

SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY

NOW

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

<http://aznow-scvv.org>
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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 Feb 2, 2011**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Avenue of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. The Program is *Information and Action on Politics of Today*. We will learn about the latest contemporary political organization. Where do the ideas come from? Where does the money come from? What does it stand for? Who are the leaders? Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 21 Fri 4:00 PM

NOW Protest to End Corporate Rule
Corner 99th Ave & Bell, Sun City
Bring signs

Feb 25 Fri Noon

Planned Parenthood Roe V Wade Luncheon
Biltmore Resort
Reservations: see Carolyn Modeen

Feb 26 Sat AM

NOW's Tea Party Counter Action
Phoenix Convention Center
Carpool info to follow (Betty Roberts)

March 12, 2011 Sat 2:00 PM

Women's Herstory Month
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

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We Have a Web Site! You will hence find our monthly newsletter on line, thanks to **Jodie Lawrosky** for developing our Chapter website. Go to aznow-scvv.org, click on Resources or the News Icon with mouse attached. Put the website in your Favorites for quick access. <http://aznow-scvv.org>

Protest Supreme Court Ruling

January 21, across this land, protests are planned, as it is one year since the Supreme Court ruled that corporations can give unlimited amounts of money, and without disclosure, to each election. \$4B was spent in the 2010 election. Please gather on Friday, January 21, 4:00 to 5:00 PM, at Bell and 99th Ave. Signs to hold: *Democracy for Sale, End Corporate Rule, Move to Amend: Money is not speech, a Corporation is Not a Person*. You can make your signs at home, or come to Carolyn Modeen's home on Wed Jan 19 at 4:00 PM to make signs. Poster board & marking pens will be on hand.

Planned Parenthood Luncheon

February 25 is the date of the Planned Parenthood fund raising luncheon. NOW has always supported this activity. In fact, both Carolyn Modeen and Marge Mead have been recognized as Planned Parenthood Volunteer of the Year. We will have a table and carpool to the event.

Counter-Action Against Tea Party

Our chapter is planning a counter-action when the Tea Party comes to town! On 25-27 February the Tea Party Patriots is planning an American Policy Summit to be held at the Phoenix Convention Center, and NOW SC/WV will be there! We will have our action in the morning on Sat **Feb 26** and we would like everyone to participate, help make signs, etc. After the action we will have lunch in a nearby

restaurant. If you want to read more about the Tea Party event, go to <http://summit11.org>. Their goal is to "gain the support of 60% of American citizens for the three core values of Fiscal Responsibility, Constitutionally Limited Government and Free Markets." We want to present another point of view. Stay tuned for carpooling information. **BRoberts**

AZ State NOW Conference

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

Arizona Politician Honored

Kyrsten Sinema has been named "Most valuable state legislator" in *The Nation*, a liberal news weekly. Several years ago Kyrsten was a recipient of our NOW Chapter's Golden Apple Award. **BRoberts**

Women to the Rescue

Come and celebrate NOW's Women's History Month production and listen to the stories of 3 brave women who changed their world: Dr. Mary Walker, Dr. Patricia Bath, and Dr. Michelle Bachelet, Saturday, **March 12, 2 pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise, AZ (next to the former art museum). Reservations: \$15. Make your check out to SC/WV NOW, send to B. Roberts, 100015 W Royal Oak Road #327, SC, 85351. Refreshments will be served. Information: 623-977-7014. Proceeds go to a scholarship for a graduating high school woman and to EVE's Place, a local women's shelter. **BRoberts**

NOW Book Club

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

NOW Board Meeting Jan 12, 2011

Attendees: Jacklin Lindfors, Jodie Lawrosky, Carolyn Modeen, Ruth Herman, Betty Roberts, Phyllis Stone, and Ann Timmer.

Treasurer's Report: Ann reported a 12/27/10 bank balance of \$1310.58.

Jacklin reported National NOW has requested that rebate checks be sent directly to the bank.

NOW By Laws: Jodie reported that the revised bylaws were posted on our web site.

Membership: Ruth spoke of guests present at the NOW meeting and a discussion followed about establishing a process for prospective members.

Action: Betty reported that the Action Committee is still trying to coordinate NOW'S Action about the good things that TAXES do for us with the Tea Party's presence at the Capitol on Feb 26.

Women's History Event: Carolyn updated the Board about the program and further preparations were discussed.

Golden Apple Award: It was recommended that the Award this year be given to Sister Margaret McBride, who gave her approval for a procedure to save a woman's life at St Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in 2009.

Announcement: 1) Planned Parenthood's Roe v Wade Luncheon will be on February 25 at the Biltmore Resort. State Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Emcee. For reservations contact Carolyn Modeen. 2) Remember the Fri Jan 21 nation-wide protest against corporate campaign funding; meet at 4:00 pm with your sign @ 99th Ave & Bell Rd, Sun City. Note: About 15 picketers showed up with signs; more than a few cars honked & waved their approval. **Ann Timmer (pro tem)**

NOW Membership Mtg Jan 5, 2011

Introduction of **guests:** Missie Lewis, Anita Erwin, Janis Gane, & Jackie Wolfin.

Program: Lillian Hentel introduced to us the film, *Into the Arms of Strangers*. This was a powerful documentary, in which Lillian's brother in law was a part, as Hitler's Nazi Germany was tightening the noose on Jewish families & countries of the world.

Treasurer: Bank Balance: \$1319.51. Received from National: \$48.13. Paid out: \$6.16 for newsletter Godady website (Jody Lawrosky) \$50.90 for three years.

Newsletter: Teresa Smith reminds everyone to put our new web address into your Favorites/Bookmarks for easy access to the newsletter.

Action: The next meeting is prior to our board meeting on Jan 12. Bring your sack lunch, meet at 11:30AM at Betty Roberts'. New addition to our brainstorming group: Anita Erwin.

Legislation: Don't Ask Don't Tell was repealed in the Lame Duck session!!

By Laws: Good changes; passed unanimously.

Women's History Month: Good participation on last month's sign-up sheet. Rehearsal of play begins today.

New Business: 1) Lillian Hentel raised the question: should we have a policy that the scholarship must go only to the students that are citizens of the USA....the board needs to discuss this. 2) Lola Boan discussed the Tucson classes on Hispanic studies, as they are included in US history, and wonders if we should take action in support of them. 3) Compassionate Choices Rally: Irene Weitzman says the Jan 12 rally is cancelled, as Representative Lopez is hoping to quietly get the bill passed.

1) Free Speech TV: 348 DirTV, 9415 Dish
2) Link TV: 375 on DirTV & 9410 on Dish
Both truly fair & balanced TV stations that cover stories about under-represented and global communities (eg Thom Hartmann, Al Jazeera, Democracy Now, Deutsche Welle). Worth while viewing. Also check out Jon Stewart & Stephen Colbert Mon thru Thurs eves on Comedy Central for a humorous look at politics.

NOW SC/WV Board

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