

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 Wed **May 4, 2011**, at **1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Jackie Lindfors will speak on *The Women in Viet Nam*. Everyone welcome.

June 1 mtg will be at a yet to be decided location. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share & your own refreshment. We will discuss topics for Women's History Event Mar 2012.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 4 Wed 11:30 AM

NOW Book Review
Prior to member mtg
Bring your lunch

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

Nominations

Dear NOW-Sun Cities / West Valley Chapter Members,

It is the time where new Chapter Officers must be selected for the next Chapter Year (June 2011 to May 2012). You can find the positions we require in our Chapter Operating Rules on our website. Click here for the job description/details under Rule 5: http://aznow-scvv.org/charter.htm#operating_rules

The positions of Chapter Co-Coordinator and Programs Co-Coordinator are "joint positions," where two Chapter members assume the duties. All other positions are handled individually, altho the Secretary position has often been split between two members, who can alternate between handling the Chapter Meeting and the Board Meeting.

Here are the open Board Positions at this time:

Programs Co-Coordinator (2)
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Coordinator
Publicity Coordinator
Newsletter Coordinator
Legislative Coordinator
Networking Coordinator
Action Coordinator
Cultural Diversity Coordinator
Herstorian
Social Activities Coordinator

The only position that is "set in stone" is mine!! as I have one more year to go on my term. Mary Knudson has offered to take on Chapter Co-Coordinator with me, so no one else has to offer to take on the "top" position....BUT, we really could use some folks stepping up to take on some of the other Board Positions... Yes, that means YOU!!!!

Board meetings are typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (early afternoon). We understand if you need to miss an occasional

meeting, but your commitment for the year is requested.

I would like to acknowledge the current Board Members for their work throughout this year: Jackie Lindfors, Ann and George Timmer, Mary Knudson, Ruth Herman, Teresa Smith, Betty Roberts, Lee Ormsbee, Carolyn Modeen, Connie Hupperts, Helen Perkins, Vivian Wood, Lillian Hentel, and Leona Gilman. Each of these folks has contributed greatly to our Chapter's continuation.

Please email or call me directly, if you are willing to serve on the Board. If there is a specific Board Position you are interested in, please let me know at that time. If you're willing to take something on, but you're not sure what that might be, let me know that, too. We'll be gentle and slot you into a Board Position where you can grow!!!! Thank you all for being a part of this valuable group.

Jodie Lawrosky

Co-Coordinator, NOW--Sun Cities/West Valley
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The West Valley Chapter of the United Nations Assoc takes this opportunity to answer those who do not think the United States should support the UN. In this shrinking global world the UN provides a forum where all the nations can meet together and solve international problems. Since 1948 UN missions have saved lives and averted wars. The UN helps halt proliferation of nuclear weapons. The UN provides a real return on our tax dollars by bringing 192 countries together to share the cost of providing stability, vital aid, and hope in the world's most broken places.

The United Nations World Health Care Organization (WHO) monitors infectious diseases worldwide, such as flu outbreaks around the world and has been a leader in wiping out smallpox. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) provides maternal and child health care, especially in times of natural disasters. The UN provides expertise and oversight to strengthen fragile state institutions in developing countries. We are far better off working to strengthen the UN than trying to starve it and then having to fill the void ourselves.

UNA-USA West Valley Chapter Board
Carolyn Modeen, President

The **National Organization for Women, Arizona State Conference** was held in Phoenix, April 2 and 3, with Terry O Neill, national president of NOW as the featured speaker. Ms. O Neill is an attorney,

professor and activist for social justice. Twelve members of the NOW Sun Cities/ West Valley participated in the Conference. (Anita Erwin, Marge Mead. Betty Roberts, Ann Timmer, Ginny-Lee Richards, Kathleen Abernathy, Lee Ormsbee, Carolyn Modeen, Connie Hupperts, Jodie Lawrosky, Allison & Kathleen Hilliker) NOW is the largest organization of feminist activists in the US., with over 500 local and campus affiliates in all 50 states. NOW's goal is "to take action" to bring about equality for all women. **Betty Roberts**

Letter From Jacklin Lindfors

To the Board,

I am forwarding the positions and the interested parties for State Board positions. I have also suggested to Marge that she might be interested in the PAC position. It's a position of limited duration and she would be well qualified. The board needs help to fill the offices. Jodie will continue to take care of the state web site. As of now, we have no member an official state officer, and we are one of the only two active chapters in the state. Any member of our chapter would be eligible and that should be part of our agenda on Apr 9th.

