

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 Feb 1, 2012, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Phyllis Stone, Diversity Chair, will direct a Cultural Diversity program, a skit, with members Carolyn Modeen, Helen Perkins, Mary K. Smiley and Ann Timmer participating. The meeting is free & open to the public. For further info call 623-584-9422.

Place: Rms 1,2, 3 of Herberger Admin Bldg, Thunderbird School of Global Mngmnt. Enter campus thru main entrance off 59th Ave. **Menu:** Cobb salad, rolls, dessert, beverage for \$14.25 (includes tax & tip)
Speaker: Dr. John O'Connell, Prof Risk Management re Crisis Countries. Send check payable to Nancy Bossert, 9426 W Newport Dr, Sun City 85351 by Feb 17. For info 623-876-0540. **Marge Mead**

NOW Action Jan 9

Planned Parenthood & The War Against Women

Seven brave members of the SC/WV NOW Chapter made their way through a group of people carrying signs "I support Joe Arpaio," "Ron Paul for President," "We Love You, Choose Life," and "Defund Planned Parenthood" to a larger group, Planned Parenthood. They gave us all pink t-shirts that said "Women Are Watching-Stop the War on Women." It was a lovely warm, sunny day and we held our SC/WV NOW sign as others marched around. Planned Parenthood was by far the largest group.

Other chapters of NOW were there with NOW rounds. Our group consisted of Connie Hupperts, Vivian Wood, Irene Weitzman, Lee Ormsbee, Ann Timmer and Betty Roberts. Several people from Planned Parenthood came by to thank us for coming. It was opening day of the State Legislature and we were there to make an impression.

Another NOW action is planned for Sunday Jan 22, 4-6 PM to celebrate the anniversary of Roe v Wade. NOW will join other groups for an "Open Mic for Reproductive Rights" at the Fair Trade Caf  on 1st Ave in Phx. **Betty Roberts**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 24 Thurs 11:30 AM

Glendale AAUW Annual Lunch
Thunderbird School of Global Management
Speaker Dr John O'Connell, Prof Risk Mngmnt
\$14.25 by Feb 17 (623-876-0540)

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

Women's History Month Presentation
UU Church, Surprise, AZ

April 21 Sat

AZ Pride Day

June 29 – July 1, 2012

Natl NOW Conference
Hilton Baltimore
Linthicum Heights, MD

AAUW Lunch

Nancy Bossert asks that we include in our next newsltr the following information about the annual Glendale AAUW luncheon at Thunderbird School.

Date: Thurs Feb 24 @ 11:30 AM

The Northwest Valley chapter of **Compassion & Choices** invites you to our spring chapter meeting on Monday, March 5, 2012 in the Coyote-Quail Room at the Sun City West Foundation Center, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West.

Hear Charlotte Fox discuss her workbook, "and then there was One," and the events leading to it. She calls it a tactical survival workbook following the loss of a spouse or loved one along with guidelines for end-of-life preparedness. This workbook will be available for purchase. Doors open at 1:30 and free light refreshments will be available. Questions, call Irene at 623-214-6552

NOW Book Club

We are considering the following books for our next read: 1) *The World We Found* by Thrity Umrigar 2) *The Blue Sweater* by Novogratz 3) *Sybil Exposed* 4) *Intimate Wars* by Merle Hoffman 5) *A Covert Affair* by Jennet Conant.

Get Money Out (of politics)

Two petitions promulgated by the public action organization, Public Citizen, were passed around during the Jan 4 NOW mtg. About 35 members present signed the petitions which were returned to Public Citizen for presentation to the two AZ Senators McCain & Kyle asking them to support such a Constitutional Amendment. **TSmith**

NOW Board Mtg Jan 11, 2012

The board met at J. Lawrosky's home, P Stone, B Gilchrist, A Timmer, L Ormsbee, A Erwin, M Mead, and C Modeen, scribe.

Program: Timmer: 2\12 Phyllis Stone-Multicultural skit; 3\12 Meet to organize further for WHM performance 3 days later. 4\12 AANA from Tucson 5\12 What Women Need as Financial Planning Tools

Legislative: Hupperts: Half in Ten Act HR 3300 To reduce poverty by one half in 10 years (intra agency working group)

Membership: Timmer received a call from Michelle Madoff. Jodie will respond to her.

Action: 1) Stop the War on Women report: The two cars of NOW women who went to the capitol on Jan 9 to join other Pro Choice women found it an interesting event & were glad they had more numbers than the pro life group. 2) Roe v Wade event Sunday January 22, joining with East Valley from 4 to 6PM at Fair Trade café in Phx. Jodie will notify membership via email.

Women's History Month: Slight change to refreshments: each member can bring either one batch of cookies or cheese cubes and crackers or a spy concoction of assorted bridge mix and beer nuts to be covertly provided.

Golden Apple Award: To be discussed in February. Bring ideas.

Networking: Mead wants newspaper coverage for WHM. Jodie will arrange with Claudia. Adjourned for WHM practice.

Next Brd Mtg Ann Timmer. March-Connie Hupperts. April-Lee Ormsbee.
Carolyn Modeen Co-Secretary

NOW Member Mtg Jan 4, 2012

Jodie called the meeting to order at 1:05 and advised that Betsy had brought in a supply of reusable grocery bags for the members to take.

The following **guests** were introduced: Sharon Hopewell, Barbara Little, Barbara Paetznick, Linda Wood, Jean Porter, Bernice Lacar and Vivian Jimenez. Jacklin Lindfors sent the Board an e-mail updating her condition and Ruth Herman is now in Boswell Hospital. The chapter now has a link to Facebook on its website which will contain the actions of Arizona NOW.

Program - Ann Timmer reports that immediate Past Diversity Coordinator Phyllis Stone is preparing a short skit on political correctness for Feb mtg.

Action - Betty Roberts announced the opening of the Legislature on Monday, January 9, and the "Stop the War on Women" rally scheduled for that day. Members will meet at the former Trader Joe's parking lot at 9:30 to carpool. The 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Decision was discussed. Ann Timmer spoke of Sally Quinn's column in the AZ Republic today about the power of womanhood and femininity even amid repression.

Legislative - Connie Hupperts spoke of Pres. Obama's appointment of Richard Cordray, former Ohio attorney general, to first director of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau after the Senate had blocked his nomination. She told us AZ Pride Day will be April 21 this year.

Networking - Marge Mead is speaking to the League of Women Voters and the Democratic clubs about the January 9 "Stop the War on Women" rally.

Publicity - Notice of meetings have appeared in local news media and have been effective.

Treasurer – Bank balance: \$2,083.57; available: \$1,053.57. (does not include the \$1,000 set aside for the Dysart High scholarship fund).

Women's History Month – Members were urged to get people to come and were asked to bring cookies for refreshments.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 p.m. at Jodie's.

Guest speaker, Eddie Sissons, was then introduced. Eddie is president of the Foundation for Behavioral Health and no one in Arizona could have given a more interesting and eye-opening presentation.

Lee Ormsbee Co-Secretary

NOW SC/WV Board

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Networking: Marge Mead

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