

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 will meet on **Sat Apr 9, 2011, at 9:30 AM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. The Program will be a discussion of new feminism & traditional feminism. Everyone welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar 23 Wed 10 AM to 2 PM

Women's History Celebration
Estrella College
NOW sending volunteers

April 2 & 3, 2011 Sat & Sun

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

Apr 13 Wed 1:00 PM

NOW Board Mtg
Jodie Lawrosky's
12923 W Limewood Dr, SCW

May 10 Tuesday 5:30 PM

AAUW Dinner Mtg
Luther Life Center
1616 W Glendale Ave
Dinner \$12 deadline May 5
PO Box 26665, Phx 85068

June 24 – 26

Natl NOW Conference
Daring to Dream: Building a Feminist Future
Celebrating NOW's 45th Anniversary
Tampa FL

We Have a Web Site! You will hence find our monthly newsltr on line, thanks to **Jodie Lawrosky** for developing our Chapter website. Go to aznow-scwv.org, click on Resources or the news Icon with mouse attached. Put the website in your Favorites for quick access.

Important AAUW Dinner Meeting May 5

Maybe you've been realizing that the gender balance and women's lives have not been getting better, but seem to be going south. There are fewer women in our state legislature, fewer women in Congress than previously, and only 3% of Fortune 500 CEO's are represented by women. How long have we had the 20% pay gap between men and women doing the same work? Three women will receive a bachelor's degree this year for every man. Why aren't women gaining?

Gloria Feldt has written a trailblazing book: *No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power ~ Tools for Leading an Unlimited Life*. This is a well researched, step by step opportunity to learn that combines lessons from life and from history to demonstrate what we each can do to make a difference in our personal lives, our business roles, and in our communities.

Gloria was the Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Arizona from 1978 -1996, bringing phenomenal growth to our affiliate. From 1996 to 2005 she served as President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Among her honors: *Vanity Fair* magazine named Gloria one of America's Top 200 women. *Glamour* magazine honored her as Woman of the Year. For more info about this event, ask Lee Ormsbee or Teresa Smith.

NOW Board Action

Ann Timmer, Carolyn Modeen, & Vivian Wood wrote the below resolution:

At their meeting on March 9, the NOW SC/WV Board passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) SUN CITIES/ WEST VALLEY CHAPTER has a long record of supporting victims of domestic violence, and WHEREAS the Arizona Legislature has been diligent in enacting laws to protect victims of domestic violence, and WHEREAS Senator Bundgaard, in shoving his female companion out of his car on a public highway, has committed harm to this woman, and then invoked legislative immunity to avoid arrest, THE BOARD OF NOW SUN CITIES/ WEST VALLEY RESOLVES that, for the protection of women, Scott Bundgaard resign from office now.

This resolution was sent to all local newspapers. It was published in the AZ Republic & the Daily News Sun. Jodie Lawrosky was contacted by TV Channel 3 and the item was included in their Mar 11 news. Shortly thereafter, Sen Bundgaard was voted out of his leadership position by the Republican Party.

Celebrate Women's History Month @ Estrella
NOW had a table Mar 23 at Estrella Community College, to join in the celebration of Women's History Month, as sponsored by the student ad hoc committee. We enjoyed being next to the Planned Parenthood table and to the campus writer's group set up to give away books. Jodie had prepared some great flyers with our website address and we handed out quite a few. Betty Roberts brought the NOW bulletin board with pictures and clippings of actions. The same day, Connie Hupperts & Mary Knudson were at the Capitol protesting the cuts in health care.
Carolyn Modeen

Boycott Koch Brothers

The billionaire Koch brothers who own the second largest private company in America devote their resources to the support of ultra conservative causes & the defeat of Democrats and unions.

Their products are petroleum-based and include the following which I will henceforth boycott.

1. Industry/Georgia-Pacific Products:
2. Angel Soft toilet paper
3. Brawny paper towels
4. Dixie plates, bowls, napkins and cups
5. Mardi Gras napkins and towels
6. Quilted Northern toilet paper
7. Soft 'n Gentle toilet paper

8. Sparkle napkins
9. Vanity Fair napkins
10. Zee napkins

Pass it on to others !!! **Thanks to Lee Ormsbee**

Note from Jacklin Lindfors

Greetings Friends,

Thank you all so much for your cards and calls. I am making progress in recovering from the lung surgery. Just not as fast as I would like. I'm good for a couple of hours and then get very tired. I think my brain is still scrambled from the anesthesia. Do not have a whole lot of retention. Nils will be driving me to the Ocean in CA for a couple of days - really need that ocean fix. Does such wonders for the spirit. Still have no idea what the future will hold. Will see the oncologist on April 4th and then expect testing after which some sort of chemo will be on the agenda. I take things a little at a time & hope to be at the April 9th meeting. The big news is that I have my voice and breath back!
Jackie Lindfors

Women to the Rescue

NOW held their annual Women's History presentation on Sat March 12 at the UU Church in Surprise. The event was a huge success, & the proceeds (around \$1500) provide for a scholarship & money for Eve's Place. As our Chapter Co-Chair Jodie Lawrosky wrote, we want to THANK the greeters, the decorators (especially Betsy Gilchrist), food preparers & servers, the actors & pianist, the set up & cleanup crew. We particularly want to notice Joan Carlson for her amazing publicity, flyers & posters. She helped with some of the text. Ken Saunders wrote much text for which we are grateful. Other writers were Connie Hupperts, Mary Knudson, & Carolyn Modeen. As well, Carolyn devised the Program.

