

# 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 Nov 2, 2011, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Our speaker will be State Representative **Lela Alston**. She will give her thoughts about the 2012 legislative session coming up & how NOW can more effectively lobby. Note: Prior to this mtg at 11:30 AM is our Book Review Mtg.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

Nov 18 Fri 1:30 PM

Compassion & Choices Mtg  
14465 RHJohnson, SCW

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

Women's History Month Presentation  
UU Church, Surprise

### 3 Women Share the Nobel Peace Prize

The Nobel Committee has awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize to three women for working to promote democracy, security, and women's rights. Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Liberian activist Leymah Gbowee, and Yemeni opposition leader Tawakkul Karman will split the \$1.5 million prize.

Nobel Committee Chairman Thorbjørn Jagland praised the women for "their nonviolent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

The Washington Post Oct 13, 2011

### Occupy Phoenix

On Sat Oct 15, 8 of us carpooled to the Caesar Chavez Plaza in downtown Phoenix to join the demonstration. A large crowd was assembled, speakers incited the gathering, & most carried signs denouncing the greed of Wall Street Bankers, the inequality, and crumbs left for the 99%. My favorite sign read: I'll believe that corporations are people when Texas executes one. **Editor**

### Clarence Thomas in violation of Ethics

Thomas has flouted the law for years by failing to disclose his wife's substantial income despite being legally required to report it. That is why U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter is demanding that the Judicial Conference, an administrative arm of the court, uphold the Ethics in Govt Act by referring Thomas' apparent misdeeds to the Attorney General for further investigation. Rep. Slaughter has written a letter about this to Chief Justice John Roberts, who is the presiding officer of the Judicial Conference.

### NOW Book Club

*All That Is Bitter & Sweet* by Ashley Judd will be reviewed prior to the Nov mtg @ 11:30. Bring lunch.

### Compassion & Choices NWValley Chapter

Phyllis Rowe, former member of the AZ funeral board, will speak at the fall meeting of Compassion & Choices Nov 18 at 1:30 at the Foundation center in Sun City West, 14465 RHJohnsonBlvd. She will

speaking about the Funeral Consumer alliance and their mission to educate consumers & protect consumers' rights in the planning and purchase of funeral and memorial arrangements. **Irene Weitzman, Pres**

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### **Book Published**

The Creative Writing Group of AAUW-NWV recently published *Transitions*, which contains writings of NOW members, Ann Winsor and Vivian Wood, and 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**

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### **NOW Board Mtg Sept 14, 2011**

Jodie Lawrosky, co-chair for the meeting, said that NOW rounds (hand-held signs) have now arrived. She suggests that signs be attached to them with our chapter name. Betty Roberts, Action, said no rounds are to be taken to the demonstration on Saturday, for none are allowed from any group.

**Program:** Ann Timmer passed around pictures from the October meeting. The photographer from the Daily News Sun put in a wonderful picture of Vivian Wood presenting the Golden Apple to Dianne Post. November speaker: Representative Lela Alston. She will give thoughts about the 2012 legislative session coming up and how NOW can more effectively lobby.

The picnic WILL be in March, at the White Tanks, which means that WHM must be wrapped up with all its details in the February meeting. Ann will check with Lillian Hentel as to which month Lillian will present the Diversity program.

Mention was made about one of our programs, the documentary about the women in Liberia who with nonviolent efforts, got the country on the road to democracy, and now the president (Sirleaf) and the leader of the women (Gbowee), have both received the Nobel Peace prize.

**Action:** Betty convenes those going to Phoenix on Oct 15 to join the protest Wall Street and Financial Corporations at 11: 00AM in front of the old Trader Joes on Saturday. Bring protest signs.

**Legislative:** Connie has sent emails that require action. Noted: Topeka KS has stopped all aid to help with domestic violence.

**Networking:** Marge Mead sent out info re: November meeting.

**Publicity:** Claudia Sherill doing an excellent job  
**WHM:** Refreshments: customized fortune cookies (everyone bring some fortune to be baked into a cookie), home baked brownies and cookies, coffee and tea.

Jodie talked about **State Board**. Will recommend not having a regional and state conference this year.

Hostess for next board meeting: Mary Knudson

**Carolyn Modeen Co-Secretary**

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### **NOW Member Mtg Sept 7, 2011**

After a luscious salad luncheon provided by the Board, Co-Coordinator Jodie Lawrosky called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

**Golden Apple Award:** Ann Timmer gave a brief history of the Golden Apple Award. She then introduced our guest speaker and Golden Apple recipient, Dianne Post. Vivian Wood made the presentation to Dianne, who expressed her thanks and pride in receiving the award.

Dianne spoke about her work in Kenya this year with the United Nations while writing a manual for prosecutors on sexual and gender-based violence. She will be returning to Kenya shortly to continue her work.

She told us of the presentation of a film "In Her Shoes," on Sunday, October 30 at the UMOM Day Centers, 333 E. Van Buren, in Phoenix from 1-3 p.m. The film portrays the life of a battered woman. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

Dianne mentioned a group "Raising Glasses" which organizes fund-raisers for organizations, such as ours. Her own group "It's Your Choice" helps battered women to make a choice as to their future. Tax-deductible contributions were requested and for those who couldn't make a contribution today, the address of "It's Your Choice" is 1826 E. Willetta, Phoenix 85006. Note: \$376 was collected for It's Your Choice and \$100 for Kenya Girls.

Dr. Gabrielle Goodrick, a family physician, was introduced and spoke of the health care crisis facing Arizona women. It is not good, and if we are not vigilant things will get worse.

**NOW Book Club:** Ann spoke of the Book Club selection of the month *All That is Bitter & Sweet* by Ashley Judd, which will be discussed prior to the November meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Another book mentioned which would be of interest to us was *Rose's Will* by Denise Decio, which Dianne and several others praised.

**WHM:** Jodie announced the Women's History Month event is set for March 10, 2012, 2-4p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anita Erwin reported a balance of \$1,212.95, less the cost for the NOW signs which we bought. The scholarship money has not been paid as yet but is under control.

**Program:** Rep. Lela Alston will speak at the November meeting and in December Rebecca Salisbury will talk on Women in the Military."

**Action:** Betty Roberts said Planned Parenthood is still looking for volunteers to escort people into clinics.

**Legislative:** Connie Hupperts was thanked for her work in keeping members advised of legislative actions. She brought up the Wall Street protests; Occupy Phoenix will take place on October 15.

**Membership:** Two guests were introduced and welcomed: Beverly Sisler and Sally Arner.

**Networking:** Marge Mead reminded members of the  
1) New Life luncheon at noon on 11/18. This is one we have attended in the past. It is a very nice luncheon and is free. (A donation is appreciated.)

2) AAUW is having a brunch on 10/15 at 9:15 a.m. at Sun Grove (off Mohawk and 99<sup>th</sup> Aves, Sun City) Cost \$11. All are welcome. Call Marge (623-815-8522) for further information on both these events.

**Compassion & Choices** - Irene Weitzman said there would be a meeting on Friday, 11/18, at 1:30 p.m. at the SCW Foundation Building, 14465 R.H.Johnson Blvd. Guest speaker Phyllis Rowe will talk on consumer protection with regards to memorial services, funerals, etc

Jodie then introduced Karen Van Hooft, of AZ NOW. Karen said the next state conference will be on March 24 and 25, 2012. Karen said she will be meeting with ACLU and other such groups to get their thinking on how we can turn things around in this state and get women's stories out. A discussion followed on what can be done.

**Lee Ormsbee, Co-Secretary**

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