

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

National Organization for Women

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Membership Mtg

NOW meets at **1:00 PM** on **Wed May 5, 2010**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. The guest speaker will be a visiting physician who will address the health care needs of women. Everyone welcome.

June 2 mtg will be at Marilyn Schulze's house, 15318 W Skyline Wy, Sun City Grand at **3:00 PM**. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share & your own refreshment. We will discuss Women's History Event Mar 2011.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 2 – 4, 2010 (Fri – Sun)

NOW National Conference

Loving our Bodies, Changing the World

Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers

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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](http://www.now.org).

AZ State NOW Conference Apr 17

If you thought that this might be just another conference--it wasn't. The Conference Committee planned it to be otherwise and it was. The committee members were Jackie Lindfors, Chair, Connie Hupperts, Mary Knudson, Marge Mead, Helen Perkins, and Marilyn Schulze.

Mary and Tom Smiley arrived early at the UU Church so that a cup of coffee would await those coming from, Tucson, Prescott, and Phoenix Scottsdale NOW. Refreshments of fruit, yoghurt, juices, and sweets were enjoyed by all.

With a change of identity on our backs, we became another person known for support of Women's Rights and enjoyed meeting other attendees.

Eric Ehst, AZ/NOW Spokesperson and Policy Coordinator, extended a welcome and Jackie Lindfors, Co Chapter Coordinator, asked that we stand in silent support of members who were participating in the Gay Rights Parade on Saturday. Lola Boan, Pat Fowler, Connie Hupperts, Mary Knudson, Marge Mead, and Lee Ormsbee were the Voices of the Past, speaking of discrimination they had experienced.

Linda Valdez, Editorial Writer and Columnist with *The Arizona Republic*, followed with the "Woman's Voice Today."

Workshops were conducted by Michelle Steinberg, Director of Policy at Planned Parenthood Arizona, and Senator Meg Burton Cahill

Following a delicious lunch, there were presentations by female college students, who spoke of issues in their young lives.

And the final Wrap-Up by Olga Vives, former Vice President of National NOW, summarized the Women's Movement, Past and Present.

Our thanks to Nils Lindfors, Frank Schulze, Tom Smiley, Frank Schulze, and George Timmer for their support.

The AZ/NOW State Board Meeting followed.

[Ann Timmer](#)

Book Club

Enlightened Feminism by Susan Douglas has been selected as the next book. We will review it in the Fall, [prior to the Nov mtg.](#)

NOW Board Mtg Apr 23, 2010

Next Board Meeting: Timmer's on 12 May.

Location: Helen Perkin's house

Presiding: Jackie Lindfors

Present: Knudson, Modeen, Lindfors, Perkins, Ormsbee, Schulze, Herman, Mead, Timmer, Roberts.

State Conference: Lindfors handed out evaluations and thanked everyone for their help. SC/WV Chapter agreed to cover Eric Ehst's registration. There were 44 paid guests. Everyone agreed it was a phenomenal success. We will form an Honorary Men's Auxiliary

and Schulze will make the certificates. Charter members: Nils Lindfors, George Timmer, Tom Smiley, Frank Schulze and Ken Saunders. There will be a social event for the Conference Committee, et al on 29 April for lunch.

National Convention: Boston 4th of July weekend. We can have 2 or 3 accredited delegates. Lindfors plans to go.

Women's History Month: Very successful. Many did excellent work selling tickets. June meeting is devoted to discussing what to do in 2011.

AZ women elected to office: We agreed not to sponsor an event honoring these women but to leave that to the State NOW Board.

Next Meeting: June 2 meeting will be at Schulze's house, 3pm, bring an hors d'oeuvre, BYOB.

Board: Schulze and Mead will be leaving.

Scholarship: awarded \$1,000 to Dysart HS student, Alejandro Delgado. We agreed to award Erica Diaz (who was at the ST Conference) \$500, and \$500 to Eve's Place.

Brochures and Cups: We will order more. If NOW doesn't have more cups, we can have some made from Zazzle or CafePress.

Betty Roberts, Secretary

NOW Membership Mtg Apr 7, 2010

The program was on Solving Homelessness, by Mattie Lord, Homeless Coord. Office, and Karia Basta, AZ Dept of Housing.

Marge Mead presided, 22 people present.

Board will meet at Helen Perkin's house next week, as a date to be determined by e-mail contacts.

Recorder's Report (Roberts): Approved as written in the Newsletter

Treasurer's report (Timmer) Beginning Bank Balance - \$1018.83. Income from Women's History event - \$2256.50 . Newsletter expense - 13.20 .Total- \$3262.13 Note: Expenses for WH event: \$200 for church, \$52.98 (Betty) and \$138.00 (Marilyn) leaving overall profit of \$2065.00.

Women's History Month (Roberts): The event was a success with 150 people attending. Everything was a success: the cast was excellent, we sold lots of tickets, we had lots of tea sandwiches.

AZ State NOW Conference (Lindfors): Conference will be at 9am, 17 April at the UU Church. We have a good program and you can invite friends. Linda Valdez, editorial writer and columnist at the AZ Republic is the keynote speaker. Other speakers: Michelle Steinbert, Planned Parenthood AZ; Senator Meg Burton Cahill; Olga Vives, former VP National NOW.

Nominating Committee (Timmer, Knudson, Wood,

Fowler) Chapter Coordinator: Jacklin Lindfors; Co-Chapter Coordinator: Jodie Lawrosky; Records: Pat Fowler & Betsy Gilchrist; Finance - ?; Newsletter: Teresa Smith; Program: Mary Knudson & Connie Hupperts; Legislative: Connie Hupperts; Publicity:– Betty Roberts & Joan Carlson (Posters); Membership Ruth Herman and Carolyn Modeen; Action : Betty Roberts; Historian: Vivian Wood; Networking: – Lee Ormsbee & Helen Perkins; Diversity - ?; Social Activities: Leona Gilman.

NOW Book Group: book for next November--: Susan Douglas: *Enlightened Feminism*.

Betty Roberts, Secretary

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