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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 Jan 2, 2013, 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 annual diversity program will be a presentation of literature by lesbian authors. Included will be selections of poetry by Adrian Rich, excerpts from the Color Purple by Alice Walker, and selections from popular and prolific writer, Rita Mae Brown. All are welcome.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 9 - 2nd Wed @ 1:30 PM

NOW Board Mtg

Jan 14, 2013 Mon 10:30 to 12:30

AZ State Capitol Lawn

1700 W Washington, Phx

Women's Advocates Rally the Legislature

March 9, 2013 Sat

Women's History Month Presentation

UU Church, Surprise

April 3-4, 2013

Pride Weekend

Kick-off event is Parade

Rally at the Capitol

Join Women's Health Advocates Opening Day of the

Arizona State Legislature on Monday, January 14th,

2013 at the Arizona State Capitol Lawn

1700 W. Washington, Phoenix

10:30am-12:30pm

to remind our legislators that educated women act and vote! While we made some inroads in the Nov

election and there are more pro-women's health legislators in AZ, the war against women rages on and the future of women's health is uncertain. During the 2012 Arizona legislative session, anti-choice legislators passed extreme legislation preventing women and families from accessing care and limiting health care professionals from providing needed services. Last year, hundreds of women's health advocates descended on the Capitol to put our elected officials on notice, and this year we want to blanket the capitol in pink with our message that women are watching, educating their friends, sharing, taking action, and will continue to be engaged! Let's send a strong message to the Governor and our Legislators!
When Women Vote, We All Win!!

Board Mtg Dec 12, 2012

Meeting at Mary Knudson's, Mary Smiley co-coordinator

Treasurer: Scholarship: \$1638.50. Checking: \$1566.46. Total: \$3204.96 Anita Erwin will develop a form to be given to next year's scholarship winner so that information will be on the form, such as Other Scholarships, College, Etc. When developed, the Board will critique the form. UMOM from our last meeting will be getting money from NOW, for its presentation (which was well done and appreciated).

Program: January: Cultural Diversity: Lesbian writers with NOW members as readers of Alice Walker, Adrienne Rich, and Rita Mae Brown. Phyllis Stone sent a packet from Chicago, with rich research material. February: speaker from Gina's Team--women in prison.

Networking: Marge Mead will take flyers to the AAUW, Sun City, to the Christmas luncheon tomorrow. Lee Ormsbee will take to LWV in the evening.

Membership: Jodie Lawrosky will make stickers with our chapter name and web address for Ruth Herman to put on the back of the flyers that Anita Erwin ordered from national NOW. Current member list is being requested from Natl. Once received our member list will be updated by Teresa Smith & distributed at the next mtg.

Newsletter: Ann Timmer is sending a news item re the event with the fund raiser for the women in prison (that was well represented by our chapter).

Action: Opening day of the legislature January 14: Betty Roberts will organize our chapter's attendance.

Social: Mary Knudson will give information in January re the Herberger event.

Legislation: Marilyn Schulze: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has logged 948,000 miles. In each country, she seeks to improve the lives of women and children.

New Business: In response to a Council Member from Avondale seeking our input into changing a current policy about their employees eligibility for light duty if injured: our decision: not enough is known about the entire situation as it would/could relate to pregnancy. We have one member from Avondale who might know more about the background of this. Will share with State NOW to get their input; perhaps have National look at this through our legal counsel.

Old Business: Actions to follow up: Peggy Plews requests: 1) contact Perrieville Prison (Mr Ryan, director) to request a tour of the prison 2) Give free tickets to our WHM to Peggy and documentary film developer, P.J. Starr 3) put out feelers to Hollywood leads to interest in making a movie about women in prison 4) write a letter to Mr Ryan to see if we can share our WHM with the women, in some way.

Coming Events: Commemoration of Transgender at Wesley Bolin Plaza this week end.

Carolyn Modeen, scribe

NOW Member Mtg Dec 5, 2012

Coordinator Mary Smiley, Lee Ormsbee and Ann Timmer Program, Ruth Herman membership: Jean Porter, NOW member who is a snowbird, is transferring her membership to this chapter. Jodie Lawrosky introduced her mother, June Tice. Jacqueline Lindfors introduced her friend, Stella Marton, and Barbara was interested after reading the notice in the paper.

Program: Diane Post assisted Doreen Nichols of UMOM. Doreen presented a workshop of domestic

violence dynamics, followed by discussion. What is UMOM? It stands for United Methodist Outreach Ministries, was started by the Methodist Church years ago, first in ministry to the homeless, then in housing, now adding DV. The church is no longer the sole sponsor, only one of many private parties with a mix of some government funding. They have a board of directors. It now consists of 1) Homeless 2) Transition housing up to two years for DV and the homeless 3) DV shelter for up to a four month stay in an old renovated hotel with 70 beds.

Legislative: Marilyn Schulze said there is a 37% rise in the need for Foster Care. Abuse and neglect are the causes.

Newsletter: Teresa reminds us 1) if you are organizing or coordinating a NOW activity, send that basic info to her so it can be reported in the newsltr for all the members to read & potentially participate; 2) we have a new version of our web site. If you are having any difficulty getting to the site, go to Google, type in aznow-scwv.org & Google will lead you to the latest version.

Board Mtg: Mary Knudson, 12429 Sonnet Dr, Sun City West, 1:30 next Wednesday, Dec 12.

Cultural Diversity: Poems and writings from lesbians such as Alice Walker and Adrian Rich.

Carolyn Modeen Scribe

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