Arizona NOW Board Positions (as proposed in the changes to existing by-laws) & those expressing interest

OFFICERS:

State Coordinator for NOW Policy/Spokesperson
Karen Van Hooft

State Coordinator for Chapter Development Cindy Guerra

State Coordinator for Leadership Training Carol Corsica

State Coordinator for Records and Meetings

State Coordinator for Finance Karen Kondej

State Coordinator for Legislative Action

State Coordinator for Political Action (PAC)

State Coordinator for Membership and Newsletter
Sheila Ogea

State Coordinator for Publicity

State Coordinator for Technology and Electronic
Media

NOW Book Club

The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar will be reviewed prior to the May (today's) mtg @ 11:30.

NOW Board Mtg Apr 13, 2011

Golden Apple Award: It has been decided to award it this year to Diane Post. Ann Timmer will contact her to see when and how it would be convenient for her--hopefully our October meeting could be arranged.

National NOW Convention: Only person planning to go is Allison Hilliker (in Florida).

Scholarship: Because of the success of this year's Women's History Month, we are once more funding a \$1000 scholarship for a graduating Dysart High School senior and \$500 will go to Eve's Place. Betty will refine the numbers supporting the event so that our ongoing treasury can be separated from the Emma Patterson scholarship fund for this purpose. Ann Timmer is reviewing the receipts from the WHM event, as the group was concerned that the receipts amount on the official report may have been overstated.

Legislation: Connie Hupperts urges all to write our senators for their support of Medicaid and Medicare, and to support the Saunders/Reed amendment.

Publicity: Betty Roberts reports that our chapter gets their news from the newspapers. Modeen will ask Kathy Hilliker which electronic newspaper she reads for news.

Nominations: Jodie will send out an email to the entire Chapter Membership, letting them all know the positions that are available on the board. In the letter, she will indicate that some of the board members have offered to continue in their positions, or take on something else...and we sought some other members who could step up and take on something new. Based on the chapter response, we would then fill out our Slate of Officers and have elections at the May 2011 meeting. At this time, Jodie Lawrosky will be continuing as Chapter co-coordinator, and Mary Knudson has been nominated as the other co-coordinator. Ruth Herman, Teresa Smith, Betty Roberts, Lee Ormsbee, Carolyn Modeen, Lillian Hentel, and Phyllis Stone are willing to remain on the board.

Saturday meeting: We were disappointed with the turn out as far as working women or new members attending. We barely came up to the numbers attending our Wed. meetings.

Discussion re **State NOW conference.** Everyone in agreement that every other year is to be proposed at the state board meeting. **Carolyn Modeen scribe**

NOW Membership Mtg Apr 9, 2011

The general member meeting of Saturday:

Treasurer Report, Ann Timmer: Checking account plus receipts and dispersals from Women's History Month: \$2628.67.

Scholarship: Nita Erwin, Lillian Hentel and Carolyn Modeen will interview students at Dysart on May 3.

NOW Press Story: Our chapter sent a news story asking the resignation of Senator Scott Bundgaard, involved in a domestic violence case. This was printed in several newspapers.

Publicity: Betty Roberts requests that you let her know what electronic site you use so she can place news there, also.

NOW National Conference: Allison Hilliker is planning on going.

Newsletter editor Teresa Smith requests a follow up report from Allison for the Chapter. Ginny-Lee Richardson, not present today, is perhaps going to the convention.

NOW State Conference: Two chapters in state now, so we are to put it on next year. Jodie Lawrosky suggested that every other year might be sufficient for meeting. Allison Hilliker said that she looked forward to the meetings every year and would even like two day conferences.

Program today: Feminism in Today's World. Reports on the various aspects of today's feminism were stimulating and enjoyed with enthusiasm.

Carolyn Modeen Scribe

Roster

New email for Leona Gilman: gilly1475@cox.net

NOW SC/WV Board

Chapter Co-Coordinators:

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Jodie Lawrosky 238-5256, jtlawrosky@gmail.com

Action Coordinator: Betty Roberts

Cultural Diversity Coordinator: Lillian Hentel

Herstorian: Vivian Wood

Legislative Coordinator: Connie Hupperts

Membership Coordinator: Ruth Herman; Carolyn Modeen

Newsletter Coordinator: Teresa Smith

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Secretary: Carolyn Modeen, Lee Ormsbee

Social Activities Coordinator: Leona Gilman

Treasurer: George & Ann Timmer