

# 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 Apr 4, 2012, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. Carrie Klaege & Serena Freewoman, representing AANA, a Tucson-based organization providing health care for women, will be guest speakers. Klaege worked with murdered physician George Tiller, & Freewoman is a long-time advocate for women's health care. The meeting is free & open to the public. For further info call 623-584-9422.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 1, 8, or 15

"Body Awareness"

Actors Theater, Phx

Apr 4 Wed 11:30 AM

NOW Book Club (UU Church)

Review *A Covert Affair*

Everyone welcome. Bring lunch

April 21 Sat

AZ Pride Day

April 28 Sat 10 AM – 2 PM

Unite Against the War on Women

AZ State Capitol (w/PhxScottsdale NOW)

Contact Betty Roberts

June 29 – July 1, 2012

Natl NOW Conference

Hilton Baltimore - Linthicum Heights MD

### Second & Third NOW Action Events

- 1) On Sunday, 21 January, three of us (Lee, Ann & I) made our way to central Phoenix and the Fair Trade Cafe, to an Open Mic event, to celebrate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The event was sponsored by Phoenix NOW. We saw a number of old friends from Phoenix & East Valley & were inspired by what we heard on the open mic. The hardest part was finding the Fair Trade Cafe, 1020 1st Avenue. We kept crossing over from 3rd Avenue to Central & not finding 1st Avenue. Finally we saw the Cafe & the street sign said "Central." Don't ask!
- 2) On March 8, members of our chapter (Modeen, Timmer and Roberts) joined with the Phoenix Scottsdale Chapter of NOW to protest Trent Franks' war on women in the District of Columbia. (See photo on Pg 4)

Franks represents our district in Congress, and he has introduced a bill to ban all abortions in DC after 20 weeks of pregnancy. The protest was held at his office on Bell and 71st Ave. The rally was attended by about 30 people. There was good publicity in the *Arizona Republic* both before and after the event. Some had signs suggesting Franks quit focusing on DC and come home to face Arizona's challenges--others of us thought that we really didn't want him back in AZ!

**Betty Roberts**

## Women's History Month Presentation

This is a thank you note:

Think of our Sun Cities/West Valley NOW group as a wheel: every cog in that wheel made the wheel go round

The summertime with the researchers and the script writers; Fall with the decorators planning checked blue table clothes and a patriotic theme--and then DOING it--for 185 reservations;

January and February with the cast practicing and perfecting skills they never thought possible; publicity at just the right time and with photographers to capture the essence; reservations galore; ushers; kitchen set ups and clean up; a beverage specialist that served SO many cups of coffee and tea; and lastly, a strong young son of Marilyn who set up tables and took them down.

Lastly, it wouldn't have survived as a production without Gloria Russell, our musi-cologist par excellence, Mary Smiley our producer, (nor Carolyn Modeen, our director).

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### 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 Mar 14, 2012

**Present:** Mead, Timmer, Hupperts, Wood, Lawrosky, Erwin, Ormsbee, Herman, Roberts and scribe Modeen. Meeting @ Hupperts.

**Program:** ASU Tempe March 28 7:00PM Medieval and Renaissance Women for Women's History Month.

**Legislative:** Good news: The AZ Legislative proposal to rework the AZ minimum wage law (for the worse) was withdrawn. The AZCADV bill is being reworked so that it is a better bill.

**WHM:** Roughly \$2790 was generated. Costs to present so far: \$300 to UU church, \$70.00 for refreshments. Next year we will begin a different model for managing the expenses: 1) each committee assembles expense to get clearance from the treasurer and the overall general director before purchasing. 2) After purchasing submit sales slip to treasurer.

**Consensus:** Scholarship money to be given to the college or university to be dispensed for the student. Giving each time the student submits a voucher would require bookkeeping beyond our capacity.

### Action:

- 1) Three went to Congressman Frank's office to join with East Valley NOW and Vote DC in protest of his bill to prevent ALL abortions (even therapeutic) after 20 weeks.
- 2) Gay Pride Parade April 21. Connie will call and make reservations for our chapter to march in it, taking a NOW round. Cost to march?
- 3) Suggested demonstration: to protest outside events where Representative Lesko is speaking.

**Nominations** for next year: Roberts, Knudson, Modeen to assemble a slate. **C Modeen Co-Secretary**

### NOW Member Mtg Mar 7, 2012

Jodie called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and asked for the following guests to introduce themselves: Sandy Treece, Surprise; Helen Schuelke, Sun City West; Bernice Lazar, Sun City West; Ann Schmidbauer, Sun City.

**Program:** Marilyn Schulze read Dana Milbank's column in the AZ Republic on the "War Against Women" and Ann Timmer gave an extensive report on who are the warriors and heroes in this war and what is being done to counter the right wing's attack. This was followed by an emotional discussion by members. In April we will have speakers from the Abortion Access Network of Arizona (AANA) and in May, Marge's son, Terry Mead will speak on Financial Planning for Women.

**Action:** Betty Roberts announced an action at Congressman Trent Franks' office Mar 15 denouncing his bill to stop all abortions in the District of Columbia...period.

**Legislative:** Connie Hupperts told of the visit to the State Legislature yesterday and that the group was denied access to the legislators. A new bill ???: drones would be used for air surveillance of the US.

**Membership:** Ruth Herman said name badges are available. Cost for magnetic badges: \$5.50.

**Networking:** Marge Mead spoke of the Planned Parenthood luncheon on March 15. Three more people are needed to fill the two tables she has reserved. We will carpool, meeting in front of the Dollar Store at 99th and Thunderbird at 10:30 am.

**Publicity:** Many thanks to Claudia Sherrill for the great write-up about our Women's History Month program in the AZ Republic.

**Treasurer:** Balance as of 2/28/12: \$2,016.11. Available for future use of scholarship winner Nancy Carillo (who will be attending our Women's History Month program): \$873.00. (Books and various fees spent so far: \$127) Available balance to chapter: \$1,142.42

**Women's History Month:** Final arrangements were discussed for the program this coming Saturday, March 10th. The words to a "sonnet" were distributed and will be given to the audience to recite en masse. Cast members were asked to be at church at 1:15 pm; all others at 12:30.

Next Board meeting will be on March 14th at Connie Hupperts' house. **Lee Ormsbee Secretary**

## NOW SC/WV Board

### Chapter Co-Coordinator:

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**Treasurer:** Anita Erwin

# From the NOW Action event at Trent Frank's Office March 8, 2012

