

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

National Organization for Women
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NOW's Purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. This purpose includes, but is not limited to, equal rights and responsibilities in all aspects of citizenship, public service, employment, education and family life, and it includes freedom from discrimination because of age, marital status, sexual preference, parenthood, race, religion or ethnicity.

Membership Mtg

NOW meets at **1:00 PM** on **Wed Dec 1, 2010**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. **Laura Henley**, President of Eve's Place, local facility for abused women, will present the program. Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 12, 2011 Sat 2:00 PM

Women's Herstory Month

Women to the Rescue

UU Church

17540 N Avenue of the Arts, Surprise

We have a website!

Starting with this issue, you will henceforth find our monthly newltr on line (click on Resources).

Jodie Lawrosky has developed a wonderful website for our NOW Chapter. The site was approved at the Nov Board mtg.

It is now operational for all to use – check it out:

URL is: <http://aznow-scvv.org>

Available information includes:

General Information on NOW

Chapter Schedule of Meetings (with speaker listings) and Board Meetings

Resources (Helpful links, as well as **Newsletters** going back one year)

Our Bylaws and Operating Rules

A way to Contact us via email

Link to the Natl Website, to join our NOW Chapter.

Hearing on Treaty to end Discrimination Against Women Worldwide

NOW applauds Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) for chairing a first-ever Judiciary Committee hearing Nov 18, 2010 on ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Eight years have lagged since the last hearing for the human rights treaty signed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979.

Women around the world have waited more than 30 years for the U.S. to ratify this treaty. In an age when women can be blamed and then stoned to death for being raped, forced to wear burkas, denied rights to education and free movement, and treated as property (and sometimes as animals), it is unconscionable for a vocal reactionary minority in our Congress to keep our country sitting on the sidelines. Women are 70 percent of the 1.3 billion people living in poverty worldwide, primarily due to their subjugation.

To date, 185 countries have ratified CEDAW, and even though the United States helped draft the treaty, it is the only industrialized country that has yet to ratify. The other six countries that have refused are Iran, Sudan, Somalia, Nauru, Palau and Tonga.

Natl NOW Press Release

NOW Chapter Bylaws

Jodie Lawrosky, Ann Timmer, and Vivian Wood have recently reviewed our Chapter's Bylaws and Operating Rules. In November, the proposed changes will be presented to the entire membership for review and eventual approval. Members can offer their suggestions.

Woman's Herstory Month

Mark your calendar for Sat March 12, 2011 at 2:00 PM. Ginny-Lee Richardson, Mary Knudson, Connie Clarkson, Carolyn Modeen and Joan Carlson have

three exciting women to present. The theme is *Women to the Rescue* and will reveal amazing accomplishments of three women doctors from the 1850's to the present. **Carolyn Modeen**

Book Club

Enlightened Sexism by Susan J Douglas will be reviewed prior to the Dec mtg @ 11:30. Bring your lunch.

A NOW Theatre Excursion

A party of six NOW members graced the second row of Stage West in the newly renovated Herberger Theater complex in downtown Phoenix on Sunday, 11/7/10. Actorstheatre's production of *In the Next Room* (or the *Vibrator Play*), yes! that kind of vibrator, written by Sarah Ruhl, entertained and educated the audience. We were treated to a great cast, a great subject, and an enjoyable historically accurate play. The director and cast returned to the stage, after the final curtain to answer questions from the audience. The excursion ended at My Big Fat Greek Restaurant in the Arizona Center where we shared flaming saganaki and a variety of tasty Greek food. **JLindfors**

NOW Board Meeting Nov 10, 2010

Meeting at Lee Ormsbee's. Jackie Lindfors presided. **Present:** Modeen, Wood, Timmer, Roberts, Hupperts, Knudson, Lawrosky, Herman, Lindfors, Ormsbee, Perkins.

Membership: Ruth Herman displays NOW info for members and visitors to see (this will be added to the revised ByLaws).

Program: Jacklin Lindfors will present a program on Viet Nam soon, where she and her husband recently visited.

April meeting will be on the "New Feminism"; Ann suggested that we read the Purpose of NOW.

Treasurer's Report by Ann--Balance \$1407.73.

Net Working. LeeOrmsbee was contacted by Pat Matthews, member of the Social Justice Com at the UU Church. They wish to facilitate a visual connection between Eve's Place and the Superior Court via SKYPE and are requesting a donation of \$300 from NOW. Mary Knudson volunteered to provide this sum.

Legislation: Connie Hupperts will alert members to issues that need action.

Web site: Jodie has established a Web Site for our Chapter and will activate it today following Board approval. Jodie asked for and received permission to order a stamp with the web site information. The site will have links to the 6 major issues of NOW, Resources: like Eve's Place and New Life Center, etc. Kudos to Jodie!

The **By Laws** were reviewed and revamped by Jodie, Ann and Vivian. Thanks to them. The Purpose of NOW will be placed under the Masthead. These will be presented to the chapter for a vote in January.

Secretary: Carolyn offered to co-chair the Secretary position with Lee.

Next Board Meetings.

January--Connie

February--Jodie

March—Mary

Helen Perkins, recorder

NOW Membership Mtg Nov 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Jacklin Lindfors. 14 members present and 4 visitors.

Badges: Members are urged to wear their NOW badges. Contact Ruth Herman if you need one.

Program: Mary Knudson introduced Nancy Kilgore and Mary Canady from "Creative Energetic Solutions". They counsel women with "issues" and help them to feel empowered. Teresa Smith volunteered to be a subject as an example for the group.

Also, Mary Knudson reported that the President of Eve's Place will speak at the Dec general meeting.

Secretary: Lee Ormsbee will assist part time.

Women's History: Carolyn Modeen gave a report. A large, elaborate poster entitled "Women to the Rescue" and made by Joan Carlson was displayed.

By Laws: Jodie Lawrosky announced that she, Ann Timmer and Vivian Wood had revised the ByLaws and will present their work to the Board and then the members for approval.

Web site: Jodie created a web-site for our chapter. Members expressed interest and appreciation for her efforts.

Announcements: 1) Kirstin Sinema will speak at the AAUW mtg this month 2) Compassionate choices will meet on Nov. 8. **Helen Perkins recorder**

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