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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's October 5th Salad Luncheon Meeting will be provided by the Board at 12 noon at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 Ave. of the Arts in Surprise. Dianne Post, NOW's Golden Apple Award recipient, will speak about her work in Kenya this year with the United Nations, while writing a Manual for prosecutors on sexual and gender-based violence. Also, a representative from the organization, It's Your Choice, will speak about the health care crisis for Arizona women.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 13 Thu 9:15am – 11:15am

AAUW Brunch- Leah Landrum Taylor, Speaker
Sungrove Resort
Mohawk & 99th Ave in Sun City, AZ
Contact Marge Mead for info

Nov 2 Wed 11:30 AM

NOW Book Review
Prior to member mtg
Bring your lunch

Nov 18 Fri 12:00 to 1:00

Annual Brighter Day Lunch
New Life Center
See Marge Mead for info

March 10, 2012 Sat 11:30 to 4:00 PM

Women's History Month Presentation
UU Church, Surprise

Participate in Feminist Documentary?

Dr Olga Tsoudis, a sociologist at Estrella Mountain Community College & a member of the Phoenix/Scottsdale NOW Chapter, is looking for participants for her feminist project. Men and women will be filmed for a documentary on the contemporary feminist movement. In the past, feminism focused on the right to vote and on improving our social institutions. The third wave promotes more inclusion for a vast array of groups, including men. This project centers on third wave feminism-what are the contemporary women's rights issues? How are social activists promoting social change in a contemporary environment? If you would like to participate, contact: Dr. Olga Tsoudis, Sociology Estrella Mountain Community College 3000 N. Dysart Road, Avondale, AZ 85392 623-935-8592 office 623-935-8480 fax

AZ NOW Members and Friends

Moveon.org & AAUW Civic Organizing AZ NOW PAC (Political Action Committee) Leader, Carol Corsica asks if you are willing to take a more active role with publicity, campaigns, legislative concerns or organizing or if you want to be part of the AZ NOW PAC, let me know. If it is left to only me, I cannot do it all. We need the AZ legislature covered, publicity and leadership. The PAC in 2010 focused on issues closer to the election which we cannot afford to do in 2011 because things are happening now with redistricting, clean elections and the Recall

Pearce effort. The Federal Budget is an issue that National NOW is asking states to focus on. The AZ legislature will be in session again in January 2011 trying to pass more legislation that we will be against. You can join the AZ NOW Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/aznow/> You can contact Carol Corsica at: aznowcjc@cox.net

Eve's Place Newsletter

Eve's Place has asked that anyone who wishes to know more about their organization can go to their website (<http://www.safetatevesplace.org>) and sign up for their email newsletter called Eve's journal. To sign up enter your e-mail address in the blue box on the website home page and click Subscribe and Eve's Journal will be sent to your email address twice a month. **Betsy Gilchrist**

NOW Book Club

All That Is Bitter & Sweet by Ashley Judd will be reviewed prior to the Nov. 2nd mtg @ 11:30am .

Book Published

The Creative Writing Group of AAUW-NWV recently published *Transitions*, which contains writings of NOW members, Ann Winsor and Vivian Wood, and of other writers you probably know. Vivian Wood is selling the book for \$10 (with \$1.35 going for AAUW's Book Grants for senior girls going to college). It'll cost you more (\$13) at Barnes & Noble or Amazon (with nothing for Book Grants).

Vivian Wood

Planned Parenthood

In August 2011, the Arizona Court of Appeals released a decision in a lawsuit Planned Parenthood had brought to prevent the imposition of the most harmful restrictions included in abortion regulations adopted by the Arizona legislature in 2009. The ruling is terrible for the approximately 235,000 Arizona women of child-bearing age who live outside of the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas. That's because these newly enforceable restrictions may force Planned Parenthood to shut down abortion care in Flagstaff, Prescott Valley and Yuma. One restriction that may become law will force women to:

1. listen to a doctor
2. read a state-mandated script
3. in-person
4. 24 hours before an abortion may be provided.

As the anti-women's health legislators who wrote this law know, there simply are not enough trained physicians in Arizona's rural communities willing to play this role. They also know, requiring two trips across the vast distances in our state, will be a burden some will not be able to overcome.

Planned Parenthood may be forced to shut down abortion care in seven more PP health centers within metro Phoenix and metro Tucson. We are reviewing the decision to determine if there are further legal options to avoid this dire fate. This law is just too sweeping and inflexible to overcome entirely. Some Arizona women are going to get hurt. Planned Parenthood and I are deeply troubled and saddened by this future.

