

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 Meeting

NOW meets at **1:00 PM** on **Wed Jan 5, 2011**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Lillian Hentel will present the program on diversity. She will show a movie about the children that were sent to England to escape the Holocaust. Lillian's brother-in-law and his sister were sent by their parents that they might have life. Their parents were sent to one of the crematoriums. Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 12, 2011 Wednesday

Compassionate Choices Rally
AZ State Capitol
Support for Rep Lopez' Palliative Care Bill
Contact Irene Weitzman
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March 12, 2011 Sat 2:00 PM

Women's Herstory Month
Women to the Rescue
UU Church
17540 N Avenue of the Arts, Surprise

April 2 & 3, 2011 Sat & Sun

AZ State NOW Conference
Sojourner & Resource Center
2330 Fillmore, Phoenix

April 15 Friday

Counter-protest to Tea Party Rally
AZ State Capitol

We have a website!

You will henceforth find our monthly newsletter on line, thanks to **Jodie Lawrosky** who developed our wonderful Chapter website. Go to <http://aznow-scvv.org> and click Icon of the newspaper with a computer mouse attached. You'll see a complete listing of newsletters there.

Save the Date of April 15

Our NOW Chapter will hold an action event to counteract a Tea Party rally on that date. Our theme will be all the good things that taxes do for us, such as firefighters, police officers, teachers, etc. We would like many of our members to attend; we plan to ask Phoenix/Scottsdale Chapter to join us. By having the action at the Tea Party site, we will be assured publicity and a chance to shed light on the truth. Action Committee: Betty Roberts, Jackie Lindfors, Carolyn Modeen, and Marilyn Schulze.

AZ State NOW Conference

The conference is scheduled for April 2 & 3. On Saturday, the highlights will be a guest speaker, 4 workshops, nomination and election of AZ State NOW Board. Sunday from 10 am to 1 pm is set aside for an Action. Volunteers are needed to help.

Hypocrisy

Congressman elect Bill Johnson of Ohio campaigned on repealing the new Health Care Law. He plans to forgo Congressional Health Care to demonstrate his "sincerity." BUT he can afford to decline Congress' Health plan since he enjoys Health Insurance as a retired Air Force Officer. He will merely replace one government sponsored health plan for another

government sponsored health plan. In fact the military plan is considered to be a “public option” or “single payer” plan. Oh my, I wonder if the voters in Ohio knew the whole truth. **Connie Hupperts**

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

The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar will be reviewed prior to the April mtg @ 11:30.

NOW Board Meeting Dec 8, 2010

Attendees: Ann Timmer, Betty Roberts, Carolyn Modeen, Jackie Lindfors, Vivian Wood, Connie Hupperts, Ruth Herman, Jodie Lawrosky, Lee Ormsbee, Guest Pat Mathews

Ann Timmer: The most recent **Women's Watch** column in the Daily News- Sun” Does Religion Oppress Women?” was excellent.

Guest Pat Mathews, there on behalf of Eve's Place and the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church, said the committee is seeking a contribution to help purchase SKYPE for \$1000 so the clients could get their Order of Protection without having to go to court. Discussion and some suggestions ensued. No further action at this time.

Networking: Lee Ormsbee will network with the League of Women Voters, and Betty Roberts with AAUW.

Action Committee chair Betty Roberts reported on our planned action at the Tea Party Rally in Phoenix on Friday, April 15. We will need a good showing, signs will be made, more details to follow.

Historian: Discussion of changing title to Herstorian, which chair Vivian Wood thought would be a good move.

Legislative chair Connie Hupperts reported that the stimulus check for Social Security recipients will be repeated.

Jodie will ask the members to review and advise on the recent changes to the **by-laws**, and then vote on the matter at our January meeting.

Women's History Month:The food to be served was discussed. Jodie will check at Costco.

National NOW reports we have **69 members**. **Connie Hupperts** will host the Jan Board meeting; Jodie Lawrosky hosts in February. Social time is 12:45 and the meeting begins at 1:00

AZ State NOW Conference is being held on April 2-3, 2011 at the Sojourner Education and Resource Center, 2330 Fillmore in Phoenix. The organizers are asking for help. **Lee Ormsbee, Co-Secretary**

NOW Membership Mtg Dec 1, 2010

Guest speaker: Laura Henley, Eve's Place. Change is always the name of the game, beginning with a house with 5 beds to current 38 beds and a staff of 17, most of them working full time. In addition, apartments are dispersed throughout the west valley area and the one thrift store has now become two thrift stores. In our neighborhood, Eve's Treasures is located at 1) 107th Ave and Peoria and 2) the UU church, where we meet, has a collection box for them. In the 5 years they have been open they have served 2100 families, including older women and also men. Current plans are to teach women nontraditional work skills (Laura, also a carpenter, is a good role model as she repairs their shelter home), as well as computer skills, and conflict resolution.

Business Meeting:

Two guests: Anita Erwin and Jackie Wolfin.

Treasurer: Bank total: \$1319.51. Emma Patterson scholarship: 0

Newsletter: Teresa and Jodie are now using our website for our monthly newsletter. At the website, click on the Icon of the newspaper with a computer mouse attached. You'll see a complete listing of newsletters there. Put the website into your Favorites for quick access.

Action: A group has been formed (Jacklin, Betty, Marilyn, Carolyn, & Lee) to plan needed demonstrations etc: 1) April 15 the Tea Party is planning a big rally at the State Capitol. For us to get publicity, we would need to be there as a counter-protest. 2) Rally: January 12 at the Capitol. Compassionate Choices. Representative Lopez has a bill protecting our Right to Know about Palliative Care and other end of life choices.

Legislative: The Equal Pay bill in Congress needs more action to be comprehensive. The Ledbetter Law only eliminated the statute of limitations but equal pay is still not assured.

Women's History Month: Women to the Rescue, Saturday March 12, at 2:00 pm. See sign-up sheet for volunteer jobs. **Carolyn Modeen, Scribe**

Free Speech TV (Channel 348--DirecTV, Channel 9415--Dish, NOT on Cox
New (to me) TV station covers stories about under-represented communities (e.g., Thom Hartman).

NOW SC/WV Board

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