

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 Mar 7, 2012, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. A round-table discussion will focus on the "War Against Women" including legislation being proposed in the AZ Legislature and US Congress. The meeting is free & open to the public. For further info call 623-584-9422.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 8 Thurs 10:30 AM

Protest at Trent Frank's Office
7121 W Bell Rd #200
Support democratic & reproductive rights for citizens of Washington, DC
Contact: Betty Roberts

March 10 Sat 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Women's History Month Presentation
UU Church, Surprise
See Betty Roberts (tickets \$15)

March 15 Thurs 11:30 AM

Planned Parenthood--Roe v Wade Lunch (\$75)
Biltmore Hotel, Phx
See Marge Mead

April 1, 8, or 15

"Body Awareness"
Actors Theater, Phx
See Jodie Lawrosky

April 21 Sat

AZ Pride Day

June 29 – July 1, 2012

Natl NOW Conference
Hilton Baltimore
Linthicum Heights MD

Women's History Month Presentation

Sisterhood of Spies make their debut Saturday March 10 at 2:00PM at the UU church, Surprise. It features outstanding spies in the Revolutionary War & culminates in our current famous spy, Valerie Plame.

Here is the check list:

- Informative: yes
- Entertaining: yes
- All Star NOW cast: yes.
- Refreshments: yes.
- Good Cause: Scholarship for a graduating High School senior and to Eve's Place.

Bring your friends!!! (or an enemy in disguise)!

CModeen

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 reading *A Covert Affair* by Jennet Conant & will review it on Wed Apr 4 at 11:30 AM (prior to the Member mtg). Everyone welcome. Bring Lunch.

NOW Board Mtg Feb 8, 2012

Present: Stone, Timmer, Knudson, Ormsbee, Hupperts, Modeen (scribe), Mead, Lawrosky (coordinator)

NOW State Board: Discussion about difficulty of dynamics, or dysfunction. May Membership Mtg: Jodie will create a list of financial questions she would like answered by our panel of lawyers and investment counselor.

April Mtg: Sharon Pitts, who knows the ANNA people, will introduce them at this meeting.

March Mtg: "War Against Women" discussion. (Those who criticize the Muslim clerics for putting down women will have to take a look at the losses of rights women are being handed legislatively in this country.)

Organizing the **WHM program** for "The Sisterhood of Spies."

Actions:

- 1) Call legislators: End the Kids Care Freeze
- 2) Children's Action Alliance is honoring Olaf Flaaten of the Ecumenical Council in its support of the Alliance @ The Valder residence, \$40, Feb 29.
- 3) Occupy Phoenix: Forum Sunday night 6:00 to 7:00 Feb 12 to hear Dr Margaret Flowers speak. Connie is going. Anyone else?
- 4) Unemployment Insurance is on the docket. Call Congress to pass it without watering it down.

Diversity: Phyllis is interested in doing a program next year about cultural differences but is also hoping that Lillian will be up to doing a program.

Announcements: Women's Watch writers' lunch at Royal Oaks February 18. Retired editor to the Daily News Sun, Maryann Leyshon the honored guest.

Treasurer: (post meeting) 2011 scholarship recipient has now received her stipend.

WHM: Betsy will see that a newspaper photographer comes to the event. Need to start the selection of the 2012 scholarship recipient. Mary Knudson and Jodie Lawrosky will interview the students. Needed: 1 more to interview @ Dysart High School.

Board meetings: switch to 2:00PM so Anita can attend.

Upcoming Months—Meeting Locations:

Mar: Hupperts; Apr: Ormsbee; May: Gilchrist

Golden Apple: The board decided to endorse Byron Howard as recipient for next year. Mead will be the liaison as to when and where this will take place.

Nominations: Jodie wants us to send her an email if we want to keep our same office next year. Also: Who will be Mary's co-leader? Think about it.

Carolyn Modeen Co-Secretary

NOW Member Mtg Feb 1, 2012

Jodie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She asked Program Coordinator Ann Timmer to give her report.

Program: In March there will be a discussion of the War Against Women being waged by our Congress in DC and in the Arizona Legislature. In April a speaker from the Abortion Access Network in Tucson and in May Terry Mead will speak on Financial Planning for Women.

Action: Betty Roberts reported that three members attended the Rove v. Wade anniversary celebration at the Fair Trade Cafe in Phoenix.

Legislative: Connie Hupperts spoke of a scheduled conference call from the White House about the State of the Union speech, as well as ACDV actions, and then updated us on other vital pieces of legislation. Carolyn Modeen thanked Connie on behalf of all members for her good work.

Networking – Marge Mead reported that all local organizations are having problems with decreasing membership. She will reserve a table for Planned Parenthood's Roe v. Wade luncheon on March 15 at the Biltmore and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Cost for a table of 10 is \$750.

Social – Jodie read a message from Social Coordinator Jackie Lindfors saying that she must resign due to serious medical problems. Jackie did want members to know of a play being performed by the Actors Theater called “Body Awareness.”

If members are interested in attending a performance on either April 1, 8 or 15, contact Jodie.

Treasurer – Same as last month’s report.

Women’s History Month – A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed around. Checks should be made out to SCWVNOW in the amount of \$15 per person and sent to Betty Roberts.

Voter Registration – Annie Johnson, a leader for Organizing America and a long-time NOW member, spoke about the importance of registering voters and welcomed any help we could give her.

Book Club – *A Covert Affair* by Jennet Conant and suggested by Teresa Smith is the current book to be discussed before the April meeting (@11:30).

Golden Apple – Ann Timmer asked for suggestions for next year’s winner. Brian Howard of Planned Parenthood???

Jodie reported on the NOW State Board meeting. There’s a need for more members. An announcement of our Women’s History Month program will be put on Facebook.

Diversity - Co-Coordinator Phyllis Stone introduced a short play on cultural diversity performed by Carolyn Modeen, Ann Timmer, Helen Perkins and Mary Smiley. Job well done. **Lee Ormsbee Secretary**

NOW SC/WV Board

Chapter Co-Coordinators:

Jodie Lawrosky 238-5256, jtlawrosky@gmail.com
Mary Knudson 933-1106, marykinaz1@q.com

Action Coordinator: Betty Roberts

Cultural Diversity Coordinator: Phyllis Stone

Herstorian: Vivian Wood

Legislative Coordinator: Connie Hupperts

Membership Coordinators:

Ruth Herman; Carolyn Modeen

Newsletter Coordinator: Teresa Smith

Networking: Marge Mead

Program Co-Coordinators:

Marilyn Schulze, Ann Timmer

Publicity Coordinators:

Betsy Gilchrist, Claudia Sherrill

Secretary: Carolyn Modeen, Lee Ormsbee

Social Activities Coordinator: position open

Treasurer: Anita Erwin

Roster changes:

1) Ruth Herman, 9965 Royal Oak Rd #1221, SC, 793-9420, rsh274@webtv.net

2) Connie Hupperts, hupp37@cox.net