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# SUN CITIES/WEST VALLEY NOW

National Organization for Women  
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<http://www.now.org>

**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 Oct 3, 2012, at 12:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the Art Museum, in Surprise. A potluck of salads will be provided by the NOW Board. The program features Bryan Howard, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Arizona. Howard is this year's recipient of NOW's Golden Apple Award, given each year to a person who has contributed to the advancement of women's causes. Despite efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, women still have access to the organization for needed health care services. The meeting is free and open to the public.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 1:30 PM  
NOW Board Mtg  
Mary Smiley's

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## SCWV NOW 4th ACTION

Our 4th Action of the year was to gleefully attend a demonstration against the War On Women on 4/28/12. It was on the grounds of the state capital and the eight of us set up our campsite in the shade. We listened to songs, saw dancing and met old NOW friends from Tucson. They had a chartered bus that brought activists up to Phoenix. Our delegation consisted of Kathleen Abernathy, Ann Timmer, Carolyn Modeen, Connie Hupperts, Irene Weitzman, Lee Ormsbee and Betty Roberts. We're now waiting for the Peace to begin!

**Betty Roberts**

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## Kyrsten Sinema for Congress!

Time for NOW sisters to rally around Kyrsten (a previous Golden Apple recipient) to get her into the US House--we need more Dems in the US House and she is one of us. Send contributions to:

123 Baseline Rd,  
Tempe, AZ 85283

Her email is [Infor@kyrstensenema.com](mailto:Infor@kyrstensenema.com)

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## Board Mtg Sept 12, 2012

**Present:** Erwin, Timmer, Ormsbee, Roberts, Mead, Schulze, Wood, Hupperts (co-chair) and Modeen, scribe.

**Treasurer:** Anita Erwin reports: \$1264.17 in our account. She has a continuing relationship with Nancy (recipient) and reports she has spent her \$1000 on tuition and books. Mercedes Pottorff has spent money for books and by next March will have spent all \$1000. Anita is working on receiving the \$1000 back from the college (on behalf of Samire Bilalli) because she received a full scholarship & did not need ours. Anita checking into possibly changing our account to Sun West Credit Union.

**Program:** Discussion re publicity of the October Golden Apple award to Bryan Howard. Claudia Sherrill's excellent reporting of the program printed in prominent position in the Daily News Sun has already drawn interest, so that we have an extra person in our carpool for the event, because she is a staunch supporter of Planned Parenthood. According to a board decision, NOW will present to Planned Parenthood a \$75.00 check. Future programs discussed, but no solid plans as of yet.

**NOW Mtg Times:** 1) unanimously agreed to keep all member meetings on Wed at 1:00PM. 2) Board meetings to be changed to 1:30PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed).

**Announcement:** Anyone wanting to see the candidates endorsed by AZ NOW can find them on the state web site at: <http://aznow.org/> under State Resources, PAC endorsements on the right hand side.

**Love Your Body Day @ Estrella Community College:** While pleased that they have embraced the NOW action of Love Your Body, we have declined to participate this year because the requirements of insurance and \$50.00 are beyond our ability.

**Women's History Month Date:** Ann will check with the church to see which of the first 3 or 4 Saturdays are open. Marge Mead will check on dates for LWV and AAUW and Connie Hupperts has had no reply as to the Prides Parade. Perhaps we can just set our date and then approach our network with the date.

**Legislation:** Marilyn Schulze says the President of the Komen Breast Cancer Board has resigned. She gave us the personal background of the president--right wing\not prochoice.

**State NOW Mtg:** Connie Hupperts: \$10,700 now in treasury. Jodie Lawrosky will assist the state board with the state website until they find someone to take it over, as well as continuing to handle our website, too.

**Next board meeting:** Mary Smiley to host--thanks Mary!

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### **Board Mtg May 9, 2012**

Location: Betsy Gilchrist's. Also, Anita Erwin, Mary Smiley, Connie Hupperts, Marilyn Schulze, Ann Timmer, Betty Roberts, Lee Ormsbee, Ruth Herman, Kathleen Abernathy, Jodie Lawrosky (outgoing coordinator), Carolyn Modeen, Recorder.

**Program:** Bryan Howard, director of Planned Parenthood to receive Golden Apple award at the October 3 mtg & potluck. "You Mom" the possible November speaker.

**Board Meets September 12 @ Ann Timmer's at 2:00PM.**

**Action:** Betty will send the four actions of NOW to Mary Smiley for use in the year-end report in January. She also writes a blurb for the newsletter re each action.

**Membership:** Ruth Herman: two new members

**Treasurer:** Anita Erwin: \$3,654.26. To be dispersed: \$500 to New Life Shelter, \$200 to Eve's Place, \$1000 for scholarship to Mercedes, plus Nancy's unused scholarship. \$600 left for expenses for next year.

**June 6 Mtg:** potluck at Mary Knudson's at noon, planning for WHM 2013.

Jodie & Connie are going to Tempe to a training about Constant Contact, making it easier to communicate with NOW members statewide. Mary Smiley may also attend. Connie & Anita are going to Tempe for the AZAD film.

**Carolyn Modeen, Scribe**

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### **NOW Member Mtg May 2, 2012**

Outgoing co-coordinator Jodie Lawrosky declared unanimous adoption of the **slate** for next year:

Jodie Lawrosky - Web Diva

Mary Knudson - Social

Mary Smiley and Connie Hupperts, Co chairs

Ann Timmer and Lee Ormsbee - Co Program

Marilyn Schulze - Legislation

Betty Roberts - Action

Phyllis Stone - Cultural Diversity

Ruth Herman and Teresa Smith - Membership

Teresa Smith - Newsletter

Marge Mead - Networking

Vivian Wood - Herstorian

Carolyn Modeen - Recorder

Anita Erwin - Treasurer

Claudia Sherill - Publicity

**Board meeting** May 9 at Betsy Gilchrist's home.

**June mtg & potluck** at Mary Knudson. Brain storm Women's History Month 2013.

**Action:** War on Women Rally at the capitol on Saturday. East Valley NOW procured a Port a Potty and put NOW signs on it. Jodie Lawrosky contributed as our share from our chapter.

**Program:** Mike Byrd from Raymond James Financial and Terry Mead, Marge's lawyer son, spoke to us about prudent investing and prudent planning for end of life. This involved SS, CDs, annuities, bonds, stocks, wills, trusts, POAs, (medical, mental, and financial). Thank you to our speakers and Mary and Marge.

**Carolyn Modeen scribe**

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One in 7 women live in poverty, more than ½ of poor children live with single mothers, some parents are forced to choose between rent, utilities, food, medicine. But Congress is about to choose either help for struggling families or tax cuts for the rich. The choice should be easy. **Carolyn Modeen**

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### **NOW SC/WV Board**

**Chapter Co-Coordinators:** Mary Smiley 214-9450;  
Connie Hupperts 979-9339

**Action Coordinator:** Betty Roberts

**Cultural Diversity Coordinator:** Phyllis Stone

**Herstorian:** Vivian Wood

**Legislative Coordinator:** Marilyn Schulze

**Membership Coordinator:** Ruth Herman and  
Teresa Smith

**Newsletter Coordinator:** Teresa Smith

**Networking:** Marge Mead

**Program Co-Coordinators:** Ann Timmer and  
Lee Ormsbee

**Publicity Coordinator:** Claudia Sherrill

**Secretary:** Carolyn Modeen

**Social Activities Coordinator:** Mary Knudson

**Treasurer:** Anita Erwin

**Web Page:** Jodie Lawrosky

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