

# 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 Dec 5, 2012**, at **1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 17540 N Ave of the Arts (off Bell) behind the old Art Museum, in Surprise. The presentation, called "In Her Shoes," is about the experience in the life of a battered woman. Tho not required, attendees are asked to consider bringing a pillow, towel, or sheet as a donation to UMOM New Day Centers.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 1:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg  
Mary Knudson's

March 9, 2013 Sat

Women's History Month Presentation  
UU Church, Surprise

April 3-4, 2013

Pride Weekend  
Kick-off event is Parade

### Board Mtg Nov 14, 2012

Meeting held at Connie Hupperts' with ten present.

**Treasurer** Report: Scholarship Fund: \$1638.50  
Accounts Payable: \$1514.57.

**Program:** Ms Ormsbee discussed logistics for Dec. meeting. Business meeting to be after the program. UMOM wishes to arrive at 11:30 AM to prepare, using eight tables. The room currently has eight tables set up.

**Women's History Month:** Regrets that Jackie Wolfen has declined to be in it due to her time constraints. Next meeting: 3:00 Nov 20 at RO.

**Action:** 1) Discussion of integrating Women in Prison into our web page. Ms Lawrosky will add it to our actions for Planned Parenthood and Domestic Violence. Ms Erwin will check with National NOW to see what goals have been established.

2) Discussion re the fund raiser/awareness event the East Valley and Dianne Post are sponsoring on December 6 from 6:30 to 8:30. Lawrosky, Knudson, Hupperts are driving and forming carpools.

3) Other suggestions: Ms Knudson has experience in work with AA in prisons and interested here also; Ms Wood will write a Woman Watch Column; letter to the editor to raise awareness; contact AZ prison dept. head.  
4) Ms Hupperts looking for someone to go to Wesley Bolin Plaza Dec 18 and in April to attend Transgender rally.

**Cultural Diversity:** Phyllis Stone has researched writers in the Gay and Lesbian Community and will send the research to Ms Modeen, who will be responsible for the program this year; to be in either January or April.

**Scholarship:** Ms Erwin and Ms Lawrosky will work with Ms Hentel to contact Dysart High School to arrange meeting time with the students in the Spring and then they will interview the students--along with another NOW member.

**State NOW Board Mtg:** Ms Hupperts reports maintaining the state web page costs \$40/month, so hoping NOW members might do it. National NOW had a class on anti-racism. One billion Rising sponsoring a dance party Feb 14 with money raised to go to a charity. Needing more board positions to be filled.

**Next Board Mtg** Dec 12: Mary Knudson  
**Carolyn Modeen, scribe**

## **NOW Member Mtg Nov 7, 2012**

Mary Smiley, Co Coordinator led with a brief business meeting.

Marilyn Schulze gave an affectionate farewell for Leona Gilman who died this month, and was a spokesperson for our NOW group in the ceremony of her life, held in the National Veterans Cemetery.

**Treasurer:** Ms. Erwin: Scholarship fund: \$3293; accounts payable \$1638.50. Both students have enrolled in the Spring Semester and \$500 has gone to Nancy, as agreed by the board. Remaining is \$500 to apply for WHM scholarship in March 2013.

Bryan Howard of Planned Parenthood sent a thank you note for his honor per the Golden Apple Award.

**Dec Program:** Ms. Ormsbee: UMOM presenting "In Her Shoes." Please bring a donation of some type of linens (for their shelter), a towel, a sheet, etc.

**Women's History Month:** Ms Roberts: Saturday, March 9 featuring "What's My Line". Cast needing more members. Tuesday at 3:00PM at Royal Oaks grill, as needed.

**Membership:** Ms Herman: Guest Bernice Lazar. Anita Erwin has sent for a box of NOW brochures to give to Ruth to hand out.

**Culture Event:** Ms Knudson: "Respect," about the evolution of women--at the Herberger theatre, coming soon.

**Web Site,** Ms. Lawrosky: Includes monthly newsletter, legislative and other information.

**Board Mtg:** Wed Nov 14 @1:30PM, Connie Hupperts' Report from Sharon Pitts re organization to aid in funding abortions in Tucson and Phx: active and ongoing. Diane Post: Dec 6 A toast to Women Leaving Prison Cost \$25.00 Mary Knudson and Connie Hupperts forming carpool to go.

**Speaker:** Peggy Jean Plews, editor AZ Prison Watch. Peggy became active in promoting better conditions for women in prison following the death of Marsha Powell in 2009. She had been put in a cage, set outside in the hot sun, receiving no attention, in spite of pleas for help. She died in the cage.

The prison population cannot complain about prison conditions because Arizona laws are explicit as to who can be a victim, and prisoners are absent from this list. If these women draw attention to their treatment, they disappear.

Gov Jan Brewer and prison CEO Chuck Ryan are not transparent in their prison operations. Everything from poor medical care through a private company, to sexual assault, to difficulty accessing legal rights, and NO rehabilitation programs. Peggy's plea is for NOW to become active in their cause.

P.J. Stare filmed for a documentary and will have a community sharing of her documentary in a few months.

**Carolyn Modeen Scribe**

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## **NOW SC/WV Board**

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