, Surprise 85351

Book Club

At 11:30 AM at the UU Church (prior to the April 7 membership mtg), we will discuss *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof. Everyone welcome; bring your lunch.

NOW Board Mtg Mar 10, 2010

The meeting was held at Connie Hupperts' home. Jackie Lindfors presided. Present: Modeen, Ormsbee, Timmer, Knudson, Herman, Schulze, Hupperts, Mead, Fowler and Roberts.

Minutes: approved

Treasurer: SAMM (Same as Membership Minutes)

Legislation: AZ Legislature will cut full day Kindergarten, Kids care, adults on ACCESS will lose health care, etc. Women and children will suffer the most. Oppose bills: SB 1070, HB 2632, SCR 1009.

Modeen led us in a moment of silence for Granny D, who died at 100. At 89 she walked coast to coast for clean elections.

AZ State NOW Conference: We can invite people from the community. The theme is "*Beginning Anew*" and we are all asked to participate in voices-from-the-past (after the welcome). Lunch will be at Archie's. In the afternoon we will hear from the students from EMCC. Ulga will lead an action. Date is 17 April at UU Church in Surprise.

Program: Next month—"Homeless in AZ" (Jackie Taylor, AZCEH). In May, Diane Post and Dr. Goodrich, "The Choice is Yours."

Betty Roberts, Secretary

NOW Membership Mtg Mar 3, 2010

Twenty one people attended the meeting at the UU church. Lindfors presided.

The March Board Meeting will be held at Connie Hupperts', 10209-A N. 97th Ave, Peoria.

Mary Knudson introduced the **speaker, Addy**

Bareiss, ACLU. Her topic was reproductive rights.

Treasurer's report: Checkbook balance is \$1018.83.

Emma Patterson paper account is \$0.00

Minutes were approved as written in the March newsletter.

Legislative: Tomorrow is the "March for Schools" at the Capitol. SB 1085 orders protection includes pets.

Networking: All done for Women's History Month.

Program next month will be on Homeless in AZ.

Jackie Taylor of AZCEH will be the speaker.

NOW Book Group is reading "Half the Sky" for April. There will be a onetime screening of this title at AMC Arrowhead tomorrow at 7:30. It is sponsored by the UN in honor of Women's History Month.

Action: Modeen's "Letter to the Editor" in the Daily News Sun, 3 Feb, on health care, was read.

Scholarship: Carolyn Modeen and Jackie Lindfors will go with Lillian Hentel to the scholarship meeting at Dysart High School.

Women's History Month: The presentation is going well. Everyone has been asked to bring 40 tea sandwiches (4 sandwiches per slice of bread).

Sandwiches can be open faced, or covered. Modeen and Fowler volunteered to help Schulze, Perkins and Hupperts in the kitchen. Kitchen helpers are asked to come an hour early, 2pm.

Betty Roberts, Secretary

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