A Day of Demonstrations

On Feb 26 four stalwart members of NOW SC/WV met at 99th and Thunderbird and set off for our demonstration at the Tea Party Convention at the Civic Center, Phoenix. We were Connie Hupperts, Irene Weitzman, Teresa Smith and Betty Roberts. When we got to the corner of 3rd St and Washington, there were about 10 demonstrators with signs suggesting we get out of the war in the Middle East. Anita Erwin and a friend showed up and also about 5 people from the state NOW, including Eric and Karen. There was one shouting match between Anita's friend and two women from the Tea Party, but I believe he left them unconverted. Then at 11:30 we packed up our signs and drove to the Capitol to stand in solidarity with 3-400 others in support of Wisconsin public workers.

Our big yellow NOW sign got a lot of attention from other demonstrators. After an hour, we packed up our signs and went to Oaxaca for lunch. For the record, one demonstration per day is enough. **Betty Roberts**

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 May mtg @ 11:30.

NOW Board Mtg Mar 9, 2011

Present: Ruth Herman, Connie Hupperts, Mary Knudson, Jodie Lawrosky, Carolyn Modeen, Lee Ormsbee, Betty Roberts, Ann Timmer, Vivian Wood.

Jodie called the meeting to order at 1:20 and offered introductory remarks. The State Conference is to be held on April 2, with a possible action on April 3. Jodie again stressed that there are only two chapters now in the state.

Legislation: Connie Hupperts reported that SB 1188, which would place children only with married couples, was being considered by the State Senate. The chapter strongly opposed this bill.

NOW Resolution: Ann, Carolyn, & Vivian were asked to draw up a resolution from our chapter demanding State Senator Scott Bundgaard resign from the Senate. This will be sent to newspapers. Jodie suggested we also consider a position on recalling State Senator Pearce and Governor Brewer. The group decided to hold off on these additional resolutions to see how the one regarding Mr. Bundgaard is received.

Board Meetings: Betty asked that the date and place of the meetings be printed on the front page of the newsletter. Next meeting: April 13 at Jodie Lawrosky's, 12923 W. Limewood Dr., in Sun City West.

Estrella Celebration: Carolyn reported that Estrella College is again celebrating Women's History Month and asking various groups to set up tables for the event on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carolyn Modeen and Betty Roberts volunteered. They will hand out brochures.

Golden Apple Award: Ann and Vivian are working on this. Ann read us the letter sent to our proposed recipient and we hope that she will accept our award. Ann will keep us posted as to the status of this issue.

Women's History Month: Carolyn led the group in a discussion of final plans for Women's History Month on Mar 12.

A motion was made and agreed to that:

Any scholarships from now on made by this NOW chapter will be awarded to a deserving student in the public school system.

Next Membership Meeting: Carolyn read an outline of the program (a discussion of feminism) for the meeting Saturday April 9, 9:30 AM at the UU Church.

NOW Book Club: The next meeting is May 4th.

Board Members: If a member is not interested in her current position or is interested in another position, Jodie asks that you e-mail her. A Nominating Committee is needed but meanwhile Mary Knudson will take on co-coordinator and Jacquie Lindfors is interested in the Program Committee. We may need to revisit this based on Jackie's status. Members were asked to look for people who might serve and invite them to attend a meeting of the Board.

Lee Ormsbee Secretary

NOW Membership Mtg Mar 2, 2011

Fifteen to twenty NOW members enjoyed a picnic at Rio Vista Park in Peoria. Carolyn Modeen bar-b-que'd the hot dogs and we shared pot luck salads and desserts. We played a couple games and had a great time. The weather was perfect.

Roster

New Members: 1) Jackie (Dorothy) Wolfin, SCW, 214-1797, no computer
2) Anita Erwin, Glendale, 847-4745, alerwin@q.com
3) Shelly Hornback, Buckeye, 480-251-1355, shelly_hornback@yahoo.com

NOW SC/WV Board

Co-Coordinators:

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Action Chair: Betty Roberts

Cultural Diversity: Lillian Hentel

Historian: Vivian Wood

Legislative Chair: Connie Hupperts

Membership: Ruth Herman; Carolyn Modeen

Newsletter: Teresa Smith

Networking: Lee Ormsbee; Helen Perkins

Program: Mary Knudson

Publicity: Betty Roberts

Recording Sec: Carolyn Modeen, Lee Ormsbee

Social Activities Chair: Leona Gilman

Treasurer: George & Ann Timmer