Sincerely, Bryan S. Howard

President and CEO of Planned Parenthood AZ

NOW's 2011 Scholarship Recipient

Lillian Hentel, Carolyn Modeen and Anita Erwin went to Dysart High School and interviewed four young women for our 2011 Scholarship. All four were excellent candidates selected by our new Guidance Counselor contact at Dysart, April Beck. After interviewing all four women, they unanimously selected Nancy Carrillo as our 2011 Scholarship Recipient.

Nancy has been accepted at Glendale Community College, Estrella Mountain Community College and Northern Arizona University. She will start at one of the Community Colleges, yet to be decided. She has her own car for transportation.

Nancy plans to study Cultural Anthropology, influenced by an 8th grade teacher. Anita and Lillian attended the Awards Ceremony. Ms. Carrillo will contact NOW through Lillian, to let us know which college she will attend, so we can send our scholarship directly to the appropriate school for her use.

NOW Board Mtg Sept 14, 2011

Attendees at Carolyn's: Anita Erwin, Betsy Gilchrist, Connie Hupperts, Jodie Lawrosky, Marge Mead, Carolyn Modeen, Lee Ormsbee, Betty Roberts, Marilyn Schulze, Mary Smiley, Ann Timmer, Vivian Wood. Jodie gave a brief rundown of the State Board meeting.

Women's History Month: March 10, 2012 was selected as the date for the event. Church will be reserved: 11:30 to 4. Setting up @ 11:30; food served at 12; seating at 1:30; performance at 2. Carolyn will investigate custom fortune cookies and report at the next Board meeting.

Program –At the October general meeting, each Board member brings a salad serving 8. The Golden Apple will be awarded to Dianne Post who will bring the same doctor who spoke to us last year and was well received. Diane declines a stipend so it was agreed we will contribute \$50 to “It's Your Choice,” a 501(c)3 group. Rep. Lela Alston will speak at the November meeting. The NOW Book Club will meet prior that meeting. Book Selection: *All That is Bitter and Sweet* by Ashley Judd. In December Rebecca Salisbury will talk on: Women and the Military. For the February meeting, Jodie will contact Social Activities Coordinator Jackie Lindfors to plan a social event. Ann reported on several future program possibilities and informed of a film called TRADE about human trafficking to be shown in Phoenix on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Treasurer's Report: Anita Erwin reported our balance is \$1,212.95, not including the \$1,000 set aside for the scholarship fund for the Dysart H.S. student. Marilyn, Anita and Jodie will go to the bank to remove Marilyn's name as a check-signer.

Action: Betty Roberts said Planned Parenthood is still looking for volunteers to escort people into clinics and hoped that members would sign up for this task.

Legislative: Connie Hupperts has sent all pertinent information to members via e-mail and has nothing further.

Membership: Carolyn Modeen will do a new membership list.

Publicity: Betsy Gilchrist asked the Board to tell her if posters or any announcements need to be made. She hoped that we would make a regular effort to invite women to join NOW. Networking chair Marge Mead will help with this.

Networking - Marge Mead reported that State Sen. Leah Landrum Taylor will be speaking on Oct. 15 at an AAUW brunch and on Nov. 18 the annual Brighter Day Lunch will be held at New Life Center from 12 to 1. Check with Marge (623-815-8522; margemead@cox.net) for details on both events. Announcement: Lee Ormsbee says there will be a showing of the documentary, Inside Job, at the UU Church on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This film deals with the causes and impact of the financial crisis of 2008. All are invited. The next Board meeting is October 12 at Betty Roberts' home.

Lee Ormsbee, Co-Scribe

NOW Membership Mtg June 1, 2011

Eighteen met at Jodie Lawrosky's home for a potluck of delectable appreciation.

Treasurer's Report: \$500 given to Eve's Place. Ending balance: \$2190.97. \$1000 remains for the student scholarship. Lillian and Anita reported that Nancy Carrillo (recipient) has not yet declared which college she will attend. Anita will call her and with the news of the new state policy that each student who receives any kind of stipend to attend a university, must fill out a declaration with proof of their being a citizen of this country.

Fall Calendar: September 14 Board Meeting at Carolyn Modeen's; October 5: Salad meeting. November 2 meeting preceded by the book group. East Chapter NOW: August 26 the Feminist Convergence II at Brew House. Saturday meetings?? Jodie will send our membership this question: Do you want a Saturday meeting? Do you want an evening meeting? Would you come? What month would be best?

Brainstorming re next year's **Women's History Month:** Many great ideas, so it was complex to settle which to present. Final vote: Women Spies. Team to work on this: Vivian Wood, Joan Carlson, Anita Erwin, Lillian Hentel. Mary Smiley?

Carolyn Modeen, Scribe

NOW SC/WV Board

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