

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 on **Wed Mar 2, 2011**, at **noon** at **Rio Vista Park** on Thunderbird, just west of Hwy 101. It will be a picnic, and all attendees should bring a salad to share, their own plate, eating utensils and beverage. Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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 from old TJ's SC @ 9:00

Mar 7 Mon 1:45 PM

Compassion & Choices Mtg
SCW Foundation Cntr
Irene Weitzman ireneweitz@aol.com

Mar 9 Wed 12:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg
Mary Knudson's

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

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 <http://aznow-scvw.org>, click on Resources or the news Icon with mouse attached.

Put the website in your Favorites for quick access.

Women to the Rescue

Betty Roberts is taking reservations for our presentation March 12 honoring the three Drs, Mary Walker, Patricia Bath, and Michelle Bachelet. Eve's Place and Dysart scholarships are awaiting 2011 funding!

Come one, come all! Refreshments following the presentations! Reservations: \$15. Make check to SC/WV NOW, send to B. Roberts, 10015 W Royal Oak Road #327, SC, 85351.

Compassion & Choices

The Northwest Valley chapter of Compassion & Choices AZ will be meeting Mon, Mar 7, 2011 at the Foundation Center in Sun City West. We will be showing a DVD (56 min long) called "Last Rights: Facing End of Life Choices", the story of 4 terminally ill individuals and the choices they make. Discussion will follow. Contact person, Irene Weitzman 623-214-6552 or ireneweitz@aol.com.

A significant victory Feb 16 in Montana where their Judiciary Committee voted down an attempt to revoke the right of terminally ill patients to seek physician help in dying. Now the Medical Community will develop standards.

NOW demonstration

Many of our NOW members joined the coalition to draw attention to the completed first year since the Supreme Court granted unrestricted and anonymous funding to corporations to get their candidates elected. Betty Roberts, Doris Hill, Marilyn Schulze, Ann Timmer, Jenny Lee Richardson, Connie Hupperts, Marge Mead made posters. At the Demonstration on Jan 21--16 in attendance, during rush hour—at 99th Ave & Bell.

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 are 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. Carpool from old TJ's at 9:00 AM. **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.

NOW Book Club

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

NOW Board Mtg Feb 9, 2011

Attendees: Mary Knudson, Carolyn Modeen, Connie Hupperts, Betty Roberts, Ann Timmer, Ruth Herman, Jackie Lindfors, Lee Ormsbee and guest Anita Erwin.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance: \$1,306.18. Rebate from National \$50.90.

Next Board Meeting: Will be on March 9 at Mary Knudson's.. Betty suggested that the date and place of the next Board meeting appear on the front page of the newsletter before any other meetings.

Legislative: Action was urged on the following; FY2011 the federal funding bill in which all federal

programs are being considered for cuts; SB1246 which would force a woman to undergo an ultrasound, even if it is not medically necessary, before she can access abortion care; SB1265 would block state funds to any health care provider who even refers anyone for abortion care. Congressional phone number: 1-866-997-6651.

Golden Apple: Vivian Wood and Ann Timmer will take care of this award which we plan to present 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.

Program: March 2: Picnic at noon and a program was discussed; March 12 – Women's History Month event; April 9 – First Saturday meeting; May 4 – last general meeting before summer.

NOW National Conference: This year it is being held in Tampa, FL, June 24-26. For those who registered before 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, a special registration fee of \$19.66 in honor of the founding year of NOW, was offered. It was agreed that the chapter would give \$100 each to two people who attend the conference.

Women's History Month Carolyn reported it's ready to go.

Action: Betty is checking on the cost for ads in the AZ Republic. On 2/26, the day we protest the Tea Party event in Phoenix, the police will be notified that we will be there. Carpool at 9 from the old Trader Joe's parking lot in SC. Scottsdale members will be there, too. Our members who will be going: Jackie, Carolyn, Betty, Ruth, Mary, Connie, Anita Erwin. Suggestions for signs were discussed and some were made during the meeting. Jackie will prepare a press release to be handed to members of the press who cover this event. She hopes we can get on U-Tube. (Connie passed out a notice, which she had put on the windshields of cars at a Tea Party meeting in her neighborhood. Thanks, Connie.)

State Board: Jackie reported on the meeting. There are only two chapters left in the state: West Valley and Scottsdale. When Jackie asked for volunteers to be on the State Board, Mary Knudson expressed interest. Jackie will give Mary a list of officers and their duties. Jackie said the State Conference will be held on Saturday, April 2. Details to follow.

Lee Ormsbee Co-Recording Secretary

NOW Membership Mtg Feb 2, 2011

Meeting called to order: Jacklin Lindfors

Treasury Report, Ann Timmer: \$1310.58.

Visitor: Shelly Hornbeck, volunteer for Planned Parenthood, spoke of NOW's historical support for PP, and for the luncheon, which is on February 25. She is our newest member, having been a NOW member in the east valley, and now living in the west valley. Welcome!

Legislative: Connie Hupperts: 1st Action Alert: Congressional Representative Chris Smith's bill to redefine rape by narrowly defining it to be only for forcible rape (and also whittles away at Roe v Wade). Contact Rep Trent Franks to vote against it. 2nd Action Alert: The senate has now attached the Affordable Health Care Bill to an Aviator Bill. Senator Kyl's amendment limits Cancer care to less than life time. Contact Senators to vote against these amendments. Betty Roberts will look into cost for ads in the Republic, against these bills. ACHCCS cuts are deep. Illegal Immigration issues: Nestle and Hershey ads are problematic, suggest boycotting them.

Golden Apple Award: Voted to offer it to Sister Mary, of St Joseph's Hospital, in the episodic case of the interests of the gravely ill pregnant mother vs her 7 week old fetus.

Compassionate Choices: Mtg Monday March 7, 2:00, SCW Foundation Center

Program: History of the Tea Party: John Birch Society became Libertarian Party became Tea Party. Underwritten by the oil rich Koch family, in collusion with Murdock publications. Jacklin Lindfors, Anita Erwin, Phyllis Stone presented a master work, so that we understand their mission statements--all are basically the same.

Betsy and Jacklin brought poster making materials, as the Tea Party Patriots will have a national convention the weekend of February 26. At 9:00 AM Saturday, there will be carpooling to the convention center to counter protest Tea Party propaganda.

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